

Philippeville: Cables from



SHAW-WALKER
No. 203R Third Cut

From Algiers

Selman Haron Russell

No. 1

not in book

25 not in book

9 - in tissues states Russell arrived
copy in book says Hadley arrived

9 - in book also reads

Please make dollars 3 thousand
available my next. Through disbursing
agent Hayden. Have not disbursed any
funds here

7 - also states Russell arrived but also

7 reading same as tissue

3 not in book

3 listed in book not same as tissue

✓ 724 State Dept # not in book

FX 71343 (MAT 241) not in book

UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

Wash

Algiers (Philippeville)

October 20, 1944

No...

SECRETARY WASHINGTON

TO LIAISON UNRRA

FROM UNRRA NO. 26

PHILIPPEVILLE CAMP HAS FULL RESPONSIBILITY UNRRA. ALL SUPPLIES AND STORES INCLUDING MEDICAL BEING CAREFULLY EXAMINED GRADED REPAIRED IN PREPARATION IMMEDIATE USE OR SHIPMENT ELSEWHERE. INVENTORY LISTS BEING FORWARDED WASHINGTON SOON.

BRITISH ARMY OF OPINION UNRRA TO PAY FOR ALL NISSEN HUTS AND OTHER MOVABLE INSTALLATIONS. THIS APPEARS TO BE UNREASONABLE EXPENSE UNLESS REFUGEES WILL BE ACCOMMODATED PHILIPPEVILLE. DISMANTLING AND MOVING HUTS AND INSTALLATIONS WOULD BE EXPENSIVE AND WASTEFUL. WE SUGGEST YOUR REACHING AGREEMENT WITH CCAC FOR USE WITHOUT PURCHASE OF HUTS AND INSTALLATIONS UNLESS YOU BELIEVE THEIR ACQUISITION WARRANTED PLEASE ADVISE REPEAT AMPCAD FOR COCHRAN

LANTON

Wash.

Algiers (Philippeville)
19 October 1944
No....

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SECSTATE WASHINGTON

TO LEHMANN UNRRA

FROM UNRRA No..27

REFER OUR CABLES 21 and 22 URGENT RADLEY REMAIN ALGIERS PENDING ARRIVAL

CHESTER AND WACHILERSKE ADVISE

LANTON

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Algiers (Philippeville)
Oct ber 19, 1944
No.,

SECSTATE WASHINGTON

TO LEIMAN UNRA

FROM UNRA NO. *26*

FOR CRABTREE RELET ELEVENTH OCTOBER TO ENGE ON TRANSFER MACQUENRY REDCOTT

TO ITALY PLEASE CABLE INSTRUCTIONS WHERE WHEN AND TO WHOM THEY REPORT. REPEAT

REPLY COCHRAN FOR ENGE

LANTON

C O P Y

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SECSTATE WASHINGTON

14 October 1944

TO LEHMAN UNRRA FROM UNRRA No.25

1. Lt.Col. O'Brien, nurses Smith and Engel, and possibly one or two others of the group scheduled to go directly to Cairo, will arrive Philippeville Monday evening. They will go back to Algiers on Thursday.

2. Dr. Enge is very anxious for them to see the camp at Philippeville before going on to Cairo.

(By phone from Hadley, Oct. 13, by.....)

SECSTATE WASHINGTON

14 October 44

UNRRA FOR LEHMAN FROM CAMPBELL NO. 24

1. Doctors O'Brien M9, Garfield M7, Edwards M8, Hold voluntary, Public Health Nurse Supervisors Ballam M37, Smith M38, Harper M39, Public Health Staff Nurse Engle M49 proceeding Cairo immediately. Dearing advises operating nurse Lazechko M83 remain Philippeville not needed Cairo immediately.
2. Public Health Staff Nurses Favier M71, Sullivan M48, Public Health Supervisor Michaelson M40, Staff Graduate Holcomb M90, voluntary agency nurses Crawford, Augsberger, Scanlon, Hospital Administrator MacDonald 405, Doctor Haber M17 probably proceed Cairo within three weeks.
3. Doctors Chambers P53, McQueeney M22, Voluntary nurse Sears accompanying 502 refugees and nurse Finley from Casablanca to Naples and probably Tripoli and Cairo at request of British Army. Chambers only to return Philippeville.
4. Engle Dearing proceeding Naples, conference Cochran, Miller, Matthews regarding distribution medical personnel Philippeville, Cairo and Italy. Engle available survey medical status Italian camps Caserta 29. He awaits your instructions Caserta.

SECSTATE WASHINGTON

13 October 33

TO LEHMAN UNRRA FROM UNRRA NO.23

PLEASE SHIP EARLIEST ONE HUNDRED UNRRA ARMBANDS OR
SHOULDER PATCHES.

(Phoned to Hadley, Algiers - Time 3:40 By CBP

SECSTATE WASHINGTON

TO LEHMAN UNRRA FROM UNRRA
CABE NO.22

11 October 44

LEHMAN, Washington

UNRRA assumes full responsibility Philippeville camp and hospital as of the twentieth of October. Process of taking inventory, etc. already begun.

No refugees now at Philippeville nor is arrival of any in the near future foreseen.

Most urgent personnel needs at present limited to supply and transportation officers. Earliest use air priorities requested for them.

Sent to Lehman as No.22, repeated to Cochran, AMPOLAD, as No.7

Cable No. 21

Lehman

REQUESTING YOUR EXTENDING STAY OF HADLEY IN ALGIERS PENDING
ARRIVAL SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICERS. HADLEY'S SERVICES
IN ALGIERS HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE.

Ned Campbell

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CABLE NO. 19

FUCHS ARRIVED

CABLE NO. 20

DEERING ARRIVED

SECSTATE WASHINGTON

4 October 1944

TO: LEHMAN UNRRA FROM CAMPBELL NO.18

1. EMGE ADVISED SHIP MEDICAL SANITATION SUPPLIES AS LISTED.
ADD TWO OBSTETRICAL FORCEPS TUCKER MCLEAN SOLID BLADES,
TWO EACH LARGE SMALL GRAVES SPECULUMS. FOUR KNIFE HANDLES.
THREE PACKAGES EACH SMALLER SIZES DETACHABLE BLADES. TWO
SMALL MAYO NEEDLE HOLDERS. FOUR DOZEN EACH GLOVES SIX HALF
SEVEN HALF. CHANGE SULFAGUANIDINE TO TABLETS.
2. INVESTIGATE PROCURABILITY O.C.D. DRIED PLASMA, PENICILIN.
3. EMGE REQUESTS EARLIEST POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT HOSPITAL DIETICIAN,
PHARMACIST, GENERAL MAINTENANCE OFFICER.
4. HOSPITAL TRANSFER CONTEMPLATED FOR OCTOBER FIFTEENTH.

LAWTON

CABLE NO. 17 TO WASHINGTON }

TELLING OF ARRIVALS. COPY NOT FOUND IN
OUR FILES. BELIEVE IT REPORTED ARRIVAL OF MacDONALD,
BROOKE, HAMILTON, EMGE, MacQUARRIE.

SECSTATE WASHINGTON

October 1, 1944

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Clear

UNRRA FOR LEHMAN FROM CAMPBELL NO. 16

Refer your No. 13

Please advise if arrangements completed for FEA to
accept our requisition for supplies at FEA warehouse,
Algiers

LAWTON

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LRP

SECSTATE, WASHINGTON

September 27, 1944

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CLEAR

UNRRA

U.S. URGENT

For Lehman from Russell, No. 1

Urgently request UNRRA Washington deposit \$10,000 with Secretary State for payment to Russell at Algiers for use revolving fund Philippeville for immediate payment travel, salaries, cash purchases, etc.

Restrictions contained State Department cable No. 2589 to Cunningham from Allen prevent use funds for other than operating expenses and only upon presentation certified vouchers.

Also request Treasury Department be instructed to remove restrictions and Russell and Campbell be authorized to certify vouchers for administrative expenses for payment from funds on deposit with Treasury. Facilities for proper vouchering not available because lack forms and clerical help. Distance camp from Algiers ~~xxxx~~ renders payment certified vouchers extremely slow.

LAWTON

EW RUSSELL
sent: hlf
el

WASHINGTON

September 26, 5pm

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RESTRICTED

UNRRA

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA FROM CAMPBELL NO.15

WE CAN ACCOMMODATE AT PHILIPPEVILLE ONE SHIP WITH DRAFT NOT
EXCEEDING TWENTY-TWO FEET. STEVEDORES AND WAREHOUSE FACILITIES
AVAILABLE. ALL OTHER SHIPMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO UNRRA ALGIERS.
UPON RECEIPT OF DEFINITE INFORMATION AS TO TYPE GOODS THEIR WEIGHT
AND CUBS TO BE SHIPPED ALGIERS WE WILL LEASE WAREHOUSE THERE AND
RECRUIT ADEQUATE STAFF FOR HANDLING. TRANSPORTATION ALGIERS TO
PHILIPPEVILLE BY RAIL AS REQUIRED.

LAWTON

Hadley

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did we
tell him
cubs?
Should do
on the storage
now going
over

Secstate, Washington

September 26, 1944 - 10 a.m.

Restricted - B

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UNRRA

UNRRA for Lehman from Campbell No.14

Following letter from Polish Consul received today:

"Have been instructed by my Government in London to enter in contact with you in order to discuss the possibilities of reception of Polish refugees from Italy in the new UNRRA camp near Philippeville". Advised Consul contact Polish authorities Washington as we will take no action here.

LAWTON

HADLEY

enc:hlf

Secstate Washington

September 25, 1944

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CLEAR

UNRRA

Lehman from UNRRA 13

PETREE ARRIVED

Lawton

Hadley
sent: lrp

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September 25, 1944

Caserta
Ampolad

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CLEAR

UNRRA

For Cochran from Campbell No. 5

Please advise AFHQ that UNRRA will be unable to assume administrative responsibility for Philippeville on October 1. Inability to obtain air transportation from U.S. has necessitated use of sea transport and arrival of staff therefore uncertain and delayed. We reaffirm our agreement to assume responsibility for camp earliest date following arrival adequate staff. Take-over date could be set forward considerably if AFHQ would issue higher air priorities for key personnel still in U.S.

Sent to Ampolad as No. 24. Repeated to Department as No. 127 for Lehman UNRRA No. 12

LAWTON

Washington

Sept. 22 4pm

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Restricted

UNRRA

For Lehman UNRRA from Campbell, No.11

Request authority to open account with Banque de l'Algerie,
Philippeville and immediately transfer sixty thousand dollars
of funds now in hands of Cunningham Algiers to this account.
Distance and uncertainty of communications make Algiers
financial facilities impractical.

LAWTON

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Secstate

Sept. 19 44

For Lehman from Campbell No.9

Hadley arrived

LAWTON

Sept 19 44

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For Lehman from Campbell No.10

Engel postpones Cairo visit pending arrival Philippeville
medical staff

LAWTON

(Phoned to Hadley - Algiers - 11:00 a.m. - Sept.19)

Sept 16 44

Secstate, Washington

For Lehman from Campbell No.9

Russell Arrived.

Wash

C A B L E

14 Sept. 44

TO: American Legation Cairo for Matthews for
Brown from Campbell No. 1

Repeat to Secstate Washington for Lehman
as No. 7

Repeat to Amopolad for Cochran as No. 3

EMER REQUESTS NUMBER, SALARY SCHEDULE AND FULL
INFORMATION CZECHOSLOVAK DOCTORS, DENTISTS, NURSES
AVAILABLE MIDDLE EAST FOR USE NORTH AFRICAN CAMP.
JUST INFORMED BY COCHRAN EXPATRIATED DOCTORS IN NORTH
AFRICA NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR SECURITY REASONS.

LAWTON

Secstate

Sept 12 44

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA FROM CAMPBELL NO.6

Repeat to Murphy for Cochran

Recent visit AFHQ Naples and North African District Algiers successful in clarifying supply and equipment problems. Cochran secured directive AFHQ to NADistrict to give UNRRA all possible assistance. Arranged to draw rations and other expendables for remainder of year as needed daily or weekly basis. NADistrict agreed to supply our needs accommodation stores as completely as consistent with availability referring to AFHQ items not available Africa or Critical list. Consider cooperation improved.

Camp being equipped and prepared reception on short notice two thousand refugees. NADistrict agreed to earmark additional available supplies and stores to equip camp accommodate ten thousand without transfer UNRRA. Will retain items their warehouse until requested. Complete list our needs being prepared.

Unable ascertain AFHQ official estimates Philippeville load or dates unofficially advised prepare for two thousand short notice ten thousand ceiling. Present outlook no refugees prior October 1.

We expect UNRRA take over camp and hospital October one condition arrival sufficient staff for minimum two thousand. Request warehouseman supply officer given earliest priority to assist in inventory and transfer. Urgently need secretarial assistance.

LAWTON

To: Secstate, Washington

11 Sept 44

For Lehman, from Campbell No.5

Best present mail address for staff of Philippeville using Army Postal Service as follows: UNRRA, Yugoslav Refugee Camp, c/o British North Africa Forces, APO 399, c/o Postmaster, New York.

All personnel for Philippeville should contact North Africa District transportation officer Major Slatter at St. George Hotel Algiers phone Freedom 5 to arrange rail transport Algiers to Constantine. Upon receipt telephone advice from Algiers we will meet train Constantine and provide motor transportation to Philippeville.

Personnel should request North Africa District issue necessary bedding and bring with them.

secstate

Sept 6, 1944

Clear

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UNRRA

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA FROM EMGE

1. Temporary quarters for 51 arranged. Housing medical personnel at hospital refused by hospital officer. Call attention hospital facilities greatly in excess of probable future patient load.
2. Can use Czechoslovak 6 to 8 doctors, 2 dentists, 20 or more nurses depending patient load. Suggest Cairo investigate Palestine pay schedule.
3. Available in N.A. 5 doctors, 5 male, 1 female nurse. Believe all acceptable. Refer my report Crabtree regarding contracts.
4. Kimberland estimates monthly pay N.A. doctors approximately 8000 francs, free housing, mess allowance. Monthly pay nurses 3000 to 4000 francs, free housing, mess allowance.
5. Information probably date number refugees will facilitate calculation number doctors, nurses required.
6. Information replacement surgical equipment, x-ray, drugs needed urgently. (Sent Dept. as no.3. Rptd. Cairo for Cochran and Matthews as no. 1)

LAWTON

LRP

Secstate, Washington

August 31, 1944 - 1 pm

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UNRRA

For Lehman UN RRA

Campbell on way to Naples. Enge completely
uninformed regarding details referred to UNRRA from
Lehman 21. Enge requests immediate detailed information.

CHAPIN

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Secstate, Washington

August 28, 1944

2764

CLEAR

UNRRA

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA NO. 4 FROM CAMPBELL

No definite information obtainable at Philippeville. Accordingly am proceeding at once to Naples where it is hoped more specific information can be obtained regarding supplies and equipment limitations and procedures for requisitioning. Also extent of help we can expect from military in securing adequate warehousing and storage facilities. Further hope to improve liaison between Cochran and project. Shall return via Algiers about September 4 for conferences there with North African District of British North African forces who are also involved in supply problems. Will cable shipping instructions referred to your number 18 as soon after my return Philippeville as possible.

Repeated to Murphy for Cochran.

CHAPIN

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To: SECSTATE
WASHINGTON
Code: SECRET

Paraphrase for Kimberland
2724
Date: August 20, 1944

British Army operations in North Africa are to be drastically reduced October 1st. Therefore entire supply problem should be clarified at Washington and or AFHQ level immediately (continuation of my No.2723, August 10) It appears at Philippeville level that most final decisions are being held in abeyance pending knowledge as to whether UNRRA is to assume responsibility for camp and definite information as to whether there actually will be refugees assigned to camp.

We are preparing full detailed list of necessary supplies including accommodation stores, mess equipment, furniture, maintenance equipment and tools, etc. for use if needed.

3. Ration list is said to be approved on approximately same basis as Middle East. No provision for essential toilet articles or tobaccos (Sent to Department as 2724. Repeated to Murphy for Cochran as 58).

Further decisions should be secured on amount of medical supplies and equipment to be transferred October 1st. Definite information regarding medical personnel should be given. Six Italian doctors mentioned in previous cable are part of a complete military medical unit comprised of two hundred Italian personnel. It is thought here that these doctors will depart with the entire unit October 1st.

CHAPIN

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enc: lrp

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Secstate

August 20 1944

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For Lehman, No.3, from Campbell
Refer your No.11, 12 and 15

Water supplied from Philippeville aquaduct and mains, is not treated but provisions are made at each camp storage tanks for direct chlorination. Supply reported ample having supplied 20,000 troops in past on liberal basis. Distribution through systems placed when present sites were used as hospital and rest camps. New extensions to be installed as needed. Ample outlets.

Hospital has complete, modern sewage disposal system recently cleaned and repaired. Camps will use deep pit latrines with kitchen bath and laundry water using grease traps pumps and soakage pits for disposal of water.

Power for hospital provided by large generator delivering 220 volts AC. Camp "A" planned for 5,000 refugees will have similar generator to provide light for utility huts. Tents will be lighted by kerosene lanterns. No decision yet made on electricity for Camp "B" planned for 3,000 or Camp "C" for 2,000.

Twenty trucks each of three-ton capacity now assigned camp. All in poor state of repair. Only nine operating at present. It is planned to exchange present trucks for others or have major repairs performed prior to October 1. No certainty as to make or condition of repair of trucks finally allocated. No passenger conveyances now or none contemplated. Distances between three camp sites and hospital make essential passenger conveyances.

Mess equipment authorized for 10,000 calls for only 5,000 each plates, knives, forks, spoons, cups on theory of two sittings each meal. Cooking equipment appears adequate. Tables and benches totally insufficient for mess and no provision whatsoever for furniture for office, workshops, schools, dispensaries recreation rooms, etc.

Bunks transferred from old prisoner-of-war camps are to be provided. These are all improvised of scrap materials. No assurance is given as to number of bunks to be made available. Blankets scheduled on basis of four per person for winter use plus one rubberized cover. Ample mattress covers or grass pads allowed. Also ample washing bowls, etc.

Tents are standard British Army tents most of them one year to 18 months old. Plans call for average of five persons per 16 by 16 tent.

No refrigeration facilities planned. Hospital has five small electrical ~~mix~~ boxes but none working due to lack of proper refrigerant of which none in North Africa. Deep concrete cellars in hospital provide cool storage for food. Essential we have eight kerosene or electric boxes for storage perishable medical supplies. Ample refrigerated store space available in plant at Philippeville for storage bulk perishable food supplies.

No local gasoline supplies. All must be secured through army from dump at Bone or Algiers. Firewood can be bought at forest approximately 60 miles inland over difficult road. Coal ration can be withdrawn from local supplies received by rail or boat.

No engineers or maintenance equipment and supply schedule has been issued.

Presumption of commanding officer of camp is that all refugees will arrive fully registered and each carrying card bearing full history, however this is not based on definite or specific information. Duplicator machine now assigned camp absolutely inadequate for making registration forms nor is there sufficient paper stock. Believe advisable you ship sufficient registration cards at once.

Sent to Department as 2723, repeated to Murphy for Cochranas No.57.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: Algiers
To: War Dept.
No. FX 71343 (MAT 241)
Date: 12 July 44

UNRRA participation in Philippeville French North Africa refugee problem.

Head nurse and chief physician should be sent to arrive soonest reporting Cochran and FREEDOM G-5. Travel is authorized by air.

You will be notified of priority which is being established.

Their instructions should state they are under AFHQ command.

As from 25 July would appreciate services of Assistant Chief Administrative Officer.

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MOON TANK ROOM

33 3 2 6 PM 8 NOV 1944

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CLEAR

Repeat to Murphy for Cochran

Secstate for Lehman UNRRA from Campbell No. 2

15 August 1944

Refer our No. 1 and your No. 8 to Cochran. Enge believes he will be able to recruit sufficient number of refugee doctors in North Africa to supplement medical staff if all personnel listed in your No. 8 are sent to Philippeville. Unable at this time to determine total number of acceptable nurses available but appears doubtful if large number can be obtained. We are intensifying search for nurses and at same time are securing more detailed information on those now located in order definite decision as to their usefulness can be made.

Reference your No. 9 to Cochran we suggest that Finance Officer and at least three secretaries be included in first group sent out. If portable typewriters are available secretaries should each bring one.

CABLE

Hull for Lehman UNRRA from Campbell No. 1

Repeat to Murphy for Cochran Naples

9 August 1944

Your No. 8 to Cochran was repeated to him at Naples

Quakers Algiers have previously located a number of refugee doctors in North Africa. Six have been examined and approved by Army Medical Officers. These doctors and approximately same number of nurses are immediately available for employment at nominal salaries. It is probably that others could be found.

Unable to reach Enge byphone at Philippeville today but will take all information regarding these refugees medical personnel with me when I proceed to Philippeville Friday 11 August. Will cable you his reactions following his review of this information.

Suggest your using AmRep. Algiers as cable and pouch address for Philippeville camp until further notice.