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ISSUE OF TRAVEL ORDERS TO TRAVELERS OUT OF ITALY
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The draft letter at 3A has been agreed to
with Transportation S/C (Major Sanderson)
subject to acceptance of the pencilled notes.

18 August, 1945.

Wm. C. Ballance Maj

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V.P. C.A. Section.

With your approval it is proposed to dispatch
the letter at 7 A.

27 Aug. 45

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Col - D.P.S.

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Transportation S/C.

7 A not dispatched in view of your letter of 6 A.
It is believed that it is better for you to press for
settlement of the question. However your attention
is invited to para 2, 3 and 6 of our proposed letter for
information.

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V.P. C.A. Section

Draft of proposed letter noted. A reply is
anticipated shortly from A2442 on this subject

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Maj

Transportation S/C

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6/9/45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 372

Tel : 678427

AC/14080/8/6/TM

26 August 45

SUBJECT : Civilian Travel Out of Italy - Orders

TO : 1-5, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 372

1. Prior to the issuance of APO 372.2/013 853-0 of 2 August 1945 which directed that Military Travel Authorizations are no longer required and that their issuance has ceased, Public Safety Sub-Commission had been assisting -2, AFHQ by preparing and screening applications for such Authorizations including, incidentally, applications for travel orders.

2. In spite of the cessation of issuance of Military Travel Authorizations, Public Safety Sub-Commission is flooded with applicants for travel orders to be issued against passports and visas. As a matter of fact since the withdrawal of the requirement for Travel Authorizations applications for travel orders have more than doubled and no agency exists to process them.

3. It has also developed that travel orders issued by Headquarters, Allied Commission against proper passports and visas for travel by air, which at present is substantially the only means of travel for overseas points, are not recognized as valid authorizations for air passage except in those cases which conform to United States War Department Regulations. This same condition undoubtedly prevails in any case in which the desired travel must be by military transport.

4. By letter AC/612A/55/Tn.3 of 20 August 1945, Transportation Sub-Commission has also presented this problem to you. It is noted that Sub-Commission proposes that civilian travel agencies be approved to receive and process applications for travel and then bid for shipping space to 1-4 (Nav & In.) AFHQ. This proposal is sound and could be

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workable if and when civilian transport is available, or, if and when restrictions on use of military transport are lifted to permit civilian travel for purposes other than in aid of the military.

5. From information accumulated by Public Safety Sub Commission and Transportation Sub-Commission it would seem that the solution to the problem can only be arrived at by arrangements between AFHQ and the various embassies, legations and consulates who are responsible for the issuance of passports and the granting of visas.

6. Public Safety Sub-Commission is not now accepting applications for travel orders from civilians inasmuch as no security or police interests are involved.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.F.D.
Director

JWC/pl

Copy to : D.I. & R. Sub-Commission
Liaison Branch.

Tel. 316

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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APO 394

Transportation Sub-Commission

AC/612A/55/Tn.3

20 August 1945

SUBJECT : Civilian Travel to destinations outside Italy.

TO : G-5 AFHQ (2)

1. Transportation Sub-Commission has received from Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission and Liaison Branch at this HQ. a number of applications for the movement of civilians to various destinations outside Italy. These applications to travel have been received after requests have first been agreed by G-2 at AFHQ. At present, applications total 150 persons for 25 different countries as attached summary.

2. The present method is for Transportation Sub-Commission to inform G-4 (Mov & Tn) of the number waiting to leave Italy with their respective destinations. When shipping is available for civilians, after meeting Military requirements, this HQ. is informed. The passengers are then called forward by Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission or Liaison Branch to the port of embarkation. The movement of civilians to embarking port is not possible until steamer accommodation is assured, owing to housing problems at Taranto or Naples.

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4. In view of the present staff situation, it is not possible for Transportation Sub-Commission to undertake the detailed arrangements for a large number of civilians, and as sailings become more frequent demands will certainly increase. One officer would have to devote most of his day to these requests and to the numerous callers that are bound to make their appearance. This officer's functions would be more or less those of a travel agent for civilians, whose movement is of little importance to this HQ.

Approved

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5. It is therefore requested that consideration be given to the approval of some civilian organization(s), such as Cocks or American Express, receiving requests from civilians once they have papers in order for travel. Bids would then be made for shipping space by the Travel Agency or Agencies on G-4 (Mov & In) AFHQ. When space is allocated, passengers would be called forward to port as instructed by G-4 (Mov & In). This method has been followed in Middle East with, it is understood, complete success.

6. If this proposal is agreed, please inform this HQ. If you will approach the firm(s) chosen to complete details, or whether the matter should be taken in hand by this HQ. Any agreement would have to include some form of remuneration which they might well recover from the passenger and the adoption of a special travel order in lieu of the existing military travel order.

7. When shipping is impossible and air travel is authorized, similar arrangements could doubtless apply.

8. It is requested we be given early advice of your views on this proposal, in order that this civilian travel to destinations outside Italy may be put on a workable basis as early as possible.

For the Chief Commissioner

Frank Upman, Jr.
FRANK UPMAN, JR.
Director

Copy to : G-4 (Mov & In) AFHQ
Civil Affairs Section
Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Comm.
Liaison Branch
Public Safety Sub-Comm.
File 761/Tn.1

SUMMARY OF CIVILIANS AWAITING EMBARKATION

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DESTINATIONNO. OF PERSONS

U.K.	56
Spain	5
U.S.A.	5
Tripoli	2
Aden	1
Somalia	13
Canada	3
S. Africa	6
India	1
New Zealand,	2
Ethiopia	2
Egypt	11
Eritrea	3
Mexico	15
Columbia	4
Sweden	3
France	9
Sierre Leone	1
Malta	2
Trinidad	1
Greece	1
Cuba	1
Portorico	1
Chile	1
Peru	3

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel : 478800

22 August 45

AC/14080/8/6/PS

SUBJECT : Issue of Travel Orders.

TO : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Reference attached correspondence relating to the issue of travel orders.
2. The draft letter at 3A prepared by Transportation Sub-Commission and agreed to by this Sub-Commission has not yet been dispatched.
3. A new development has arisen in connection with questions relating to travel.
4. APO have refused to provide air transportation in the case of two civilians to whom travel orders have been issued by this Headquarters under AFHQ authority.
5. Travel had been authorized in their case on compassionate grounds and for business reasons.
6. It appears that civilians who apply to APO for air transportation are obliged to obtain a "priority" certificate from the American Consulate.
7. These certificates are withheld unless the travel falls within the categories of travel permitted under War Dept. Circular 454, dated 28 November, 1944. Travel for private purposes is not permitted.
8. This procedure is followed because the War Dept. operates the only air services from Rome to ~~Ed~~ ⁶³⁰ and England.
9. As a temporary measure applications for authority to issue travel orders will not be submitted to AFHQ until the matter has been cleared with the American Consul.

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10. The action taken by this Headquarters and AFHQ is now really superfluous.

11. There is no question of security involved in connection with the issue of travel orders, and the issue of orders alone should be no concern of this office.

12. The volume of work which they create at the moment practically absorbs the whole time of two officers, with a consequent loss of time to the matters which are of real concern to this Sub Commission.

13. It is suggested that the time has arrived when an office other than Public Safety should be detailed to deal with these matters.

W. C. Ballance

W. C. BALLANCE Major

WCB/G

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Col. Huxley
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Transportation has now
 passed the attached draft
 letter at 3A to PS. for
 comment.

It would seem that one
 letter should be sent to
 RFID. by the S.C.
 Embassy, the points
 raised in minute 91.

W.C. Galland may
 be requested.

R.P.E.O.

Any Comments on
 draft ME

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W.C. Galland

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Tele : Ext. 318

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August 1945

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For the Chief Commissioner

FRANK UPMAN
Director

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Civil Affairs Section
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File 761/Tn.1.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Registration and Licensing
APO 394

Tel : 473800

AC/14080/8/6/PS

7 August 1945

SUBJECT : Issue of Travel Orders
to Civilians proceeding abroad.

TO : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. It has been the practice for Public Safety S/C to deal with all applications for military travel authorizations not dealt with by Liaison Division (Diplomatic Officials) and Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission (Repatriates).
2. Military travel authorizations are no longer required for travel from Italy and their issue has ceased.
3. Civilians travelling from Italy to places abroad will in future be controlled by means of the passport and visa system.
4. However, the means of transportation to places abroad, notably to England, USA, Africa, etc. is still largely controlled by the Allied Forces.
5. Military travel orders are required by persons using military transportation, and hitherto applications for authority to issue travel orders have been made to AFHQ at the same time as the applications for military travel authorizations.
6. Now that MTA's are not required, as a matter of expediency, Public Safety deals with all questions relating to the issue of travel orders in those cases in which it would have dealt with them had M.T.A.s been required.

7. Questions of security are not involved in the case of the issue of travel orders and it would seem that some office other than Public Safety should deal with the issue of travel orders. Transportation S/C is suggested until the question is finally settled.

8. The volume of work in connection with persons wishing to travel to places abroad is likely to increase considerably and it is apparent that a specialised staff will be needed to deal with it.

9. It will be noted that Travel Orders issued to civilians for private travel are in the same form as those issued to military personnel on duty.

10. It seems to this section that:-

- (a) as a temporary measure, Transportation Sub-Commission should deal with all cases of travel which only involve the issue of travel orders.
- (b) authorized travel agencies should be invited to establish a system for dealing with applications for travel.
- (c) an office should be established at this Headquarters for accepting applications for travel from the agencies referred to in preceding sub-paragraph, and obtaining the necessary authority to issue the required orders/vouchers.
- (d) special travel vouchers should be devised and issued to civilians travelling for private purposes instead of military travel orders.

Wm. C. Ballance

Wm. C. BALLANCE, Major.

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AG 371.2/013 GEG-O

2 August 1945

SUBJECT: Military Travel Authorizations

TO: All Concerned

1. The instructions contained in letter this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 14 May 1945, as amended, are rescinded.

2. Military Travel Authorizations are no longer required for travel from Italy, and their issue has ceased.

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