

530.1 AUSTRIA: Services for Staff

UNRRA

INCOMING CABLEGRAM

Austria
Services
to field personnel
314

NUMBER: 1672
FROM: Belgrade to London 1848
REPEATED: Washington; Vienna 126
DATED: 27/6/46
RECEIVED: 27/6/46 - 10:05 p.m.

U.S. APO 777 Vienna no objections continuing handling American mail for this mission. Request permission reopening APO facilities for American personnel. ATC flying at least twice weekly Belgrade Vienna. Alternative route Belgrade Prague by Czech plane overland Vienna. Reply urgent.

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ed:rb 425
tp:rb 940
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UNRRA

INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Algo
Sigsbee
for field
person*

NUMBER: 2690
FROM: London to Vienna 491
REPEATED: Washington
DATED: 4/3/46
RECEIVED: 4/3/46 - 8:03 a.m.

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For Blundin, for Carton.

1. Your 358 our 394. Believe joint chiefs of staff of US Army Washington requesting theatre clearance for all UNRRA personnel originating Washington and routing request through USFET Frankfurt.
2. Have requested Washington negotiate with JCS for blanket authority UNRRA personnel enter Vienna similar to arrangement available London. Washington advises approach being made to JCS.
3. Signal SC.17416 Frankfurt/Salzburg reads "reference our SC-15503 concerning Saunders, SC-16642 concerning Father Flynn, SC-12822 concerning Beers and SC-7281 concerning Margaret Balthaser, Helen Waring and Jean McCarthy. All personnel are UNRRA personnel requesting travel to Austria. Requests have originated with JSSM headquarters UNRRA and were forwarded to this headquarters by AGWAR. UNRRA headquarters in London has received several telephone communications from Washington concerning status of cases and has requested that clearance be expedited. Request that answers on all future cases be expedited. Signed McHarney."
4. Following meeting between Stowell representing UNRRA Vienna and Captain Barnes of CIC also Craddock while in Vienna, proce-

dure from London satisfactory. Can you initiate action from USFA Vienna authorising blanket clearance programme for UNRRA personnel American Nationals originating USA, arranging for transmission such authority from USFA to US War Department Washington for JCS or through USFET as appropriate. Blanket clearance for UNRRA American personnel understood by British permit office, London, but apparently not yet operative at Washington.

5. Appreciate reply.

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ed:ar 205
tp:mtj 237
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UNRRA

INCOMING TELEGRAM

*Acting
Services
Field Personnel*

NUMBER: 799
FROM: Vienna
DATED: 15/6/46
RECEIVED: 15/6/46 - 8:00 a.m.

Reur 608.

APD 777 still stands for Vienna and Budapest. No change anticipated.

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ed:ms 956

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INCOMING CABLEGRAM

Austria-Staff Services for

NUMBER: 425
FROM: Vienna
DATED: 25/4/46
RECEIVED: 25/4/46 - 11:40 a.m.

For Burrows from Howell

See Arolsen cable to Washington and ERO dated 11 April.

Recommend that for Austria only permission be given to obtain currency control books which should be stamped "not good for purchase of foreign exchange". Will advise later re Germany.

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ed: sr 1154
tp: an 1221
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UNRRA

OUTGOING CABLEGRAM

Austria
Services
field person

NUMBER: 6583
TO: London
REPEATED: Vienna 449
RECEIVED CABLE SECTION: 17/5/46 - 6:40 p.m.
DISPATCHED: 19/5/46 - 9:36 a.m.

1. Attention directed to cable 604 from Vienna quoted:

"Imperative we receive immediate reply to our cable number 425 reading 'for Burrows from Howell

See Arolsen cable to Washington and ERO dated 11 April recommend that for Austria only permission be given to obtain currency control books which should be stamped 'not good for purchase of foreign exchange'. Will advise later re Germany'. We must know the solution to this vexing problem."

2. In view our 5613 to London and 5784 from London we assumed problem solved for Austria as well as Germany.

3. Please follow through immediately with Vienna apprising them of latest developments they are perhaps unaware of.

4. If our assumption paragraph two incorrect you are authorized to arrange with Military for issuance of overprinted currency control books for use in Austria against which coupons will be issued valid for PX purchases. Military to be reimbursed with local exchange only as presently per our 5613 to London.

5. If issuance currency control books for Austria unavoidable please advise accounting and control procedures contemplated as well as developments and necessity any action here.

Drafted by:
RBCrowl (FI)
17 May 1946

Cleared by:
Howell
Lisner
Bellows
Lamberton
Polak
Boyer
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INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Austria
Service for
field
Personnel*

NUMBER: 358
FROM: Vienna to Washington
REPEATED: London 948
DATED: 15/4/46
RECEIVED: 15/4/46 - 3:07 p.m.
20/4/46 - CORRECTED COPY.
Please substitute
for copy previously
distributed.

Reference Washington 922 to Vienna repeated London 3833.

We have previously informed you that clearance from UNRRA Austria Mission is all that is required for entry into Austria. A cable from UNRRA Washington to UNRRA Vienna requesting clearance is sufficient. UNRRA Vienna has been granted by G.2. USFA to clear UNRRA US personnel entering Austria. This is to obviate travel delay. Please advise War Department and State Department this arrangement.

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ed:sr 322
tp:mtj 207
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INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Asst. Dir.
Services to
Field
Reopened*

NUMBER: 109
FROM: Arolsen to Vienna 67
REPEATED: London 525; Washington
DATED: 8/3/46
RECEIVED: 9/3/46 - 10:15 a.m.

Your unclassified no. 52 dated 7 March subject clothing cards for Austria.

1. Questions raised in your cable quoted above fully answered in our 507 to London repeated to Washington 100 and Vienna 66.

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ed:ar 1028
tp:brt 1206
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INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Austria
All
Sewer to
Field Personnel*

NUMBER: 3132
FROM: London to Vienna 574
REPEATED: Washington; Paris 553 (For Surprop)
DATED: 13/3/46
RECEIVED: 13/3/46 - 8:44 a.m.

Important.

Administrative supplies.

Your 325.

In view delay in issue of new USFET clothing regulations propose to meet your requirements from American outer garments already demanded Surprop but consider your demand excessive for present strength US class one personnel. State basis demand your paragraph 5.

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ed:jwa 935
tp:brt 250
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UNRRA

INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Action Services
to Field
Personnel*

NUMBER: 3133
FROM: London to USFET Arolsen 894; Vienna 576
REPEATED: Washington; Paris 554 (For Surprop)
DATED: 13/3/46
RECEIVED: 13/3/46 - 8:44 a.m.

Administrative supplies.

First. Your 507 and 523 noted. Forward as soon as published two copies USFET revised clothing regulations and new clothing ration card.

Second. In view of ban wearing of American pattern clothing by non-American Nationals propose to cancel demand on Surprop for American outer garments except for items required by Austria.

Third. Action Vienna. Confirm to Arolsen if no further existing ration cards required.

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ed:jva 932
tp:brt 244
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INCOMING CABLEGRAM

Austria
Source to
Field
Personnel

NUMBER: 100
FROM: Arolsen to London 507
REPEATED: Washington; Vienna 66
DATED: 7/3/46
RECEIVED: 13/3/46 - 10:25 a.m.

VIA WAR DEPARTMENT

Reur 693 26 February subject clothing cards for Austria.

1. Statements made by Vienna and Secretary of War Patterson in cable cited refer to impending new policy of US Army whereby garments will in future be available to UNRRA personnel in Germany and Austrian US Occupation Zones through sales stores.
2. Note importantly this scheme is not yet operative and no new clothing cards have yet been issued by USFET.
3. We confirm that new scheme does allow purchase of outer clothing for US nationals on new clothing cards from sales stores.
4. This Hq will have regard to Austria's requirements when requisitioning new clothing cards from USFET.

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London and Vienna confirm this matter now settled and that Vienna requires no further existing clothing cards upon which outer garments may not be purchased.

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tp:fmw 252
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INCOMING TELEGRAM

*Austria - Services
for field personnel*

NUMBER: 112
FROM: Vienna to Washington
REPEATED: London 304
DATED: 15/2/46
RECEIVED: 15/2/46 - 10:17 a.m.

1. Reference Washington Vienna cable 64. Cable 88 from Vienna was an answer to Washington Vienna cable 34 signed Lehman asking requirements influenza vaccine to immunize UNRRA personnel Austria.

2. Present personnel Austrian Mission number 540, additional 100 expected total 650 people.

3. Owing further increases now need sufficient vaccine for 600 people.

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tp:sc 417
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UNRRA

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

INCOMING TELEGRAM

Austria -
Services to
Field Personnel

NUMBER: 119
FROM: Vienna to London 335
REPEATED: Washington
DATED: 15/2/46
RECEIVED: 16/2/46 - 3:24 a.m.

1. Outer clothing situation of US and US recruited personnel reached critical condition.
2. What can you and Washington do to solve the problem?
3. The old arrangement that we receive our requirements from Germany apparently not workable, as repeated cables and letters to Frankfurt met with complete silence. Additional ration cards to be supplied by Germany have not been forwarded. USFA in Austria under directives issued by USFET in November, is not permitted to supply needed garments.
4. This situation seriously affecting morale.
5. We need for men: trousers OD 100, trousers green 150, trousers suntan 500, caps OD 200, caps suntan khaki 500, overcoats 25, coats, wool, serge 50, field jacket MK-41 25, field jacket MK-43 200, raincoats 200. For women: overcoats 25, jacket coat, serge 50, field jacket MK-41 25, field jacket MK-43 50, skirts, wool OD 100, shirts suntan 200, caps OD 100, caps suntan Khaki 200, raincoats 100.
6. Situation is desperate. Please advise immediately your plan.

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tp:ian 1110
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UNRRA

INCOMING CABLEGRAM

*Austria -
Service for
field personnel*

NUMBER: 2421
FROM: London to Arolsen 693
REPEATED: Vienna 445; Washington
DATED: 26/2/46
RECEIVED: 26/2/46 - 1:11 p.m.

Important.

Administrative Supplies.

USFET instructions AG 40/GDS-AGE.D 8 January 1946 states
"clothing for UNRRA personnel attached to US Army units in
US zone of Austria will be made available on cash sale basis
through US sales stores on presentation of clothing ration
cards by UNRRA personnel. Cards will be issued to persons
entitled to this purchasing privilege by you or UNRRA US
zone HQ."

Washington advise today that US War Department through Secretary
of War Paterson state US Army will provide clothing requirements
all US nationals. Vienna reports applications to you for
clothing cards not answered. Assume demand for cards (your
SC9381 19 December 1945 refers) included Austrian requirements.

If not contact USFET urgently for issue. Vienna's requirements are for outer clothing for US nationals. Confirm clothing cards allow such issues.

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tp:few 121
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STAFF BULLETIN

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Vienna, December, 1945

From Pitter to Post

Probably the most important happening since the last issue of the Staff Bulletin is Central Headquarters' move to Vienna. In an epic hejira, unequalled since the movement of the Jews to Egypt, a caravan of eight assorted vehicles set out from Salzburg on the fourteenth day of November and rested not (except for lunch and motor trouble and stubborn windshield wipers, etc., etc.) until it had reached its destination. A driving snowstorm raged most of the day, and everyone wrapped up in great coats and blankets against the cold.

The procession was met at the outskirts of Vienna, some ten hours later by Brigadier Parminter, who had gone on ahead, and who had been waiting a couple of hours in the cold to lead the way. The caravan wound its way through the silent mazes of debris-filled streets to the Post Hotel at 24 Fleischmarkt. The Post has been turned over entirely to Central Headquarters personnel--R.I.P.!

The new offices are located in the Semperit Building at 9 Helferstorfer Strasse, which has already become known to the help as "Hell for Leather" Strasse. There is nothing remarkable to record about the place except the fact that each room is heated by a perpendicular oblong of a stove, to which constant tribute must be paid in the form of huge lumps of brown coal. Most of the first week was given over to settling down in the new offices, moving furniture, scrounging for equipment, and becoming acquainted with the city.

First social event of the season took place on Thanksgiving Day, when after a magnificent turkey dinner prepared under the direction of Billeting Officer Zentner, Central Headquarters was host to members of the American Zone Vienna office and the Vienna Team at a small dance at the Post. Among the guests were Brigadier Parminter and Mr. Vernon Kennedy, Director of the American Zone.

Economic Committee Arrives

A committee headed by Mr. C. Hart Schaaf, Assistant Deputy Director General of the Supply Bureau, ERO, arrived in Vienna Wednesday, 28 November, at the request of the Allied Council. The committee is here to confer with representatives of the Allied Council and with Brigadier Parminter on supply problems which would arise should UNRRA assume, at the invitation of the Allied Council, the responsibility of bringing in supplies for the relief and rehabilitation of Austria.

In addition to Mr. Schaaf, an American, the committee includes Mr. Alexander Daderkin, U.S.S.R., Deputy Chief, whose special concern is food problems; Mr. Stanley Day, U.K., clothing, footwear and related raw materials; Dr. Rodolphe Coigny, France, medical supplies; Mr. Michael Burinski, U.S.S.R., agricultural rehabilitation; Dr. Frederick Weil, Czechoslovakia, industrial rehabilitation; Mr. Harvey M. Bond, U.S., shipping and supply accounting. Mr. Daderkin, Dr. Coigny and Mr. Day will also study supplies for displaced persons.

The party was accompanied by Mr. Eric Wyndham-White, Special Assistant to Sir Humphrey Gale, Personal Representative of the Allied Council General, and Mr. S. A. Mathiasen, Chief of the Austrian Section of ERO.

Miss Barbara Crook and Miss Pauline White are with the group as secretaries, as will be Miss Katherine Newcombe, who will arrive shortly. The party expects to be here until about 18 December.

New Personnel

New personnel at Headquarters includes Mr. John Andreassen of New Orleans, La., who comes from his work as UNRRA representative in Sweden to be Assistant Director for Relief Services in Austria; Mr. L. C. Bean, U.S., medical requirements; Miss Helen Duncan, a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, who was with the Yugoslav Mission in Italy until August of this year, and is here in the capacity of Public Relations Officer; Miss C. M. Grant-Glass of Edinburgh, Chief Nurse, who was Chief Nursing Consultant to the Albanian Mission until March of this year; Miss Maureen McCormick of Manchester, England, secretary; Dr. Edward L. Miloslavich, of Milwaukee, Wis., Health Consultant; and Lt. Col. Henry Guy Vidler of London, who has had experience in supply and transport throughout the war in Greece, the Middle East and France, and who has been seconded from the Army to serve as Chief Supply and Transport Officer with UNRRA in Austria.

Salzburg Staging Center

Former Central Headquarters offices in the Dom Platz, Salzburg, have been taken over as a Staging and Supply Center for the Austrian Operation. The Center is under the direction of Mr. G. Hasler of Gloversville, N.Y. All personnel and supplies for the whole Austrian Operation will pass through this center.

New members of the staff include Mr. William Carot, London, Employee Relations Officer; Mr. S. C. Stuckey, U.S., Transport Officer; Miss Mary Horsfield, secretary, and Miss Margaret Wilson, clerk-typist, both from Lanarkshire, Scotland.

Rest Center

The Hofwirt Hotel has recently had its face lifted and a little paint applied, and they tell us you wouldn't know the old place. It is to become a rest center for Austrian Operation personnel who have grown old in the service of UNRRA. Details of eligibility, etc., have yet to be worked out.

Million Dollar Gates

That's almost the extent of the damage whenever our Mr. Gates sets foot on train or plane. The Legal Advisor was hurrying to London recently with a number of important documents, including draft agreements between UNRRA and the military authorities covering D. P. operations which he had been working on in Vienna. The train from Munich to Frankfurt was derailed, but our dauntless hero picked himself up and boarded a plane for London. Just outside Frankfurt the plane struck the side of a hill, settling conveniently in a tree top. Mr. Gates climbed down uninjured, but alas his papers and baggage went up in smoke. Returning by car to Salzburg, he was outfitted with a new set of documents, warned to be more careful this time, especially in view of the paper shortage, and is at last reported as arriving safely in London. Central Headquarters is keeping its collective fingers crossed until he returns to Vienna.

Vienna Restricted

If you're planning a trip to Vienna, keep in mind that it is a restricted city, and that in order to get in it is necessary to have special permission from the Vienna Military Command. This can be obtained by requesting clearance from Central Headquarters. Visits to Vienna are permitted only on official business.

Vienna Courier

A new leg has been added to the Salzburg-Munich-and-points-north courier route. A driver leaves Salzburg every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for Vienna, returning the following day.

Gentle Hint Dept.

Brigadier Parminter thinks it would be a good idea if we quote the following from the Washington General Bulletin for the benefit of the U.S. members:

"Citizens and permanent residents of the United States who are serving with an UNRRA Mission abroad will ordinarily be liable for United States income taxes on their salaries. While Section 116 of the Internal Revenue Code exempts from tax 'an individual citizen of the United States, who establishes to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that he is a bona fide resident of a foreign country or countries during the entire taxable year', the Bureau of Internal Revenue will, no doubt, rule that persons serving with UNRRA Missions abroad, who intend to return to their homes in the United States, are transients abroad, and not bona fide residents of a foreign country entitled to tax exemption. Such a ruling has already been made in the case of a United States citizen, who took up residence in Canada in connection with a war construction project."

And for the British Element

the following letter from ERO:

"The unclaimed 1944/45 National Health Insurance cards are being held in this office at the request of the Ministry of National Insurance.

"Due to the risk of the loss if these cards were forwarded to the employees abroad, they have remained here pending requests for their disposal--that is, direct to the approved society or to an address in Great Britain.

"The question of unemployment book does not arise, as the old books are changed for new ones at the end of the Insurance year by the employer."

Mrs. West Returns

Mrs. Nellie West, Voluntary Societies Officer, has just returned from London, where she went to discuss the organization of a missing persons bureau in Vienna.

Administrative Orders

All former memoranda and instructions are being revamped and are being issued as Administrative Orders. There are two series--one for Central Headquarters and the other for the Austrian Operation.

Communications To Be Tested

The time it takes for communications from Headquarters to reach the rest of the operation, and vice versa, will be determined soon by test letters which will be sent from Headquarters to zone, from zone on to area, from area on to team, and back, the date of receipt being noted in each instance.

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