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SUBJECT : Minutes of Meeting of Repatriation Committee.

TO : CDPX,
G-5 Division, USFET.

Reference the above mentioned Minutes of Meetings.

1. Only one copy of "Minutes of Meeting of Repatriation Committee held Thursday, 30 August 1945" has been received by this HEADQUARTERS.

2. It would be appreciated if you would ensure that in future 4 copies are sent to this H.Q., as shown on the distribution.

For the Director:

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Lt. Colonel,
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Monday, 10 September 1945 at 1130 hrs in G-4 Conference Room.

PRESENT: In the Chair: Major GRANTHAM

G-4 (Mov Sec)	ER Mov Member (att G-4)	G-4 (Ops)
Major de HAAS	Major FORD	Major LEWIS

G-1 (German Affairs)

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

Signal had also been received from MILPAL to the effect that they are unable to forecast what proportion of the total number will be available for the various zones in Germany for October, November and December. G-5 stated Jewish Agency for Palestine have been asked to arrange quotas.

1037. MOVEMENT OF POLES

It was stated AFHQ had sent signal to Troopers regarding the movement of Polish Armed Forces in Italy. Chairman stated this was a matter for decision on a high level.

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1058. MOVEMENT OF 1,000 GERMANS FROM USA (Ref Min 1018)

It was stated that signal had been received from EKFCR requesting dates of arrival of 1,000 German deportees in Bremen. Sailing dates are not yet known, but G-4 stated British Zone will be informed in due course.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

1059. MOVEMENT OF GREEKS

Signal had been received from AFHQ stating they can accept 800 Greeks in BARI and a further 500 by 23 September. 3rd Army have been informed of this. Chairman stated this has been arranged in order to supplement airlift from MUNICH which is stopped temporarily.

1040. MOVEMENT OF RUSSIAN HELD ITA LABS

Signal had been received from AFHQ requesting when move of Russian held Italians would commence from RCF and it was agreed that G-5 take necessary action on this.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Friday, 31 August 1945 at 1130 hrs
in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Major GRANTHAM

G-5 (DP)	G-1 (German Affairs)	G-4 (Mov Sec)
Major LEFLVRE	Major HARTMAN	Captain KILPATRICK
Mr. COPE		

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It was stated that movement of these 500 Germans would be fully discussed at Conference on 7 September.

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cc: DISPEK (2)

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ACTION: G-4 (Ops)
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held Thursday, 6 September 1945 at 1130 hrs in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt. Colonel CARROLL

G-5 (DP)	G-1 (German Affairs)	G-4 (Mov Sec)
Major WHEELER Major LEFEVRE Mr. COPE	Major BARTLEY	Major de HAAS Captain KILPATRICK

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)
coordinated G-1 (German affairs.
G-5 (DP)

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Major FORD	Lt. GARNETT	Major LOMAN

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

1016. MOVEMENT OF RUMANIANS AND HUNGARIANS IN NORWAY (Ref Min 1009)

Chairman stated BAOR had been approached and they have agreed to house these people in the British Zone pending repatriation. Signal is being sent to Norway asking them to signal BAOR direct as to ETA at port.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

1017. SHORTAGE OF ROLLING STOCK IN BRITISH ZONE (Ref Min 1011)

Shortage of rolling stock in British Zone still being checked by G-4.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

With reference to German ex-Wehrmacht personnel coming from Norway to BINGEN, G-1 has been unable to contact Bremen during the past 24 hours. G-1 will attempt to get through today and report to Committee.

ACTION: G-1 (German Affairs)

1018. MOVEMENT OF 1,000 GERMANS FROM USA (Ref Min 1013)

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BR Mov Member (att G-4)	US Political Officer	7th Army Representative
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1020. US AND BRITISH CITIZENS IN GERMANY

In view of the increasing number of requests from Army Groups as to disposition of people claiming US or British citizenship, Chairman invited US Political Officer to attend meeting. Chairman remarked that these requests were becoming more numerous and that only last night he received telephone call from 3rd Army asking disposition of 50 persons claiming American citizenship. Lt. GANNETT informed Chairman that a directive had been sent out within the past two weeks giving information as to what these people were to be told with reference to their status until citizenship claim can be reviewed. Lt. GANNETT will supply

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Chairman with copy of this directive. Lt. GANNETT informed Committee that consular offices will soon be open in MANNHEIM, STUTTGART, BREMEN and BERLIN. It is expected that the consular office in FRANKFURT will be opened this month. Lt. GANNETT will also check on reported arrangements whereby South Americans are provided free transport back to South America by the U.S. authorities.

ACTION: US Pol Officer.

1021. 10 ITALIAN GENERALS IN BERLIN

If Fortresses are obtained for the Greek air lift (ref min 1015), G-4 stated that it may be possible to lift the 10 Italian Generals in Berlin to Italy. Matter to be held in abeyance until decision on Greek air lift question is made.

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Tuesday, 4 September 1945 at 1130
hrs in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt. Colonel CARROLL

G-5 (DP)

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Lt. HAMSTEIN
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G-1 (German Affairs)

Major HART AM

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1007. MOVEMENT OF 5,000 SICK GERMANS

It was stated that message had been received from ACTAF asking if 5,000 German medical ambulatory patients who do not require further hospital treatment, could be accepted at the ports of LE HAVRE and MARSEILLES. Action was passed to G-1.

ACTION: G-1 (German Affairs)

1008. MOVEMENT OF POLES

Chairman stated that reconnaissance party had returned from Poland where it had gone to discuss evacuation of Poles from US and adjacent areas and it

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had been ascertained that trucking was not feasible, mainly because autobahns are not completely in action and detours must be made. A tentative arrangement has been reached with Russians and Poles to repatriate Poles by rail from HOF, CHEMNITZ, DRESDEN to a point in Poland where they will be accepted in three camps at rate of 6,000 per day. Further, from PILSEN and LINZ, it has also been agreed to repatriate them via PRAGUE to a point on Polish border where they will also be accepted in three camps at rate of 6,000 per day. Russians will furnish locomotives on the HOF route, US to furnish rolling stock and Czechs will furnish locomotives on the Czech route and US will furnish rolling stock. This plan has been submitted to Berlin and Warsaw and when confirmation is received, this movement can commence. G-5 are taking necessary steps to find out from various areas how many Poles wish to be repatriated. It was stated message had been sent from AFHQ to USFA requesting that USFA make arrangements with the Russian authorities for the repatriation of Poles through Austria and suggested a meeting in Vienna on 13 September to be attended by AFHQ, Russians, USFA and a nominee of Warsaw Government.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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ACTION: G-5 (DF)

As regards possibility of UNRRA shipping, it was stated that BAOR could use sea lift along Baltic for Pols and it was requested that G-4 expedite reply from UNRRA London.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

Major FORD stated there were 5000-6000 ex-Wehrmacht Czechs whom it is wished to move to Czechoslovakia and it was stated that this was a question to be taken up with Czech Liaison Officers who would do the necessary screening.

It was stated there were also some German ex-Wehrmacht personnel coming from NORWAY to BREMEN. It was requested that guard commander be issued with instructions to enable him to proceed to BREMERHEIM and it was agreed that G-1 take this up Bremen Port Command.

ACTION: G-1 (German Affairs

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As regard train bids, it had been noticed that bid had been made for two trains from British Zone to French Zone although there was no movement. Chairman stated this bid had been made in anticipation of movement of German refugees. On the Italian move, EUCOM wish three extra ambulance trains after 15 September, but G-4 stated this would have to be made in next allocation which commenced on 15 September.

1012. GERMAN REFUGEES (Ref Min 985)

Chairman stated meeting was being held on 7 September to work out formally who is going to handle this question after dissolution of CCFM. The question of diplomats as well as refugees will be discussed and it is possible that this will be handled in Berlin.

1013. MOVEMENT OF 1,000 GERMANS FROM USA

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ACTION: G-1 (German Affairs)

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Saturday, 1 September 1945 at 1130
hrs in G-4 Conference Room

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PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt. Col. CARROLL

G-5 (DP)	G-1 (German Affairs)	G-4 (Mov Sec)
Major WHEELER	Major HARTMAN	Captain KILPATRICK
Major LEFEVRE		
Mr. COPE		
G-4 (C. s Branch)	AFHQ Movements Berne	
Major LEWIS	Captain HEYTLMANN	

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov.Sec)

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ACTION G-1 (German Affairs)

1000. REPORT ON MOVEMENTS FROM AND THROUGH SWITZERLAND

Captain REVILLON stated there were 7,000 Germans in Switzerland and it was suggested that Swiss be asked for lists by districts and this question would be discussed at conference on 7 September. All Displaced Persons apart from Poles have been moved from Switzerland. The last train of Russians left on 30 August, mostly sick people. Movement of Poles is being discussed at present. It was estimated that movement of Italians through BREGENZ would be completed by 15 September. Two trains per week are still operating through

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...SSL. Captain BLYTHMANN requested that more notice be given for movement of Jews from Switzerland as they had been unable to complete visas etc. As regards rations for Poles, it was suggested that Swiss provide 7 days rations.

1001. UNAUTHORISED MOVEMENT

It had been reported that Poles at Danzig had sent train of German refugees into 21 Army Group area.

1002. INDIVIDUAL MOVEMENTS (Ref Min 982)

Captain BLYTHMANN stated ferries were leaving Switzerland with Red Cross parcels and it was suggested that Swiss family, at present in Darmstadt, be returned to Switzerland by them. The question of Swiss being returned on hospital trains was raised and G-5 agreed to look into this.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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1002. INDIVIDUAL [illegible]

Captain [illegible] stated ferries were leaving Switzerland with Red Cross parcels and it was suggested that Swiss family, at present in Darmstadt, be returned to Switzerland by them. The question of Swiss being returned on hospital trains was raised and G-5 agreed to look into this.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Thursday, 23 August 1945, at 1130 hours
in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt. Colonel CARROLL

G-5 (DP)
Major WHEELER
Major LEFEVRE (Fr. Rep)
Mr. COPE

G-4 (Ops Branch)
Major LEWIS

G-4 (Mov Sec)
Major DE HAAS
Captain KILPATRICK

BR Mov Member (att G-4)
Major FORD

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928. AIR LIFT FOR SPANIARDS

G-3 (Air Ops) representative read cable received from USFET Mission (Belgium) requesting air transportation for 85 and 100 Spanish displaced persons from Brussels to Lisbon also what the cost would be to the Spanish Government. ATC was approached as they have air route from Brussels to Lisbon. ATC replied stating insufficient space available on present schedule of one flight weekly. French Government will not allow them to travel through France and there is no water transportation available. G-5 will handle further.

ACTION: G-5

929. AIR LIFT GREEKS (Ref Min 917)

Signal received from CG U. S. Air Forces in Europe requesting that consideration be given to change the point of embarkation from Munich to Metz in view of the very bad weather prevailing in the Munich area. If approval granted, this change would be effective 31 August. French have already agreed to accept these people at Metz. G-4 will take action on cable.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

930. ITALIAN GENERALS IN BERLIN (Ref Min 920)

Major Hartman (G-1 (German Affairs)) has nominal roll. Berlin District informs that these people are considered by the Russians to be PWs and that USFET must furnish transport. They do not know where these Italians are domiciled or whether they have been screened or not. Major Hartman will find out from Italian Liaison Officer whether these people are wanted in Italy. G-4 will attempt to obtain necessary air lift from Berlin District.

ACTION: G-1 (German Affairs)

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ACTION: G-1 (German Affairs)

931. DISPOSITION OF YUGOSLAVS (Ref Min 922)

Major Hartman informed committee that a staff study was prepared by the Chiefs of Staff and sent to the State Department inclosing a cable from USFET dated 4 August asking for disposition of these people (Croats and Chetniks). As yet nothing has been heard from State Department.

932. FRENCH HOSPITAL TRAIN TO WARSAW.

Signal received from TSFET Rear addressed to USFET Mission (France) as follows: Clearance requested by French PDR for passage of French hospital train to Warsaw via Prague. Permission is given provided Russian clearance was obtained. G-4 will handle further.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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933. MOVEMENT OF GERMAN DPs TO BRITISH AND FRENCH ZONES IN GERMANY.

Cable received from USFA asking permission to start shipping today German displaced persons from the U. S. Zone in Austria to British Zone in Germany and to the French Zone in Germany. Chairman stated that at Paris Conference it was agreed that no movement will take place until survey of British and French zones has taken place. Survey is expected to be completed around 31 August. Cable passed to G-5.

ACTION: G-5

934. MOVEMENT OF POLES (Ref Min 921)

It is hoped that move will take place by motor transport. Move dependent upon whether Poles in Poland can accept them and at what rate. Reconnaisance party is to go out on the road to Poland to examine the road situation and also staging areas, etc. It is hoped that this reconnaisance party will leave on Monday, 27 August 1945.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Thursday, 30 August 1945 at 1130 hrs
in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In Chair: Major GRANTHAM

G-5 (DP)	G-1 (German Affairs)	G-4 (Mov Sec)
Major WHEELER Major LEFEVRE	Major HARTMAN	Captain KILPATRICK

987. PROPOSED MEETING IN FRANKFURT (Ref Min 983)

Chairman stated signal had been dispatched to all concerned to the effect that meeting would be held in Frankfurt on 7 September.

988. PW FROM 21 ARMY GROUP AREA (Ref Min 984)

G-4 stated signal had been despatched to TSFET.

989. MOVEMENT OF HUNGARIANS.

It was stated that 1,500 Hungarians were being moved from LINZ on 29 August and additional trains would be despatched of 30 and 31 August. Request had been made that present rate of 10.000 per week be increased to 20,000.

990. MOVEMENT OF GERMAN DIPLOMATS (Ref Min 972)

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991. MOVEMENT OF GERMANS IN PORTUGAL

As regards movement of 500 Germans at present in Portugal, it was stated that Inland Water Transport cannot take this up until bid is received and it was agreed that G-5 make necessary bid to G-4 (Sea Movements).

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Wednesday, 29 August 1945 at 1130 hrs
in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt. Colonel CARROLL

G-5 (DP)	G-1 (German Affairs)	G-4 (Mov Sec)
Major WHEELER	Major HARTMAN	Captain KILPATRICK
Major LEFEVRE		
Mr. COPE		
G-4 (Ops Branch)	UNRRA	
Major LEWIS	Mr. SELDEN	

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976. MOVEMENT OF DANES, NORWEGIANS AND SWEDES EX FRANCE (Ref Min

G-4 stated no reply has yet been received from UNRRA London.

977. MOVE OF SWISS SUBJECTS (Ref Min 967)

Major LEFEVRE stated that there were no Swiss subjects in French Zone.

978. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAV RED CROSS MEDICAL STOCKS AND SANITARY MATERIAL (Ref Min 970)

Mr. COPE stated that Chief Yugoslav Liaison Officer had been contacted and it was thought that this stock consisted of food parcels. It was agreed that matter be left in abeyance meantime until reply had been received from Yugoslav Liaison Officer and Mr. COPE stated he would inform Committee on this tomorrow.

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G-5 stated signal had been despatched to SCOFOR to the effect that this movement has low priority and asking where those families were domiciled in Germany

980. AIR LIFT - GREEKS (Ref Min 952)

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981. MOVEMENT OF GERMAN PW FROM ITALY TO BELGIUM 1267

It was stated signal had been received regarding movement of German PW from VERONA and action was transferred to G-1.

982. INDIVIDUAL MOVEMENTS

Chairman stated a lot of individual movement was taking place and an application had been received from US Political Office requesting that every facility be given to enable a Swiss family, at present in Darmstadt, to return to Switzerland. G-4 stated it was hoped to resume passenger service in the near future, but they would investigate this. It was agreed that US Political Office

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

983. PROPOSED MEETING IN FRANKFURT

Chairman stated it was proposed to hold a meeting in Frankfurt on 7 September with representatives of the various Armies, asking them to bring lists of numbers by locations of German refugees they wish to move from their Army Zone and also lists of numbers they can accept in their particular zone. He further stated it was hoped that movements could be arranged at this meeting to commence around 10 September.

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984. PW FROM 21 ARMY GP AREA

G-1 stated signal had been received from TSFET discontinuing PW trains from 21 Army Group and 3 Army areas. Chairman requested that G-4 take this matter up as such movements should be coordinated through CDPX.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

985. MOVEMENT OF ITALIAN PW

G-1 stated there are 1,500 Italian co-operators in 7 Army area and asked if an approximate date could be given for their movement. It was agreed that they could send one train immediately to Mittenwald. As regards rations, Major LEWIS said he would contact 7 Army regarding this.

ACTION: G-4 (Obs Branch)

986. GERMAN REFUGEES

G-1 referred to arrangement for exchange of refugees in Austria and other Army areas and asked if PW could be worked in if exchange of refugees did not come up to capacity. Chairman stated Staff Study had been drawn up to the effect that no Germans could be accepted ex-Austria for the present and signal had been despatched advising USFA that matter would be discussed at Conference on 7 September.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Tuesday, 28 August 1945 at 1130 hrs
in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt. Colonel CARROLL

G-5 (DP)

Major LEFEVRE
Mr. GOPE

G-1 (German Affairs)

Major HARTMAN

G-4 (Mov Sec)

Captain KILPATRICK

G-4 (Ops Branch)

Major LEWIS

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966. MOVEMENT OF DANES, NORWEGIANS AND SWEDES EX FRANCE (Ref Min 954)

G-4 stated cable had been despatched to UNRRA London asking them to make arrangements for shipping between France and Norway, taking Scandinavians north and Czechs south.

967. MOVE OF SWISS SUBJECTS (Ref Min 956)

It was stated Swiss had requested movement of their subjects, at present in French Zone, by hospital trains and Major Lefevre stated numbers were not known, but he had taken up this matter.

968. ITALIANS FROM BRITISH ZONE (Ref Min 961)

G-4 stated embargo has now been lifted and movement has now re-commenced.

969. AUSTRIANS FROM NORWAY (Ref Min 962)

Cable has been despatched to SCOFOR to the effect that USFA cannot accept the 836 Austrians from Norway.

970. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAV RED CROSS MEDICAL STOCKS AND SANITARY MATERIAL (Ref Min 965)

Chairman stated that movement of these stocks from Paris and Marseilles to Yugoslavia was a very difficult transportation matter. It was agreed that the matter be deferred meantime and G-5 would contact Yugoslav Liaison Officer and ascertain what the material actually is and also where this large quantity of material eminated from. Committee would be informed when this information was available.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

971. MOVEMENT OF WEHRMACHT MARRIED FAMILIES INTO GERMANY

G-5 stated that signal had been received from SCOFOR asking whether they can start repatriating Wehrmacht married families into Germany. Chairman stated

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G-5 (DF)

Major LEFEVRE
Mr. GCFE

G-1 (German Affairs)

Major HARTMAN

G-4 (Mov Sec)

Captain KILPATRICK

G-4 (Ops Branch)

Major LEWIS

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966. MOVEMENT OF DANES, NORWEGIANS AND SWEDES EX FRANCE (Ref Min 954)

G-4 stated cable had been despatched to UNRRA London asking them to make arrangements for shipping between France and Norway, taking Scandinavians north and Czechs south.

967. MOVE OF SWISS SUBJECTS (Ref Min 956)

It was stated Swiss had requested movement of their subjects, at present in French Zone, by hospital trains and Major Lefevre stated numbers were not known, but he had taken up this matter.

968. ITALIANS FROM BRITISH ZONE (Ref Min 961)

G-4 stated embargo has now been lifted and movement has now re-commenced.

969. AUSTRIANS FROM NORWAY (Ref Min 962)

Cable has been despatched to SCOFOR to the effect that USFA cannot accept the 836 Austrians from Norway.

970. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAV RED CROSS MEDICAL STOCKS AND SANITARY MATERIAL (Ref Min 965)

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Chairman stated that movement of these stocks from Paris and Marseilles to Yugoslavia was a very difficult transportation matter. It was agreed that the matter be deferred meantime and G-5 would coontact Yugoslav Liaison Officer and ascertain what the material actually is and also where this large quantity of material eminated from. Committee would be informed when this information was available.

ACTION: G-5 (DF)

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G-5 stated that signal had been received from SCOFOR asking whether they can start repatriating Wehrmacht married families into Germany. Chairman stated that this was low priority and proposed sending signal in reply that they will be advised in due course when we are able too accept. G-1 concurred.

ACTION: G-5 (DF)

972. MOVEMENT OF GERMAN DIPLOMATS

It was stated signal had been received from AGWAR stating that movement of German officials should be arranged by CCAFX. It was pointed out that it had been agreed previously that G-1 should undertake this. Major HARTMAN stated this involved many problems and he thought this matter should go to higher level.

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973. PROPOSED MEETING IN NORWAY

G-1 read cable they proposed sending to SCCFCR stating that additional meeting was not considered necessary and suggested two or three representatives should hold meeting to discuss policy prior to 10 September and requested concurrence on this. This was agreed to.

974. DISCHARGE OF HOSPITALISED PW

G-1 stated cable had been despatched to 12 Army Group laying down that present policy was that German PW who are hospitalised for over 30 days will be discharged. G-1 wish to continue on this policy using the same authority for PW who are domiciled in British and French Zones. After discharge they would be treated as civilians and handed over to Burgomeister. Committee had no objection to this.

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G-1 asked for clarification on people from South Eastern Poland. If they do not wish to return to Poland, Major HARTMAN wanted to know if they could remain in Germany. Chairman stated that, provided they were not Soviet citizens covered by Yalta Agreement they would not be forced to return to Poland and Polish Liaison officers would make arrangements for their resettlement.

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 17

I. Summary of Current Situation

Remaining Repatriation from US Zone, UK Zones of Germany, and US Area in Czechoslovakia	Repatriated
1,934,000 /5,359,000/	4,485,000

II. Current Situation by Nationality

Nationality	Remaining Repatriation from British-French-American Zones in Germany, and from US Sector in Czechoslovakia (U.S. Zone Only)	Repatriated
French	9,000	1,457,000 (10 Aug.)
Dutch	3,000	282,700 (2 Aug.)
Belgian and Luxembourg	2,000	259,000 (2 Aug.)
Danish	-	5,000 (Est.)
Norwegian	-	6,000 (Est.)
Soviet	934,000	1,902,000 (11 Aug.)
Estonian	18,000	-
Latvian	45,000	1,000 (11 Aug.)
Lithuanian	2,000	-
Polish	821,000	68,000 (11 Aug.)
Czechoslovak	5,000	106,000 (Est.)
Yugoslav	80,000	42,000 (11 Aug.)
Greek	5,000	1,000 (11 Aug.)
Italian	177,000	252,000 (11 Aug.)
Hungarian	161,000	3,000 (11 Aug.)
Rumanian	13,000	-
Bulgarian	1,000	- 1705
Stateless	20,000	-
Others and Unclassified	101,000	61,000 (11 Aug.)
TOTAL	1,934,000	4,485,000

a. Included in the French figure of 1,457,000 as of 10 August are 131,185 repatriated by air. In comparing the French total, a 10% allowance for self-repatriates was added to the 1,326,000 reported by USFET Mission (France).

b. No change has been reported in the Belgian, Dutch and Luxembourg figures. For details see Situation Report No. 16.

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Danish	-	5,000 (Est.)
Norwegian	-	6,000 (Est.)
Soviet	224,000	1,302,000 (11 Aug.)
Estonian	18,000	-
Latvian	45,000	1,000 (11 Aug.)
Lithuanian	29,000	-
Polish	681,000	68,000 (11 Aug.)
Czechoslovak	5,000	105,000 (Est.)
Yugoslav	80,000	42,000 (11 Aug.)
Greek	9,000	1,000 (11 Aug.)
Italian	277,000	494,000 (11 Aug.)
Hungarian	201,000	6,000 (11 Aug.)
Rumanian	19,000	-
Belgian	1,000	- 1705
Stateless	26,000	-
Others and Unclassified	192,000	61,000 (11 Aug.)
TOTAL	1,[illegible],000	4,[illegible],000

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b. No change has been reported in the Belgian, Dutch and Luxembourg figures. For details see Situation Report No. [illegible].

c. The 68,000 repatriated Poles are those transferred from the US Zone to the Russians for repatriation, or to France and Belgium for labor service.

d. Included in the 192,000 others and unclassified requiring repatriation are some 105,000 Germans in the [illegible] US Army sector of Czechoslovakia. In the 61,000 repatriated figure are included a sizeable number of German self-repatriates from Czechoslovakia.

e. British Zone authorities report 172,305 Western Europeans received from the Soviet Zone as of 6 August. American Zone authorities report the reception of 164,259 persons, including 130,759 Western Europeans, 26,054 Italians, 1,826 Czechs, 3,052 Yugoslavs, 77 Baltic, 1,455 Poles, 140 Rumanians, 1 Greek, 71 Hungarians, and 20 others from the Soviet Zone as of 11 August.

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DISPLACED PERSONS ON HAND IN BRITISH - FRENCH - AMERICAN ZONES OF OCCUPATION

Nationality	British Zone (8 August) 1 Corps In Camps	8 Corps In Camps	30 Corps In Camps	Total In Camps	Total Outside	Zone Total	French Zone Total (24 July)	American Zone Western District (7 U.S.Army) (5 August)	American Zone Eastern District (3 U.S. (11 Aug
Fr[illegible]	504	133	346	983	300	1,283	1,500	536	
Dutch	138	281	1,172	1,591	200	1,791	500	230	
Belgian & Luxembourg	402	97	348	847	200	1,047	500	83	
Danish	1	147	82	230	-	230	-	4	
Norwegian	1	161	-	162	-	162	-	27	
Soviet	106,998	722	35,764	143,484	95,000	238,484(a)	77,600	5,389	12,
Estonian	115	5,132	1,844	7,091	100	7,491	1,500	2,274	6,
Latvian	1,315	14,564	4,396	20,275	80	20,155	1,500	5,396	18,
Lithuanian	1,026	10,466	4,711	16,203	100	16,303	1,700	6,563	14,
Polish	119,384	91,239	266,500	477,123	53,000	530,123	59,000	129,008	162,
Czechoslovak	128	95	932	1,155	100	1,255	1,350	173	2,
Yugoslav	15,154	6,891	21,510	45,555	3,000	48,555	11,200	4,339	19,
Greek	770	395	1,607	2,772	-	2,772	1,250	2,056	2,
Italian	71,746	14,629	50,364	136,739	22,000	158,739	7,900	3,409	6,
Hungarian	631	632	6,572	7,835	100	7,935	550	531	92
Rumanian	315	242	5,086	5,643	100	5,743	100	350	6,
Bulgarian	25	44	146	215	-	215	50	53	
Stateless	106	2,809	2,984	5,899	500	6,399	110	914	21,
Others & Unclassified	3,074	5,024	18,478	26,576	6,000	32,576	6,120	5,445	146,
TOTAL:	321,933	155,703	422,042	900,478	180,730	1,081,258	171,530	167,720	513,

(a) Includes 107,934 Germans in Czechoslovakia.
(b) Soviet figure for 21 A Gp being revised downward.

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ANNEX I

DISPLACED PERSONS ON HAND IN BRITISH - FRENCH - AMERICAN ZONES OF OCCUPATION

ne (8 August)					French	American Zone			
rps Camps	30 Corps In Camps	Total In Camps	Total Outside	Zone Total	Zone Total (24 July)	Western District (7 U.S. Army) (9 August)	Eastern District (3 U.S. Army) (11 August)	Zone Total	Grand Total
135	348	983	300	1,283	1,000	536	678	1,214	3,497
201	1,172	1,591	200	1,791	500	230	801	1,031	3,322
97	348	847	200	1,047	500	83	311	394	1,941
147	82	230	-	230	-	4	53	57	287
161	-	162	-	162	-	27	43	70	232
722	35,764	145,484	95,000	230,484	77,600	5,389	12,363	17,752	333,836
5,132	1,844	7,391	100	7,491	1,500	2,274	6,536	8,810	17,801
4,564	4,396	20,075	80	20,155	1,500	5,396	18,157	23,553	45,208
0,466	4,711	16,203	100	16,303	1,700	6,563	14,615	21,178	39,181
1,239	268,500	477,123	53,000	530,123	59,000	129,688	162,554	291,642	880,765
95	932	1,155	100	1,255	1,350	173	2,780	2,953	5,558
8,691	21,510	45,565	3,000	48,565	11,200	4,399	19,076	23,475	83,230
395	1,607	2,772	-	2,772	1,250	2,856	2,072	4,928	8,950
4,629	50,364	156,739	22,000	178,739	7,500	3,409	6,885	10,294	176,533
632	6,572	7,835	100	7,935	550	531	92,086	92,617	101,102
242	5,386	5,643	100	5,743	100	350	6,785	7,135	12,978
44	146	215	-	215	50	53	702	755	1,020
2,809	2,984	5,899	500	6,399	110	914	21,012	21,926	28,435
5,024	18,478	26,576	6,000	32,576	6,120	5,445	146,261[2]	151,706	190,402
55,703	422,642	900,478	180,780	1,081,258	171,530	167,720	513,770	681,490	1,934,278

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DISPLACED PERSONS ON HAND IN OTHER COUNTRIES (a)

Nationality	NORWAY (7 August)	BELGIUM (8 August)	AUSTRIA (British Zone) (1 August)	AUSTRIA (American Zone) (9 August)	FRANCE (1 August)
French	1,940	118	-		17
Dutch	971	127	-		[illegible]
Belgian & Luxembourg	350	114	-	373	78
Danish	-	-	-		-
Norwegian	-	-	-		3
Soviet	75	6,949	688	4,933	35,604
Estonian		454	-		1
Latvian	766	1,697	180	2,230	-
Lithuanian		1,091	-		1
Polish	19,138	4,055	4,673	29,578	8,508
Czechoslovak	13,562	79	478	9,022	431
Yugoslav	2,763	-	10,495	44,306	1,547
Greek	-	-	-	2,878	341
Italian	1,152	820	162	413	330
Hungarian	160	363	-	46,133	269
Rumanian	365	143	-	19,100	172
Bulgarian	10	-	-	428	57
Stateless	192	-	263	-	106
Others & Unclassified	6,117	200,388 (b)	31,367 (c)	110,621 (d)	2,259
TOTAL:	47,581	216,396	48,298	270,035	50,649

(a) Dutch, Swiss and Italian figures will be added when available.
(b) Includes 200,000 Germans.
(c) Includes an estimated 14,000 Allied and 15,000 ex-enemy displaced persons outside of
(d) All Germans.

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APPENDIX II.

DISPLACED PERSONS ON HAND IN OTHER COUNTRIES (a)

...LY (August)	BERLIN (8 August)	AUSTRIA (British Zone) (1 August)	AUSTRIA (American Zone) (9 August)	FRANCE (1 August)	BELGIUM (3 August)	Total
1,940	116	-		17	50	
971	127	-		845	55	
350	114	-	373	78	346	5,423
-	-	-		-	25	
-	-	-		3	11	
75	6,948	608	4,933	35,604	1,459	49,700
	454	-		1	43	
766	1,697	180	2,250	-	73	6,578
	1,091	-		1	42	
19,138	4,855	4,673	29,578	6,588	3,921	69,953
13,562	79	479	9,022	431	384	23,956
2,763	-	10,495	44,326	1,947	31	59,182
-	-	-	2,878	341	10	3,229
1,192	820	162	413	330	69	2,946
160	363	-	46,175	269	87	47,012
365	143	-	19,100	172	50	19,830
10	-	-	426	57	2	497
192	-	263	-	106	3,151	3,712
6,117	200,388 (b)	31,367 (c)	110,621 (d)	2,259	4,280	355,032
47,581	216,398	48,298	270,035	50,649	14,089	647,050

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Monday 27 August 1945 at 1130 hours in
G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Major GRANTHAM

G-5 (DP)
Mr. COPE

G-4 (Ops Branch)
Major LEWIS

G-1 (German Affairs)
Major HARTMAN

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BR Mov Member (att G-4)
Major FORD

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1,012 Greeks have left Munich and approximately 1,000 Greeks have left Brussels by air lift. Signal coordinated asking USFA and AFHQ to move Greeks from Linz to Bari and onward, as remaining 5,200 air lift insufficient for 7,100 remaining at Munich and Linz.

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Jews are moving today from GERINGSHOF to Marseilles.

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Signal has been received from UNRRA giving capacities of their Swedish ships. G-4 to contact UNRRA London and shipping authorities and request that one of these ships be made available, if suitable, to move these people. It is estimated that there are 200 people to be moved. G-4 also to inquire from SCOFOR if they desire the use of some of these ships to move Czechs and Yugoslavs from Sweden and Norway.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

955. AMBULANCE TRAINS OF RUSSIANS FROM SWITZERLAND (Ref Min 947)

Information received from Berne states that there remains now only one ambulance train to leave presumably on 30 August for Hof. They are telephoning list of crew and medical personnel, Swiss subjects, on train for forwarding to Berlin, for clearance.

956. MOVE OF SWISS SUBJECTS (Ref Min 948)

Major Lefvre will find out how many Swiss subjects are in the French Zone.

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958. RED CROSS AMBULANCE FROM LUXEMBOURG

Red Cross requests permission for one ambulance to go from Luxembourg to Hagen, Westphalia for one person. Clearance is to be obtained from 21 Army Group.

959. GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN PWs TO BELGIUM

With reference to cable received from 88th Division requesting that they be allowed to ship able bodied German and Austrian PWs to Belgium, G-1 has prepared

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answer agreeing to plan outlined in cable, except that no Austrian PWs can be accepted.

960. MOVEMENT OF HUNGARIANS

Major Hartman mentioned cable sent to Military Mission Moscow regarding early repatriation of Poles. Major Hartman stated that high priority is requested for the repatriation of the Hungarians and therfore they should be considered along with the Poles. Chairman stated that arrangements are under way to move 20,000 Hungarians a week around 5 September. Transit camps are being prepared for this move.

961. ITALIANS FROM BRITISH ZONE.

Major Ford informed Committee that owing to congestion on U. S. L of C a three day embargo has been laid on movements out of British Zone as of Friday until Sunday night by CCOT. No trains of either Italians or Yugoslavs to Rosenbach, Mittenwald or Bregenz have left. Will keep Committee informed as to when embargo is lifted.

962. AUSTRIANS FROM NORWAY

Cable SHC IN 14990 25 August 1945 from SCOFOR was read with reference to move of Austrians (formerly members of Wehrmacht) from Norway to U. S. Zone in Austria. G-1 (Major Hartman) stated that USFA will not accept anything except Austrians domiciled in the U. S. Zone and that USFA owing to congestion stopped all movements last week. 836 Austrians are involved in this request. Cable passed to G-1.

ACTION: G-1

965. MOVEMENT OF HUNGARIANS

Mr. Cope read cable with reference to movement of Hungarians which stated that Key in Bulgaria has authorized USFA to ship 1,000 per day. This move is limited to one train per day because of risk of overloading railroads through Russian controlled territory.

964. MOVE OF 3,000 CZECHS

Cable was read from EXFOR to TSFET Main with reference to move of 3,000 Czechs and 800 tons of baggage in their own transportation from the U. K. to Czechoslovakia in September. Cable was to TSFET for action. G-5 will contact 21 Army Group.

ACTION: G-5

965. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAV RED CROSS MEDICAL STOCKS AND SANITARY MATERIAL

Cable from Yugoslav Liaison Officer was read requesting movement of stocks

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Major Ford informed Committee that owing to congestion on U. S. L of C a three day embargo has been laid on movements out of British Zone as of Friday until Sunday night by CCOT. No trains of either Italians or Yugoslavs to Rosenbach, Mittenwald or Bregenz have left. Will keep Committee informed as to when embargo is lifted.

962. AUSTRIANS FROM NORWAY

Cable SHC IN 14990 25 August 1945 from SCOFOR was read with reference to move of Austrians (formerly members of Wehrmacht) from Norway to U. S. Zone in Austria. G-1 (Major Hartman) stated that USFA will not accept anything except Austrians domiciled in the U. S. Zone and that USFA owing to congestion stopped all movements last week. 836 Austrians are involved in this request. Cable passed to G-1.

ACTION: G-1

965. MOVEMENT OF HUNGARIANS

Mr. Cope read cable with reference to movement of Hungarians which stated that Key in Bulgaria has authorized USFA to ship 1,000 per day. This move is limited to one train per day because of risk of overloading railroads through Russian controlled territory.

964. MOVE OF 3,000 CZECHS

Cable was read from EXFOR to TSFET Main with reference to move of 3,000 Czechs and 800 tons of baggage in their own transportation from the U. K. to Czechoslovakia in September. Cable was to TSFET for action. G-5 will contact 21 Army Group.

ACTION: G-5

965. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAV RED CROSS MEDICAL STOCKS AND SANITARY MATERIAL

Cable from Yugoslav Liaison Officer was read requesting movement of stocks of medical and sanitary material from Marseilles and Paris to Yugoslavia. Material very badly stored and in danger of being damaged or destroyed. It is estimated that shipment would require 40 railroad cars. G-4 suggested that shipment of this material be made attached to D. P. personnel movement. USFET Mission France to be informed accordingly.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Saturday 25 August 1945, at 1130 hours
in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Major Grantham

G-5 (DP)

Lt. HANSTEIN
Mr. COPE

BR Mov Member (att G-4)

Major FORD

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944. AIR LIFT GREEKS (Ref Min 936)

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945. MOVEMENT OF JEWS.

Jews at Dachau will be moved to GERINGSHOF today and from GERINGSHOF all will be moved on Sunday or Monday to Marseilles. G-5 to check this move with 7th Army.

ACTION: G-5

946. MOVEMENT OF DANES, NORWEGIANS AND SWEDES EX FRANCE (Ref Min 938)

G-4 (Mov Sec) representative stated 21 Army Group does not wish to move displaced persons in their troop trains and G-4 does not want to move these people from France to Germany. Arrangements will be asked of UNRRA for the use of one of their Swedish boats which would leave from Boulogne. G-5 has sent signal to UNRRA asking for capacity, etc., of their ships.

ACTION: G-5

947. AMBULANCE TRAINS OF RUSSIANS FROM SWITZERLAND (Ref Min 943)

Two ambulance trains of Russians will go out on 30 and 31 August. This has been cleared with the Russians who will accept trains at Hof. Russians will take sick off hospital trains and assume complete responsibility. Russian Liaison Officer at this Headquarters will be notified.

948. MOVE OF SWISS SUBJECTS

Swiss Government has suggested that their subjects be put on ambulance trains returning from Hof (ref min 947). French Zone in Germany contains at least 200 Swiss citizens. G-5 will investigate and request French to move

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ACTION: G-5

949. CONVOY OF AMBULANCES FROM NETHERLANDS

Cable received from USFET Mission (Netherlands) requesting clearance be given for 14 ambulances, two trucks, one canteen, 36 personnel, to proceed to

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Berlin area via Pilsen and Prague to evacuate sick Netherlands nationals. Convoy is supposed to be self-contained. G-5 will attempt to obtain further information as to number of sick to be repatriated from Dutch Liaison Officer before clearing with 3rd, 7th U. S. Armies and the 21st Army Group.

950. MOVEMENT OF CZECHS FROM OSLO.

Cable received from SCOFOR stating that 700 Czechs will move from Oslo to U. S. Zone in Germany and then to Czechoslovakia. Armed guard will be required. Move will begin on 27th.

951. MOVEMENT OF POLES (Ref Min 934)

G-4 (Mov Sec) representative stated that reconnaisance party will leave tomorrow to survey rail and road routes for the coming move of Poles.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Friday 24 August 1945, at 1130 hours
in G-4 Conference Room.

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PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt. Colonel CARROLL

G-5 (DP)

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Consideration was given to the U. S. Air Force cable but was not received favorably by the Greeks and 3rd Army. If air lift is not made at MUNICH they will go overland via BRENNER PASS.

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Ship has been turned over to us for shipment on 2 September. Of the 1,700 to be shipped, AFHQ will provide 700 and USFET Mission France will supply remainder. CDPX will make arrangements to move 15 Jews at DACHAU and 78 at GERINGSHOF to MARSEILLES.

ACTION: G-5 (CDPX)

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Air lift has ceased. Danish Embassy suggested they be sent to HAMBURG where they will be taken care of by Danish Government. G-4 to check with 21 Army Group as to use of 21 Army Group L of C.

ACTION: G-4 (Br Mov Member)

939. ITALIAN GENERALS IN BERLIN (Ref Min 930).

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940. FRENCH HOSPITAL TRAIN TO WARSAW (Ref Min 932)

Clearance has been obtained for this train. G-4 sent cable to Mission today.

941. TRANSPORT OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

Letter was read from Chief Yugoslav Liaison Officer asking that the Committee transport the baggage belonging to 500 to 600 Yugoslav displaced persons. This baggage is now in DUDENSTADT. G-5 will obtain weight and measurements before any further action can be decided upon.

ACTION: G-5 (CDPX)

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942. YUGOSLAVS IN FRENCH ZONE.

French report from BADEN BADEN they have not enough rolling stock to ship the five train loads of Yugoslavs. They suggested they be sent to BREGENZ and from there on use American rolling stock. French representative to investigate and persuade French to use their own stock through to ROSENBACH.

943. AMBULANCE TRAINS OF RUSSIANS.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Wednesday, 22 August 1945, at 1130 hrs
in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt. Colonel CARROLL

G-5 (DP)

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G-4 (Ops Branch)

Major LEWIS

G-4 (Mov Sec)

Capt. KILPATRICK

BR Mov Member (att G-4)

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G-1 (Special Activities)

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917. AIR LIFT GREEKS (Ref Min 911)

Movement at MUNICH had started today moving 300 Greeks by air. This will continue until all Greeks have been repatriated.

918. GERMAN DIPLOMATS (Ref Min 913)

Cable will go out on this today.

ACTION: G-1 (German Affairs)

919. ITALIAN PWs.

G-1 (Special Activities) read cable from Berlin District regarding these Italians. It was decided G-1 will send cable to Berlin District to have them get in touch with the Russians and ask them if they will include these 1,300 Italians in addition to the 51,000 we agreed to accept at HOF.

ACTION: G-1 (Special Activities)

920. ITALIAN GENERALS IN BERLIN.

Major HARTMAN brought up the question of disposition of 10 Italian Generals in the Berlin area, who are believed to be RAMPs. G-1 will contact G-5 CDPX.

ACTION: G-1 (German Affairs)

921. MOVEMENT OF POLES (Ref Min 915)

Transportation people are now trying to work out plan for transporting Poles and will submit this to CDPX when ready.

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922. DISPOSITION OF YUGOSLAVS.

G-1 (German Affairs) will draft cable to Joint Chiefs of Staff asking if the particular party of Yugoslavs in France may be repatriated if Yugoslav Liaison Officer passes them. Yugoslav Government will now accept Bulgarians and will start in the Yugoslav shipment soon. As regards Hungarians arrangements have been made to move 20,000 a week in ten days. Rumanians are sending special train for repatriation of Rumanians. CDPX will allocate allotment to all zones for repatriation of Hungarians and Rumanians.

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923. REPATRIATION OF TURKS.

It was stated that 400 Turks had been uncovered in BREGENZ. Cable will be sent to AFHQ asking them to accept them through Switzerland.

ACTION: G-5 (CDPX)

924. MOVEMENT OF JEWS.

G-1 (Mov Sec) reported that the ASCANIA will be available at TOULON on 2 September 1945 for the shipment of Jews but no allotment was given. G-5 (CDPX) will phone USFET Mission France asking them to get in touch with BAS, Paris.

925. BAGGAGE FROM CHANNEL ISLANDS.

Five wagon loads left BIBERACH in French Zone on 18 August 1945 for MFO, Brussels for onward transmission to UK.

926. BRITISH-JEW INTERNEES.

Party of 141 British-Jew internees left BIBERACH in French Zone for TARANTO via BREGENZ and Switzerland on 20 August for TRIPOLI and BENGAZI.

927. MOVEMENT OF ITALIANS FROM THE BRITISH ZONE.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Wednesday, 15 August 1945 at 1150 hours
in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt. Colonel Carroll

G-5 (DP)

Major WHEELER
Major GRANTHAM
Dr. COPE
Mr. DE HAERNE

G-4 (Ops Branch)

Major LEWIS

G-4 (Mov Sec)

Major DE HAAS
Captain KILPATRICK

UNRRA Mov Member (att G-4)

Major FORD

UNRRA

Miss Phillips

UK Liaison Officer
(att G-1
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Captain Birtwistle

G-1 (German Affairs)

Major Hartman

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Major DE HASS
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ACTION: G-5 (DP)

875. WELFARE CENTER AT HANAU (Ref Min 860)

Miss Phillips reported center in operation about six weeks. Absolutely no feeding is being done as they have no facilities. They are attending 150 cases a day. Are using a railroad car as a small dispensary. They have two Russian doctors and two nurses handling about 10 trains a day. They are attempting to obtain Red Cross parcels in view of the rumor of French PWs arriving from Russia. Were told that if they obtain parcels they must give them all to PWs for preference. The Red Cross team attached to Hanau is doing a good job.

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876. BRENNER ROUTE (Ref Min 861)

Owing to congestion there is a 3-day embargo on movements.

877. MOVEMENT OF GERMANS OVERLAND (Ref Min 862)

Reply expected to be received today.

878. GERMAN PW'S IN RUSSIAN ZONE (Ref Min 863)

7th Army (Major Carter) informed G-1 that train was not received but these people infiltrated across the line and they had a train all set to go. G-1 to inform 7th Army that they will have to get clearances from the 21st Army Group before train is moved.

ACTION: G-1 (German Affairs)

879. PRIORITY MEETING (Ref Min 864)

Addition to minute 864. Hospital trains are in addition to the trains mentioned and are not to be substituted for them.

880. GERMAN PW OF CZECH NATIONALITY (Ref Min 866)

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881. REPATRIATE FOR GREEK GOVERNMENT (Ref Min 867)

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ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Tuesday, 14 August 1945 at 1130 hrs
in G-4 Conference Room

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PRESENT: In the Chair: Major GRANTHAM

G-5 (DP)

Major WHEELER
Major LEFEVRE

G-1 (Special Activities)

Major HOLT

G-4 (Ops Branch)

Major LEWIS

G-4 (Mov Sec)

Captain KILPATRICK

BR Mov Member (att G-4)

Major FORD

UNRRA

Miss PHILLIPS

BR Liaison Officer (att G-1)
(Special Activities)

Captain BIRTWISTLE

G-1 (German Affairs)

Major HARTMAN

853. AIR LIFT-GREEKS (Ref Min 838)

Due to bad weather, no news of the Greek movement. G-4 to check MUNICH to ascertain when shipment will begin.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

854. MOVEMENT OF PALESTINIAN JEWS (Ref Min 839)

G-4 sent cable asking AFHQ if they want to take up space left in September quota which we left due to the 700 Jews in Switzerland. It was stated that the vessel left at end of August. It was decided that this be taken up at the Paris Conference.

855. BRENNER ROUTE (Ref Min 840)

G-5 stated they had received a cable from Major SCHAFER, 3rd Army, telling of bridge down at TRENTO on AFHQ side of the BRENNER. He has 17,000 Italians waiting until the bridge can be repaired. He wishes this Headquarters take action to help this situation. G-4 will send signal to AFHQ.

ACTION: G-4 (BR Mov Member)

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856. ITALIANS EX FRANCE (Ref Min 843)

Line to BERNE still out. Mission to FRANCE are taking this up with BERNE. G-5 to confer with Mission on this.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

857. 11 DIPLOMATIC INTERNEES IN BRUSSELS (Ref Min 845)

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It was decided that G-5 (DP) would take this up but this would not create a precedent. It will be decided later who will handle these cases in the future.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

858. MOVEMENT OF TURKS, IRANIANS, ETC. (Ref Min 846)

Signal has been sent by G-5.

859. MOVEMENT OF LUXEMBOURGERS (Ref Min 848)

Signal has also been sent by G-5 regarding the above.

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860. WELFARE CENTER AT HANAU (Ref Min 849)

Miss PHILLIPS will investigate this and report to the committee.

ACTION: UNRRA

861. BREGENZ ROUTE (Ref Min 850)

Owing to congestion, there is a 3-day embargo on the Italian movements to BREGENZ effective today. It was decided to keep the embargo at three days.

862. MOVEMENT OF GREEKS OVERLAND (Ref Min 852)

No reply has yet been received on this.

863. GERMAN PW EX RUSSIAN ZONE

Chairman stated that telephone call had been received from 7th Army (Major Carter), reporting that Russians had shipped 2,000 German PW, mostly of whom are domiciled in 21 Army Group, train was now at KASSEL. It was decided that G-1 send signal to Berlin asking them to stop all further movements of this kind; to find out who originated the above movement and what would be the disposition of same.

ACTION: G-1 (German Affairs)

864. PRIORITY MEETING.

Major FORD stated that at yesterday's Priority Meeting, bid of CDPX for train paths from 21 Army Group over bottleneck was agreed with exception of 1 train which was cut out. This leaves 4 trains of Italians, 3 to Mittenwald and 1 to BREGENZ also one of Yugoslavs to ROSENBACH. Train of Yugoslavs from French zone is prepared to leave. Italians are starting to move today.

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ACTION: G-5 (DP)

868. DISPOSITION OF ITALIAN CORPORAL

G-1 had received cable from 7th Army requesting disposition of Italian corporal, who presumably served in a service unit after turning co-belligerent. Chairman stated Capt. Summers of G-5 is preparing a memorandum on 6,000 of these persons in the two American zones and will report back so that this can be discussed at the Paris Conference.

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869. PARIS CONFERENCE.

G-5 asked that orders be issued for Lt. Col. REISNER and Major de HAAS for this trip. 11 representatives of this Headquarters will attend. The conference will take place in Paris, 16 August 1945, 1600 hours, to discuss southbound Italians, northbound Germans, and Jews.

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held Monday, 13 August 1945 at 1130 hrs
in G-4 Conference Room

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PRESENT: In the Chair: Major GRANTHAM

G-5 (DP)

Major WHEELER
Mr. COPE
Major LEFEVRE

G-1 (Special Activities)

Major HOLT

G-4 (Ops Branch)

Major LEWIS

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ER MOV MEMBER (att G-4)

Major FORD

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Miss PHILLIPS

BR Liaison Officer (att G-1)
(Special Activities)

Capt. BIRTWISTLE

G-1 (German Affairs)

Major HARTMAN

838. AIR LIFT - GREEKS (Ref Min 823)

G-4 has dispatched signal asking confirmation that feeding and housing facilities are available at VILLAFRANCA and FOGGIA. It was stated confirmation had been received verbally from AFHQ and it is thought that air lift would start Wednesday, 15 August 1945. G-4 to find out if lift from BRUSSELS has commenced.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

839. MOVEMENT OF PALESTINIAN JEWS (Ref Min 826)

G-4 stated that signal had not been dispatched to AFHQ and PARIS as signal had been received from MILPAL to the effect that Palestine will only accept 1,700 Jews, as this exhausts quota for August and September and they are unable to forecast October quota. They will, however, accept the 700 from Switzerland. As to the number of Jews in AFHQ area, this is not known and it was suggested that signal be sent to AFHQ and Mission to France to ascertain numbers of Jews in their areas and what allocation in addition to the 700 can be made available.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec) 1397

840. BRENNER ROUTE (Ref Min 830)

3 Army state that Brenner is now cleared. G-4 stated two bridges will be repaired by tonight and a third by tomorrow and shipments can not now be resumed. Russians to be informed they can send 1 train per day.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

841. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS (Ref Min 831)

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ACTION: G-5 (DP)

841. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS (Ref Min 831)

It has been ascertained that 21 Army Group did not send 3 trains of Yugoslavs to ROSENBACH and have now been informed that Italian movement will continue. G-5 request that another train of Yugoslavs be sent from French zone. G-4 stated that when movement ex-France is completed, which will be within next three days, movement from French zone via BREGENZ can start. 21 Army Group have been informed that 1 train of Yugoslavs can be sent to ROSENBACH in addition to two trains of Italians to MITTENWALD tomorrow.

842. AUSTRIANS AT HANAU (Ref Min 834)

G-4 stated that they had no further information on this subject as yet.

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852. MOVEMENT OF GREEKS OVERLAND

It was stated that signal had been dispatched to AFHQ asking for permission to send two batches, 600 each, of Greeks over Brenner in view of the fact that air lift has not started from MUNICH and large numbers are concentrated there.

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held Saturday, 11 August 1945 at 1130 hrs
in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Major WHEELER

G-5 (DP)
Mr. COPE

G-4 (Mov Sec)
Capt. KILPATRICK

BR Liaison Officer (att G-1 Special Activities)
Capt. BIRTWISTLE

G-1 (German Affairs)
Major HARTMAN

BR Mov Member (Att G-4)
Major FORD

823. AIR LIFT - GREEKS (Ref Min 808)

Chairman requested that G-4 ascertain exact date of air lift from MUNICH. Mr. COPE stated signal had been received from USTAF that agreement was based on there being hold-over facilities at FOGGIA and VILLAFRANCO in case of bad weather, but that confirmation of these had not yet been received from AFHQ. It was stated 3,000 Greeks had been assembled in MUNICH from Army areas.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

824. FRENCH TRAINS OF TBs (Ref Min 809)

With reference to Minute 809, delete first sentence. G-5 has sent signal to Headquarters, French Zone pointing out that ambulance trains should not be sent without coordination of U. S. Zone.

825. MOVEMENT OF TRIPOLITANIAN JEWS (Ref Min 810)

Signal has been sent to AFHQ asking for point and rate of acceptance of British Tripolitanian Jews at BIEBERBACH.

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826. MOVEMENT OF PALESTINIANS

It was stated that 1,500 Jews can be accepted in PALESTINE and Mission to France wish to include Jews from France in this shipment. It was also agreed that G-4 send signal to AFHQ and PARIS coordinating move of European Jews to PALESTINE.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)
coordinated G-5 (D.P.)

827. ITALIAN REFUGEES AT BERLIN (Ref Min 811)

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PRESENT: In the Chair: Major WH[illegible]

G-5 (DP)

Mr. COPE

G-4 (Mov Sec)

Capt. KILPATRICK

BR Liaison Officer (att G-1 Special Activities)

Capt. BIRTWISTLE

G-1 (German Affairs)

Major HARTMAN

BR Mov Member (Att G-4)

Major FORD

823. AIR LIFT - GREEKS (Ref Min 808)

Chairman requested that G-4 ascertain exact date of air lift from MUNICH. Mr. COPE stated signal had been received from USTAF that agreement was based on there being hold-over facilities at FOGGIA and VILLAFRANCO in case of bad weather, but that confirmation of these had not yet been received from AFHQ. It was stated 3,000 Greeks had been assembled in MUNICH from Army areas.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

824. FRENCH TRAINS OF TBs (Ref Min 809)

With reference to Minute 809, delete first sentence. G-5 has sent signal to Headquarters, French Zone pointing out that ambulance trains should not be sent without coordination of U. S. Zone.

825. MOVEMENT OF TRIPOLITANIAN JEWS (Ref Min 810)

Signal has been sent to AFHQ asking for point and rate of acceptance of British Tripolitanian Jews at BIEBERACH.

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826. MOVEMENT OF PALESTINIANS

It was stated that 1,500 Jews can be accepted in PALESTINE and Mission to France wish to include Jews from France in this shipment. It was also agreed that G-4 send signal to AFHQ and PARIS coordinating move of European Jews to PALESTINE.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)
coordinated G-5 (D.P.)

827. ITALIAN PW AT BERLIN (Ref Min 811)

Major HARTMAN stated he thought these 550 had been accepted to go to HOF, but was informed by Chairman that this movement is now held up on account of BRENNER PASS being closed.

828. MOVEMENT OF RUSSIANS ex-SWITZERLAND (Ref Min 812)

G-4 stated that BERNE has been informed that train is to be routed northward. to HOF. It was stated that only one train of Russians per day is being sent to HOF.

829. CHINESE STUDENTS (Ref Min 813)

Chairman stated Chinese Military Attache had presented names of 200 students in Germany and Search Bureau of CDPX are investigating existence of these students. It was agreed that no action be taken by G-4 until numbers are established.

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830. BRENNER ROUTE (Ref Min 814)

G-4 stated that bridges are expected to be repaired by end of next week. It was agreed that 21 Army Group be signaled to stop movement of MITTENWALD. Extra train could be laid on across SWITZERLAND and SWISS have been asked if they can run an extra train daily. It was also agreed that acceptance should be obtained from AFHQ. It was stated complaint had been received from 3 Army that 21 Army Group sent 3 trains yesterday when they had only been allotted one train per day, 5 trains per week. Major FORD stated 21 Army Group had informed him that only one train was being sent per day and it was agreed that G-4 take this up.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

831. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS (Ref Min 815)

It was agreed that 21 Army Group can now send 3 trains per day to ROSENBACH until MITTENWALD is open again.

832. CHANNEL ISLANDS' SPANIARDS (Ref Min 818)

Signal has been dispatched.

833. BULGARIANS, HUNGARIANS AND RUMANIANS (Ref Min 820)

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834. AUSTRIANS AT HANAU (Ref Min 821)

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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It was requested that G-4 ascertain whether Swiss can provide one extra train extra per week from ANNEMASSE and also if AFHQ can accept. G-4 to report back to Committee on this.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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It was stated signal had been received from TSFET requesting movement of 12 people claiming American citizenship to LAUFEN. It was agreed that G-1 (Special Activities) take this matter up and report back to G-5 whose action the signal required.

ACTION: G-1 (Special Activities)

837. DISTRIBUTION

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Friday, 10 August 1945 at 1130 hrs
in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Major WHEELER

G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Hq, Sec)	G-1 (Special Activities)
Mr. COPE	Capt. KILPATRICK	Capt. BIRTWISTLE
G-1 (German Affairs)	[redacted]	UNRRA
Major HARTMAN	Major DUPE	Miss PHILLIPS

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British component of this movement tentatively delayed by bad weather. It should begin about the 12th or 14th. British will move 210 Greeks by 14 planes every other day. American Embassy in Greece has written for the Greek Government, asking if these displaced persons could be sent to different airfields, including Salonika, (Sedes) Patras, Araxos), and Argos (Hellenikon). The committee decided that due to screening, refueling, airport construction and coordination this can not be allowed and Greeks will be flown to Athens as was originally planned and from there the Greek Government would have to make local distribution. The U. S. component of this lift is believed to be firm for 13th or 14th but is held up pending an administrative question.

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The Chairman stated a member of the Chinese Embassy had visited him and reported 200 students in Germany and that the Chinese Government wishes them sent back to China. Presumably they will be sent from Marseilles to Bombay subject to French agreement. It was decided to concentrate these at some point in Germany and wait for shipping space. A cable will be sent to TROOPERS re this, as soon as numbers are firm.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

814. BRENNER ROUTE.

Due to washout of bridges Brenner Route is temporarily closed. Possible transfer of some already moving trains to Bregenz, and of a new exchange point for rolling stock for Italians going south might be Villach, on route Munich, Spittal,

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Villach, Udine to Verona until reopening of Brenner. G-4 will investigate.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

815. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS.

This Headquarters has been asked to clear 21 Army Group of Yugoslavs while Brenner is closed. In order to do this they must increase the 21 Army Group loadings to three trains to Rosenbach per day. G-4 will investigate possible movement through Bavaria and will find out when bridges will be repaired and also possible increase of Yugoslavs to Rosenbach.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

816. RUSSIAN TBs EX FRENCH ZONE.

7th Army had agreed to take 300 sick Russians and send them through Bebra. Public Health Branch, G-5, USTET are sending [illegible] categories of people who should not be moved without hospital trains. CCS will send further signal warning armies not to put these people on ordinary trains.

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It was decided that QM Section, War Office, London, receive a copy of the minutes.

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c/o G-5 Division USFET

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Thursday, 9 August 1945 at 1130 hrs
in G-4 Conference Room

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PRESENT: In the Chair: Major WHEELER

G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Mov Sec)	G-1 (Special Activities)
Mr. de MAREL	Captain KILPATRICK	Captain BIRTWISTLE
	BR Mov Member (att G-4)	
	Major FORD	

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801. AIR LIFT - GREEKS (Ref Min 791)

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

802. FRENCH TRAIN OF TBs (Ref Min 796)

It was stated that signal will be despatched after coordination with French Zone representative.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

803. MOVEMENT OF JEWS (Ref Min 799)

It was stated Mission to France have 1500 Jews and wish to know if they can be included in shipment of 700. G-4 stated that AFHQ have already laid on transportation to TARANTO for the 700 Jews from Switzerland.

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804. ITALIAN EX-PW AT BERLIN (Ref Min 800)

Cable has been despatched to BERLIN informing them that the 550 Italian ex-PW can be sent to HOF and to be included in 51,000 Italians to be accepted from Russian Zone.

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Mr. de MAEREL — Captain KILPATRICK — Captain BIRTWISTLE

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605. RUSSIAN MOVEMENT (Ref Min 785)

It was stated that Russians are being moved from SWITZERLAND as from Friday to BUCK and they will continue at rate of 5 trains per week for 9 days. It is estimated there are 9,000 in Switzerland to be moved. When this movement is completed 3,000 Yugoslavs will be moved. COOT have stated that one train per day of Russians is being sent from France to HEBRA.

606. MOVEMENT OF 7,000 PW EX-AUSTRIA

G-1 stated there were 7,000 British zone domiciled Germans in Austria to be moved and it was agreed that this be brought up at PARIS Conference.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Wednesday, 8 Aug. 1945 at 1130 hours
in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Major WHEELER

G-5 (DP)	G-5 (Mov Sec)	G-1 (Special Activities
Mr. COPE	Capt. KILPATRICK	Capt. BIRKWISTLE
UNRRA	BR Mov Member (att G-4)	
Miss PHILLIPS	Major FORD	

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791. AIR LIFT - GREEKS (Ref Min 783)

G-4 stated signal has been received from Air Ministry and it has been confirmed verbally from USTAF that firm date is 10 August 1945. There are 4 Liaison Officers at present in Greece and it is desirable that they be brought back to MUNICH on return lift. It was decided G-4 take this matter up and report back to Committee. It was stated cable had been received from AFHQ stating that in view of arrangements for repatriation of Greeks by air, they presumed that there will be no movements of Greeks or Southern Yugoslavs in to Italy and also that there are 200 Greek Jews in MARSEILLES to be moved to TARANTO. It was agreed that G-5 send cable in reply to the effect that should present arrangements prove to be insufficient, USTAF lift being limited to 6,500, it may be necessary to send Greeks via Italy. As regards 200 Greeks in France, USFET Mission to be asked to ascertain whether or not they are Jews and what category. Cable would state it was expected to repatriat Yugoslavs via Rosenbach. 3 Army have been informed that air lift can be from LINZ after MUNICH has been cleared. It was requested that G-4 ascertain if any can be picked up at SALZBURG.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)
G-4 (Mov Sec)

792 MOVEMENT OF ITALIANS (Ref Min 784)

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Mr. COPE | Capt. KILPATRICK | Capt. BIRTWISTLE

UNRRA | BR Mov Member (att G-4)

Miss PHILLIPS | Major FORD

791. AIR LIFT - GREEKS (Ref Min 783)

G-4 stated signal has been received from Air Ministry and it has been confirmed verbally from USTAF that firmdate is 10 August 1945. There are 4 Liaison Officers at present in Greece and it is desirable that they be brought back to MUNICH on return lift. It was decided G-4 take this matter up and report back to Committee. It was stated cable had been received from AFHQ stating that in view of arrangements for repatriation of Greeks by air, they presumed that there will be no movements of Greeks or Southern Yugoslavs in to Italy and also that there are 200 Greek Jews in MARSEILLES to be moved to TARANTO. It was agreed that G-5 send cable in reply to the effect that should present arrangements prove to be insufficient, USTAF lift being limited to 6,500, it may be necessary to send Greeks via Italy. As regards 200 Greeks in France, USFET Mission to be asked to ascertain whether or not they are Jews and what category. Cable would state it was expected to repatriat Yugoslavs via Rosenbach. 3 Army have been informed that air lift can be from LINZ after MUNICH has been cleared. It was requested that G-4 ascertain if any can be picked up at SALZBURG.

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G-4 (Mov Sec)

793 GERMAN PW (Ref Min 787)

Chairman stated this question would be taken up in further detail at Paris Conference.

794. MOVEMENT OF GERMANS EX-NORWAY (Ref Min 788)

It was stated that representatives had gone to OSLO today and will report further on this on their return.

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795. FRENCH TRAIN OF TBs (Ref Min 789)

It was stated that these people are failing to be screened out and that signal is being coordinated with Public Health and sent to all concerned to screen hospitalized cases and also that hospital trains will be made available for their movement.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)
coordinated G-4 (Mov Sec).

796. BRITISH TRIPOLITANIAN INTERNEES (Ref Min 790)

It was agreed that signal be sent to AFHQ stating that these people are ready to be moved and asking for firm offer for shipping.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

797. CHANGE IN DESIGNATION

It was stated that G-1 (PWX) has been incorporated in G-1 (Special Activities)

798. PROPOSED MEETING IN HUNGARY.

Signal had been received from ACC Hungary pressing for a meeting on the question of repatriation of Hungarians. This will be taken up immediately when the representatives from this Headquarters return from OSLO.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

800. ITALIAN EX-PW

Attention was called to 550 uncovered Italian ex-PW in Berlin. Chairman stated that they should be sent through HOF immediately and should be included in the 51,000 Italians who will be handed over from the Russian Zone at HOF, at the rate of 1,500 per day.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Tuesday, 7 August 1945 at 1030 hours
in G-4 Conference Room.

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PRESENT. In the Chair: Lt. Colonel CARROLL

G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Mov Sec)	G-1 (German Affairs)
Lt. HANSTEIN	Major de HAAS	Lt. Col. MACKENZIE
Mr. COPE	Captain MILPATRICK	
G-1 (PWX)	ER Mov Member (att G-4)	G-4 (Cos Branch)
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783. AIR LIFT - GREEKS (Ref Min 774)

No answer has yet been received from USTAF and it was agreed that G-4 inform Committee when this was received.

784. MOVEMENT OF ITALIANS

Chairman stated that at present 3,000 per day were being accepted at MITTENWALD from 21 Army Group area. Italiens from French Zone were going to BREGENZ. G-4 stated they are trying to balance rolling stock and that of the two trains which could accept Italians from Russian Zone at HOF, one could go to BREGENZ and one to MITTENWALD, together with the two trains from 21 Army Group. It was stated that Italian trains from 21 Army Group were going northbound empty. As there are approximately 1 million Germans in Austria at present, it was suggested that arrangements for exchange be made and it was agreed to take this up at Paris Conference.

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Poles - There are 530,000 Poles in British Zone and, working on the assumption that movement cannot commence until Soviet repatriation is complete, it is estimated that this movement will not be completed before end of November. Rate of exchange is 9,000 per day. In U.S. and French Zones, including France and Switzerland, there are 340,000. Train paths cannot be increased beyond 4,500 and movement cannot take place until Soviet repatriation is complete, it is estimated that this movement will not be complete before some time in December.

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Yugoslavs - Total capacity which can be accepted at ROSENBACH is 6,000 per day. At the present moment, owing to limitation of train paths, only 4,500 are being accepted - 1,500 from France, 1,500 from 21 Army Group and 1,500 from Southern part of French Zone. There are 55,000 in British Zone and this movement should be completed by middle of September. There are 50,000 in U.S. and French Zones, including France and Switzerland and, at rate of 3,000 per day, this will be cleared by end of August.

Italians - The total capacity over BRENNER PASS is 5,000 and, in addition, 3,000 per day can be sent from SWITZERLAND through BREGENZ. Owing to limited number of train paths, 1,500 per day are being sent from 21 Army Group through BRENNER PASS. On the BRENNER route we are presently sending 2,000 - 1,500 from 21 Army Group and 500 from French Zone. In British Zone there are 195,000. Daily rate is 3,000 - one train to BREGENZ and one over BRENNER, and it is estimated that this movement will not be completed before third week in October. In U.S. and French Zones there are approximately 20,000. This presents no problem.

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787. GERMAN PW (Ref Min 772)

There are 170,000 U.S. domiciled Germans in British Zone. The present policy lays down that Austrian Germans be sent back to Germany and it was suggested that French Zone domiciled Germans in the British Zone be moved out and exchanged with Austrian Germans.

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Col MACKENZIE stated there are 92,000 for British Zone, 79,000 for U.S. Zone and 114,000 for Russian Zone, 80% of which we have agreed to accept. For Austria there are 40,000. It was agreed to transfer these people for French Zone. As of today, we have received [illegible] of which 20,000 have been transferred to French Zone and

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

789. FRENCH TRAIN OF TBs.

It was stated French train of 9 box cars containing Italian T.B. cases had been sent to MUNICH without prior clearance and it was agreed that G-5 take action on this.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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790. BRITISH INTERNEES (Ref Min 764)

With reference to 145 Tripolitanians to be moved to BENGHAZI, Middle East have given clearance for all except three. G-4 are investigating means of transportation and as to whether they will be sent from MARSEILLES or via ITALY, and it was agreed that G-4 would report back to Committee.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Saturday, 4 Aug. 1945 at 1130 hrs.
in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt. Colonel CARROLL

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Lt. HANSTEIN

G-4 (Mov Sec)

Major de HASS
Captain KILPATRICK

G-1 (German Affairs)

Lt.Col. MacKENZIE

G-4 (Obs Branch)

Major LEWIS

BR Mov Member (attd: G-4)

Major FORD

765. AIR LIFT - GREECE (Ref Min 752)

G-4 to obtain a confirming signal from Air Ministry and also to send signal to British and American Air Forces that people are ready to be lifted. G-4 to obtain details as regards airfields.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

766. DISPOSAL OF GERMAN DIPLOMATS (Ref Min 753

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767. MOVEMENT OF JEWS (Ref Min 754)

G-4 stated that as far as Italy is concerned they can take care of Jews in Taranto for a period of up to two weeks and they wanted them in Taranto after they have been documented and screened. At present there are 2,800 Jews in Switzerland, 700 of these are of Dutch and Czech origin and the Dutch and Czech Governments wish these people repatriated to their countries and have made independent negotiations for them to be held in Switzerland for the present. 750 are destined for Palestine and 750 for UNRRA camps in Italy until homes can be found for them. Of the latter group Swiss are now willing to let elderly Jews remain in Switzerland, leaving only 200 for settlement in UNRRA camp and therefore they have withdrawn request for their early movement. This leaves group of about 700 to be moved to Palestine and documentation would be completed around the 20th. These to be moved via Italy. Mission to France stated that they have 1,700 and an unknown number will be documented by British for Palestine. Belgian and French Missions have been asked for numbers that will be documented by 12 August 1945 and they will be shipped from Toulon. It was stated that Middle East can accept only 1,500 Jews each month from all sources. G-4 to send signal to all concerned.

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

768. DISPLACED PERSONS IN COM ZONE (Ref Min 757)

G-4 stated signal had not been dispatched to COCT. TC is taking up this matter with Missions to France and Movements and arrangements will be made direct.

769. BREGENZ ROUTE (Ref Min 758)

Major de HAAS stated he would let G-5 have approximate date when box cars will be sent to Bregenz. As regards rations from 3rd Army, G-4 Ops Branch to take this matter up direct.

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770. HOSPITAL TRAIN TO PRAGUE (Ref Min 728)

Answer has not yet come through as to routing for this train, but it was expected to have same later today. G-4 stated there is no objection to fit people boarding this hospital train.

771. REPRESENTATION ON REPATRIATION COMMITTEE

It was agreed that G-1 (German affairs) be made a permanent member of Repatriation Committee. It was further agreed that the Repatriation Committe would coordinate movements of all non-military personnel (in addition to United Nations prisoners of war).

772. GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR

G-4 stated AFHQ had sent signal to War Office in connection with movement of British-held Germans north on 15 August. Estimated number is two to three hundred thousand and stated that northern flow is likely to continue after 15 August 1945.

773. MEETING IN NORWAY

It was stated that meeting will be held on 10 August in Oslo.

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772. GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR

G-4 stated AFHQ had sent signal to War Office in connection with movement of British-held Germans north on 15 August. Estimated number is two to three hundred thousand and stated that northern flow is likely to consume after 15 August 1945.

773. MEETING IN NORWAY

It was stated that meeting will be held on 10 August in Oslo.

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DISPLACED PERSONS EXECUTIVE
c/o G-5 Division USFET

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Friday, 3 August 1945 at 1130 hrs
in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt. Colonel CARROLL

G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Mov Sec)	G-1 (PWX)
Major GRANTHAM Mr. COPE	Major de HAAS Captain KILPATRICK	Captain BIRTWISTLE
G-1 (German Affairs)	**BR Mov Member (att G-4)**	**G-4 (Ops Branch)**
Major HARTMAN	Major FORD	Major LEWIS
UNRRA	**CC (BE) (PW Div)**	
Miss PHILLIPS	Major STOKES	

752. AIR LIFT - GREEKS (Ref Min 754)

Chairman stated signal had been sent to all concerned to concentrate Greeks at [illegible] and BRUSSELS for air lift which will commence 10 August.

753. DISPOSAL OF GERMAN DIPLOMATS (Ref Min 736)

It was stated that G-1 is concerned only with disarming of German military personnel. Major de HAAS suggested that G-1 and G-5 should discuss this matter and decide whose responsibility these people were. Major HARTMAN stated G-1 would take over cases now in hand, but that question had been brought up at G-1 Conference this morning, but no decision had yet been reached. It was agreed he would inform Committee when he had any further information on the subject.

754. MOVEMENT OF JEWS (Ref Mins 738 and 746)

It was stated that Italians refuse to accept the 700 Jews in Switzerland into Italy until September. Major de HAAS stated Mission to France had bid for Jews in France, Belgium and Switzerland to AFHQ. There was a ship from TOULON on 13 August and Major de HAAS stated there was no further prospect of more ships from France. Jews at present in Switzerland would be shipped from TARANTO. It was agreed that G-4 would review whole situation in light of recent signals and report back to Committee.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

755. MOVEMENT OF RUSSIANS (Ref Min 739)

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Mr. COPE — Captain KILPATRICK

G-1 (German Affairs) — BR Mov Member (att G-4) — G-4 (Ops Branch)

Major HARTMAN — Major FORD — Major LEWIS

UNRRA — CC (BE) (PW Div)

Miss PHILLIPS — Major STOKES

752. AIR LIFT - GREEKS (Ref Min 734)

Chairman stated signal had been sent to all concerned to concentrate Greeks at MUNICH and BRUSSELS for air lift which will commence 10 August.

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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756. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS (Ref Min 740)

Chairman stated Yugoslavs were being moved at rate of 4,500 per day, 1,500 from France, 1,500 from 21 Army Group and the balance from 3 and 7 Armies, and requested that an extra train be put through from BREGENZ. There are a total of 110,000 Yugoslavs to be repatriated and it was agreed G-4 find out how many trains we could have from BREGENZ area.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

757. DPs IN COM ZONE (Ref Min 741)

Chairman read draft signal to be sent to OCOT stating that Mission to France is authorised to bid direct to OCOT for movement of DPs and suggested that action on this be passed to G-4.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

758. BREGENZ ROUTE (Ref Min 743)

G-4 stated that they would be able to supply box cars for this movement.

759. BAGGAGE OF ITALIANS

G-5 stated signal had been despatched to the effect that baggage had to be restricted.

760. HOSPITAL TRAIN TO [illegible] (Ref Min 728)

G-4 stated that they still have not routing for this train. This is a French hospital train which they propose to use for movement of Poles. The question as to whether fit people would be able to board this train was raised and it was agreed that G-4 take up this question.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

761. SWEDISH MOVEMENT

It was stated UNRRA had endeavoured to obtain shipping for return lift from Sweden without success.

762. 30,000 CHILDREN IN 3 ARMY AREA (Ref Min 707)

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763. GERMAN PW (Ref Min 750)

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763. GERMAN PW (Ref Min 750)

Major HARTMAN stated that trains coming through French area from Italy are being held up by French en route. Chairman stated French representative was at this headquarters at present and Major HARTMAN could discuss the matter with him.

764. BRITISH INTERNEES (Ref Min 748)

G-4 stated signal had been despatched to Middle East.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Thursday, 2 August 1945 at 1130 hrs
in G-4 Conference Room

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PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt. Colonel CARROLL

G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Mov Sec)	G-1 (PWX)
Major WHEELER Major BRADBURY Mr. de MAEREL	Major de HAAS Captain KILPATRICK	Major HARWARD 6 18/8
G-4 (Ops Branch)	BR Mov Member (att G-4)	G-1 (German Affairs)
Major LEWIS	Major FORD	Major HARTMAN

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735. JEWS TO AUSTRALIA (Ref Min 729)

G-4 stated signal had been despatched.

736. DISPOSAL OF GERMAN DIPLOMATS (Ref Min 730)

Major HARTMAN stated that G-1 (German Affairs) handles only German military personnel. It was agreed that G-1 (German Affairs) and G-1 (PWX) discuss this matter and Chairman stated once they were categoried by domicile, the Committee would then make arrangements for movement.

737. BERNE REPRESENTATIVE (Ref Min 732)

Major de HAAS stated that USFET representative was now in BERNE. Major de HAAS to let G-5 have names today.

738. 700 JEWS TO PALESTINE (Ref Min 733)

G-4 stated signal was being sent today.

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Major de HAAS stated there was possibility of moving Russians through AMBERASSE, but this is being checked for Swiss acceptance and G-4 would let us know position. There are between 40,000 - 50,000 Russians in Com Zone and they could either be moved to BEBRA or HOF. If moved to HOF, this would mean going through Russian territory and this brings up question of obtaining clearance from Russians. As from 6 August, 5,000 can be accepted by Russians at

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Mr. de MAEREL

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

740. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS

It was stated there were still about 100,000 Yugoslavs to be repatriated and 54,000 of these were in 21 Army Group area. 21 Army Group may cancel all movement of Yugoslavs and Italians as there is no return lift on trains going to MITTENWALD and box cars are not being returned. It was agreed that G-4 obtain guarantee that these trains will be returned to 21 army Group. The question of using LEIPZIG line for British Zone was discussed and also line from

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BREGENZ area to LINZ and it was agreed that Major de HAAS would inform Committee on this tomorrow.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

741. DPs in CCM ZONE (Ref Min 722)

Chairman read signal he proposed sending to CCOT stating that Mission to France is authorised to schedule direct with CCOT trains for the movement of DPs and PW. Suitable rations will be provided to French for this movement. Major LEWIS stated 4,000 Red Cross parcels had already been sent and it was agreed that G-5 and G-4 (Ops) would discuss this question.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

742. MOVEMENT OF AUSTRIANS EX-NORWAY

Chairman stated signal had been received from USFA referring to movement of Austrians from Norway through BREMERHAVEN and it was agreed that G-4 take this matter up.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

743. BREGENZ ROUTE

Major BRADBURY stated 5 trains are being moved at present and this can be increased to 10 starting on 9th, a total of 12,000 per week. Movement will have to be reduced to 3,000 from 21 Army Group due to overloading of camps and it was agreed that 1,500 could be sent to MITTENWALD and 1,500 to BREGENZ. Swiss cannot furnish any more coaches for the 2 trains beginning on 9th and have asked us to furnish box cars. They require 70 box cars and would like to have them at BREGENZ on 8th to run as shuttle service from BREGENZ. It was agreed that G-4 let Major BRADBURY know position.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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Major de HAAS stated signal had been received from CALA requesting movement of 240 Polish soldiers. G-5 stated signal had been despatched giving instructions for them to be moved to camps in Germany. Major de HAAS pointed out that no exchange arrangements have been made for Poles, but Chairman stated it had been agreed to move Poles and Stateless out of France. G-4 requested numbers of people to be moved from France.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

745. GERMANS NORMALLY DOMICILED IN RUSSIAN OCCUPIED TERRITORY

Signal had been received from SCOFOR requesting acceptance in Russian Zone between 8-12 August of 4,600 domiciled Germans. Chairman stated that Russians are not prepared to accept in Russian Zone any of these people at the moment.

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G-4 stated Jews ex Switzerland were being sent to PALESTINE via Italy when British complete documentation. There was a ship from TOULON on 13 August and Missions to France and Belgium had been asked to advise how many would be available in TOULON on 12 August.

Signal had been received from USFA stating that 540 Jews of Polish nationality had been issued with passes by Soviet authorities to go to PRAGUE for transfer to PALESTINE. Major de HAAS stated we could not accept anyone from Soviet Zone without prior notification and clearance must first be obtained for them to enter PALESTINE. It was agreed to signal MOSCOW to make arrangements with British or American Missions as to whether they could be accepted in PALESTINE.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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Allied Commission HQ (AFHQ)

COUNCIL
DISPLACED PERSONS EXECUTIVE
c/o G-5 Division, USFET

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Wednesday, 1 August 1945 at 1130 hrs
in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the chair: Lt. Colonel Carroll

G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Mov Sec)	UNRRA
Major WHEELER	Major de HAAS	Miss PHILLIPS
Major GRANTHAM	Captain KILPATRICK	
Mr. COPE		

G-4 (Ops Dr)

Major LEWIS

721. AIR LIFT - GREEKS (Ref Min 703)

Greeks at MARSEILLES. It was agreed to leave Greeks in Marseilles for time being.

722. DPs IN COM ZONE (Ref Min 704)

G-5 sent signal off yesterday

723. MOVEMENT OF RUSSIANS

Russians have agreed to reopen Hoff. G-4 stated rail route to Hoff overburdened. Rail route movements are now curtailed due to transportation of food and coal for troops. Chairman stated situation is critical as the Russians will not be repatriated before the winter unless more rolling stock is made available. G-4 will explore possibility of moving 5,000 Russians to HOFF and St. Valentin per day and will prepare staff study on the subject of availability of transport.

724. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS (Ref Min 705)

Yugoslav authorities can accept 6,000 per day at Rosenbach. At present only 4,500 Yugoslavs are being repatriated daily. G-4 will investigate possibility of another train for Yugoslavs ex 21st Army Group. Major de HAAS said France should be cleared of all Yugoslavs by 15 August.

725. TWO TRAINS MISROUTED (Ref Min 708)

Major de HAAS stated one of these trains contained Austrians which went to Salzburg. One train contained Jews which the Russians shipped out with a letter requesting clearance without any destination given. G-4 still carrying on investigation as another train came across the Strasbourg bridge without any reference or marks.

726. AIR LIFT (Ref Min 711)

G-4 sent signal off yesterday.

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726. AIR LIFT (Ref Min 711)

G-4 sent signal off yesterday.

727. 160 AMERICAN CITIZENS IN PARIS (Ref Min 712)

G-5 to send signal today in effect that no communications in regard to repatriation must be made without clearance through CDPX. No one is to be sent up to Bremen without clearance. Claims to citizenship still to be investigated.

728. HOSPITAL TRAIN TO PRAGUE (Ref Min 714)

G-4 stated that they did not have routing yet and will take some time as their information in the east of our own border is slim. Mission France advises that train contains 500 people.

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729. JEWS EX-AUSTRIA (Ref Min 716)

Members of Jewish Brigade being shipped through as Italians. G-4 to take action and send signal out.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

750. DISPOSAL OF GERMAN DIPLOMATS (Ref Min 720)

Colonel Carroll and Major de MAAS stated this is essentially a G-1 matter and G-1's responsibility until such time as they are actually ready for movement. G-1 is to investigate and report to Committee.

ACTION: G-1 (German Affairs)

751. GERMAN REFUGEES

Chairman stated situation critical in regard to German refugees especially in the South. Major de MAAS brought up subject of trekking of refugees and remarked that we were back to same position as last January. Matter should be referred to higher level.

752. BERNE REPRESENTATIVE

Major WHEELER asked if a WSCTT representative had been sent to Berne. Major de MAAS stated that two American [illegible] officers and 6 or 7 EM have left today for Berne.

753. 700 JEWS TO PALESTINE

Chairman read signal SHC IN 9652 AFHQ to BERNE with reference to 700 Jews to Palestine on 5 August and passed signal to G-4.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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c/s G-5 Division, USFET

MINUTES OF [illegible] OF PLENARY MEETING OF ITALY
held Saturday, 21 July 1945 at 1430 hrs
in G-4 Conference Room.

PRESENT: In the Chair: Major GEN [illegible]

G-5 (DF)	AA Mov Officer (attn G-4)	G-1 (P.R)
Br. COS	Major ROID	Capt [illegible]
	G-4 (Ops Branch)	
	Major [illegible]	

578. AIR LIFT GREECE

Chairman said confirmation cable has been received from 9th Air Force stating that USAAF can lift the 4,500 in U.S. Zone to Greece beginning on or about 10 August. On return flight they will lift a total of 9,000 PWs from [illegible] to NETO. G-5 will check reception facilities for Yugoslavs both to Munich. G-4 will check Munich limit of 55 Group MAP of 2,100 British Zone.

G-5 will send signal to [illegible] and [illegible].

ACTION: G-5 (DF)
G-4 (Mov Sec)

579. MOVEMENT OF [illegible] TO [illegible] (Ref min 564)

Chairman told of USFET decision to France yesterday. They are making reception arrangements.

Major ROID referred to signal from USFET section to France accepting CHERBOURG as port of arrival, but requesting that date of arrival should not conflict with date of arrival of Brottingholm. G-4 will send signal to proper USFET authorities in London asking them to ensure that the arrivals do not conflict.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec) 1379

580. [illegible] (Ref min 568)

COS point out that Rimini is not a station but a yard, and for military operational reasons they are unable to have service arrangements provided in that yard with refugees and passengers crossing the lines. They cannot agree at present from operational point of view for service, to be provided at Rimini but they will consider the matter further if it is pressed. Br. COS suggested

G-5 (DF) Air Rep Member (Asst G-4) G-1 (P.W)

Mr. COPP Major FOLD Capt [illegible]

G-4 (UK Branch)

Major [illegible]

578. AIR LIFT GREECE

Cmdr [illegible] confirmation cable has been received from 9th Air Force stating that USAAF can lift the 5,000 in U.S. Zone to Greece beginning on or about 10 August. On return flight they will lift a total of 5,000 DPs from [illegible] to [illegible]. G-5 will check reception facilities for Hungarians both to [illegible]. G-1 will check British limit by 50 Group RAF of 2,400 British Zone.

G-5 will send signal to [illegible] and AFHQ.

[illegible] : G-5 (DF)
G-4 (Air Sec)

579. MOVEMENT OF [illegible] (Ref A to 50a)

Chairman telephoned USSTAF liaison to France yesterday. They are making reception arrangements.

Major FOLD referred to signal from USSTAF Liaison to France accepting Cherbourg as port of arrival, but requesting that date of arrival should not conflict with date of arrival of Prettyman ship. G-4 will send signal to proper military authorities in London asking them to ensure that two arrivals do not conflict.

[illegible] : G-4 (Air Sec) 1379

580. MOVEMENT OF [illegible] (Ref para 578)

COCT point out that [illegible] is not a station but a yard, and for railway operational reasons they are unable to have service arrangements provided in that yard with refugees and passengers crossing the lines. They cannot agree at present from operational point of view for servicing to be provided at [illegible] but they will consider the latter portion if it is pressed. Mr. COPP suggested that one or two sidings should be designated for servicing. Major FOLD said that Major GRIFF of G-5 is going to take this up with COCT.

[illegible] : G-5 (DF)

581. MOVEMENT OF [illegible] (Ref para 578)

Signal has been sent out, coordinated G-4 and G-5, to U.S. Forces in Berlin for General [illegible], U.S. Mission Greece and AFHQ stating that all movement of [illegible] out of U.S. Zone into Russian Zone through British Zone in Austria has been stopped, and requesting

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[illegible] that a trial wedding should be entered into regardless of arrangements to attend to all details which are felt to be not to be needed. So AMG was suggested. [illegible] requested to confirm.

532. [illegible] (Ref [illegible])

G-1 (Foreign Affairs) have sent cable to SCAEF stating that "separate wedding" is not required.

533. [illegible]. (Ref [illegible])

Liaison officer was informed of decision of committee.

534. [illegible] (Ref [illegible])

Major [illegible] stated he had telephoned [illegible] for this to be discussed at Conference and [illegible] acceptance [illegible].

535. [illegible] (Ref [illegible])

G-4 cable will be sent to request copies of Foreign Affairs cables are received.

536. [illegible] (Ref [illegible])

[illegible] for AMG Italy will contact G-1 (Foreign Affairs) to see what is going to happen this.

[illegible] : G-1 (For Aff)

537. [illegible]

Chairman read signal from [illegible] group reporting that train with 700 Italian displaced [illegible] after three days on route without food. In any group state that police were denied use of force by German police [illegible]. G-5 will take this matter up.

[illegible] : G-5 (Dis)

538. [illegible]

Chairman read cable from [illegible] stating that operating personnel, pote[illegible] will be increased to 2,500 - 3,000 Northern Italians and 1,500 Southern Italians. Ord Army will be responsible for supply action etc. [illegible] will provide trains to move properties. G-4 will send out original requirements, coordination made etc.

[illegible] : G-4 (Ord Sec)

539. [illegible]

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583. [illegible] (Ref A 578)

[illegible] 92[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

590. DPs in Com Z E

Chairman read cable from Com Z stating that all DPs must be evacuated from Com Z by 1 August and giving figures by nationalities.

They also request permission to move to SHAEF 100 DPs who claim U.S. citizenship.

Chairman stated that Hungarians will be moved shortly, Germans cannot be moved yet, Bulgarians, Hungarians and Rumanians will probably have to be held in Assembly Centres in Germany, Yugoslavs can be moved to Metz. Chairman will ascertain what is correct procedure with regard to repatriation of attached persons, and answer Com Z.

ACTION : G-5 (DP)

591. CA Cabling of 3rd Army Allotment

Chairman read cable from 3rd Army requesting that 3rd Army allotment for Yugoslavs for 22 July be cancelled owing to screening difficulties, and 10,000 hold for 3rd Army starting approximately 15 August.

ACTION : G-5 (DP)

592. J.P. Held by 3rd U.S.

Japanese consul officials is being held in honourable custody in Hamburg. 21 Army Group would like to move him. G-1 (P.W.) accepted action. The paper from 21 Army Group was passed to them.

ACTION : G-1 (P.W.)

593. Hadlich Group at Linz

Request for repatriation of Hadlich group at Linz in Austria, sent up to Commanding General USFET by the 3rd U.S. Army under date of 28 June 45 was transferred to G-1 (P.W.) for action.

ACTION : G-1 (P.W.)

594. 42 Belgians in Italy

1378

Belgian Government have requested repatriation by air of 42 Belgians in U.S. area of Jordan, Palestine, 20 October cases. G-4 accepted action on basis. Air list was considered possible.

ACTION : G-4 (Mov Sec)

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cannot be moved yet, Bulgarians, Hungarians and Rumanians will probably have to be held in assembly centres in Germany, until they can be moved to Rome. Chief of Mil Mission to ask for correct procedure with regard to transit of stateless persons, and answer Con 2.

ACTION : G-5 (DP)

591. CHANGE OF SECRET CIPHER

Chief of Mil Mission to Rome requesting that Army allotment for September for 25 July be cancelled owing to screening difficulties, and 10,000 held for Army starting approximately 15 August.

ACTION : G-5 (DP)

592. JAPANESE CONSULAR STAFF AT LUXEMBOURG

Japanese consular official is being held in honourable custody in Luxembourg. US Army Group would like to move him. G-1 (P&X) accepted action and paper from 21 Army Group was passed to them.

ACTION : G-1 (P&X)

593. SPANISH GROUP AT LINZ

Request for repatriation of Spanish group at Linz in Austria, sent up to Commanding General USFET by the 3rd U.S. Army under date of 30 June 45 was transferred to G-1 (P&X) for action.

ACTION : G-1 (P&X)

594. 42 BELGIAN D.P. TO BE REPATRIATED

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Belgian Government have requested repatriation by air of 42 Belgian D.P. U.S. area of Berlin, including 20 stretcher cases. G-4 accepted action on this. Air lift was considered possible.

ACTION : G-4 (Gov Sec)

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c/o G-5 Division, USFET

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Monday, 30 July 1945 at 1130 hours
in G-4 Conference Room.

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PRESENT: In the Chair: Major GRAHAM

G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Mov Sec)	G-4 (Current Ops)
Major WHEELER	Lt Col BRINKERTON	Major LEWIS
Mr. COPE	Major de HAAS	
	Capt(WAC) KELLAHAN	

684. AIR LIFT - GREEKS (Ref Min 638)

No reply has yet been received from Greek authorities as to whether they can accept.

685. DPs IN COM ZONE (Ref Min 638)

Chairman read draft signal he proposed sending to Com Z asking when numbers of Germans and Americans will be available for movement. Major de HAAS suggested that we request figures of Germans domiciled in each zone of occupation. 7 Army are willing to accept but have not yet designated any point. Poles are stateless to be accepted by 3 and 7 Armies. 5 Army will accept at LICHTENFELS, near COBURG. G-5 to obtain further details and check with Com Z.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

686. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS (Ref Min 669)

Major de HAAS stated that movement of Yugoslavs from FRANCE would have to be curtailed to one train per day with effect from 1 August. 2 trains per day, strength 5, could be accepted at ROSENBACH. It was desired to start movement from 21 Army Group. 21 Army Group to be allotted 1,500 per day from 2 August. Signal had been received from 21 Army Group stating that liaison officers reported that 100,000 Yugoslavs had been repatriated from American Zone and they requested immediate allotment on BRUNSWICK-MUNICH route at expense of Italians. It was agreed above quota would not be at expense of Italians and noted it could not be further increased as return of Germans on BRENNER shuttle would be upset.

ACTION: G-5 (DP) 1377

687. MOVEMENT OF GREEKS (Ref Min 672)

3 Army stated 1,000 Greeks via BRENNER PASS had already been despatched.

688. MOVEMENT OF FRENCH EX-MURMANSK AND OTHERS EX-TROMSO (Ref Min 674)

Signal had been received inquiring whether the two ships could

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Mr. COPE — Major de HAAS, Captain MILLAMICK

684. AIR LIFT - GREEKS (Ref Min 667)

No reply has yet been received from Greek authorities as to whether they can accept.

685. DPs IN COM ZONE (Ref Min 668)

Chairman read draft signal he proposed sending to Com Z asking when numbers of Germans and Americans will be available for movement. Major de HAAS suggested that we request numbers of Germans domiciled in each zone of occupation. 7 Army are willing to accept but have not yet designated any point. Dulles and Littlefare to be accepted by 3 and 7 Armies. 3 Army will accept at [illegible], near COBURG. G-5 to obtain further details and check with G-4.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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ACTION: G-5 (DP), G-4

687. MOVEMENT OF GREEKS (Ref Min 673)

3 Army stated 1,000 Greeks via BRENNER PASS had already been despatched.

688. MOVEMENT OF FRENCH EX-MURMANSK AND OTHERS EX-TROMSO (Ref Min 674)

Signal had been received inquiring whether the two ships could come into CHERBOURG. G-4 stated that they were answering that they prefer one to come into DIEPPE.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

689. MOVEMENT OF SCANDINAVIANS (Ref Min 672)

Signal has been despatched.

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690. MOVEMENT OF RUMANIANS (Ref Min 679)

A signal had been received from AFHQ and ACC Rumania offering 12 car train with 30 Red Cross personnel, also a signal from Military Mission MOSCOW to the effect that they saw no objection to Rumanians passing through Soviet territory. It was stated that

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there were 5,000 in 21 Army Group area, 295 in French Zone and 6,600 in American Zone. It was agreed that signal be sent to Rumanian authorities to find out how many of these nationals were hospitalised and capacity of train, same signal also to request Mission MOSCOW to obtain clearance from Soviet authorities as, according to present policy, no displaced persons can be moved through Soviet territory until all Russians are repatriated. Same signal also to ask Armies to nominate collecting points.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

691. 30,000 CHILDREN IN 3 ARMY AREA (Ref Min 680)

21 Army Group are willing to accept provided they do not go to RHUR. These children are scattered all over BAVARIA and 3 Army have been asked for destination of these children.

692. PW FROM OCK ZONE (Ref Min 682)

Reference Minute 682, 3 Army are willing to accept these PW at HOF. Willingness Russians not yet known.

693. TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION

Major WHEELER stated telephonic communications between FRANKFURT and BERNE would be open as from tomorrow.

694. ITALIANS IN FRANCE

Owing to hold up of this movement, it has been requested that no more Italians be moved from ANNEMASSE until AFHQ are able to accept

695. BID FOR 1-15 AUGUST (Ref Min 639)

Major de HAAS stated that allocation for DP and PW movement is likely to be cut considerably as movement of coal has started and this has overall priority. He thought, however, that movement of Italians would be more or less completed before BRENNER snowed up. Russians from France would have to go to BEBRA or HOF instead of LINZ, but Russians ex 3 Army territory could be sent to LINZ. As regards Russians from Switzerland, Major de HAAS would check up on this and inform Committee. Major de HAAS requested G-5 to obtain current figures of Italians and Yugoslavs still in 21 Army Group area.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)
G-5 (DP)

696. AIR LIFT

Curious signal from AFHQ regarding Medloc aircraft was read. AFHQ asked assurance that air lift Greeks would not interfere with Medloc. As Medloc is westward and Greeks go eastward, it was agreed AFHQ be asked whether there were any available space for Greeks in return Medloc.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)
coordinated G-4 (Mov Sec)

Signal had been received from British and USFET Mission to

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RHUR. These children are scattered all over Bavaria and 3 Army have been asked for destination of these children.

693. PW FROM CCS ZONE (Ref Min 638)

Reference Minute 638, 3 Army are willing to accept these PW at HCF. Willingness Russians not yet known.

695. TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION

Major WHEELER stated telephonic communication between FRANKFURT and BERLIN would be open via from tomorrow.

694. ITALIAN REPATRIATION

Owing to hold up of this movement, it was been requested that no more Italians be moved from ANNEMASSE until AFHQ are willing to accept

695. BID FOR 8-15 AUGUST (Ref Min 639)

Major de HAAS stated that allocation for DP and PW movement is likely to be cut considerably as movement of coal has started and this has overall priority. He thought, however, that movement of Italians would be more or less completed before BRENNER snowed up. Russians from France would have to go to BESRA or HCF instead of LINZ, but Russians ex 3 Army territory could be sent to LINZ. As regards Russians from Switzerland, Major de HAAS would check up on this and inform Committee. Major de HAAS requested G-5 to obtain current figures of Italians and Yugoslavs still in 21 Army Group area.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)
G-5 (DP)

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ACTION: G-5 (DP)
coordinated G-4 (Mov Sec)

Signal had been received from British and USFET Mission to Netherlands arranging air lift for 35 Netherlands displaced persons, at present in LINZ to be moved to EINDHOVEN. Action passed to G-4 Air.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

Signal had been received from British and USFET Mission to Netherlands stating that 900 Netherlands displaced persons are being moved from SWEDEN to COPENHAGEN and asking for air lift from COPENHAGEN to EINDHOVEN. British Military Mission to Denmark also signalled stating that no air lift is available and that no Dutch could be received in COPENHAGEN. It was agreed action be passed to G-4 for investigation of sea lift from Norway to Holland.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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697. 180 AMERICAN CITIZENS IN PARIS (Ref Min 669)

These citizens are to be held in PARIS until their American citizenship is established. G-5 to ascertain whether this has been completed.

ACTION: C-5 (DP)

698. DUTCH EX-ITALY, AUSTRIA, GERMANY ETC.

USFET Mission to France had received cable from French Mission regarding movement of 10,000 to be moved through France. French Mission request that only small numbers be passed through France at AMNEMASSE only and all full trains Dutch be shipped to EINDHOVEN. Signal to be written to this effect and held till next meeting for further study rail capacities by G-4.

699. HOSPITAL TRAIN TO PRAGUE.

Signal had been received from Mission to France asking for clearance and routing instructions for hospital train through U.S. Zone to PRAGUE and then to WARSAW. It was agreed to pass action to G-4.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

700. ARRIVAL OF TRAIN IN ACTIVATED

It was stated signal had been received from AFHQ to the effect that train had arrived with 50 tuberculous cases and no prior advice had been received by them. It was also understood that this would occur twice weekly. It was agreed that signal be despatched asking them where this train originated and also requesting train number.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

701. JEWS EX-AUSTRIA

Signal had been received from AFHQ requesting that this unauthorised movement, still continuing, should cease immediately. Another signal had been received from USFA to AFHQ that movement from SALZBURG of Italians had included Jews. AFHQ stated 4,204 Jews have been moved to date. It was agreed to send signal to all concerned that instructions as regards to nationality will be strictly adhered to.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

702. MOVEMENT OF RUSSIANS

Signal from USTAF was read requesting clearance for movement of 10 C-47 of Russians from BOLLAC to PILSEN and also that it was understood that reception at PILSEN for displaced persons ceased on 31 August. Chairman stated he did not think there were any reception facilities at PILSEN, but he would get in touch with 3 Army

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Signal had been received from Mission to France asking for clearance and routing instructions for hospital train through U.S. Zone to PHaGUF and then to MARSEILLE. It was agreed to pass action to G-4.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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It was stated signal had been received from AFHQ to the effect that train had arrived with 30 tuberculous cases and no prior advice had been received by them. It was also understood that this would occur twice weekly. It was agreed that signal be despatched asking them where this train originated and also requesting note number.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Friday, 27 July 1945 at 1130 hours
in G-4 Conference Room

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PRESENT: In the Chair: Major GRANTHAM

G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Mov Sec)	G-1 (PWX)
Mr. COPE	Major de HAAS Captain KILPATRICK	Captain BIRTWISTLE
G-4 (Current Ops)		**UNRRA**
Major LEWIS		Miss PHILLIPS

653. AIR LIFT - GREEKS (Ref Min 657)

Major de HAAS suggested that cable be despatched to US and British Military Attaches in Greece stating that urgent reply is required if air lift is to be utilised. It was agreed that G-5 draft signal and coordinate with G-4.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)
coordinated G-4 (Mov Sec)

654. DPs IN COM ZONE (Ref Min 642)

Committee agreed that these DPs could not be cleared by 1 August on account of failure on the part of Russians to set up new exchange points. It was stated that it would probably be necessary to allocate these people to the various Armies arbitrarily.

655. MOVEMENT OF FRENCH DPs FROM RUSSIA (Ref Min 644)

USFET Mission to France stated that French have ship, capacity of which is 900, which will make one trip to ODESSA. Since then, however, information has been received from them that this ship will not go to ODESSA. Major de HAAS to investigate this matter and inform Committee.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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656. MOVEMENT OF GREEKS (Ref Min 645)

It was stated that there are 200 Greeks at present in France and USFET Mission to France wish to know if they may be sent by sea about 31 July. Committee agreed that the ship sailing on 31 July should be used for movement of Southern Italians, not Greeks. It was also agreed to send interim reply to AFHQ until details re air lift are received from British,, and G-5 to check up on number of Greeks still to be repatriated.

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Mr. COPE — Major de HAAS, Captain KILPATRICK — Captain BIRTWISTLE

G-4 (Current Ops) — UNRRA

Major LEWIS — Miss PHILLIPS

653. AIR LIFT - GREEKS (Ref Min 637)

Major de HAAS suggested that cable be despatched to US and British Military Attaches in Greece stating that urgent reply is required if air lift is to be utilised. It was agreed that G-5 draft signal and coordinate with G-4.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)
coordinated G-4 (Mov Sec)

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ACTION: G-5 (DP)

657. MOVEMENT OF GREEKS AND SOUTHERN YUGOSLAVS

A cable had been received from AFHQ regarding movement of Greeks and Southern Yugoslavs from BARI, stating that ship will take 800 a week alternately to DUVBROVIK and PATRAS, Southern Yugoslavs to DUBROVIK and Greeks to PATRAS. Southern Yugoslavs must be volunteers and this must count against daily allocation of 1500 Southern Italians over BRENNER PASS. The screening of Southern Yugoslavs and Southern or Peleponesan Greeks was questioned. Major de HAAS suggested that action be postponed on this matter until Colonel CARROLL's return.

658. ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY BY UNRRA (Ref Min 647)

The CDPX-UNRRA Agreement in its present draft form lays down

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that UNRRA should take over responsibility for repatriation by 1 October. Major de HAAS thought that this would be better left under military authority until mass movements are completed. Poles, Russians and German PW would still remain to be repatriated. As regards arrangements for acceptance of these people to their homes, this would also continue to be a military responsibility. Mr. COPE suggested that UNRRA bid to military for repatriation and it was pointed out that priorities would drop if UNRRA made the bids. As regards UNRRA assuming responsibility for supplies, Major de HAAS stated priorities must be clearly defined. Major de HAAS to let G-5 have report on G-4 suggestions and points today.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

659. MOVEMENT OF HUNGARIANS (Ref Min 648)

Signal had been despatched.

660. MOVEMENT OF FRENCH EX-MURMANSK AND OTHERS EX-TROMSO (Ref Min 649)

Major de HAAS stated that the figure of 2,500 given yesterday would be exceeded, but he expected to have definite figures tomorrow.

661. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS (Ref Min 650)

Present flow of 3,000 has now been increased to 4,500 and the additional 1500 is to be split equally between 3 and 7 Armies. As regards the movement of 90 sick Yugoslavs from KASSEL, Miss PHILLIPS stated that signal had now been received that there were no such sick at all in KASSEL. Liaison Officer to be informed by G-5.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

662. RUSSIANS IN LUXEMBOURG (Ref Min 651)

Cable has been despatched.

663. TRAIN 9018M. (ref Min 652)

Major de HAAS stated signal has been despatched, but, as yet, it is not known where train originated, but it is believed to have been SAARBRUCKEN.

664. 400 JEWS IN EBENSEE (Ref Min 653)

Miss PHILLIPS stated UNRRA London had made arrangements direct with AFHQ. Mr. COPE read draft signal that UNRRA, this Headquarters, proposed sending to UNRRA London requesting information as to whether arrange have been made with UNRRA Rome, also stating correct procedure is to notify CDPX through AFHQ and also requesting necessary movement. Signal was amended accordingly and agreed by Committee. It was pointed out that UNRRA could not authorise movement.

665. REPATRIATION OF GERMAN MERCHANT SEAMEN.

Mr. COPE stated signal had been received from AGWAR requesting repatriation of German merchant seamen. It was agreed that Captain BIRTWISTLE take this up with G-1 (German Affairs).

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ACTION: G-1 (PWX)

666. BREGENZ ROUTE (Correction to Min 638)

Minute 638 should be amended as follows:

"Rations to be furnished to Major BRADBURY from indigenous sources, or in lieu thereof, a quantity of Red Cross parcels" also "32 gallon cans for cooking purposes". This was request from Mov Sec to Ops Branch and was agreed to. Last sentence to be deleted entirely.

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c/o G-5 Division, USFET

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Thursday, 26 July 1945 at 1130 hours
In G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Major GRANTHAM

G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Mov Sec)	G-1 (PWX)
Lt. HANSTEIN Mr. COPE	Major de HAAS	Capt BIRTWISTLE
G-4 (Current Ops)	UNRRA	
Major LEWIS	Miss PHILLIPS	

637. AIR LIFT GREEKS (Ref Min 623)

This is still pending as no reply has yet been received on reception at ATHENS.

638. BREGENZ ROUTE (Ref Min 624)

Major LEWIS stated that a cable was being sent through channels for despatch to 3rd Army asking them to furnish Major BRADBURY with rations from indigenous sources and a quantity of Red Cross packages, also 30 and 5-gallon water cans. Detailed arrangements to be worked out by Major BRADBURY and 3rd Army. G-4 requested 3 Army be warned that army rations may later be needed in the event of German PW being repatriated by this route.

ACTION: G-4 (Current Ops)

639. BID FOR 1-15 AUGUST (Ref Min 626)

It was stated that signal had been despatched.

640. RETURN OF BOX-WAGGONS TO AFHQ (Ref Min 627)

G-4 stated signal had been despatched.

641. DISPOSAL OF GERMAN DIPLOMATS (Ref Min 628) 1373

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G-4 (Current Ops)

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It was stated that 3 Army had been asked date when this train could be despatched. When this was received, 21 Army Group would be informed.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

644. MOVEMENT OF FRENCH DPs FROM RUSSIA (Ref Min 631)

It was agreed that this matter be left in abeyance.

645. MOVEMENT OF GREEKS (Ref Min 635)

It was agreed that this matter be left until a reply had been received from Greeks re reception. Signal had, however, gone forth for an experimental 1,000 to be sent via BRENNER and BARI and sea

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lift to Greece, these to have priority over Italians through BRENNER.

646. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS

Request had been received from Yugoslav Liaison Officer re Yugoslavs transporting baggage they brought when deported. It was agreed that no action should be taken until more information was obtained.

647. ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY BY UNRRA

It was not thought that UNRRA could coordinate movement about 1 October. Major de HAAS took the draft of the CDPX-UNRRA Agreement and stated that he would bring the matter up at the meeting tomorrow, with suggestions for revisions.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

648. MOVEMENT OF HUNGARIANS (Ref Min 554)

As regards movement of these nationals via SEMMERING, it was decided to send interim reply asking that question be investigated and that we be advised earliest.

649. MOVEMENT OF FRENCH EX-MURMANSK AND OTHERS EX-TROMSO (Ref Min 598)

The numbers given for this movement are 2,000-2,500, but a finalized answer is expected by Saturday.

650. REPATRIATION OF YUGOSLAVS

Request received from 1 French Army for repatriation of Yugoslavs by truck. This was turned down and G-5 undertook to inform the proposers.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

651. RUSSIANS IN LUXEMBOURG

It was decided to send cable stating that movement of Russians ex-LUXEMBOURG would take place when embargo was lifted and that evacuation to Germany was not indicated.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

652. TRAIN 9016Y.

It was stated that this train arrived in 7 Army area with 1,000 Russians and 570 Hungarians, unauthorised and point of origin unknown. Major CARTER does not wish this to happen again. G-4 was requested to discover origin of train and order such movements to be stopped.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Friday, 20 July 1945 at 1145 hrs
in G-4 Conference Room.

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt Colonel LAWRENCE

G-5 (DP) — (G-4 (Mov Sec)) — G-1 (PWX)

Major GRANTHAM — Major DOWRICK — Major HARWARD
Mr. COPE

G-4 (Currents Ops) — RN Adm Member (att G-4)

Major LEWIS — Major WARD

563. AIR LIFT

Major DOWRICK stated that he proposed sending two cables, one to Air Ministry requesting 38 Group to move Greeks out of British Zone and one to US Armies to make bid to AFHQ. It is anticipated that movement will start between 5-10 August. The collection point for British Zone will be BRUSSELS and for American Zone, MUNICH. Mr. COPE requested that AFHQ be informed to instruct Chief Greek Liaison Officer, Commander STAFFORD, now at ATHENS, to make reception facilities available at ATHENS airport.

564. MOVEMENT OF FRENCH EX-NORWAY (Ref Min 538)

Still no reply has been received from USFET Mission to FRANCE. Committee decided that CHERBOURG should be the port and G-4 to send cable to USFET Mission to France and Com Z confirming port and requesting that details regarding reception be arranged.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

565. GERMAN OFFICIALS EX-SWEDEN (Ref Min 555)

G-1 to report on this matter at next meeting.

566. WELFARE CENTRE AT HANAU (Ref Min 560)

Chairman stated there was no objection to a welfare centre being established at HANAU by UNRRA. Chairman suggested that COOT Advance be informed to instruct ATC to deal direct with UNRRA on this matter, but first G-4 should contact Colonel SCHOTTLAND.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

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An exchange has been agreed to between British and US Zones and Armies are handling this matter direct.

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Mr. COPE stated signal had been received from MARSHALL, Berlin, concerning arrival of a third unannounced train and requesting information on where train originated. It was agreed that G-4 should take action on this. Cable had been despatched to MOSCOW stating that embargo had been placed on this movement and asking them to establish a new reception point as soon as possible and to make early use of lift. Major FORD stated that this third train has now left BUDAPEST for Austria, carrying the two American crews of the two trains at present held by the Russians in BUDAPEST. Major FORD stated signal had already been despatched to BERLIN asking their assistance and action had been passed to US Group CC. Chairman stated it was better to deal direct with MOSCOW. Major

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FORD asked who was responsible for assigning exchange points and Mr. COPE suggested that cable be despatched to MOSCOW asking that new border station be established at SEMMERING, but that clearance should be obtained first from AFHQ. A request had been received from TROOPERS as regards the number of Hungarians repatriated and arrangements for repatriation of remainder. It was agreed that signal be despatched informing them fully on this subject.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

569. MOVEMENT OF CZECHS

It had been reported by Major BRADBURY, at present at BREGENZ, that a train destined for PRAGUE via LINZ of 297 Czechs had been stopped at LINDAU. Czechoslovak Liaison Officer at LINZ had made arrangements for trucks to go and collect them at LINZ for onward movement to PRAGUE. Major BRADBURY had given US Zone clearance for train to proceed to LINZ and CDPX had informed 3 Army of action taken. Approved.

570. MOVEMENT OF GERMANS EX-NORWAY

Signal had been received from SCCFOR regarding repatriation of Germans ex-Norway and wishing to be informed of the districts into which these people are to go. It was agreed that G-1 and G-3 would take up this matter.

ACTION: G-1 (German Affs)
G-3

571. MOVEMENT OF JEWS

Request had been received from UNRRA to move 400 Jews at present in EBENSEE in 3 Army area, giving priority to Jews who wished to go to PALESTINE. It was agreed that particulars as to nationality of the Jews and ultimate disposal of those not destined for PALESTINE be obtained from UNRRA before we ask AFHQ if they are willing to accept.

572. MOVEMENT OF SEPHARDIC JEWS

It was stated that there were 75 Sephardic Jews in Belgium, holding Spanish passports, who wish to return to Greece if the Greeks authorities will accept them. Signals has been sent to USFET Mission to Belgium asking them to contact the nearest Greek Consulate. When clearance is received, this Committee will make arrangements to send them to Greece by air.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

573. MOVEMENT OF CZECHS FROM U.K.

A request has been received from the Czechoslovak Government that 600 Czechs in the U.K. wish to be repatriated. They also have 40 tons of baggage - documents etc. It was agreed that they be informed to contact Air Ministry on this matter as air service was in operation from U.K. to PRAGUE on commerical basis.

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574. MOVEMENT OF STYRIANS AND CARINTHIANS EX-FRANCE

It was stated that Com Z are pressing to move up to 10,000 Styrians and Carinthians, ex-PW, from France to Austria. If AFHQ are willing to accept, train programme can be arranged.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

575. FRENCH NATIONALS NORMALLY RESIDENT IN ITALY (Ref Min 537)

AFHQ have requested that ALCOM ROME be informed of all movements into Italy. As regards movement of French nationals, Chairman

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stated they can return on French ships. AFHQ be asked lists and details before giving clearance.

576. MOVEMENT OF FRENCH DPs FROM BRUSSELS (Ref Min 455)

It was stated signal had been received from TRICOMZS, action CMLM, to the effect that 1 troopship will be assigned to lift 1,000 French per trip from ODESSA and that Russians should be urged to start overland movement. It was agreed that TRICOMZS be asked to contact MOSCOW regarding this overland movement.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov Sec)

577. GERMAN PW

Com Z have asked 3 Army for designation of two railheads in US Zone to which German PW are to be sent to from Com Z for disposal. It was agreed that G-1 (German Affairs) take up this matter.

ACTION: G-1 (German Affairs

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held Tuesday, 17 July 1945 at 1130 hours
in G-5 Conference Room

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PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt Colonel CARROLL

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559. AIR LIFT

Major DOWRICK stated that no decision had yet been reached regarding air lift for Greeks, but Committee would be informed when he had any information on this subject.

560. WELFARE CENTRE AT HANAU

Letter from UNRRA representative was read for information in which it stated that railway junction at HANAU will be a bottleneck for displaced persons and suggesting that an attempt be made, with the help of voluntary agencies, to establish a welfare centre. It was agreed that G-4 would take up this matter and report to Committee at next meeting.

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561. MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES

Captain CHOLIS stated report had been received regarding the arrival in FRANKFURT of 700 refugees. It was thought that these refugees had come from BEBRA and it was decided that Captain CHOLIS should investigate this matter.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

562. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS

Telephone numbers of the Chief, Repatriation Section, are as follows:- 22517 and 22129.

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c/o G-5 Division, USFET

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Monday, 16 July 1945 at 1130 hrs
in G-5 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt Colonel CARROLL

G-5	G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-1 (PWX)
Captain CHOLIS (IA)	Major DOURICK	Lt Col WATTS
Lieut HANSTEIN	Major de HAAS	
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542. RUSSIAN MOVEMENT TO LEIPZIG (Ref Min 533)

G-4 have despatched signal.

543. MOVEMENT OF SOUTHERN EUROPEANS (Ref Min 535)

It was stated signal had been received from USFA stating movement had been cancelled. G-4 had sent signal, however, to continue this movement.

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G-4 stated that no reply has yet been received from SHAEF Mission (France).

545. PRE ROME CONFERENCE (Ref Min 540)

Signal had been received from AFHQ asking for names of representatives who were attending conference and items for agenda. Col CARROLL read signal he proposed sending in reply and same was amended.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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Letter from Political Officer was read for information concerning the repatriation of German officials in Sweden and requesting that they be sent to LUBECK. The Swedish authorities are willing to undertake this movement and ask that arrangements be made for the reception of these people. Major de HAAS stated there was an internment camp at HOHENASPERG in 12 Army Area. Chairman suggested that G-1 obtain numbers involved and send signal to 21 Army Group asking if they are willing to accept and also stating that movement be completed by 15 August.

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547. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS (Ref Min 532)

Signal had been received from 21 Army Group regarding allotment of Yugoslavs from 21 Army Group area, and asking that Yugoslavs be routed via Italy. Col CARROLL suggested all Yugoslavs be sent via JESENICE as Yugoslav Government had agreed to accept all Yugoslavs regardless of where they were domiciled. In any case, any Yugoslavs sent into Italy would reduce our quota of Italians. Furthermore, if we could avoid sending Yugoslavs via Italy, it would help AFHQ. G-4 pointed out that AFHQ had previously agreed to accept Southern Yugoslavs via Italy. It was agreed that this question be discussed at Rome Conference.

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ACTION: G-5 (DP).

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548. MOVEMENT OF SOUTHERN EUROPEANS (Ref Min 535)

Signal had been received from AFHQ, addressed to 8th Army, requesting latter to negotiate with USFA for movement of Hungarians ex 8th Army Zone. Committee had no objection.

549. SWISS ROUTE (Ref Min 515)

AFHQ have been asked to increase capacity across Switzerland. They state that, at present, they are accepting 7500 and hope to increase this figure to 12,500 by 21 July. 2,000 per day can be accepted at COMO as from 1 August and they will confirm date of commencement. It was decided that this question be discussed at the Rome Conference.

3 Army stated that reception facilities could be increased to 4,000 across BRENNER PASS. At present this movement is at rate of about 3,000 per day, but various Armies are sending 1500 per day instead of 1,000 with the result that 3 Army are overcrowded. Major de HAAS suggested placing an embargo on one day's movement to MITTENWALD. It was agreed that signal should be despatched to 3 Army asking them to use their authority to place embargo.

ACTION: G-5 (DP).

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Czechoslovak authorities complain that they are receiving into Czechoslovakia a number of Sudeten Germans and request that this movement be stopped. The only means of doing this was for Czechoslovak Liaison Officers to do their own screening and they would be informed accordingly.

551. MOVEMENT OF CHILDREN TO UNITED KINGDOM

There are 1,000 children from various parts of Germany to be moved to United Kingdom. It was agreed that G-4 would take up this question.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

552. AIR LIFT

Major DOWRICK stated that possibility of evacuating Greeks by air is still being investigated.

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c/o G-5 Division, USFET

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE 465/29
held Saturday, 14 July 1945 at 1430 hrs
in G-5 Conference Room.

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt Colonel CARROLL

G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-1 (PW)
Major WHELLER Mr. de HAIRE	Lt Colonel REISNER Major de HAAS Major DORRICK Major FORD	Captain HARWARD
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531. AIR LIFT

Major DORRICK is investigating whole position regarding air lift and will report to Committee in due course.

532. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS (Ref Min 522)

Col CARROLL stated that movement of Yugoslavs from France and Northern Germany has been postponed for the time being owing to transport difficulties in 3 Army area. When movement does re-start, Capt HARWARD suggested that ex-PW be given priority over displaced persons. Major de HAAS suggested that Russian embargo be maintained for a further two weeks and Col CARROLL stated it could not be lifted until clearance from the two points at LINZ and PASSAU was received. As regards bid submitted to G-4, decision was not yet available, but Col REISNER stated clearance was given for movement of 3,000 per day from France.

535. RUSSIAN MOVEMENT TO LEIPZIG (Ref Min 524)

Major de HAAS stated signal had been received which alleged trains came from 7th Army area and British Zone and G-4 is sending signal for specific information regarding numbers, routings and timings.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

534. MOVEMENT OF GERMAN REFUGEES (Ref Min 525) 1368

Major de HAAS stated he did not agree that Armies should be allowed to negotiate between themselves when this movement re-started. Col REISNER stated that as regards route from North and route over Rhine Bridges, we would have to keep in touch with same, but otherwise Armies could make their own arrangements. It was decided that G-4 take this question up and report to Committee.

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

535. MOVEMENT OF SOVIET EUROPEANS (Ref Min 525)

Col CARROLL stated signal had been received from USCOB to the effect that they are still considering the question whether they will accept Rumanians, Bulgarians and Rumenians through their lines and that they will not entertain the question until all Soviet citizens are repatriated. Major de HAAS said that as far as G-4 were concerned this was an authorised movement and that the two trains had been mis-routed to BUDAPEST. It was agreed that G-4 send signal to Berlin telling them that we had instructed the Rumenians to hold train crews and would they get trains released.

ACTION: G-4(Mov & Tn)

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536. MOVEMENT OF JEWS EX-SWITZERLAND (Ref Min 528)

G-4 had sent signal to the Minister in BERNE to the effect that plans could be made for shipping for the end of the month, and had asked him to confirm if they were ready to move and for firm date of availability.

537. FRENCH NATIONALS NORMALLY RESIDENT IN ITALY (Ref Min 529)

G-5 had despatched signal to AFHQ.

538. MOVEMENT OF POLES

It was stated that there were 2,000 Poles at present in FRANKFURT to be moved to Luxembourg but maximum capacity Luxembourgers can accept is at rate of 200 every three days. It was desired to use trucks for the movement of these Poles as they have to be transferred to certain point in Luxembourg where there are no train facilities. G-4 stated that no trucks were availeble and had made an offer of train for this movement.

539. MOVEMENT OF GERMANS EX-NORWAY (Ref Min 527)

It was stated that this movement would commence on or about 20 July. Signal had been despatched to SHAEF Mission (France) as to which port was to be used.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

540. PRE ROME CONFERENCE (Ref Min 510)

It was agreed by all that joint meeting be held at 0900 hours on 18 July and representatives would leave for ROME directly after meeting. It was also agreed that a G-5 meeting would be held on 17 July.

541. FUTURE MEETINGS OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE

It was agreed that daily Repatriation Meetings would be held at 1130 hours every morning.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Friday, 13 July 1945 at 1430 hrs
in G-3 Conference Room, Room 212.

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PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt Colonel CARROLL

G-5	G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-1 (PWX)
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ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

523. MOVEMENT OF GERMAN REFUGEES (Ref Min 512)

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524. RUSSIAN MOVEMENT TO LEIPZIG (Ref Min 513)

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Miss DUK (DP) | Major FORD

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Col CARROLL stated signal had been received from Com Z regarding trains and requested that G-4 take action on this.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn

525. MOVEMENT OF SOUTHERN EUROPEANS (Ref Min 514)

Col CARROLL stated signal had been received from USFA that movement of Hungarians is still proceeding by local arrangements. He suggested that signal be sent to stop this movement.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn

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526. ITALIAN MOVEMENT (Ref Min 515)

Signal had been despatched to 3rd Army. Col REISNER said he thought the reason that open waggons were being used was on account of movement having exceeded present arrangements.

527. MOVEMENT OF GERMANS EX-NORWAY (Ref Min 518)

Ref Min 518, this should be corrected to read that it was possible that some of the 10,000 Germans coming from Norway would go through the British Zone into US Zone, but, in any case, it is now understood they are all for the British Zone.

528. MOVEMENT OF JEWS EX-SWITZERLAND

Telegram had been received by G-5 regarding the repatriation of 750 Jews in Switzerland to Palestine. Action transferred to G-4.

Also via Italy

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

529. FRENCH NATIONALS NORMALLY RESIDENT IN ITALY.

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ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
G-5 Division
Displaced Persons Branch

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Thursday, 12 July 1945 at 1430 hrs
in G-5 Conference Room.

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt Colonel CARROLL

G-5	G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-1 (PWX)
Major WHEELER (DP) Capt CHOLIS (IA)	Major de HAAS Major DOWRICK Major FORD	Capt HARWARD
G-1 (German Affairs)	UNRRA	
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ACTION: G-5 (DP) 1366

510. PRE ROME CONFERENCE (Ref Min 503)

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[illegible] IN FRANCE (Ref Min 504)

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511. US INTERNEES IN FRANCE (Ref Min 504)

Capt HARWARD said it was hoped that the balance from Laufen Camp had been stopped.

State Department had also requested the repatriation of 91 US civilian internees and Capt HARWARD wanted to make bid for shipping. Major de HAAS pointed out this was a matter for US Embassy, but Capt HARWARD stated G-1 was responsible for the repatriation of British and US internees who were treated in the same way as PW. It was agreed that G-1 and G-4 would discuss the matter and bring it up again at next Committee meeting.

ACTION: G-1(PWX)
G-4(Mov & Tn)

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512. MOVEMENT OF GERMAN REFUGEES (Ref Min 506)

It had been agreed that movement of German refugees be stopped for the time being, with the exception of certain cases. As far as farm labourers and mine workers having priority, Col MACKENZIE stated this applied only to disarmed forces and had nothing to do with German refugees. Col CARROLL stated there were 7,000 German residents in British Zone who were being moved from Czechoslovakia owing to movement of forces. 21 Army Group had been asked to accept them and, when their reply is received, transport will be applied for. Major de HAAS stated that movement was becoming very difficult and that we may have to curtail Czech or Italian movement. It was agreed that G-4 would take up this question and report to Committee tomorrow. Col CARROLL stated signal had been despatched to US Military Mission, Moscow requesting that movement of German nationals across our lines cease until we are in a position to accept.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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ACTION: G-5 (DP)

513. RUSSIAN MOVEMENT TO LEIPZIG (Ref Min 499)

Major WHEELER stated signal had been received from 7 Army regarding train numbers for Russian movement and requested that this action be transferred to G-4.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

514. MOVEMENT OF SOUTHERN EUROPEANS (Ref Min 502)

Signal from AFHQ was read stating that Soviet authorities refused to release trains. It was agreed that G-4 would investigate.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

515. SWISS MOVEMENT.

Complaint had been received from AFHQ that, contrary to agreement reached at Bolzano Conference, open waggons were being used instead of box waggons. Major de HAAS stated cable had been sent to 3 Army asking for an explanation.

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516. DISPOSAL OF GERMAN DIPLOMATS

Capt HARWARD stated 12 Army Group had requested reception facilities in connection with return of German diplomats in their area. It was agreed that G-4 would take up this question.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

517. DANUBE MOVEMENT (Ref Min 486)

With regard to Yugoslav request for Danube shipping, Major de HAAS stated it had been confirmed that river was not open and reply was being sent to this effect.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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518. MOVEMENT OF GERMANS EX-NORWAY.

Major FORD stated that movement of 10,000 Germans from Norway is starting and it is probable that they will come from British Zone into US Zone. Major de HAAS stated that exchange was taking place at the rate of about 6,000 per day. It was also probable that 100,000 Germans would be coming from Norway during next week into 1st French Army area.

519. DISPOSAL OF GERMAN OFFICIALS IN NEUTRAL COUNTRIES (Ref Min 469)

With reference to Min 469, this should be amended as follows:

Line 4: delete "the Governments of those countries where German officials were held"

insert "the British and American Governments".

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held Monday, 9 July 1945 at 1430 hours
in G-5 Conference Room.

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PRESENT: In the Chair: Brigadier SALISBURY-JONES

G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-1 (PWX)
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G-4 (Current Ops)

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470. REPATRIATION OF WESTERN EUROPEANS EX-ITALY (Ref Min 459)

Col CARROLL stated signal had been despatched to AFHQ.

471. ITALIAN PW EX-FRANCE (Ref Min 460)

Capt HARWARD stated G-1 were handling the question of the repatriation of 2,000 PW (Italian) through MARSEILLES.

472. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS (Ref Min 461)

Col CARROLL stated 3rd Army have been asked how many Yugoslavs they can accept so as train programme can be laid on from 21 Army Group and other areas. Major de HAAS suggested that movement be

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curtailed meantime while Army change-over is being effected. Major de HAAS wanted to know what category of Yugoslavs they were willing to accept in Yugoslavia and Col CARROLL stated he would be in a position to inform the Committee tomorrow when he had received report from S. Comd. Macdonald. Yugoslavs had requested a new exchange point for the handing over of these nationals at a point just over their side of the border and Major de HAAS stated that it would be in order for trains to proceed over border provided Yugoslavs gave definite clearance.

473. MOVEMENT OF CZECHS OVER BRENNER PASS (Ref Min 463)

Col CARROLL stated that reply had been received from 3rd Army who are now agreeable to accept Czechs at BAMBERG for onward transmission to PILSEN at rate of 2,000 per day from all areas.

474. DANUBE MOVEMENT.

Col CARROLL read signal from Belgrade which stated that Yugoslav river shipping is available for the repatriation of Yugoslavs within the American Zone of Occupation. Russians had agreed to clear mines from Danube and it was agreed to verify this. Major FORD and Major de HAAS to check up on navigation position which is under consideration at the moment and also to find out where ships were at the moment.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

475. ADDITION TO DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Message had been received from AFHQ requesting that G-1(A) AFHQ and G-1 (B) AFHQ be included in distribution of minutes. Mr. KING requested that US and British Political Officers also be included.

476. COMMUNICATIONS.

Major de HAAS stated that it was imperative that better telephone communications be established with 3rd and 7th Armies. Brigadier SALISBURY-JONES said this matter would be taken up.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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478. MOVEMENT OVER BRENNER PASS

Major de HAAS read signal which he proposed sending to 7th Army and 1st French Army requesting address and telephone numbers of Reception Delivery Camps at MITTENWALD and BREGENZ.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

479. MOVEMENT OF FRENCH DPs FROM NORWAY

Col CARROLL stated he had just received telephone message from SHAEF Mission (France) to the effect that they would rather use DIEPPE for French nationals arriving from Norway.

480. MOVEMENT OF SOUTHERN EUROPEANS

Major de HAAS stated he had received signal from Com Z inferring that shipping facilities are available for Turkish, Italian, Syrian and Armenian displaced persons. It was agreed that G-4 should send signal to Com Z asking for explanation and on what authority this movement is taking place.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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481. SCREENING OF ITALIANS

AFHQ are having trouble with Italians who became Germans under the 1939 Hitler-Mussolini agreement. Cable has been despatched to the Armies to screen all alleged Italians before sending them to Italy and to retain such as had become Germans under above agreement.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

482. GERMANS TO BE ACCEPTED INTO RUSSIA

Request had been received from MTOUSA, action G-1, to press Soviet authorities to accept Germans belonging in Soviet area. Capt HARWARD agreed to take this matter up.

ACTION: G-1 (PWX)

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ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
G-5 Division
Displaced Persons Branch

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Saturday, 7 July 1945 at 1430 hrs
in Room 140.

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt Colonel CARROLL

G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-1 (German Affairs)	G-1 (PWX)
Lt Col REISNER Major DOWRICK Major FORD	Lt Col COOK Major WILKINSON	Capt HARVARD
G-2	**UNRRA**	**British Political Officer**
Capt FRANCIS	Miss PHILLIPS	Mr. KING

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ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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Major DONRICK stated that date of commencement of shuttle service MUNICH-PILSEN was still not known. Col CARROLL stated that 3 Army had agreed to accept in these three planes 45 Russians or 75 Czechs.

457. NEW ALLOTMENT OF TRAINS FOR ITALIAN MOVEMENT (Ref Min 451).

With regard to bid submitted to G-4 by Col CARROLL, Col CARROLL stated that it is hoped that all Italians at present in SHAEF area would be cleared by 1 September.

458. DISPOSAL OF GERMAN OFFICIALS IN NEUTRAL COUNTRIES (Ref Min 452)

As regards the disposal of German officials now in neutral countries, Major WILKINSON stated that nominal rolls had been asked for and when details of where Army Groups are going to hold these people has been arranged, the Committee would make arrangements /for

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for their movement. Mr. KING stated that arrangements had been made previously for these officials to be brought by air, but Col CARROLL stated that owing to shortage of service air lift, this would not now be possible. As far as officials at present in SPAIN, PORTUGAL and the VATICAN CITY were concerned, it was thought that commercial air service would be available. As there were over 2,000 in SPAIN, shipping facilities may be arranged. Col CARROLL suggested that question of transportation be deferred meantime until actual numbers were known. This raised the question of a representative from G-1 on the Committee after the dissolution of SHAEF and Major WILKINSON stated that 21 Army Group have been asked to appoint a British Liaison Officer to be attached to USFET. Mr. KING was asked to draft cable to Foreign Office stating that CCPX will be responsible for the repatriation of these officials and to submit draft cable to Col HOFFITT. Mr. KING, or the U.S. Political Officer to supply lists of officials in neutral countries to the Committee.

ACTION: FR Pol Officer.

Capt FLA CIS stated he had received letter regarding the repatriation of Germans in USA and also officials in Sweden and Afghanistan. It was agreed that the movement of these people could only take place on request of Foreign Office.

459. REPATRIATION OF "EASTERN EUROPEAN" EX-ITALY.

Col CARROLL stated signal had been received from AFHQ who wanted to send 545 French, 150 Belgians, 4 Luxembourgers, 170 Dutch and 69 Danes on CHIASSO-BRENNER rail route. It was agreed that signal be sent agreeing to this, but on the CHIASSE route, not BRENNER. G-4 concurred.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

460. ITALIAN PW EX-FRANCE.

Signal had been received from SHAEF Mission (France), action G-5, regarding repatriation of 2,000 Italian PW through MARSEILLES. It was suggested that action should be transferred to G-1.

ACTION: G-1 (PWX)

461. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS.

It was stated that the movement of 2,000 Yugoslavs from 3rd Army would be increased to 3,000 as Yugoslav Government are willing to accept 3,000 a day on their border. G-4 to arrange rail transportation when called upon.

462. AFHQ OVERLAND ROUTE.

AFHQ have increased overland road movement to CALAIS to 500 a day as from today, but owing to lack of housing facilities en route, return lift could not be utilised. It was decided to leave the matter in abeyance until present congestion in SHAEF Zone is cleared.

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ACTION: SHAEF Pol Officer.

Capt [illegible] stated he had received letter regarding the repatriation of Germans in USA and also officials in Sweden and Afghanistan. It was agreed that the movement of these people would only take place on request of Foreign Office.

459. REPATRIATION OF [illegible] NATIONALS [illegible].

Col CARROLL stated signal had been received from AFHQ who wanted to send 645 French, 180 Belgians, 4 Luxembourgers, 170 Dutch and 89 Danes on CHIASSO-BRENNER rail route. It was agreed that signal be sent agreeing to this, but on [illegible] route, not BRENNER. G-4 concurred.

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463. MOVEMENT OF CZECHS OVER BRENNER PASS.

Major FORD read signal from AFHQ authorising priority for northbound movement of Czechs over Brenner Pass route. Movement will commence as soon as 3rd Army can accept.

464. RUSSIAN MOVEMENT.

Dr. [illegible] requested details of a particular movement from Rumania. Col CARROLL stated that Russians had been asked to accept Southern Europeans through their lines and were still considering

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the matter, but he had no knowledge of the specific movement referred to by Mr. KING. Col CARROLL to send signal to 3rd Army for details of this particular movement on receipt of particulars from Mr. KING.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

465. MOVEMENT OVER BRENNER PASS ROUTE.

Lt Col REISNER stated that AFHQ were sending large number of German ex-PW over this route at rate of 5,000 a day which was contrary to agreed rate of 3,000 per day. It was agreed that this would be adjust itself as result of recent cables exchanged with AFHQ.

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REPATRIATION AND DISPOSAL OF PRISONERS OF WAR
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Colonel L. A. Lauben	G-1 Division
Colonel R. Macdonald-Gray	G-5 Division
Lt. Colonel R. L. Carroll	G-5 Division
Lt. Colonel A.L.E. Lawrence	G-4 Division
Lt. Colonel R.... Reisner	G-4 Division
Lt. Colonel ...G. Ristand	G-4 Division
Major A.H. de Haas	G-4 Division
Major E.A.L. Ford	G-4 Division
Major R.... Lewis	G-4 Division
Captain L. A. Harvard	G-1 Division

European Theatre of Operations, U.S. Army

Colonel Case	SCOA A.D
Colonel J. F. Fully	D. PS
Lt. Colonel A.J. Finnegan	SCOA (ARMS,
Captain E.J. Feltenberger	SCOA (A.D)

Army Air Component, Special Sec'l A.SC

Lt. Colonel Reed

12 Army Group

Lt. Colonel Pendron	
Lt. Colonel C. J. Hackett	G-1 Division
Lt. Colonel A. A. Coyne	G-5 Division
Major Wall	7 US Army
Major Parks	
Major Carter	G-5 Div 3 US Army

6 Army Group

Colonel R.... Luther	G-1 Division
Lt. Colonel A. L. Bernemann	G-4 (Gov & Ec),
Lt. Colonel R.A. Chibaud	1st French Army, G-5
Major Gerstwold	1st French Army, G-4
Major J.F. Asselda	DPX, 15 Army

21 Army Group

Lt. Colonel Wilkinson	"I" Movements
Major Milton	D....
Major Lyhem	"I" Command

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Captain [illegible]. Harvard — G-1 Division

European Theatre of Operations, U.S. Army

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Colonel J. R. Fully — DCofS
Lt. Colonel [illegible]. Finnegan — COSOR (ANCXS)
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Army Air Component, Special Attaché Section

Lt. Colonel Mead

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Lt. Colonel [illegible]. Bernemn — G-4 (Gov't Sh)
Lt. Colonel [illegible]. Thibaud — 1st French Army, G-5
Major Goretmoil — 1st French Army, G-4
Major J.P. [illegible]sselda — DPX, 15 Army

21 Army Group

Lt. Colonel [illegible]ilkinson — "Q" Movements
Major Hilton — DDT
Major [illegible]rkham — "Q" Wehrmacht

SHAEF Mission (France)

Lt. Colonel [illegible]. C. [illegible]itte
Major Gordon.

United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration

Mr. [illegible]. de [illegible]erel — G-5 Division

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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

1. Total which can be received at MUNICH is 3,000 a day. This figure will be split up in SHAEF area, and programme laid on for the first two weeks in July as follows:-

1 July - 6 July	2,000 per day from 3 US Army 1,000 per day from 15 US Army
7 July - 15 July (inclusive)	1,000 per day from 15 US Army 1,000 per day from 21 Army Group (Brunswick area) 500 per day from 3 US Army 500 per day from 7 US Army

Direct line out of Ruhr to MUNICH should be completed by end of July.

2. 21 Army Group are prepared to accept Germans from 12 Army Group whether or not they have come from Italy.

3. Swiss will provide rations for movement of Eastern displaced persons to Switzerland through BREGENZ. If these are not adequate, SHAEF will accept responsibility for feeding. 21 Army Group will supply six days' rations for trains going down to MUNICH, and if there is surplus this can be used for return journey.

4. 21 Army Group to be given details of present BRUNSWICK/MUNICH routes and notified of any subsequent changes.

5. Transportation officer at MUNICH will be notified of trains being despatched from BRUNSWICK, and "Q" (Movements) 21 Army Group will be notified of trains being despatched from MUNICH to BRUNSWICK. It will not be necessary to clear with G-5 Division.

6. When 21 Army Group bid for ambulance trains is received by Frankfurt Committee, return bid should be obtained from AFHQ and communicated to 21 Army Group for back loading of trains so that at least three days' notice is given for making reception arrangements.

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ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
G-5 Division
Displaced Persons Branch

MINUTES OF PLENARY MEETING, 2 JULY
1945 at 1100 hrs in Room 140E

PRESENT: In the Chair: Brigadier SALISBURY-JONES

Chairman stated that the aim of Repatriation Committee is to repatriate remaining DPs as quickly and as comfortably as possible. There are three reasons why this is desirable:

1. Consideration for the people themselves.
2. Convenience - they are more easily looked after in their own country.
3. Our repatriation record in the past.

In connection with 3., Chairman stressed the fact that armies deserve credit for repatriation of 3 million people within two months of end of war. This must be an incentive to go on increasing rate in the future and obstacles must not be allowed to stand in the way.

Lt Col CARROLL read report of Bolzano Conference (attached as Appendix 'A').

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AGENDA

1. BULGARS BY NATIONALITY TO BE REPATRIATED SOUTHWARD FROM SHAEF.

This is covered by Lt Colonel CARROLL's report.

2. DOCUMENTATION.

Lt Col BLOXHAM stated that if Germans coming from Italy could be included in total of 6,000 to be accepted from 12 Army Group area, this would solve documentation problem and there would be no need for P5. This will be discussed by 21 and 12 Army Groups.

3. OUTLINE MOVEMENT PLANS FOR INTER-THEATRE REPATRIATION.

Major de HAAS asked if Germans coming from Italy could be despatched in equal proportions for 21 and 12 Army Groups. Lt. Col REISNER said it was agreed at Bolzano that PW should be prolonged by earliest according to area, but it might not be possible to do this with trains. PW from Italy may be erratic as far as

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4. ALLOCATION OF SOUTHBOUND ITALIANS TO SHAEF AREA & METHOD OF HANDLING BY ARMIES FOR REPATRIATES FOR AFHQ

21 Army Group would like to bid for -

a. 1 train 1,000 Italians daily from TRUPPSTOCK area to MUNICH, and

b. 2 trains of 1,000 Italians each daily or 1 train of 2,000 from TRUPPENTAL area to MUNICH,

stock for

a. to be provided by transportation 21 Army Group and to be backloaded with

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1,000 Germans on MUNICH, domiciled in British zone;

b. from WUPPERTAL to MUNICH to be provided by DPS as such as railways in that area are under DPS control. These cannot be backloaded as Germans cannot be accepted in Ruhr.

Lt Col REICHER said total which can be received at MUNICH is 3,000 per day, and if 21 Army Group bid accepted it would mean that all DPs will be taken from 21 Army Group area. Decision made by Lt Col CARROLL was that 3,000 was to be split up in SHAEF area, and program laid on for first two weeks in July was as follows:

1 – 6 July	2,000	per	day	from	3rd Army
	1,000	"	"	"	15th "
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inclusive	1,000	"	"	"	21 Army Group (Brunswick area)
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	500	"	"	"	7th "

From this it will be seen that request for 1,000 from Brunswick area is being met, but request from Wuppertal cannot be met, at present. Lt Col CARROLL pointed out that Bregenz route will start shortly and this will help.

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Question was raised by 12th Army Group if ships which are taking Italians from France to Italy are bringing Western Europeans from Italy on return trip. Lt Col LAWRENCE said that ship would be full from Italy.

12th Army Group asked whether all Western Europeans coming out of Italy will be routed through Switzerland and then through 12th Army Group area. Lt. Col CARROLL said they will not go through 12th Army Group area.

5. DISTRIBUTION OF GERMANS FROM ITALY.

21 Army Group are prepared to accept Germans from 12th Army Group whether or not they have come from Italy.

6. AUTHORITY TO REDUCE OR EMBARGO MOVEMENTS AT CONTROL POINTS.

Major de HAAS stressed necessity for daily control of operations over shuttle from MUNICH to BREGENZ. Camp commanders should be authorized to place embargo on movement if there is danger of blockage. Colonel CASE said that such an embargo would have to be placed far back enough so as not to cause embarrassment at loading points. Major de HAAS will work out details and confer with all

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Question was raised by 12th Army Group if ships which are taking Italians from France to Italy are bringing Western Europeans from Italy on return trip. Lt Col LAWRENCE said that ship would be full from Italy.

12th Army Group asked whether all Western Europeans coming out of Italy will be routed through Switzerland and then through 12th Army Group area. Lt. Col CARROLL said they will not go through 12th Army Group area.

5. DISTRIBUTION OF GERMANS FROM ITALY.

21 Army Group are prepared to accept Germans from 12th Army Group whether or not they have come from Italy.

6. AUTHORITY TO REDUCE OR EMBARGO MOVEMENTS AT CONTROL POINTS.

Major de HAAS stressed necessity for daily control of operations over shuttle from MUNICH to BREGENZ. Camp commanders should be authorized to place embargo on movement if there is danger of blockage. Colonel CASE said that such an embargo would have to be placed far back enough so as not to cause embarrassment at loading points. Major de HAAS will work out details and coordinate with all concerned.

7. METHOD OF RATIONING TRAINS - RATION AND REST HALTS

21 Army Group wish to know how many days rations should be put on trains for journey from US/British border to MUNICH. Major de HAAS suggested four days rations, which should be loaded in separate cars endguarded and distributed at meal halts. 21 Army Group agreed to provide train guards for through journey to MUNICH and or BREGENZ

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8. RESPONSIBILITY FOR RATIONS & ACCOUTREMENTS

Major de HAAS asked who would be responsible for providing food at ERFURT, in First French Army area. Lt Col MUSTARD said French Red Cross food parcels can be used, but not for Germans; this will have to come from army sources. Colonel LUTHER, G-1 6th Army Group, said G-5 6th Army Group will provide Liaison Officer at ERFURT to supervise distribution of Red Cross parcels. Lt. Col CARROLL said Swiss would provide rations for movement of Eastern Displaced Persons on Switzerland through EINSENZ. It was agreed that if Swiss rations not adequate, SHAEF would have to accept responsibility for feeding and, in this connection, it was agreed that stock of Red Cross parcels will be built up at EINSENZ.

Lt Col GAGER, G-4, 12th Army Group, asked if 21 Army Group would have two days rations in hand at delivery points. It was agreed that 21 Army Group will supply six days rations for trains going down to MUNICH and if there is surplus this can be used for return journey.

9. TRAIN DELAYS - PROVISION OF MAINTENANCE BY RTOs.

Major de HAAS referred to trainload of Poles, containing 221 children, left on siding without food for three days, and asked if RTO could be made responsible for seeing that people on such trains are taken care of and fed while it is ascertained whose responsibility the train is and where it is to go.

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Lt Col WILKINSON asked if first trains from Italy would arrive before 15th. Lt Col REISNER said Germans destined for 21 Army Group area may be received from MUNICH before this date. In reply to question from 21 Army Group regarding short-age of rolling stock at MUNICH, Lt Col MURSHO said this movement has been provided for in movements program.

11. DUTY OF HANDLING PERSONNEL PASSING THROUGH FRENCH ZONE.

This matter was referred for discussion at afternoon conference. 1355

12. COMMUNICATIONS

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13. THROUGH MOVEMENT OF HOSPITAL TRAINS.

Ambulance trains will be bid for separately and presumably run right through to Italy and be back loaded with cases on Italy. 21 Army Group request that when their bid is received by Frankfurt Committee, return bid should be obtained from AFHQ and communicated to 21 Army Group for the back loading of trains so that at least 5 days notice is given for making reception arrangements.

This will be raised with AFHQ.

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Colonel FIELDCHILD said that arrangements are being made with regard to medical personnel and rations and was inferred that there are permanent staffs on all hospital trains who will take care of this.

14. POLICY STATEMENT ON INCREASE OF CAPACITY.

Lt Col CARROLL said that it is the desire of the armies that all Italians should be repatriated as soon as possible, and in this connection it was proposed to ask AFHQ to step up reception facilities. Before this can be done, however, it is necessary to ensure that armies in SICILY area can provide sufficient rolling stock to carry increased numbers to NAPLES and SALERNO. Colonel TULLY felt that this could be arranged.

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ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
G-5 Division
Displaced Persons Branch

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION CONFERENCE
held Saturday, 30 June at 1130 hrs in G-5
Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Brigadier SAMUEL HUGHES

G-5 (DP)

Major GRANT
Major [illegible]
Mr. OGDEN

OMGUS

S/Ldr [illegible]

G-4 (Mov & Tn)

Major DOUGLAS
Major PORD
Major de [illegible]

USSTAF

[illegible]

G-1 (Civilian Affairs)

Lt Col COLVILLE

G-1 (AMG)

Captain [illegible]

G-4 (Civilian Cas)

Major [illegible]

AGO. MOVEMENT

Major GRANT gave OMGUS figures of rail lifts required for 30 days as follows:

1277 Wagonloads of Poles
2500 in Versailles area
1000 Greeks near Clermont-Ferrand
100 Greeks in Versailles area

Chairman directed that 600 Yugoslavs in Versailles area should be moved by air or by rail or truck also, as rail lift is not justified for short haul, unless it is a return lift to avoid empty haul. S/Ldr [illegible] queried small number of Greeks i.e. 100 in Versailles area in view of figure earlier of 1700 Greeks (see min 273 of 20 June). Major [illegible] stated that a number of Greeks were reported in the 12 Army Group area but had not been taken into camps. G-5 will send out a mission to Army Group to ascertain number of Greeks and locations with a view to getting them if possible they should be repatriated.

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ADDED: G-5 (DP)

Captain [illegible] reported to 3,000 ex-Yugoslav PW to be moved from SHAEF zone in Germany to Yugoslavia, and asked if these could be given priority. Chairman said that instruction is to use rail lift for long hauls, e.g. France to Yugoslavia, as opposed to Germany to Yugoslavia. Lt. Col. COLVILLE stated that in 12 Army Group area, Yugoslavs are being repatriated at the rate of 2,000 a day by truck. This will eventually be the method of repatriation of Yugoslavs out of Germany. Chairman directed that 12 and 21 Army Group be instructed to keep in touch regarding flow of Yugoslavs from each Army Group.

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G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Civ Affs)	G-1 (AG)
Major [illegible]	Major DE WOLF	Captain [illegible]
Major [illegible]	Major [illegible]	
Lt. COOK	Miss DE WOLF	

CAIRO	USFET	G-1 (Overseas Div)
S/Sgt [illegible]	Lt. [illegible]	Major [illegible]

G-1 (Persons Address)

Lt. Col. [illegible]

304. ATHLETE

Major GENEVA gave CAIRO figures of air lift required for SC Group as follows:

1017 Transferees at Metz
5746 in Marseilles area
1000 Goals near Clermont-Ferrand
100 Goals in Marseilles area

Chairman directed that 500 Goals in Marseilles area should be moved by ship or if mail or small items only, as air lift is not justified for short haul, unless it is a true lift to avoid over-stay bottle. S/Sgt [illegible] queried small number of Goals i.e. 100 in Marseilles area in view of figure remaining 1700 Goals (not 1% of 30 June). Major [illegible] stated that a number of Goals were projected in the 30 days period but had not yet been taken into camps. G-5 will send out cancel to Army Groups to ascertain number of Goals and locations with a view to lift if possible this month & save ships.

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ACTION: G-5 (DP)

Chairman directed that 5,000 ex-Yugoslav PW to be moved from [illegible] zone in Germany to Yugoslavia, and asked if these could be given priority. Chairman will limit intervention is to use air lift for long haul, e.g. France to Yugoslavia, as a result to Germany to Yugoslavia. Lt. COOK stated that in 12 Army Group area, Yugoslavs are being repatriated at the rate of 2,000 a day by truck. This will eventually be the main method of repatriation of Yugoslavs out of Germany. Chairman directed that 12 and 21 Army Group to ensure 1 to keep in touch respecting flow of Yugoslavs from each Army Group.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

Paragraph 4 of Minute 303 is amended to read: "G/Cpt [illegible] was in favour of this but considered it impracticable owing to small number of British aircraft which are likely to be there." G-5 will submit memorandum to CAIRO regarding pool of British and U. S. aircraft.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

Signal has been despatched to SCAEF regarding bomber air lift. Three bombers flying back from Norway today now carrying Belgians.

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405. [illegible] (Ref A Min 550)

French have only 6 persons to board on Drottningholm from Colombo to Suez or port in Egypt. It was decided not to embark these persons as number is too small to warrant putting ship into port at Colombo.

406. [illegible]

No reply has yet been received from 12 Army Group regarding seven Liberty buses. 21 Army Group have requested GO.

407. [illegible] DPs in OSLO

Cable has been sent by C-4 (Ref C Min)

408. [illegible]

Major de MAAS stated that [illegible] has not yet decided. He will work out a forward forecast for Mediterranean movement.

409. 5,000 DPs in NAPLES

Major de MAAS referred to signal from AFHQ regarding 5,000 persons in NAPLES to be taken to France on return lift of planes carrying Jugoslavs to Jugoslavia (Ref A Min 505). Major MAAS stated that those are French in Jugoslavia when it was agreed should be brought back first. C-5 will send signal to AFHQ requesting further details and instructions when to hold 5,000 persons in NAPLES for time being.

→ Morning by Rail Balance not crossing by sea from exp. Naples 12/7/45

ACTION: C-5 (DP)

410. MEETINGS AT FRANKFURT (Ref A Min 554)

Morning meetings at 11 o'clock on Monday 2 July and Tuesday 3 July will be in Room 1406, and afternoon meetings at 3 o'clock on both days will be in C-4 Conference Room. Chairman considered it would be advisable to have all four meetings in C-4 Conference Room, and C-5 will take this up.

ACTION: C-5 (DP)

411. ROUTE FOR JUGOSLAVS RETURNING HOME

Mr. COPE referred to cable regarding air route for Jugoslavs through Med, movement to be at the rate of 4,000 per week. Requested C-4 concurrence.

412. 600 CAPTIVES & OTHER [illegible] IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA (Ref A Min 507)

With regard to destruction, Mr. COPE stated that DACHAU is too far inside border. If these can be found just inside border they can be moved by truck by armies. Mr. COPE is dealing direct with armies on this matter.

413. CONFERENCE R.C.A.F. FOR [illegible] MEETINGS

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buses. 21 Army Group have requested 60.

407. UNRRA MARKING DPs in OSLO

Cable has been sent by G-4 (Gen T Cn)

408. NEW UNIT OF MEASURE FOR SHIPPING DPs TO EUROPE

Under Sec WAR stated that the UNRRA has not yet decided. It will work out a formal document for Intergovernmental agreement.

409. 5,000 DPs in NAPLES

Under Sec WAR referred to signal from AFHQ regarding 5,000 persons in NAPLES to be taken to Turkey on return LST's of planes carrying Yugoslavs to Yugoslavia (Ref Min 406). Under Sec stated that a use was found in Yugoslavia then it was agreed should be brought back first. G-5 will send signal to AFHQ requesting further details and instructing them to hold 5,000 persons in NAPLES for time being.

→ Message by Lord Balfour not received by SCA from cable received 12/7/45

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

410. CONFLICT AT STRASBOURG (Ref Min 384)

Morning meetings at 11 o'clock on Monday 2 July and Tuesday 3 July will be in Room 1400, and afternoon meetings at 3 o'clock on both days will be in G-4 Conference Room. Chairman considered it would be advisable to have all Room meetings in G-4 Conference Room, and G-5 will take this up.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

411. MOVES FOR YUGOSLAVS TO COME HOME

Mr. COPE referred to cable regarding new route for Yugoslavs through Sisak, movement to be at the rate of 4,000 per week. Requested G-4 concurrence.

412. GOC CAN'S COMMENTS ON DISPOSITION OF DPs IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA (Ref Min 387)

With regard to destination, Mr. COPE stated that DACHAU is too far inside border. If place can be found just inside border they can be moved by truck by zones. Mr. COPE is dealing direct with zones on this matter.

413. CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS

Major FORD stated that G-5 Conference Room will be permanent room for Repatriation Committee meetings in future.

The Chairman announced that there will be no meeting on Wednesday, 4 July.

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1 " A-5
1 " A-2
1 " La Gen CONSULT, DRT

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2 SHAEF Mission to BELGIUM (DP Branch)
2 SHAEF Mission to NETHERLANDS (DP Br)
2 21 ARMY GROUP for G-5 & DP
2 12 ARMY GROUP for G-5 & DP
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Displaced Persons Branch

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Friday, 29 June at 1430 hrs in G-5
Conference Room.

PRESENT: In the Chair: Brigadier SALISBURY-JONES

G-5 (DI)

Major WHEELER
Mr. COPE

G-4 (Mov & Tn)

Major LOWRICK
Major FORD
Major de HAAS

G-1 (PWX)

Captain HARWARD

C-in-C TOR

Colonel BAGBY
G/Capt MACPHERSON

UNRRA

Miss PHILLIPS

G-1 (German affairs)

Major WILCOXON

G-4 (Current Ops)

Major LEWIS

392. MOVEMENT OF ITALIANS FROM MARSEILLES TO ITALY (Ref min 379)

Mr. COPE said that corrected cable to SHAEF Mission (France) had gone yesterday. He had also phoned them and they were doubtful if Greeks could be embarked.

Major de HAAS stated that French went to bring NEA HELLAS into MARSEILLES instead of TOULON. This may set sailing date back. Major de HAAS will keep in touch with Marseilles, and inform G-5 as soon as firm date received.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

393. AIR LIFT

Telegram has been sent to Belgrade.

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Chairman asked what air position will be when C-in-C TOR is dissolved. Colonel BAGBY said that on U.S. side this is still being debated and nothing has yet been decided, but for the time being C-in-C TOR representative will attend Repatriation Committee meetings. He hopes to have more information within the next two days.

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G-5 (DI)	G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-1 (PW)
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C.TOR	U.N.R.R.A.	G-1 (German Affairs)
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With regard to British air services, G/Capt MaCPHERSON stated that there is a meeting at the Air Ministry next week to discuss future organisation. He said there will be an ATOR in British forces of occupation which will receive all demands for air lift for British area. Chairman asked if it will be possible to pool available resources of British and U.S. air forces. G/Capt MaCPHERSON was ~~not~~ but considers it impracticable in favour of this owing to small number of British aircraft which is likely to be free.

G/Capt MaCPHERSON referred to aircraft available for a short while from

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38 Group for long-distance flights, i.e. Paris-Athens with Greeks, etc. G-5 will furnish G/Capt MACPHERSON with list of air lifts required.

ACTION: G-5 (DF)

Chairman requested representation from British air services at future Repatriation Committee meetings. G.Capt MACPHERSON stated that Liaison Officer is remaining with U.S. air service and can attend meetings.

Major DOWRICK asked if there are large numbers of Western Europeans to be repatriated from ODESSa, and if bomber lift can be given. Major WHEELER replied that signal was despatched last week requesting this information, but no answer has yet been received. G/Capt MACPHERSON will take this up but was doubtful owing to servicing difficulties at Russian end.

ACTION: C.TOR

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G/Capt MACPHERSON stated that although 1,000 Russians are scheduled to be lifted daily from RUHR, in actual fact not more than 300/400 are being lifted. He said that total of 7,000 have so far been lifted, but air lift would come to an end soon as result of squadron being re-deployed. G-5 will check to see how far Russian movement from Ruhr is completed.

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ACTION: G-1 (PWX)

Mr. COPE asked if 38 Group can lift 800 Germans and other nationals (Ref Min 390) from Theresienstadt. Colonel BAGBY said this cannot be done as there are no fields in Czechoslovakia or in American zone where 38 Group planes can land, and no other aircraft can be used without interference with other commitments. Chairman directed that C.TOR be approached again when particulars are obtained, particularly destination.

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G/Capt MACPHERSON said that bids for this lift must go through C.TOR Rear. SCOFOR should bid on C.TOR Rear, giving numbers of people to be lifted, and when C.TOR Rear have planes returning empty from Norway, they would inform SCOFOR of lift available. G-5 will draft cable to SCOFOR, for concurrence with C.TOR.

ACTION: G-5 (DF)
coordinated with C.TOR

394. MEETING AT FRANKFURT (Ref Min 382)

Major de HAAS will give Chairman full details of Conference Rooms.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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395. GERMANS & RUSSIANS IN NORWAY (Ref Min 383)

Major de H...G. said signal has been sent out requesting that as a matter of principle, permission should be obtained from Swedish Government for use of future back lifts. Miss PHILLIPS stated that similar letter has been sent to UNRRA Headquarters.

396. FRENCH PW IN WEHRMACHT (Ref Min 387)

Major WILCOXON said that transfer back to France has been authorised. He suggested that they should be discharged from army and placed in hands of DP organization for repatriation. Majority are Alsatians and Lorrainers whom French wish to welcome, and who would go voluntarily. They are spread over a number of camps and numbers involved are not yet known. Major WILCOXON stated that a party of Liaison Officers are now touring camps and screening these French PW. G-5 will take responsibility for those passed by Liaison Officers, e.g. Alsatians and Lorrainers, but G-1 must be responsible for escorting the rest, who would not go back willingly.

397. 800 GERMANS & OTHER NATIONALS IN THESSALONIKA (Ref Min 390)

Mr. COPE gave further details. As soon as destination is known G-5 will bid on G-4 for movement.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

398. MOVEMENT OF DESTINENGHOLM (Ref Min 391)

Major de H...S stated that signal has been sent off requesting details of space and where it is available. No answer has yet been received from SHAEF Mission (France).

399. FUTURE RESOURCES FOR REPATRIATION

Chairman referred to present hold-up all round in repatriation, owing to lack of air lift. Major WHEELER stated that Green Line buses, at present with French, have been offered to Army Groups. Major de H...S said that DP movement will probably be slowed down for some weeks, owing to re-sorting of armies, etc. Chairman will check on whether full use is being made of transport with Colonel GRAY.

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Chairman said that when sorting out of new areas is completed, a map will be kept, showing zones and day-by-day numbers of people to be moved in each zone.

Chairman agreed with Major de H...S that French should be represented at Repatriation Committee meetings. This will be raised at meeting at Frankfurt.

400. NUMBERS OF RUSSIANS AND WESTBOUND DPs PASSING THROUGH RUSSIAN HANDS

Major WHEELER referred to cable from Military Mission Moscow in reply to our cable, giving numbers of Westbound and Eastbound DPs sent them and received by them. There is discrepancy of 400,000 Russians. ... Section of DP Branch are sending two officers into Army

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He suggested that they should be discharged from army and placed in hands of DP organization for repatriation. Majority are Alsatians and Lorrainers whom French wish to welcome, and who would go voluntarily. They are spread over a number of camps and numbers involved are not yet known. Major WILCOXON stated that a party of Liaison Officers are now touring camps and screening these French PW. G-5 will take responsibility for those passed by Liaison Officers, e.g. Alsatians and Lorrainers, but G-1 must be responsible for escorting the rest, who would not go back willingly.

397. 800 GERMAN & OTHER NATIONALS IN THESSALONIKA (Ref Min 390)

Mr. COPE gave further details. As soon as destination is known G-5 will bid on G-4 for movement.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

398. MOVEMENT OF DROTTNINGHOLM (Ref Min 391)

Major de HAAS stated that signal has been sent off requesting details of space and where it is available. No answer has yet been received from SHAEF Mission (France).

399. FUTURE RESOURCES FOR REPATRIATION

Chairman referred to present hold-up all round in repatriation, owing to lack of air lift. Major WHEELER stated that Green Line buses, at present with French, have been offered to Army Groups. Major de HAAS said that DP movement will probably be slowed down for some weeks, owing to re-sorting of armies, etc. Chairman will check on whether full use is being made of transport with Colonel GRAY.

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Chairman said that when sorting out of new areas is completed, a map will be kept, showing zones and day-by-day numbers of people to be moved in each zone.

Chairman agreed with Major de HAAS that French should be represented at Repatriation Committee Meetings. This will be raised at meeting at Frankfurt.

400. NUMBERS OF RUSSIANS AND WESTBOUND DPs PASSING THROUGH RUSSIAN HANDS

Major WHEELER referred to cable from Military Mission Moscow in reply to our cable, giving numbers of Westbound and Eastbound DPs sent by them and received by them. There is discrepancy of 400,000 Russians. Operational Analysis Section of DP Branch are sending two officers into army areas to check up on this.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

401. UNITED NATIONS DPs IN OSLO

Major WHEELER referred to cable from EAFOR giving particulars of Czech, French, Dutch and Belgian DPs now in OSLO awaiting repatriation, and requesting shipping. G-5 will investigate, coordinating with G-4.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)
coordinated with G-5 (DP)

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402. AITERN.TIVE ROUTE FOR FRENCh OUT OF N. IT.LY

Mr. COPE quoted copies of si.nals between SHAEF Mission (France), AFHQ and 15 Army reference an alternative route N. Italy/France. AFHQ's reply awaited.

403. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS

Mr. COPE referred to cable from 7th Army, regarding movement of 2,500 Yugoslavs from LEIPZIG to MANNHEIM. Chairman said they are probably being evacuated from Russian zone, but questioned way being moved, as they were not "stateless" Eastern Europeans. Mr. COPE will ascertain from 12 Army Group.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
G-5 Division
Displaced Persons Branch

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held Wednesday, 27 June at 1430 hrs in Room
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PRESENT: In the Chair: Brigadier SALISBURY-JONES

G-5 (DP)

Lt Col CAFFOLL
Major WILLIAMS
Mr. MALLIN

G-4 (Mov & Tn)

Maj Gen LaPILE
Lt Col LAMBERG
Lt Col EDLISER
Major DONNIGH
Major FORD
Major De HAAS

G-1(PWX)

Lt Col TAYLOR
Capt HARWARD

CATOR

W/Comd F FORBST
Lt Col STOVER
Major STEWART

UNRRA

Miss PHILLIPS

G-4 (Current Ops)

Major LEWIS

G-1 (German affairs)

Lt Col MACKENZIE
Lt Col COLLINS

G-1

Lt Col LAVENAC

5th Army Group

Lt Col NEILL

Medical Division

Lt Col CLARK

12th Army Group (Medical Section)

Lt Col SAMS

COCI Fwd

Capt HILTENBERGER

SHAEF Mission (France)

Lt Col WHITE

SHAEF Mission (France)
G-4 Mov & Tn

Major GORDON

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S/Ldr FORD

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364. AIR LIFT

In connection with flying Yugoslavs to LAGRE, no further action is being taken until report of delegation is received. There is no air lift for the time being. The Chairman said that as delegation will not be leaving for at least a week, if reply received from BELGRADE within the next day or two permitting visit of delegation, it would be advisable for CATOR to go immediately to recce the field. CATOR will submit names to G-5 (DP).

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Maj Gen LaPLA
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Lt Col ANDERSON
Major DONOVAN
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Major de MAS

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W/Comd FORREST referred to 40 aircraft flying [redacted] from U.K. to NORMAN, TRONDHEIM and DENMARK which might be released at disposal of Repatriation Committee for return lift to U.K. Europe. Capacity of 30 per plane. It was suggested that they should fly French or Belgians back. This will be put in to C.A.T.C. Lt Col CARROLL will check details with W/Comd FORREST.

ACTION: G-5 (DP).

In reply to question raised by Lt Col CARROLL regarding air lift for Greeks, Major DONOVAN stated that they should fly by ATC Service. Bomber Command cannot make planes available, and it is not possible to use Halifax bombers which have been offered. Chairman asked if Bomber Command had definitely turned down request for air lift and was informed that it may be referred back later.

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366. DISSOLUTION OF STAFF - FUTURE OF [illegible] (Ref Min 344)

Chairman said that Staff Study is being drawn up so that directions from the Committee will not be disputed and will, in fact, be orders. Status of the Committee will be on the highest possible level.

365. MOVEMENT OF ITALIANS FROM MARSEILLES TO ITALY (Ref Min 345)

Major de HAAS stated that signal has been sent to AFHQ requesting surplus capacity on HMS [illegible] and ASCANIUS be used for Southern Italians being returned to Italy. It was agreed that the Italians will be loaded prior to acceptance being received.

Lt Col WITTE suggested diverting HMS [illegible] to GENOA and FALSTAFF to avoid trans-shipment at NAPLES. Major de HAAS said that this would probably divert regular services to Greece and Egypt from Italy and he did not consider it would be practical as the two services are separate.

367. NEXT CONFERENCE

Major de HAAS stated that confirmation of date (30 June) has not yet been received from BERNE. He has been in communication with AFHQ and they have received signal from BERNE giving clearance for planes to land at Geneva airport and stating that meeting may be at GENEVA instead of BERNE. It has not been possible to telephone BERNE during the last few days, and there have been no replies to Signals. It was decided that when party reaches Swiss border the U.S. Military Attache will be contacted by telephone (BERNE 2881, Gen LEGGE or Lt Col De GROOT) for instructions to be given for parties coming from North and South. Gen [illegible] said that it was highly desirable for whole party to arrive together at the frontier. Chairman directed that message be sent to First French Army accordingly.

ACTION: C-A (Mov & Tn)

It was agreed to start at 7.30 to arrive at BASLE at 5 p.m. Major de HAAS will arrange transport for 7 p.m.

With regard to travel orders, Major de HAAS stated that a directive has been issued authorising travel from FRANKFURT to Switzerland.

Party will leave BERNE on 30 June in order to be back for the meeting in FRANKFURT on 2 July. Plane will be laid on for 1 p.m. on 30 June at GENEVA airport (and will be held at GENEVA until Sunday if party cannot leave on 30 June). This will require rail or road journey from BERNE to GENEVA.

Discussion on agenda (See Appendix "A").

368. GERMANS and RUSSIANS IN NORWAY (Ref Min 343)

Information received from SCAEF that they are going ahead with segregation of Russians, main surrendered equipment and equipment provided by Russians in Baltic. NARVIK to MURMANSK route is operating. No reply has yet been received to request for

[illegible] to avoid trans-shipment at [illegible]. Major de [illegible] said that this would probably thwart regular services to Greece and Egypt from Italy and he did not consider it would be practical as the two services are separate.

367. [illegible] CONFERENCE

Major de [illegible] stated that confirmation of date (20 June) has not yet been received from [illegible]. He has been in communication with [illegible] and they have received signal from [illegible] giving clearance for planes to land at Geneva airport and stating that meeting may be at GENEVA instead of [illegible]. It has not been possible to telephone [illegible] during the last few days, and there have been no replies to signals. It was decided that when party reaches Swiss border the F.B. Military attache will be contacted by telephone ([illegible], Gen LITTLE or Lt Col De GORTON) for instructions to be given for parties coming from North and South. Gen [illegible] said that it was highly desirable for whole party to arrive together at the frontier. Chair was directed that message be sent to First French Army accordingly.

ACTION: C-in-C (Mov & Tn)

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Discussion on Agenda (See Appendix "A").

368. [illegible] IN [illegible] (Ref [illegible])

Information received from SCCPAC that they are going ahead with repatriation of Russians, main surrendered airfield and shipping provided by Russians in Baltic. HARVIN to ODESSA route is operating. No reply has yet been received to request for shipping from Combined Pool.

With regard to main body of Germans, 21 Army Group may be able to accept them earlier than at first stated, at [illegible] and not [illegible]. This includes Germans from U.S. area. Reason is lack of connecting rail facilities from [illegible].

369. [illegible] IN YUGOSLAVIA, [illegible] AND ALBANIA (Ref [illegible])

Lt Col CARROLL said that cable has been sent to two Army Groups requesting concurrence for new reception points and permission for Russian billeting officers to visit these points.

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370. TRAVEL BY GOVERNMENT TO FRENCH MOROCCO (Ref Min 353)

Lt Col CARROLL said there was a sub-committee meeting on this morning, but no report has been received yet. Lt Col LAMBERT said that this does not concern this committee. Applications should be submitted to Combined Travel Control Bureau.

371. TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM STERLING TO CURRENCY (Ref Min 355)

Major FORD said that Lt Col MACKENZIE has not yet been able to obtain any authority on this. Lt Col LA FOLLETTE said consolidated cable should be sent stating that payment will be made and details settlement will be made by government concerned.

ACTION: G-4 (Gov't Fin)

372. DUTCH AND BELGIANS FROM FRENCH NORTH AFRICA (Ref Min 357)

Cable has been dispatched.

373. REPATRIATION SECURITY RESTRICTIONS IN ITALY & ITALIANS FORMERLY RESIDENT IN FRANCE (Ref Min 360)

Lt Col LAMBERT referred to instruction letters from French Ministry on this matter, which would be submitted to Committee in due course.

374. REPATRIATION OF NATIONALS OF NEUTRALS (Ref Min 361)

Cable has been dispatched to all concerned.

375. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS.

Lt Col CARROLL asked for ship, which had for 11,000 Yugoslavs in Marseilles. G-4 will bid for direct shipment for 17,000 and move all Yugoslavs in Marseilles.

ACTION: G-4 (Gov't Fin)

376. 17,000 FRENCH NORTH AFRICANS MOVED TO FRANCE (Ref Min 359)

Major de LAND said there was an AFHQ meeting on this after which AC letter was sent out in which AFHQ agreed to accept North Africans from France to North Africa, and Italians from South of France to Italy and predominantly. French should send bid direct to AFHQ as they now have full details on combined shipping pool. Lt. Col. TIMM stressed the necessity for moving ships from Marseilles, which is becoming congested even if this means moving them on British or U. S. shipping bids. French Ministry of National Defense have already bid for this movement, and they will not occupy space designated for British and U. S.

377. MOVEMENT OF RUSSIANS - SPECIAL CASES.

Lt Col CARROLL referred to special cases of Russians to be moved from France to Odessa. These are as follows:

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ACTION: G-4 (Nov & Tn)

572. SWEDEN AND ITALIANS FTO NORTH AFRICA (Ref Tn 557)

Cable has been distributed.

573. FRENCH MILITARY MISSION TO ITALY & ITALIAN MILITARY MISSION IN FRANCE (Ref Tn 558)

It Col WHITE referred to instruction letter from French Military on this matter, which would be submitted to Combined in due course.

574. REPATRIATION OF PRISONERS OF WAR (Ref Tn 561)

Cable has been distributed to all concerned.

575. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS.

It Col CARROLL asked for shipping bids for 12,000 Yugoslavs in Marseilles. G-4 will bid for direct shipment for 10,000 and move all Yugoslavs in Marseilles.

ACTION: G-4 (Nov & Tn)

576. 17,000 ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN FRANCE (Ref Tn 568)

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577. MOVEMENT OF PRISONERS - SPECIAL CASES.

It Col CARROLL referred to special cases of Russians to be moved from France to Cherbourg. These are as follows:

4,400 hospital cases
2,500 Soviet organized partisan regiment
2,300 orphans
300/400 criminals (delinquents) now held in French gaols.

Bids to be put on Minister of War Transport for this, port of embarkation to be Marseilles. Major de MAIS still that position for hospital wrecks in between them ships at the moment, and it was agreed to look into this.

It was decided that partisans should be moved on two troopships, orphans by ships with Red Cross personnel to look after them, and criminals (delinquents) by ships.

ACTION: G-4 (Nov & Tn)

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378 BRENNER PASS & SWISS RAIL ROUTE (Ref Min 5-)

It was agreed that monthly signal should be exchanged between SHAEF and AFHQ giving numbers. This will be discussed at Meeting in Frankfurt.

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APPENDIX 'A'

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA

1. Responsibility for feeding DPs and PW while in transit in French and Swiss territory, including holding camp which will be in First French Army territory.

Majority of Italians will be from British and US zones. French cannot feed them so we will have to provide them with train rations. Approximate daily number 3,000. G-4 Current Ops will give answer on this, and also:

a. Method of supplying Allied trains, assembly camp, and Swiss trains.

b. Accounting for rations.

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d. of GREEKS, YUGOSLAVS etc.
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After considerable discussion, it was decided that basically the Swiss will be assured of payment by the guarantee of the US/Br. Governments and that the Allied Governments concerned will meet the charges through their own clearance machinery, with the Swiss Federal Railways. The respective Allied Governments concerned must immediately be informed of these measures taken on their behalf, so that there will be no dispute over liabilities.

As regards Yugoslavs and Greeks, AFHQ should be informed of action being taken by SHAEF.

ACTION: G-5

3. Policy regarding employment of Swiss Guards if Swiss desire to use Swiss Army personnel. Decided that this is a Swiss domestic question and a Swiss liability. 1348

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Although a cable had been sent to AFHQ requesting them to step up reception capacity, Major de Haas said it was questionable whether reception and delive facilities could allow for more than 3,000. Lt. Col. REISNER said, provided there was no additional rail haul within Germany to Bregenz, it was a question of how many Swiss can take through Switzerland and AFHQ can receive. General NAPIER emphasized starting with small numbers and working up. Lt. Col. CARROLL said Swiss authorities should be asked for a: initial maximum and b: later maximum they can accept across Switzerland. It was agreed figure of 3,000 should be requested for first fortnight.

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6. Evacuation of Italians from France must be coordinated directly with AFHQ through the French end.

This will have to be coordinated carefully because Italians coming from France and Italians from SHAEF will pass through same assembly center. It must be ascertained that AFHQ can accept numbers going to Italy from France or Germany. This point will be discussed with AFHQ beforehand.

Lt. Col. CARROLL referred to signal from AFHQ saying that they can only accept 2,500 a day. Major de HAAS said this refers to controlled movement that they would also accept 2,500 a day uncontrolled movement.

7. Movement of any nationalities other than French and Italians South Bound, must be individually coordinated with AFHQ.

This applies to Greeks, Yugoslavs, Montenegrins, etc.

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Lt. Col. CARROLL added following to Agenda:

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It was decided to hold a preliminary meeting in Frankfurt on Monday, 2 July at 11 o'clock, with all SHAEF representatives attending, before the "reinforced daily meeting at 3 o'clock.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE held Tuesday, 26 June at 1430 hrs in G-5 Conference Room.

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt Col LAWRENCE

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Lt Col CARROLL referred to two Poles who had been left behind when party of Poles were sent to London. Polish Embassy have now requested that they be sent to London. Chairman said that this movement would be irregular as Poles cannot be evacuated as DPs from Germany. Correct procedure for important persons is for application to be made to E.C.S who will give them political priority. G-5 will check on ruling and contact E.C.S.

ACTION: G-5 (DF)

Lt Col CARROLL referred to sick British subject in Prague, elderly lady, and asked if air lift could be given. Major DOWRICK said there is a regular air service every Tuesday from LONDON to PILSEN. G-5 will arrange this.

ACTION: G-5 (DF)

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351. CZECH DPs IN ITALY (Ref Min 332)

Lt Col CARROLL has checked with 3rd Army who cannot accept them for a week or two, but it has been agreed to give them priority.

352. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS, HUNGARIANS & ROMANIANS (Ref Min 333)

Lt Col CARROLL referred to two telegrams from Moscow, one in reply to signal regarding new exchange points and one in reply to telegram asking them to accept Southern Europeans over the border. In the former they request permission to send billeting officers into areas to determine conditions regarding receiving and handing over, after which information will be given. The matter of handing Southern Europeans over the border is under consideration.

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ACTION: G-5 (DP)

353. TRAVEL IN GERMANY FOR PRIVATE REASONS (Ref Min 334)

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Brigadier SALISBURY-JONES was concerned that there should be no rigid negative ruling and asked if they would be permitted to travel to Germany if they were completely self-contained, i.e. if they travelled in their own vehicles, etc. Chairman said that this might be permitted, although it has been refused to a number of British and U.S. cases, and assured Brig SALISBURY-JONES that each case is considered on its merits.

354. ALLOCATION OF PRIORITY ON SWISS RAIL ROUTES & BRENNER PASS (Ref Min 340)

Lt Col CARROLL will put in writing his tentative proposals for allocation of priority.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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Major FORD will take this up with Lt Col MACKENZIE.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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Cable has been received from SHAEF Mission (France) giving details of ships sailing from Marseilles. G-5 will contact Major de BASS for further information.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

357. DUTCH AND ITALIANS FROM MIDDLE EAST

Chairman referred to cable from AFHQ regarding Dutch and Italians coming ffom Middle East to Marseilles. They have not yet been screened. It was emphasised that Italians must not disembark in France, but be put ashore at an Italian port en route (e.g. Reggio). Major FORD will take up with G-2, AFHQ and MiddleEast.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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358. FRENCHMEN FORMERLY RESIDENT IN ITALY & ITALIANS FORMERLY RESIDENT IN FRANCE (ref Min 285)

Mr. HEINEART asked what the position was and was informed that such movement must be held up indefinitely as it was inessential compared with moving nationals back to their own countries.

359. FRANKFURT CONFERENCE

Chairman read cable from First French Army regarding representation at Frankfurt Conference.

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ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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Lt Col REIGNER asked if it could be decided before the Berne Conference what would be financial arrangements for payment for use of Swiss transportation. Lt Col CARROLL will take this up with G-5 (Finance).

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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321. AIR LIFT

Major STEWART stated that no reply has yet been received regarding air lift for 16,000 Greeks. He referred to signal from Air Ministry regarding flying Canadians and British to U.K. from Brussels, stating that they cannot give bomber lift. He had taken this up with Bomber Command and they have referred it to Air Ministry.

With regard to flying Yugoslavs to ZAGREB, Major Stewart said that CATOR would prefer to make a recce of the field before DPs are flown there, and it was agreed to put the date of commencement forward to 29th in order that this may be done.

ACTION: CATOR

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There are no bids for tomorrow.

The Chairman asked what the position is regarding air lift for Belgians from U.K. Lt. Col. LAWRENCE replied that air lift is available but Belgians do not want to return. The Belgian Government is taking this up.

Lt. Col. LAWRENCE stated that the objection to moving Russians on a one-way lift has now been withdrawn. G-5 will give CATOR bid.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

Lt. Col. CARROLL read telegram from Norwegian Embassy in Paris asking for air lift for 80 Norwegian prisoners from Buchenwald, now in Switzerland recuperating. Major STEWARD said this would reduce the available lift for Russians. It was decided to leave thismatter for discussion at the Berne Conference.

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With regard to those in European countries, when location and numbers are known, it is proposed bringing them back by scheduled air services or special air lift.

Major de HAAS stated there are an additional 350 in Switzerland.

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324. GERMANS & RUSSIANS IN NORWAY (Ref Min 311)

21 Army Group have agreed to receive 10,000 Germans on UNRRA ships from Sweden to Lubeck and have sent signal to SCOFOR.

Lt. Col. MACKENZIE said that minutes of Gen BARKER's meeting at SCOFOR refer to this. He said that 21 Army Group agreed to accept 130,000 German PW from Norway commencing not earlier than 15 July. These would probably go through Hamburg, and those for the U. S. Zone through Bremen. The Chairman asked who was providing captured shipping now being used for carrying Russians. Lt. Col. MACKENZIE said rate of flow would be 10,000 a week in the British zone and 15,000 a week in the U. S. zone. Lt. Col. LAWRENCE said that only 3,000 could be lifted with available captured shipping, and cable has been dispatched to Chiefs of Staff requesting more shipping. Lt. Col. MACKENZIE stated that Germans would be segregated into Northern and Southern Germans, but nothing has yet been settled regarding Germans living in Russian zone. The French zone has not yet been officially notified, but it is presumed that they will accept a reasonalbe flow when they take over.

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ACTION: G-5 (DP)

326. NOTIFICATION OF MOVEMENT OF DISPLACED PERSONS (Ref Min 314)

Signal has been sent to 12 Army Group.

327. RED CROSS PARCELS FOR DPs IN TRANSIT. (Ref Min 315)

Major FORD said that G-4 (Current Ops) have been in touch through Com/Z with Red Cross Headquarters, Paris, who have authorized use of the parcels. Com/Z have sent signal to 12 Army Group repeated this Headquarters.

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

328. MOVEMENT OF CONVALESCENT FRENCHMEN FROM MOSCOW TO FRANCE (Ref Min 317)

Lt.-Col. CARROLL stated that these Frenchmen are being moved.

329. REPATRIATION OF STATELESS PERSONS.

Lt. Col. LAWRENCE referred to cable from Com/Z requesting decision on various problem cases of repatriation of statless persons, persons not wanted and those who do not wish to return. Chairman recommended that G-5 draw up a set of directions to cover all foreseeable types of individual movement problem.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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330. REPATRIATION OF ITALIANS THROUGH BREGENZ.

Lt. Col. CARROLL referred to cable from First French Army stating that they can only take 2,000 Italiansper day for the first 15 days as they have 15,000 in their own area. They also request rations for Italians arriving at BREGENZ, and it was agreed to include this in instructions to Army Groups. Major de HAAS suggested that as DPs often consume rations on first day of travel, they should be issued under controlled supervision at BREGENZ when train leaves for Switzerland. Chairman said that there should be a 12 Army Group G-4 (Mov & Tn) Liaison Officer at BREGENZ and rations should be delivered to the Camp.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

331. SWEDISH SHIPS (Ref Min 195)

Lt. Col. CARROLL asked for information on the "Drottningholm". Major de HAAS said this docked yesterday and he will take up to obtain further information.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

332. CZECH DPs in ITALY.

Lt. Col. CARROLL stated that there are approximate 20,000 Czech DPs in Italy. AFHQ is being asked to give them priority over German groups moving Northward. It was agreed that if Czechs can accept them they will be routed via Munich and Regensburg and then by truck to point selected by 3rd Army. G-5 will take up with 3rd Army to select point.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

333. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS, HUNGARIANS & RUMANIANS (Ref Min 244)

Lt. Col. CARROLL stated that no reply has yet been received to cable to Moscow asking for authority to move Yugoslavs, Hungarians and Rumanians through Russian lines for onward transmission to their respective countries. It was agreed to allow a few more days.

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Lt. Col. CARROLL stated that 12 Army Group will accept Czechs from 21 Army Group at rate of 1,500 every other day, starting today, movement by rail.

337. RAIL MOVEMENT THROUGH SWITZERLAND.

One way movement was because Germans were concentrated in VERONA. Chairman asked if this was an objection in principle and was informed that it was a matter of circumstance.

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339. GERMANS IN SWITZERLAND.

There are 600 Germans, formerly in Government and Diplomatic Service in Switzerland, also another large group, number unknown. Many of these went to Switzerland before 1939 and are anti-Nazis. Swiss have requested repatriation of these Germans.

339. MOVEMENT OF RUSSIANS FROM FRANCE - PROVISION OF RATIONS.

Com/Z will not give rations to Soviets from French PDR camps. This is being taken up with G-4 (Current Ops). It was agreed that there should be G-4 (Curr Ops) representative at meetings. G-4 to take this up.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

340. ALLOCATION OF PRIORITY ON SWISS RAIL ROUTES & BRENNER PASS.

Lt. Col. REISNER referred to G-5 bid for movement allocation priority and points of origin in Germany of 3,000 per day to start on 1 July. G-5 will give G-4 priority lists indicating in which order DPs are to be cleared.

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Chairman directed that copy of report should be sent to ATSED, and that detailed report of specific action required should be sent to branches concerned other than G-4 (Mov & Tn)

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

342. MOVEMENT OF GERMANS FROM SWEDEN TO GERMANY.

Question was raised as to who will pay for Swedish rolling stock used for this purpose. Lt. Col. MACKENZIE is taking this up with G-5 (Finance).

ACTION: G-1 (German Affairs)

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held 22 June 45 at 1430 hrs in Room 140

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PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt Col WHITE

G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-1 (PWX)
Lt Col CARROLL	Lt Col REISNER	Lt Col TAYLOR
Major WHEELER	Major FORD	Capt HARWARD
Mr. de MAEREL	Major BELL	
G-2	CATOR	UNRRA
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ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)
G-5 (DP)

297. 21 ARMY GROUP - NUMBERS OF ITALIANS, DISPOSAL OF GREEKS AND OTHER BALKANS (Ref Min 290)

Lt Col CARROLL stated that cable had been sent to 21 Army Group telling them to take no further action for the moment.

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298. CABLE FROM TROOPERS REGARDING SWISS RAIL ROUTES (Ref Min 291)

G-5 cable to Troopers was dispatched.

299. BERNE CONFERENCE

Lt Col CARROLL stated that a Staff Study would have to be written before representatives would be permitted to attend Berne Conference.

300. FRENCH NORTH AFRICANS HELD IN FRANCE

Lt Col CARROLL stated that there are 17,000 North africans being held in France, mostly concentrated in Marseilles.

301. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS

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302. ROUTE FROM ULM TO SALZBURG

Lt Col CARROLL referred to telegram from 8th Army stating that route from ULM to SALZBURG is dangerous and should not be used. G-4 will cable 21 Army Group requesting alternative route.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

303. REPATRIATION OF GREEKS

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304. MOVEMENT OF ITALIANS FROM MARSEILLES TO ITALY

Major FORD referred to a verbal request of G-5 yesterday evening to utilise shipping space from Marseilles of which notification had suddenly been received. Lt Col CARROLL answered that 450 Italians (military responsibility) were to be embarked on each of two ships.

Chairman said there should be a drill whereby this HQ was aware of shipping opportunities (controlled by AFHQ) from Marseilles to Italy and other Mediterranean ports. Major FORD would go into this.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

305. DISPOSAL OF GERMAN OFFICIALS IN NEUTRAL COUNTRIES (Ref Min 240)

Mr. BEAM stated that U.S. State Department were anxious for repatriation of Germans in the U.S. He was unable to give exact numbers involved.

Reference was made to cable sent to AGWAR regarding SHAEF acceptance of 2,000 German officials in Vatican City, Spain, Eire, Tangier and Switzerland. Lt Col CARROLL stated that this has been passed to G-1.

G-2 requested nominal rolls.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held 20 June 45 at 1430 hrs in Room 1405

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt Col LAWRENCE

G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-1 (PW)	A-4
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269. GERMANS & RUSSIANS IN NORWAY (Ref Min 254)

Nothing has yet come in from 21 Army Group. Chairman said Gen SMITH is taking up with 21 Army Group this afternoon. UNRRA had nothing to report.

270. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS (Ref Min 256)

Cable has been sent to Belgrade requesting acceptance by air. G-5 reported 5,000 Yugoslavs ready in METZ. The Chairman stated that it was laid down that all Yugoslavs desirous of repatriation would be repatriated, but they would not be forced against their will.

271. RUSSIANS ON LANGLAND ISLAND (Ref Min 262)

Danish Mission have informed G-5 that they have a ship. Cable is being sent to 21 Army Group asking if they will accept and repatriate them via Lubeck.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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ACTION: G-5 (DP)
& G-4 (Mov & Tn)

Bid has been received to bring back ~~3,000~~ 1,000 Dutch from PILSEN. It was decided to pick up 1,000 Russians at METZ and take them to PILSEN, and bring the Dutch back to NANCY. G-5 will inform CATOR if Russians can be collected at METZ.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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CATOR has received request to bring French civilians back from CASABLANCA in bombers. G-4 and G-5 will check to ascertain if they are DPs.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)
& G-4 (Mov & Tn)

Reference was made to possibility of RAF bombers flying between PARIS and ATHENS in connection with repatriation of Greeks. Suggestion was made that Greeks should be brought from Germany to Paris and then flown to Greece. G-5 will endeavour to ascertain source of this information.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

273. MOVEMENT OF POLES OUT OF BRITISH AREA SOON TO BE OCCUPIED BY RUSSIANS (Ref Min 258)

Colonel FOSS stated that so far as British Zone is concerned movement has been taking place for two weeks, and it is expected that it will be completed by 25th June, or earlier.

General figures in the areas as at 16 June were:-

	Russians	Non-Russians
MECKLENBURG AREA	7,000	21,000
MAGDEBURG "	30,000	54,000

Report from the U.S. Sector is awaited.

274. BOLZANO CONFERENCE (Ref Min 260)

G-5 cable to 21 and 12 Army Groups has been despatched.

275. (600) PALESTINIANS EX MARSEILLES (Ref Min 263)

Papers were checked three days ago. G-4 will now bid for shipping. Figure should be 300 and not 600.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

276. 200 JEWISH CHILDREN EX MARSEILLES TO PALESTINE (Ref Min 265)

G-5 will take up with SHAEF Mission (France) to obtain further information.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

277. LIFT FROM CALAIS TO SALZBURG (Ref Min 267)

Minute 267 should be amended to read "space for 300 personnel by road convoy". G-5 accepted lift. Embussing point would be BEZIERES, destination to be nominated later by G-5. AFHQ to be asked by telephone for concurrence. G-5 and G-4 will work out administrative details.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)
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Colonel FOSS stated that so far as British Zone is concerned movement has been taking place for two weeks, and it is expected that it will be completed by 25th June, or earlier.

General figures in the areas as at 16 June were:-

	Russians	Non-Russians
MECKLENBURG AREA	7,000	21,000
MAGDEBURG "	30,000	54,000

Report from the U.S. Sector is awaited.

274. BOLZANO CONFERENCE (Ref Min 260)

G-5 cable to 21 and 12 Army Groups has been despatched.

275. (600) PALESTINIANS EX MARSEILLES (Ref Min 263)

Papers were checked three days ago. G-4 will now bid for shipping. Figure should be 300 and not 600.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

276. 200 JEWISH CHILDREN EX MARSEILLES TO PALESTINE (Ref Min 265)

G-5 will take up with SHAEF Mission (France) to obtain further information.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

277. LIFT FROM CALLIS TO SALZBURG (Ref Min 267)

Minute 267 should be amended to read "space for 300 personnel by road convoy". G-5 accepted lift. Embussing point would be BEZIERES, destination to be nominated later by G-5. AFHQ to be asked by telephone for concurrence. G-5 and G-4 will work out administrative details.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)
& G-4 (Mov & Tn)

278. BERNE CONFERENCE (Ref Min 268)

Signal has been received from AFHQ giving date and agenda as follows:

Date: 29 June

AGENDA:

a. Displaced Persons movement through and from Switzerland.
b. Allied military movement between France and Italy through Switzerland.

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c. Movement requirements of Swiss to and from SHAEF and AFHQ areas.
d. Administration, security control.

Provision of rolling stock will also be discussed.

2 July was agreed as date for Frankfurt Conference.

Reply drafted by G-4 agreeing date and agenda for Berne meeting and date for Frankfurt meeting, informing AFHQ that SHAEF representation will include Signals officer, and requesting similar representation from AFHQ was passed without comment.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)
concurred with G-1 and G-5.

Representation for Berne Conference was suggested as follows:

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G-2 (CI)	1
G-4 (DGMR)	1
(MRS)	1
(Mov & Tn)	3
G-5	2
Signals	1
Medical	1

UNRRA will ascertain whether they require representation.

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280. REPATRIATION OF BELGIANS BY AIR FROM U.K. (Ref Min 192)

W/Comd CATELBY will ascertain availability of bomber lift, also SHAEF leave planes travelling empty from U.K.

ACTION: G-4

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281. REQUEST FROM SCOFOR FOR HOSPITAL SHIP

SCOFOR have requested from War Office a hospital ship to carry 600 sick Russians to MURMANSK. No action yet from SHAEF.

282. JEWISH INTERNEES AT BIBERICH (Ref Min 234 & 249)

SHAEF Mission (France) have requested nominal roll of 148 British Jews to be sent to BENGHAZI and TRIPOLI. G-1 (PWX) will endeavour to obtain copy.

ACTION: G-1 (PWX)

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G-4 Div, Mov & Tn Branch
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held 19 June 45 at 1430 hrs in G-4 Conference Room (4th Floor)

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt Col LAWRENCE

G-5 (DF)	G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-1 (FWA)	A-4
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ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn) 1337

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CATOR stated that no bids have been received today.

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Chairman said that the cable which is to be sent to USMA Belgrade about flying in Yugoslavs should mention the figure of rising 250 and ask for an airfield to be nominated in vicinity of ZAGREB, or near the Italian frontier so that movement could begin forthwith. AFHQ to suggest return load, either from Yugoslavia or Italy. CATOR is checking on Zagreb field.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)
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ACTION. G-5 (DF)

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263. 600 PALESTINIANS EX MARSEILLES

G-5 will check on status and documentation.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

264. JEWS IN SWITZERLAND

G-4 stated that bid has been put in for shipping, and gave the numbers to be moved as follows: two lots of 750 each, one to Italy and one to Palestine; 180, not in original group, to Palestine; and 360 somewhere in Germany to go to Palestine. Routing to be via Marseilles.

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Captain	C.B. ROVIN	G-5

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Lt. Col.	M. HARRIS	Economic Officer
Lt. Col.	R.A. PERSELL	Acting A.C.of S. G-5
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Major	I.M. SCOTT	G-1
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Lt. Col.	H. FULTON	Military Government
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Major	P. SCHAFER	G-5
FIFTH UNITED STATES ARMY:		
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Brigadier General	E.E. HUME	G-5
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Colonel	E.M. CLARKE	G-4
Colonel	E.M. DANIELS	G-1
Colonel	P.E. La DUE	G-3
Colonel	T.R. MCDONALD	G-2
Lt. Col.	R.A. CAMARDELLA	Medical Section
Major	J.B. BLACK	Military Government
First Lieutenant	R.H. MAJOR,	Aide-de-Camp to General HUME
EIGHTH ARMY:		
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Group Captain	E.T. BEER	Military Government
Lt. Col.	R.M. HALL	Displaced Persons
Lt. Col.	W.B. ROGERS	Mov & Tn
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Colonel	J.T. RIDDLE	DA & QMG
Lt. Col.	C.W. HURLEY	AAG
HEADQUARTERS NO. 2 DISTRICT:		
Colonel	G. COAKER	Movments N.W. ITALY
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Lt. Col.	C.F. FOTHERGILL	DP & R. Sub-Commission
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Colonel	J.E. GUILFOYLE	Commanding Officer
Captain	F.E. HARRISON	Operations
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MILITARY MISSION to the ITALIAN ARMY:

Colonel	W. PIDSLEY

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Numbers Involved:

2. A sub-committee was formed, under the chairmanship of Colonel P.S. LAUBEN (G.1. SHAEF) to determine the number, nationality and status of the personnel whose movement was the subject of discussion. A statement by this sub-committee is attached at Appendix 'A'.

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3. Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said that he wished to discuss the question of priorities separately from the question of the method of control, which would be dealt with later (see para 8). He referred to the four Disbandment Directives issued by SHAEF and asked for suggestions as to how this question should be decided.

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Brigadier A.T. de RHE PHILIPE (G-4 (Mov & Tn) AFHQ) queried the availability of 30 French planes, but MAAF said that their engines would be worn out by the end of the month.

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON requested Group Captain PAKENHAM to proceed to SHAEF to explore further the feasibility of using air as a means of transportation.

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(c) Rail:

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said that, at such a large conference as this, he did not propose to go into detail with regard to rail movements, but that he wished to settle some broad principles and to form a committee to make a more detailed report. There were three main routes - the BRENNER, the SWISS and the route coming out through EAST AUSTRIA - the latter could be ruled out for large scale movement as it was already committed and was not conveniently situated. The SWISS route was under consideration for use by military traffic (i.e. the movement of troops as opposed to the movement of displaced persons and enemy personnel).

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Colonel W.A. BUTLER (G-5 12th Army Group) said that he hoped that French, Belgians and Dutch, now in ITALY, would be returned via SWITZERLAND on the SWISS route, and not through 12 Army Group area.

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Colonel C.T. NEWTON (G-4 6th Army Group) said that the French Army agreed that this would be the best route for such personnel.

Brigadier A.G. SALISBURY-JONES asked if AFHQ would confirm that they would take 10,000 Greeks as agreed. Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said that what AFHQ had agreed, they had agreed.

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Target Date for Start:

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Colonel E.M. CLARKE (G-4 Fifth United States Army) said that camps could be ready at VERONA within seven days.

Lt. Col. J.A. FIELD (G-4 (Q(Maint) AFHQ) said that it was not easy as far as the SWISS route was concerned, as all accommodation was fully committed.

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Major P. SCHAFER (G-5 Third United States Army) said that camps could be constructed within seven days at MUNICH and not INNSBRUCK, which was not suitable.

Colonel P.S. LAUBEN (G-1 SHAEF) thought it unlikely that personnel would be available by 20 Jun, as no documentation had been done.

Colonel N.E. FISKE (Allied Commission) said that only nominal rolls were required of Italians coming to ITALY.

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Lt. Col. C.J. HACKETT (G-1 12th Army Group) said that he thought the difficulty not insuperable as he knew of a unit which had checked as many as 3,500 people a day, but he did concede that this unit was in possession of the list, against which the names were to be checked.

Colonel P.S. LAUBEN (G-1 SHAEF) said that the list would be sent to AFHQ as soon as possible, and Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said that it was apparent that a difficulty existed, and that AFHQ and SHAEF would both have to do their best to overcome it.

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(c) Documentation:

As for as movement to SHAEF was concerned, it was stressed by Lt. Col. J.D. CANTLEY (GHQ 2nd Echelon, CMF) that it would not be possible to document everybody and then send selected categories to SHAEF, due to the time limit. It was necessary to select the bodies by the system of "all agricultural workers hands up and one pace forward" and then to document those selected.

Colonel P.S. LAUBEN (G-1 SHAEF) agreed.

Lt. Col. H. FULTON (Displaced Persons, 21 Army Group) stressed that 21 Army Group was not prepared to accept personnel who were not domiciled in their area. This also applied to Eighth Army area, said Colonel C.A. RICH (Colonel A/Q Eighth Army), stating that the only Austrians he could accept both from ITALY and GERMANY were those domiciled in STYRIA and CARINTHIA.

As the place of domicile would appear on the documents accompanying personnel, Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said that it was up to SHAEF to see that they sent the right people to the right place.

Lt. Col. G. EYRES MONSELL (G-2 AFHQ) asked whether screening was being undertaken by SHAEF of Italians for ITALY. Colonel P.S. LAUBEN agreed that it would be undertaken.

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON directed that a small sub-committee, under the chairmanship of Lt. Col. J.D. CANTLEY (GHQ 2nd Echelon, CMF), investigate the whole question of documentation.

(d) Disposal of Women of Prisoner of War and Surrendered Personnel Status:

It was agreed that this did not present any problem.

(e) Disposal of Long-term Sick:

After discussion, Lieutenant General ROBERTSON asked Brigadier General J.I. MARTIN (Surgeon, Fifth United States Army) to hold a small medical conference with representatives of SHAEF and AFHQ to assemble all the available data and make recommendations as to priority and method of movements.

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(f) Guards:

It was decided that it was the responsibility of the Headquarters through whose territory personnel were moving to solve this problem for themselves. It was stated that the Swiss had agreed to provide guards for movement through SWITZERLAND.

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Lt. Col. H. FULTON (Displaced Persons, 21 Army Group) stressed that 21 Army Group was not prepared to accept personnel who were not domiciled in their area. This also applied to Eighth Army area, said Colonel C.A. RICH (Colonel A/Q Eighth Army), stating that the only Austrians he could accept both from ITALY and GERMANY were those domiciled in STYRIA and CARINTHIA.

As the place of domicile would appear on the documents accompanying personnel, Lieutenant General ROBERTSON said that it was up to SHAEF to see that they sent the right people to the right place.

Lt. Col. G. EYRES MONSELL (G-2 AFHQ) asked whether screening was being undertaken by SHAEF of Italians for ITALY. Colonel P.S. LAUBEN agreed that it would be undertaken.

Lieutenant General ROBERTSON directed that a small sub-committee, under the chairmanship of Lt. Col. J.D. CANTLEY (GHQ 2nd Echelon, CMF), investigate the whole question of documentation.

(a) Disposal of Women of Prisoner of War and Surrendered Personnel Status:

It was agreed that this did not present any problem.

(e) Disposal of Long-term Sick:

After discussion, Lieutenant General ROBERTSON asked Brigadier General J.I. MARTIN (Surgeon, Fifth United States Army) to hold a small medical conference with representatives of SHAEF and AFHQ to assemble all the available data and make recommendations as to priority and method of movements.

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(f) Guards:

It was decided that it was the responsibility of the Headquarters through whose territory personnel were moving to solve this problem for themselves. It was stated that the Swiss had agreed to provide guards for movement through SWITZERLAND.

(g) Jugoslavs:

Colonel W.A. BREWER (G.5. 12th Army Group) said that he was anxious to return to JUGOSLAVIA 25,000 Jugoslavs, who called themselves Montenegrins.

Major General C.B. MAGRUDER (Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4(), AFHQ) said that to return them to JUGOSLAVIA through NORTH EAST ITALY was not desirable for the time being due to the TITO - ITALIAN situation.

Major General M.W.M. MACLEOD (Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 (British) AFHQ) said that AFHQ were not prepared to accept in the SOUTH of ITALY, unless actual shipment to JUGOSLAVIA was in sight; furthermore/

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furthermore, that only those who opted for TITO and lived EAST of the 1939 frontier, should be sent.

Major E. RUSSELL ROBERTS (Allied Commission for Austria) suggested that movement through AUSTRIA and into JUGOSLAVIA might be considered.

Colonel C.B. PINDLAY (Allied Commission) asked if SHAEF would ensure that, if Jugoslavs were to be returned to JUGOSLAVIA via ITALY, only those who wanted to go back would be sent to ITALY.

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Before the meeting was dispersed, Lieutenant General ROBERTSON thanked Fifth Army staff, and in particular Lt. Col. BARKIN, for the excellent arrangements made for the conference.

Brigadier A.G. SALISBURY-JONES (G-5 SHAEF) apologised for the late arrival of the SHAEF party.

T.F. BAYNTUN,
Major, D.A.A.G.,
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Lt. Col.	F.D. STEPHENS	USGCC

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Lt. Col.	H. FULTON	Military Government

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Major	P. SCHAFER	G-5 Displaced Persons

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1. Brigadier A.T. de RHE PHILIPE (C-4 (Mov & Tn) AFHQ) called the meeting to order at 1500 hours, saying that he proposed to run through the major points which arose as a result of the reports submitted by the various sub-committees appointed at yesterday's meeting.

Transportation Sub-Committee:

2. (a) Brigadier de RHE PHILIPE stressed the main points made in the report of the Transportation Sub-Committee, which is attached at Appendix 'B'.

(i) The BRENNER Route to be MUNICH - VERONA, and not INNSBRUCK - VERONA.

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SHAEF - AFHQ Joint Disposal Committee:

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Documentation Sub-Committee:

4. (a) Lt. Col. J.D. CANTLEY (GHQ 2nd Echelon, CMF) read out his report - see Appendix 'D'.

(b) Brigadier de RHE PHILIPE/

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(b) Brigadier de RHE PHILIPE asked if Allied Commission wished the parties from SHAEF dispatched in batches according to geographical areas. Colonel C.B. FINDLAY, (Allied Commission) agreed that this would be a burden on SHAEF and unnecessary.

(c) Regarding the date of starting the flow, Colonel Q.R. DAVIS (G-1 MTOUSA) stressed the fact that, not having seen the forms requested by SHAEF, he could not guarantee that documentation would be sufficiently advanced to permit movement starting on 1 Jul 45.

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It was agreed that AFHQ would endeavour to ensure that no person whose name appeared on this list (which AFHQ had not yet received) should go forward to SHAEF for discharge.

Medical Sub-Committee:

5. Brigadier General J.I. MARTIN (Surgeon Fifth United States Army) read out his report - see Appendix 'E' - and stressed that it could not be decided whether hospital trains would go to MUNICH or to final destination, until the medical meeting was held (see para [illegible] Appendix 'E')

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Miscellaneous Points:

6. (a) Colonel Q.R. DAVIS (G-1 MTOUSA) stressed the fact that, although the figure of 100,000 (see para 1 Appendix 'A') had been given as the number of German prisoners of war and surrendered enemy personnel to be moved from AFHQ to SHAEF, this was a figure representing the number immediately available. MTOUSA was holding a total of 291,000 prisoners of war and surrendered enemy personnel, all of whom would have to be disposed of eventually, as MTOUSA closed down.

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(h) It was confirmed by Colonel P.S. LAUBEN (G-1 SHAEF) that the figures given in Appendix 'A' were correct, subject to the proviso made by Colonel O.R. DAVIS (G.1. MTOUSA) that the figure of 100,000 given in para 1 was the initial figure only and that, as far as the United States holdings were concerned, a total of 291,000 would eventually be available for disposal.

7. No further points were raised and the meeting was closed at 1625 hours.

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APPENDICES

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Appendix I

NUMBERS INVOLVED

	Nationality		Prisoners of War and Surrendered Personnel	Displaced Persons		Total Involved
1.	ITALY to GERMANY					
	Germans	(a)	100,000			100,000
2.	SHAEF to ITALY					
	Italians			360,000		360,000
3.	SHAEF to AUSTRIA					
	Austrians		160,000	50,000		210,000
4.	SHAEF to AFHQ					
	Bulgarians			5,000		
	Greeks			16,000		
	Jugoslavs			(b) 35,000		56,000
5.	AFHQ to SHAEF					
	French		4,420	19,000	23,420	
	Czechs	(c)	14,590	4,500	19,090	
	Belgians		110	1,350	1,460	
	Dutch		200	2,250	2,450	
	Danes		180	200	380	
	Norwegians		120	400	520	
	Swedes			100	100	
	Austrians			10,000	10,000	
	Germans			6,300	6,300	
	Luxemburgers		120		120	
	Spanish		60		60	
	Others		200	5,900	6,100	70,000
6.	SWITZERLAND to AFHQ					
	Italians			30,200		
	Jugoslavs			3,700		
	Greeks			940		
	Hungarians			1,210		1316
	Austrians			200		
	Jews for UNRRA (ITALY)			750		37,000
7.	SWITZERLAND to SHAEF					
	Germans			4,930		
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(b) Southern Jugoslavs containing some Albanians - not to be dispatched until AFHQ can forward to destination.

(c) Includes 10,000 Czechs held and employed by British and Americans.

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Appendix 'B'

REPATRIATION and DISPOSAL of PRISONERS OF WAR, SURRENDERED PERSONNEL, DISPLACED PERSONS, ETC.

MINUTES of MEETING of TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE held at BOLZANO - 15 Jun 45

CHAIRMAN: Brigadier A.T. de RHE PHILIPE, DQMG Mov & Tn, AFHQ.

1. The following are the main conclusions of the sub-committee meeting on Movements and Transportation aspects of movement between SHAEF and AFHQ territory.

Routes:

2. The following routes should be used for controlled movement:

(a) BRENNER Route.

(b) Route through SWITZERLAND.

In assessing acceptance it was also necessary to take into account the southward flow of Italians along routes from AUSTRIA and NORTH EAST ITALY.

Types of Movement and Acceptance:

3. (a) Southbound:

Allied Commission ITALY can accept forthwith in ITALY 5,000 per day by controlled movement plus up to 2,500 per day that may enter ITALY by uncontrolled movement. The SHAEF - AFHQ Joint Disposal Committee should review this figure at intervals in order to increase it when possible. Allied Commission ITALY require additional personnel and about 6 GT Coys (720 trucks) in order to maintain and later increase these numbers.

(b) Northbound:

(i) Germans: SHAEF can accept forthwith German prisoners of war and surrendered personnel, but they should not be for the Russian Zone of GERMANY. All German personnel will move by BRENNER route.

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Rail Working:

5. (a) Swiss Route: Clearance has now been obtained from the Swiss Government and technical details will be discussed as soon as possible. The Swiss have offered locomotives and some rolling stock, and will be asked to provide all stock required. Proposed terminals to be examined are:

SHAEF - SCHAFFHAUSEN or BREGENZ, ANNEMASSE (for movement into FRANCE)
AFHQ - CHIASSO - COMO Area.

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(b) BRENNER Route: There will be a shuttle service of which the main terminals will be SHAEF - MUNICH area (INNSBRUCK for personnel to and from AUSTRIA) AFHQ - VERONA. It is estimated that about 400 box cars will be required which should be provided by AFHQ and SHAEF on a 50 - 50 basis. DMRS ITALY can provide 200 cars and SHAEF will investigate whether they can provide the other 200. The estimated rate of flow is 2 - 3 trains per day. The provision of locomotives should not be difficult and will be agreed between MRS concerned.

Communications:

6. Good communications are essential between MUNICH and VERONA, between the terminals of the Swiss route and between BERNE and Headquarters concerned with the Swiss route.

Relation to Overall Movement Programmes:

7. These shuttle services will have to be related to overall movement programmes both at SHAEF and AFHQ and their working will depend on facilities at each end to redistribute personnel.

Starting Dates:

8. (a) BRENNER Route - 1 Jul 45

(b) SWISS Route - dependent on the meeting with Swiss Representatives.

Other Movement:

9. (a) Austrians from SHAEF territory to AUSTRIA:

This is a matter for discussion between 12 Army Group, Eighth Army and Allied Commission AUSTRIA. Eighth Army are only willing to accept personnel for provinces of STYRIA and CARINTHIA.

(b) Jugoslavs and Hungarians to be repatriated from SHAEF Territory:

Commander-in-Chief MEDITERRANEAN is not yet able to give a date when the DANUBE will be open for this movement. It was recommended that 12 Army Group and Eighth Army should examine the route - SALZBURG - SPITTAL - VILLACH - JESENICE for movement into JUGOSLAVIA. Montenegrins will be moved down into ITALY when shipping is available for onward movement by sea.

Covered Accommodation:

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10. Allied Commission, ITALY will not require any military assistance in construction of winter accommodation for Italians or other personnel moving by these routes into ITALY. Any construction will be undertaken by Allied Commission under their own arrangements.

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Appendix 'C'

REPATRIATION and DISPOSAL of PRISONERS OF WAR, SURRENDERED PERSONNEL, DISPLACED PERSONS, ETC.

REPORT by SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER COMPOSITION, FUNCTION and METHOD of OPERATION of SHAEF - AFHQ JOINT DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN: Lt. Col. F.L. CARROLL (G-4 (Mov & Tn) SHAEF)

Composition:

1.

SHAEF)	G-1
	G-4 (Mov & Tn)
AFHQ)	G-5 Displaced Persons
	Allied Commission
	CATOR - MAAF

With powers to co-opt other experts from armies and groups also MTOTSA where necessary.

Function:

2. (a) To establish numbers of personnel to be moved by category (so far as possible), northward and southward respectively.

(b) To give guidance and direction to the respective HQ (SHAEF and AFHQ) for feeding, reception, delivery, camps from a movements point of view.

(c) To establish other related policies (not details) of movements inter-theatre.

(d) To maintain, review and report on statistics of the program.

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Method of Operation:

3. Committee will meet approx every fortnight. Meetings will be called by AFHQ and SHAEF in turn. Next meeting will be called by SHAEF and will be held FRANKFURT 5 Jul. SHAEF G-4 Mov & Tn will advise all concerned arrangements for meeting and agenda. AFHQ will advise additions desired. SHAEF G-4 Mov & Tn will also advise all concerned as soon as possible SHAEF's idea of the type of statistics that should be kept by both AFHQ and SHAEF including agreed maps.

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Method of Communication:

4. BRENNER ROUTE:

AFHQ SIDE:	SHAEF SIDE:
Co-ordinating movement Committee	Third Army

SWISS ROUTE:

AFHQ SIDE	SHAEF Side
Co-ordinating movement committee	Probably First French Army (this will be confirmed by SHAEF)

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Appendix 'D'

REPATRIATION and DISPOSAL of PRISONERS OF WAR,
SURRENDERED PERSONNEL, DISPLACED PERSONS, ETC.

MINUTES of MEETING of DOCUMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE
held at BOLZANO on 15 JUN 45

PRESENT:

Lt. Col.	J.D.	CANTLEY (B)	GHQ 2nd Echelon, AFHQ. Chairman
Colonel	P.S.	LAUBEN (A)	G-1 SHAEF
Colonel	G.R.	DAVIS (A)	G-1 MTOUSA
Colonel	T.R.	MACDONALD (A)	G-2 Fifth Army
Lt. Col.	H.	FULTON (B)	Military Government, 21 Army Group.
Lt. Col.	F.A.	MOULTON (A)	Theatre Provost Marshal, ETOUSA.
Lt. Col.	C.J.	HACKETT (A)	G-1 12 Army Group
Lt. Col.	F.D.	STEPHENS (A)	US Group Control Commission, Austria.
Lt. Col.	R.M.	HALL (B)	Military Government, Austria.
Lt. Col.	G.	EYRES-MONSELL (B)	G-2 AFHQ
Lt. Col.	F.W.	LA MOTTE (A)	PW Command, MTOUSA.
Major	W.G.M.	SINCLAIR (B)	Eighth Army.

1. CLASSIFICATION:

(a) German Prisoners of War and Surrendered Personnel for transfer to SHAEF will be made up of the following categories:

Miners,
Agricultural Workers
Transport Workers.
Persons of 50 years of age or over.
Any other trades, if necessary to make up the required numbers.

SHAEF will also take any women.

The above will be moved in batches consisting of personnel all domiciled in one zone, either the American or the British Zone. SHAEF will supply to AFHQ a list of REGIERUNGSBEZIRKE, showing the zone in which each lies.

Various trades may be included in the same batch, provided all personnel in the batch are domiciled in the one zone. 1313

Selection of personnel as above will precede documentation and will be effected by calling for personnel of the required category and then segregating them in one or more compounds where they can be documented prior to movement.

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(b) Displaced Persons: If AFHQ wishes Displaced Persons who are transferred from SHAEF to ITALY to be moved in batches by any zones of domicile, AFHQ will supply to SHAEF a list of the zones required.

2. DOCUMENTATION:

(a) German prisoners of war or surrendered personnel transferred from ITALY to SHAEF will be accompanied by:

(i) Nominal rolls

(ii) Form P 4 (two copies)

(iii) Discharge Certificate D.2. (if possible).

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In addition, the PW Form will be completed and sent to the Central Registry of War Criminals and Security Suspects (CROWCASS) in respect of each person. The form will be endorsed "Discharged to Residence" with the date and place where it is made out.

All personnel transferred as above will be released to their homes by SHAEF.

Any German prisoners of war or surrendered personnel transferred from SHAEF to AUSTRIA will be documented as above.

SHAEF will make the forms required for the above available for AFHQ as a matter of great urgency.

(b) Displaced Persons transferred either from SHAEF or AFHQ will be accompanied by a nominal roll of each batch and every Displaced Person will carry the completed identity card DP 1.

3. SECURITY

(a) German prisoners of war and surrendered enemy personnel

In addition to any screening required by AFHQ for its own domestic purposes, personnel transferred from AFHQ to SHAEF will be screened to exclude security suspects and persons on a SHAEF "Wanted" List of approximately 5,000 names. This list will be supplied by SHAEF to AFHQ.

All disarmed personnel transferred from SHAEF to AFHQ will be screened by SHAEF to exclude security suspects or personnel on the SHAEF "Wanted" List.

(b) Italian Displaced Persons transferred from SHAEF will be screened prior to transfer by Italian Security Officers.

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Appendix 'E'

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MINUTES of MEETING of MEDICAL SUB-COMMITTEE
held at BOLZANO on 15 Jun 45.

PRESENT.

Brigadier General	J.I. MARTIN	Surgeon, Fifth United States Army.
Colonel	C.L. MILBURN, Jr	12th Army Group.
Major	M.L. MAURER	Surgeon's Office, MTOUSA
Major	O.S. WILLIAMS	Medical (British), AFHQ.

1. From the information available there is no possibility of movement of sick and wounded between GERMANY and ITALY prior to 10 Jul 45. This is based on lack of available beds for the reception of German sick and wounded now in ITALY. It is believed that, by 10 Jul 45, some beds will be available and movement can commence on that approximate date.

2. Complete arrangements for the movement of sick and wounded between the two theatres will be completed at a recommended meeting of the medical staffs concerned. It is estimated that not more than 25,000 German sick and wounded will require movement to GERMANY as of 10 Jul. The number of Italian sick and wounded, now in GERMANY to be moved to ITALY, will be notified at a later date.

3. The following recommendations were agreed upon in regard to the movement of fit personnel:

(a) It is considered that all practical steps should be taken to control and prevent the movement of those suffering from or potential carriers of infectious diseases. Accordingly, it is recommended the following preventative measures be adopted both in regard to the movement of personnel out of and into AFHQ territory.

(i) That no personsshould be permitted to commence the journey if he or she shows any signs of symptoms of disease;

(ii) all personnel to be examined for infectious conditions within 24 hours of departure from point of origin;

(iii) all personnel to be dusted with DDT or some other antilouse preparation not more than three days prior to departure. It is to be noted that this is additional to the course of three dustings at weekly intervals which is routine for all prisoners of war and surrendered personnel in AFHQ territory;

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(v) a certificate will accompany each party stating that all sanitary precautions as prescribed above have been complied with in regard to each individual in the party.

(b) In regard to the provision for medical care during the journey, it is proposed that on each train one coach be so adapted as to enable four to six lying patients to be looked after. Each train to have a permanent German and/or Italian medical staff.

(Signed) J.I. MARTIN
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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
G-4 Div, Mov & Tn Branch
(Forward)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held 15 June 45 at 1430 hrs in Room 140 E.

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PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt Col LAWRENCE

G-5 (DF)	G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-1 (PWX)	A-4
Colonel ROSS	Lt Col GILVENS	Lt Col TAYLOR	S/Ldr FORD
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This has been agreed by everybody and the Staff Study should go to C.O today or tomorrow.

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ACTION: G-5 (DF)

208. SWEDISH SHIPS (Ref Min 195)

UNRRA informed the Committee that Sweden washandling the shipping charter entirely, and thereforeit is not an UNRRA responsibility. UNRRA in London has cabled the Swedish government, but no reply has been received yet. Mr. KETTLE will bring the details with him tomorrow. Chairman directed that 21 Army Group be asked if they can accept 10,000 Germans from Norway.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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209. ATTEMPT TO IMPLEMENT GENERAL POLICY FOR MOVEMENT OF EASTERN EUROPEANS OUT OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN ZONES WHICH RUSSIANS WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE OVER (Ref Min 196)

G-5 said no directive has yet been sent out, and nothing further has been done by the Army Groups on this.

210. CZECHS FROM 21 ARMY GROUP AREA. (Ref Min 198)

No further information yet.

211. RUSSIANS ON DANISH ISLAND OF LANGLAND. (Ref Min 200)

Major GRANTHAM reported that cable had already been sent out by Executive DF Branch, requesting SHAEF Mission (Denmark) to give information. He will give further details later.

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217. CESSATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF RUSSIAN CITIZENS AT PLAUEN/CHEMNITZ.

Cable from 12th Army Group to this HQ was read, reporting stoppage of acceptance of Russians at Plauen/Chemnitz and stated hold-up of 23 trains. Reception capacity should be raised from 10,000 to 12,000 daily. Urgency was agreed. Lt Col NORDSTROM stated that Col GRAY was taking action on this and agreed to inform the committee what had been done at the next meeting.

ACTION: G-4 (DP)

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218. DISPLACED PERSONS IN FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM AND NETHERLANDS

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ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
G-4 Div; Mov & Tn Branch
(Forward)

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held 14 June 45 at 1430 hrs in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt Col LAWRENCE

G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-1 (PWX)	G-4
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25 of the 350 children in BUCHENWALD are unable totravel by train, and request was made to move them from Weimar to somewhere near Basle by air. It was agreed that they should be moved under medical arrangements.

It was stated that the 414 British civilian internees have not yet been lifted, but a bid would shortly be received from 3rd Army. C.TOR agreed to give this priority.

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193. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS (Ref Min 180)

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ACTION: G-5 (DF)

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ACTION: UNRRA

196. INTENT TO IMPLEMENT GENERAL POLICY FOR MOVEMENT OF EASTERN EUROPEANS OUT OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN ZONES WHICH RUSSIANS WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE OVER (Ref Min 183)

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21 Army Group have reported that feeding and sanitary arrangements for DPs travelling by rail are satisfactory.

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Reference was made to a cable from SG Military Mission, Moscow, with regard to several thousand Russian citizens on the Danish island of Langland. As shipping may shortly be available for repatriation in the Baltic, G-5 undertook to examine the question with 21 Army Group as to whether repatriation can take place.

ACTION: G-5 (DF)

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201. EASTERN EUROPEANS IN SWITZERLAND

Cable received from Berne today, giving figures as follows:

Russians	11,000
Yugoslavs	4,000
Poles	19,000
Czechs	1,700
Greeks	1,400

It was agreed that first priority for movement should be given to DPs in territory under Allied control.

202. RUSSIANS IN FIRST FRENCH ARMY AREA

G-5 will report on the number of Russians held in First French Army Area.

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From "UNION JACK" - 20 June 1945

Allies begin giant job of repatriation

THE work of returning repatriates from the areas held by S.H.A.E.F. and A.F.H.Q. is going smoothly and at a joint conference recently held at Bolzano plans were made for the repatriation of a further 829,000 P.o.W.s and displaced persons before winter comes.

Accounting for nearly half the total are 360,000 Italian prisoners of war and slave labourers in Germany. The figures also include 210,000 Austrians to be repatriated to Austria from S.H.A.E.F. areas and 100,000 German prisoners of war to be returned home from Italy.

There are about 600,000 German prisoners of war now being held by A.F.H.Q. and the majority of them will be retained by the theatre for aid in reconstruction work.

Some 3,000 Germans will be repatriated daily from Italy, starting about July 1, and they will be carried back to the Reich on the same Brenner Pass rail line they themselves could not use because our air forces would not let them.

BRINGS BACK ITALIANS

The rail line has now been repaired, and the repairs have been done strictly by German labour.

The trains on their return trips will bring back Italian civilians.

German P.o.W.s classed as miners, railroad workers and farmers will be given priority in this repatriation scheme because of the vital need for their type of labour in the Reich.

Those who remain will be broken up into work battalions to help repair ravages of war in Italy.

More than 500,000 persons have been repatriated by 21 Army Group, it was announced at S.H.A.E.F. on Monday.

The total given was exclusive of prisoners of war and persons repatriated through the 21 Army Group zone or from the American and Russian zones, added Reuter.

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G-4 Div, Mov & Tn Branch
(Forward)

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ACTION: CATOR

G-5 stated that cables have been sent to Army Groups regarding reduction of air lift. 7th Army have been told to bid for air lift not exceeding 2,000 Westward.

Reference Minute 204, it was stated that the 1,800 Frenchmen at PILSEN were being lifted.

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223. GERMANS & RUSSIANS IN NORWAY (Ref Min 205)

21 Army Group have replied to cable from EXFOR Main stating that they cannot accept Germans from Norway, as they have no accommodation for them. Lt Col STEVENS pointed out that there were only 10,000 to be moved, and the maximum number per convoy would be only 2,000. It was decided to refer the matter for command decision.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

224. DRAFT OF ORGANISATION FOR CONTROLLING REPATRIATION OF DPs and Ex-PW (Ref Min 206)

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228. CZECHS FROM 21 ARMY GROUP AREA (Ref Min 198)

G-1 informed the Committee that 12 Army Group have concurred, but there is nothing further.

229. POLISH PW AT PILSEN (Ref Min 214)

G-1 stated that no reply had yet been received to Cable sent to 12th Army, but that there was no intention of moving them back to FRANCE, only to another camp in GERMANY.

230. DISPOSAL OF GERMAN OFFICIALS IN NEUTRAL COUNTRIES. (Ref Min 216)

Cable was read from Mr. Kirkpatrick to the Foreign Office, requesting details, but not including Vatican City. G-5 would cable AFHQ regarding Vatican City, requesting numbers, and if they can arrange despatch by regular air service.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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231. CESSATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF RUSSIAN CITIZENS AT PLAUEN/CHEMNITZ (Ref Min 217)

Minute 217 was amended to read "ACTION: G-1 (FWX)". It was stated that Gen BARKER had cabled Military Mission Moscow requesting raising of Reception capacity.

232. DISPLACED PERSONS IN FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM AND NETHERLANDS (Ref Min 218)

G-5 letter concurred, subject to minor amendment.

233. DISSOLUTION OF SHAEF - FUTURE OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE (Ref Min 219)

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G-5 have sent cable to Military Mission Moscow requesting them to approach Soviet authorities with a view to increasing the capacity of the five exchange points to 5,000 each, making a total of 25,000 daily.

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G-5 have sent cable to 12 Army Group. High priority is being given to this movement.

237. RED CROSS FOOD RATIONS FOR DISPLACED PERSONS

Request has been made by 12 Army Group for Red Cross Food Parcels to help feed DPs in transit.

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Cable from Berne was read, stating that it was too late for Swiss to send representative to BOLZANO. The Swiss suggested that a meeting should be held at Berne next week, when members of conference would be permitted to enter Switzerland in uniform. No action until return of Bolzano representatives.

Verbal news has been received that an agreement has been reached to exchange 3,000 Italians and 3,000 Germans per day through Switzerland via ZURICH. Confirmation awaited.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Tel : 478704

17 June 1945

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SUBJECT : Report on Conference held at Bolzano 14 and 15 June '45

TO : Lt.Col. J.W. BAKER, M.B.E.

1. Introduction

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(b) A copy of the agenda is attached at Appendix 'A'.

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		Jugoslavs 35.000)		56.000
		Bulgarians 5.000)		allow
		Greeks 16.000)		65.000
(e)	Other Nationalities	AFHQ	SHAEF	50.000
(f)	" "	Switzerland	AFHQ	37.000
(g)	" "	"	SHAEF	7.000

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4. Priority of classes for Disposal and Method of call forward

The Chairman stated that two directives had already been issued on this subject and that a further two directives has just been issued giving full procedure.

5. Route and Method of Transportation and staging

The Chairman directed that a Sub-Committee should be formed under the Chairmanship of Brig. De Rhe Philipe to consider this problem. The results of the Sub-Committee's findings to be issued as an Appendix to the minutes of the meeting. The Draft of the Sub-Committee's proposals are given at Appendix 'B'.

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7. Method of Control

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8. Miscellaneous Points

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Sub-Para 'f'. It was noted that the Swiss would provide all guards for trains moving through Switzerland.

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For information the up to date location statement of Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission Camps in Northern Italy is given at Appendix 'D', and Mail Position at 31 July, as given by Lt.Col. Phillip 15 Army Group, is given at Appendix 'E'.

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11. Conclusions

(a) AC Displaced Persons's Representative at the final General Meeting in reply to a question made by Shaef regarding zoning of Italians destined for Italy, stated this would not be necessary. I made the point however, in view of the fact that we would probably have available Rail and Shipping movement South for about 17,000 persons weekly, it was essential that proportionate numbers for onward movement South should be passed into Italy by Shaef, otherwise the result might be loss of valuable Rail and Sea lifts coupled with the inability of Displaced Persons to plan future movements. The Chairman replied that he did not think this would be possible, but the proposed amendment was noted. Lt.Col. Carroll G-5 Movements Representative Shaef is aware of the position and will endeavour to see that proportionate numbers are passed through each route daily for the South.

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(c) AC Transportation Sub-Commission and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission were asked to provide Liaison Officers to work with Movements.

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Appendix 'A'

REPATRIATION and DISPOSAL of PRISONERS of WAR
SURRENDERED PERSONNEL, DISPLACED PERSONS, ETC.

AGENDA for AFHQ - SHAEF CONFERENCE
at BOLZANO - 14-15 JUN 45

NOTE: Points for discussion will be taken in the following order. All points given below have appeared in the Agenda already agreed with SHAEF.

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(d) Other nationalities including displaced persons (figures will be supplied by SHAEF)	SHAEF	AFHQ	
(e) Other nationalities	AFHQ	SHAEF	50.000
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2. Priority of classes for disposal and method of call forward.

3. Route and method of transportation and staging:
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   (a) Medical

   (b) Screening for War Criminals, etc.

   (c) Documentation.

   (d) Disposal of women of prisoner of war and of surrendered enemy status.

   (e)/

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6. Miscellaneous Points:

(e) Disposal of long term sick

(f) Guards

7. Points of policy:

(a) Stateless persons whom no country is willing to receive.

(b) The question of the demobilisation of those Germans who live in the Russian-controlled area of GERMANY.

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Appendix 'B'

MOVEMENTS AND TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION MEETING

1. The following are main conclusions of a sub-committee meeting on movements and Transportation aspects of movement between SHAEF and AFHQ territory.

2. Routes

(a) BRENNER Route

(b) Route through SWITZERLAND

The flow of Italians from along routes from AUSTRIA and NE ITALY down into ITALY is also to be taken into account.

3. Types of Movement and Acceptance

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(b) Brenner Route: There will be a shuttle service of which the main terminals will be - SHAEF - MUNICH area (INNSBRUCK for personnel to and from AUSTRIA) - AFHQ - VERONA. The wagon requirement is estimated as 400 box cars, of which 200 will be provided by DMRS ITALY and SHAEF will examine

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provision of further 200. The estimated rate of 2 - 3 trains per day. The provision of locomotives will be agreed between MRS concerned.

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

Good communications are essential between MUNICH and VERONA, between BERNE and terminals of Swiss route and between BERNE and SHAEF and AFHQ.

7. Relation to Overall Movement Programmes:

Shuttle services will have to be related to overall movement programmes at SHAEF and AFHQ and their working will depend on facilities at each end to redistribute personnel.

8. Starting Dates:

(a) BRENNER Route - 1 July 1945.

(b) SWISS Route - dependant on meeting with Swiss Reps.

9. Other Movement:

(a) Austrians from SHAEF territory to AUSTRIA: This is matter for discussion between 12th Army Gp, Eighth Army and AC AUSTRIA. Eighth Army are only willing to accept personnel for provinces of STYRIA and CARISTHIA.

(b) Jugoslavs and Hungarians to be repatriated from SHAEF Territory: Commander-in-Chief MEDITERRANEAN is not yet able to give date when DANUBE will be open for this movement. It was recommended that 12th Army Gp and Eighth Army should examine route, SALZBURG - SPITTAL - VILLACH - JESENICE for movement into YUGOSLAVIA. Montenegrans will be moved down into ITALY when shipping is available for onward movement by sea.

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10. Covered Accn.

AC ITALY will not require any military assistance in construction of winter Accn. for Italians or other personnel moving by these routes into Italy. Any construction will be undertaken by AC under their own arrangements.

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Appendix 'C'

SHAEF and AFHQ ex-PW and DP DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

1. Composition.

SHAEF	G-1 P.W.X. G-4 Mov & Tn (Chairman)	
AFHQ	G-5 D.P. Allied Commission Cator - MAAF	With powers to coopt other experts from armies and groups also MTOUSA were necessary.

2. Function.

a. To establish numbers of personnel to be moved by category (so far as possible), northward and southward respectively.

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Swiss Route	
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Appendix 'D'

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/9-1/ADM Tel. 4[illegible]81 Ext. 576 11 June 1945

SUBJECT : Provisional Location Statement of D.P. & R.S.C. Camps in Northern Italy.

TO : Distribution.

The u/m provisional location statement, cancelling previous location statements issued under cover of this H.Q. letter even number dated 28 May 1945 and 31 May 1945, has been compiled from information to hand this date and will be revised as and when further details are known.

Group	Camp No.	Location	Capacity (Approximate)
H.Q. 'A' Group Venezia Region			
	IT 22 AMG F.C.	S.CANDIDO	1000
	1 other (Barracks)	S.CANDIDO	3000
	* IT 23 AMG F.C.	FORLI	3000
	IT 24 AMG F.C.	BOLZANO	3000 overnight
	1 other	BOLZANO	3000
	IT 51 Camp	MALLTS	
	IT 53 Camp	VERONA	2000 overnight
	1 other Centre	VERONA (Allied Nationals)	1000 overnight
	1 other Centre	VERONA (Temp.ly closed)	750 overnight
	Frontier Post	VIPITENO	3000
	1 Centre (Barracks)	SILANDRO (Spondigna)	2500

* Note: At present situated in 'B' Group - is 'A' Group Camp which will be moved forward.

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H.Q. 'B' Group Piemonte Region			
	IT 19 Camp	NOVARA	
	IT 20 Camp	CUNEO	
	IT 21 Camp	MONCALIERI	
	Frontier Post	DOMODOSSOLA	
	Frontier Post	SUSA	
	Frontier Post	PINEROLO	
H.Q. 'C' Group Liguria Region			
	IT 25 Camp	S.REMO	
	IT 71 Camp	GENOA (Allied Nationals)	550 overnight
	IT 72 Camp	GENOA	1200 overnight
	IT 73 AMG Camp	BORDIGHERA	
H.Q. 'D' Group Lombardia Region			
	IT 75 Camp (Transit)	REGGIO EMILIA	4000
	1 other being formed	REGGIO EMILIA	2/3000
	IT 76 AMG F.C.	MILAN	2500 overnight

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Group	Camp No.	Location	Capacity (Approximate)
H.Q. 'A' Group Venezia Region			
	IT 22 AMG P.C.	S.CANDIDO	1000
	1 other (Barracks)	S.CANDIDO	3000
*	IT 23 AMG P.C.	FORLI	3000
	IT 24 AMG P.C.	BOLZANO	3000 overnight
	1 other	BOLZANO	3000
	IT 51 Camp	MALFS	
	IT 53 Camp	VERONA	2000 overnight
	1 other Centre	VERONA (Allied Nationals)	1000 overnight
	1 other Centre	VERONA (Temp.ly closed)	750 overnight
	Frontier Post	VIPITENO	3000
	1 Centre (Barracks)	SILANDRO (Spondigna)	2500

* Note: At present situated in 'B' Group - is 'A' Group Camp which will be moved forward.

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H.Q. 'B' Group Piemonte Region			
	IT 19 Camp	NOVARA	
	IT 20 Camp	CUNEO	
	IT 21 Camp	MONCALIERI	
	Frontier Post	DOMODOSSOLA	
	Frontier Post	SUSA	
	Frontier Post	PINEROLO	
H.Q. 'C' Group Liguria Region			
	IT 25 Camp	S.REMO	
	IT 71 Camp	GENOA (Allied Nationals)	550 overnight
	IT 72 Camp	GENOA	1200 overnight
	IT 73 AMG Camp	BORDIGHERA	
H.Q. 'D' Group Lombardia Region			
	IT 75 Camp (Transit)	REGGIO EMILIA	4000
	1 other being formed	REGGIO EMILIA	2/3000
	IT 76 AMG P.C.	MILAN	2500 overnight
	IT 77 AMG P.C.	MILAN	3500 overnight
	IT 78 AMG P.C.	COMO	5000 overnight
	IT 79 AMG P.C.	VARESE	2000 overnight
	IT 80 AMG P.C.	BRESCIA	3000 overnight
	Frontier Post	TRESA	1000 (not yet operating)
	1 Centre	CREMONA	2500 overnight

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h.
Emilia Region

	IT 87 Camp	RICCIONE	2000
**	IT 88 Camp	PALOMBINA	600
	No. 1 AMG Transit Camp	BOLOGNA	750 overnight
			1500 feeding accomodation
	No. 2 AMG Transit Camp	BOLOGNA	3000 overnight
	No. 3 Camp (Railhead)	BOLOGNA	3000 overnight
	1 Centre	MODENA	7500 overnight
	1 Centre	MODENA	1000 overnight
	1 Centre (Barracks)	FORLI	4000

H.Q. 'F' Group
Venezia Region

IT 1 AMG R.C.	PADOVA	500 tented
		5000 buildings
IT 2 AMG R.C.	S.GIORGIO di NOGARO	500 tented
IT 4 AMG R.C.	UDINE	5000 buildings
IT 11 AMG R.C.	TREVISO	300
IT 12 AMG R.C.	TREVISO	5000 buildings
IT 13 AMG R.C.	MESTRE	2000 tented

For the Director:

K.C.BROWN
Major,
O. i/c ADM.

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NOTE - W.E.F. 2 June 1945 H.Q. 'H' Group D.P.R.S.C. has been formed in Ancona area, Commander Lt.Col. ANDREWS.

The following Camps at present being established will come under his command :-

SERVIGLIANO
FERMO

** PALOMBINA is now under command 'H' Group

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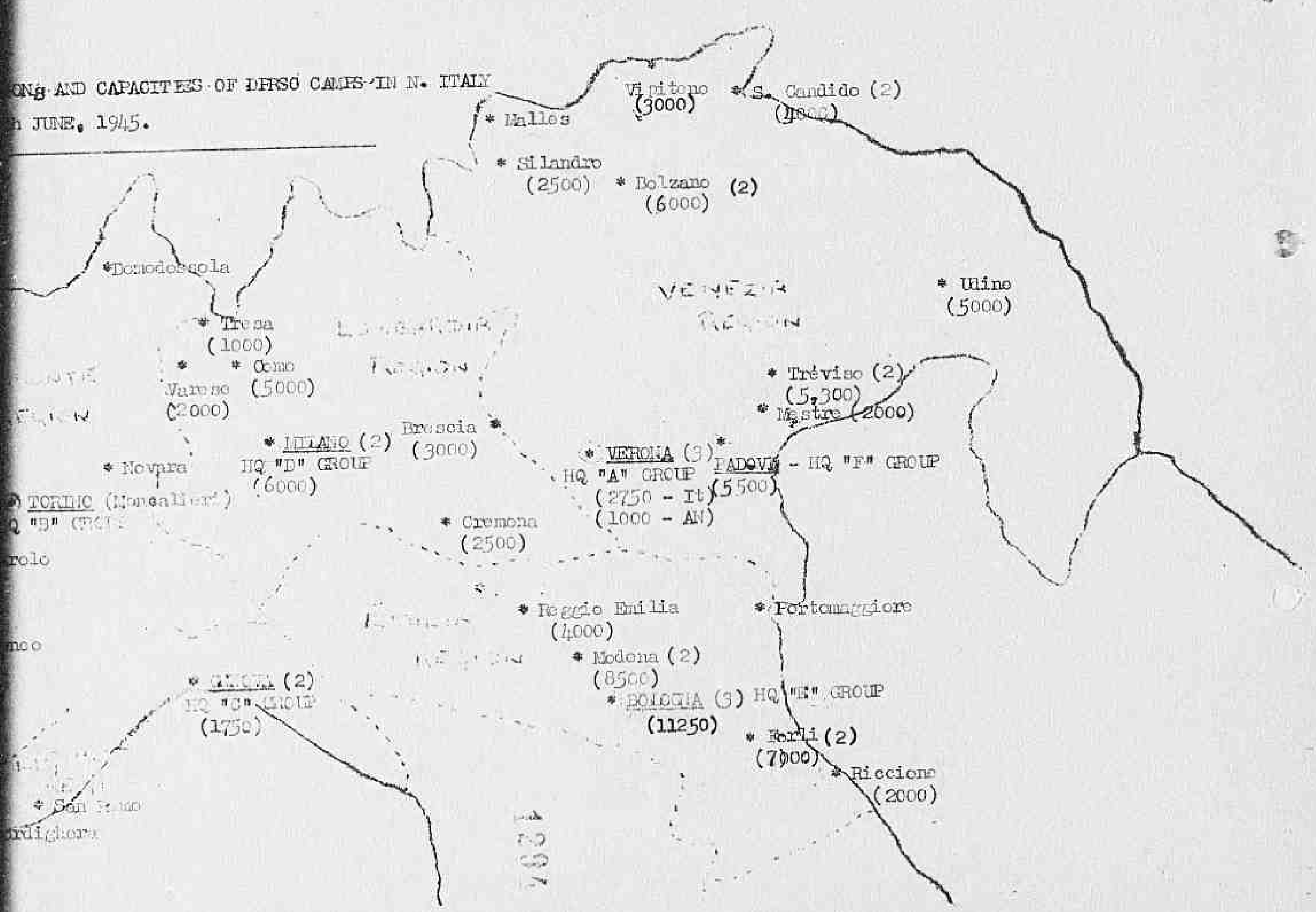
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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
G-4 Div, Mov & Tn Branch
(Forward)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE held 13 June 45 at 1430 hrs in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt Col LAWRENCE

G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-1 (PW)	G-4
Colonel ROSS	Lt Col WOOD	Lt Col TAYLOR	W/Comd CATESBY
Colonel GRAY	Lt Col STEVENS		
Major GRANTHAM	Major DONRICK		
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It was reported that it had been agreed at the Leipzig Meeting that R 52 will now be used for evacuation instead of HALLE.

177. GERMANS & RUSSIANS IN NORWAY

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178. RAIL MOVEMENT OF DPs into MAGDEBURG

Colonel WOOD referred to information obtained from Leipzig meeting, and stated that a total of 13-14,000 Western Europeans are being received from the Russian zone daily. This figures was divided equally between the two army groups. The daily total of Russians repatriated is approximately 36,000 per day, 21 Army Group Zone 10,500 and 12 Army Group Zone 25,500. 21 Army Group are requesting more exchange points, and ask that DESSAU may be made available to them for 6,000 daily. Colonel GRAY stated that by yesterday DESSAU had received, in five days, 40,000 Russian DPs, and until this situation clears up they will not take 21 Army Group trains.

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It was agreed to despatch a Signal to 30 Military Mission, Moscow, asking the Russians to increase the capacity of exchange points. It is desired to make each point capable of handling over 5,000 per day, giving a total of 25,000 in 21 Army Group area. Cable to be sent for information to 21 and 12 Army Groups.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn) & G-5

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179. DRAFT/ORGANIZATION FOR CONTROLLING REPATRIATION OF DPs and Ex-PW

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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ACTION: G-5 (DF)

181. BOLZANO CONFERENCE

It was stated that the representatives from 12th Army Group may arrive late, but that every endeavour would be made to get them there.

The two representatives from 21 Army Group would not arrive until the afternoon.

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Use of ships for return load of Germans from Norway to Germany. It was agreed that as UNRRA would be chartering the ships, they should take up with War Office, as to whether arrangements could be made with War Office for using the ships on the return trip, as UNRRA is not permitted to assist enemy personnel. It was decided that G-4 (Mov & Tn) should also take up with War

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ACTION: UNRRA & G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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183. ATTEMPT TO IMPLEMENT GENERAL POLICY FOR MOVEMENT OF EASTERN EUROPEANS OUT OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN ZONES WHICH RUSSIANS WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE OVER

Colonel ROSS stated that some alteration had been made to draft letter, but he had not seen the official draft. The target date in original signal was 30 June, which left very little time.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

184. FRENCH IN ODESSA. (Ref Minute 172)

Cable was despatched by G-5.

185. 210 GREEK POLITICAL PRISONERS

Signal from AFHQ was read, stating that they cannot accept the 210 Greek political prisoners as there is no immediate prospect of adequate transport. Major GRANTHAM stated that this would be brought up at the Bolzano Conference, and they would stay where they are for the moment.

186. LEIPZIG CONFERENCE

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1	A-3 CATOR	2	21 Army Gp for G-4 & DF
1	A-3		
1	A-4	4	Allied Commission HQ, CMF - for DF and Repatriation Sub-Commission (2) Transportation Commission (Mov Div) (2)
1	Lt Col COFFEY, DGMR		
1	US Group CC	1	G-1 AFHQ CMF
		1	G-4 AFHQ CMF
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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
G-4 Div, Mov & Tn Branch
(Forward)

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held 12 June 45 at 1430 hrs in G-4 Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: Lt Col LAWRENCE

G-5 (DF)	G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-4 (DGMP)
Colonel ROSS	Lt Col WOOD	Lt Col CORBETT
Major GRANTHAM	Lt Col STEVENS	
Major WHEELER	Major DE HAAS	

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ACTION G-4 (Mov & Tn)

160. RAIL MOVEMENT OF DPs INTO MAGDEBURG

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d. Coal up to availability of cars when the above requirements have been met.

163. SWITZERLAND - CHILDREN FROM BUCHENWALD

Major GRANTHAM referred to Minute 158 and stated that Swiss had not yet accepted 350 children from BUCHENWALD. Minute 158 of 11 June has been amended to read "Major Grantham stated that acceptance is being obtained from the Swiss of the 350 children from Buchenwald". Signal to 12 AG has been agreed, and as soon as acceptance from Switzerland has been received, it will be despatched.

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164. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS.

Cable from 7th Army was read, regarding reception station in Yugoslavia to receive 4,000 every week, and requesting authority to move Yugoslav DPs to this Centre.

ACTION: G-1

Cable from AFHQ was read with reference to shipping space on two ships travelling from NAPLES and TARANTO, requesting transportation for Yugoslav nationals required by the Yugoslav Government. The ships in question are carrying French from Italy. Colonel LAWRENCE suggested that if they cannot take Yugoslavs they should be asked to take Italians, as there were still about 30,000 Italians in France. They were being concentrated at MARSEILLES for air lift.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

165. BOLZANO CONFERENCE

Cable was read from AFHQ regarding transport. No answer required.

Cable from Berne was read, regarding provision of guards. Swiss will provide armed guards in Switzerland. It was agreed that either SHAEF or AFHQ should deal with Swiss in this matter, and this should be agreed at the conference.

166. NO MAN'S LAND.

Colonel LAWRENCE stated that G-3 had taken action with the Military Mission Moscow regarding people west of movement line between US and Russian forces. The question was raised as to whether this would involve any further committments. The cable sent by G-3 should have been coordinated with G-5 and G-4.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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It was stated that UNRRA was allowed to bid for shipping, and that the responsibility for moving them back would be UNRRA's.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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It was suggested that UNRRA should be represented on this Committee. G-5 agreed to arrange for representative.

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21 Army Group have requested permission to send three officers to the Bolzano Conference. It was agreed to allow two officers to attend, and Colonel WOOD was requested to inform 21 Army Group of this decision.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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170. NORWEGIAN FIGURES FOR DISPLACED PERSONS

Appendix attached.

171. ACTION TO IMPLEMENT GENERAL POLICY FOR MOVEMENT OF EASTERN EUROPEANS OUT OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN ZONES WHICH RUSSIANS WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE OVER.

Colonel ROSS referred to draft letter by G-5 regarding this. Colonel LAWRENCE suggested that this should be coordinated with Political Officers.

172. FRENCH IN ODESSA

Letter from General JUIN to SHAEF Mission was read, regarding 18,000 liberated French at ODESSA, requesting action. SHAEF Mission have drafted interim reply that SHAEF make representations to shipping authorities for additional shipping to be despatched to ODESSA for repatriation of Western Europeans. They request instruction as to final reply. It was agreed to ask the 30 Military Mission:

a. How many French were now left at ODESSA?

b. If arrangements are being made to move these by overland exchange

c. Whether all subsequent French persons will be directed to overland exchange.

ACTION G-5 (DF)

173. GREEN LINE BUSES - NETHERLANDS MISSION

Signal from Netherlands Mission was read regarding Green Line buses, to ease critical situation. It was agreed to reply that ASNO buses available, they should bid through G-4 Mission for use of military transport.

ACTION: G-5 (DP) 1289

174. FIGURES OF AUSTRIANS

AFHQ asking for figures of Austrians. G-1 have these figures.

ACTION: G-5 (DP) & G-1

175. MINUTES MEETINGS

It was agreed that members of the Repatriation Committee, if unable to be present at meetings, should arrange for a substitute to attend.

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NORWEGIAN FIGURES FOR DISPLACED PERSONS & PWs.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPATRIATION COMMITTEE
held 11 June 45 at 1430 hrs in Room G-4
Conference Room

PRESENT: In the Chair: General NAPIER.

G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-4 (DGMR)
Brig SALISBURY JONES	Lt Col LAWRENCE	Lt Col CORBETT
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153. DRAFT OF ORGANISATION FOR CONTROLLING REPATRIATION OF DPs and Ex-PW

Gen NAPIER suggested that draft should be put up to CAC. Recommendation had been agreed by Sub Committee that the approval of the C of S and agreement of 21 Army Group, US Group CC and UNRRA be obtained for establishment of Allied Repatriation Agency.

154. BOLZANO CONFERENCE

Signal received regarding details of agenda for Bolzano Conference. Gen NAPIER wanted the balance of Germans requiring repatriation to be discussed at the Conference and how SHAEF proposes to return them.

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155. NO MAN'S LAND

Telegram was read from 12 Army about serious condition in No Man's Land. DPs affected by situation.

ACTION: G-3.

156. RUSSIAN ZONE

It was decided to clear Westerners and stateless persons from the zone that Russians are taking over and it was suggested that stateless persons should be cleared out first. The original date for the Russian occupation of this zone was fixed for the end of July. Apparently a number of people were leaving before Russians moved into Zone.

ACTION: G-5.

157. MOVEMENT IN THE RHUR.

It was stated that, owing to movement of Displaced Persons in the Rhur there were no waggons available for transportation of coal. It was decided, however, that this was not due to priority of Displaced Persons, but, to movement of American units South. There was a total of about 200,000 Displaced Persons in the Rhur and there was a movement of 5,000 per day on the average.

158. SWITZERLAND.

On the Swiss side they have 800 Russians, 350 Italians and 600 Greeks awaiting repatriation and it was decided to move these people as soon as possible. Major GRANTHAM stated that acceptance is being obtained from the Swiss of the 350 children from BUCHENWALD. It was agreed to send signal to Com Zone giving this a high priority.

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Conference Room

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G-5 (DP)	G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-1 (PWX)
Lt Col CARROLL	Lt Col STEPHENS	Lt Col TAYLOR
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	Lt Col REISNER	CATOR
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140. FEEDING OF DPs/PW EN ROUTE RUSSIAN ZONE AND FRANCE

Reference Minute 133 cable drafted by G-4 (Curr Ops) was concurred with G-5 (DP) and G-4 (Mov & Tn).

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ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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146. MOVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS

Cable from EACS to AFHQ regarding transportation of 12,000 PW from Belgrade to Naples by air and Naples to Marseilles by sea. Colonel CAREOLL proposed informing EACS that any subject involving movement should be co-ordinated with G-4 and that the whole of the subject referred to is being discussed at the Bolzano Conference. It was agreed that G-4 (Mov & Tn) should send cable to EACS with PWX and DP concurrence.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

147. BOLZANO CONFERENCE

It was agreed that a signal should be sent to all concerned when the date of the Bolzano Conference was definitely fixed.

ACTION: G-5 (DP)

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held 8 June 45 at 1430 hrs in Room G-4
Conference Room

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G-4 (Mov & Tn)	G-4 (DGMR)	G-5 (DP)	G-1 (FWX)
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133. FEEDING OF DPs/FW EN ROUTE RUSSIAN ZONE AND FRANCE

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Cable was read regarding difficulty, through inadequate provision of water and inadequate supervision during halts, of moving Displaced Persons through Army areas. G-4 (Curr Ops) will draft a signal for concurrence by G-5 and G-4 (Mov & Tn).

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ACTION: G-4(Current Ops).

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Air lift bid from 21st Army Group was discussed. Transport of the Control Commission and stores from U.K. to Germany was discussed. Meeting could not support this bid unless movement can take place in aircraft which is not set aside for the movement of DPs. Air lift for airborne forces from Norway was discussed. It was stated that shipping facilities were available and should be used.

Message from 12th Army Group was read, regarding movement of Greek political prisoners. It was agreed to move them on Russian lift planes from Eastern Germany to Paris. It would then be a matter for the Greek Embassy to send them through ATC.

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137. GUARDS FOR TRAINS MOVING THROUGH SWITZERLAND

It was stated that this is entirely a Swiss responsibility, and the guards would be Swiss.

138. COPY OF MINUTES FOR U.S. GROUP CONTROL COUNCIL

It was agreed to send a copy of these minutes to the U.S. Group Control Council.

139. RUSSIAN MEDICAL CASES.

Cator said they had received a bid from 3 Army for 3,000 Russian medical cases, and that 9 Army had agreed to accept.

It Col WOOD to investigate with Medical Division and report to next meeting.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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APPENDIX 'A'

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SHAEF/3094/37/Mov.

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Russians and Germans from NORWAY.

1. PROBLEM.

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There are 350,000 Wehrmacht personnel, and German refugees, requiring to be returned to GERMANY. The approximate distribution is as follows:

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2. METHOD OF MOVEMENT.

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The Russian Government would like to evacuate Russian personnel from TROMSO and NARVIC to MURMANSK and from OSLO overland to Swedish ports for shipment. Discussions have taken place between SCOFOR and the Swedish Government who in turn have consulted the Russian Government, and the following arrangements have been agreed as a planning basis:-

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Three ex-Finnish steamers under Soviet control.

(iv) Rail movement between NORWAY and SWEDEN.

One train NARVIC - SUNDSVALL. }
" " TRONDHEIM - SUNDSVALL. } Every three days, to fit in with Shipping turnround
" " OSLO - GALVE. }

The Swedish Government would consider the provision of Swedish shipping (which would require three weeks to get ready).

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If sufficient shipping can be provided, movement might be accelerated by use of the following routes:-

NARVIC - LULEA)	
TRONDHEIM - SUNDSVALL)	Up to two trains per
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TO : Lt.Col. J.W. Baker, W.B.S.

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France		3.000		27.000	30.000
Germany	12 Army Gp				
	U.S. 15 Army	41.762		-	41.762
	12 Army	136.265		5.600	141.865
	7 U.S. Army	30.081		15.000	45.081
	21 Army Gp		39.659		39.659
	1 French Army		25.000		25.000
Austria	3 Army	34.000		4.000	38.000
		245.108	66.659	51.600	363.367

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To the total of 361.167 should be added 50.000 to 100.000 Italian Refugees etc. not classified, plus an unknown number of Italian from Russian Territory about which nothing is yet known.

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(c) A certain amount of pressure is being brought to bear with regard to movement of Stateless persons to Italy for holding, it was realised that this would add to the Italian transport difficulties and was not to be encouraged; this point of view was endorsed.

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(c) That a Committee be established on the lines of the one at present in operation at SHAEF Advanced. In order to coordinate all movement problems.

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(e) That returns of numbers held at each Frontier Post and all Camps be telephoned to a Central Control Point in the North daily and a consolidated return furnished daily to this HQ.

(f) That movement over the Frontier should not exceed ability to accept.

(g) That any movement which may later be continued in the opposite direction, should be prevented if at all possible. The movement of nationals involving temporary accommodation in other countries other than that from which they are being sent will only take place when all arrangements have been made for the journey i.e. road, rail, sea or air to final destination.

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APPENDIX 'A'

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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
G-5 Division
Displaced Persons Branch

SHAEF/G-5/DP 11 May 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Displaced Persons Branch, G-5

NOTES ON REPATRIATION

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3. Handover Transhipment Camps.

Camps will have to be established at vantage points running north-south along Russian zone border where eastbound and westbound displaced persons can be exchanged. Camps will most certainly have to be established at the points where the railways cross the Russian zone and further camps established adjacent to selected airfields on or near the border.

4. Movement problem by nationalities.

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It is estimated that there are 1,200,000 western Europeans in the Russian zone. Presumably arrangements will be made for these displaced persons to be transported by the Russians to Handover transhipment camps at zone border to, say, the Holland border is 120 miles - rather a long haul by truck, particularly as the displaced persons will have a further journey before them to their home town. It would appear, therefore, that the repatriation of western Europeans from the Russian zone will have to be by rail or air and as the prospects of rail travel in any great volume are not very bright, the answer would appear to be air. Regarding the latter, arrangements could be made to have displaced persons segregated in Handover transhipment camps by nationality and even by province in order that they could be flown as near as possible to their homes, so obviating internal transportation problems in the western countries. These remarks apply also to the 200,000 western Europeans in Austria and, although it is not visualised that there will be Handover transhipment camps as such, western displaced persons will have to be concentrated in camps in Austria, sited near east-west railways or airfields.

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c. Poles and Baltic State Nationals.

40,000 in western countries
50,000 in western Germany
450,000 in other parts of Germany (SHAEF).

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The same principle of movement as in case of Russians, but it is understood these nationals will only be repatriated subject to certain conditions pending solution of political problems.

d. Czechs. It is estimated that there is a total of 90,000 in Germany (SHAEF), but it is not known what proportion is located near the Czech frontier within range of truck transportation or within the limit of trekking. There is little point in making any suggestion for movement pending receipt of more detailed information except to point out that one of the west-east rail systems on the reconstruction programme is that entering Czechoslovakia from Karlsruhe, Heidelberg, Frankfurt, Wurzberg and Nurnberg. There may be Czechs in small numbers in other countries but details are not available at present.

e. Yugoslavs.

Much the same remarks apply, as in the case of the Czechs, to the 100,000 Yugoslavs in Germany (SHAEF). The condition of the line of rail communication from Germany to Yugoslavia is unknown at present, but having regard to the heavy fighting in Austria and Hungary, it may be reasonably safe to assume that rail transport will not be possible for some time, even if rolling stock is available. Here again air appears to be the only solution. Screening to ascertain whether or not the Yugoslavs in question are adherents of Tito will be necessary prior to movement. There are Yugoslavs in comparatively small numbers in other parts of Europe outside Germany but numbers are not known. Those in France should be evacuated by sea from Marseilles.

f. Greeks.

Lack of rail transport and difficulties of geography indicate air presents the only chance of evacuating the 10,000 Greeks at present in Germany (SHAEF).

g. Italians.

330,000 in Germany (SHAEF)
150,000 in Austria (SHAEF)

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There is little prospect of rail transport becoming available in the interior of Germany for the movement of southbound Italians. Trekking would appear to be inevitable, with perhaps some help from road transport. Understand the line Munich-Innsbruck through the Brenner Pass to Italy will not be in operation before the end of the year. The line Strasbourg-Freiber to Basle on the Swiss Frontier is on the programme for reconstruction and, providing rolling stock is available, the movement of Italians south-bound may be accelerated by use of this particular system as far as the Swiss Frontier. It is suggested that by agreement with the Swiss Government, Italians from Germany be entrained across Switzerland to the Italian Border. The time for the journey is roughly 8 hours and the regular shuttle service might be operated. Italians could be concentrated near Basle for entrainment to Italy via Berne on the Milan line, and near Schauffhausen for entrainment to Como via Zurich. The Italians in Austria will have perforce to walk to the Italian Frontier unless road transport can be made available. In this connection, it is suggested that negotiations as with AFHQ and other responsible authorities should be initiated at an early date with a view to starting the movement out of Austria as soon as possible to take advantage of the fine weather. Reception Centres will have to be established on Italian Frontier and, if the rail transit plans through Switzerland is approved, also at the German Frontier near Basle and Schauffhausen.

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e. Yugoslavs.

Much the same remarks apply, as in the case of the Czechs, to the 100,000 Yugoslavs in Germany (SHAEF). The condition of the line of rail communication from Germany to Yugoslavia is unknown at present, but having regard to the heavy fighting in Austria and Hungary, it may be reasonably safe to assume that rail transport will not be possible for some time, even if rolling stock is available. Here again air appears to be the only solution. Screening to ascertain whether or not the Yugoslavs in question are adherents of Tito will be necessary prior to movement. There are Yugoslavs in comparatively small numbers in other parts of Europe outside Germany but numbers are not known. Those in France should be evacuated by sea from Marseilles.

f. Greeks.

Lack of rail transport and difficulties of geography indicate air presents the only chance of evacuating the 10,000 Greeks at present in Germany (SHAEF).

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h. Stateless displaced persons.

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4. Miscellaneous.

Other movement problems may present themselves, such as the large number of Germans which we understand have recently been evacuated to Denmark, particularly if they turn out to be in the main, women and children and wounded. Details are awaited as to numbers. Furthermore, small numbers of displaced persons of various nationalities may be found in Norway, but here again there are no details at present.

5. Suggested System for Bidding for Transport.

G-5 of each Army to collate detailed and accurate information of all displaced persons in its area as to nationality, numbers (men, women and children) and present locality. G-5 Army Group will bid for TRANSPORT for all displaced persons eligible for evacuation through G-4 of the Army Group and G-4 will provide transport by air (through CATOR) or by sea, rail or road. G-5 Army Group to be responsible for any trekking arrangements.

/s/ F.L. CARROLL
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11. AFHQ and other Military formations will provide information copies to this Mission of all cables on matters affecting France or operations in France.

12. The French Border Reception Centers with their capacities on the French-Swiss and the French-Italian Borders are as follows :

a. French-Swiss Border.

Center	Daily processing Capacity
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MINUTES OF MEETING of REPATRIATION COMMITTEE held
4 June 45 at 1430 hrs in G-4 Conference Room.

PRESENT: In the Chair: Maj-Gen. NAPIER, G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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Lt-Col. LAKE.			
Major DOWRICK.	CATOR. (Air Staff)	G-2.	G-3.
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The Chairman said it was most important that a small staff be formed at LEIPZIG comprising G-5, G-1 and G-4, as we had apparently handed over to the Soviet authorities 600,000 Soviet citizens and only obtained somewhere about 100,000 Western repatriates from them. He asked whether the French authorities were aware that we had only obtained this comparatively small figure.

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The French had apparently not been informed, and it was agreed that G-5 should see that the SHAEF Mission to FRANCE were aware of the small numbers we had received from the Russian Zone so that the French Government realised that SHAEF were doing everything possible.

Lt-Col. NEAL said that in the evacuation of Russians from FRANCE the priority seemed to be given to DPs in preference to POW, and as Com Z were feeding the latter, it was most important to get them cleared as quickly as possible. Lt-Col. CARROLL said priority is being given to Com Z Camps, and as 1,200 Russians a day were being cleared by rail from FRANCE, starting tomorrow, it was hoped that all Com Z camps would be cleared by the 15th June.

Maj-Gen. NAPIER closed the discussion on this point by reiterating that the maximum air lift from FRANCE to the handover points with the Russians must be used and that a SHAEF directive to 12th Army Group should be sent accordingly.

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Lt-Col. LAWRENCE said that G-4 would like to make an early start of evacuating NORWAY so that captured German shipping could be utilised before it was diverted for other use. Lt-Col. WOOD asked whether the final destination of Germans in NORWAY was decided. There seemed

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There seemed to be little use in moving Germans into the British zone in Germany if it was subsequently found that the bulk of them had their homes in the Russian occupied zone. Brig. GRAZEBROOK said that psychologically it was most important to make an early start on the evacuation, as although the German forces were extremely well disciplined at the moment, this might not continue indefinitely. It was agreed that investigation of shipping possibilities be undertaken immediately, and this would be reported to subsequent meetings.

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ACTION: Lt-Col.NORDSTROM.
G-4(Mov & Tn)

116. PROGRESS REPORT.

G-5 tabled their weekly report on Repatriation of DPs and Brig.Gen.MICKLESEN expressed his gratification at the excellent progress made.

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MINUTES OF MEETING of REPATRIATION COMMITTEE held 2 June 45 at 1430 hrs. in G-4 Conference Room.

PRESENT: In the Chair, Lt-Col. LAWRENCE, G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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ACTION: CATOR
G-4 (Mov & Tn)
G-5 (DP)

102. BRITISH INTERNEES IN 6 ARMY GP. AREA (Ref Min. 96)

Col. BAGBY referred to British Civilian repatriates from 6 Army Gp. area (Field R.62) included in whose numbers were personnel for the Channel Islands. CATOR hoped to move 300 daily which was the maximum number the British Home Office would admit at Hendon per day.

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Col. BAGBY stated it was impracticable to guarantee a lift of 300 daily. Some days 200 only might be lifted; on other days a lift of 400 might be possible. He asked that steps be taken to ensure the Home Office waive the maximum of 300 daily admittance rate.

Agreed the War Office be signalled to make the necessary arrangements with Home Office.

ACTION: Lt-Col. COD
G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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2. It is believed train path arranged by SHAEF Mission FRANCE with Oise Section has not yet been agreed by Com Zone for onward movement.

It is expected both points will be cleared for next meeting.

ACTION: Lt-Col. ADCOCK
G-4 (Mov & Tn)
Lt-Col. REISNER
G-4 (Mov & Tn)

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106. NEW SHAEF/RUSSIAN HAND-OVER POINT FOR DPs. (Ref. Min. 98)

Lt-Col. REISNER stated 12 Army Gp and 7 Army have declared this route to be open and the plan feasible. Lt-Col. CARROLL is in touch with 12 Army Group who will be informed there is no objection to this additional transfer point and that the matter should be settled between local commanders.

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Major DOWRICK.	Mr. P. Cash.		
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88. EVACUATION OF DISARMED FORCES IN NORWAY. (Ref.Min 78)

Brig. GLAZEBROOK is expected back from NORWAY in the next day or so, and G-3 representative will report to the next meeting.

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89. COMMUNICATIONS WITH SWITZERLAND. (Ref. Min. 78)

Awaiting Major CROFTS' (G-2) return from SWITZERLAND.

90. ALLIED PERSONNEL TRAVELLING IN UNIFORM IN SWITZERLAND. (Ref. Min. 79.)

Major de HAAS stated that no [illegible] are being published on the question of military personnel entering SWITZERLAND in uniform.

91. EMPLOYMENT OF ANTI-NAZIS. (Ref. Min. 79.)

This matter had gone to A C of S, G-1, for direction.

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Lt-Cols. REISNER and CORBETT to examine the availability of the rail lines in question and report to next meeting.

ACTION: G-4 (Mov & Tn)
DGMR.

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