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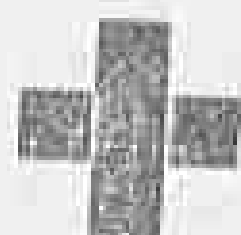
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COMITE INTERNATIONALE

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FRANCO DI PORTO

SERVIZIO DELLE FAMIGLIE DISPERSE

Al fine di agevolare il raggruppamento delle famiglie disperse, il Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa a Ginevra prega tutte le persone che non si trovano più al loro domicilio abituale di segnalarsi riempiendo questa cartolina quanto più esattamente possibile.

Il Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa farà del suo meglio per mettere in rapporto gli uni con gli altri i membri di una stessa famiglia che avranno fatto conoscere i loro attuali indirizzi.

Si prega di scrivere a
LETTERE MAIUSCOLE

I servizi del Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa sono gratuiti. Questa cartolina dev'essere distribuita senza spese.

Agence centrale des
Prisonniers de guerre

COMITE INTERNATIONAL
DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

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Ecco il MIO stato civile e il MIO indirizzo attuale:		Data:	(Spazio da lasciare in bianco)
Cognome: (indicare per nome di signorino per donna sposata)			
Nome: 		Cellib, sposato, ve  divorziato *	
Data e luogo di nascita:			
Nazionalità:		Religione:	
Professione: (indicare se è possibile il domicilio professionale)			
Ultimo domicilio:			
Città:		Data di spostamento:	
Indirizzo attuale:			
Città:			
Ecco lo stato civile della persona della mia famiglia con la quale desidererei potere comunicare:			
Cognome: (indicare per nome di signorino per donna sposata)			
Nome: 			
Data e luogo di nascita:			
Nazionalità:			
Professione: (indicare se è possibile il domicilio professionale)			
Ultimo indirizzo conosciuto:			
Città:			
Data delle ultime notizie:			
Grado di parentela:			
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Army Form C 348
(Life of 100 in duplicate)

MEMORANDUM.

Sender's Reference	Receiver's Reference	Date
		18.8.44.
From Record Bureau I. & D.P.S.C.	TO: Civil Affairs Branch A.C.C.	

re: Mrs. D. Poggioli

with reference to the enquiry passed to you
by the Political Section on 9th August concerning
the above-named, we attach herewith a reply
message giving news of Mrs. Poggioli.

San / WWS
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Dorrie e Peggy sono ancora a Cortona
quanto prima ritorneranno a Roma
tutti bene. Peter sempre in India
mantieni notizie sulle Sisto.

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RED CROSS ENQUIRY / MESSAGE

Stamp of issuing Red Cross:

ENQUIRER
DEMANDEUR

Name/Nom: Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, Rome,
 First Names/Prénoms: on behalf of a relative of the Legation staff at Lisbon
 Address/Adresse:
 Original Home Address (in the case of a Displaced Person)/Domicile dans son propre pays:

Relationship of Enquirer to Addressee/Degré de parenté du demandeur avec personne recherchée:

The enquirer desires news of the Addressee and asks that the following message should be transmitted to him:
 Le demandeur voudrait des nouvelles de la personne recherchée et désirerait lui transmettre le message suivant:

Date: August 14th 1944

ADDRESSEE
DESTINATAIRE

Name/Nom: POGGIOLI
 First Names/Prénoms: Mrs. D.
 Date of Birth/Date de Naissance:
 Nationality/Nationalité: British by birth
 Single — married — widow(er) — divorced (Delete all irrelevant matter.)
 Célibataire — marié(e) — veuf(ve) — divorcé(e) (Parrez les mots qui ne servent pas.)
 Profession/Profession:
 Last known address/Dernière adresse connue:
 37 Via Basento, Rome.

The Addressee's reply to be written overleaf (not more than 25 words).
 La réponse du destinataire (25 mots au maximum) peut être écrite au verso.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & H.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/72/34/CA

29 July 1944

SUBJECT : Welfare and Thereabouts Enquiries.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, & IX.
R.C. Rome Region
SCAO's Fifth & Eighth Armies.

1. The Record Bureau of the Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission is that or organisation of A.C.C. whose function it is to deal with Welfare and whereabouts enquiries for foreign nationals and in some cases temporarily for Italian nationals.
2. As more territory in Italy is liberated its work becomes increasingly important, and the purpose of this letter is to make clear how the Record Bureau functions and the help which R.C.s and SCAOs can give.
3. There has been some confusion in the past as to the status of the Record Bureau and the personnel who are responsible for the administration of this section. It is emphasized that the Record Bureau of I. & D.A.S.C. is an A.C.C. responsibility and not the British Red Cross. The Controller, Mr. Thomas Harrington, although a B.R.C. officer, is loaned for the purpose of setting up the Bureau and was appointed by ARHQ in Jan 1944. The Deputy Controller is Capt. Clayton E. Triggs, U.S. Army.
4. Enquiries from external sources e.g. War Office (CA2), ARHQ (G-5), British and American Red Crosses, Allied Red Crosses, Jewish organisations etc., for Italy are centralised in the British Red Cross, London, who send them to the Record Bureau, Internees/Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. The International Red Cross, Geneva, another receiver of enquiries for Italy, also sends them to the Record Bureau.
5. All enquiries are usually made on a standard form, which on receipt may be dealt with in two ways:

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5. All enquiries are usually made on a standard form, which on receipt may be dealt with in two ways:

(a) First of all the Record Bureau aims to trace the person enquired for through its own records, contacts, or by postal channels. The policy of the Record Bureau has always been to advise enquirers to use accepted postal channels in the first place, although as addresses during the war are frequently changing it is sometimes necessary to trace individuals in areas where postal services do exist.

(b) The enquiry form may be transmitted to the Region W.O. for action, if the Records Bureau does not possess the necessary information.

6. The following outline of procedure when an enquiry is sent to a Region is based on experience with Region II during the last five months, which has been most successful:

(a) When an enquiry is sent to a Region it is the duty of the R.W.O. to act the usual method being to pass the enquiry form through Regional channels to the local C.C.P.R. or police for enquiry and completion at the last known address. At appendix "A" is a specimen instruction to accompany the form on handing it to the police.

(b) On completion of the enquiry form it is returned to the Record Bureau.

7. Records of all "isolati and confinati" together with any other lists, minimal rolls and data concerning foreign nationals in the provinces should be obtained by S.C.s, Regional and Provincial Commissioners from the Italian Police and other sources. This information should be submitted immediately to the Controller, Record Bureau, I & D.S.G.C., and should be obtained at the earliest possible moment from areas as they are liberated.

8. It will be appreciated that so far as Regions are concerned the system works both ways, i.e. Regions can make enquiry of the Records Bureau on behalf of displaced persons in their territory giving reason and source enquiry, always providing that postal channels have been tried first or all record of address has been lost.

9. With the operations in Europe developing it is being advocated that similar organizations to the present Record Bureau with I.C.D.S.S.C. be established in Europe.

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APPENDIX "A"

TO : THE LOCAL CO. RR. AND POLICE.

Attached is an Enquiry Slip.

The name of the individual enquired about is underlined in red. The name and relationship of the enquirer is underlined in blue.

Please have the enquiring member of the carabinieri or police write on the back of the attached slip:

- a. Whether the address as given is correct or note any change. If the individual cannot be located, note accordingly.
- b. The present general state of health of the individual.

Please also, if possible, have the individual write a brief message on the back of the slip in the remaining space (or the Carabinieri or policeman write it for him if he cannot write).

If the individual is not at home and the slip has to be left with a neighbor impress upon the neighbor the necessity of having the slip returned immediately to the carabinieri or police when the message has been written on it. However, be sure that the enquiring carabinieri or policeman, first writes the needed information regarding the individual's address and health before leaving it with the neighbor.

When completed, return the Enquiry Slip to the AMC Office.

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HEADQUARTERS
INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 392

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IDP/661/21-2

Tel. No. 489081 Ext. 392

17 July 1944.

SUBJECT : Welfare and Whereabouts Inquiries

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section

1. Ref your letter 72/62/CA dated 2 June 44 addressed to G-5, AFHQ.

2. Attached herewith suggested instructions to be sent to SCAOs Regional and Provincial Commissioners and Regional Welfare personnel asking for their co-operation.

For the Director.

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

Copy to:
Record Bureau.

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Review of
RECORDS BUREAU
INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

1. The position regarding the Record Bureau of the Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission is reviewed owing to the increasing importance and work of this section of the A.C.C. as more territory in Italy is liberated.
2. There has been some confusion in the past as to the status of the Record Bureau and the personnel who are responsible for the administration of this section. It is emphasized that the Record Bureau of I & D.P.S.C. is an A.C.C. responsibility and not the British Red Cross. The Controller, Mr. Thomas Parrington, although a B.R.C. officer, is loaned for the purpose of setting up the Bureau and was appointed by AFHQ in Jan. 1944. The Deputy Controller is Capt. Clayton E. Triggs, U.S. Army.
3. All welfare and whereabouts enquiries for foreign nationals and in some cases temporarily for Italian nationals are handled by the Bureau.

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3. All welfare and whereabouts enquiries for foreign nationals and in some cases temporarily for Italian nationals are handled by the Bureau.

4. AFHQ G-5 now send enquiries direct to the Record Bureau and in order to avoid duplications of enquiries coming from external sources, including the War Office (CA2), ARC, Allied Red Cross, and various Jewish organizations, etc., are channelled when possible through the B.R.C. in London and sent out on their enquiry forms. Similarly I.R.C. enquiries and messages from Geneva for foreign nationals in Italy are passed on by their delegates in Italy.

5. All enquiries are dealt with directly whenever possible by the Record Bureau of the I & D.P.S.C. but Regional Commissioners through their Regional Welfare Officers will cooperate. When necessary the Record Bureau will pass to the RWO enquiry forms for necessary action.

This procedure has proved satisfactory and has achieved excellent results during the past 5 months in Region II. The RWO has instituted a system whereby a minimum amount of work is entailed and results are satisfactorily obtained in a reasonably short time.

A copy of the system in use in Region II is enclosed for your information and guidance.

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6. Records and any other lists, nominal rolls and data concerning foreign nationals in the provinces should also be obtained by SCAO's Regional and Provincial Commissioners from the Italian Police and other sources of "all "isolati" and confinati". This information should be submitted immediately to the Controller, Record Bureau, I & D.P.S.C., and should be obtained at earliest possible moment from areas as they are liberated.

7. The policy of the Record Bureau has always been to advise enquirers to use postal channels if available. However as addresses during the war are continually changing, it is sometimes necessary to trace individuals in areas where postal services do exist.

Once the parties are re-united enquiries are not accepted.

8. With the operations in Europe developing it is being advocated that similar organizations to the Present Record Bureau with I & D.P.S.C. be established in Europe and other liberated countries. The Record Bureau has been an experiment and the results obtained and the unquestionable value to all nationals psychologically, and from the point of view of linking up the many millions of displaced persons, has proved the importance of this work and I ask you all to cooperate in furthering the activities of the Bureau.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION _____

Ref:

SUBJECT : Welfare and Whereabouts Enquiries

TO : Provincial Commissioner, Province of _____

1. Attached are:

British Red Cross Enquiry Slips
Directions in Italian for their use

2. Request you have the local carabinieri in community named obtain the desired information and return enquiry slips to your H.Q. for immediate forwarding to Regional HQ.

For the Regional Commissioner

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QUARTIER GENERALE
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
REGIONE _____

A. LOCALI CC.RR. o P.S.

È accluso alla presente un Modulo di ricerche della Croce Rossa Inglese.

Il nome dell'individuo di cui si fanno ricerche è sottolineato in rosso.

Si prega affinché il Carabiniere o l'Agente facendo ricerche, scrivano sulla parte di dietro dell'accluso Modulo:

- a) se l'indirizzo segnato è esatto, annotando il nuovo se esso non lo è. (Si annoti se l'indirizzo dell'individuo non può essere trovato.)
- b) il presente stato di salute dell'individuo.

Si prega anche, se possibile, che l'individuo di cui si fanno ricerche scriva un breve messaggio sul tergo del Modulo nello spazio rimanente. (Se egli non sa scrivere, il Carabiniere o l'agente lo scriva per lui). Il nome e la parentela di colui che domanda la detta ricerca sono sottolineati in bleu.

Se l'individuo non si trovasse in casa, e il Modulo dovesse essere lasciato ad un vicino, si faccia notare a costui la necessità che il Modulo sia restituito ai Carabinieri o alla P.S. immediatamente dopo che il messaggio è stato scritto. Tuttavia, ci si assicuri che il Carabiniere o l'agente, che fa la richiesta scriva le informazioni relative all'indirizzo ed alla salute dell'individuo prima di lasciarlo dal vicino.

Appena completato si restituisca il Modulo di ricerche all'Ufficio del Commissario Provinciale (Provincial Commissioner) per essere inoltrato al Quartier Generale della Regione.

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TO THE LOCAL CC.FR. AND POLICE

Attached is a British Red Cross Enquiry Slip.

The name of the individual enquired about is underlined in red.

Please have the enquiring member of the carabinieri or police write on the back of the attached slip :

- a) Whether the address as given is correct, noting the new address if it is not correct. (If the individual cannot be located, note that.)
- b) the present general state of health of the individual.

Please also, if possible, have the individual write a brief message on the back of the slip in the remaining space (or the Carabinieri or policeman write it for him if he cannot write). The name and relationship of the enquirer is checked in blue.

If the individual is not at home and the slip has to be left with a neighbour, impress upon the neighbour the necessity of having the slip returned immediately to the carabinieri or police when the message has been written on it. However, be sure that the enquiring carabinieri or policeman first writes the needed information regarding the individual's address and health on the back of the slip before leaving it with the neighbour.

When completed, return the Enquiry slip to the office of the Provincial Commissioner for forwarding to Regional H.Q.

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INTERNEES ID DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION /drc
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394.

IDP/614/21-2.

14 July 44.

SUBJECT:- Welfare and Whereabouts Inquiries.

TO :- R.C. & M.G. Section,
att. Lt. Col. SHIPP.

May a reply now be given to our IDP/501/21-2 dated 7 July 44.

For the Director.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
 INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 APO 394

IDP/501/21-2

7 July 1944

SUBJECT : Welfare and Whereabouts Inquiries

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section A.C.C. (attention Lt. Col. SHIPP)

1. Ref your letter 72/62/CA dated 2 June 1944 addressed to G-5
 A.F.H.Q. and their reply G-5:383-1 dated 8 June 44.

2. Have the necessary instructions asking for co-operation of
 Regional and Provincial Commissioners and Regional Welfare personnel been
 issued by you ?

3. Certain queries have been raised regarding procedure from the
 new Regions, and to avoid duplications would be grateful for a copy of
 any instruction, you may have issued. The matter is urgent as Regional
 Officers and Regional Welfare Officers are uncertain of what action they
 should take.

For the Director.

(C.F. FOTHERGILL)
 C.F. FOTHERGILL
 Lt. Colonel
 Deputy Director

See 48-47

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AFHQ FOR INFO DISPER ROME

ACC MAIN

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ROUTINE

Civil Affairs Branch

2 July 1944

YOUR FX SIX SIX TWO ONE FOUR OF TWENTY NINE JUNE PLEASE INSTRUCT THUDICHUM REPORT NAPLES
BEFORE PROCEEDING ROME PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE TO DISPER ROME FOR INFORMATION
FROM ACC MAIN PAREN

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CONFIDENTIAL
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: ACTION ACC MAIN FOR INFO DISPER ROME

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 43/30

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED

CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE No: FX 66214

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUNE 29 1930 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE..FHGEG

SUBJECT IS REPRESENTATIVE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS WITH DISPER
SUB COMMISSION REURAD 4153 OF 2 MAY. THUDICHUM FINISHED MISSION
CAIRO. DESIRES REPORT DISPER. DO YOU WISH HIM REPORT NAPLES.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
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Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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Ref: 72/73/CA.

17 June 44.

Dear Mr. Parrington,

I am in receipt of your letter of 4th June with its enclosure. In order that I may submit particulars to the competent authority, I should be glad if you would forward me a brief report of the organisation of your scheme.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgt) Lawrence Lush

Thomas Parrington, Esq.,
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission.

*See enclosure 1478
4 June*

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 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 INCOMING MESSAGE

11 JUN Recd

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TO: ACC MAIN INFO- DISPER BARI

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No 126/11

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMD

CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED

REFERENCE No: F 57666

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUN 10 1545B OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE F-EG

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE ASK CASUALTIES BE TRANSMITTED TO DOCTOR THEDECHUM
 AT BARI. WILL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COME TO ALGIERS BEFORE GOING TO CAIRO FRODERVAND

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ALLIED FOR HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

BMR/seb

8 June 1944

G-5: 383-1

SUBJECT: Welfare and Whereabouts Inquiries.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394.

Reference your 72/62/CA, dated 2 June 44.

1. The modification suggested in 2 a is agreed to.

2. In regard to 2 b: it is assumed that
(i) are to be passed to ACC for trans-
mission to the Italian Red Cross and
(ii) are to be forwarded direct to the
Records Bureau. This procedure is
concurrent with.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

HEADQUARTERS

10 JUN 1944

A.C.C.

B. M. REPTON
J/Comdr.

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Copy to:

Internees and Displaced Persons
Sub-Commission.

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Can you suggest what we do need
Then a file about this.

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Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

4th June 44

Dear Brigadier Lush,

Thank you for your letter of 27th May. The backbone of my scheme is that Record Bureaux should in fact be recognised as an established necessity and set up accordingly in liberated territories at the earliest possible moment. Your confirmation of this need is to me half the battle and very encouraging.

The remainder of the skeleton scheme is that all such bureaux should have similar internal machinery; this is essential in view of the certain large amount of work they will have to do together when repatriation and linking-up of dispersed families arises. Your Record Bureau being the first of its kind has grown from a horrible twisted embryo into an adult and the experience of adolescence has taught us what not to do and what to aim at. I advocate that our pattern be therefore given as that upon which all Record Bureaux should be modelled and our experience be put at the disposal of authorities who must now surely be planning for this work elsewhere.

There is necessarily a vast amount of detail, both concerning the general construction and also the essential Red Cross work linked up with this which cannot in my opinion be summarised with effect, as the detail would be lost. But if the need for such bureaux be generally appreciated as you do, Sir, I believe the best procedure would be for the Foreign Relations department BRCS, London (whose representative has been privileged to initiate and control your bureau) to co-operate with the relevant authorities, should they so desire, and notes compared in detail. I foresee that this might mean utilising my services, anyhow temporarily, in other spheres and whether you consider me fit to advise on construction and administration of such Record Bureaux or whether the BRCS deem me the right person to promote the Red Cross angle of this work, I know not, but I am sure the most advantageous outcome, for what will have to be a world-wide-known scheme, can be assured by your decision.

Yours sincerely
H. M. Harrington
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Brigadier. M. LUSH. CBE. MC.
Executive Commissioner.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION. H.Q.

P.S. I attach information about why Record Bureaux should be established and the work they will do, which you might like to have as an easy reference.

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Replaced Swiss Lab. Commission
A.C.C. Italy.

RECORD BUREAU

General Information

1. The need to handle effectively and at the earliest possible moment communications - including welfare and whereabouts enquiries - of Displaced Persons in liberated territories is appreciated. The Record Bureau of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Italy, has proved this work to be extremely important and of immense psychological value in maintaining morale.
2. Record Bureau should therefore be set up on similar lines in other spheres at the earliest appropriate moment and it is advocated that any section of the Allied organisation following up the armies detailed to undertake this work be called the "Record Bureau". The scheme should operate in all countries and would therefore be widely known. Much duplication and "passing the buck" will be avoided by such sections all being called Record Bureau whose functions will rapidly become known. That such bureau should all have the same machinery and methods is most desirable in view of the work they would have to do together in the days of repatriation and linking up of dispersed families.
3. Duplication of enquiries must be avoided. This readily arises as an enquirer will put through an enquiry for his missing relatives with as many organisations as he can. However, we have successfully tied up this and little ~~duplication~~ *duplication* has occurred in the past four months in this Record Bureau.
4. Record Bureau would handle Red Cross enquiries including those coming from the International Red Cross Committee for foreign nationals in liberated territory.
5. Record Bureaux would contribute to the Central Card Index for Dispersed Families to be started at once by the International Red Cross in Geneva.
6. Over and above supplying invaluable information in the first place to the Central Card Index, Record Bureaux would be one, perhaps the only way, of linking up families and passing on information obtained by Geneva to enquiring party in different parts of the world.

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2. Record Bureau should therefore be set up on similar lines in other spheres at the earliest appropriate moment and it is advocated that any section of the Allied organization following up the armies detailed to undertake this work be called the "Record Bureau". The scheme should operate in all countries and could therefore be widely known. Much duplication and "passing the buck" will be avoided by such sections all being called Record Bureau whose functions will rapidly become known. That such bureaux should all have the same machinery and methods is most desirable in view of the work they would have to do together in the days of repatriation and linking up of dispersed families.

3. Duplication of enquiries must be avoided. This readily arises as an enquirer will put through an enquiry for his missing relatives with as many organizations as he can. However, we have successfully tied up this and little ~~duplication~~ has occurred in the past four months in this Record Bureau.

4. Record Bureaux would handle Red Cross enquiries including those coming from the International Red Cross Committee for foreign nationals in liberated territory.

5. Record Bureaux would contribute to the Central Card Index for Dispersed Families to be started at once by the International Red Cross in Geneva.

6. Over and above supplying invaluable information in the first place to the Central Card Index, Record Bureaux would be one, perhaps the only way, of linking up families and passing on information obtained by Geneva to an enquiring party in different parts of the world.

7. It should be made known to the Displaced Persons in liberated territory that the Record Bureau is the only means of handling communications and enquiries for them until postal services can be resumed. Therefore it must be made known to such persons that it is in their own interest to keep Record Bureaux informed always of their changes of address and whereabouts.

8. It may be necessary to establish a postal tracing section as well as a recording section in Record Bureau. This must be guided by the desired requirements of the postal authorities.

9. One central Record Bureau should be established in each country and according to the size of territory liberated, sub-sections may be necessary.

10. All existing enemy records of Displaced Persons should be procured by the Allied authorities from as many sources as possible at all times, which records should be passed to Record Bureau. *Swedish efficient running of Rec. Bureau depends largely on close co-operation with a help from military authorities.*

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11. Record Bureau work involves much Red Cross work and therefore there should always be personnel trained in work of foreign relations department of the Red Cross attached. They should be able to handle this work for the controller and work closely with the Allied Red Cross Committees whose co-operation would be essential. The Foreign Relations Department of the British Red Cross are ready to help in whatever way they can and having co-operated with the Allied Red Cross Committees in London and studied the Displaced Persons problems for so long, having too, the experience of initiating and controlling for A.C.C. in Italy the first Record Bureau, ~~is~~ are in a position to advise.

12. The experience of this Record Bureau here should be made available to those whose work it would be to start such Record Bureaux elsewhere. The detailed machinery operating this bureau can readily be explained, but not effectively in written summarisation.

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T. Pannigini ~~me.~~
Controller Record Bureau
D.P.S.C. Italy.

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 INT GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUG
 c/o HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 APO 394

7 June 1944.

IMMEDIATE

FROM : Resident Representative in Italy, Inter Governmental -
 Committee on Refugees.
 TO : Executive Commissioner, H.Q. Allied Control Commission.
 SUBJECT : Records in Rome of Foreign Internees and Refugees.

1. Both Sig. FRUNAS, Under Secretary in the Italian Commission for Foreign Affairs and Sig. ZAMBONI, Commissioner for Refugees, informed me at Salerno on the 5th of June that there should be full lists of the Foreign Civilian Internees and Refugees in the Records or Archives Departments of either:

- (a) the Italian Ministry of the Interior or
- (b) the Italian Foreign Office.

2. Could a request be made, please, for the immediate safeguarding of these lists and records, and could facilities be afforded to me at the earliest opportunity to investigate them?

C. E. Heathcote-Smith

C.E. HEATHCOTE-SMITH,
 R.R. I.G.C.R.

Copy sent:

Gen. Hunt.

AMG 5 Army

on 7/6/44 J.C. Col

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/72/62/CA

2 June 1944

SUBJECT: Welfare and Whereabouts Inquiries.

TO, : G-5, AFHQ.

1. Reference letter G-5: 383-1 of 16 May 44, it is confirmed that the Records Bureau of the Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission is ready to handle all inquiries.

2. The following modifications in the procedure outlined are suggested:

a. Inquiries, in duplicate, to be forwarded to Records Bureau, Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission who will pass on to Regions only when necessary.

b. Inquiries for Italians.

i. Those received from Italians to be passed to Italian Red Cross.

ii. Those received from Allied nationals to be passed to Records Bureau until Italian Red Cross can handle. To be reviewed in, say, 3 months.

3. This procedure would avoid duplications and centralize the inquiries in one Headquarters.

4. The necessary instructions asking for co-operation of Regional and Provincial Commissioners and Regional Welfare personnel will be issued on these lines if agreed.

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
For Chief Commissioner

Copy to:

Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

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Major Calbat,

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Sir,

This is an important file,
previously handled by Major Driffeld with.

The following require action.

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see 53 for Major Driffeld's views.

slf 55 + 56

Ex. Com. has seen att. Ludicum 16/44

57 refer to handling of
welfare & educational require. ✓
see also 58 to which 60 is reply.

2/6/44.

L. W. Jones 1304

Letter to A-5 drafted.

Direction suggested in 48 (at 47)
can be incorporated in instructions mentioned
in para 4 of draft.

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HEADQUARTERS
INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394.

IDP/980/21-2.

28 May 1944.

SUBJECT :- Welfare & Whereabouts Inquiries.

TO :- Allied Control Commission,
R.C. & M.G. Section.

1. Ref your 72/58/CA dated 23 May 1944 and copy of letter G-5: 381 of 16 May 1944.

2. The procedure needs certain qualifications.

3. It is agreed that the Record Bureau should receive enquiries for displaced persons emanating from AFHQ, G-5 Section, on the understanding that the Record Bureau has the co-operation of the Regional and Provincial Welfare officers and relevant officers working under S.C.A.O's in advanced areas, as previously. That this co-operation is essential and invaluable has been proved by the excellent work contributed by the Regional Welfare officer in Region 11 during the past four months.

4. Rather than send a copy of the enquiry to the Regions concerned the Regions should be informed that the Record Bureau from now on is going to be that section where all enquiries are centralised and that the Record Bureau, instead of AFHQ, G-5 Section, will, if necessary, send out such enquiries to the Regions concerned.

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6. It is understood that enquiries for and from Italians should be passed to the Italian Red Cross, though the Record Bureau will handle enquiries for Italians from enquirers of Allied nationalities, until such a time as the Italian Red Cross can tackle the whole question of enquiries for their nationals themselves.

For the Director.

C.F. Fothergill 1438

C.F. FOTHERGILL.
Lt-Col.
Deputy Director.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

72/580A.

27th MAY 1944.

my dear Mr. Farrington,

Thank you for your letter of 22nd May. I appreciate
the need to establish and maintain efficient Record Bureaux in all
occupied territories. If you would be good enough to give me a
very brief resume of your scheme, I will see that the suggestion
goes to the proper quarters.

Yours sincerely
(Sgd) Maurice Lusk

E. Farrington, Esq.,
Controller, Record Bureau,
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission,
c/o U.S. No. 2 District,
O. M. P.

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Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Brig. M. Lush, O.B.E., M.C.
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

22nd May, 1944.

Dear Brigadier -

I hope you will not disapprove of my writing to you personally on the subject of Record Bureaux. Not about details of this bureau which I am privileged to control (though I would much like to discuss this), but about how the experience gained from the experimental work we have done here since the end of January, could be put at the disposal of the authorities planning to follow up invading armies in other spheres, as AMG did in Italy.

I am convinced that the work that could and should be carried out by such bureaux is of the utmost importance and comes next to the clothing, feeding and medical care of refugees. Until postal communications can be resumed with part or all of the country invaded there must be a centre to which enquiries can be sent. As you know a certain amount of concern was caused in London and Washington because of the vast number of enquiries for persons in Italy which were accumulating from a variety of sources up to the end of January. In my opinion it is imperative that this should not happen again and Record Bureaux properly organised are a very satisfactory answer. Furthermore, the linking up of scattered and dispersed families is going to be one of the headaches of the future. The International Red Cross Committee have volunteered to establish a Central Card Index at Geneva for this purpose and of course the various Red Cross societies are going to co-operate. Record Bureaux having such information could I know give invaluable contribution to this. I have discussed the question fully with Dr. Taudicium, IRC special delegate, and he agrees, going further, saying that when the two parties have been found by Geneva, Record Bureaux will be one way, and perhaps be the only way, of advising each side of their missing relatives' whereabouts.

I do not know how well the D.P.S.C. Record Bureau is known or officially recognised as being successful (or otherwise!) but I do think that what we have tried to do here is the answer to this problem which could again be overlooked until a minor state of chaos arose. Mr. Gerstenzang, UNRRA, recently expressed great interest in this work, saying he hoped we should be able to guide his Displaced Persons section when their Director in Cairo was appointed. I should be most happy to do this if you approved but the fact that the foundations for such work are apparently not yet laid makes me wonder what preparations may be elsewhere.

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Colonel Fothergill understands this picture in detail and I believe attaches great importance to what Record Bureaux could do; it is because of this that we have been able to achieve results here which might otherwise have been impossible. The details I will not bother you with, Sir, but if you had time and consider it in the same light as we do, it would be a great pleasure to discuss it with you fully, with a view to suggesting to relevant authorities how really efficient bureaux could be set up modelled on the lines of this bureau.

The Foreign Relations Dept., BRCS, London, have studied this problem very fully and I feel sure that they are ready together with the Allied Red Cross Committees in London to help in whatever way possible. That Red Cross should always be attached to such bureaux is essential as so much of the work is "Red Cross" in character and in which Foreign Relations Dept. personnel is trained. It was found that gross duplication of enquiries occurred and in order to stop this at the base, as it were, the Foreign Relations Dept., BRCS, evolved a "spider's web" system, they being the centre. Enquiries now from a very large number of sources are centralised there before being sent out to "field" representatives for tracing. This has proved very successful and is I hope one point which will not be missed, since it is well tied up and organised with smooth-running machinery.

The psychological aspect of this question alone makes it very urgent and in order that repercussions which might have a bitter taste be avoided, I do hope you could see your way to offering this section of ACC as a pattern to be copied elsewhere. However, few people are experienced in this work and I foresee many mistakes being made unnecessarily by similar sections if a design is not given to those whose duty it would be to run them.

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Farrington claims the 'really efficient' Records Bureau + wants you to know about it so you can spread the word.

Yours sincerely
Thomas Farrington

Thomas Farrington, BRCS
Controller Record Bureau

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Can you tell me what he wants me to do - redraft a copy!

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/72/56/GA

23 May 1944

SUBJECT: Welfare & Whereabouts Inquiries.

TO : Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Comm.

1. Please see attached copy letter G-5:
383-1 of 16 May 1944.

2. Do you agree with procedure indicated
in para 2 and may we confirm as in para 3.

ROBERT M. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

RA 29/5/44

Robert Fiske

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G-5 Section
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G-5: 383-1

16 May 1944

SUBJECT: Welfare and Whereabouts Inquiries.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

1. Information has been received from the Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and from Region II that the Records Bureau is now prepared to handle Welfare and Whereabouts inquiries.

2. It is suggested that in future inquiries emanating from this HQ should be forwarded to the IDPSC Records Bureau with a copy to the Region concerned.

3. Will you please confirm (a) that the Bureau is in fact now ready to handle such inquiries; (b) that the above procedure is concurred with.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

HEADQUARTERS
18 MAY 1944
A. C. C.

B. R. R. R.

B. M. RYTON
Jr. Comdr.

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ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394Regional Control and Military Government Section
+++++17th May 19447/5/44

My dear Colonel,

I am in receipt of your letter 955/4819(C.I.2) of 3rd April with reference to Mr. Maurice MacMahon's appointment in this theatre. On his way from Algiers to Bari he called here to see me and after meeting him I must say I formed a good opinion not only of his ability, but of his willingness to co-operate with us and with the British and American Red Cross. He is now working with Mr. Harrington of the British Red Cross, who is in charge of the Displaced Persons Records Bureau at Bari, and it is the view of the British Red Cross here that his help will be most beneficial. At all events, if anything goes wrong I shall know about it.

If there is any other information you require, please let me know and I will do all I can to provide it.

Yours ever.

(Sgd) Maurice Lark.

Lieut. Colonel L. Mainwaring Taylor,
Directorate of Civil Affairs,
The War Office,
Hotel Victoria,
Northumberland Avenue,
LONDON, W.C. 2.

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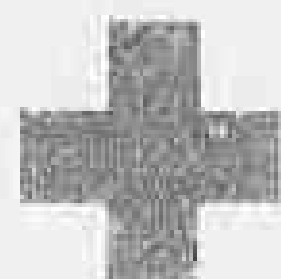
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H.Q. South Europe Commission,
British Red Cross,
C.M.F.

Brigadier M. S. Lush,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

17th May, 1944.

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My Dear Brigadier

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Thank you for your letter dated 16th May. Although the Displaced Persons Records Bureau is really nothing to do with my side of the British Red Cross, I feel that any help that can be given to Mr. Parrington, of the Bureau, would be most beneficial and helpful in every way.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Knight

Assistant Commissioner,
War Relief.

Disposal with the British Red Cross

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C33/4819(C.A.2)

12/12/44
The War Office,

Hotel Victoria,
Northumberland Ave.,
London W.C.2.

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April 3 1944

Dear *Brigadier*,

I have seen some of the relevant correspondence regarding the set-up of the new Displaced Persons Record Bureau at Bari and have been in touch with the Foreign Office and Miss Warner, Director of the British Red Cross in London regarding our handing over to the Red Cross enquiries regarding displaced persons which we have dealt with up to now but which the British Red Cross will deal with in the future. There is one point in the new scheme on which we are not clear, namely - the appointment of Dr. Thudicum of the International Red Cross as a member of and adviser to the Bureau. It seems to us that the Swiss view of the various nationality problems which may arise may differ from those of the Allies and the appointment of a Swiss Adviser to a British American body may lead to difficulties. As this proposal originated from the military authorities no doubt they had good reason for suggesting the appointment. I gather from the British Red Cross authorities here that they would have preferred the Swiss Adviser to remain at Naples with the other International Red Cross Committee delegates there ^{and} while being available for consultation not to be actually within the framework of the Bureau.

/ I shall

Brigadier M.S.Lush, C.B.E.
Executive Commission,
Regional Control and Military Government Section, 1402
Main H.Q.
Allied Control Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

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I shall be grateful if you can give me
any information which I can pass to the British
Red Cross regarding Dr. Thudicum's appointment.

I am addressing this to you as Brigadier -
if I am out of date, please forgive me.

Yours sincerely

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Lt Col. Ship

The Shudra to be done
on 1/1/1961

Ref. 50.

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This matter came up at end of month
and is subject of my memo at 28.

Col. Fike comments are it was then
decided that such a draft was not necessary
and in any case, hardly felt within the
province of Technical Review, L.C.

It may be that on reconsideration the
has decided that there is now a need
for some compromise with the original report
and has asked verbally for a submission
of the proposal.

I do not think we should undertake this
work on this scale or by this means. The nature
of this investigation of already should be able to find
particulars of how certain concepts, which have
never been easily proven that for their own sake.

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446 & 447 ask it carry the work
up to the office of P.C. & P.O.
Unless special efforts are made nothing much will
be achieved. One officer has been 1461
& with special efforts of this sort, with all the
new work they have to do. Police should be
employed for this job.

Will you bring up at meeting?

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HEADQUARTERS,
ARMED SERVICES COMMISSION,
Rm 39.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

72/52/1A.16th May 1944.

I am not sure if you met Dr. Maurice Thelichman of the International Red Cross when he was visiting here recently and, therefore, I think you should know a little about him and the purpose of his visit.

Dr. Thelichman since 1941 has been a member of la Direction Technique of the Central Agency for Prisoners of War and has particular knowledge of the problem of displaced families. I am also informed that since 1940 he has been in charge of the Section of I.R.C.C. Geneva responsible for British prisoners of War.

He has now come to Italy as the nominated representative of the I.R.C. Committee with the Displaced Persons Records Bureau and has proceeded to Bari after breaking his journey at Naples for the purpose of introducing himself.

From your point of view do you see any objection to his working with the Records Bureau? To me it appeared that he would be a considerable asset.

Executive Commissioner

Major Knight,
British Red Cross Organisation,
32, Piazza Sanita,
Via Rome,
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INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMITTEE IN

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Director.

IDP/643/104-2

SUBJECT:- Appeal to Displaced Persons.

TO :- Executive Commissioner,
H.Q., A.C.C., C.M.F.



Further to this H.Q.'s letter, IDP/902/104-2, of the
21 March.

As arranged with Mr. Parrington, the appeal has been re-written and is submitted to you for approval with the request that this be circulated throughout A.C.C. by means of leaflets or as a directive, and that it is broadcast from the appropriate radio stations on several occasions, and that it will appear in all possible newspapers in circulation in Allied-occupied Italy.

It is further requested that leaflets be printed for as large a circulation as possible by means of the Italian postal services available, a postman delivering these on his rounds. Also that the local authorities be issued with a quantity of these for distribution by the Carabinieri, police, et cetera.

C. B. Findlay
C.B. FINDLAY.
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: Records Bureau.

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NOTICE

Those civilians of ANY nationality, except Italian, who are living in any part of Italy, Sicily, Sardinia, or other islands near the Italian mainland controlled by the Allies, are invited to send the following information:

NAME, ADDRESS, DATE OF BIRTH (Day, Month, Year),
PLACE OF BIRTH, NATIONALITY.

to:

Record Bureau,
DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION,
Bari, Italy.

TYPE this information - or print it very clearly - on a postcard and send it by post free of charge to the above address, or give it to some local authority or employer who will send it for you. If you live in or near Bari, you may go personally to the:

BRITISH RED CROSS (Foreign Relations)
3rd Floor, 198 Corso Cavour, Bari.

THE REASONS WHY YOU ARE INVITED TO DO THIS ARE:

1. As you are now free you have probably changed your address. Letters, enquiries, and Red Cross messages are centralised through this Office if your present address is not known to the relative or friend who is trying to communicate with you.
2. Many thousands of families are separated and scattered throughout the world. We hope to be able to link up such families in the future, especially the thousands of children separated from their parents, with your assistance.
3. We can help to do this, so please send the requested information for each individual child, however young.

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EVERY TIME you change your address, ALWAYS notify the Record Bureau of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission by post or by some reliable means.

ALL EMPLOYERS of such persons not of Italian nationality, are sincerely requested to give the greatest cooperation by helping individuals or sending in particulars for them, thereby ensuring that this information is obtained.

ALL these records will be open to the International Red Cross, Geneva, and ARE BEING COMPILED TO HELP YOU.

You may submit the same particulars of the MISSING FRIEND OR RELATIVE WITH WHOM YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNICATE if you wish to do so, but this Section will only deal with the records being compiled for the above reasons, so do not write about any other matter when submitting this information as it cannot be dealt with.

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INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION

ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Director.

CBF/rw.

10 MAY 1944

IDP/642/21-2

Subject:- Records Bureau.

TO :- Executive Commissioner, A.C.C., C.M.F.

1. Ref. our IDP/84/21-1 of 28 March 44.
2. Further to the discussion with Mr. Farrington last week it would be appreciated if Regional and Provincial Commissioners, S.C.A.O.'s, and any other relevant Sub-Commissions be informed of the object of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and asked to cooperate.
3. Attached herewith draft which might be a directive to Regional Commissioners.



C. B. Findlay
C.B. FINDLAY.
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to : Records Bureau.

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DRAFT

From: Executive Commissioner
To : Regional Commissioners
Subj: Records Bureau, IADPSC

Records are being compiled by the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission of civilians of any nationality other than Italian, who are living in Allied-occupied Italy, Sicily, or the islands near the mainland. The object briefly is to enable enquiries and communications for these people to be effectively handled and to establish records which will be invaluable in the future when repatriation and linking up of families arises.

You are therefore requested to ask Provincial Commissioners, and Welfare Officers to cooperate in building up this central record by submitting as much data as possible of such persons in their provinces, communes, etc, to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. It is understood that lists and nominal rolls (of isolati and confinati) are in the hands of provincial commissioners in some cases and that the Italian police have such records which will be readily obtainable.

A general notice will be broadcast and appear in the press shortly and be circulated by pamphlets in connection with this work.

It is pointed out that all employers of such persons should be asked to send in this information, which should include the name, address, date and place of birth, nationality, and any other information, of the individual.

N.B. This information is not required for Italian subjects.

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15 MAY Rec'd 72
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG Center No : N 48/9
 Classification : NONE
 Precedence : NONE
 From : DISPER SGD FINDLAY
 To : ACC MAIN FOR LUSH

Date Time Rec'd : MAY 9/0734
 Date Time Sent : MAY 8
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 Cite : NONE

UNABLE TO SUPPLY MR PARRINGTON CAR FROM LOCAL RESOURCES. WISH TO ACCEPT YOUR
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SECRET ⁷²ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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 Classification : SECRET
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 From : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC
 To : ACC MAIN

MAY
 Date Time Rec'd : 061106
 Date Time Sent : 060925
 Reference NR : F42067
 Cite : FMMS

INUDICUM, IRC REPRESENTATIVE ETA NAPLES 1640 HOURS 6 MAY.

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Rang Airport - not arrived up to 1800 hrs
 2 planes still to come.

Duty Officer instructed 1845 hrs - to prepare 1453

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

C. A. Br. for Ex. Com. 2

MSG Center No : 74/01
 Classification : RESTRICTED
 Precedence : ROUTINE
 From : FREEDOM SGD CINC
 To : ACC MAIN FOR LUSH

Date Time Rec'd : MAY012255B
 Date Time Sent : MAY011531
 Reference NR : F39966
 Cite : FHMS

SUBJECT IS INTERCROIXROUGE REPRESENTATIVE FOR DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION. REFER OUR F36951 OF 24 APRIL. REQUEST REPLY IN ORDER OBVIATE DELAY RESERVING AIR PASSAGE FOR THUDICHUM

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CAB

shown as marked and
K Ex Lamin on 28/4

Tel. of April 25 shown time 2/5/44

Has this been answered? Not by CAB

If so when is the telegram. —

I regret it was not booked

If not why not.?

NS/2/5= 1450

Cable passed to
the Director
for Clifton
immediately
Cable dispatched

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P.A. to Exec. Comm. ~~W~~

Does Brig. LUSH wish
to see M. THUDICUM.

before he joins DISPER
BATT. Please note.

The matter may have been discussed
with Lt Col. Fothergill.

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Army Form C 348
(Lifts of 100 in duplicate)

MEMORANDUM.

Sender's Reference	Receiver's Reference	Date
From		TO :

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Form 125D

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Signal Corps, United States Army

Telegram

25 APR Recd

GPO 3-10505

Received at

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

25 APRIL 1944 19

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TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR ACC MAIN FOR LUSH, DISPER BARI

(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : SIGNED CINC

DATE TIME SIGNED: 241858B

DATE TIME REC'D: 25/3/38

REFERENCE NR. : F 36951

CITE : FHMGS

REFER OUR MGS 080-1 OF 8 MARCH.

SUBJECT IS INTERCROIXROUGE REPRESENTATIVE FOR DISPLACED
PERSONS SUBCOMMISSION. THUDICHUM NOW IN ALGIERS AND WILL BE
READY PROCEED ITALY ABOUT 4 MAY. AS HE HAS VERY CONSIDERABLE
KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE RECORDS AND DOCUMENTATION DISPLACED
PERSONS AND OF WHOLE PROBLEM IN GENERAL YOU MAY WISH TO SEE HIM
BEFORE HE PROCEEDS BARI. PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER HE SHOULD PROCEED
DIRECT BARI OR VIA NAPLES.

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(MEX/COM/for/ECOM)
(MEX) JCC
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Action: Hq ACC
Info: C. 3 1418
JCC

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INTERNATIONAL AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION,CAF/drc.
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Office of the Director.

IDP/372/21-2.

21 April 44.

SUBJECT:- Displaced Persons Record Bureau.TO :- Executive Commissioner,
HQ Allied Control Commission.

1. Reference your letter 72/CA dated 12 April 44 addressed to General Sir B. Sergison Brooke copy to this HQ.
2. The attached copies of letters ref number MGS 321-12 dated 25 and 27 Jan respectively addressed to HQ Allied Control Commission are attached.
3. These letters appear to be our latest information on "proposals for Recording Displaced Persons."
4. It is apparent that originally a "magnas opus" was possibly contemplated.
5. It is understood that the British Red Cross personnel were only loaned to assist in starting the Records Bureau. The final policy would appear to need clarification.
6. I hope to see General Sergison Brooke shortly and will discuss the matter with him.

Directors Draft.

C. Fothergill
C. F. FOTHERGILL,
Lt. Colonel,
For C. B. FINDLAY, Colonel,
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

BY FAST AIR COURIER
DSJ/DW/jw

MGS; 321-12

25th January 1944

SUBJECT : Displaced Persons-Communications, Records,
and Enquiries.

TO : HQ, Allied Control Commission.

1. The need for an organization which will control and handle communications with Displaced Persons, and also enquiries concerning their welfare and whereabouts, has been appreciated. Requests for the formulation of such a body have been received both in London and Washington, and the importance of establishing a system whereby communications and enquiries may be rapidly transmitted is emphasised by the fact that a procedure for their transmission has already been instituted in enemy occupied Italy. Furthermore, its operation will have an appreciable effect on morale both in Italy and overseas, and the benefits of an accurate and complete system of records which such an organisation would require will be of value at this time in the administration of these persons, and in the future will be essential in arranging for their eventual repatriation or evacuation.

2. The British Red Cross have made available the services of Mr. Thomas Parrington who, subject to the approval of the Commissioner, will be attached to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission for the purpose of organising a service of communications and enquiries, and for the establishment of the necessary records. It is the intention that the organisation should take the form outlined in para 3, but the matter is to be referred to this Headquarters for final approval after you have had the opportunity to discuss the problem with Mr. Parrington, and to propose such additions and amendments as may seem advisable in the light of local circumstances.

3. It is therefore proposed that:-

- (a) There should be set-up under the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission a Records Bureau, to be known as the "Displaced Persons Records Bureau, Italy".
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4. The I.R.R.C. has agreed to direct enquiries and communications received through their organisation concerning all nationals in Italy, other than Italians, to the Bureau, and also to provide certain assistance in its operation which will be made known later.

5. Mr. Parrington, who is now at this Headquarters, will be proceeding shortly to Naples for consultation with the British Red Cross Commissioner, and will then visit you at the earliest opportunity. Every endeavour should be made to put the plan into operation at an early date.

6. We are requesting Mr. Parrington, who also has experience of Foreign Relief and Liaison with foreign Red Cross organisations which may later be of value, to contact Mr. Giblin of the American Red Cross whilst in Naples. Mr. Parrington understands that the British Red Cross will permit him to remain in Italy for as long as may be necessary.

7. Further details, including a suggested organisation for the Displaced Persons Records Bureau, Italy, will be forwarded shortly.

Copy to:

G-1 (A) British Red Cross
G-1 (B) Mr. Thomas Parrington
G-2 Algerian Delegation,
Civil Affairs International Red Cross

The Office of the British Resident Minister

D. S. JACKLING
Lt. Colonel

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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MGS 321-12

27 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Communications, Records and Enquiries.

TO : HQ, Allied Control Commission.

Further to our MGS 321-12 of 25 January.

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3. Endeavours are also being made to obtain two officers (one Major and one Captain) who are at present on the Strength of the PW Sub-Commission. These officers, who have had considerable experience of statistical records work in A.G. Casualties Branch of the War Office, will not in any case be available for one month. You will be informed of the decision in this matter.

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5. We have been advised that:-

(a) It will be necessary to institute a system of periodical returns to the Bureau from all camps. It is suggested that these returns should include details of strengths and casualties, and that the system should be modelled on the procedure obtaining for the submission of returns from PW Camps. Mr. Parrington has been supplied with specimen copies of proforma in use for PW statistical returns.

(b) A standard proforma should be adopted in the registration and documentation of Displaced Persons. The proforma at present in use is unsuitable for records purposes and its use should be abolished. Another proforma on the lines of that employed for PW documentation should be devised in its stead.

(c) All Displaced Persons must be allotted a serial number. Serial numbers should bear a prefix to denote the nationality of the individuals to which they are allotted.

(d) Records indexes should be compiled by nationalities, alphabetically, and with serial numbers, and must be maintained in both the Records and Postal Tracing Sections in order to permit the passage of information, necessary in the redirection of mail, to the Postal Tracing Section.

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(e) Clerical staff for the Records Section will necessarily be large. It is estimated that to maintain records for 100,000 Displaced Persons some 100/120 clerks will be required, but that the Section could commence operation with a much smaller total. In this connection it should be noted that the qualifications required will be such that the great majority of vacancies, including individuals in charge of Sub-Sections, can be filled from civilian personnel of average intelligence, without the necessity for previous experience.

Postal Tracing Section

6. It is intended that all incoming mail to Displaced Persons shall be channelled through this Section, and that all such persons should use one standard address, giving particulars of their names and serial numbers, in forwarding outgoing correspondence. By the adoption of this procedure delivery of mail will be expedited, and camps will be spared the labour of re-directing correspondence.

7. The system cannot be taken into use until after the resumption of the external foreign mail service with Italy, and until the Section is itself in operation. Particulars of the address to be used will be made known internationally: the form suggest is -

NumberName.....
Displaced Persons Records Bureau,
Italy,
Naples (or centre at
which the bureau is
located).

The Section will also be charged with the re-direction of IRCC standard message forms.

8. In order to form the Section it is considered advisable that you should obtain an officer with previous civil postal experience. Communications Section of your Headquarters now have two qualified officers available.

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10. It is to be understood that no civilians, including Displaced Persons, are to be employed without the prior approval of the Security authorities. The question of salaries for employees should be decided in consultation with the appropriate sections of your Headquarters.

11. Your final plan for the operation of the Displaced Persons Records Bureau, Italy, should be referred to this Headquarters for approval, and we will also require to be informed of progress in the formation of the Bureau after sanction has been given to its establishment on the agreed plan.

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D. S. JACKLING
Lt Colonel

Copy to:-

- G-1 (A)
- G-1 (B)
- G-2

Civil Affairs
The Office of the British Resident Minister
British Red Cross
Mr. Thomas Parrington
Algerian Delegation, International Red Cross

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OBSERVATIONS ON PROPOSED ORGANIZATION CHART FOR DISPLACED

PERSONS RECORDS BUREAU, ITALY.

NOTE:-

1. (a) (i) Available subject to approval by British Red Cross Commissioner.
(ii) Should have right of direct access to Director, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
- (b) Subject to approval by American Red Cross.
- (c) Not yet nominated, will advise and assist in matters arising out of communications and enquiries emanating from I.R.C.C.
- (d) To be responsible for administration of all military personnel in the Bureau. Suggested that this officer should have experience of work with the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, and be able to advise the Controller in this regard.
- (e) Major or Captain with experience of statistics. To be filled initially by officer obtained on loan from G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (B).
- (f) Captain, As for Note (e)
- (g) Each Sub-Section to be charge of a Warrant Officer, or of a civilian of comparable ability.
- (h) Initially should be an officer (Lieutenant) with previous civilian postal experience, who could later be superseded by another without specialized knowledge.
- (i) An officer not necessary.
- (j) As for Note (g).

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- (j) As for Note (g).
2. (a) Appointments as indicated in para 1 (d) and (e) should be held by Allied military personnel. That indicated in para 1 (h) should be held initially by an Allied officer who could later be superseded as in sub-para (b), below.
- 9b) Except as indicated in sub-para (a), above, and in para 1 (a), (b), and (c), appointments may be filled from Displaced Persons or other civilians, subject to the necessary security screening.

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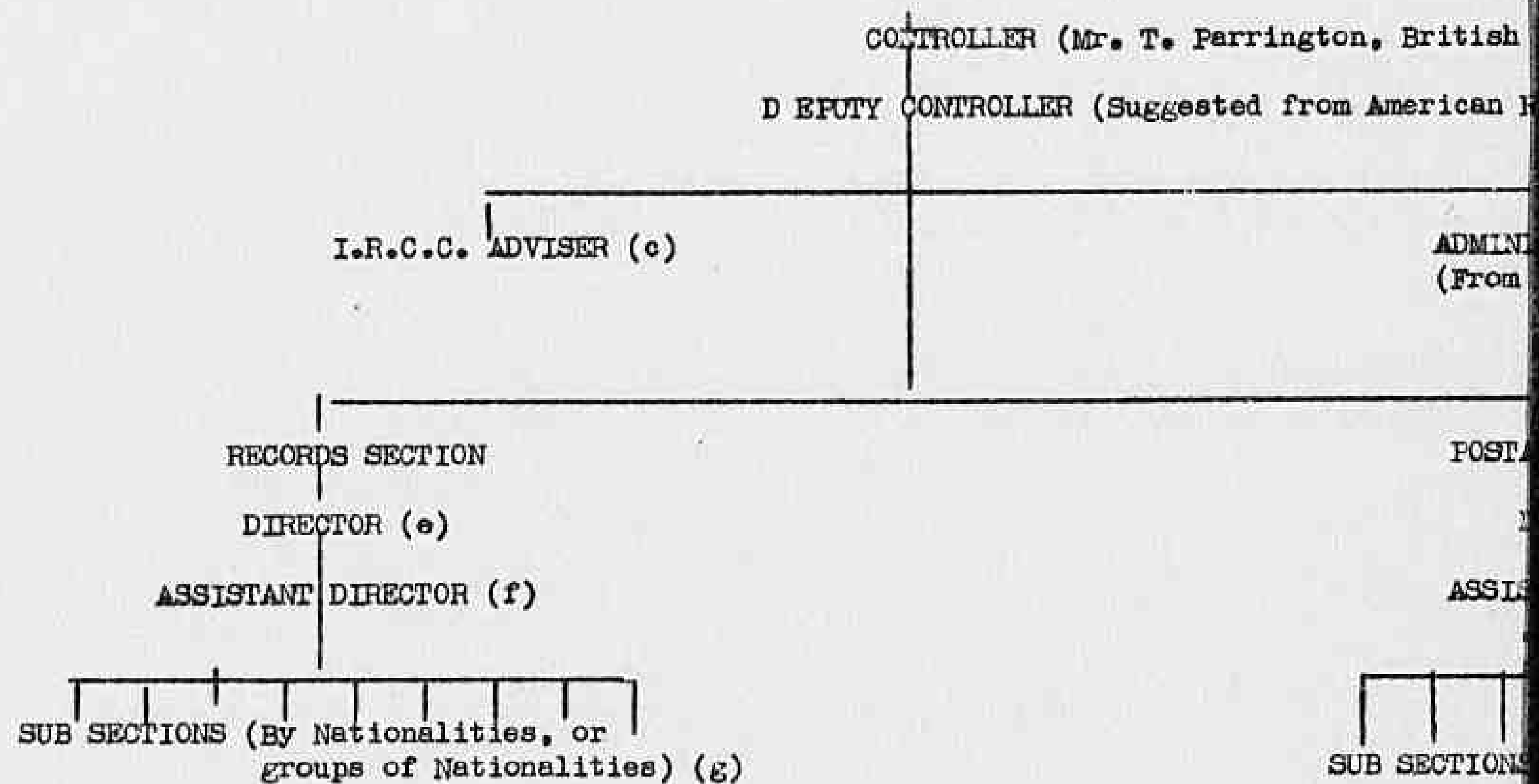
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PROPOSED ORGANIZATION FOR "DISPLACED PERSONS RECORDS BUREAU."

(NOTE:- Letters in parenthesis refer to notes in para 1 on reverse of sheet).

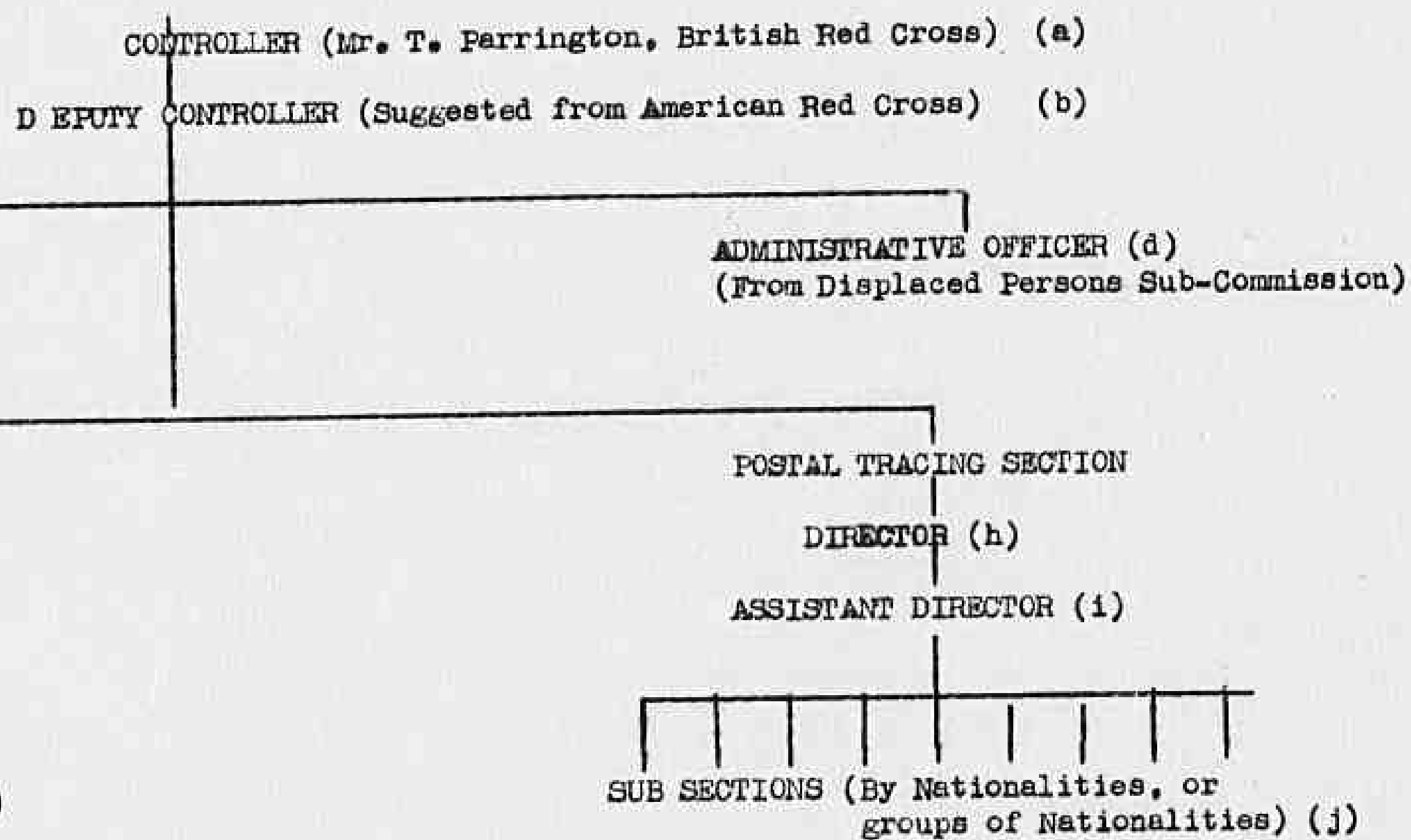


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RESTRICTEDAPPENDIX "A"PROPOSED ORGANIZATION FOR "DISPLACED PERSONS RECORDS BUREAU, ITALY".

(NOTE:- Letters in parenthesis refer to notes in para 1 on reverse of sheet).



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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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Ref: 72/54/CA.

20th April 1944.

SUBJECT: Record Bureau - Displaced Persons.

TO : Director,
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

Reference this HQ letter 72/ /CA dated 12th
April, 1944, addressed to Hq. British Red Cross, copy to
you.

Attached please find copy of reply received
from Lt. General Sir B. Sargison Brooke to the above-quoted
letter.

/JC.

A. J. STEWART,
Captain,
PA to Executive
Commissioner.

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WAR ORGANISATION
OF THE
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY and ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM

President: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN Grand Prior: H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, K.G.

Commissioner for Southern Europe:
Lt. General Sir Bertram Sergison-Brooke K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Headquarters: 32 Piazza Carità, Via Roma, NAPLES (Tel. 16591)

N° 1 STORES DEPOT.
68A Via Santo Euplio,
CATANIA. (Tel. 15049)

N° 2 STORES DEPOT.
Villa Caroli, 3 Via Pietro Colletta
BARI. (Tel. 14462)

N° 3 STORES DEPOT.
35 Via Garibaldi, Portici
NAPLES. (Tel. 55182)

BSB/DM

Brig. M.S. Lush, O.B.E.

Executive Commissioner

H.Q. Allied Control Commission

Regional Control & Military Government Section.

Headquarters, S. Europe Comm.

British Red Cross, C.M.F.

Your letter of the 12th April Ref. 72/ / CA Foreign Nationals, other than Displaced Persons. I am writing to Mr. Parrington to tell him that he is not to concern himself with persons other than Displaced Persons. Mr. Parrington is very keen and so is liable to go outside his province.

B. Sergison-Brooke

Commissioner.

Col. Shipp - Ex. Com - should see this

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Copy of both to Displaced P. S. C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 72/ /OA.

12th April 1944.

SUBJECT: Foreign Nationals; other than Displaced Persons.

TO : Lt. General Sir B. Sargison Brooke,
K.C.B., E.C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O.,
P.O., S. Europe Commission,
British Red Cross,
G. M. S.

1. The Director of the Sub-Commission for Displaced Persons told me this afternoon that Mr. Paddington of the British Red Cross who is in charge of the Records Bureau for Displaced Persons in this territory is anxious to record the names, addresses and details of ALL foreign nationals (other than Italians) in this territory and is asking the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission to set up the machinery in motion to obtain this information.

2. I do not know the terms of reference with which Mr. Paddington is armed but I would put to you most strongly that Mr. Paddington should not concern himself with persons other than Displaced Persons. The various nationals resident in normal circumstances in this country are not, in any manner, subjects for the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission nor for the Record Bureau which Mr. Paddington has set up. Their interests and enquiries about them can well be looked after by the Italian Government or the Allied Military Government and will, in due course, be taken on by their Consuls when these are appointed.

3. I would like to add that from what I hear Mr. Paddington is making a wonderful job of his Record Bureau and I do not want him to take on more than he can manage nor to ask my Displaced Persons Sub-Commission to go outside their terms of reference.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

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FATIMA (Civil Affairs Branch)

13 April 1944

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2/Lt. AGD 1-358
ADJUTANT.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 72/30/CA.

14th April 1954.

SUBJECT: Appeal to Displaced Persons.

TO : Director,
Displaced Persons Sub-Com.,
c/o HQ. No. 2 District,
C. M. F.

The Executive Commissioner has considered the proposal contained in your letter to P/302/13-2 dated 21. March. 54 and does not think this a matter within the scope of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, whose duty it is to deal with displaced nationals but not those in normal circumstances. The International Red Cross can and does, adequately deal with such people.

A. J. STUART,
Captain,
PA to Executive
Commissioner.

Refer MAS
321-12

25 Jan 54

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
Office of the Director.

To: Information Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission.
Through;
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

21 March 44.

ID P/902/104-2.

Subject: Appeal to Displaced Persons.

It is requested that the substance of the attached appeal be brought to the notice of as many people as possible. It is suggested that this be circulated throughout A.C.C. to all sections by means of leaflets or otherwise.

It is further suggested that this appeal should be broadcast from all appropriate radio stations on several occasions, and that it should appear in all possible newspapers in circulation in Allied Occupied Italy.

It is requested that leaflets be printed for as large a circulation as possible by means of the Italian postal services now available, the postman delivering these on his rounds. Also, that the local authorities be issued with a quantity of these for posting or distribution by police, carabinieri etc.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated. It is believed that from this letter and from the context of the appeal, you will understand what we require.

R.G. Kirkwood
R.G. KIRKWOOD.
Colonel, US.,
Director.

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Col. Drake

Have consulted Postal sub. commission who think the proposal for delivery is feasible as there is at present more staff than work in the Italian Post.

Police could cover districts not covered by Postal services

There is no suggestion regarding the number of leaflets considered desirable.

Regarding the leaflet itself:

a) we are awaiting cable confirmation from DISPER of an agreed address for all purposes.

b) the inclusion of para (d) — the personal call — is thought to be undesirable from a security point of view.

c) the translation into Italian version of Tzi-ovzon and should be done again if the policy & practice are agreed.

to Disposal White
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This appeal appears to be directed

to "placed persons" rather than

to "displaced persons"

TO ALL CIVILIANS WHO ARE NOT OF ITALIAN NATIONALITY, AND WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF ANY RECOGNISED ORGANIZATION OF AN ALLIED GOVERNMENT.

EVERY such person of ANY nationality, except Italian, who is living in any part of Italy, Sicily, Sardinia or other islands near the Italian mainland (excluding Corsica) controlled by the Allies, is earnestly requested to give the following information.

NAME, ADDRESS, DATE OF BIRTH (day, month, year,) Nationality, to :-

Record Bureau

DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

UNIT.

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THE REASONS WHY YOU ARE ASKED TO DO THIS ARE :-

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DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
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- 3. Many thousands of families are scattered throughout the world. We hope to be able to link up such families in the future. Many thousands of children are separated from their parents, but with your help we shall be able to re-unite such families.

Please send the requested information for each individual child, however young, who is unable to send it for him/her self.

EVERY time you CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS in the future, ALWAYS notify the above address or ask your local authority to do so.

All employers who have such persons of any nationality, other than Italian, working for them, are most sincerely requested to co-operate in helping the individuals, and so insure that this information is obtained.

ALL THESE RECORDS ARE NOW BE OPEN TO THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS.

Is this a proper activity of the Displaced Persons Sub Commission ? off of International Red Cross ?

A P P E L L O

A TUTTI I CIVILI CHE NON SIANO DI NAZIONALITA' ITALIANA E CHE NON SIANO MEMBRI DI QUALSIASI ORGANIZZAZIONE RICONOSCIUTA DI UN GOVERNO ALLEATO.

Ognuna di tali persone di qualsiasi nazionalità, eccettuata l'italiana, che vive in qualsiasi parte dell'Italia, Sicilia, Sardegna o altre isole vicine alla terraferma italiana (esclusa la Corsica) controllate dagli Alleati è richiesta di fornire al più presto le seguenti informazioni: NOME, INDIRIZZO, DATA DI NASCITA (giorno, mese, anno) NAZIONALITA'. e

Record Bureau
DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
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SCRIVERE A STAMPATELLO queste informazioni, o molto chieramente su una cartolina postale o su un pezzo di carta, e quindi:

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Vi preghiamo di inviare le informazioni richieste per ogni singolo bambino di qualsiasi età, che sia incapace di inviarle per conto proprio.

OGNI VOLTA CHE VOI CAMBIATE DI INDIRIZZO nel futuro, notificatelo SEMPRE al sopramenzionato indirizzo, o richiedete alle vostre Autorità locali di farlo.

Tutti i dettori di lavori che abbiano alle dipendenze persone di qualsiasi nazionalità, eccetto l'italiane, sono sinceramente pregate di cooperare nell'aiutare le persone, e così assicurare che queste informazione è ~~che~~ ^{aiuta} pervenuta.

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TUTTI QUESTI RAPPORTI DEVONO ESSERE ~~APERTI~~ ALLA CROCE ROSSA INTERNAZIONALE.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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MGS 321-12

29 March 1944

SUBJECT: Records and Inquiries - Displaced Persons

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

1. Reference 72/20/CA of 25 March to Director Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission (copy to this Section) will you please let this Section know the address finally agreed on (see paragraph 2 (a) and (c) of your letter) in order that London and Washington may be informed.

For the Acting Chief of Section.

T. B. Jackman
T. B. JACKMAN,
Major.

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INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Director
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IDP84/21-1.

28th March, 1944.

SUBJECT: Record Bureau - Displaced Persons.TO : Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

It is brought to notice that there exist, in the offices of Provincial Commissioners, records of displaced persons in their respective provinces. As arranged by AFHQ, a Records Bureau, staffed by the British Red Cross, has been set up in this Sub-Commission to handle all inquiries relative to displaced persons.

Mr. Middleburg, the head of the Dutch Mission with Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, recently received orders from his government to visit a Dutch family, van CLEEFF of MERCAGLIANO, prov AVELLINO, about whom we were unable to give him any information, as this family was unknown to us. Middleburg went to AVELLINO and saw a Major Fletcher who, it is thought, was deputising for the Provincial Commissioner who was ill. Major Fletcher told him that this family was known to the office of the Provincial Commissioner and was recorded accordingly as Dutch nationals.

It is essential that all information concerning displaced nationals, other than Italians, be sent to the Records Bureau of this Sub-Commission so that this Bureau may be able to inform the Heads of the Missions accredited to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, about their nationals rather than to have them informed by their governments, especially when such information is available in another section of A.C.C., as was the case with this Dutch family.

It is therefore requested that all Regional and Provincial Commissioners, SCAO's and any other sub-commission holding records or nominal rolls of displaced persons be instructed to submit these at an early date to the Record Bureau of this headquarters. It is known that the Italian Police had records of all Internati and Confinati which records are now presumably available to provincial commissioners; if not, it is requested that these be obtained at once, locally, and forwarded to us.

As the Record Bureau deals with all welfare and whereabouts inquiries, Red Cross messages, etc. for displaced persons, it will be appreciated that in order to avoid the accumulation as, in the past, of such inquiries, the sooner all information known about every displaced person can be centralized, the sooner the inquiry can be answered and the inquirer informed.

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Copy to: Records Bureau.



ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,
Colonel, FA.
Director.

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Major Atayee

see #, 22, 20 and 19

Major Head, Postal Sub-Comm. (Salerno)
has said that there is no need
for APO 394 in his address as
the inquiries by letter may come
from all United Nations & almost
all parts of the world and will be
handled by International Postal services.

Will you see if you can clear this
point which is that APO 394 means
nothing in U.K. and Australia for
example.

I tried to get Major Head today but
believe he is in Naples or travelling.

This is now urgent

J. D. Field (Whit)
Major Gen.
29 Mar. 61

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INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB* (MISSION.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Office of the Director.

IDP/851/65.

18 March 44.

Subject: YUGOSLAV CASUALTIES.

To: HQ., A.C.C.
attention MG and RC Section.

Ref: AFHQ. letter G1/13/2606/A2 of 7 March 44.

Para. 4 states lists of casualties will be forwarded to HQ. No.2
District.

It is requested that when AFHQ. send these lists a copy be sent at
the same time to the Record Bureau, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Bari.

For the Director,

C.F. FOTHERGILL, LT. COL.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

copies to: AFHQ., Military Gov't Section.
Records Bureau, I & D.P.S.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

25 March 1944

Ref/72/20/CA.

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Communication Records and Inquiries.

To : Director, Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

1. Reference is made to your IDP/75/350 of 12 February 1944 and copy of MCS 3.1-12 of 20 March 1944, ¹⁹ forwarded herewith.

(Note: 72/14/CA of 24 March not copied to you ² as a request for IDP/75/350 which was omitted from 72/11/CA.

2. a) Regarding para. 1(a) of attached, Telecommunications & Posts Sub-commission has been consulted in conjunction with Lt. Col. Fothergill and advise that the address for communications made through the Civil Postal Services should be:

Records Bureau,
Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
Allied Control Commission (in full)
CSF (Italy).

b) Arrangements will be made by the Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission that all correspondence so addressed shall be delivered to the postal HQ. most conveniently located to the Bureau.

c) Will you please cable agreement to this address or suggestions for a suitable alternative.

3. Regarding para 1(b) further information will be passed to you when received.

4. Para. 1(c) is being taken up with Establishments Branch.

5. The remainder of the letter is self explanatory, it being assumed that the Bureau is in a position to function and handle enquiries.

Driffeld White
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
COMMISSIONER

Copy to: AFHQ, MG.1.
TELECOMMUNICATIONS & POSTS Sub-Commission.

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Copy to addressee was handed to
Lt Col Fothergill by Maj Driffeld White.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

MGS 321-12

20
17 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Communication, Records and Enquiries.

TO : HQ Allied Control Commission
Attention MG and RC Section.

Reference is made to your 72/11/CA of 6 March, and 72/14/CA of 14 March.

1. It will be appreciated that a number of questions put forward by the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission in their memorandum LDP/75/350 of 12 February have already been decided, but the following sub-paras are intended to present a comprehensive reply to all points raised therein. Reference in the following sub-paras are to appropriate sections of the above memorandum from the Sub-Commission.

(a) Para 1(b).

Provided that the agreement of the APO (B) and Army Postal Service (A) is first obtained no objection is seen to the employment of this address. However, as it is anticipated that a number of enquiries will be received through civil postal channels it is suggested that the Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission should also be consulted. No arrangements can be made with outside Headquarters and agencies for the despatch of enquiries direct to the Bureau (para 1 (h)(i)) until this address has been agreed, and it is accordingly requested that we may be given early information of the form of address finally selected.

(b) Para 1(c).

See our MGS 080-1 of 26 February and 8 March. Dr Thudichum, the International Red Cross Delegate, is expected to arrive in this Theatre at the end of March.

(c) Para 1(e).

The position regarding this officer is as specified in a memorandum from the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission to this Headquarters under their reference LDP/75/536 of 1 March, and in our reply thereto addressed to your Headquarters under our MGS 201.1 of 6 March. It is understood that this officer is available should you wish to retain him and provided you can absorb him into your present establishment. He is at present on the A(IV) list. 26

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(d) Para 1 (g)

It is noted from para 2 of your 72/11/CA of 6 March that the Sub-Commission has been advised that the foreign postal service with Italy was resumed on 16 February.

(e) Para 1 (h) (i)

It is also noted from your 72/11/CA of 6 March, para 3, that you agree that all enquiries should be despatched direct to the Bureau, excepting for such as can be channelled through the Italian postal services. This procedure cannot be put into operation, however, until a decision has been made as to the address of the Bureau, vide sub-para (a), above, of this memorandum.

(f) Para 1 (h) (vi)

This Headquarters will advise those sources from which enquiries are received that these should be addressed to the Bureau direct so soon as the address of the Bureau itself has been decided.

(g) Para 1 (h) (vii)

The question of routine communication between your Headquarters and the American and British Governments, in which are included enquiries as to the whereabouts and welfare of individuals and the listing of displaced persons, is covered in the following letters.

- (i) This Headquarters AG 387.4-1 MGS-AGM of 15 February.
- (ii) This Headquarters AG 312.3-1 MGS-AGM of 17 February.
- (iii) Letter from the Chief Commissioner Allied Control Commission to the C-in-C, AFHQ, of 29 February.

The large majority of whereabouts and welfare enquiries as channelled through this Headquarters are received from Departments of the British and American Governments whom we will inform of the address of the Bureau when this has been decided, and, at the same time, request that they address all communications direct to the Bureau. It is also desired that you will reply direct to all other enquiries which you may receive.

(h) Para 1 (h) (viii)

Enquiries received from Departments of the British and American Governments are not subject to censorship. Those received through the civil post ^{are} ~~are~~ subject to censorship under existing ^{and} ~~and~~ arrangements. It is not considered, therefore, that ^{any} ~~any~~ special arrangements require to be made with the Censorship Authorities.

(i) Para 1 (h) (ix) (b) and (c)

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PW Sub-Commission, the greater number of whose personnel have been made available to you. Selection of surplus personnel of the PW Sub-Commission was to be made by your Headquarters, and today there has been received your cable 2147 of 16 March detailing which of these personnel you desire to retain.

2. Upon receipt of your report giving the final address of the Bureau, and of advice that it is in a position to function and to handle enquiries, this Headquarters will take steps to inform the outside authorities concerned.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

D. G. Walker

D. G. WALKER
Major

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INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Director

IDP/45/652

11 March 1944.

SUBJECT : Request for Letter

TO : Lt. Col. Farley Smith
Civil Affairs Branch
C/o Colonel Fiske
RC and MG Section.

Herewith enclosed please find letter No. MGS: 321-12 of 29th
January, '44, as requested by Major Attayer, Chief Sub-Section No. 2
I & D.P.S.C.

For the Director.

[Signature: C. F. Fothergill]

C. F. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director

INCL: As above.

See 15/3 at 14/3
BU for discussion with C.A. 7.5 19/3. *At 18/3*

✓ See note at 15

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government SectionDSJ/DW/th
29 January 1944

MGS-321-12

SUBJECT : Displaced Persons Records Bureau, Italy

TO : HQ. Allied Control Commission
Attention Displaced Persons Sub-Commission

Further to our MGS: 321-12 of 25 and 27 January.

1. In view of the decision by the Commander-in-Chief A.C.M.F., as reported by P.W. Sub-Commission in their message A/516 of 28 January, whereby the Displaced Persons and P.W. Sub-Commission are to be amalgamated, and personnel of the P.W. Sub-Commission disposed of in accordance with the recommendations of the Director of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission; no further action will be taken by this Headquarters in regard to the provision of officers as mentioned in paragraph 3 of our memorandum of 27 January.

2. You will no doubt be informed by Mr. Farrington that the Delegate of the I.R.C.C. to North Africa expressed disagreement with the proposal as in paragraph 5(c) of our memorandum of 27 January, whereby all Displaced Persons were to be allotted serial numbers. In view of the opinion expressed by the said Delegate we have obtained the opinions of several representatives of the United Nations, and that of Mr. Malin of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees, all of whom stated that there were no objections to the system proposed.

s/ D.S. Jackling
D. S. JACKLING,
Lt. Colonel

*This memo is agreed to in para 5 (ix) of 1 and should be
noted as a separate item.*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

BY FAX AIR

11. March 1944.

Ref/72/14/CA.

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Communications, Records
and Enquiries.

TO : Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q.

Reference this H.Q. memorandum No. 72/11/CA of 6 Mar 44
and your Message No. 65857 of 15 Mar 44, a copy of IDP/75/350
of 12 Feb 44 is forwarded herewith.

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M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 Military Government Section

8 March 1944.

MGS-080-1

SUBJECT: IRCC Representative for attachment to the
 Displaced Persons Records Bureau, Italy.

TO : HQ Allied Control Commission -
 Attention MG and RG Section.

Further to our MGS-080-1 of 28 February.

1. We have been informed by G2(CI) AFHQ that there is no security objection to the employment of Dr. Maurice Thudichum as the IRCC representative with the Displaced Persons Records Bureau, Italy.

2. Dr. Thudichum is expected to leave Switzerland at the end of this month for Algiers, and after his arrival we will advise you of his ETA by air et Bari.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

D. G. Walker
 D. G. WALKER
 Major.

Copy to: Displaced Persons Sub-Commission,
 c/o HQ No: 2 District, CMP
 Forward Counter Intelligence, CMP
 G-2(CI) AFHQ
 Algerian Delegation,
 International Red Cross Committee,
 107 bis rue Michelet,
 Algiers.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. DIVISION
APO 39.

6 March 1944.

Ref: 72/11/CA

TO: Displaced Persons - Communications, Records and Enquiries.
FROM: Military Government Section, A.F.M.C.

1. Reference your WIS 321-12 of 25 and 27 January 1944, a copy of memorandum No. 102/75/350 of 12 February to this Headquarters from the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission is forwarded herewith.

2. Since the receipt of the memorandum from Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, paragraph 1 (a) thereof has been answered by your WIS 321-12 of 26 February 1944 and information concerning foreign mails and the extent to which the internal mail service can be used, has been given to Mr. Farrington (vide copy of memo. of 26 February 1944 - attached).

3. As regards the questions asked in paragraph 1 (b), the following replies can be given from this Headquarters:

(i) Yes - to the extent that this system cannot be replaced by the Italian postal services.

(ii) Yes

(iv) Yes - this has already been done.

(v) Yes - subject to the same reservation as for (ii) (ix - d & e). It is very doubtful whether this Headquarters will be able to provide military clerical staff.

The remaining questions are for you to answer.

4. The proposals contained in your memorandum WIS 321-12 of 27 January, as slightly modified in the memorandum from Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, forwarded herewith, are agreed to as a basis on which work should start - in fact work has already started. As soon as your covering approval has been received, the necessary directives will be sent out to Regional Commissions and the Army A.F.M.C.S.

M. R. BISH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to D.P. Sub-Commission
For information w.r.t. your 102/75/350 of 12 Feb. 44.

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FROM	OFFICER	TO
	Brig. M. S. Lush	
	Col. N. E. Fiske	
✓	Lt. Col. T. Farley Smith	
	Major Drifffield-White	
	Major Van Dusen	
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The first 4 pages of this file contain the outline of a scheme for communications & enquiries between Displaced Persons & the outside world.

2. At 2 is a memo. from D.P. Sub. Commission commenting on AFHA's scheme and at 5, is a memo. showing the extent to which the job can be lightened by use of the Italian mails.
3. I have discussed this at some length with Mr. Farrington and I submit a draft memo. to AFHA for your consideration.

(T.B.)
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
AFC 394

4 March 1944.

Ref/72/9/GA

SUBJECT: Record Bureau - Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III

Forwarded herewith are a number of British Red Cross enquiry forms. It is requested that these be forwarded to the addressee as quickly as possible and by a reliable agency. The person delivering the form should, if possible, obtain a written answer on the back of the form. Completed forms should be returned direct to the Record Bureau - Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, A.C.C., Berl. Conscription and onward forwarding will be dealt with by the Sub-Commission.

HOSKIN E. FINE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Incl
British Red Cross enquiry forms.

Copy to: Record Bureau - Displaced Persons
Sub-Commission (For information)

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AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Director.

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IDP/75/168.

28 February 1944.

SUBJECT :- Record Bureau - Displaced Persons Sub-CommissionTO :- Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission.
A.P.O. 394.Cover
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Herewith please find copies of this H.Q. letter No IDP/75/350 of 12 Feb 44. It is understood from Mr Farrington, British Red Cross, that the originals have not yet reached you. This is not understood as this letter was definitely despatched on 13th. Feb 44.

Robert G. Kingwood
ROBT. G. KINGWOOD.
Colonel F.A.
Director.

BY FAST AIR COURIER

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 ALGERIAN FORCES HEADQUARTERS
 Military Government Section

28 FEB 1944
 26 February 1944

HQS-080-1

SUBJECT: INOC representative for attachment to the Displaced Persons Records Bureau, Italy

TO : G-2 (CI), A.P.D.

Reference is made to our letters HQS 321-12 of 25, 27 and 29 January.

1. Information has been received through the Algerian Delegation of the INOC that the INOC Committee, Geneva, has nominated Dr. Maurice Thudichum to be their representative with the Displaced Persons Records Bureau, Italy. Dr. Thudichum is a Swiss citizen, born in Geneva on 25 February 1890, and, in addition, we have been supplied with the following personal particulars.

"Dr. THUDICHUM has a record of secondary Gymnasium or Lycee and University studies and he is a doctor of philosophy. After having taught at a private college, he was connected until 1940 with the League of Nations and the International Bureau. Since 1941, Dr. THUDICHUM is a member of the Direction Technique of the Central Agency for prisoners of war. He is particularly acquainted with technical questions regarding the problem of displaced families."

2. We have also been informed that since 1940 Dr. Thudichum has been in charge of that section of the INOC, Geneva, responsible for British Prisoners of War, and that he is considered to be a highly qualified member of the organization who has held a number of important posts.

3. It is requested that this Section may receive early advice as to whether you approve the appointment of Dr. Thudichum, in order that arrangements may be made to call him forward from Switzerland.

[Signature]
 A. T. MAXWELL,
 Colonel, Acting Chief,
 Military Government Section.

Copy to: H. Allied Control Commission - Attention HQ and HQ Section
 Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, c/o Hq. No. 2 District, C.S.F.

B.U. 3/3 *[initials]* noted

Notes

Mr. Pennington came to see me at various times between 25-27 Feb.

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(3) use of Italian Red + and other officials

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be a pretty good work-out and cannot be

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So I suggest that Mr. Farquhar look over the findings

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out, he will use things people mention to help him

in his work. The people in that area like

John, who have an old model airplane company

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telecommunications & Postal Sub-Commission

26 February, 1944

SUBJECT: Red Cross Messages

TO: Thomas Farrington, DRCB, Record Bureau Displaced Persons
Sub-Commission A.C.C.

Herewith the information which you desire concerning
Italian Postal Services at present in operation.

1. Internal Free circulation of postcards and letters
(not exceeding 40 grams) within and between the provinces of Bari,
Brindisi, Lecce, Taranto, Catanzaro, Cosenza, Matera, Potenza,
Reggio Calabria and Salerno; Sicily; Sardinia; the islands of Sardinia,
Lampedusa, Pantelleria, Linosa, Ustica and Agadi.

The postage rates for this service are:-
For local delivery For delivery out-
side place of posting

Postcards	150	300
Letters (for each 15 grams)	250	500

2. Foreign There is now a service for postcards and
letters (not exceeding 40 grams) from and to the areas mentioned in
para 1 and Allied and neutral countries not occupied or controll-
ed by the enemy.

The rates of postage are:-

Postcards	1.50 Lire
Letters up to 20gr.	2.50 "
Letters up to 40gr.	3.00 "

3. Naples City. There is a special local delivery
service at present operating in Naples City for which the rate
of postage is 900. It is hoped shortly to extend this service with-
in the Province and with those described in (1) and (2). And to
adjust the postage rates accordingly.

4. Pending formal instructions on the subject it is
agreed that official correspondence which you wish to send through
the channels described above may be transmitted free of postage

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provided that suitable distinctive envelopes franked with your
office stamp are used.

S.H. HEAD
Major
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commissions

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A.C.G. (R.O. & M.G. SECTION)

26 February 1944

To:

AFHQ for MGS from Record Bureau Displaced Persons Sub-Commission

Understand that ACG Postal have referred to you questions affecting Red Cross message service including point of appropriate charge. Parrington British Red Cross recently opened this service at charge of fifteen (15) lire or ninepence being exact equivalent of their rate for BNAF. Burchard International Red Cross delegate Naples agrees charge of fifteen (15) lire. If you approve please ask International Red Cross delegate Algiers to advise Kuhne International Red Cross delegate Palermo to adjust his charge immediately to fifteen (15) lire.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Hand. b. 12 FEB Recd 12 FEB
 INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 Office of the Director.
 13 FEB 1944
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12th February, 1944.

SUBJECT: Record Bureau, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

TO : Headquarters,
 Allied Control Commission,
 A.P.O. 324.

Is ATHQ Reference
 HQS 321-12 DCAJ/DW/jw dated
 25th and 27th January, 1944.

1. In compliance with par. 12 (HQS 321-12 DCAJ/DW/jw) dated 27 Jan. 44, the following is submitted:

2. The two memoranda of above dates and reference have not yet been received by this Sub-Commission, but as Mr. Farrington, who was ordered to report to me after first reporting to the British Red Cross Commissioner, brought with him copies from ATHQ, the following procedure has taken place.

3. General Sir Bertram Sergison Brooke, British Red Cross Commissioner, has given Mr. Farrington full approval to be attached to the Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission for the purpose of controlling the Record Bureau to be set up.

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f. Par. 5 memorandum of 27th January, 1944. Forms have been drawn out and we are awaiting the printer's proofs. (a), (b), (c) forms and cards have been modelled as suggested and after discussion with Mr. Mallin of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, and others, Mr. Parrington considers that the original proposal (c) should remain and that numbers be allotted accordingly. It is emphasized that care will be exercised in giving each displaced person his number from the psychological aspect. The I.R.C.C. Delegate opposed the numbering system on these grounds.

Par. 5 sub-par. (e). Already three clerks have been drawn from civilian sources, subject to the approval of the Security authorities, and others are likely to be installed.

g. Postal Tracing Section. It is considered that, at present, this section can be run in conjunction with the Records section. We have not yet been notified that the external foreign mail service, referred to in par. 7, is in operation. It is presumed that AFHQ will advise the departments concerned when this is so that all incoming mail for displaced persons shall pass through this section of the Sub-Commission, as referred to in par. 6.

h. General. At present it is understood that all enquiries come from AFHQ to ALG who pass it on to their officers in the respective district for tracing. ¹² When final approval is given by AFHQ - (reference par. 11, memorandum of 27th January, 1944), Mr. Parrington asks -

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- i. Will all enquiries be sent to the Record Bureau, D.P.S.C.?
- ii. Will the system of passing on and tracing enquiries now carried out by AMG officers in the various regions be available to the Record Bureau, who would pass on enquiries in the same way to these officers for local contact?
- iii. If so will all such personnel be advised accordingly and of the existence of the Record Bureau and,
- iv. May the Record Bureau have names of relevant AMG officers and the location of same?
- v. Can these officers be advised to handle the re-direction of the Standard Red Cross message forms for which the Record Bureau is to be responsible?
- vi. That all other sources from which enquiries are sent be advised that these should be sent through the Record Bureau?
- vii. Should enquiries be sent back, when answered, to AMHQ as at present or direct to the source enquiring? e.g. an enquiry from British Red Cross HQ, LONDON. Mr. Farrington asks that as much direct contact as possible be allowed in order to save time, which is the essential factor.
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- (d). Only if such were not available would official clerical help be asked. This can only be proved when it is seen how the scheme is working out.
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ROBT. G. KILPATRICK
Colonel F.A.
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section
DSJ/DW/eg

AGS 321-12

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Communications, Records and Enquiries.

TO: H.Q. Allied Control Commission.

Further to our AGS 321-12 of 25th January.

Introduction

1. Attached for your guidance at Appendix "A" is a chart showing the suggested organisation for the Displaced Persons Records Bureau, Italy. The notes which appear on the reverse are intended to amplify details shown on the chart.

Records Section

2. Advice has been obtained from GHQ 2nd Echelon (B), who have agreed to make available the services of an experienced Officer from their Records Branch to assist you in the establishment of the Records Section of the Bureau. This Officer will proceed to Italy with Mr. Parrington, and will be attached to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission for a period of two months.

3. Endeavours are also being made to obtain two Officers (one Major and one Captain) who are at present on the Strength of the PW/Sub-Commission. These Officers, who have had considerable experience of statistical records work in A.G. Casualties Branch of the War Office, will not in any case be available for one month. You will be informed of the decision in this matter.

4. Discussions with GHQ 2nd Echelon (B) have been on the basis of establishing a Records Section, and a Postal Tracing Section, capable of handling statistics and correspondence for an eventual maximum figure of 100,000 persons. The establishment suggested organisation for the Bureau should be capable of expansion, after being established initially for the control of the smaller number of persons whom you have at present to administer.

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5. We have been advised that :-

(a) It will be necessary to institute a system of periodical returns to the Bureau from all camps. It is suggested that these returns should include details of strengths and casualties, and that the system should be modelled on the procedure obtaining for the submission of returns from PW statistical returns.

(b) A standard proforma should be adopted in the registration and documentation of Displaced Persons. The proforma at present in use is unsuitable for records purposes and its use should be abolished. Another proforma on the lines of that employed for PW documentation should be devised in its stead.

(c) All Displaced Persons must be allotted a serial number. Serial numbers should bear a prefix to denote the nationality of the individual to which they are allotted.

(d) Records indexes should be compiled by nationalities, alphabetically, and with serial numbers, and must be maintained in both the Records and Postal Tracing Sections in order to permit the passage of information, necessary in the redirection of mail, to the Postal Tracing Section.

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(e) Clerical staff for the Records Section will necessarily be large. It is estimated that to maintain records for 100,000 displaced Persons some 100/120 clerks will be required, but that the Section could commence operation with a much smaller total. In this connection it should be noted that the qualifications required will be such that the great majority of vacancies, including individuals in charge of Sub-Sections, can be filled from civilian personnel of average intelligence, without the necessity for previous experience.

Postal Tracing Section

(6) It is intended that all incoming mail to Displaced Persons shall be channelled through this Section, and that all such persons should use one standard address, giving particulars of their names and serial numbers, in forwarding outgoing correspondence. By the adoption of this procedure delivery of mail will be expedited, and camps will be spared the labour of re-directing correspondence.

(7) The system cannot be taken into use until after the resumption of the external foreign mail service with Italy, and until the Section is itself in operation. Particulars of the address to be used will be made known internationally: the form suggested is -

Number Name
Displaced Persons Records Bureau,

Naples (or centre at which
the Bureau is located)

The Section will also be charged with the redirection of LRCC standard message forms.

8. In order to form the Section it is considered advisable that you should obtain an Officer with previous civil postal experience. Communications Section of your Headquarters now have two qualified Officers available.

9. We are advised that the clerical staff for this Section should not total more than ten persons, even when operating at full capacity in handling mail for the estimated maximum number of displaced Persons.

General

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Number Name
Displaced Persons Records Bureau,
Italy, which
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10 It is to be understood that no civilians, including Displaced Persons, are to be employed without the prior approval of the Security authorities. The question of salaries for employees should be decided in consultation with the appropriate sections of your Headquarters.

11. Your final plan for the operation of the Displaced Persons Records Bureau, Italy, should be referred to this Headquarters for approval, and we will also require to be informed of progress in the formation of the Bureau after sanction has been given to its establishment on the agreed plan.

(signed) D. S. JACKLING
Lt.-Colonel

Copy to

G-1 (A)
G-1 (B)
G-2

Civil Affairs

The Office of the British Resident Minister

British Red Cross

Mr. Thomas Parrington

Algeria Delegation, International Red Cross

OBSERVATIONS ON PROPOSED ORGANISATION CHART FOR DISPLACED
PERSONS RECORDS BUREAU, ITALY.

NOTE:-

1. (a) (i) Available subject to approval by British Red Cross Commissioner.
(ii) Should have right of direct access to Director, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
(c) Subject to approval by American Red Cross.
(c) Not yet nominated. Will advise and assist in matters arising out of communications and enquiries emanating from I.R.C.C.
(d) To be responsible for administration of all military personnel in the Bureau. Suggested that this Officer should have experience of work with the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, and be able to advise the Controller in this regard.
(e) Major or Captain with experience of statistics. To be filled initially by Officer obtained on loan from G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (B).
(f) Captain, as for Note (e).
(g) Each Sub-Section to be charge of a Warrant Officer, or of a civilian of comparable ability.
(h) Initially should be an officer (Lieutenant) with previous civilian postal experience, who could later be superseded by another without specialised knowledge.
(i) An officer not necessary.
(j) As for Note (g).
2. (a) Appointments as indicated in para 1 (d) and (e) should be held by Allied military personnel. That indicated in para 1 (h) should be held initially by an Allied Officer who could later be superseded as in subpara (b), below.
(b) Except as indicated in subpara (a) above, and in para 1 (a) (b), and (c), appointments may be filled from Displaced Persons or other civilians, subject to the necessary security screening.

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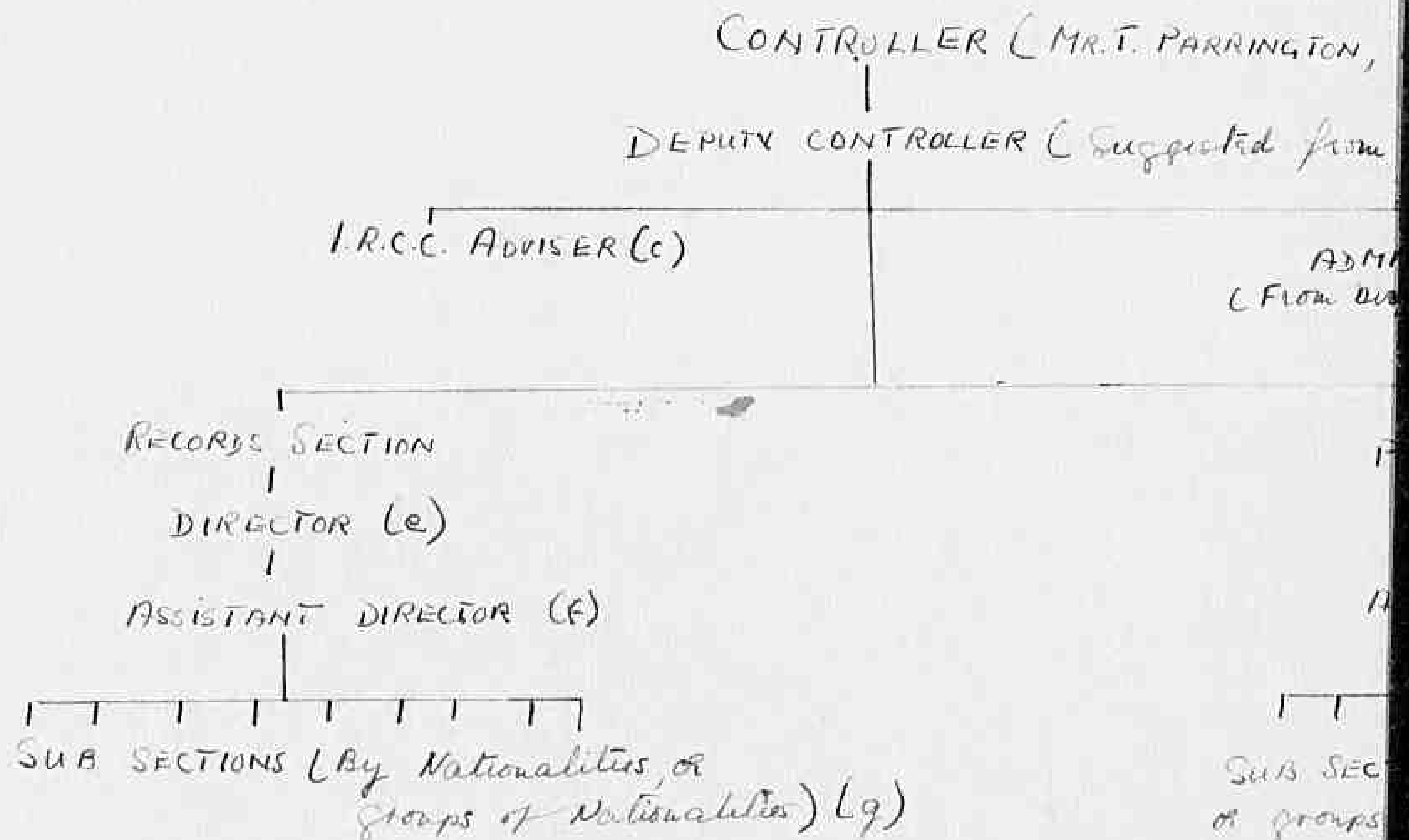
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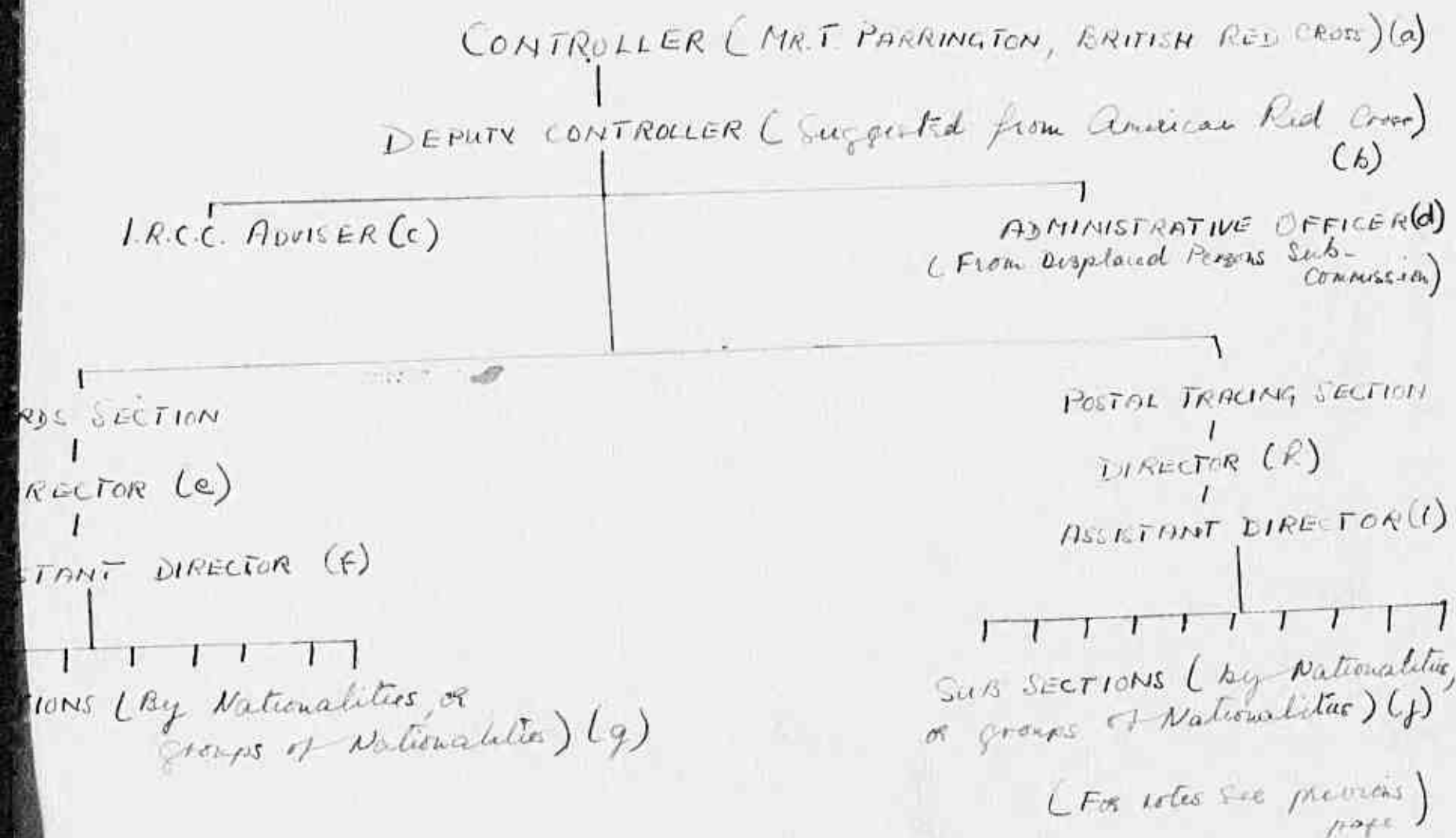
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PROPOSED ORGANISATION FOR "DISPLACED PERSONS RECORDS BUREAU, ITALY"
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Recd Bureau

Dir. P. Sub-Commission A.C.C.

~~Att. J.M.F.~~

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERBy fast air courier
DSJ/DW/jw

REF: 921 - 12

SUBJECT: Displaced persons - Communications, Records
and Enquiries.

TO: H.Q. Allied Control Commission

1. The need for an organisation which will control and handle communications with Displaced Persons, and also enquiries concerning their welfare and whereabouts, has been appreciated. Requests for the formulation of such a body have been received both in London and Washington, and the importance of establishing a system whereby communications and enquiries may be rapidly transmitted is emphasised by the fact that a procedure for their transmission has already been instituted in enemy occupied Italy. Furthermore, its operation will have an appreciable effect on morale both in Italy and overseas, and the benefits of an accurate and complete system of records which such an organisation would require will be of value at this time in the administration of these people, and in the future will be essential in arranging for their eventual repatriation or evacuation.

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3. It is therefore proposed that :-

- (a) There should be set up under the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission a Records Bureau, to be known as the "Displaced Persons Record Bureau, Italy".
- (b) The Bureau to be responsible for all records necessary to the administration of Displaced Persons, excluding Italians, and to be staffed as far as possible, subject to the requirements of security, by displaced persons in Allied hands.
- (c) All communications to Displaced persons, and all enquiries concerning them, to be channelled through the Bureau which will maintain details of addresses.

* 4. The I.R.R.C. has agreed to direct enquiries and communications received through their organisation concerning all nationals in Italy, other than Italians, to the Bureau, and also to provide certain assistance in its operation which will be made known later.

5. Mr. Parrington, who is now at this Headquarters, will be proceeding shortly to Naples for consultation with the British Red Cross Commissioner, and will then visit you at the earliest opportunity. Every endeavour should be made to put the plan into operation at an early date.

* 6. We are requesting Mr. Parrington, who also has experience of Foreign Relief and Liaison with foreign Red Cross organisations which may later be of value, to contact Mr. Giblin of the American Red Cross whilst in Naples. Mr. Parrington understands that the British Red Cross will permit him to remain in Italy for as long

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as may be necessary.

7. Further details, including a suggested organization for the Displaced Persons Records Bureau, Italy, will be forwarded shortly.

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