

MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT 21st June - 20th July 1946

ITEM "C"

3. a) Yugoslavs	780
b) Greeks	128
c) Italians	52
d) Spaniards	3
e) Austrians	8
f) Danzigers	4
g) Poles	2
h) Iraqi	1
i) Turk	1
j) Dodecanese	1
k) Stateless	1
	<u>981</u>

4. Yugoslav Group	
a) Men and boys	331
b) Women and girls	222
c) Children u.14	227
	<u>780</u>

Italian Group	
a) Men and boys	14
b) Women and girls	15
c) Children u.14	23
	<u>52</u>

Greek Group	
a) Men and boys	51
b) Women and girls	33
c) Children u.14	44
	<u>128</u>

Other Nationalities	
a) Men and boys	13
b) Women and girls	7
c) Children u.14	1
	<u>21</u>

6. Patient days	524
7. Clinic visits	1151
8. No. of Institutions:-	
Camp Clinic	2
Hospital	1
9. Professional Personnel:-	
Medical	5
Dental	1
Nursing	7
10. Total Immunisations:-	
Small Pox	41
Typhus	52
Typhoid	42
	<u>135</u>
11. Total Examinations:-	
For Flights	31
Children	39
Pre-natal	23
School	116
Food handlers	4
	<u>213</u>
12. Baby Center:-	
Diets given daily	
Nursing mothers	36
Prenatal	14
Babies 1-12 months	43
" 12-24 "	34
Baths average 5-6 daily	

EMERSON M. BROWN
Director

UNRRA Camps El-Shatt
24th July 1946
Ref:- Hosp/9/46

TO:- Camp Director

FROM:- P.M.O.

SUBJECT:- Monthly Report - El-Shatt Refugee Hospital
Period 21st June - 20th July 1946

C- 6	Patients Days	524
C- 7	Clinic Visits	1,151
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Oma C. Fiske
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Principal Medical Officer.

cc:- Director, Health Division, M.E.O.

EL-SHATT CAMP STATISTICS

21st June - 20th July

C- 6	Total number of patients days in UNRRA operated hospital during month	524
C- 7	Total number of clinic visits to UNRRA operated clinics during month	1,151
C- 8	No. of institutions:-	
	Camp Clinic	2
	Hospital	1
C- 9	Number serving these hospitals and clinics on 20th July	
	a) Doctors	
	i. UNRRA	5
	ii. Refugee	-
	b) Nurses	
	i. UNRRA	7
	ii. Refugee	-
C-10	Total number of immunizations under UNRRA direction during month	135
C-11	Total number of child health examinations during month under UNRRA direction	155

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Brig. Waddington Mr ✓

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2445 : UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

8, SHARIA DAR EL-SHIFA - GARDEN CITY - CAIRO

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UNRRA CAMP EL SHATT

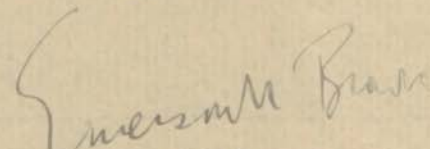
26th July 1946

Chief of Middle East Office,
Cairo, E G Y P T .

Dear Sir,

Transmitted herewith are three reports from the
Security Officer to myself.I call your attention to the report on the incident
of 21st July 1946.

Very truly yours,

Emerson M. Brown
Director

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El Shat Camp
25 July 1946

Ref: 1/8/46.

WMB 25/7/46
To : Camp Director

From: Security Officer

Subj: Report on Incident - 21st July 1946.

The following is a report on the action taken in connection with the "acid throwing incident", which occurred in Camp at approximately 2100 hours on 21st July 1946.

Carrying out your verbal instructions, which you gave me at 0930 hours, 22nd July 1946, I contacted each of the following persons, to ascertain as to their whereabouts :

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|-----|--|---|
| (1) | RADIC STAKA - accused | |
| (2) | KONSTANTINOVIC Kosta - Victim, 13th Gen. Hosp. | |
| (3) | STEPANOVIC Branka - " Camp Hospital | |
| (4) | RACIC Vinka - " } | Received treatment
for minor burns only. |
| (5) | RACIC Ante - " } | |
| (6) | DUSMANOVIC Efinija - " } | |

At approximately 1400 hours I informed the Frontier Control Force, El Shatt (I tried to contact them by telephone earlier but could not, so I went by road to inform them). Having informed them of the incident, I learnt that they had no transport in which to get to Camp. (I had only a motorcycle). I sent UNRRA transport to pick them up and they arrived in Camp at 1700 hours.

Having met the persons concerned in this incident, with the exceptions of the two in hospitals, I took statements from (4), (5), (6) ~~and (2)~~ before the police arrived. On the arrival of the police, I, with the necessary interpreters, accompanied them to the 13th General Military Hospital to take a statement from (2). The doctor at the hospital asked me, through the nurse on duty, to take the statement as quickly as possible, as their patient was really in a bad way and they wanted to give further treatment as soon as possible. To hasten proceedings, the statement was taken by me, through a Yugoslav interpreter, in English, which was to be translated into Arabic later, this was done with the full approval of the Egyptian Police present.

The following day, 23rd July 1946, I took a statement from (3) in the presence of and with permission of the Police.

The Police now wanted the accused (1) with all statements, taken to the "Parquet", Suez, for interrogation and perusal respectively. Transport was again provided and the Chief of the Parquet interviewed, but he could not take any action in the matter, as it was a case for the Mixed Tribunal, Cairo. We next visited the Frontier Control Headquarters, Port Tewfik, where arrangements were made to send (1) to Cairo.

Before leaving Frontier Control Headquarters, yesterday, the officer in charge assured me that when (1) was handed over to them, I would be given the necessary document as proof of handing and taking over, but this morning, when the police arrived, they had no such document. I refused to let (1) go until I did receive some proof of handing over (as per your instructions) which meant another trip to F.C. Headquarters, Port Tewfik. On arrival there, the officer in charge informed me that he had not any headed paper, but if I made out a receipt he would sign it, which he did.

The party finally left Suez for Cairo at 0900 hours with Miss R. Aronovic, acting as escort.

The margarine tin in which (1) has stated to have used to carry the acid prior to throwing it, cannot be found. I have taken over all clothing burnt by the acid used, in case the police wish to see it.

The doctors have been requested to submit medical reports on the persons burnt, copies of which will be forwarded to you on receipt of same.

F.C. Heall
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Security Officer
El Shatt Camp.

✓ cc: Chief M.E.O.

El Shatt Camp
25/7/46.

Ref: 1/8/46.

EMB 25/7/46

To : Camp Director
From : Security Officer
Subj : Alleged Theft - Salvage Yard.

Persons involved: (1) SHATI ABDEL CHALLIL
(2) AGHEEB ZOUMA (Maint. Painter)
(3) IBRAHIM HABASHI (plumber)
(4) FIRO MAHMOUD MOHAMED YEDA (carpenter)

With reference to the alleged theft of high pressure lamps from the Salvage Yard and selling of same, which Mr. Accortt's informer (4) claims, is not entirely without foundation.

As far as I have been able to ascertain, the facts are as follows :

Mr. Accortt is informed by (4) that (1) stole a high pressure lamp from the Salvage Yard and sold it to (2). On receiving this information, Mr. Accortt conducts a search of (1)'s quarters and finds a high pressure lamp: "CONTAINER" with no fittings attached what-so-ever. On questioning (1) he replies that (3) gave him permission to take it, which (3) denies. (2) also denies having bought a lamp at all. A search is then made of the Workshop where (1) is employed and two unserviceable high pressure lamps are found amongst other discarded unserviceable transport parts, (1) informs Mr. Accortt that he found these v/s lamps outside the workshop and he just brought them in and dumped them with the discarded transport items, which to me, seems to be the truth. (1) certainly should not have had the "container part" of a lamp under his bed, that in itself is somewhat suspicious, especially as (1) is in a job, where he could repair or convert same and again if (3) did say that he could take the lamp, he (1) must have known that (3) had not the authority to give him such permission, as he admitted to me later.

In company with Mr. Yared, I searched the quarters of (2) but found nothing.

F.B. Heall
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Security Officer
El Shatt Camp.

El Shatt
15/7/46

Ref: 1/8/46

WMB 25/7/46

To : Camp Director
From : Security Officer.

At 2000 hours 20th July 1946 the "Rais Ghaffir", KHEIR EL SAID, discovered a ghaffir, one SAID AHMED HASSEIN, in one of the Stores tents, where he certainly should not have been, as his duties do not call for him to enter any tent unless an intruder is therein.

On questioning, the ghaffir said, "he went inside to get some rags". The Frontier Control Force were informed and they arrested and detained him for further questioning.

Mr. Accortt assured me that nothing had been stolen from the tent in question.

The Frontier Control Force could get no further information from KHEIR EL SAID, I suggested that he should be released, which he was, at 1800 hours 22nd July 1946.

This ghaffir was "fired" as from 20th July 1946.

F. C. Heall
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Security Officer
El Shatt Camp.

✓ cc: Chief M.R.O.

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Monthly Refugee Statistics

File No. CA 512
Mov/37/46

Distribution :

Brigadier Waddington,
Chief of M.E.O.

25 July 1946

*Pass to Chief
Reports now sent
today JB
25/7*

This office at the request of Mr. Rowland has for some time past compiled the "Monthly Statistics Showing Refugees in UNRRA M.E. Camps" for A.G. Allies. Civil Affairs Branch have in the letter No.12350/50/CA of 27 June 1946 requested a monthly "UNRRA D.P.s SITREP". A.G. Allies have asked that a copy of the latter report be forwarded to them. As all information given in the former report is embodied in the latter this office has received verbal agreement from A.G. Allies that in future it will be necessary to submit only the "UNRRA D.P.s SITREP".

This report will be, as from 25 of July inclusive, compiled and forwarded by this office on the 25th of each month to C.A.B. and A.G. Allies.

[Signature]
Russell L. Ball,
Chief Movements Officer,
Division of Relief Services

After Action

Return to :-

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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UNRRA CAMP EL SHATT

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REF:

DATE

1/1/46

YOURS

22 July 1946

To :- Chief of Middle East Office,
CAIRO.

Dear Sir,

Transmitted herewith is a copy of a speech, which was to have been delivered to Mr. La Guardia by Mr. Niseteo on the 15th July 1946. The speech was not delivered because of the way in which Mr. La Guardia terminated his interview with the Yugoslavs.

My only comment on this speech is with reference to the paragraph in which I am mentioned. I had considered deleting this paragraph, but feel that under the circumstances endorsement by this group has its negative as well as positive aspects, and therefore I have let it stand.

Very truly yours



Emerson M. Brown

Emerson M. Brown
Director

Attachment: Copy of Speech

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your coming into our camp has for us refugees great significance. It's for the first time that our camp is visited by a personality who cares for the refugees, who decides upon their fate and comes personally in touch with the people. Up till now it was not customary.*

"POTEMKIN VILLAGES" were shown to them and we were informed of their arrival after they left.

The best proof of your care for the refugees is your long and fatiguing journey to visit our camp in the desert.

As Director General of the greatest humanitarian institution of the world, which has under its care millions of victims, sufferers and homeless people, you raised your voice for the benefit of the refugees on June 13th at the UNO Economic and Social Council.

We thank you and will be grateful to you for ever.

There has still much to be done-and you said rightly reminding the Council that our problem could not be solved by resolutions.

We are not guilty for being refugees. It is the fault of different circumstances. The democratic countries have no refugees. This is a fact and truth. THERE ARE NO AMERICAN OR ENGLISH REFUGEES. It's ~~therefore~~ because in those countries the people enjoy all the Liberties for which both those countries entered the war.

GIVE US THOSE LIBERTIES AND WE WILL BE NO MORE REFUGEES, but untill we do not have them we are forced to be U.N.R.R.A.'s liabilities. We do not wish it for ever-on the contrary, give us the possibility to work honestly, to get an existence, to be able to get our daily bread with our own hardship, but do it-do it please as soon as possible.

You have taken the right point of view when you said: "If action is not swift and refugees are not resettled in six to nine months they will be unemployable after months and years of internment"

You have not shed tears as others did, you have been working for our admitting in different countries.

We therefore thank you. God bless you. We hope you will continue with your work and wish you good luck and success, for your success is our salvation.

We must emphasize that it was a happy idea to appoint Mr. Emerson Brown a son of the United States of America for our camp Director. He shows understanding for our people and with his work he proves to be the right man on the right place.

Your time being very precious we wrote down our wishes and I'll be so free as to hand them to you.

Wishing you an agreeable sojourn in El Shatt we greet you with

" Long live Fiorello La Guardia "

El-Shatt, July, 15th 1946.

TRANSMITTAL SLIP

Date

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To :

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From :

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- ☐ NOTE
☐ NOTE AND RETURN TO ME
☐ RETURN WITH MORE DETAILS
☐ NOTE AND SEE ME ABOUT
THIS
☐ ANSWER

- ☐ PREPARE REPLY FOR MY
SIGNATURE
☐ TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION
☐ PER YOUR REQUEST
☐ SIGNATURE
☐ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

COMMENTS :

Chief for information.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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FORM U/S/R
CH 5/2
REF: 1/1/46
19th July, 1946

To :- Chief of Middle East Office,
CAIRO.

Dear Sir,

You will be interested to learn that the Royal Yugoslav flag, which is still being flown in this camp and 54 Camp Staff, flew at half mast on the 17th July, in mourning for Michailovich.

No formal request has been made by refugees for a memorial church service, but I learned that such a service had been planned informally. This information was given by a group of school teachers, whom I immediately warned that while we cannot prevent persons from going to church, it should be understood that no official recognition of any memorial service would be given.

I have been invited by 54 Camp Staff to attend a memorial service for Michailovich to be held at their camp, and of course, refused the invitation.

Very truly yours

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Emerson M. Brown

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Director



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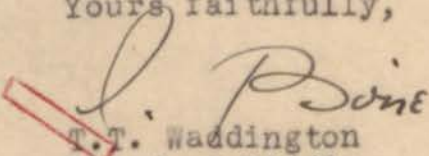
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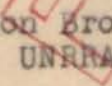
Dear Mr. Brown,

The enclosed invitation was handed to us by the Yugoslav Legation today. They realise it is very short notice but this was due to the fact that the list of UNRRA officials which we sent to the Legation was not received by them.

However your name is now on their list and there may possibly be other invitations which will arrive in sufficient time for you to accept.

Yours faithfully,


T.T. Waddington
Chief of Middle
East Office


Mr. Emerson Brown,
Director, UNRRA Camp,
EL SHATT.

Encl.

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Cairo,

17th July, 1946.

I have your communication handed to me today. UNRRA is in no position to change any existing government or to modify any government to suit the wishes of every individual. UNRRA does believe that every individual should take an active part in accordance with the laws and constitution of the country in the affairs of its government. UNRRA officials cannot enter into discussions as to the relative merits of the governments of various countries. When you disapprove of the treatment of various members of the UNRRA staff that is something which does concern us.

I have requested Brigadier Waddington to make a thorough investigation of your complaints. When you do complain you must produce the information so that a thorough investigation can be made. Whether an investigation is to be made is for me to decide, not for you. Quoting Latin proverbs does not make any impression upon me. You have charged UNRRA staff with improper conduct and therefore I must request you to co-operate with the Mission Head and present the information you have. I am sure that you will find that if there is any proof of the conditions you state, prompt and proper action will be taken.

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Yours sincerely,

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CH 5/2

CAIRO,

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Handwritten mark

Dear Mr. Padovan,

I have your communication which you handed me today in reference to old exchange now in your possession.

Brigadier Waddington informs me that he has investigated this matter several times. If you can furnish the Camp Director with any additional information and proof that the currency now in your possession was not subsequently obtained, another effort will be made to trace the source and the justice of your claim.

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Red L-shaped stamp

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

Internal Memorandum

Subject Mr. F. TockussFile No. C.M. 5/2

Distribution :

Chief of MEO

Major Rowland called to report the latest developments in this case. According to him the S.I.B. have not yet completed their investigation but they say it is quite apparent that although they are certain there has been collusion and connivance between Tockuss and members of the Yugoslav Legation and the Yugoslav Red Cross it will be impossible to prove.

Major Rowland has written to El Shatt and advised them that in his opinion the stores should be returned to El Shatt and it should be left to Tockuss to risk taking them if he wishes.

I. Boire
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After Action

Return to :-

16th July, 1946.

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DATE 1/2/46
YOUR

3rd July, 1946

To :- Chief of Middle East Office,
Cairo

Dear Sir,

In accordance with our conversation during the visit of yourself, Mr. Herbert and Mr. Stewart-Mason, I shall go on leave on July 5th, returning on or about July 15th.

During my absence J/Cdr. Stewart will be Acting Camp Director.

Truly yours,



Emerson M. Brown
Emerson M. Brown
Director

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UNRRA, El Shatt
29th June, 1946

Ref:- 1/9/46.

To :- Chief, Middle East Office.

Report for the Period May 21 - June 20, 1946.

General

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Security continued to be a problem. There were several Arab raids, some of which resulted in loss of property by UNRRA, but in one of which a thief was shot by the Frontier soldier assigned to the camp area. The victim died the following day. Three P.O.W's sought refuge in the camp, and were turned over immediately to the British military authorities.

After the departure of the majority of the Greek repatriates a second kitchen was opened for the refugees remaining, which resulted in better food and less complaints on that score. New billeting was done in order to achieve an average of ten persons to each tent, thus contributing to the general comfort during the summer months.

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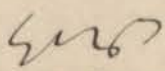
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Emerson M. Brown
Director

UNHRA, El Shatt
29th June, 1946

Ref:- 1/9/46.

To :- Chief, Middle East Office.

Report for the Period May 21 - June 20, 1946.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

S. SHARIA DAR EL-SHIFA, GARDEN CITY, CAIRO

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS

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DATE 1/20/46

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YOUR

Unrra Camp El Shatt

28th June, 1946.

To :- Chief, M.E.O.

Subject: Camp Equipment.

Sir,

The Supply Officer has expressed concern about our ability to equip a camp, should any considerable numbers of refugees be received. The position as of June 14th was outlined to you in my letter of June 18th, reference 1/20/46.

On your instructions we are working on the premise that our refugee population will remain about 1000 for an indefinite period.

Since all stocks are shipped out of the Heavy Stores Depot on instructions from the Middle East Office, any blocking of stocks to care for new refugees must also be done by that office.

Very truly yours

Emerson M. Brown

Emerson M. Brown
Director

cc: Heavy Stores Depot, El Shatt.

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UNRRA CAMP EL SHATT

26th June, 1946

Pass to Chief / from P/A

Chief, M.E.O.

for information

Subject: Security.

Sir,

2.6.46.

Re theft at UNRRA D.I.D., El Shatt.

At 1715 hours on 26th June 1946, the supervisor of D.I.D., Mr. Bedford, reported that a window of the stores had been forced open and the following listed items were missing :-

- 2 cases tea - 50 lbs
- 1 case jam - 34 "
- 1 case cheese - 36 "

It is presumed that the theft occurred during the night of 24th - 25th June 1946, whilst two ghaffirs were or should have been on duty at the D.I.D.

The Security Officer on learning of the above-mentioned theft, immediately informed Lt. Fuad of the Frontier Control Force, who arrived in camp 20 minutes later.

The night ghaffirs, namely ABDU JABER AZAB and FOUAD GAD EL RAB, were questioned and later taken into custody by the F.C.F.

Investigations are proceeding.

Very truly yours

Emerson M Brown

Emerson M. Brown
Director



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5/2 Internal Memorandum

Subject.....

File No. FA.327/4.

Distribution :

22nd June, 1946.

To :

Brig.T.T.WADDINGTON
Chief of Mission.

From:

Mr.Ted L.Smith
Director of Finance
& Administration.

I see no reason at this late date to change the Canteen operation at El Shatt. The present contractor also operates a coffee shop and I would suggest putting both enterprises together and let him continue to run both.

As for selling cheaper, I doubt that this will be true unless UNRRA subsidizes the operation heavily. I rather feel we should reduce the rent charged the Contractor and closely supervise his prices. Since the remaining refugees all have some funds of their own in addition to pocket money and wages paid by us, there is not much point to this argument.

If the Camp wants to use refugee labour, I see no reason why this should not be a part of the agreement with the Contractor.

If UNRRA starts a canteen we are bound to have losses and end up with unsold goods, requiring more accounting than the operation warrants.

I agree that Mr. Berger is capable of supervising any canteen operation, but I do not intend that the accounts of El Shatt shall suffer because of an ill advised experiment in canteen operations.

I recommend that the attached request be denied and instead we suggest to Brown that he revises the present agreement with the Contractor.

After Action

Return to :-

Ted L. Smith

This matter
now settled
26.6.46

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UNRRA CAMP EL SHATT

20th June, 1946

To :-

Chief of Middle East Office.

Subject: Security.

Chief for information
at the staff
Dear Sir,

At 8 p.m. on 18th June, two men represented themselves Mess, claiming to be Czech sailors at the H.M.S. Saunders, and requesting us to take them in.

Immediate check was made at H.M.S. Saunders, from whom it was learned that the men had been missing for more than 24 hours. Further enquiry revealed that they should return to No.2781 Coy at Fayid. Captain Scobif and myself conducted the pair to this camp, arriving at 10.30 p.m. There we learned that they were escaped Austrian P.O.W's.

Captain Lucas, O.C. No.2781 Coy, telephoned on June 19th, expressing his appreciation for our action.

This is the second time since my tenure at El Shatt began, that escaped P.O.W's have been caught in this manner.

Very truly yours

Emerson M. Brown

Emerson M. Brown
Director



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YOURS

CALO

20th June, 1946

To :-

Chief of Middle East Office.

Dear Sir,

Transmitted herewith is a copy of my letter of even date to the Examiner of Customs, Kubri.

My investigation revealed that Mr. Tockuss did not ask for a customs certificate from this office, because he was under the impression that his private arrangement with a ~~Customs~~ official will enable him to get his baggage through the Customs without difficulty. *an Egyptian* *would*

The goods in question are being held under Customs seal in the depot at Port Tewfik. The Assistant Director of Customs is dealing with this case and it is probable that Mr. Tockuss will be fined.

This letter will also confirm my telephone conversation of this morning with Mr. B.P. Rowland, during which I requested him to enquire from the Yugoslav Legation if they had expected Mr. Tockuss to bring pharmaceuticals with him from El Shatt, and notified Mr. Rowland that it was possible that Mr. Tockuss had successfully carried medical supplies across the Canal on previous trips to Cairo.

Very truly yours



Emerson M. Brown

Emerson M. Brown
 Director

Attachment
 as stated.

UNRRA CAMP EL SHATT

20th June, 1946

To :- The Examiner of Customs,
Kubri.

Dear Sir,

Subject: Customs.

Reference is made to our conversation of
this morning.

Since no official notice has been received by
this office that the medical supplies and food stuff con-
tained in the baggage of Mr. F. Tockuss are other than the
property of UNRRA, it must be assumed that these things
are the property of UNRRA Camp El Shatt.

We should appreciate, therefore, your holding
this material at your station until it has been cleared and
we have collected it.

Attached herewith, in duplicate, is a customs
clearance certificate which will cover the personal effects
of Mr. Tockuss.

Let me express now my appreciation for your
co-operation in this matter and in spite of this incident
I repeat my assurance that we are anxious to do everything
possible to co-operate with you in enforcing the Egyptian
Customs Regulations.

Very truly yours

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Emerson M. Brown
Director

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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UNRRA CAMP EL SHATT

18th June, 1946

To : Chief,
Middle East Office.

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to our conversation of June, 13th, when an enquiry about the availability of camp equipment for 5000 refugees.

According to our Supply Officer, the following discrepancies would have to be made up :

Basins, soup S.T.	....	5000
Beds	....	1500
Blankets	....	16500 (@ 4 per person)
Knives C.S.	....	3500
Plates S.T.	....	2000
Forks N.S.	....	200
Spoons N.S.	....	3300
Stoves Soyer & Boilers ...		75
Ranges Cooking 72"	....	20 (Could eventually be made available)
Tents - for 1600 refugees		

It should be noted that this estimate was made as of June 14th, and that shipping instructions received from Cairo since that date have affected our stocks.

Very truly yours

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8, SHARIA DAR EL-SHIFA - GARDEN CITY - CAIRO

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UNRRA Camp,
El Shatt, Egypt
14 June 1946

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

Chief, MEO,
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my conversations yesterday with Brigadier Waddington and Major Nimmo during which a recent salvage sale was discussed.

The sale in question was originally authorized by the letter on the subject SALE OF OLD STORES reference RS/S/61/C/1 dated 3rd June 1946 dictated by EJR and signed illegibly by someone for B.J.M. Nimmo For Chief of Middle East Office. The third paragraph of the letter reads:

"It will be observed from the statement that an additional 200 tons of tentage (excluding jute or hessian tentage) has been sold to Wabbah Moussa Soliman. This contractor's offer of LE5,100 was considered an advantageous one, having in view all the various circumstances involved in the local marketing of old tentage under present conditions, and was accordingly accepted."

I should like in particular to point out that the letter was addressed to Mr. Henry Accortt. Let me go on record that I will not be responsible for the execution of any instructions from your office unless they are addressed to me.

The letter.

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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Director to Chief MEO

14 June 1946

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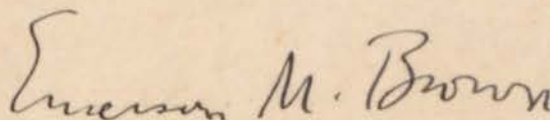
The letter RS/S/61/C dated 5th June 1946 signed by H. M. Bridgman and addressed to me also refers to the sale in question. I quote the last paragraph:

"Reference is made to this Division's letter RS/S/61/C/1 dated 3rd June 1946. Two hundred tons from the repairable tentage pile are to be released to Wabbah Moussa Soliman against Release Note, and considered as part of the second Salvage Sale."

The underlining has been done by me.

This letter was handed direct to Mr. Accortt, and I did not see it until today. It is my impression that the letter arrived in an envelope addressed to Mr. Accortt, and that the envelope was transmitted direct to Mr. Accortt by the registrar. This registrar is no longer with us, and the new one has specific instructions that all correspondence is to be sent to me before being routed. It would simplify matters, however, if instructions were given that all official mail for El Shatt was to be despatched in envelopes addressed to the Director.

Very truly yours,



Emerson M. Brown
Director

Copy to Supply officer, El Shatt (Mr. Henry Accortt)

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YOURS

CALO

UNRRA CAMP EL SHATT

14th June, 1946

To :- Chief,
Middle East Office.

Dear Sir,

Arrangements have been made for a trip to St. Catherine Monastery, leaving El Shatt the morning of Friday, June 28th. It is proposed that the trip should take three days.

Should any persons from Headquarters be interested in making the trip, please let us know by Wednesday, June, 26th.

Very truly yours,

Dates altered
to 4th 5th 26th July.

Emerson M. Brown

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Director

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YOURS

14th June, 1946.

To :- Chief,
Middle East Office.

Subject: Security.

With reference to our conversation 13th June 1946, the following will give you an idea of the security problem at El Shatt since May 1st, 1946.

May 6 : Minor theft in camp.
Reported to Camp Police, 54 Camp Staff and Frontier Forces.

May 16 : "... at approximately 0100 hours a ghaffir on duty at the end corner of the Salvage Yard observed three mounted camels and one man walking approaching Heavy Stores. When challenged the men dismounted, and all ran away, leaving the camels. Some ghaffirs tried to catch the animals, but were unsuccessful.

The police were immediately informed and after a short time Lt. Fuad arrived in Heavy Stores from El Shatt Station and interrogated the ghaffir on duty and some witnesses. He left at approximately 0330 hours to trace the presumed raiders."

208 May 28 :". On Friday the 24th May 1946, Mrs. Kapnias was in the clothing store drying garments which were soaked by the storm. She noted then that the store was in order.

On Saturday and Sunday the store was not opened. It was opened on Monday by me, and the staff, under supervision, returned the dried garments to the shelves. On Monday afternoon, 27th May 1946 at 1630 hours, Mrs. Kapnias returned to the store to continue the work and she and the staff noted the following items were missing:

Appr. 50 pairs shoes size 38
" 6 yds of patterned material
" 100 pairs men's socks
" 50 or more men's shirts.



The theft was only discovered when all the dried articles were replaced and the stock checked. It was not possible for me to have seen that the articles were missing in the morning as I had no occasion to touch the shelves and only tidied up the garments which had been drying over the week-end. "

May 29-30 On May 29th I received reports from several refugees whose tents had been robbed the night before. Though the refugees believed that the robbers had been fellow Yugoslavs, I communicated with the O.C. Frontier Forces who offered to provide a patrol through the camp area if we could furnish the petrol necessary for the trucks. This was agreed upon, and the patrol was instituted the night of May 30th.

At about 0015 hours May 31st Captain F.H. Fiske and I returned from Fayid where we had dined with Lt. Col. Brown and Major McCarthy of the R.A.S.C., Canal (South) Subdistrict. A short time after we reached Camp, I was called out by the Plant Maintenance Supervisor, who reported that the Frontier Forces patrol had shot a native in the School Compound.

Investigation revealed that the soldier had fired 4 warning shots before firing into the tent where had had seen men hiding. The fifth shot struck one native in the knee; four others burst through the tent wall and fled, one of them impaling himself on a barbed wire fence, where the ghaffirs captured him. Captain Fiske called out Dr. Vuskovic of our medical staff while I drove to the guard post a Koubri. I was there referred to the Frontier Forces H.Q. at El Shatt. At El Shatt there was considerable delay in calling Lt. Fuad, who was in Suez. He finally appeared, and I drove him to camp.

By this time (0300) Dr. Vuskovic had completed the emergency treatment of the wounded man. Lt. Fuad carried out the preliminary examination before sending the wounded man to Suez to the native hospital. The other man apprehended was taken to El Shatt.

According to Lt. Fuad, the men were making their way to the NAAFI building, which is near the school compound,

probably to have another go at the stock of the clothing store.

The wounded man died the following day; the other man caught has been jailed; the identity of the other three has been established, and the police are searching for them.

June 4 : "... A ghaffir in the D.I.D. inside yard was alerted by three men trying to force their way in. When the ghaffir approached the gate to see who they were, one of the intruders slightly wounded him with a knife.

I made an extensive search in the whole area (Bakery, D.I.D., Transport, Heavy Stores) shortly after the assault, but found nobody.

The police were informed at the time of the alert, about 1200 hours, and at the time I left the place, 0230, they had not yet reported.

June 13 : On the night of the 13th June at about 2030 hours, a driver from the Standard Oil Company called at the power house and asked for the generator attendant. The generator attendant being on 24 hours leave in Suez, his relief asked the driver whether he could help him. The driver asked whether three pairs of shoes had been left behind by the attendant to be handed over to him. When the driver told the relief that three pairs of shoes should have been left behind for him in a packing case in the power house, the relief told him that he knew nothing about it and had no instructions whatsoever in this matter, and that the driver better call back when the attendant returns from his leave. The relief reported this matter to the Plant and Maintenance Supervisor, who went immediately to the power house to search for the abovementioned case, which he found, containing the following articles :

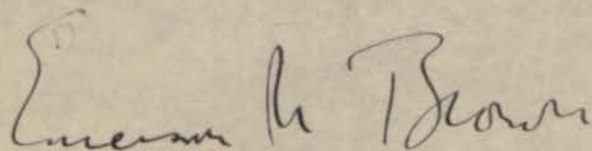
- 3 pairs of shoes
- 5 " " khaki shorts
- 1 pair of blue linen trousers,

all UNRRA property.

The Camp Director and O.C. Frontier Forces (Lt. Fuad) were informed immediately.

The P. & M. Supervisor went to Suez the same night with a guide to find the generator attendant and brought him back to El Shatt. He was then handed over to the Frontier Police.

Very truly yours



Emerson M. Brown
Director

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YUGOSLAV MILITARY MISSION

M. E.

Tel. : M. E. ext. 627

Ref. No. 5/1155

No. 10 JUNE 1946

Letter.

To: U.N.R.R.A. Camps Division.

Attached please find a letter for Mr. Todori
DUSMANOVIC who is in El Shatt Camp. Will you please
forward it to him.

Death to Fascism - Liberty to the People !

Left at the
for forwarding
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Chief of the Mission
Major

B. Ivkovic

(B. IVKOVIC)

Ch/5/2

4th June, 1946.

Camp Director El Shatt.

With reference to your communication of
27.5.46 reference 15/4.

Mr. Curtis, Chief Repatriation Officer
and at present fulfilling Major Findlay's
functions as Director Relief Services, will be
visiting you about Thursday of this week to
discuss, along with other problems, the points
you raise in your letter.

However, in a discussion with the Chief
of Mission it has been agreed that while in
El Shatt O.C. flights will come under the
Camp Director, that they will not leave camp
without advising him and that whoever requests
their services from H.V. Cairo will first clear
with the Camp Director.

Executive Assistant
to Chief of Middle
East office.

Copy to:
Mr. Ball

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

8, SHARIA DAR EL-SHIFA - GARDEN CITY - CAIRO

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:

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53170, 51421, 55439,
41217, 43830.

Refs.:

Ours: 14/1/966

Yours:

UNRRA Camp,
El Shatt, Egypt
31 May 1946

M. A. Hassan,
c/o A. F. Hommos,
Ismail Pasha Street,
Suez, Egypt

Dear Sir:

The number of refugees at UNRRA Camp El Shatt is constantly diminishing, and it is necessary for us to change the nature of the operation here.

One of the changes we have decided to carry out is the institution of canteens run by the refugees under the supervision of UNRRA staff. This of course means that we must cancel the existing arrangement with you.

Therefore, the agreement entered into by J. F. Conway, Director, UNRRA Camp El Shatt, and yourself, signed 13 June 1945, is hereby cancelled, and you will arrange to close your shops in the camp area by 15 June 1946.

For the present this cancellation does not affect the Coffee Shop.

It is agreed that the price of your concession for the month of June 1946 will be reduced to £10.000.

Very truly yours,

EmB
Emerson M. Brown
Director

Registered Mail

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c.c. Chief, MEO
Dorothy Smith through Dorothy Stewart



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UNRRA Camp,
El Shatt, Egypt,
31 May, 1946

Chief, MEO,
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to our discussion of the refugee wage scale at our meeting 28 May, 1946.

It has been decided that there will be no deduction of pocket money from refugees employed in the camp. This decision is based on the following reasons.

1. Possibility of such a deduction never entered the staff discussions which determined the wage scale now in effect.
2. Rates of pay as established are not excessive, even when pocket money is included. For instance a native tradesman, paid at rates corresponding to those approved by the British Army, receives more than twice as much as a refugee tradesman.
3. The wage scale as set up will facilitate administration of refugee employment; deduction of pocket money, by affecting wage scale arbitrarily and inequitably, would hamper administration of refugee employment.
4. Provision is made in the budget for both pocket money allowance and refugee pay; Camp is justified in executing these provisions as it sees fit.

Very truly yours

Emerson M. Brown
Director.

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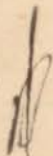
23rd May, 1946.

A.G. Allies,
G.H.Q., M.E.F.


Attention: Major Gubbins.

With reference to your letter L.13630/AG(ALLIES)
of 4th May, 1946.

We have now received from Paris Miss
McCullough's answer to those questions put
forward in your letter, and we are enclosing
a copy of the cable received. We most regret
delay due to the uncertainty of Miss McCullough's
whereabout and the time involved in obtaining
her replies.



Executive Assistant
to Chief of Middle
East Office.

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SUBJECT: Court of Enquiry
on Incident at
El Shatt Camp

ALS/508/6/1/D
Ext. 1507

21 May 46.

British Embassy
Cairo

Copy: UNRRA Camps Div. (for Mr. Paul ROWLAND)
AG (Allies)

1. The findings of the Court of Inquiry ordered to
 "Enquire into the alleged defacement of Yugoslav
 Partisan Tombstones by Royalist Yugoslav Refugees
 at El Shatt Refugee Camp and the subsequent incidents
 at the camp on 12 and 14 April 46, culminating in an
 assault on Major Ivkovic, Head of the Yugoslav Military
 Mission in ME on the latter date"

have now been forwarded to this GHQ, having been approved by
the District Commander, Canal South District, and GOC HQ BTE.

2. A summary of the findings is at Appendix "A".

T. R. Dand

Lieut. Col.
for Col. ALS
(T.R. DAND)

Pass to the Brigadier

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should see

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Summary of findings of the Court of Inquiry following incidents
at El Shatt

1. Seven Yugoslav Partisan gravestones were deliberately damaged at some date prior to 12 Apr 46, the damage consisting of the chipping away of embossed five pointed stars from the gravestones. This damage appears to have been systematically undertaken. Other damage to certain gravestones may have been accidental, or may have been incidental to the erasing of the five pointed stars.

The Court could find NO evidence as to who was responsible.

2. The visit of Capt. SAFAR and Mr. CURCIJA on 12 Apr 46 to the camp was a legitimate one. The Royalists at the Camp did not object to the distribution of passports undertaken by these two visitors but did object to their efforts to persuade some of their number to return to Yugoslavia. They also objected to documents which were distributed. The Court feels that the Yugoslav authorities were at fault in distributing these documents without having first made more definite arrangements concerning their nature and method of distribution.

3. (a) There is NO doubt that Maj. PILITIC, Sub. Lieut. DJORDJEVIC, Sub. Lieut. ORESCANNI, S/Sgt. BEGOVIC and S/Sgt. DJROIC all visited the cemetery on the afternoon of 14 Apr 46 with the intention of making a hostile demonstration against Maj. IVKOVIC. The attitude and actions of these men were sufficient provocation for Major IVKOVIC to have retaliated with physical violence. Though Major IVKOVIC struck the first blow, the blame for what followed must be attributed in the main to the persons named above.

(b) Though the visit of Major IVKOVIC was technically in order, it was very unwise and he cannot avoid a share in the blame for what occurred. The Court consider that Capt. SAFAR'S action in distributing anti-Allied pamphlets to the Royalist Yugoslavs was a definite incitement to further incidents.

4. The Court recommend

(a) That any authority wishing the damage to the gravestones repaired should do so at their own expense.

(b) That the persons named in para. 3(a) above should bear the cost of

(i)	Major Ivkovic's propelling pencil	£180
(ii)	Major Ivkovic's spectacles	£100
(iii)	Damage to Major Ivkovic's camera	Not yet assessed.

(c) The cost of Major Ivkovic's raincoat (£850) which was lost in the Jeep should be borne by Major Ivkovic.

(d) The cost of repairs to the Jeep (£168/2/6) should be borne by the Yugoslav Govt.

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For letter from Em. Brown, 21 May 1946, re-refugees
wage scales at El Shatt, see CM/5/12.

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UNRRA CAMP EL SHATT

Subject: Monthly Report.
Period 20th April - 20th May 1946.

To : Chief, M.E.O.,
Attention Reports Officer.

1. GENERAL:

Operations at UNRRA Camp El Shatt during the period April 21 - May 20, were of a routine nature. Camp strength fluctuated from 2854 to 2539, and the only significant change was due to the departure of the Czechs, who were a remarkably difficult group to deal with.

The most important changes during the month affected staff. J.R. Hughes, Director, and F.C. George, O.C. Area I, left the camp, being replaced by Emerson M. Brown and Marion Wilson, respectively.

Interviewing of the "hard core" has continued.

2. HEALTH:

The general health of the refugee group improved. Health indices at the end of the period would show a remarkable improvement, due to the departure of the Czechs.

3. AREA:

Because of the dearth of shipping, the camp population remained relatively stable. The main problem was "holding the line" against issues of clothing and blankets to the Greek refugees, and explaining to them the reasons why they could not leave for Greece the next day.

4. REPATRIATION:

The following repatriation moves took place during the period:

April, 27 :	"Empire Battlement"	Greeks	10
May, 2 :	"Tripolitania"	Greeks	340
" 14 :	"Gironda"	Ethiopian	50
" 19 :	"Empire Mace"	Ital. Socialists	13
		Greeks	17

The following refugees were received:

May, 6 :	ex P.S. Cairo	Ethiopian and Brittains	14
" 7 :	ex Scipione Africano	Ethiopian and Brittains	75

5. IMMIGRATION:

During the period the following immigration cases left the camp:

April, 22 :	to Cyprus	2
" 26 :	to Australia	9
May, 15 :	to Sweden	2

6. SUMMARY:

Radical change in camp policy due to change in administration was neither expected nor obtained. Such changes will appear only later, when the camp has ceased to be a transit operation.

Emerson M. Brown


Emerson M. Brown
Director




Cm/5/2

17th May, 1946.

To: Director R. & S.

Would you please hand back to the military area 6 of El Shatt Camp. The military Yugoslavs are at present located there and are an Army responsibility.


Executive Assistant
to Chief of Middle
East Office.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

8, SHARIA DAR EL-SHIFA, GARDEN CITY, CAIRO.

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UNRRA CAMPS EL SHATT

Confidential

9th May, 1946

To :- Brigadier Waddington,
Chief of Middle East Office.

Dear Sir,

O.C. 54 Camp Staff has sent a confidential letter (reference A/54/5, 26th April 1946) to "G" HQ Canal (South) District, pointing out the need for a "general tightening up of security in the whole El Shatt area", and requesting the establishment of a detachment of 1 Sgt., 1 Cpl. and 12 BORs in the El Shatt area.

The interests of OC 54 Camp Staff and those of the El Shatt Camp administration are identical in this matter, and any support you may be able to give to this proposal will be greatly appreciated.

Pass to Arab

Emerson M. Brown

EMERSON M. BROWN
Director

*Will contact David
on this if you agree*

EB:JP

15.5.46.

Ch 5/2.


9th May, 1946.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your ES/1 of
6th May, 1946 regarding the posting of a new
O.C. to 54 Camp Staff.

The Chief of Mission shared your
opinion on this question and action has been
taken.

Yours faithfully,


B. P. Rowland
Executive Assistant to Chief of M.E.O.

Director,
El Shatt Camp.

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UNRRA CAMPS EL SHATT

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7th May, 1946

To :- Brigadier T.T. Waddington,
Chief of Middle East Office.

Sir,

Herewith report on damage done to UNRRA property, due to storms on 29th April and 2nd May.

Transport Section:

- 29 April: (a) One stores tent I.P.P. inner and outer unserviceable. To be replaced.
- (b) Electric wires cut on several points. Already repaired.

Heavy Stores:

- 29 April: Flight Store - Roof blown off 17 mts. x 6 m.
- Clothing Store - " " " 19 " x 6 "
- Shelter over Milk and Lard - " " " 36 " x 4 "
- Shelter Transit Shed- " " " 30 " x 6 "

It is estimated that the complete repair of these will take at least two weeks and more if present conditions continue. Damage to stores is NIL.

Camp I:

2nd May : 34 tents have been damaged or rendered unserviceable.

In the H.Q. Compound the following have been damaged :

M.I. Room
Baby Clinic
Office.

Emerson M. Brown

EMERSON M. BROWN
Director



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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

8, SHARIA DAR EL-SHIFA, GARDEN CITY, CAIRO.

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6 May '46.

To :- Chief of Middle East Office

Subject: 54 Camp Staff.

I learn informally that Major Broudo, former Director of UNRRA Camp El Arish, is up for posting to O.C. 54 Camp Staff.

I met Major Broudo and have no objection to his appointment on personal grounds. However, as the former Director of a camp in which a considerable proportion of our population has lived, his coming to El Shatt might unnecessarily complicate an already complicated situation here.

Refugee living conditions in El Arish were better than they are here, because of the pleasant location and the type of housing. The refugee pay scale in effect in El Arish was in many brackets higher than the scale here. Further, I know of specific instances involving individuals and families in which the enforcement of unpopular decisions was postponed until the transfer to El Shatt was made. We have a particularly difficult case of this nature on our hands at present, and the inevitable result will be that one of the parties to it will consider the El Shatt staff to be unfair. All of which results in El Arish being well thought of by the refugees, putting El Shatt staff on the spot.

In principle 54 Camp Staff is of no concern to us, but in practice problems in one camp affect the other. The cause of the court of enquiry now being held is a case in point.

It is therefore requested that representations be made to G.H.Q. in order to forestall the appointment of Major Broudo to O.C. 54 Camp Staff.

Chief of Middle East Office
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Emerson M. Brown

EMERSON M. BROWN
Director

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SUBJECT:- Court of Enquiry into
incidents at EL SHATT
Camp.

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ME 1520
L.13630/AG(ALLIES)

4 May 46.

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Copy to:- HQ BTE
ALS

Reference telephone conversation Maj GUBBINS
Mr. Paul ROWLAND.

1. During the recent session of the court of inquiry held at SUEZ in connection with the recent incidents at the YUGOSLAV Camp at EL SHATT it has been ascertained that a certain UNRRA Official, Miss McCULLOCH, was present in the UNRRA Camp Office on 12 Apr 46 during the visit of Capt SAFAR and the secretary of the YUGOSLAV Legation in CAIRO.
2. The Court has been instructed to obtain any available evidence regarding the alleged distribution of YUGOSLAV propaganda news bulletins in SERBO-CROAT on 12 Apr 46 and it is accordingly considered necessary that a statement should if possible be obtained from this lady as to the events observed by her on that date.
3. It would therefore be appreciated if arrangements could be made for obtaining her statement on oath in reply to the questions below:-
 - (a) What authority was given for Capt SAFAR and the Secretary of the YUGOSLAV Legation to be taken up into the Camp area at EL SHATT on 12 Apr 46.
 - (b) Were news bulletins distributed by Capt SAFAR or others in the Camp during their visit and if so what methods were used in the distribution.
 - (c) Was a hostile crowd gathering outside the Camp Office during the afternoon and if so what steps were taken if any to arrange for its dispersal.
4. The findings of the Court of Enquiry are urgently required and it would therefore be appreciated if an early endeavour could be made to contact Miss McCULLOCH in order to obtain her reply on oath to the above questions



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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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UNRRA CAMPS EL SHATT

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
UNRRA-CAIRO

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47816 - 41317

2nd May, 1946

To :- Brigadier Waddington,
Chief of Middle East Office

Enclosed please a letter addressed to you, which was sent
to El Shatt Headquarters Office, for onward transmission.

Emerson M. Brown

EMERSON M. BROWN
Director

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Chief M.E.O.

Brigadier Waddington

C a i r o

We learnt that Mr. Hughes is leaving his post as the Camp
Comandant.

We are sincerely sorry that Mr. Hughes is leaving, because
we the undersigned publicly and privately have been expressing
our wish for collaboration with Mr. Hughes. There has been establi-
shed a very sound foundation for collaboration, but unfortunately
came the above decision.

We are sorry that in this way were stopped our and Mr. Hughes
efforts for regulation of our conditions in the Camp.

There have been many attempts with a "secret whispering" to
create discord and distrust between us and Mr. Hughes.

For the sake of the truth and for the sake of our honour which
was attempted to be blackened with a "behind the screen" intrigue,
we the undersigned are declaring that we and our friends from El
Arish and El Shatt were convinced that we should collaborate with
Mr. Hughes at the satisfaction of his higher authorities and for
the benefit of us refugees.

El Shatt, 30/IV, 46

Kamel Hassan

Saizic Julka

Papovic Marko

Katia Gurdy
Fujovic Harris

Yours respectfully

Viduanic Hileng

Beji Haim

Lisovic Jeleng

Lalic Obrod

Guzec

Ljubica M. Kasonić
Mirko Marjić
Pepica Belušić
Vuletić Jelena
Uxela Dragica
Dora Hunkorak
Jegovan Milica
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Jokic' Evetzer
Jokic' Antica

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Lazar Gorović

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

Internal Memorandum

Subject

File No. BS 4/8

Distribution :

30 April 1946

TO: Chief of Middle East Office

FROM: L. Findlay, Major, RAMC
Director, Division of
Relief Services

For your information and prior to your visit to the Yugoslav Ministry I would like to bring a few points to your attention:

1. Over 20 ~~Yugoslav~~ Yugoslav refugees transferred voluntarily from El Arish to El Shatt for repatriation. This fact indicates that there was a fair degree of choice at El Arish. There may have been some psychological pressure brought against refugees electing to go to El Shatt but there was never any question of physical pressure.

2. With reference to the Minister's comments concerning terrorism at El Shatt and the absence of freedom of choice, it should be emphasized that the refugees have been told repeatedly that they may approach any UNRRA staff member in confidence, if necessary, should they wish to go home. They have been promised complete protection and this protection can be implemented by British military action, should it be required, although this latter intervention is not considered likely.

3. In the first days following the departure of the Partisans there was a minor outburst of anti-government feeling, limited to a small group of fanatics. The Slovene, Maly, mentioned in the Minister's letter is well-known to UNRRA and was well-known to the former Central Committee as being mentally unstable. His activities are well-known and will be carefully watched. He at no time will be given a position of responsibility.

4. In my opinion the stories concerning the damage to the tombstones and the graveyard have been very greatly exaggerated. No doubt it is true to say the desecration has taken place, although the damage done is limited to the chipping off from about five tombstones of the political star emblem. It is rumored in camp that one of the persons who may have been responsible for this damage was a relative of one

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one of the deceased whose tombstone ~~was~~ interfered with. This, however has not been confirmed, although probably true. It is doubtful whether the damage to the statuette of the Partisan soldier, which has caused most distress to the Yugoslav authorities, was caused necessarily by any act of vandalism. From my personal knowledge of the cemetery at El Shatt I know that particular statuette has been in a broken condition for a number of months, the head of the figure having been cracked from the body, although still held loosely in place by wire. It is true that the head of the statuette is now missing. This, it seems to me, may have been the act of any unthinking person such as a child at play.

CM/5/2

27th April, 1945.

The Chaplain of the Yugoslav Colony,
St. Joseph's Church,
Sh. Mohammed Bey Farid,
Cairo.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of April 19th 1946, relating to the incident concerning the Yugoslav Partisan cemetery at our El Shatt camp near Suez.

While regret is expressed for this occurrence we would allay your concern by assuring you that the incident has been much exaggerated, the damage done in the cemetery being almost entirely confined to the removal of Partisan stars from a few graves. A full enquiry is being made and you may be sure there will be no recurrence of such an incident.

Yours faithfully,

T.T. Waddington

T.T. WADDINGTON
Chief of Middle
East Office.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

Internal Memorandum

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Subject Prague Cable No. 11

File No. BS 3/15/2

Distribution

25 April 1946

TO: Brigadier T. T. Waddington

FROM: L. Findlay, Major, RAMC

W.

I suggest that you add the following information to your reply:

1. One death case was due to natural causes, coronary heart failure.
2. Suggest Prague should contact following Czechoslovak doctors now in Prague, formerly UNRRA staff El Shatt, for true picture El Shatt conditions: Dr. Ladislav Seidler, Dr. Anna Plackova, and Dr. Reichental.
3. Would it not be wise to refer to certain irresponsible groups amongst the Czechs at El Shatt? It is almost certain that the so-called committee who sent the cable to Prague is the small group who assumed illegal military status.

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CABLE RECEIVED AERIL 24TH 1946

From: PRAGUE

23rd April 1946

To: UNRRA CAIRO

No:11

From REES and PRO PRAGUE.

Two PRAGUE dailies Sunday 21 printed following telegram:

"Czechoslovak repatriants call for help. Five weeks hopeless waiting UNRRA Camp in desert ELSHATT. One death case - situation critical. Inform public. Signed Committee."

This morning 23 one of same dailies:

"It is well known conditions ELSHATT unfavourable. Representative Yugoslav Military Mission in interview TASS reporter spoke of terrorist actions MIHAILOVITCH CETNIKS against Yugoslav partisans within camp."

We have told press here we have no information but we cabling you. Obviously best reply is statement some occupant camp giving if possible rosier view. We urgentest need something.

Distribution:
T.W. ✓ Brigadier W. : Action
Major Findlay
Mr. Ransford

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UNRRA CAMPS EL SHATT

24th April, 1946

To :- Officer Commanding,
Frontiers Administration,
Sinal Governorate,
El Shatt Police Post.

Subject: Incident at Yugoslav Cemetery -
El Kubri.

Sir,

With reference to your letter 20/1/1 dated 16th April 1946, I have to inform you as follows :-

Information was received by me to the effect that certain grave stones in the El Shatt Camp Cemetery had been tampered with. An inspection was made and it was found that the star emblem on six tomb stones had been erased by persons unknown. This happened on or about the 10th or 11th April.

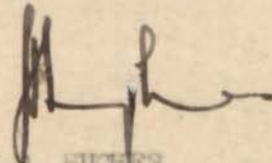
On the 14th April Major IVKOVIC of the Yugoslav Military Mission and his driver arrived at El Shatt, the purpose of his visit being to make a report on the damage done. Whilst in the cemetery, in my presence, he was attacked and assaulted by Yugoslav Military and possibly civilian personnel, as well as his car, a jeep, set alight, which was eventually sent to a Military Unit (No.2 Port Work Shops, Suez Area) awaiting further instructions. Major IVKOVIC received facial and bodily injuries from the assault and was sent to Cairo.

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No Beduins were suspected of taking part in any portion of this affair; none were injured or detained.

The reason the Police Administration was not informed was due to the fact that a full military investigation will take place, and as it actually happened in Camp, it was considered unnecessary at that moment to report it to the Frontier Forces.

Any further assistance I am able to render, I shall only be too willing to do so.



J.A. HUGHES
Director

cc: Chief of Middle East Office.



LÉGATION DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE
FÉDÉRATIVE POPULAIRE DE YOUGOSLAVIE

N°138.

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Passed to Chief of Mission
29.4.46
Cairo, 23rd April, 1946.
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Bureau 31.7.45
DMS.

Excellency,

With reference to your letter dated 17th instant Ref.BS 1/8, I have the honour to inform you that I have much appreciated the regrets you were good enough to express for the savage attack committed by the Chetniks against the Chief of the Yugoslav Military Mission, Cairo, Major Ivković. I have also appreciated your conviction that you will be able to give satisfaction to our just claims. I understand that you have given orders that the Chetnik's flag should not fly in an official position over the El-Shatt camp, consequent to our objection, and your decision was much appreciated. Meanwhile I take the liberty to inform you that the mentioned flag in spite of your orders was seen to fly over El-Shatt camp on 20th instant. Your orders have therefore not been executed.

You also expressed the wish that all contacts concerning the refugees be made not directly with the Camp at El-Shatt but in the first instance with UNRRA Headquarters Office. I take the liberty to bring to your notice that we have so far acted accordingly. The representatives of this Legation and those of the Yugoslav Military Mission had been to El-Shatt in accordance with the representatives of UNRRA Headquarters, Cairo, to whom they had priorly made the request. On the contrary wishing to maintain the most friendly collaboration with you we have always asked your prior consent before undertaking any action.

On this occasion I also take the liberty to bring to your notice the facts which accrued in the meantime.

We have been informed that on the Suez Canal, beside the British guard stands a Chetnik guard bearing on the sleeve a badge with the inscription "Royal Yugoslav Military Police". No doubt that a similar guard should find no place in an UNRRA camp. Such an occurrence means assistance to savage elements and aims against the Republic of the Federal Peoples of Yugoslavia. If the necessary steps for the settlement of this incident are not undertaken immediately and the guard dismissed, we shall have to come to the conclusion that in the UNRRA camp of El-Shatt are assisted elements who by their past actions and their present attitude are a danger to peace and security.

His Excellency
H.E. Brigadier T.T. Waddington,
Chief of the Middle East Office,
U.N.R.R.A.,
Cairo.

We are convinced that this occurrence is due to a wrong proceeding which was adopted in the camp it self unknown to the Headquarters of your administration in Cairo.

We have also been informed that the Chetniks who have organized the cowardly attack against Major Ivković, were Major Relja Piletić, war criminal who's consignment to be made to the Yugoslav Authorities was asked through the British Authorities on 16th February last, and Lieutenant Djuro Dudjuković, Commander of a Gendarmerie Dettachment at El-Arish, who is already known to be an organiser of terrorism, violence and spying at El-Arish, were he persecuted every one who spoke favourably of our country.

The foregoing is communicated for your information with a view to the inquiry which is made consequent to the above-mentioned attack against the Chief of the Yugoslav Military Mission in the Middle East.

Strongly hoping that our friendly collaboration will continue in future, I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to Your Excellency the assurance of my high consideration.



Radujević

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UNRRA CAMP EL SHATT.

Subject: Monthly Report.
Period 20th March - 20th April 1946.

Chief,
UNRRA M.E.O.

30th April 1946.

Ref: 13/1/46

*4 copies sent
Mr. Fiddley
Official circulating
AS 6/5*
Attention Reports Officer.

1. General.

The arrival of the Yugoslavs from El Arish including the Royalist army, created new problems at El Shatt. Considerable tension came to a head on April 14, when a representative of the Military Mission was assaulted in the Camp. This incident is still under investigation and separate reports are being submitted.

The status of the Czech military was cleared with G.H.Q. as it was not clearly understood.

Numerous alarms of Arab raids necessitated stronger security measures than had been previously performed. The Egyptian frontier police have co-operated by nightly inspection of the Camp premises.

With the assistance of Welfare MEO and the Jewish Community of Cairo a highly satisfactory celebration of the feast of Passover was held on April 15th and 16th. On April 19th special ration was supplemented and it was possible to provide an Easter celebration. Church services were held in the Camp.

The coffee shop was opened and after a few days of confusion settled into the routine which gives much pleasure to the residents of the Camp.

Supplemental staff members were detailed from Cairo to interview all camp residents regarding their desires as to repatriation, emigration, etc.

Several staff members redundant to the budget departed.

2. Health.

General health of the refugees in camp continues to be satisfactory. The number of diabetic individuals among the Czech group and malaria cases from East Africa, have increased the laboratory and other services. Repatriation

schedule caused considerable changes in the nursing staff.

Hygiene has also been affected by an almost complete turnover in the refugee staff. 2 USPHS Sanitary Engineer have been declared redundant and Mr. Smith has assumed duties as Senior Hygiene Officer. The primary concern of this department has been closing out evacuated areas. With the advent of warmer weather efforts have been concentrated on fly control and malaria prevention. The abandoned pets had become a major problem and over 100 dogs were destroyed.

3. Area. Repatriation and intakes created a continuously changing picture in the Camp. The Greek schools were closed on April 13, on the departure of the Greek teachers. As early repatriation of most of the students is anticipated it was not proposed to reopen the Greek schools. The Yugoslav schools are operating though attendance is below expectation.

The coffee shop has proved to be very popular with the camp residents. It was deemed advisable to have a staff member in the premises each evening and it was placed Out of Bounds to the Yugoslav royalist soldiers.

Cinemas are shown 3 nights weekly and are well patronised.

Refugee employment has been instituted wherever possible in substitution for Arab labour. This program of refugee employment in substitution for paid staff will be increased. The system of employment roll, time records and pay scale have been put into effect.

4. Repatriation.

The following flights were repatriated during the period under review

a.	April 18th	Greek Flight	763	for Chios
b.	" 19th	" "	130	" Rhodes
			24	" Chios
c.	" 20th	" "	63	" Piraeus
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In addition to the above the following emigration cases left the Camp.

March 22nd	to	U.S.A.	17
April 3rd	"	Australia and New Zealand	18
" 13th	"	U.S.A.	27
" 13th	"	Alexandria	3
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The following intakes arrived

March 27th 477 Yugoslavs, Italians and Greeks
from El Arish.

April 14th 1058 Greeks ex East Africa.
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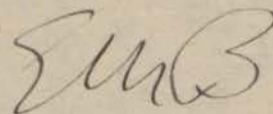
Baggage question continue to be the most sore point in the refugee flights. Each ship gives rise to a new crop of rumours of additional shipping, among the residents eager for repatriation. The delay in the arrival of luggage in the Greek intake necessitated an issue of extra blankets on loan and subsequent withdrawal.

5.

Summary.

Reduction in staff and changes in camp population have raised many administrative problems at El Shatt and the new routine has not as yet been formally established.

The departure of the Czechs and Greek repatriates anticipated within the next month will complete repatriation operations, leaving the special cases (emigration and residual group) which involve different procedure.



EMERSON M. BROWN
Director.

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To answer that the rumors have been much exaggerated & we are bringing into it a serious report.

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RESTRICTEDSUBJECT: R. YugoslavsGHQ MEF
ALS/506/6/1/D
Ext. 1504
18 Apr. 46.Yugoslav Military Mission ME(Copies not on original) to: British Embassy) with copies of
- UNRRA -) 3/819 and 3/820

It is understood that the questions raised in your letters 3/819 of 16 Apr. and 3/820 of 17 Apr. have already been the subject of correspondence between your Legation and HEM Embassy. The matter will, therefore, be dealt with through diplomatic channels.

C.M.
Col ALS
(G.P. Hobbs)

S.M.

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(C O P Y)

Yugoslav Military Mission

Ref. No. 3/819

16th April, 1946.

To: G.H.Q. M.E.F.

Copy to: A.L.S. G.H.Q. M.E.F.

On the 14th April 1946 at about 16.00 hours, a cowardly attack was made on the Chief of the Yugoslav Military Mission in the Middle East, Major Boleslav Ivkovic, in the cemetery of El Shatt. The attack occurred when Major Ivkovic accompanied by Commandant of the UNRRA camp at El Shatt, Captain Hughes, went to put flowers on the cemetery of the Yugoslav refugees and to inspect the graves which Chetnik criminals had desecrated a few days earlier. (Among the desecrated graves is that of the late Yugoslav fighter Marinic Josip who died in El Shatt.) Major Ivkovic was wounded in the head and had to be taken to the Military Hospital in Cairo where he was kept for treatment.

This criminal attack was carried out in the cemetery itself by a mob of fifteen Chetnik officers and N.C.O's from the military part of the camp. Among them, Major Ivkovic recognised 2/Lt. Milan Crescanin, and 2/Lt. Ilija Djordjevic. The mob attacked the driver Benedikt Tomasic, set fire to the car of the Yugoslav Military Mission and smashed Major Ivkovic's camera.

The Commandant of the UNRRA camp Captain Hughes did indeed try to prevent the attack on Major Ivkovic, but he did not succeed. The Chetnik mob subjected to their terrorism even the Commandant of the camp himself, and - though against Captain Hughes' will - made a foul attack on his guest Major Ivkovic.

This second crime shows even more clearly who were those who planned and perpetrated the first crime, the desecration of the graves. The attack on Major Ivkovic establishes beyond any doubt the fact of the complicity of his attackers in the planning and perpetration of the first crime.

We consider it our duty to point out that Major Ivkovic was a comrade-in-Arms of the brave British airmen who won fame through their heroism in action against the Fascist aggressors. Fighting in the Allied ranks, Major Ivkovic was wounded on February the 2nd, 1942, in the Middle East and lost an eye and was crippled in one leg.

It is an inconceivable and grievous event that Major Ivkovic, one year after the victorious conclusion of the war against Fascism should have been the victim of this attack by men who until recently aided and collaborated with Fascism - and this in the presence of the Commandant of UNRRA camp British Army Officer, Captain Hughes.

We firmly believe that this fresh crime committed by the miserable remnants of the Chetniks, will receive your severe condemnation, and that the brave English airmen will treat with bitterness and contempt this bestial and criminal assault on their war comrade, Major Ivkovic.

This shows clearly that a set of War Criminals have introduced themselves into a military camp under British command, in the hope of escaping responsibility for the crimes which they, together with the bandits of Hitler and Mussolini, have committed against our freedom-loving people.

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In the military camp among other war criminals are the War Criminals Lt. Colonel Relja Piletic, Major Nikola Pavasovic and Krsta Mandic, former judge of the Chetnik-Italian "National Court in Montenegro. On the camp's list are also the War Criminals Major Radovan Ivanisevic and Lt. Colonel Slavko Bjelajac, who visit the camp only occasionally. The Yugoslav authorities requested in writing that these War Criminals should be handed over, but until today have not received any answer.

We have recently requested from the representatives of the A.L.S. G.H.Q. M.E.F. Colonel Hobbs and Lt. Colonel Dand that the military personnel should be removed and withdrawn from the civilian camp; we have pointed out to them the harmful effects of the presence of military personnel in UNRRA camp. How justified was our demand was proved by the events of the last few days.

In view of such gross acts, and in order to eliminate conditions which are mutually undesirable but are however capable of damaging the good and friendly relations between our two brave peoples, bound as they are by comradeship in war and by sincere sympathies for each other, we have informed our Government of these occurrences and awaiting receipt of their orders we take the liberty of putting forward the following demands:

1. That the most energetic enquiry should be carried out and the perpetrators of the foul attack on Major Ivkovic, and all the accomplices who were present on the cemetery, should be at once arrested and after enquiry concluded handed over to our authorities for trial.
2. That the War Criminals Lt. Colonel Slavko Bjelajac, Major Radovan Ivanisevic, Major Nikola Pavasovic, Lt. Colonel Relja Piletic and 2/Lt. Krsta Mandic should be immediately handed over to the Yugoslav authorities as this Mission demanded in previous letters of 14 February and 5 March 1946; and prior to their handing over they should be interned.
3. That a joint Commission of Enquiry should be set up for which we on our side propose the Secretary of the Legation Dusan Curcija and the Deputy Chief of the Yugoslav Military Mission Captain Branko Sarar.
4. That the military camp containing officers, NCOs and soldiers of the former Yugoslav Forces and Chetnik bands should be immediately transferred to another locality and placed under detention. This should also apply to all those who are at present outside the camps, since under the existing circumstances this is the only guarantee that further crimes and terrorisation by the Chetniks will be avoided in the future.
5. That the damage done to the car of the Yugoslav Military Mission and to the property of Major Ivkovic (photographic camera) be refunded.

Death to Fascism - Liberty to the People!

Deputy Chief of the Mission
Captain

(Sd.) B. SAFAR)

17th April, 1946.

War Criminals.

To. A.L.S. G.H.Q. M.E.F.

Reference our letters 3/282 dated 14 February 1946 and 3/451 dated 5 March 1946, and reference our letter 3/819 dated 16 April 1946.

In our above mentioned first two letters a demand by the Yugoslav Government has been put forward for the extradition of five War Criminals: viz. Colonel Relja Piletic, Major Nikola Pavasovic, 2/Lt. Krsta Mandic, Lt. Colonel Slavko Bjelajac and Major Radovan Ivanisevic.

In view of the facts quoted in our letter 3/819 dated 16 April 1946 and as they have been informed by certain official circles that they are wanted by the Yugoslav Government as War Criminals and to prevent their escape it is requested that they be placed in safe custody till the necessary arrangements for their extradition are concluded.

Death to Fascism - Liberty to the People!

Deputy Chief of the Mission
Captain

(B. SAFAR)

212 UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

Internal Memorandum

OH 15/2

Subject Refugee Ration Scales at El ShattFile No. BS 5/5

Distribution :

17 April 1946

TO: Brigadier T. T. Waddington
Chief of Middle East Office

FROM: L. Findlay, Major, RAMC
Director, Division of Relief Services

L. Findlay

For your information prior to the visit of Mr. Hoover, I attach copies of the refugee ration scales in use in El Shatt. It should be noted that there are two ration scales: 1. Children aged 1 to 9 inclusive, total calories 2758; and 2. Adults and children over 10, total calories 2710.

In addition to these two standard diets the nutritionist at El Shatt Camp prepares the following diets for special cases on medical advice: 1. Adults, calories 3081; 2. Children and babies, calories 2800; and 3. Pregnant women, calories 2978. In addition to these special diets served in camp, the following diets are served in the hospital: 1. Adults, calories 3466; 2. Children, calories 3406.

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*Seen by
B. Findlay
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1946*

M.E.G.O. 917 of 1945.

28 RATION SCALE - REFUGEES

Children Age 1-9 inclusive.

Basic items

Equivalents to be issued
only when basic items not
available.

Bread.....	8	oz)	Biscuits.....	5	oz
Flour	2	" (
Biscuits	2 1/2	"			
Meat, fresh (6 times weekly)	4	"	Meat, frozen with bone....	3	"
			or Meat frozen boneless.....	2	"
Eggs(once weekly).....	2				
Rice.....	3	"			
Potatoes.....	4	"	Onions.....	2/3	"
Vegetables fresh.....	4	"	and rice.....	1	"
Onions.....	3/4	"			
Macaroni, grade II	1	"			
Peas/Beans/Lentils.....	1/2	"			
Oatmeal.....	1/8	"	Flour.....	1/4	"
Fruit, fresh.....	4		Fruit, dried.....	1/2	"
Fruit, dried.....	1/2	"			
Cheese.....	1/2	"			
Oil cooking.....	1/2	"			
Milk fresh.....	10	"	Milk, tinned (UK or Dom.)...4		"
Jam.....	1/2	"			
Margarine.....	1	"			
Cocoa.....	1/4	"			
Sugar	1 3/4	"			
Salt.....	1/3	"			

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28 RATION SCALE - REFUGEES (2)

Equivalents to be issued
only when basic item not
available.

Basic Items

Pepper..... 1/100 oz
Fruit Juice..... 1 "
Cotton Seed Cake..... 1 1/4 lb

NOTE: - Fish, fresh, 4 oz. may be drawn in lieu of Meat, fresh 4 oz.
3 times weekly when available.

2. ADULTS & CHILDREN AGE 10 AND OVER.

Basic Items

Equivalents etc.

Bread.....	14	oz)	Biscuits.....	9	oz
Flour.....	2	oz(
Meat, fresh (6 times weekly)	6	"	Meat, frozen with bone...	4	"
			Or Meat, frozen, boneless...	3	"
Rice.....	1	"			
Eggs(once weekly.....	2	"			
Potatoes.....	6	"	Onions.....	1	"
Vegetables, fresh.....	6	"	and Rice.....	1 1/4	"
Onions.....	1 1/2	"			
Macaroni, grade II	2	"			
Peas and/or Beans.....	1	")	Flour.....	1/2	"
Oatmeal.....	1/8	")			
Fruit, fresh.....	4	"	Fruit, dried.....	1/2	"
Fruit, dried	1/2	"			
Cheese.....	1	"			
Oil, cooking.....	1	"			
Milk, fresh.....	5	"	Milk, tinned (UK or Dom.)..	2	"

28 RATION SCALE - REFUGEES (3)

Basic Items.

Equivalents etc.

Jam.....	1/2	oz
Margarine.....	1	"
Tea.....	1/8	"
Coffee.....	1/4	"
Sugar.....	1 3/4	"
Salt.....	1/2	"
Pepper.....	1/100	"
Cotton Seed Cake.....	1 1/4	lb.

NOTE: - Fish, fresh, 6 oz. may be drawn in lieu of Meat, fresh 6 oz.
3 times weekly when available.

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16th April, 1946.

I understand that the Royalist Yugoslavs at El Shatt have requested that they be allowed to fly a Royalist flag over the Camp.

You understand, I am sure, that UNRRA is an International Administration. Governments of the world have recognised the present Government existing in Yugoslavia as official; obviously therefore UNRRA must conform to this. It would be very out of place, under these circumstances, for the Royalist Yugoslavs to fly their flag over El Shatt.

I shall be glad if you will see that this does not happen, and trust that you will explain to them that there is no question of UNRRA taking sides. It is simply a matter of what is, or is not, our official status in the matter.

T.T. Waddington

T.T. Waddington
Chief of Middle East Office.

Capt. J.R. Hughes,
Director,
El Shatt Camp.

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On/5/2

BS 3/15/2

12 April, 1946.

The Committee of the Czechoslovak Group,
El Shatt Refugee Camp,
M.E.F.

Dear Sirs,

Your letter dated the 30th of March has been received. As the Chief of Mission is at present ill, he has asked me to reply to you.

Your wishes to be repatriated as soon as possible to Czechoslovakia are fully appreciated in this office. I must assure you, however, that everything possible is being done by UNRRA to hasten the arrangements for your repatriation. Our officers concerned are in daily contact with the shipping authorities and we are also in constant contact with GHQ, the Czech Legation, and other authorities.

In view of our constant contacts with the highest responsible authorities to whom your case is being represented, it is not considered that a visit to Cairo by your Committee would serve any useful purpose. Mr. Hughes, the Camp Director at El Shatt, and his staff are exerting their fullest efforts for your welfare while at Camp and for your repatriation. We will of course keep Mr. Hughes informed constantly of any developments concerning your repatriation.

Yours faithfully,

W
L. Findlay, Major RAMC,
Director,
Division of Relief Services.

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cc to Chief of Mission. ✓

In Chief to Sec

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11th, April 1946.

The Greek Refugees,
El Shatt Camp.

Your letter addressed to the Camp Director has been passed on to me, and while fully appreciating how eager you all are to return to your homes, this task is not always so easy as it may seem. UNRRA is as eager to see you returned in time for your spring planting as you are, for one of UNRRA's hopes is to get sufficient people and tools back into Europe in order to provide a harvest in the Autumn of this year which will make the shipping of food easier for UNRRA. Although UNRRA has shipped 4,000,000 tons of supplies in 1945, this is still insufficient and the food shortage throughout Europe and the Balkans is very severe. You will see therefore that it is as important to us as it is to you, to get you all home, so that you can grow your own food.

However, you are earnestly asked to try to understand the extreme shortage of shipping throughout the world and to imagine the many thousands of people who want ships. Any ship we are able to obtain is granted by the shipping authorities who have been very good. In spite of the fact that there are thousands of troops all over the world to be shipped to different countries, last year we were able to ship home 40,000 refugees from the Middle East. Even so there were some very long waits in between some of the ships and we had often to ask the refugees to be patient, much as we regretted it. Even Mr. La Guardia cannot interfere with the world's shipping, which is controlled and used as fairly as possible in these difficult times.

Be assured, however, that we are doing our utmost

to return you to your homes, and if all goes well we should have two ships some time during this month which will return one thousand people. We can only hope that the shipping authorities are able to keep their promise of these two ships.

T.T. Waddington

T.T. WADDINGTON
CHIEF OF THE MIDDLE
EAST OFFICE OF UNRRA.

Om/5/2

For Correspondence re-pocket money and wage scales
for refugees at El Shatt, wsee Om/ 5/12.


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4th April, 1946.

Lt.Col. Dand,
A.G. Allies,
G.H.Q., M.E.F.

As requested I am returning the Commander
in Chief's letter which was send to El Shatt in
error. I have since learned that the Yugoslav
Legation have the personal address of Don Andro
Stambuk who was the President of the Central
Committee.


Executive Assistant
to Chief of Middle
East Office.

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Cawa 301 OM/512

3rd April, 1946.

Dear

Many congratulations on your new post! I hope you will soon find it encumbent on you to visit the Middle East to acquaint yourself with our problems here. At the moment in the D.P. field they are few as we are rapidly getting rid of our Greeks and Yugoslavs. The problem of the Poles remains to be settled.

I thought you might be interested in the letter which I have just received from the President of the Yugoslav Refugee Committee, and therefore enclose a copy of it, with a copy of my reply.

I hope your bridge has improved since the flying bomb days, and I look forward to having another game with you one day -

Kind regards,

T.T. Waddington
T.T. Waddington

T.T. Waddington
Chief of Middle East Office.

Mr. Myer Cohen,
Director, Displaced Persons Division,
U.N.R.R.A.,
Connecticut Avenue,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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PERSONAL.

3rd April, 1946.

Dear Miss Gibbons,

I thought you might be interested in the letter I received from the President of the Yugoslav Refugee Committee - and therefore enclose a copy of it, with a copy of my reply.

Has Miss Gifford joined you yet? I hope so - she had unfortunate delays in getting to U.S.A. but I hope she arrived in time for the Conference.

Shall we be seeing you in Rome?

Kind regards to Miss Gifford -

Yours sincerely

(Sgnd.) T.T. Waddington.

T.T. Waddington
Chief of Middle East Office.

Miss Gibbons,
Deputy Director General,
Bureau of Relief Services,
UNRRA., E.R.O.,
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LONDON. W.I.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

8, SHARIA DAR EL-SHIFA - GARDEN CITY - CAIRO

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
UNRRA-CAIRO

TELEPHONES :
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CAMPS EL-SHATT

2nd April 1946

Reference:- 2/3/358

TO:- Chief, M.E.O.

Attention:- Mr. Paul Rowland ✓

SUBJECT:- Letter from General Paget

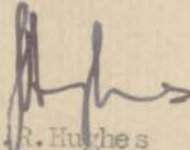
Reference is made to today's telephone conversation.

Attached please find the letter addressed to the Central Committee which you requested us to forward to you.

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J.R. Hughes
Director

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2nd April, 1946.

My dear Don Andro,

I was very pleased to receive your kind letter of 19th March, written on behalf of the Central Committee and of the Yugoslav refugees.

I can assure you that anything we did for the welfare of the refugees was done with the greatest willingness. We felt it our duty and pleasure to exert ourselves to the utmost to alleviate to the best of our abilities the sufferings and discomforts that were unavoidably your lot during your sojourn away from your homeland.

For my part, and on behalf of my staff, I would like to express our gratitude for, and admiration of the manner in which your people comported themselves. Their cheerfulness under tribulation, their willingness to cooperate, their self-imposed discipline, and their readiness to assist in work, and in all matters of camp routine were, under the circumstances, quite remarkable. I feel sure that people who can behave as your people did during the years in a desert camp will have no difficulty in finding an appropriate role to fill in rebuilding the life of your Country. If the El Shatt refugees are a fair sample of the Yugoslav nation, it should not be long before Yugoslavia is well on the way to prosperity and to attaining its rightful position among the nations of the world.

I would like to express my great personal interest in your future welfare, and would esteem it a favour to have a letter from you telling me how you have all settled down -

Please remember me kindly to Mr. Barbic and the others of your Committee.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgnd.) T.T. Waddington.

Don Andro Stambuk,
President of the Central Committee for
Yugoslav Refugees, El Shatt,
c/o. U.N.R.R.A.,
BELGRADE.

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Subject: Monthly Reports

(15)

UNRRA CAMP EL SHATT
29th March, 1946

Ref : - 18/1/394

To :- Chief M.E.O.
Reports Officer.

We are forwarding herewith six
copies of monthly report covering period
20th February to 20 March, 1946.

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[Signature]
J. R. HUGHES
DIRECTOR

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May 1946
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MONTHLY REPORT FOR PERIOD 20TH FEBRUARY
20TH MARCH, 1946

GENERAL

The period of February 20th to March 20th continued the gradual retrenchment referred to in the last month's report.

The long delayed final flight of Yugoslavs took place on March 20th to the equal jubilation of the refugees concerned and the staff, who had been preparing for their departure. The departure of this group of people was observed with mixed emotions. It is always difficult to part with friends, and after two years many of this group had grown very dear to the staff members. The staff and Refugee Committee joined with various representatives of the Yugoslav Government and M.E.O. staff in a party on 16th March. The full joy of the occasion was lessened by a rather last minute postponement of the flight. When confirmation was again received, the refugee band marched joyfully to the UNRRA Mess to give a last concert. When entrainment took place on March 20th, the flight was accompanied to the boat by many members of the staff.

On March 10th a terrific sandstorm tried the metal of both staff and refugees. Sheet metal roofs flew through the air, destroying tents and imperilling everybody in their path; tent pegs pulled loose and tents collapsed, sometimes on the residents seeking their shelter; telephone and electric wires failed. Surprise and relief were equally balanced when the damage was assessed and it was discovered that very minor injuries had been sustained.

ADMINISTRATION

Reduction in staff consequent to the reduction in the refugee population, was effected. A total of 127 persons in keeping with the second quarter budget was gradually implemented to be in full force by 1st April 1946.

Recommendation was given to Miss Arlene Waldhaus USPHS in the presentation of the Soldier's Medal for her heroism during the Empire Patrol disaster.

Badly need secretaries, who had been recruited early in February, have reported for duty during this period.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLY SECTION

A number of drivers were released and numerous vehicles prepared for evacuation, as a result of the reduction in camp strength.

The warehouse and the El Shatt Property Section were combined into "Property Control Section" under Captain Crane.

Food Storing Section encountered some slight difficulty in change-over of refugee staff. Greek crews walked out on strike and were replaced by Yugoslavs from the residual group.

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HEALTH

The number of patients in hospital permitted the location of all patients in two buildings. The major admissions were malaria cases from East Africa. Considerable dental repair work was also found necessary for these people.

Nurse-aids were recruited in substitution for the Partisans, who repatriated with the last Yugoslav flight.

AREA III

Area III was closed as a result of the last flight. The few persons not being repatriated were moved into Area I and most of the staff released. The Area Manager, Miss Drobic, accompanied the returning flight.

AREA I

Area I was concerned in absorbing the Yugoslav residue from Camp III; receiving a small group of Cypriots from South Africa on March 13th and a group of Czechs from Palestine, and preparing for the arrival, in late March or early April, of Yugoslav Royalists from El Arish, and Greeks from East Africa.

The Welfare Office moved into the area and enlarged on the welfare programme: Greek schools were opened as scheduled, on March 11th, in spite of the fact that the building originally intended for this purpose was rendered unfit for use by the storm on March 10th; tents were substituted and instructions began. The conversion of the Central Committee building into a recreation hall and coffee-shop was started, scheduled to open on March 26th. The clothing store located in the same building had to be moved in the midst of the storm.

REPATRIATION

The following flights were repatriated during the past month :

March 10th	Greek Flight	Total 365	for Chios
" 10th	" "	" 39	" Piraeus
" 10th	" "	" 19	" Rhodes
" 12th	" "	" 488	" Chios
" 17th	Cyprus "	" 37	" Cyprus
" 20th	19 Yugoslav"	" 1472	" Split

The following intakes arrived : From South Africa
March 13th # Cypriots and
Palestinians Total 43

From Palestine
March 19th Czechs Total 328

The six refugees destined for Palestine left by road for Cairo the same day.

The almost only unusual incident in connection with the flights was the 19th Yugoslav flight, referred to above. This flight took all the remaining partisans, including hospital cases and two new-born babies, one of which was born just as the train was due to leave. Age and sex break-downs had to be corrected after the last refugee was loaded and nominal rolls amended to account for the new arrivals.

IMMIGRATION

Approximately 225 individuals were cleared for immigration.

SUMMARY

The 19th Flight of Yugoslavs marked the end of a chapter in the history of El Shatt. The Central Committee departed with the group, to whom they represented authority.

El Shatt has become an Assembly Centre for relatively unorganized groups of varying sizes and nationalities, totalling now about 3000 persons. Individual problems will be the more direct concern of the staff than has been true in the past. For example, wages will be paid to all workers; proposed wage scales have been submitted for approval. Despite the set-backs indicated in this report, reorganisation of staff and administrative procedures are being effected.

The story of the Yugoslav Partisans at El Shatt is being compiled by our Welfare Section from records, reports and eye-witness statements.

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COMITE CENTRAL
DES REFUGIES YUGOSLAVES
EL SHATT.

Brigadier T.T. Waddington
Chief of the UNRRA Office
Middle East.

Dear Sir,

As the last of the Yugoslave Refugees from El Shatt are to be repatriated to their beloved Fatherland, we take this opportunity to express the gratitude of the Yugoslave Centrale Committee and all the Yugoslave Refugees who were in El Shatt, to yourself and everyone of your staff for the cooperation and kind help given to us.

We would like to express our appreciation for your great understanding of the needs of the refugees and for your constant readiness to do all your possible to make the life in the inhospitable desert bearable for such a long time.

In this moment of departure we would like to mention to you that we, the Yugoslave Refugees, are taking with us to our homes an unforgettable memory of a kind and friendly people which we will always cherish.

El Shatt, 19th March, 1946.

Secretary

President

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UNRRA Camp, El Shatt.
Ref :- 18/1

21st March, 1946.

To:- Chief M.E.O.
Attn. Reports Officer ✓

Enclosed herewith please find six
copies of Report on the El Shatt Camp for
period 21st January to 20th February, 1946.

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Director

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REPORT ON THE EL SHATT CAMP
21st January 1946 to 20th February 1946

A. CAMP CENSUS

	Yugoslavs	Greeks	Others	Totals
In Camp at 21.1.46	4571	1417	32	7120
Intakes				
Flights				
In Camp 20.2.46				

B. DIVISIONAL REPORTS

a) Administration

The arrival of 1100 Greeks on February 8th, followed by a flight of 2000 Yugoslavs on February 10th and 11th, and the promise of another large flight at the end of the month, necessitated a reorganisation at El Shatt. The position of Director of Operations as such was abolished; Camp VI was closed; Camp III prepared to close. Yugoslav workers were replaced to a great extent and a general programme of retrenchment initiated. Numerous staff changes are in progress, as reflected in the second quarter budget.

Considerable time was spent in drafting a wage scale for Greek refugee workers. This was implemented as necessary

b) Medical

An increase in Malaria cases was noted among the Greek arrivals from East Africa, as was anticipated.

A special diet kitchen has been started in Camp I.

The nutritionists started training Greek workers to replace the Yugoslavs.

Several cases of dog bites were reported. A start was made on the programme to eliminate this hazard. As camp areas are vacated by refugees, many abandoned dogs have strayed into other areas. Several have been shot and a gas chamber constructed for disposal of these unwanted pets.

Necessary hygiene operations were performed in closing areas to eliminate disease hazards.

c) Welfare

Here again change is a prevailing note.

Clothing: The Clothing Store has been entirely re-arranged; adequate shelving gives easy access to the different types of clothing and distribution runs more smoothly. Mothers are allowed to help fit out their children, and this has led to a greater degree of satisfaction.

Education: Though not altogether at a standstill, organized education has been much interrupted. The excitement of preparing to go infects the Yugoslav children and the Greeks are only beginning to settle down.

d) Operations

General : Preparation to receive the Greeks and closing down after the Yugoslavs have occupied much time, and the staff is to be congratulated on the smooth running of these operations.

Transport: Preparations are being made to evacuate a number of vehicles as the camp reduces.

e) Repatriation

The following flights were repatriated during this period :

1.	Jan. 29th	15th Yugoslav	Total	480
2.	Feb. 3rd	26th "	"	777
3.	" 6th	Greek	"	71
4.	" 11th	17th Yugoslav	"	1997
5.	" 13th	18th "	"	483
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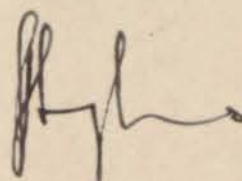
The following intake arrived from East Africa :

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SUMMARY

As the period closes, El Shatt is marking time preparing for the scheduled Yugoslav flight which will completely close one phase of El Shatt's operations. From a camp of Yugoslav partisan refugees El Shatt has now become an assembly centre of a mixed population, predominantly Greeks, staging for repatriation, plus a residual group of persons who for various reasons are not to be repatriated to their home land.

16th March, 1946.



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16th March, 1946.

Dear Don Andro Stambuk,

On behalf of the Chief of the Middle East Office, Brigadier T.T. Waddington who is unfortunately not well I wish at this time to thank you, as President of the Central Committee, and the other members of your committee, both past and present, for the generous services you have given in working with our administration to help solve the innumerable difficulties and problems which have arisen from time to time during the sojourn of your people at El Shatt.

I wish to thank also, and would be happy if it might be made known, all the Yugoslav refugees now in El Shatt, and also those who have departed, for the unlimited cooperation they have given in organising their own work and life in camp and for their ready willingness to assist even in problems arising among refugees of other nationalities. Without this spirit of mutual endeavour life at El Shatt would have been a very different matter for administrators and people alike. As it is I feel that these past two years in the desert have passed with success and even benefit when one considers the unfortunate world conditions that occasioned them.

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This administration and all who have worked with you send their very best wished for this last journey to your country, and I would much like to have your people know that through their spirit in difficult times they will leave behind them very great affection for Yugoslavia in the thoughts of countless people from other countries.

Yours sincerely,

For Chief of the Middle East Office
of U.N.R.R.A.

President of the Yugoslav Central Committee,
El Shatt Camp.

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11th March, 1946.

Dear Sirs,

We very much regret having to inform you of a fatal accident which occurred at our Camp at El Shatt on the 28th February, 1946. This accident resulted in the death of Michael KONDOUDOS, a Greek refugee boy, aged sixteen years. He was run over by a truck driven by a Yugoslav boy, aged eighteen, Musulim LUKA, and the Greek boy died on his way to hospital.

A Court of Enquiry was immediately held at El Shatt Camp and the Yugoslav boy, Musulim LUKA, was found primarily responsible. The Yugoslav Central Committee for Refugees at El Shatt Camp paid compensation to the amount of LE.300 to the parents of the boy, and a certificate to this effect was signed by the parents, the witnesses and the Camp Commandant.

The Yugoslav Central Committee was established as the responsible body, the vehicle being under their direct control at the time of the accident, but no disciplinary action is being taken immediately since the Central Committee wishes to defer the trial until the accused has returned to Yugoslavia. He is due to be repatriated on the next Yugoslav Flight.

We shall be very grateful to hear from you immediately on this matter if you find it necessary, and to supply you with copies of such papers concerning the accident, findings of the Court etc., that you might care to have.

Yours faithfully,

T.T. Waddington.
Chief of Middle East Office.

The Greek Consulate,
Sharia Emad el din 14,
CAIRO.

11th March, 1946.

Dear Sirs,

We have to confirm with regret the fatal accident which occurred on February 28th, 1946, when the vehicle under the charge of the Yugoslav Central Committee at El Shatt was driven off unlawfully by a Yugoslav boy, aged 18 years, Musulim LUKA, who ran over and killed a Greek boy, Michael KONDOUDOS, aged 16 years.

A Court of Enquiry was immediately held during the following three days, and it was established that the Yugoslav Central Committee was the responsible body, the vehicle being under their direct control at the time of the accident. Musulim LUKA was found as primarily responsible, while Krilich MARIA, the woman driver assigned to the vehicle, was found responsible to a lesser extent.

The Yugoslav Central Committee has paid compensation to the amount of LE.300 to the parents of the dead boy, and a certificate declaring this as full compensation has been signed by the parents, witnesses and the Camp Commandant.

No disciplinary action has been taken against either of the drivers since the Central Committee has elected to defer the trial until the return of these people to Yugoslavia.

We shall be grateful to hear from you if necessary on this matter and furnish you with such documents as relate thereto.

Yours faithfully,

T.T. Waddington.
Chief of Middle East Office.

The Yugoslav Legation,
17, Sharia Bahgat Aly,
Zamalek, CAIRO.

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Documents relating
to fatal car accident
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CAMPS EL-SHATT

7 March 1946
Reference: -1/10

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TO:- Chief, M.E.O.

SUBJECT:- Court of inquiry
re death Greek Refugee Mihail KONDOUDES

Attached for information is the original copy of a record of a Court of Inquiry convened by me inquiring into the death of a Greek refugee in El-Shatt Camps. The original record is forwarded for filing in M.E.O. records.

Although not directly responsible, legally UNRRA may be liable insofar as it could possibly be established that the vehicle concerned was on UNRRA official duty at the time of the accident.

The Yugoslav Central Committee is liable insofar as it was their official driver who was i/c of the vehicle at the time of the accident and condoned the driving of this vehicle by an illegal driver who proved to be incompetent and totally untrained.

No mention is made in the proceedings of a hooter having been sounded as a warning signal. Although visibility was good, no application of brakes was made and no attempt to avoid collision or vitally decrease speed prior to the actual impact. Although the speed under normal conditions was not excessive, it was still dangerous considering the surroundings. Inexperience or inefficiency on the part of the illegal driver is therefore irrelevant.

It is established that the Yugoslav Central Committee is a responsible body and the vehicle was under their direct control at the time of the accident.

A settlement has been arranged between the Yugoslav Central Committee and the parents of the deceased by a payment of full indemnity covering all claims and finalising the matter (of £E. 300.--). This entirely absolves UNRRA from any compensation by the parties concerned.

No disciplinary action is being taken against either of the drivers in El-Shatt as the Central Committee has deferred their trial to take place in Yugoslavia after repatriation on the next flight.

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May the Greek and the Yugoslav Consulates be informed of the relevant facts and settlement.
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Discussed with Fanner 8/3.

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who advised No

J.R. Hughes
Director

further action by UNRRA necessary. If Egyptian Police object tell Fanner who will deal with the matter. UNRRA is clear of liability if accident is caused by incident UNRRA. otherwise all satisfactory. h 8/3.

WITNESSES STATEMENTFIRST WITNESS:

MUSULIN LUCA, No 21477, age 18 years, Yugoslav Refugee
El Shatt Camp, states:

"At about 17:45 hrs. on 28th Feb 1946, I was near the tent of the
"Yugoslav guard in Area 1, and started to walk towards the block
"4 Committee tent. I had the intention to go to inquire for mail
"for myself. I saw the Central Committee truck (No200) and got
"into it and sat in the driver's seat. I started to drive the
"truck. When I moved off, I saw the driver of the car KRILIC MARE
"emerging from a tent. She came to the car, opened the door, and,
"sat in the seat. After she had seated herself, I began to accele-
"rate the speed of the car. I did not hear her speak, but I judged
"from her facial expression that she was displeased at my driving
"the car. I was driving towards kitchen No 4 and circled it on
"the west side. I wanted to return to where I had started, When
"the driver KRILIC MARE saw my intention, she asked why I was not d
"driving to the central Committee Building. I replied that I had
"not eaten yet, and was returning to do so. (signed) She told me to
"drive slowly. As I approached the guards tent, I applied the
"foot brake, as I had to swing the car round to stop in the
"correct place. As I was turning the car I saw two boys approach-
"ing. I had the intention to stop near a flag-pole but turned to
"the left on seeing the two boys approaching. When I had turned th
"the car I lost sight of the two boys, but immediately afterwards
"I saw an arm clutching a bottle on the ground just in front of
"the car. I felt a bump as if the car was passing over something.
"I then stopped the car. The driver KRILIC MARE immediately
"jumped out. I also jumped out, but the car was still slightly in
"motion. I saw a boy lying on the ground behind the car, and as
"I approached I saw that he was coughing, and a crowd collected.
"The injured boy was placed in the car which I had been driving.
"I was taken to the guard's tent by the partisan guards. (signed)

Questioned by Court:

"The engine of the car was running when I entered it.
"It was daylight at the time.
"The car was moving slowly as KRILIC MARE got in.
"She sat on the passenger seat in front.

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FIRST WITNESS, questioned by court, continued,

"The arm which I saw clutching the bottle was slightly to the right of the centre of the truck.

"When I got out to see what I had gone over, I saw the boy on the ground about five or six meters behind the car.

"I cannot remember the speed of the truck when I saw the arm, but the car was in third gear. I had my foot on the brake.

"When I got into the car it was parked in front of Block Committee tent.

"No one was in attendance of the truck when I got in.

"KRILIC MARE did not attempt to stop the car after she had got in.

"My experience of driving was a little I had learned at the Camp

Transport during a period of about six days.

"I had not permission at any time to drive the Central Committee truck. (Signed)

"KRILIC MARE drove the car with the injured boy from the scene of the accident to the hospital.

"The driver's seat is at the right side.

"I do not know which wheel passed over the boy.

"The left hand turn I made near the flag-pole was made slowly. I

do not remember the speed but the car was in third gear.

"I do not know if the injured boy was one of the two boys I had first seen.

"I had once before driven the Central Committee car in the desert with the permission of KRILIC MARE.

"This was in a large open space far away from camp 3

"The two boys when I first saw them were at a distance of 8 meters

"I did not see if they were carrying anything.

On evidence being read over to him, witness desired to make the following correction (line 7, 8 & 9 page 1)

"I started to drive off when I saw the driver KRILIC MARE emerge from the tent. (signed)

This has been translated to me and I agree that this is a true and accurate translation of my evidence and answers to questions

(Signed)

THIRD WITNESS:

DEAN VICE, No 29492, aged 20, Yugoslav Refugee, El Shatt
Camp states:

"At about 18:00 hrs on the 28th Feb 1946, I was sitting near the
"guard's tent in Block 4 Camp 1, I saw the Central Committee truck
"coming from the direction of kitchen No 4 towards the Committee tent
"As it was turning in towards the Committee tent, I saw two boys
"approaching the car from right front, one of whom when he saw the
"car turned back. The next thing I saw was one of the boys under the
"wheels of the car.

"I approached the scene of the accident and picked up the injured boy
"and a Greek boy brought some water and bathed the face of the injured
"boy. This seemed to revive him and two refugees put him into the
"truck which at once left for the hospital.

Questioned by Court:

"I recognised the truck as being the one used by Central Committee.
"I saw a bottle lying on the ground near the injured boy.
"When I first saw the two boys they were about one or two meters from
"the truck.
"I do not know what speed the car was travelling; but it was not slow
"and not quick.
"I do not know what was in the bottle lying on the ground near the
"injured boy. (Signed)
"The car seemed under control when it approached the scene of the
"accident.
"I did not see the car deviate either left or right as it approached
"the two boys.
"The injured boy was lying on the ground about 4 or 5 meters behind
"the truck when it stopped after the accident.

This has been translated to me and I agree that this is a
true and accurate translation of my evidence and answers to questions.

(Signed)

Recalled :

In answer to question by Court:

"I did not recognise the person driving the Central Committee truck.

(Signed)

FOURTH WITNESS:

FILIPIC MARCO, No 25109; age 34, Yugoslav refugee, ElShah

Camp states:

"At about 18:00 hrs on the 28th Feb 1946, I was sitting just inside
 "the tent used as a reading room looking out of the door, when I
 "saw a car approaching me, and hanging on to the front of the
 "car was a man. The car continued, and the man appeared to be
 "attempting to hold on to the radiator for 2 or 3 metres. He then
 "appeared to fall and was run over by the car. A crowd immediately
 "began to shout and I ran towards the injured man. Seeing that he
 "was badly injured, I ran to the car which was standing about ten
 "metres away, to arrange the cushions in the back of the truck in
 "which to transport him to the hospital. I asked for a driver to
 "back the car to the injured man, but in the meantime he was carried
 "to the car by members of the crowd. With about five other refugees
 "I accompanied the injured man to the hospital."

Questioned by Court:

"The car was travelling moderately fast when I first saw it.
 "The driver did not appear to be trying to stop the truck when I
 "noticed the man clinging to the front of the car. (Signed)
 "The car appeared to travel about 10 to 15 metres after I had first
 "seen the boy hanging on to the car.
 "The wheels of the truck passed over the body of the injured boy.
 "The right wheels passed over the body.
 "I did not recognise the driver of the truck.
 "I did not see who drove the truck to the hospital.
 "I did not see a bottle near the scene of the accident.
 "I was sitting between 20 to 30 metres from the scene of the accident.

 This has been translated to me and I agree that this
 is a true and accurate translation of my evidence and answers to questions

(Signed)

FIFTH WITNESS:

GALOVIC FILIP, No 30786, age 27, Yugoslav Refugee El Shatt
Camp states:

"At about 17:30 hrs on the 28th Feb 1946, I was sitting outside the
"reading tent in Block 4 Camp 1, I saw a truck approaching, then I
"looked away and a moment later on hearing shouts I looked back and
"saw a body underneath the wheels of a truck, the truck carried on
"for some metres and I ran to where the boy was lying on the ground.
"I assisted in lifting the boy into the truck which transported him
"to the hospital.

Questioned by Court:

"I did not recognise the driver of the truck.
"The distance from the tent where I was sitting was 26 to 30 metres
"from the scene of the accident.
"I did not see any boys near the block Committee tent when the car
"was approaching.
"The right wheels of the truck passed over the boy.
"I do not remember the exact distance at which the truck stopped from
"the injured boy on the ground.
"I did not pay attention to the speed of the car as it approached the
"first time I saw it. (Signed)
"I did not see which driver took the truck with the injured boy to
"the hospital.
"I had been sitting in front of the reading tent for about one hour
"I did not see this car or a similar one leave the block Committee
"tent a few minutes before the accident happened.
"

This has been translated to me, and I agree that this is a
true and accurate translation of my evidence and answers to questions.

(Signed)

SIXTH WITNESS:

CUBRIC VICE No 43876, age 24, Yugoslav refugee, El Shatt

Camp states:

"On the evening of Feb 28th 1946 I was standing outside the guard's
 "tent in Block 4 Camp 1 with MUSULIN LUKA and other friends. I saw
 "the Central Committee truck drive up to the block 4 Committee tent
 "and stop. The driver KRILIC MARE left the truck and entered the
 "Committee tent. MUSULIN LUKA left me and sat in the driving seat of
 "the truck. He revved up the engine and may have moved the car a short
 "distance when KRILIC MARE came out of the tent and sat in the passenger's
 "seat of the truck. He drove the truck past the guards tent ~~xxxx~~
 "towards the kitchen. A few minutes later I saw the car returning,
 "it came towards the guard's tent and turned left towards the
 "Committee tent. Just after the truck had passed me I saw somebody
 "in front of it who appeared to be undecided what to do. The car
 "struck this person and passed over him. The truck carried on some
 "metres and I ran to the aid of the injured person. A crowd gathered
 "round and one person produced some water which revived the injured
 "boy, who was then placed in the truck and taken to the camp hospital

(Signed)

Questioned by Court:

"I did not notice who was driving the truck at the time of the
 "accident.
 "The car was travelling at a moderate speed when it passed me prior
 "to the accident.
 "When I first saw the boy he was about 2 or 3 metres in front of the
 "car.
 "I do not know if the driver tried to stop or not when he saw the
 "boy in front, as I was behind the car.
 "I was not surprised when I saw MUSULIN LUKA get into the car and
 "drive it, but I have never seen him drive before.
 "MUSULIN did not say anything to me on entering the car.
 "I saw only one boy near the car.

Questioned by the FIRST WITNESS:

"I was not directly behind the car, so I could see the boy in front
 "of it.

Questioned by the Court:

"I was standing 20 to 25 metres from the scene of the accident.

 This has been translated to me and I agree that this is
 a true and accurate translation of my evidence and answers to questions.
 (Signed)

SEVENTH WITNESS:

GEORGE DUSMANOVIC, age 16 years, Yugoslav refugee

El Shatt Camp states:

"At about 17:30 hrs on 28th Feb 1946, I was walking with my friend
 "Michael proceeding from my tent to the kitchen No 4 and when at
 "a point between the flag staff and the guard's tent I saw a truck
 "approaching from the direction of the kitchen 4. To avoid being
 "run over I ran towards the guards tent. My friend was on my right
 "and ran forward towards tent 34. I saw the car strike my friend.
 "The two right wheels of the car passed over him. The car carried
 "on for about 8 metres before stopping just in front of the reading
 "tent. I went at once to the injured boy. Some Yugoslav brought
 "water and I bathed his face. I assisted two or three other
 "persons to lift him into the truck and accompanied him to the
 "Camp hospital.

Questioned by Court:

"The car as it approached from the kitchen was travelling fast. It
 "turned the corner at the same speed.

"I ran towards the guard's tent before the car started to turn the
 "corner.

"The car turned the corner very sharply.

"I saw that the driver was a boy but I did not recognise him.

"I would not recognise the driver if I saw him again. (Signed)

"I work at the garage of the camp.

"At the moment of the accident I should not have recognised the
 "driver if he had been a regular driver of the Camp Transport.

"There was many people in the place where the accident took place,
 "as they were returning from the evening meal.

"The people were scattered all over the place.

"My friend and myself were the only people directly in the path of
 "the car, I did not see anybody else run away to avoid the car.

"The car was just approaching the corner when my friend and I
 "separated.

"My friend was standing near the tent ropes of tent 34 when the car
 "car first struck him. It carried him for ~~xxx~~^{one} or ~~xxxx~~^{two} metres
 "before the right wheels passed over him.

"The left front mud guard struck the boy first and threw him about
 "one metre, he tried to rise but when nearly up, was struck again
 "by the right side of bumper which threw him about 2 metres, he
 "tried again to get up but was run over by the right wheels of the
 "truck.

(Signed)

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SEVENTH WITNESS, Continued:

This has been translated to me and I agree that this is a true and accurate translation of my evidence and answers to questions.

(Signed)

EIGHTH WITNESS:

Mr JACK BROWN, i/c Transport El Shatt Camp states:

"I am in charge of transport and all transport is allocated by me;
 "The Central Committee truck (No 200) is a standing allocation.
 "The assigned driver of this vehicle is KRILIC MARE, and no other
 "person has authority to drive it, in accordance with transport
 "Standing Orders.

Questioned by the Court:

"MUSULIN LUKA has had no driving instruction ~~xxxxxx~~ through my
 "transport office since I became i/c transport allocation in
 "October 1945.
 "All assigned drivers are aware of transport regulations which f
 "forbid any unauthorised person to drive an UNRRA vehicle.
 "A person seated in the passenger seat could if he desired stop
 "the truck by switching off the ignition. This could be done more
 "quickly by applying also the hand brake. (Signed)
 "When an assigned driver is trained, he is taught to switch off th
 "the engine when leaving the truck unattended.
 "Immediately after an accident the assigned driver must report
 "the occurrence to transport officer; this is according to transport
 "instructions.
 "On Feb 28th 1946 the assigned driver was KRILIC MARE. She has
 "not yet reported the accident to me.
 "On Feb 28th the car was not returned to transport section, but
 "was collected on the following day from the Central Committee
 "building by transport section personnel.
 "On arrival at transport section the car was immediately inspect^{ed}
 "for any apparent damage and operational efficiency. It was
 "undamaged and found to be in perfect working order in all
 "respects.
 "It has never been previously reported to me that an unauthorised
 "person has driven the Central Committee truck, but I myself
 "have seen unauthorised persons driving it on several occasions.

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EIGHTH WITNESS Continued:

"On each of these occasions I have personally warned KRILIC MARE
 "that she is the only person authorised to drive this truck, and
 "that she must refuse permission to all ^{other} persons to drive it.
 "I do not know if at the time of the accident the Central Committee
 "truck was on official duty. (Signed)

NINTH WITNESS:

CUITANOVIC JORE, No 31763, Yugoslav refugee, El Shatt
 Camp, age 33, states:

"I am a member of the Central Committee and responsible to them
 "for detailing of transport.

Questioned by Court:

"At about 17:30 hrs on Feb 28th 1946, the president of block 4
 "Committee requested me to send a parcel to Block 4 Committee tent
 "in Camp 1. I authorised KRILIC MARE to take this parcel in truck
 "No 200
 "Only KRILIC MARE is authorised by the Central Committee to drive
 "their car.
 "To my knowledge no other person has driven this car.
 "MUSULIN LUKA has no permission from the Central Committee to drive
 "or learn to drive their truck.
 "KRILIC MARE has been driving the Central Committee truck for about
 "three months
 "After delivering the parcel to Block 4 KRILIC MARE had to return
 "to Central Committee building (Signed)
 "The accident was reported to me at about 6 o'clock by KRILIC MARE
 "who was then escorted to her tent suffering from nervous shock.
 "It was reported to the Camp Director the following morning.

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 true and accurate translation of my evidence and answers to questions.
 (Signed)

WITNESS NO 2:

KRILIC MARE, No 36823, 22 years of age, Yugoslav refugee
 El Shatt Camp ~~xxxxxx~~

" Questioned by the Court:

"At about 5:30 on Feb 28th 1946 I was detailed by the Central
 "Committee to take a parcel to the Block Committee in Area 1, in
 "UNRRA truck No 200.

"On arriving I stopped the truck and left it with its engine
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WITNESS NO 2, Continued,

"running whilst I entered the committee tent.

"I stayed just long enough to deliver the parcel)

"When I came out MUSULIN LUKA was sitting in the driver's seat of the truck, which was slightly on the move.

"I opened the passenger door and jumped in.

"We drove away in the direction of kitchen No 4.

"I told MUSULIN LUKA to stop the car, that he should not be driving the car, but he did not reply.

"When he did not stop I told him to drive slowly which he did.

"He drove the truck round kitchen 4, and returned in the direction of Block Committee tent.

"I told him to go to the Central Committee but he replied that he had not dined, and continued in the direction of Block Committee. (Signed)

"As the truck approached the guard's tent the speed was about 12 to 15 miles per hour.

"The speed of the truck was reduced by the driver applying foot brake, as we rounded the corner to approach the Committee tent.

"Just after turning the corner, I saw somebody run directly in the path of the car, who appeared confused, as if not knowing which way to turn.

"The car was travelling slowly at this moment and straight on.

"The boy disappeared from my view and immediately afterwards the car bumped as if passing over something.

"When I first saw a boy in front of the car, he was coming from the right.

"The truck did not take the corner sharply, and kept to the centre of the track.

"After I felt the bump, the car went on for about 4 or 5 metres.

"The driver did not apply the brakes immediately, when I saw the boy in front of the car, but I grasped the hand brake, and as I applied it, felt a bump.

"I jumped out of the car whilst it was still in motion, and saw an injured boy on the ground 4 or 5 metres behind. Some people picked him up, put him in the car, and I drove it to the Camp hospital.

"I have never known MUSULIN LUKA drive the Committee truck before.

"I have never given permission to anybody to drive the Committee truck but on occasions other people have driven it against which I have protested.

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SECOND WITNESS continued:

"I have never known any other person give permission to drive this car.

"Mr BROWN i/c transport has told me on several occasions not to allow other people to drive the truck.

"After telling MUSULIN LUKA to stop, I did not, myself, try to stop it;

"The only person connected with the Central Committee I have known drive the truck, is Mr CUITANOVIC JURE, who is in charge of detailing journeys for this truck.

"I have been driving cars in El Shatt Camps for about 10 months regularly.

"The car did not stop between the time M LUKA commenced to drive it and the time of the accident.

"I did not know if MUSULIN LUKA was able to drive a car or not.

"I did not see or feel the car strike anything before I felt the wheels pass over something. (Signed)

This has been translated to me and I agree that this is a true and accurate translation of the answers to questions put to me.

(Signed)

FIRST WITNESS, recalled,

MUSULIN LUKA, in answer to questions:

"I started to walk from the guard's tent towards the truck No 200 only after it had stopped before the COMMITTEE tent.

"My driving instruction was obtained from Camp Transport about two years ago. I received instruction for about six days. Since then my experience has been limited to the few occasions when I have asked and been permitted by various drivers to drive their truck.

"I have never been an official driver of any truck.

(Signed by interpreter)

(Signed by witness)

TENTH WITNESS:

Dr SIEGFRIED BEER, medical officer El Shatt Camps states:

"At about 17:45 hrs on 28th Feb 1946 I was called by a boy who informed me that a boy had been run over by a truck. I went to the hospital where I found a boy lying on a stretcher/Nobody present could tell me what actually happened. On examining the injured boy I could not find any external signs of injury. The patient was semi-conscious and bleeding had taken place from the mouth and nose. During my examination he spat blood a few times. His breathing was laboured and his pulse was weak but regular. The chest examination

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TENTH WITNESS, Continued:

"showed no indication of lung collapse. The heart action was weakened
 "I could not determine any fracture of ribs. The abdomen was soft. In
 "view of his decreasing consciousness, I could not proceed to examine
 "the active movement of his limbs, and the passive were free. I concl-
 "uded that it was probably a matter of traumatic lesion of lungs. I
 "thought of an eventual lesion of spine. I ordered his immediate ~~re~~
 "removal to the 13th General Hospital, Suez. He left the hospital by
 "ambulance accompanied (Signed) by a Greek nurse. At the time of his
 "transfer to 13th General Hospital his identity had not been establish^{ed}

Questioned by Court:

"The patient was in life during the whole of my examination.
 "The patient was given heart stimulants before leaving the Camp
 "Hospital, and the nurse who accompanied him was provided with syringe
 "and stimulants."

(Signed)

President of the Court: *L. C. George*
 Member of the Court: *W. C. Catlin*

CENTRALNOM ODBORU ZBJEGA IZ JUGOSLAVIJE

U EL SHATTU

Mi nize potpisani potvrđujemo da smo primili 300 /Tristo/
E.L.egipatskih lira od Centralnog Odbora iz Jugoslavije u El
Shattu dne 7 marta 1946 kao potpuno nadoknadu za poginulog
sina.

Mi izjavljujemo pred dolje potpisanim svjedocima da necemo
traziti nikakvu daljuju odstetu niti poduzeti sudbeni postupak
protiv bilo koje privatne osobe ^{ili tijela} ili jugoslavenskih Vlasti u
vezi smrti naseg sina Mihaila Kondoudes.

EL SHattt 7 III 1946

Potpisani roditelji:

Potpisani:

Svjedoci:

1.

2.

3.

4.

1.Otac:

2.Majka:

L. Korovitch
Ep Korovitch
C. Piperay
M. K. K. K.

FINDINGS OF THE COURT:

After reading the witness's evidence, the Court finds:

1. CAUSE OF ACCIDENT:

- a/ At the time of the accident the truck was being driven at too great a speed considering the surroundings.
- b/ The inexperience of the driver, who failed to keep the vehicle under control.

2. NEGLIGENCE:

- a/ On the part of MUSULIN LUKA for failing to slow sufficiently on negotiating a corner.
- b/ On the part of KRILIC MARIA for failing to stop the engine on leaving the car unattended, thereby making it easy for any person to drive the truck away whether or not he knew, on a strange car, where the ignition switch and the starter were located.
- c/ On the part of KRILIC MARIA for failing to prevent an unauthorised driver from continuing to drive the truck after she had told him to stop.

3. RESPONSIBILITY:

- a/ Primary, MUSULIN LUKA.
- b/ To a lesser extent, KRILIC MARIA.

Signature L. C. George.....

Signature M. Callan.....

Signature M. Montiel.....

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Signature.....*J. C. George*.....

Signature.....*P. H. Callahan*.....

Signature.....*J. J. Laramie*.....

Signature.....

UNRRA Camps, El Shatt
6th March 1946

To: Chief of M E O,
Cairo

Dear Sir

Herewith please find attached copy of proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at El Shatt Camps on 2nd, 3rd & 4th of March 1946, to inquire into the circumstances of an accident in El Shatt Camp, on 28th Feb. 1946, involving UNRRA vehicle No.200 and resulting in the death of Michael KONDOUES, aged 16, Greek refugee of this camp.

MUSULIN LUKA was present during the whole of the proceedings, and was given the opportunity of questioning the witnesses.

KRILIC MARE, witness No.2 was indisposed, therefore the Court visited her tent and obtained her statement in the form of answers to questions put to her by members of the Court.

The Central Committee building mentioned in the evidence is situated about half a mile from the Bolck Committee tent near which was the scene of the accident.

The path of the car as shown on sketch plan (Appendix C) was on a sand track between tent lines.

Witnesses were on oath and statements were given in Serbo-Croatian and Greek, and translated by qualified interpreters (Certificate attached) to the Court.

cc to Egyptian Authorities
cc to Greek legation, Cairo.

Enclosures: 1/ Findings of Court
2/ Appendices
3/ Witnesses statements (12 pages)

APPENDICES

- A. Death Certificate, 13th General Hospital.
- B. Death Certificate, Camp Hospital.
- C. Sketch plan, scene of accident.
- D. Certificate of interpreter, G BATINIC.
- E. Certificate of interpreter, C KAPNIAS.
- F. Copy of order convening Court of Inquiry.

SUBJECT:- Court of Enquiry into the death of
Mihail KONDIOUES - FOL215082

UNRRA Camps El-Shatt
1 March 1946
Reference:- 1/10/964

O:- President
Members
Attendants
Interpreters

A Court of Enquiry composed as under will assemble at H.Q. Welfare Office on Saturday 2 March 1946 at 09.00 hrs. to inquire into the circumstances in which a Greek national, a refugee member of UNRRA Camps El-Shatt, FOL215082 Mihail KONDIOUES, 16 years old, male, hometown Hora/Chios met his death in the night of Thursday 28 February in El-Shatt UNRRA Refugee Camp.

President:- F.C. George

Members:- Capt. F. Fiske
Mr. McCallum
Karamitros
Steimbak

Attendants:- Piperos
E. Tedeschi

Interpreters:- ~~Theofanides~~ *Mrs. KAPNIA*
G. Battenic

Attached A.F. A2 for use of President.

The President will warn all relevant witnesses, attendants and interpreters to attend in pursuant to this order.

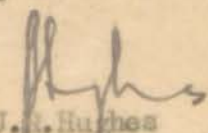
Evidence will be recorded and submitted to this H.Q. not later than Tuesday, 5 March 1946.

Each record of proceeding to be endorsed by the President and one member.

Certificates of competency will be signed by each interpreter, detailing language interpreted (Forms attached). These will be endorsed by the President and a member.

The Court will record its opinion:-

- 1) As to the cause of the accident
- 2) Negligence
- 3) Person or persons responsible
- 4) will call for and list as an Appendix all exhibits, documents and compensatory claims.


J. A. Hughes
Director

Address : Unra Camp El Shatt
Date: 2nd March 1946

I certify that I am an interpreter of the Greek and
English languages, qualified to make both oral and written translations
between these languages, and that this translation of Statements given
in Court of Enquiry ^{spoken} ~~written~~ in the Greek language, into
the English language, is a true and faithful translation thereof.

Signed: Kapnias
(C. KAPNIAS)
Unra

Sworn to before me, a ~~commissioned~~ officer of the
~~Armed Forces on this date at~~ Camp.

Signed: LC George
Title:
Date: 2nd March 1946

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Address : Uhrva Camp El Shatt

Date: 2nd March 1946

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Signed: G. Batintic
(G. BATINTIC)

UNRRA

Sworn to before me, a commissioned officer of the

~~Armed Forces on this date at~~ Camp

Signed: J. George

Title:

Date: 2 March 1946

YUGO-Slav REFUGEE CAMP HOSPITAL
EL SHATT

(To be completed in BLOCK CAPITALS)

SURNAME

CHRISTIAN NAME

NUMBER

Trancessious

Surgeon
Urgent
for Admission

SEX

AGE

RELIGION

CAMP No.

M.

DIAGNOSIS:-

Injury to chest

MEDICAL NOTES.

Knocked down by a car
at 6 P.M.

Stricken

Dead on arrival at 13. Gen. Hosp.

18.2.46

19:0 hrs

W. H. Brown
Capt. R.A.M.C.

B
Le soussigne, apres l'avoir examine, certifie que:

Le nomme *KOONDOUDI MIAHAIL*

● Le sexe *M* ne en date du age de *18*

Nationalite *GREEK* Religion *ORTHODOX*

De passage, venant de

Est decede de (maladie) *Knocked down by car*

a l'heure *1900* en date du *28-11-46*


a (ville et habitation) *EL SHATT REFUGEE CAMP*

duree de la maladie *Injury to Chest - Internal bleeding*

Date *1-11-46*

Stuckney
.....
Signature du medecin traitant

LEGEND


1.  TRUCK NO 200

2. • FLAG POLE.

3. x DEAN VICE SAT HERE

4. x FILIPIC MARKO SAT HERE

5. x GALOVIC FILIP " "

6.  DOUSMANOVIC'S PATH

x HE STOOD AT x and
WITNESSED ACCIDENT

7.  KONDOULES PATH

x HE STOOD at x according
to Dousmanovic's evidence

8. } Corner tent pegs of GUARD Tent

9. } and Tent 34, i.e. BOUNDARIES OF TRACKS.

10. x marks spot where MUSULIN LUKA
SAYS he saw arm clutching bottle.

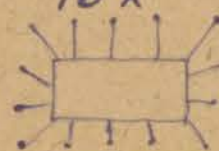
11. x Tent peg (used for measurements only)

12. x } Dousmanovic first saw Truck at 13 from here

13. x }

14. x Two WITNESSES SAY TRUCK STOPPED HERE

15. x Dousmanovic says truck stopped here
16. x " " body LAYED HERE



TENTS, SHOWING ropes and pegs.

Path of truck No. 200.

MEASUREMENTS

8 to 9 — 22 feet

12 - 8 " 27 "

13 - 8 " 36 "

9 - 10 " 24 "

10 - 11 " 10 "

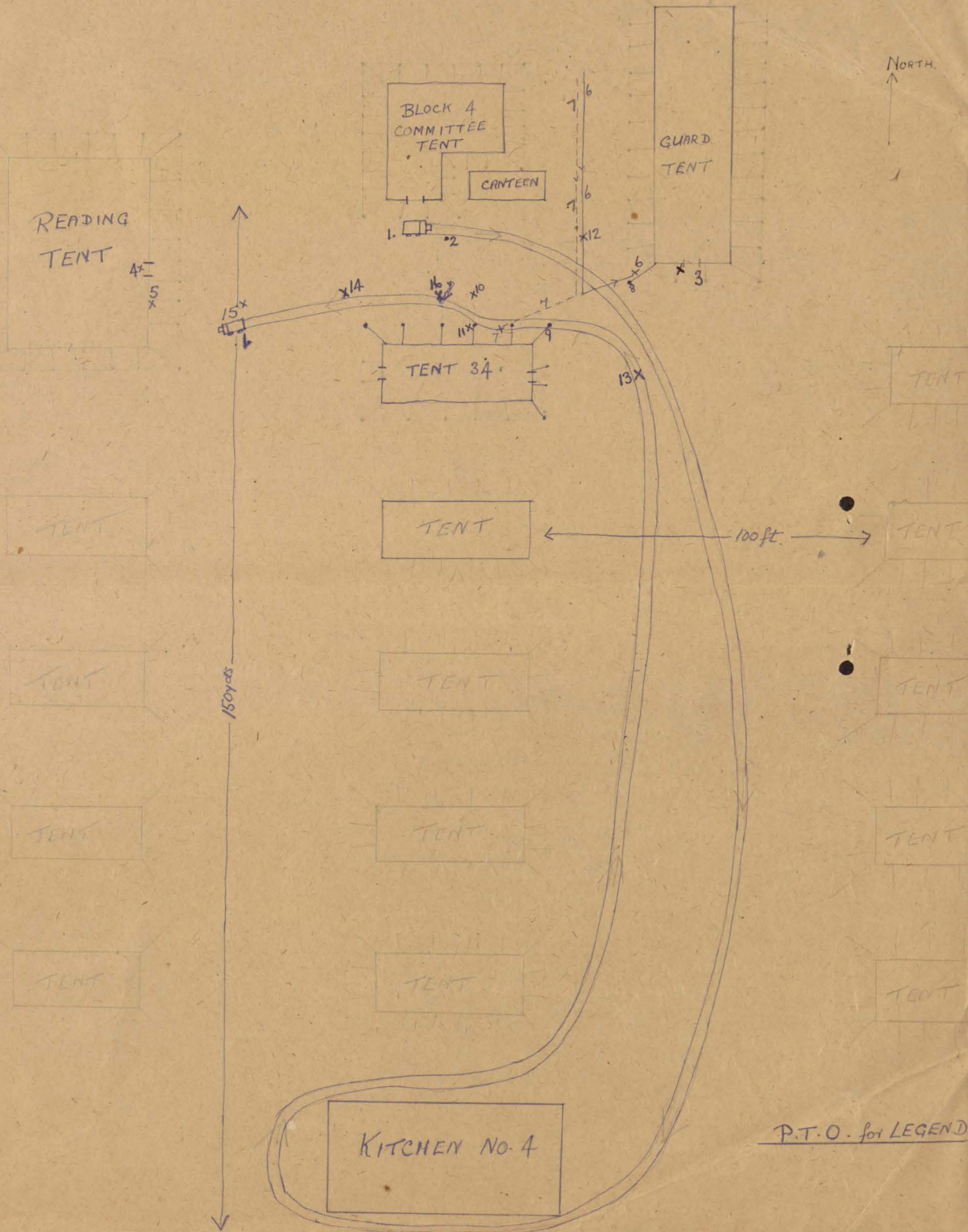
2 - 11 " 35 "

6 - 11 " 40 "

16 - 14 " 16 "

16 - 15 " 30 "

PLAN OF AREA OF ACCIDENT



CM/5/2

Deputy Chief of MEO.,
Bureau of Finance &
Administration.

Reference attached Memorandum of Mr. Smith's.

2. The Supply Division at the present time is in the process of declaring to London all surplus property and equipment. It is not believed, therefore, that any property should be turned back to the Army until such time as London has given us disposition instructions. However, any supplies that are required by either this Office or El Shatt should be withdrawn from heavy stores and used.

3. The answer to Paragraph 3 is obvious. If use can be made in the Camps of rugby balls they should be withdrawn.

4. Reference Paragraph 4. I approve of the issue of these supplies to the refugees. I believe the greatest value can be derived from this procedure.

5. The same applies to Paragraph 5.

6. Paragraph 6 is not clear. Request you further clarify this.

(H.T. Morris.)
Senior Deputy Chief M.E.O.,

25th February, 1946.

Minutes

Ref. FA.206-9.

CM/512

Chief of Middle
East Office.

Copy to:
Deputy Chief of
MEO, Bureau of
R. & S.

Attached is copy of a ^{returned} _{pre 26/2}
memorandum dated 19th February, 1946,
from Chief Accountant, concerning the
inventory of the El Shatt Warehouse.

2. May your direction please be
given.

R. R. Livingstone

(R.R. Livingstone)
Deputy Chief of MEO,
Bureau of Finance & Administration

20th February, 1946.

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

1896

*Per Mr. Morris
for decision
22-2-46*

Original sent
Bur. of Service
Copy sent
Bur. of Service
to 22/2

CH 15/2.

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EL SHATT CAMP, M.E.P.

14th February, 1946.

Subject: Report 21 Dec 45 - 20 Jan 46

To: Chief, M.E.P.,

Attention: Reports Officer.

Attached please find a report and enclosures, following on that sent with my No 19/4 of 7th February, 1946.

This brings the local chronicle up to date.

[Signature]

F.H. Rogers,
Assistant Director,
For Director El Shatt.

Encls.: Nominal Roll (Div. A Mil.) — sent RRL 22/2

Report by F.H.O.

"	"	Matron
"	"	Sen. Sen. Engineer
"	"	Welfare Workers (2)
"	"	Nutritionist
"	"	Director of Operations
"	"	Transport Supervisor
"	"	Area Managers III & VI (2)
"	"	Repatriation Officer.

Bur. of Service

sent RRL 22/2.

Bur. of Service

Subject: Report 21 December 1945 - 20 January 1946

El Shatt Camp.

12th February, 1946

To: Chief, E.F.O.,

Attention: Reports Officer.

A. CAMP CENSUS - as at 21st December 1945.

	<u>Yugoslavs</u>	<u>Greeks</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>Total</u>
21/12/1946	7,710	451	151	8,312
Intakes	17	12,108	-	1,125
Flights	2,056	142	119	2,317
In Camp at 20 Jan 46	5,571	1,417	32	7,120

B. DIVISIONAL REPORTS

a. Administration & Finance

General

The settling-in of an Intake of about 1,000 Greeks has taken up much time; but all the various difficulties are being resolved. Adjustments as between them and Yugoslavs, notably in regard to baking, have needed careful handling, and no little tact is required to avoid undue excitement over quite trivial matters.

Personnel

Mr. Lee C. Poole, vacated the Post of Assistant Director on the 16th January, 1946, and was succeeded by Mr. P.H. Rogers. There were no other changes of importance.

A Nominal Roll, as at 31st January, 1946, is attached.

Finance

That the Financial Department at El Shatt is an important service is shown by the fact that a turnover of about L.E. 20,000 occurs monthly. In December transactions were:-

Main Account. Payments totalled L.E. 9,239 and consisted of Family Allowances (L.E. 4,520), Wages of Native Labour (L.E. 1,526), and other items such as Greek Wages, Travel Claims, Messing Fees, etc.

Trust Funds. These involved about L.E. 800. The money is collected from Refugees and deposited in Barclays Bank, Suez. A cheque is then drawn on the Trust Funds account and sent to the Travel Agency in Cairo. These transactions involve much correspondence.

Refugee Remittances. About 160 persons had a total of L.E. 3,300 paid to them, either on instructions from HEO or as a result of drafts sent to them from outside sources and collected through Banks.

Exchange of Foreign Currency. A great variety of foreign currency is brought in by Refugees and exchange is effected for them through the Army Cashier at Port Tewfik. The last Greek intake brought about £400 in cash and £3,000 in cheques.

Petty Cash. L.E.1,000 is held and is used mainly as an Accommodation Fund, as much as £300-400 being involved in a single day. In addition, cheques amounting to about L.E.2,000 from HRO were cashed and paid out as Salaries and L.E. 4. Allowances.

Special Welfare Fund. About L.E.60 was spent by welfare Officers on repatriating Refugees, sports equipment and special items of relief.

Yugoslav Camp Cashier. Payments through this Officer to Refugees for the period under review, have amounted to:

Remittances from outside sources, through Banks	L.E. 1070
" by cheques or money orders	" 88
	<u>L.E. 1158</u>

b) Medical

The P.M.O.'s own report is attached.

General Health - Good, with reduced incidence of dysentery.

Hospital

Hospital Census at 20th January, 1946 -	88
Camp Census " " " " -	7,120

On arrival of the Greeks from East Africa, 22 were immediately admitted with malaria and there have been constant admissions since.

Nursing

A detailed report by the Matron is attached.

4 valuable Yugoslav Red Cross Nursing Aides have just been repatriated, one of whom had worked since January 1944. Only 3 Greek Aides have so far offered their services.

Systematic instruction is now no longer possible. The reasons for this are repatriation of interpreters, absence of instructors (8) on flight duty, and the impracticability of keeping back bolnicarki for completion of courses.

Clinics and M.I. Room

The Greeks have a high incidence of skin infections.

Camp I

Changes in staff-personnel are numerous, mainly on account of flights. One result is reduction in systematic teaching in classes. Clinic attendances went up by 100% when the East-African Greeks arrived.

Camp III

Examinations and immunisations for two flights of 800 each were carried out. The clinic here has been consolidated and made more attractive.

Diets and Kitchens

The Feeding Organisation deals with: