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JEWS, TRANSIT CAMP NO. 1
MAR. 1944

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MEMORANDUM

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From

TO :

Major Driffeld White any further
action please on 47.

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NO. 108

[Signature]

20 MAR 1944

DATES:

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FROM	OFFICER	TO
	Brig. M. S. Nash	☒
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	Lt. Col. G. W. I. Shipp	☒
☒	Major Duffield-White	☒
	Capt. Talbot	
	Capt. Peyton	
	Capt. Stowman	
	Lt. Petrillo	
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REMARKS

Initial HERE and VOLIC referred

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Does Sec. Comm. wish
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INTERNATIONAL AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Director
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10th March, 1944.

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SUBJECT: Complaint by Jews in Transit Camp No. 1.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

HEADQUARTERS
1944

1. Regarding the complaints made to you (and later repeated to me) by Major Aron as to the treatment of Jews at Transit Camp No. 1, I have had the matter investigated by the A.D.H. at my headquarters and the new C.C. and find as follows:

(a). Sanitary Conditions:- Mr. NAJMAN, representative of the Jewish Committee at Transit Camp No. 1 stated that he had no knowledge of such complaints and when questioned agreed that he and the committee were satisfied both with the state of affairs and the way the sanitary personnel of the Camp were working. His own group were the responsible party for the sanitation. When the faults in the sanitation on the day of the inspection were later pointed out, he stated they were not satisfied. When asked to show the A.D.H. the sanitary personnel working he stated that both "Papisco" and "Moreno", the sanitary orderlies were in BARI; as was also "Langraff", the man in charge. Papisco was later found to be in camp.

Each group is required to furnish their own sanitary orderlies to keep latrines and wash-stands clean. The inspection showed that the work was not well done. The new C.C. has been told to effect better supervision. Some improvement can be made by redistribution between available huts so as not to overtax facilities.

(b). Overcrowding:- In every hut occupied by Jews, empty bunks were found. Four or five people were found to be sleeping in space intended for two, but this was done by choice and not because of lack of bunks.

(c). Rations:- The Camp Commandant has a rule that all complaints about rations must be made at the time of issue. No complaint was so made on the days specified by Major Aron, Feb. 22 to 25 incl. The specific alleged shortages have been investigated in detail and found to be unavoidable - due to short issue to the camp as a whole - or unfounded. In a few items they were short issued because there was a surplus on hand in the cook-house. This is a regular practice for all groups and Army units. Items not available on the day of issue cannot be drawn subsequently.

(d). Bedding:- Where only one blanket was issued, the refugee had at least one in addition which he had brought with him.

(e). Miscellaneous:- As to the complaints that Jewish refugees were required to clean the latrines used by British soldiers, and that Jewish women were pushed around by soldiers, the leader of the Jewish group has made no complaint and can report no cases.

2. The Camp Commandant makes the very reasonable request that all complaints be made to him in the first instance; so that he can take corrective measures while the matter is current.

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4. It is believed that these complaints, like many others from the Jewish group, are the outgrowth of a general feeling of dissatisfaction with the conditions under which they find themselves as refugees; and of their inborn complex of being persecuted and discriminated against. We have handled over 1600 Yugo-Slav Partisans without complaint.

The personnel working with and for refugees have absolutely no motive for discrimination and every reason to deal impartially with all groups. I believe it is a grave injustice to my officers and men that they should be continually maligned by one relatively small group that is continually seeking selfish gains at the expense of other refugees.

Robert G. Kirkwood

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

Copy to: Major Aron.

O.C. Transit Camp No. 1. BARI.



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