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RECORDERS, HQ, AC
(DISPLACED PERSONS)
JAN. 1941 - JUNE 1946

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Subject ARCHIVES

.....D.P.R.S.O.....
Office, Branch or Sub-Commission.

The RECORDS OFFICER appointed under Executive No 9
is .MAJOR...../.B..WOODCOCK..... (RANK & NAME in BLOCK CAPITALS),
Room ...80....., Tel. .474..... who will be responsible for all
matters in connection with the Files and Records of this Branch. A
copy of Executive Nos. 7, 8, 9 has been handed to him.

Received 17 Dec 46

Date 28. MAY. 1946..

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AUTHORITY

C.F. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director

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( Detach this PRO-FORMA and forward to Archives Branch)

1. Reference your letter 3/AB, it is confirmed that NO files belonging to any REGION are being held by this ..... Branch/Sub-Con.

2. The following files are being held subject to arrangement with Archives Branch as to their disposal.

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RECORDS OFFICER

S/C OR BRANCH

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DIR/12/ADM Tel. 489081 Ext. 392 28 May 1946

SUBJECT : Archives.

TO : Archives Branch, A.C.

Reference Executive Memorandum Number 9 19/AB dated 17 May 1946.

Herewith completed proforma showing Major B. Woodcock as the Records Officer of this Sub-Commission.

For the Director:

C.F. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
ARCHIVES BRANCH

SUBJECT: RECORDS OFFICER FILE No. 15/AB/DPR

TO : Displaced Persons & Rep. S/C. 27 May 1946

May this Branch be informed of the name of Records Officer appointed by you in accordance with Directive No. 9 of Executive Commissioner.

N.M. HARRISSON,
Major,
Archives Branch.

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BW/cp

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/12/ADM

Tel. 489081 Ext. 414

8 April 1946

SUBJECT : Archives - Micro filming.

TO : Archives Branch, A.C. ———

Reference your letter 15/AB dated 29 March 1946.

1. It is not considered necessary to micro-film individual case files held on loan by Records Bureau UNRRA as all the essential data is contained on the Record Cards. A duplicate compilation of Record Cards is held by AFHQ, but if a further record is required the cards could be made available for micro-filming.

For the Director:

B. WOODCOCK
Major,
O. i/c ADM.

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ALLIED COMMISSION

ARCHIVE GROUP Q.1.

DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION - FILES OF OLD PRISONERS OF WAR SUB-COMMISSION

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The P.O.W. Sub-Commission arrived in Italy from Middle East in September 1943 to deal with escaped Allied P.O.W. It set up H.Q. at Bari and established camps to provide accommodation for escaped personnel.

Amongst the P.O.W. were found a number of civilians (mainly Yugo-Slavs) who had come South from enemy occupied territory. These civilians also were accommodated and cared for by the P.O.W. Sub-Commission.

Early in 1944, certain administrative changes were made. The P.O.W. Sub-Commission was re-organised and became the Allied Repatriation Unit with H.Q. at Naples. Its operations were confined solely to escaped Allied P.O.W., who were transferred from the existing camps to other accommodation near Taranto. The camps no longer used by the P.O.W. Sub-Commission, and the civilian personnel remaining in them, were handed to the administration of Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

Certain files which had been opened by the P.O.W. Sub-Commission were transferred to Displaced Persons Sub-Commissh there they continued in use during the "take-over" period, after which a new series of files was opened to cover all the activities of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

The bulk of the old Prisoners of War Sub-Commission files were taken to the new Allied Repatriation Unit at Naples.

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ARCHIVE GROUP G.2.

DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION - EVACUATION FILES OF AMG 8 ARMY, HQ. AMG 15 ARMY GROUP, AND FIELD REFUGEE SECTION

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All the records in this Archive Group relate to Evacuation, and they were all handed in to Archives by the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. Although the files had their origins in different offices of AMG/ACC. it has been considered more convenient that they should be grouped together in Archives, instead of dispersed amongst the records of the different originating offices.

It appears that the earliest records dealing with Evacuation were opened in late October 1943 by

(i) AMG 8 Army - HQ. near Lucera.

(ii) HQ. AMG 15 Army Group.

During December 1943 it was decided to establish at Lucera a Field Refugee Section of AMG 15 Army Group, under the command of Lt. Col. Peter Rodd. (See Lt. Col. Rodd's letter, undated but written mid-December 1943. folios 39 to 43, file 651 of HQ. AMG 15 Army Group). Major Matthews, Senior Evacuation Officer of AMG 8 Army joined Lt. Col. Rodd at Lucera in the capacity of second-in-command of the Field Refugee Section. Major Matthews took with him to the Field Refugee Section the Evacuation files of AMG 8 Army, but it seems that no papers were added to the files by the Field Refugee Section, who used them for reference only.

About 16 December 1943, the Field Refugee Section opened its own file series, numbered 100001 - 106400. These files remained in operation for about 5 weeks only.

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Between 5 and 15 January, 1944 the office of the Field Refugee Section was transferred from Lucera to Naples. At the same time, a new branch of AGC - Italian Refugee Branch - was being created, which would absorb the functions of the Field Refugee Section. The embryo Branch was occupied during January and February 1944 in organising and planning for future work. Meanwhile, the operational work of the Branch was being performed by the old Field Refugee Section, which was attached for administration and rations to HQ. Region 3 (Naples). On the opening of the office at Naples, the Field Refugee Section discontinued the Lucera file series (i.e. 100001 - 106400), and opened another series which continued in use until the Section was finally absorbed by the Italian Refugee Branch after the lapse of a few weeks.

The Italian Refugee Branch opened yet another series of files, which will be found in Archive Group Q.3. The file series opened at the Region 3 office was discontinued, but some of the papers from this file series were absorbed into the new files opened by the Italian Refugee Branch.

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ARCHIVE GROUP 4.5.

DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION - BRINDISI/BARI FILES

From September to December 1943, two offices of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission were in operation - one at Palermo and the other at Brindisi. The Palermo office closed during December 1943; the files of that office were closed at the same time, and are now stored in Archive Group 4.4.

During the first few weeks of 1944, the Brindisi office was closed and the Sub-Commission established a new H.Q. at Bari. At this date, the Sub-Commission was expanding very rapidly, and was in process of absorbing the old P.W.B. Sub-Commission. The files of the Brindisi office were continued in use at Bari; the transferred staff of the old P.W.B. Sub-Commission opened a new series of files, based on the British system of administration - i.e. branch files dealing with 'A' matters; 'Q'; 'Q(M)'; 'G & T'. etc. The only files in this series which were actually operated were the 'G & T' files, numbered 700 upwards.

The Brindisi files and the 'G & T' files were now combined by the new Chief Clerk, and formed the basis of a new consolidated series covering all the activities of the Sub-Commission as they existed at that time. The first part of the following list gives particulars of the consolidated series. The second part consists of the residue of the 'G & T' series which was not absorbed.

All the files listed below were closed about the middle of March 1944, when an entirely new series was opened.

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H.Q. DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

GENERAL FILES OF INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION

On 23rd September 1944, the Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission was amalgamated with the Italian Refugees Branch and redesignated as the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

Some of the files from the Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission were weeded out to form the nucleous of an entirely new file series for the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, the remainder of the series was closed down completely and used only for Reference Purposes.

Ltr. Receipt sent 26 Mar 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

**ARCHIVES BRANCH**

Ref :- 15/AB. 29 March 1946

SUBJECT :- Archives Micro Filming.

TO :- D.P. & R. Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your DPR/12/AIM of 28th March 1946.

2. The copy of your letter under above reference is acknowledged with thanks.

3. Conferring my conversation with Major Woodcock, it is requested that a ruling be obtained from your Director upon the question of Microfilming the Records Cards of your Sub-Commission.

N.M. HARRISON,
Major,
Archivist.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPP/12/ADM Tel. 489081 Ext 576 8 March 1946

15AB/ DP.

SUBJECT: Archives - Care and Custody of A.C. Records.

TO : HQ UNRRA Record Bureau (Italian Mission)
(Attention Mr. Bond).

Reference conversation Maj. Woodcock/Mr. Bond.

1. Herewith copies of A.C. Executive Memos No.7 and 8 dated 5 January 1946 and 28 February 46 respectively together with Receipt Proforma.

2. Please list all files transferred to you on loan from this Sub-Commission as on 15 November 1945.

3. Lists should be prepared in quadruplicate, duly receipted, and 3 copies forwarded to this H.Q., one copy being retained for your records.

4. The files in question remain the property of A.C. and should not be added to, or papers removed. Where further correspondence ensues, new files should be opened and the original files used for reference and continuity.

5. As and when A.C. files are no longer required by you they should be returned to this H.Q. to be lodged with Archives A.C. Before returning such files it is requested that action be taken as laid down in Executive Memo No.8 sub paras 4 (b) and (c).

For the Director:

B. WOODCOCK, Maj
Major
O. i/c ADM.

Copy to: Archives Branch - Your letter 15/AB dated 1 Feb.46 refers.

RECEIPT PROFORMA

Reference conversation Maj. Woodcock/Mr. Bond.

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5. As and when A.C. files are no longer required by you they should be returned to this H.Q. to be lodged with Archives A.C. Before returning such files it is requested that action be taken as laid down in Executive Memo No.8 sub paras 4 (b) and (c).

For the Director:

B. WOODCOCK,
Major
O. i/c ADM.

Copy to: Archives Branch - Your letter 15/AB dated 1 Feb.46 refers.

RECEIPT PROFORMA

Received on loan from the Archives Branch of Allied Commission D.P.R.S.C. File as listed hereunder.

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DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DPR/12/ADM Tel.489081 Ext.434 27 March 1946

15AB/DP.

SUBJECT : Archives.

TO : H.Q. UNRRA (Italian Mission)
(Attention : Chief Repatriation Officer)

1. Reference D.P.R.S.C. (A.C.) files transferred on loan to you on take over of Repatriation & Statistic Branch 1 February 1946.

2. Forwarded herewith copy Executive Memo No.8 dated 28 February 1946.

3. As and when A.C. files are no longer required by you, they should be returned to this H.Q. to be lodged with Archives Branch A.C. Before returning such files it is requested that action be taken as prescribed in sub paras 4 (b) and (c) of the a/q memorandum.

For the Director.

B. WOODCOCK
Major
O. i/c ADM.

COPY TO :
Archives Branch A.C.

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# Displaced Person's Repat. S/C RECEIPT

Office, Branch or S/C

15 AB/DP 42

Received ~~from~~ by the Archives Branch of Allied Commission the following: 47

29 bundles, numbered

Files, numbered 24.5 – 30 to 30.12

36A ; 57/1 ; 59/16

Date 26-March 196

Archivist

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# RECEIPT

Displaced Person & Repat. S/C
Office, Branch or S/C

15/4 DP 4 H 7 3A

Received ~~from~~ by the Archives Branch of Allied Commission the following:

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Medical files Files, numbered as list 700MED to 760 MED
as on attached list

Date 26 March 1946

Commanding Officer
Clerk

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ARCHIVES BRANCH

Ref. 15/AB

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1 February 1946

D.P. 2A

SUBJECT : Archives

TO : Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission

It is confirmed that at a conference of January 31 (Col. Findlay, Lt.Col.Oliver and Major Harrisson) the following points were agreed.

(a) Files and Record cards of Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission at present with UNRRA are on a loan basis in accordance with Executive Memorandum No.7 of 5 January - para 8 - (copy attached for easy reference). The receipts for these have NOT as yet been received by Archives Branch.

(b) Since it is established that AG files and documents constitute a portion of Combined Army Records, instructions as to Microfilming must be carried out.

(c) Before this is done, "screening" (for permanent storage or disposal of files) is necessary, and Major Woodcock, Admin Officer, was requested to keep in close contact with Major Harrisson as to how this should be carried out.

It was jointly agreed that the use of a rubber stamp to show which files need not be filmed will be the best way to show this.

Major Harrisson stated that a directive was being prepared for the Executive Commissioner's signature requesting the screening of files by Sub-Commissions and Branches before these are sent to Archives Branch for storage and microfilming.

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At a meeting with Mr BOND, UNRRA Records Officer, later in the day, a discussion upon AG records and files disclosed the fact that Executive Memorandum No.7 had not yet been carried out in respect to the D.P. & R. files and records sent to UNRRA. Mr Bond agreed this will have to be done and awaited Maj.Woodcock since it would be necessary to co-operate with him before the lists are prepared in order to confirm that the lists are correct.

N.M. HARRISON
Major G.S.
Archivist

Duplicate

The original was taken by me at 2.15 p.m. book out

1-2-46 The Staff Log

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SG 314.8

14 June 1944

Subject: Archives

To: Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, ACC.
(Attention: Captain Giacomo)

1. It is noted from the Daily Bulletin that the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission is moving shortly to Rome. In this connection you may perhaps be interested to see the accompanying bulletin Nos. 1 & 8 relating to the depositing of any redundant papers. If you have anything which is not necessary for you to take to Rome, we shall be glad to receive it in Archives.

2. The shortage of file covers and file fasteners has not been overlooked, but there seems to be all sorts of difficulties, which I have not yet been able to sort out. Perhaps by the time we meet in Rome the supply will have been improved.

A. J. COLLINS
Captain, RE
Asst Secy Gen