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REFUGEES TO FRENCH NORTH AFRICA
JUNE, JULY 1944

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 759/25/CA

2nd July 44

SUBJECT: Accommodation and Maintenance of Refugees in French North Africa.

TO: Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section.

1. Reference is made to your G-5: 383.7-18 of 15th June, the contents of which has been discussed with the Deputy Director, Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

2. The following remarks refer to sections of para. 2 of your letter under reference:-

- (a) Copies of communications relative to the movement of refugees to, or the accommodation of, refugees in FNA Camp, will be addressed to or reported to HQ. North Africa District.
- (b) Accommodation for a maximum of 2000 persons in each SNF convey ex-Naples is possible and plans are being made on that basis.
- (c) Clothing for refugees in FNA. Arrangements are being made for clothing to be provided for refugees before they leave Italy, but this will necessarily be on a limited scale. It is suggested that provision should be made for repair work to clothing to be carried out in North Africa. Requirements will include needles, sewing cotton, thread, sewing machines, and cloth for patching. This arrangement has the additional advantage of providing an occupation for refugees as well as enabling them to keep respectably clad.
- (d) Screening of refugees will be carried out automatically at the Transit Camp, Bari. Any further screening that may be necessary will be carried out under special arrangements to be made at Aversa.
- (e) It is noted that chronic cases and the seriously ill should not be evacuated to French North Africa. A ruling is, however, required regarding T.B. Cases, many of whom would probably benefit from the climate in North Africa, and also cases of "healthy amputees", by which is meant those persons minus an arm or a leg who would require no hospital treatment, and who are, to a greater or lesser degree, self supporting.

3. Nominal rolls will be prepared and refugee group leaders appointed on exactly the same lines as has hitherto been carried out for parties to Mideast.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

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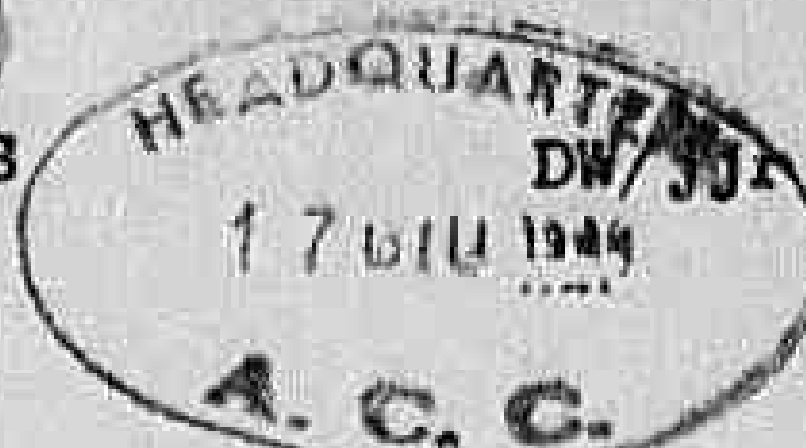
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G-5 Section
APO 394



G-5: 383.7-18

15 June 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation and Maintenance of Refugees
in French North Africa.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394 (Attn: RC and MG Section)

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9 June

Reference is made to the attached copies of Agenda
for, and Minutes of a Meeting held at AFHQ on 10 June
relative to the above project.

1. A copy of a paper on this subject submitted
by this Section to the Chief Administrative Officer on
5 June has already been forwarded to your Headquarters,
as has also a copy of our cable MAT 222 to the Combined
Chiefs of Staff in which plans for the accommodation
of refugees during the next 5 months are explained in
outline. The intention is that a camp for 10,000 and
hospital for 600 in the PHILIPPEVILLE area of French
North Africa (FNA) should be ready to receive refugees
by the end of July.

2. The following remarks refer to sections of
the attached Minutes of the Conference held on 10 July:

(a) Para 2.

It is requested that copies of all
communications addressed to this Headquarters
relative to the movement of refugees to, or the
accommodation of refugees in the FNA camp, and
not concerned solely with the administration of
these persons in Italy, may be addressed or re-
peated to HQ North Africa District (cable ad-
dress "NADIST").

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(b) Para 3.

Accommodation for a maximum of 2,000
persons is to be made available in each SNF
Convoy ex Naples, commencing probably at the
end of July.

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(c) Para 6.

Clothing for refugees in FNA will not be available from Army sources. It is intended that as soon as possible clothing shall be provided by UNRRA, or other civilian agencies, but until such time as this can be arranged it is requested that all necessary items should be supplied to refugees prior to evacuation from Italy.

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Small Reserve Clothing
Special arrangements
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(d) Para 8.

All refugees must be screened before leaving Italy.

(e) Para 10.

Until further notice permanent invalids, chronic cases, and the seriously ill should not be evacuated to FNA.

T.B's? Health
affects to N.A.

3. It may be that HQ North Africa District will wish to send a representative either to your Headquarters, or to Headquarters Displaced Persons Sub-Commission to discuss certain arrangements such as preparation of nominal rolls, appointment of refugee group leaders, etc. Information on this point will be given in due course.

Nominal Rolls
Group Leaders
as for M.O. East

D. G. Walker

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Major.

for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

Incls:
as above.

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HQ North Africa District - your
comments on para 3, above,
are invited.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section

8 JUN 1944

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TO : See Distribution below.

1. By direction of the Acting Chief Administrative Officer there will be a meeting in the Conference Room, St. Genevieve School, at 1430B on 10 June, to consider the policy to be adopted regarding the accommodation and maintenance of refugees in French North Africa (FNA), and to agree definitive proposals which are later to be submitted to the Political Committee for consideration on 13 June.

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AGENDA

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4. Accommodation Stores (less Medical)

(a) Approval is desired of the range, (less transport), and scale of provision of items listed at Appendix 'B' as a basis for planning, and that detailed lists and scales should be drawn up by FMA Refugee Control Headquarters, in conjunction with North Africa District, for approval of AFHQ.

(b) Are any items listed in Appendix 'B' in short supply.

(c) Suggestions as to the appropriate method of obtaining approval for, and supply of any other necessary items which may be required and which are not listed in Appendix 'B'.

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(d) Suggested that tentage and accommodation stores (winter scale) should be obtained for 20,000. (II(b)).

5. Supplies.

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(b) Suggested that supplies, including Ordnance, should be drawn on indent by North Africa District. (II(c)).

(c) Comments are invited as to the advisability of requesting the French authorities to supply petrol, oil, and lubricants. (II(c)).

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If not, should the French authorities be asked to provide personnel. (II(d)).

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(c) Requested that, should cookhouse staffs not be permanently available from military sources, necessary military personnel should be provided on a temporary basis and until such time as refugees have been satisfactorily trained to cook, and to operate cookhouses of first camp for 10,000 and hospital.

9. Medical

(a) In the event that UNRRA or other civilian assistance is

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delayed, both in personnel and/or stores, can medical assistance be provided from military sources and, if so, on what scale.

(b) Should permanent invalids, chronic cases, and the seriously ill arriving in Italy be received in FNA or remain in Italy.

(c) Recommended that minimum essential military personnel, both on temporary and permanent basis, and on a scale to be determined later, should be provided for hospital administrative staff. (Appendix 'D').

(d) Hospital. Suggested that all tentage and accommodation stores, as opposed to medical stores, should, if necessary, be provided from military sources, British or U.S.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

11 June 1944

Minutes of a Meeting held on 10 June 1944 to consider matters affecting the Accommodation and Maintenance of Refugees in French North Africa.

TO : See Distribution below.

Present.

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2. RESPONSIBILITY

The suggestion was put forward by G-3 that UNRRA should assume full responsibility at the outset. A/CAO and G-5 explained that it was uncertain when UNRRA assistance would be forthcoming and that to adopt this course would entail delay. NORTH AFRICA DISTRICT (NAD) expressed the wish that, if responsibility were vested in Headquarters NAD, full powers of control and command should be deputed by AFHQ.

It was agreed that Headquarters NAD should initially be responsible for the project with full powers of control and command. A/CAO directed that the question of final direction and control when UNRRA have assumed responsibility should be examined, and that NAD should later be advised on this point and on the relationship to be established with UNRRA.

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TRANSPORTATION

M & TN (Sea) stated that refugees could be disembarked at BONE. Disembarkation at PHILIPPEVILLE could not be arranged. In the future convoy sailings may become irregular, and it should not be assumed that the present schedule of sailings would continue indefinitely.

It was agreed that refugees should be disembarked at BONE.

4. ACCOMMODATION

(a) It was agreed that sites in the PHILIPPEVILLE area should be utilised.

(b) NAD informed the Meeting that accommodation for 18,000 could be prepared in 3 weeks.

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5. ACCOMMODATION STORES (LESS MEDICAL)

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A/CAO agreed all points in the paper submitted with the exception of the reference made to Tents, Marquee, Hospital, Double which would not be required.

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It was agreed that if possible G-1(B) should arrange for one officer and one interpreter to be included among the 250 Yugoslav military personnel, and that the question of payment of this detachment should be investigated.

(b) It was agreed that supplies, including Ordnance, should be obtained through normal channels.

(c) It was agreed that petrol, oil, and lubricants should also be obtained through normal channels, and that the French authorities should not be asked to arrange their provision.

(d) S & T stated that there was already in existence an AFHQ Ration Scale (No. 30) for refugees in Italy. This scale provided for modification for children, mothers, etc.

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It was agreed that (1) refugees in FNA should receive rations in accordance with AF Ration Scale No. 3C, modified as necessary. (ii) That Yugoslav military, if assigned to refugee camps, should receive normal military rations.

(e) G-5 pointed out that to make special arrangements for the bulk feeding of a relatively small group up to a maximum of 40,000 would be uneconomical. If food was supplied from military sources some arrangement might be made whereby G-5 could make repayment in Italy. S & T stated that, if the Army was to be responsible for provision of foodstuffs, at least 3 months notice was required of any future increase in numbers over 10,000. This is necessary to permit due notice to be given to the War Office.

It was agreed that (i) supply of foodstuffs should be a military responsibility until such time as UNRRA could make alternative arrangements; (ii) the question of whether food would be required from the Army for any number of refugees over 10,000 should be decided before 1 August.

7. TRANSPORT

(a) G-4 (B) considered that the provision of a full GT Platoon RASC was unnecessary, and that in any event provision of transport by the Army should not be a permanent commitment. (See Agenda, para 6(a) and (b)).

It was agreed that (i) NAD should be responsible for the temporary provision of all necessary transport, including ambulances, and that UNRRA should be required to effect alternative arrangements as soon as possible; (ii) that 25 drivers should be included among the 250 Yugoslav military personnel whom G-1 (B) were to endeavor to obtain.

(b) DMS recommended that 3 ambulances should be provided for camp of 10,000 and 600 bed hospital.

8. SECURITY

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It was agreed that it would be inadvisable to make use of guards from French or PW sources, and that guards, if required, should be found either from the detachment of 250 Yugoslav military personnel, or from refugees themselves.

7. TRANSPORT

(a) G-4 (B) considered that the provision of a full GT Platoon RASC was unnecessary, and that in any event provision of transport by the Army should not be a permanent commitment. (See agenda, para 6(a) and (b)).

It was agreed that (i) NAD should be responsible for the temporary provision of all necessary transport, including ambulances, and that UNRRA should be required to effect alternative arrangements as soon as possible; (ii) that 25 drivers should be included among the 250 Yugoslav military personnel whom G-1 (B) were to endeavor to obtain.

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(a) G-5 stated that it was the intention that all administrative and supervisory personnel should ultimately be found by UNRRA. A/CAO informed the Meeting that the Supreme Allied Commander had directed that the project should be established, and that a temporary military commitment must be accepted.

A/CAO directed that (i) suggested establishment as set out in Appendices 'C-1' and 'C-2' to the Agenda should be approved in principle; (ii) the first 3 personnel and CCS mentioned in Appendix 'C-2' should be found from British military sources; (iii) G-5 should prepare and coordinate a cable for despatch to the Combined Chiefs of Staff setting out requirements of UNRRA personnel in concrete form, and requesting that a nucleus, including an executive for organization, should be sent forward as soon as possible; (iv) NAD should examine the establishments suggested in Appendices 'C-1' and 'C-2' and

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should submit final details to AFHQ for approval of the War Establishments Committee. In formulating final details of establishments NAD should ensure the maximum use of Yugoslav military personnel.

10. MEDICAL

(a) Personnel. DMS stated that military medical personnel could only be provided from existing units. In reply to a suggestion that medical personnel should be provided by the Partisan Forces, the A/CAO pointed out that there were insufficient even for Partisan wounded. The possibility of obtaining French assistance was examined but was not considered practicable. NAD recommended that use should be made of medical personnel from among Italian PWs. The REPRESENTATIVES of the BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER and the BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE with the CFLN saw no objection to this practice provided that Italians worked under British supervision. The need for female nursing staffs was also discussed.

A/CAO directed that (i) Minimum British military personnel, including 6 female nurses, should be provided on a temporary basis pending arrival of UNHRA personnel; (ii) remainder of medical staffs should be provided from Italian PW or other local resources; (iii) hospital for 600 beds should be established; (iv) General VELEBIT should be informed of the reason underlying the necessity for temporary inclusion of Italian personnel on hospital staff. (Action G-5).

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It was agreed that until such time as the hospital in FWA was established, permanent invalids, chronic cases, and the seriously ill should not be evacuated to FWA.

A/CAO directed that NAD should prepare, in conjunction with the appropriate authorities, a temporary establishment of British military personnel for assignment to the hospital. This establishment is to be submitted to AFHQ for the approval of the War Establishments Committee.

A/CAO agreed that all financial arrangements should be studied separately.

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A/CJO directed that G-5 in informing the Combined Chiefs of Staff of requirements from UNRRA should indicate that the military commitment could not be contemplated after 1 October.

(c) The REPRESENTATIVE of the BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER suggested that experienced UNRRA/MERRA personnel might be obtained on loan from HIDEAST to assist in initial organization. G-5 indicated that such a request had already been put to HIDEAST but that it had been stated that intimation would be given later when personnel would be required.

A/CJO directed that G-5 should request HIDEAST to despatch the 2 UNRRA/MERRA personnel for whom application had been made as soon as possible by air.

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(d) MAD enquired as to method of administering justice to refugees.

It was agreed that this matter should be explored, and that the advice of UNRRA/NERA personnel as in (c), above, should be sought.

(e) The REPRESENTATIVE of the BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER enquired as to when it was desired that the proposal that refugees should be accommodated in PMA should be put to the French authorities, and whether it was desired that approach should be made to the French now, or at a later time.

A/CAO requested the REPRESENTATIVE of the BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER to ensure that the proposal was laid before the French authorities as soon as might be possible.

(f) The REPRESENTATIVE of the BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER suggested that both the Offices of the British Resident Minister and of the American Political Adviser should follow up all cables concerning UNRRA participation addressed by AFHQ to WASHINGTON through their own channels, and should endeavor to assist in the procurement of UNRRA assistance.

A/CAO expressed his thanks for this offer of aid and requested that such steps should be taken.

The above Minutes have been approved by the Acting Chief Administrative Officer who has directed that action should be taken as therein indicated.

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APPENDIX 'A'

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AGENDA

Para. 4. Accommodation Stores

(a) Agree to the proposed scale at Appendix 'B' with following exception:

Tents 160 lbs. Margin of 25% is far too liberal suggest at the most 5%.

Tents Store. Use of for such purposes as Dining, Canteens and Recreation cannot be agreed in view general shortage not only of Tents Store but all Tentage. Tents should be used for dual purposes.

(b) Following are in short supply:

Tents 160 lbs. We can raise 1,200 immediately and further 1,200 in 6 weeks' time (latter are undergoing repair). This gives a total of 2,400, our limit.

NOTE: We are hastening 1,000 EPIP Tents due from M.E.F.

Tents Store. Can do 25 immediately and additional 75 in 6 weeks' time (latter undergoing repair.) Total 100.

Tents Marquee, Hospital Double. Not available, can do store tents in lieu.

Paillasses. Not maintained. Will issue Alpha Mats in lieu.

Stoves Soyers. In short supply. Can issue additional Camp Kettles in lieu.

(c) Suggested Additional Essential Items per 10,000. All are available.

Basins ST 6" (Mugs are NA)	4,000
Lamps Hurricane	200
Latrine Screens Small	250
" Buckets	400
Blocks Chopping Small	10
Stretchers Ambulance	10
Scales Weighing IB 2½ cwt.	10
Bowls Mixing Pudding	100
Cans 3 galls.	200

Implements Butchers:

Cases Wood Filled	8
Pans Frying	700
Safes Meat	30

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Bowls Mixing Pudding	100
Cans 3 galls.	200

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(No cooking stoves are included. We cannot make any available.)

Suggest above items be included in the scale. If experience shows any additional stores essential, application for issue to be made through normal channels to Q(AE).

Not quite clear whether we shall have to accommodate 20,000 or 40,000 all at once. Above information is on assumption 40,000.

Four 600 Bedded Hospitals

We can do, b" and large, accommodation stores but NO tentage.

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Para. 11 (c) of letter of 5 June (Folio 1). - When we stated we could do tentage for 12,000, we worked on a scale of 10 to one 160 lb. tent plus a margin of 10%. We made no provision for Hospitals and a lavish scale of Dining, Recreation tents &c.

There will be no difficulty in providing tentage and accommodation stores for one DID and one Platoon GT Coy, R.A.S.C.

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To SOMITO

(W) For Information (INFO).

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Message Instructions

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ORIGINATOR'S No. F 59305

SECRET O Subject is evacuation / Yugo-Slav refugees
 16 ITALY O Refers one F41657 of 5TH MAY O
 PARA 1 Situation in respect of accommodation
 and maintenance refugees now improved O
 Greater part 3313 held ITALY on 3rd June
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 Expect evacuation to MIDEAST further
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must be sent IN CIPHER.

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15 JUN 1944

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TO:-- AGHAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF RPTD FOR INFO. BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF
RPTD UNITY, MIDREAST, ACC MAIN AND NADIST

FROM:-- AFTER SIGNED WILSON

REF. F 59229

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ROUTINE

JUNE 141607

CITE FICHE FHEAO

REURAL TAN 188 REFER OUR MAT 201 AND MAT 214 THIS IS MAT 222.

SUBJECT IS PARTICIPATION UNRA IN REFUGEE PROBLEMS FRENCH NORTH AFRICA - FNA -

FOLLOWING FACTORS CONDITION PRESENT SITUATION. PARA ONE. MIDREAST CANNOT

ACCEPT OVER 40,000, OF WHICH NOT MORE THAN 30,000 CAN BE ACCEPTED UNTIL UNRA

MEDICAL PERSONNEL RECEIVED (SEE MAT 203). MIDREAST HOLDING YUGOSLAV REFUGEES

26,901 ON 3 JUNE. PARA TWO. IN ITALY UP TO 10,000 CAN BE HELD ON TRANSIT

BASIS. EVACUATION GREATER PART 3,313 IN ITALY ON 3 JUNE WILL COMPLETE MIDREAST

PRESENT QUOTA OF 30,000 AND UNABLE FURTHER 10,000 TO BE BROUGHT INTO ITALY ON

TRANSIT BASIS. PARA THREE. WHEN UNRA MEDICAL PERSONNEL ARRIVE MIDREAST

ACCUMULATION IN ITALY UP TO TOTAL 10,000 CAN BE EVACUATED AND TRANSIT FACILITIES

REUTILIZED TO FULL EXTENT. PARA FOUR. INTENDED THAT BY TIME ITALIAN FACILITIES

UNDER PARA THREE EXHAUSTED, PROBABLY END JULY, CAMP IN FNA WILL BE OPEN WITH

INITIAL CAPACITY 10,000 AND 600 BED HOSPITAL, FOR LATER EXPANSION IF NEEDED

TO CAPACITY 40,000 WITH 1,200 BED HOSPITAL (SEE MAT 214). PARA FIVE. IT

WILL BE SEEN THEREFORE THAT PROBLEM IS ONE OF TIMING DEPENDENT UPON PROVISION

FROM YOUR END OF UNRA MEDICAL PERSONNEL FOR MIDREAST, AND OUR ABILITY OPEN FNA

CAMPS, WITH OR WITHOUT UNRA ASSISTANCE. ESTIMATE FROM NOW ON MAXIMUM 2,000

REFUGEES CAN BE ACCEPTED PER WEEK FOR 5 MONTHS (WEEKLY AVERAGE TO 3 JUNE 1,480)

PROVIDED (A) WITHIN 4 WEEKS UNRA MEDICAL PERSONNEL, (CITE MAT 203), ARE

PROVIDED FOR MIDREAST (B) WITHIN 8 WEEKS UNRA MEDICAL PERSONNEL, (AS IN PARA 6)

ARE PROVIDED FOR FNA. SHOULD UNRA ASSISTANCE NOT BE FORTHCOMING IN

ACCORDANCE THIS PROBLEM WILL BE HANDLED BY UNRA MEDICAL PERSONNEL UNDER COMBAT REGISTRATION FNA

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24/15 CONTINUED.

2 DISPENSARIES (C) FOR HOSPITAL DOCTORS - 10 (TO INCLUDE 2 SURGEONS, 1 ANAESTHETIST
1 Gynaecologist) NURSING STAFF, IN PROPORTIONS 1 MALE TO 2 FEMALES - 90.
ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL - 20. (D) FURTHERING DETAILS ARMED REQUIREMENTS IN MAT
201. PARA SEVEN. NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR PROJECT, INCLUDING HOSPITAL, BEING
PROVIDED BY ARMY. DETAILED EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO BE FURNISHED BY USRA WILL BE
NOTIFIED SEPARATELY TOGETHER WITH SUGGESTIONS RELATIVE DISPOSAL MILITARY PROPERTY
TO USRA. PARA EIGHT. POSITION TO BE REVIEWED IN 4 MONTHS WHEN IT MAY BE
NECESSARY THAT FNA PROJECT BE EXPANDED TO CAPACITY 40,000 AS ANTICIPATED MAT 201,
OR THAT SEPARATE CAMPS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN ITALY. PRESERVE USRA
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.O. Section
APO 394

Ref/75/309/GA.

15 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Accommodation and Maintenance of Refugees in FFA.

TO : C-5 Section, A.F.M.O.
(Attention : Lt. Col. Jackling)

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1. Reference letter 385.7-2 of 9 June 1944, para. 3, this is to confirm cable No. 6254 (copy attached) of even date agreeing to the visit of an officer of your staff to obtain information from the Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
 2. The Director of the Sub-Commission is being asked to give all possible facilities as requested.
 3. It is requested that the officer concerned be instructed to report to Executive Commissioner, HQ. A.C.C. (Naples) before proceeding to the Headquarters of the Sub-Commission.

WM/RAG.

Incl.
as above.

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for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Int. & Displaced Persons Sub-Comm.

any further action?
await reply to cable
at 308 18/6

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AGC MAIN (Civil Affairs Branch)

13 June 1944

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ATTN: RTD INFO KIRKPATRICK

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JUNE NINE NINE FOUR PARA THREE PD PARISH TO ADVISE FOR GEORGE FIVE REPEATED FOR
INFO KIRKPATRICK FROM AGC MAIN PARISH ADVISE YOU SEND OFFICER WHO SHOULD REPORT
AGC MAIN FIRST PD ADVISE MAIN AREA

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L. T. JENKINS, Jr.
1st Lt AGC
ADJUTANT

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TO: Executive Commissioner.

11 June 1944. 9

1. AFHQ G-5 have sent a copy of a paper on Accommodation and Maintenance of Refugees (ex-Yugoslavia) in French North Africa.

2. I do not think you need read it all. The salient points are :

a. There are accommodation sites, PHILIPPEVILLE area for 40,000 including buildings for hospital.

b. Accommodation BONE area, 10,000.

c. If SNF convoys cannot be diverted from ALGIERS Red Cross agencies will be asked to take on reception.

d. If SNF convoys can be diverted to BONE, that 10,000 accommodation will be used as transit camp.

3. In the covering letter (304) we are asked to agree to an officer of G-5 to discuss plans and obtain information.

4. If agreeing, do you wish the officer to report here first ?

5. I suggest that an officer of R.C. & M.G. Section should attend the proposed discussions in order to have first hand information of plans and proposals.

WDW/RAG.

W. Driffield White
W. DRIFFIELD WHITE.
Major.

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+ Yes please
5- 9 pages

W. Driffield White

B-75 10 JUN Recd C.A. Ben
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.7-2

9 June 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation and maintenance of refugees in FNA

TO : HQ, A.C.C. (Attention: R.C. and M.G. Section) *7*

Reference is made to the attached copy of a paper by this Section dated 5 June 1944, subject as above.

1. The Supreme Allied Commander has directed that planning shall proceed for the accommodation and maintenance of refugees in French North Africa (FNA). A request has been made for assistance by UNRRA and it is anticipated that help, both in the form of personnel and stores, will be forthcoming.

2. Concurrently with planning at this Headquarters you will no doubt wish to make preparations in Italy. In this connection attention is drawn to Appendix 'A', para 2 (b) of the attached paper. If, as is expected, it will be necessary for refugees to be disembarked at Algiers it will be essential that their numbers shall not exceed 2,000 per convoy. Were refugees beyond this total to be disembarked it would not be possible to entrain them on the day of disembarkation, and facilities will not permit the operation of a transit camp in the Algiers area.

3. We shall, if you agree, be sending an officer in the course of a few days to obtain such information from the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission as is available, which would be of assistance in planning the administration and supervision of the project. It will be a great help if the Sub-Commission could be asked to give the officer all possible facilities, including an opportunity to visit the Camp *1873* exactly how you have succeeded in tackling the problem at your end.

4. It should be noted that arrangements for the reception of refugees in FNA are unlikely to be completed before the end of July, and that until such time as these arrangements are made refugees arriving in Italy will have to be held in that country, less those who may be sent to Egypt so soon as UNRRA medical assistance is received in the east and the temporary restriction on evacuation from Italy to that area is lifted.

HEADQUARTERS
10 JUN 1944
A.C.C.

Cy to:-(with enclosure)
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission,
c/o HQ, No. 2 District, EMP
G-5 - Supplies
G-5 - Finance

8. S. Jackling
D. S. JACKLING, Lt. Col.
for CHARLES M. STOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Ass't Chief of Staff, G-5

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

CLS/DH/jw

5 June 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation and Maintenance of Refugees,

TO : Chief Administrative Officer.

I. Problem.

- (a) To arrange accommodation and maintenance of refugees ex Yugoslavia over and above the total of 40,000 agreed for acceptance by Mideast.
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(c) Accommodation Stores, Supplies, and Equipment.

Schedule of principal items required, less medical, attached at Appendix 'B' (Tab 'B').

Accommodation stores and blankets (summer scales) are available for 36,000 in FNA. Tentage for 12,000 only is immediately available.

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In addition to items enumerated in Appendix 'B' the following would also be required:

- One DID (complete)
- One Platoon CT Coy, RASC

Supplies, including Ordnance, would presumably be drawn from ALGIERS on indent. Arrangements might be made to obtain petrol, oil, and lubricants locally from French.

(d) Security.

Understood from G-2 that effective arrangements cannot be completed before 1 July for screening refugees prior to evacuation from Italy to FNA. No adequate facilities exist for security screening of large numbers in FNA.

After arrival screened refugees in FNA G-2 would not require camps to be guarded by military. It is probable, however, that the French authorities would require camps to be controlled in order to prevent movement of personnel to towns in search of employment. Alternative for French might be that all refugees should be registered with police, which considered unlikely to be acceptable. Possible that camps may have to be wired in and that some form of permission of absence by pass instituted. This would require gate picquets which French authorities might be willing to provide from military sources. If camps were not controlled opposition might be encountered from French on grounds that some refugees might become permanent commitment.

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No medical personnel or stores are available from British or U.S. military sources. Application has been made to Combined Chiefs of Staff for UNRRA for medical personnel. It is suggested that medical equipment and stores should be added to this request.

Disposal of the infirm and permanently unfit is to be decided. It is for consideration whether these should not remain in Italy.

III. Italy.

On operational and other grounds, it is not considered desirable at this time that large numbers of refugees should be accommodated on a permanent

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basis in Italy. It is considered, however, that the possibility of accommodating such persons in that country at a later time should be investigated.

IV. Mideast.

Difficulties in arranging the acceptance of further refugees in Mideast, above the total of 40,000 already agreed, are considered excessive. Considerable numbers from the Aegean and other territories being already accommodated in Egypt and elsewhere.

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- (b) That on this basis, if approved, North Africa District be required to plan to provide accommodation and other necessary facilities, and that minimum military personnel essential for this stage in the development of the project should be made available.
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- (d) That G-5 be charged with responsibility for co-ordination and overall supervision of the FNA project, and are authorised to set up an executive subsection to handle the matter.
- (e) That the possibility at a later date of accommodating refugees received in Italy within that country should be examined.
- (f) That the advisability of establishing near AFHQ a body whose general functions should include advice and overall supervision on all refugee problems arising within the Mediterranean Theatre should be explored by G-5, and that G-5 should be required to prepare a paper on this matter for submission to the Political Committee.

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APPENDIX 'A'

MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES

1. Sea

(a) SNF Convoys sail from NAPLES for ORAN and ALGIERS twice per month. Up to 7,000 refugees could be transported in each convoy. ACC have requested that numbers should be limited to a maximum of 5,000 on any one convoy, and estimate that the total of refugees likely to be evacuated is 4,000 per month as long as hostilities continue in Yugoslavia.

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i. If shipping were diverted to BONE or PHILIPPEVILLE it would be necessary to rail military personnel destined for Italy by returning ships to those ports, as time would not allow ships to be sailed to ALGIERS or ORAN after disembarking refugees.

ii. Small ships only can use PHILIPPEVILLE harbour. Understood that port facilities, particularly Naval, have been largely removed.

It is strongly recommended that refugees should be disembarked at PHILIPPEVILLE or BONE in that order of preference. If this should be impracticable it would be essential that ALGIERS and not ORAN should be the port of disembarkation. The use of ORAN would necessitate the operation of at least one staging camp between ORAN - PHILIPPEVILLE.

2. Rail (FNA)

(a) BONE - PHILIPPEVILLE

Direct line: 1 metre gauge. Duration of journey 5 hours. Capacity 250 persons per day, necessitating operation of transit camp at BONE for which accommodation site exists. Detraining station ST. CHARLES, about 12 miles from PHILIPPEVILLE, but movement from station to camps could be effected by road transport. Transit camp might eventually be required as permanent holding camp, and overheads in administrative personnel would not be heavy.

(b) ALGIERS - PHILIPPEVILLE

Entrainment could take place in dock area. Maximum capacity, 2,000 persons in one day, divided between two trains. Movements advise disembarkation of refugees could be arranged to permit direct entrainment, thus obviating need for transit camp. Duration of journey about 32 hours. Minimum of one night in trains. Water available at intermediate stops en route. Arrangements necessary for feeding during journey, and in view proportion of aged and very young among refugees considered advisable provide one hot meal. If personnel loaded 30 into each truck possible to provide one or two carriages for aged, very young, or infirm, and to in-

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APPENDIX 'B'

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SUGGESTED SCALES OF PRINCIPAL

ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT

ITEM (a)	NUMBER (b)	REMARKS (c)
<u>FOR REFUGEE CAMP TO ACCOMMODATE 10,000</u>		
Tents, 100 lbs.	1,250(i)	(i) Normal capacity 10 persons to each tent. In view advisability of re-taining families in groups, and to maintain small reserve 25% extra tentage added above this scale.
Tents, Store	25(ii)	(ii) For dining tents (100 to tent, 1,500 at each meal sitting) - 15. Stores and equipment - 4. Canteen and recreation - 4. Reserve - 2. Total - 25.
Tents, Hospital (Double)	1(iii)	(iii) MI Room.
Tents, Marquee	2(iv)	(iv) Camp HQ and Administrative Offices. To be supplemented as necessary from reserve of tents, 100 lbs.
Pallliasses	11,000	(v) Summer scale - 2 per person Winter scale - 4 " " Reserve - 400.
Groundsneets	11,000	(vi) Palestine pattern recommended, adapted for firing with oil and water.
Blankets	20,400(v) (40,400)(v)	(vii) Scale of minor fire-fighting equipment to be decided.
Bowls, Washing	2,000	
Stoves, Soyer	40(vi)	
Bowls, Hand	10	
Ladles, Cooks	25	
Knives, Cooks, 9"	10	
" " 6"	10	
" Opening Tins	30	
Spoons, Iron	10	
Tubs, Washing, Oval, 8 Gal	10	
Containers and insulators, 6 Gal	20	
Kettles, Camp	30	
Tables, 6'	400	

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Tents, 160 lbs.	1,250(i)	(i) Normal capacity 10 persons to each tent. In view advisability of re-taining families in groups, and to maintain small reserve 25% extra tentage added above this scale.
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" " 6"	10	
" Opening Tins	30	(vii) Scale of minor fire-fighting equipment to be decided.
Spoons, Iron	10	
Tubs, Washing, Oval, 8 Gal	10	
Containers and insulators, 6 Gal	20	
Kettles, Camp	30	
Tables, 6'	400	
Benches, 6'	850	
Hatchets, Food	66	
Shovels, GS	66	
Axes, Pick	66	
Plates	4,000	
Knives	4,000	
Forks	4,000	

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ITEM (a)	NUMBER (b)	REMARKS (c)
Spoons	4,000	
Pumps, Trailer, Fire, and A. purtenances	1(vii)	
Motorcycles	2	
Trucks, 2x15 cwt. GS	2	
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Tents, Store	3(ii)	(i) HQ being composed of military or civil administrative personnel, it is assumed these would supply their own full scales of personal equip- ment. Necessary cooking equip- ment, etc, would form but a small part of total requirements for camps and may be determined later.
Trucks, 2x15 cwt. GS	1	
Motorcycles	2	
Car, 6 str, 4x4	1	(ii) It is decided that a proportion of stores and equipment should be held in reserve by HQ.
TO BE HELD FOR USE ON TRAINS ALGIERS - PHILIPPEVILLE		
Groundsheets	2,000	(i) Figures based on 1,000 persons per train. Journey of approxi- mately 32 hrs.
Blankets	4,000(ii) (8,000)(ii)	(ii) Summer scale - 2 per person Winter " - 4 "
Petrol Cooker, No. 1	4	
Containers and Insulators, 6 Gal.	80	
Kettles, Camp	60	
Plates	2,000	
Knives	2,000	
Forks	2,000	
Spoons	2,000	

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Motorcycles	2	
Car, 6 str, 4x4	1	

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TO BE HELD FOR USE ON TRAINS ALGIERS - PHILIPPEVILLE

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Blankets	4,000(ii) (2,000)(ii)	(ii) Summer scale - 2 per person Winter " - 4 " "
Petrol Cooker, No. 1	4	
Containers and Insulators, 6 Gal.	80	
Kettles, Camp	80	
Plates	2,000	
Knives	2,000	
Forks	2,000	
Spoons	2,000	

NOTE:-

- Provision also to be made for miscellaneous items including typewriters, stationery, L/T communication equipment, lamps and lighting, tools for maintenance and construction in camp, etc., etc.
- If it is necessary to operate a transit camp at BONE, equipment should be supplied to above scales dependent upon capacity for which camp is established.

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APPENDIX 'C' - 1

SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF PERSONNEL FOR FMA

REFUGEE HEAD QUARTERS

FOR CONTROL OF REFUGEE CAMPS

PERSONNEL (a)	Number (b)	Civil or Military (c)	Remarks (d)
Controller	1	Either (i)	(i) One of these three appointments should be filled by an Army Officer. A Lieut. Colonel is recommended as Controller, Major as Assistant Controller, or Captain as Adjutant.
Assistant Controller	1	Either (i)	
Adjutant	1	Either (i)	
Quartermaster	1	Military (ii)	(ii) Lieutenant or Captain
NO II	1	Military	
Clerks	3	Military	
Reception	2	Civil (iii)	(iii) May be required for arrangements in connection with reception and disembarkation at Algiers or Bone.
Liaison, General duties, and control on trains	4	Civil (iv)	(iv) Considered that at least 2 administrative personnel will be required per train on Journey Algiers-Philippeville. (v) For medical personnel see Appendix 'D'
Totals:-			
Military	6	Military	
Civil	8	Civil	
Total for H	14		

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REMARKS (d)	Military (c)	(b)	(a)
(i) One of these three appointments should be filled by an Army Officer. A Lieut. Colonel is recommended as Controller, Major as Assistant Controller, or Captain as Adjutant.	Either (i) Either (i) Either (i)	1 1 1	Controller Assistant Controller Adjutant
(ii) Lieutenant or Captain	Military (ii)	1	Quartermaster
	Military	1	NO II
	Military	3	Clerks
(iii) May be required for arrangements in connection with reception and disembarkation at Algiers or Bone.	Civil (iii)	2	Reception
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(v) For medical personnel see Appendix 'D'			
Totals:-			
Military	Military	6	
Civil	Civil	8	
Total for H.		14	

See next sheet for suggested
Establishment for camp of 10,000.

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APPENDIX 'C' - 2

SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF PERSONNEL

FOR A FNA

REFUGEE CAMP TO ACCOMMODATE 10,000.

PERSONNEL (a)	NUMBER (b)	CIVIL OR MILITARY (c)	REMARKS (d)
Commandant	1	Either (i)	(i) One of these three appointments should be filled by an Army Officer. A Major is recommended as Commandant, with a Captain as Assistant Commandant or Adjutant.
Assistant Commandant	1	Either (i)	
Adjutant	1	Either (i)	
Registration and Welfare	2	Civil	(ii) Medical personnel not included. For details see Appendix 'D'.
Hygiene, First Aid, pre-natal, and infant welfare.	1	Civil	(iii) Army Catering Corps officer recommended.
Sanitation	1	Civil	(iv) Army Catering Corps.
General duties, including interpreters	2	Civil	
CQMS	1	Military	
Clerks	2	Military	
Caterer	1	Either (iii)	
MO II	1	Military (iv)	
Corporal Cooks	4	Military (iv)	
Totals:-			
Military	9 (or 10)	Military	
Civilian	8	Civilian	
Total for Camp	18		

Assistant Commandant	1	Either (i)	(i) One of these three appointments should be filled by an Army Officer. A Major is recommended as Commandant, with a Captain as Assistant Commandant or Adjutant.
Adjutant	1	Either (i)	
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Clerks	2	Military	
Caterer	1	Either (iii)	
W O II	1	Military (iv)	
Corporal Cooks	4	Military (iv)	
Totals:-			
Military	9 (or 10)	Military	
Civilian	8	Civilian	
Total for Camp	18		

NOTE:-

If it is necessary to operate a transit camp at BONE it is suggested that the staff should include all personnel as above, LESS the following - Assistant Commandant, one Registration and Welfare, one general duties, caterer, and two Corporal cooks.

It is recommended that the camp, if required, should initially be established for accommodation of 2,500 persons.

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APPENDIX 'D'

SUGGESTED MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL

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PERSONNEL (a)	Number (b)	Remarks (c)
FOR CAMP OF 10,000		
Medical Officers	2(ii)	(i) All personnel civilian, or from refugees.
Nurse	1	(ii) May be possible to dispense with one of these if suitable sanitary and hygiene personnel, not qualified as doctors, can be provided. (See Appendix 'C-2').
Dispenser	2	
-----	-----	
Total	5	
FOR 1,200 BED HOSPITAL		
Medical Officers	20(iii)	(i) All personnel civilian, or from refugees.
Nursing Staff	200(iv)	(ii) Planning should be on basis of 1,200 bed hospital (expanded beyond this size by tentage if necessary). At commencement 600 bed hospital should be established. Figures given in this Establishment are for 1,200 beds.
Administrative Personnel	50(v)	(iii) To include 2 Surgeons, 1 Anaesthetist, 1 Gynaecologist, and such other specialist personnel as can be made available.
-----	-----	(iv) Male and female.
-----	-----	(v) Clerks, cooks, storemen, general duties, etc.
Total	270	
Total for 4 camps of 10,000 and 1,200 bed hospital.	290	

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Medical Officers	1	
Nurse	2	
Dispenser	5	
----- Total		
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-----		(v) Clerks, cooks, storemen, general duties, etc. 1863
Total	270	
Total for 4 camps of 10,000 and 1,200 bed hospital.	290	

NOTE: 1. Scales of stores should be as for British 1,200 bed hospital, modified by the addition of special equipment for treatment of females.

2. Provision of ambulances for consideration.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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9 June 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation and maintenance of refugees in FNA

TO : HQ, A.C.C. (Attention: R.C. and M.G. Section)

Reference is made to the attached copy of a paper by this Section dated 5 June 1944, subject as above.

1. The Supreme Allied Commander has directed that planning shall proceed for the accommodation and maintenance of refugees in French North Africa (FNA). A request has been made for assistance by UNRRA and it is anticipated that help, both in the form of personnel and stores, will be forthcoming.

2. Concurrently with planning at this Headquarters you will no doubt wish to make preparations in Italy. In this connection attention is drawn to Appendix 'A', para 2 (b) of the attached paper. If, as is expected, it will be necessary for refugees to be disembarked at Algiers it will be essential that their numbers shall not exceed 2,000 per convoy. Were refugees beyond this total to be disembarked it would not be possible to entrain them on the day of disembarkation, and facilities will not permit the operation of a transit camp in the Algiers area.

3. We shall, if you agree, be sending an officer in the course of a few days to obtain such information from the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission as is available which would be of assistance in planning the administration and supervision of the project. It will be a great help if the Sub-Commission could be asked to give the officer all possible facilities, including an opportunity to visit the Camps to see exactly how you have succeeded in tackling the problem at your end.

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4. It should be noted that arrangements for the reception of refugees in FNA are unlikely to be completed before the end of July, and that until such time as these arrangements are made refugees arriving in Italy will have to be held in that country, less those who may be sent to Egypt so soon as UNRRA medical assistance is received in the East and the temporary restriction on evacuation from Italy to that area is lifted.

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