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- Area Team 67

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T. 67
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UNRRA DISTRICT OFFICE No.1

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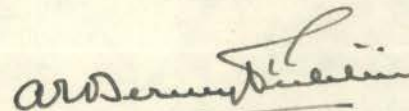
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Attention: Deputy Zone Director

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Subject: UNRRA Team No. 67, Heidenheim

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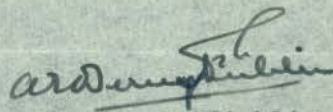
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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF
AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

HEIDENHEIM 1 July 1946

TEAM 67
ATTACHED TO THE
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEIDENHEIM
KARLSTRASSE 4, TELEPHONE: 456, 474

Subject: Investigation of Team 67

To: Mr C.J.TAYLOR, Deputy Zone Director

c/o Mr A.T. BERNEY FICKLIN District Director

- 1 Copy of your letter dated 22 June 1946, concerning my Team's administration, was recieved today.
- 2 I kindly request a full investigation into the Team's operations.
- 3 I also would be honored of your personnal visit.
- 4 It is hard for me to believe that claims from such persons as Mrs Wrenacre, former Welfare Officer, and specially Mr Di Lazarro whose place should never had been in UNRRA, even presented thru friends from HQ, will alterate the reputation of Team 67 I am proud to command for today fourteen months.
- 5 Copies of letters recieved from UNRRA, Army and DP's will give you an idea of the reasons for which I will not let anyone, sent away from this Team for different reasons, claim about "the poorness of it's administration."



George J Chapirot
Director Team 67

HEADQUARTERS
U S MILITARY GOVERNMENT
WÜRTTEMBERG / BADEN
E-1 Co. A2d Mil. Govt. Regt.

OCT 26 1945

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DP

STUTT GART
APO 758

10 October 1945.

SUBJECT: Commendation for UNRRA Director.

TO : CG, 7th Army, APO 758, US Army,
Attn.: AC of S, G-5.

1. I wish to call attention to the Superior manner in which Mr. George Chapiro[†], UNRRA Director at Heidenheim has carried out his responsibilities.

2. Mr. Chapiro's energy and organizational ability have resulted in the displaced persons in Kreis Heidenheim being cared for in a most outstanding manner.

WILLIAM W. DAWSON
Col. Inf.
RMGO.

*H.Q. MIL GOV
WURTEMBERG
Thru CG 7th Army*

C O P Y

Mr G Chapirot
Director UNRRA Team 67
Attached MG Det II4 G3
Heidenheim Wurtemberg
Germany

On the eve of my departure to take up my new assignment with the 1st Armoured Division, I wish to take this opportunity to express my commendation for the efficient and excellent manner in which you and the members of your Team have handled Displaced Persons in the Landkreiss Heidenheim and Aalen.

Also the organizing and transporting of several thousand DP's from the area to their homelands was accomplished in the most commendable way.

I wish you and the members of your Team continued success in the good work you are doing.

It has indeed been a pleasure to have had your help during the past trying three months.

With kindest regards to the members of your Team, I am,

Sincerely

Edward F Seiller
Lieut Col Inf
Chief Milit. Governm. Section

C O P Y

8th February 1946

To: Director Team 67 Heidenheim
From: Guy Coddington Deputy District Director
Subject: Letter of commendation

Enclosed please find copies of letters received from Captain Newman of the 1st Armored Division and from Captain Bloom of the Office of the Military Government of Heidenheim.

May we add to this letter of Commendation our appreciation of the splendid job that you are doing for the displaced persons under your care.

A.T. Berney-Ficklin
District Director

by Guy R Coddington
Deputy Director

DISTRICT

C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS, RESERVE COMMAND
APO 251 New York N.Y.

Displaced Persons Section
Stuttgart Germany

31 January 1946

Subject: Commendation

To: Director, UNRRA, District N 1 Hq
Stuttgart Germany

- 1 Attached commendation from Military Government, Det. G 27 Heidenheim, is forwarded with pleasure
- 2 It is indeed gratifying to receive, and pass on to those concerned, a letter of this type.

Please convey to all concerned this Headquarters appreciation for their fine work

For the Commanding Officer
Charles A Newman
Captain Infantry
Executive Officer

Hq 1st AD

COPY.

OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FOR LANDKREIS HEIDENHEIM/WÜRT
TEMBERG.

G-27, 1st M.G.Bn (Sep)

Heidenheim,
A.P.O. 758
28 Jan 46.

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation.

TO: Director, UNRRA Zone, Headquarters,
APO 757. US Army (Through Channels).

1. I would be privileged to take this means of offering my appreciation for the splendid cooperation I have received from UNRRA Team 67, Heidenheim, Germany.
2. On 6 May 1945, Mr. Georges Chapirot, Director, and five officers reported to Military Government, Heidenheim, to supervise the several thousand Displaced Persons in this area. Both UNRRA and Military Government were faced with the tremendous problem of feeding, housing and otherwise caring for the great numbers of mixed nationalities.
3. Mr. Chapirot and his entire staff entered their tasks with enthusiasm and initiative, which resulted in the repatriation of five thousand Russians, the establishment of three permanent camps, and raising the standards of D.P. welfare in general. In the months following they have made the Heidenheim camps models for supply, welfare, medical attention and general administration.
4. Altogether, as individuals and as a unit, the officers and men of Military Government have received complete co-operation from Mr. Chapirot and members of Team 67, and it warrants that such be brought to the attention of those concerned.

(Sgd) BONI V. BLOOM,
Capt. Inf.
Director.

Telephone:
Heidenheim 867.

Milit. Gov. Heidenheim

COPY

To Mr Chapirot
Director of UNRRA Team 67
Milit.Governm! Heidenheim

Dear Sir,

Allow me in the name of my Russian countrymen who have lived in the DP camps in the Landkreiss Heidenheim, and in my own, to express to You, how deeply grateful we are for the immense work, your UNRRA Team and You particularly have done in organizing the life and welfare of the Russian DP's.

The result of this work was that Russian Officers, soldiers and civilians, ex-prisoners of war, who had been terribly maltreated by German Nazis, recieved the real chance to live in good conditions in our camps from the day of their liberation by the glorious American Army until the day of their departure for their homes in Russia.

We Russians, all know well that the procuring of quarters in these camps, and their continued supply with necessary material and their sanitary supervision, is the result of Your own unfatigable energy.

We know also the nonceasing care the members of Your team took of the daily needs of the camps: transportation of the food, workmen, schools, etc.

When such sorts of activities as orchestra and theatre began to spring into being, it was Your aid in procuring for us the musical instruments, which made it possible to arrange concerts and performances for our Russians.

In some of the camps, schools for the children and also for grown-ups were opened and worked successfully because You, having clearly understood the importance of the work in this direction, procured for us the necessary material such as copybooks, pensils, blackboards etc. This gave our teachers the possibility to work under good conditions.

You also solved a very important question by supplying our citizens with clothes, uniforms and stoffs for dresses and underware.

I would like to point out specially the wonderful diligence of your medical Officers, Dr Lucas and nurse C Calmeyn: their help to invalids, their procuring for us medicaments and their taking care of our children and expectant mothers, left us highly respectful of their knowledge and self-sacrifice.

I, as the Chief of the centers for Russian DP's for the Landkreiss Heidenheim, can with greatest pleasure cerify, that thanks to our common work, our Kreiss is one of the best organized areas that we have seen.

For all this, I once more offer my best thanks to You, dear Director, to Mr Mignon, Miss Tylecote, Dr Lucas and Miss Calmeyn. Your two drivers, Mr Levailant and Mr Delort have also my thanks for their work on the trucks which helped us much to ameliotate the Welfare of the Russuians.

MY COUNTRYMEN WILL NEVER FORGET ALL THAT UNRRA HAS DONE FOR THEM.

With gratitude, I am
Sincerely Yours

Signed: Ivan ~~Gnina~~ Kowalev
Colonel, USSR Army

18 June 1945 Heidenheim/Brenz Germany US zone

C O P Y

Mr George Chapirot
Director of UNRRA Team 67
Heidenheim

Dear Sir,

The inhabitants of Latvian camp at Königsbronn, send you herewith their best and heartlest thanks and their thankfulness for your care in the organizing of the camp and of the welfare of its inhabitants. Only your care contributed at the fast recovery of childrens, ill and old people's health and at the renewal of their living power and their belief of better future.

Now ordered to the care of another UNRRA Team, the inhabitants of Königsbronn camp will allways remember you, Director, not only as a kind, careful and judicial chief, but also as a gentleman who understands the fate and trouble of other people.

Taking leave, the collective of Königsbronn camp wishes you the best success in your responsible work.

KÖNIGSBRONN, 17 October 1945

By order of the Committee of
Königsbronn camp:

Signed: V Anderson

P.T.O.

LATVIANS

C O P Y

Heidenheim, October 10th 1945

To Mr Dir Chapirot
UNRRA Team 67 Heidenheim

In name of the Estonian Colony Heidenheim,
please will you take our best thanks to you
and your office for your care and your great
and good help we recieved here.

Signed: H Arvaks

Chairman of the Esthonin
Colony Heidenheim

P.T.O.

ESTHONIANS

Latvian Colony
of Heidenheim/Brenz

Esslingen, 26 Nov. 1945

To
Mr. G. Chapirot
Director of
UNRRA Team 67
Heidenheim/Brenz

Sir,

More than a month has passed since the Latvian Colony had to leave Heidenheim for Esslingen accordingly to the orders of the Military Government.

The work and my duties connected with this unexpected action, have prevented me until now to cast a backward glance to the happy and free-from-care time of our life at Heidenheim.

Allow me, Sir, to profit of this occasion and express the belated but most sincere thanks of the Colony and these of myself for your most active and kind help and assistance, which was very much needed by my compatriots who are now erring more than a years in Germany.

My point of view is, that the work of assisting DP's asks not only for organizational talent, but also for a great deal of energy and humor, which connected with much patience and a good quantity of optimism are your characteristic traits.

Thanking you once more for all you have done for the Colony, I remain, Sir, with my kindest regards

Yours sincerely,

/s/ P. Ramanis
Chief of the Latvian Colony
of Heidenheim

LATVIAN

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

2 July 1946

Mr. G. J. Chapirot
Director, Team No. 67
Heidenheim

Subject: Team No. 67, Heidenheim

Dear Mr. Chapirot:

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Any serious allegations contained in their criticism must obviously be investigated in fairness not only to the complainants but, where unwarranted, particularly to the Team Director and other Team members.

In the present case, which affects you and your Team, a prompt and full investigation was, as you are aware, ordered by me on receipt of the Zone Headquarters' letter of 22nd ultimo. This investigation is now being carried out by the Protective Service and will include a detailed evaluation of the competency of both Mrs. Brenacre and Mr. De Lassarre and, in the case of the latter, the charges already preferred against him by you.

Until the investigation has been completed, this case must of necessity be regarded as sub judice and the merits or demerits of it cannot, therefore, be discussed.

I would add, however, that of course I am forwarding your letter to the Deputy Zone Director, as you request.

Yours sincerely,



A. T. Berney-Ficklin
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Poland Needs Her People
Encourage Repatriation

UNRRA HQ, U S ZONE

ROUTING SLIP

Date 28 June

TO:

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① Zone Director
Deputy Director
Field Operations
Asst. Dir. F&A-S&T.
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Public Info.
Health
Relief Serv.
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UNRRA DISTRICT OFFICE No.1
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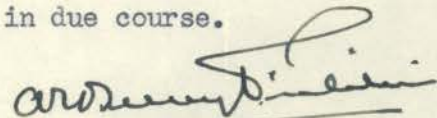
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T-67
#1
22nd June 1946.

SUBJECT: HEIDENHEIM, Team #67.

TO : Mr. A.T. Berney Ficklin, District Director, UNRRA District
Office #1, Stuttgart.

1. You are aware that upon her reassignment, Mrs. Wrenacre reported to this office that the administration of this team was poor.

2. We have since had a further report from a member of the team which also indicates that all is not well.

3. If you agree, we think that it is desirable for a full investigation into the team's operations to be made, and a report submitted as soon as possible.

For the Zone Director:

C. J. TAYLOR
Deputy Zone Director

UNRRA DISTRICT OFFICE No. 1

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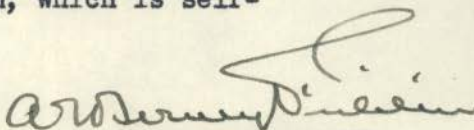
9 May 1946

To: Director, UNRRA U. S. Zone Headquarters,
Pasing - Munich

From: A. T. Berney-Ficklin, District Director

Subject: Team No. 67 (Heidenheim)

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A. T. Berney-Ficklin
District Director

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Enc.



COPY

UNRRA
Team No. 67
Heidenheim

6 May 1946

Subject: Greetings

To: Mr. Whiting, Director UNRRA U.S. Zone
c/o Mr. Berney-Ficklin, District Director No. 1

Team 67 reported on 6 May 1945 to Military Government Detachment G 27, Heidenheim, to take care of Displaced Persons in the Kreis.

Today, starting under same direction as the first day, its second year of work, Team 67 take this opportunity to express his thanks for all help received from UNRRA Headquarters U.S. Zone and UNRRA District No. 1.

Due to this help, splendid cooperation of the Military Government and all occupational forces, Team 67 always could work under good conditions, manage decent camps, and "help DP's to help themselves".

(signed) G. Chapirot
Director

Distribution:
Mr. Whiting UNRRA Zone Hq.
Mr. Berney-Ficklin, UNRRA District No. 1

CJT

De Lazzaro is still
here - a board
meeting is coming
up within the
next couple of
days.

M.

BV

6/9/26

CJT

You asked to be
reminded of this
on Sat. As I won't
be here, suggest
you hold on to
it.

Maggie

Ask Leonard if
the lagoon has
gone yet.

