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REPATRIATION OF NATIONALS (BELGIANS)
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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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15th July, 1944

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Nationals (Belgians)

TO : Consulat General de Belgique en Italie.
18 Via Giuseppe Verdi, Naples. 18

1. Reference your letter dated 10th June, 1944 concerning repatriation of Belgian nationals for military service.
2. Military Travel Authorizations would be required in the case of all such Belgian subjects travelling to Algiers. Applications should be forwarded by you to this office giving the following particulars of the applicant.

- (a) Name
- (b) Occupation
- (c) Residence
- (d) Nature of identity documents held.

The letter should also state:

- (e) Intended destination.
- (f) Reasons for proposed journey.
- (g) Date of journey.
- (h) Degree of urgency.
- (i) Recommendation.

3. On receipt of an application, arrangements will be made for the person concerned to be interviewed by a Civil Affairs officer, and the necessary procedure complied with. To avoid delay, applicants should be advised to obtain 6 passport size photographs: 3 full face, 3 profile.

4. If particulars are forwarded in the case of Samuel BERLIN and Victor FORCHERIE steps will be taken to issue Military Travel Authorizations.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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



Ref/328/26/CA

5 July 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of National (Belgians.)

TO : Public Safety Sub-Comm.

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The enclosed letter from Consular General de Belgique en Italie dated 30 June 44 with relative attachments is forwarded for your attention.

Norman E. Fiske

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:

Consulat General de Belgique en Italie,
18 Via Giuseppe Verdi, Naples. (Your letter of 30 June refers.)

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Consulat Général de Belgique
en Italie.

June 30.1944.
18 Via Giuseppe Verdi.
Naples. Tel:51.181.

Sir,

Some time ago you very kindly offered to try to help me to send some of my nationals to the Belgian Army if I had any difficulty to do so. Up to now I have been unable to find a suitable procedure, and would be most grateful if you could do something in favour of my nationals.

I have tried to sum up the matter in the enclosed pro-memoria and hope it will give you a clear view of the situation.

I am, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

J. Carlier

Georges Carlier,
Consul General.

Brigadier LUSH,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
Naples.

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Pro Memoria.

Belgian nationals aged 18 to 44 have been called to the colours by the Belgian Government and since 1940 joined their units, either in Great Britain, or in Belgian Congo. Those of my compatriots residing in Italy, and of military age, wish to answer the call of their country, and would like to join their units in time to see active service.

The amount of formalities, presently required, and the fact that their position has not been foreseen, make it rather difficult and long. Apparently a formal authorization from London is required before I find myself in a position to apply for travelling orders, not only to United Kingdom, but equally to Algiers.

In the meantime I have great difficulties in feeding, clothing, and lodging the men who have sometimes left their homes to place themselves earlier at the disposal of the Belgian Representative. Practically all offices refer me to ex-internees camp, or ex-prisoners of war camps, where I have no reasons, or wishes to see my compatriots staying for an unknown period. Their status is neither that of an ex-prisoner, neither that of a "Displaced Person".

I would like, and have instructions, to forward my nationals of military age to the Belgian recruiting base of Algiers. This unit works in close contact, and under the control of British military authorities and equip, cloth, feed and screen Belgian subjects before their embarkation to United Kingdom. It equally performs all necessary administrative formalities prior to their embarkation, and applies for the permits, visas and other required passes. Belgian recruits are screened, in Algiers, and at their arrival in Great Britain, and security would not be endangered should my nationals be allowed to proceed from Italy to Algiers, without individual authorization from London.

The number of cases would be very limited, the Belgian colony in Italy being a small one, and I shall take care to present only Belgians of reliable character.

Would it be possible for A.C.C. to issue the necessary travelling orders in favour of Belgian nationals proceeding to the Belgian Depot of Algiers. If necessary it would be easy to provide an escort at their arrival in any port of North Africa.

At this moment two cases need solution. Those of:
Samuel BERLIN, born in Antwerp, 13.7.1925
Victor POSSCHELLE, born in Brussels, 11.2.1920

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