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DISPLACED PERSONS OPERATIONS (ITALY)


8 May 1947

Field D.P. Officer, Bari

D.P. Operations, Welfare Services Division

Validity continuance of soggiornos.

1. Relative to your memo dated May 3rd, 1947, of even subject we must inform you that, generally speaking, there is no impediment to repatriation to Austria.
2. We wish to advise you that UNRRA cannot grant certificates, mentioned in para 2 of your a/q letter, unless each individual case is carefully examined and the justifiable impediment found.
3. We would suggest that these cases be examined carefully and that where there is any question or doubt relative to repatriation the case be referred to this HQ Repatriation & Resettlement Division.



Vernon F. Shook,
DIRECTOR,
WELFARE SERVICES DIVISION

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cc: Sorieri & Varrichione.
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TO : CHIEF REGISTRATION AND REPATRIATION BRANCH

FROM : RICHARD BLACKBURN, WELFARE OFFICER

SUBJECT : Repatriation to Austria.

8 Feb.

Met the escort party for the journey from Naples to Vienna composed of Miss Warner, repatriation officer and Nurse Huysman from the UNRRA Austrian Mission, Mr. Byrne who had formerly accompanied a group from China and Mr. Lowy of Italy Mission.

Contacted Capt. Waghorn and Mr. Scotti who were making the arrangements for disembarkation at the Naples Docks. We met the "Marine Falcon" by towboat and contacted the crew and Mr. Roe and Mr. Kornfeld, UNRRA escort officers on board. The 758 repatriates were arranged in groups to load in the wagons previously placed on dockside. After arranging with the group leaders, the people went directly to the cars. Due to the excess baggage extra cars had to be added and the No. previously planned for the cars was increased. The train was made in two sections, Mr. Lowy and I in the first group along with Nurse Huysman, Mr. Roe and Mr. Kornfeld. Mr. Byrne and Miss Warner came in second section with the remaining groups and extra baggage.

A warm meal was given before leaving Naples. Palliasses, blankets, fuel and rations were placed in each car before departing. The confusion in departing made it difficult to check the exact No. present when departing. The No. averaged 17 persons per car. Six were hospitalized in Naples.

9 Feb.

Left Naples docks 0145 hrs. with 51 D.P. cars and 23 baggage cars in 2 sections. Arrived Rome 1415 hrs. Hot tea was provided by Cinecitta' camp. along with wood and 70 blankets were added. The confusion in Naples made for an unequal distribution of supplies which created many complaints along the journey. Arrived Tiburtina Station 1835 hrs. after trying to put the group more in order.

10 Feb. Arrived Rimini 1145 hrs. Phoned from the R.T.O. to Bologna Red Cross to prepare hot tea or sandwiches on arrival. Arrived Bologna 1600 hrs. in a heavy rainfall. Contacted the Italian Red Cross and found they hadn't enough available hot water for the entire group, and no food was available.

UNRRA Milan had sent an ambulance but the sick were able to continue the journey. I tried to get a count of the people in the rain and made it 581. Lv. Bologna 1830 hrs. Arriv. Padova 2230 hrs. Lv. Padova 2245 hrs.

11 Feb.

Arrived Udine 0600 hrs. An army officer from the Udine camp met us at the Station and said nothing was available for the people. Lv. Udine 0830 hrs. Arrived Tarvisio border 1600 hrs. Met by British and Italian officials for documentation. Took another count of the people and most accurate check made 596. Cabled Rome HQ arrived safely and would await next train in Villach.

Mr. Byrne arrived before all refugee documents were checked. Nothing was available for people. Lv. Tarvisio 0130 hrs.

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12 Feb. Arrived Villach 0600 hrs. We were met at station by Mrs. Cameron, welfare officer. D.P.s. were given hot soup and sandwiches by Austrian Red Cross. Mrs. Cameron was very kind in taking Miss Huysman and I to the UNRRA mess for an excellent breakfast. The group received their passes for the Russian zone of Austria. Mr. Kornfeld accompanied Mr. Byrne with the baggage train. They preceded our train as Mr. Byrne had an interpreter for the Russian zone. Lv. Villach 1830 hrs.

13 Feb. Arrived Mürzzuschlag 0615 hrs. Repatriation were given hot soup and bread by Austrian Red Cross. Lv. Mürzzuschlag 0830 hrs. proceeding to Russian zone. Due to the intense snow only about 3 of the cars were inspected by the Russian officials. After 20 minutes proceeded to Vienna arriving Vienna station 1517 hrs. We were met by Col. Miller and Mrs. West of the UNRRA Austria Mission and representatives of A.J.D.C. The entire group were again fed at the station and were taken over by A.J.D.C. We were unable to account for the exact No. that arrived as Mr. Byrne hadn't the exact count on train 2. Before arriving Vienna, the UNRRA supplies of blankets, palliasses, carbide lights, etc., were collected for the return trip.

14 Feb. After one day in Vienna, I returned with 45 cars of the train and supplies to Lecce for a Milan movement in the closing of southern camps.

15 Feb. Spent in return trip to Lecce, South Italy. Arrived 0600 hrs.
20 Feb., Lecce. Mr. Chase, Group Welfare Officer, met me at the Station.

The train was immediately put in order for the Milan journey.

Comments:

Most of the journey was successful. In encountering cold weather and intense snow extra problems developed in keeping the group content. Most of the problems existed in Naples in the fact there was too much excessive baggage for the No. of cars on hand. The rations that were put in the HQ car were distributed enroute. Some claimed they didn't receive the 2 boxes.

We bid the group good-bye, wishing them all success as they resume life anew in beautiful Austria.

Richard BLACKBURN
Welfare Officer
Mennonite Service Unit
8 March 1947.

UNRRA ITALIAN MISSION
DISPLACED PERSONS OPERATIONS
(ITALY)

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27th February 1947

TO : DEPUTY CHIEF,
D.P. OPERATIONS (ITALY)

FROM : DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF REPATRIATION & RESETTLEMENT.

SUBJECT : REPORT ON DISEMBARKATION OF 759 AUSTRIANS EX-CHINA -
SS MARINE FALCON - NAPLES - 8th FEBRUARY 1947 -

1. I am submitting to you the attached letter which, I believe, should be sent to both UNRRA Austria and UNRRA China relative to the above listed disembarkation at Naples and onforwarding from Rome.
2. Special commendation is due Capt. J. Waghorn for expediting in such a satisfactory manner an undoubtedly difficult disembarkation. His handling of the entire situation was, in my estimation, most satisfactory.
3. I would appreciate your approval and recommendations that the two bills attached should be paid under the heading of "Necessary Emergency Expenses".
4. Further commendations should also be extended to Mr. Scotti, other members of the Naples UNRRA Regional Office staff, other UNRRA personnel at that time in Naples, as well as UNRRA personnel at Cine-Citta', who contributed so much to the disembarkation and onforwarding of these Repatriants.

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cc . Repat. & Resett. (2)
Capt. Waghorn
Mr. Shook
Mr. Kerr
Cinecitta' Camp


DISPLACED PERSONS OPERATIONS
(ITALY)

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6th February, 1947.

TO : MR. M. GERMANDOF, WELFARE OFFICER
FROM : D.P. OPERATIONS (ITALY)
SUBJECT : FIELD TRIP TO NAPLES

1. You are hereby instructed to proceed to Naples by road on Friday, the 7th February, and to contact Captain Waghorn as observer for the Division of D.P. Welfare Services on the transference of displaced persons arriving by ship at Naples to railcars for subsequent travel to Vienna.
2. Your duties will be twofold. First and primarily, as observer representing this Division and secondly, to report to Captain Waghorn any emergency welfare services required, as you observe them. If you see the need for such emergency welfare services, you will carry out those agreed between yourself and Captain Waghorn.
3. On completion of the transfer of the displaced persons from the ship to the train and the departure of the train for Vienna, you will proceed with your survey of the hachsharoth and out-of-camps assistance programs in the Naples area and also make arrangements for the closing of the Local Welfare Offices at Salerno and Potenza.
4. You should conclude this trip on or before Wednesday, the 12th February, and on your return to home you will report to me on your observations and activities.


VERNON P. SHOOK
DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF D.P. WELFARE SERVICES

APPROVED:

L. VARRICHIONE,
DEPUTY CHIEF
D.P. OPERATIONS (ITALY)

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Rome,
December 13, 1946

Headquarters Allied Commission
Displaced Persons Division
APC 794.

Attention : Maj. C. Hartman

SUBJECT: Emigration Zlata Kraus.

1. This refers to your letter of December 5, 1946.
2. According to our records, Zlata Kraus nee Gross, Austrian, born October 22, 1918, has been repatriated to Austria from our Geneva Camp on June 19, 1946.
3. In accordance with recent policy established by our European Regional Office, London, concerning unsuccessful attempt of repatriation, persons once repatriated are no longer eligible for UNRRA care.
4. Therefore, we regret to advise that it will not be possible for us to accept the a/m person for UNRRA care.

Sincerely yours

MGERMANDCF/jsh

Louis Varrichione
Louis Varrichione
Director D.P. Division

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17 September 1946

TO: Ministero degli Affari Esteri
Attention: Mr. Gualfo Zamboni

FROM: Registration and Repatriation Branch

SUBJECT: GOLDSCHNEIDER Family - AUSTRIAN NATIONALS -
REPATRIATION TO AUSTRIA.

1. The a/m displaced family consists of the following members :

Margot GOLDSCHNEIDER		
Peter	"	son (2)
Arietta	"	daughter (8)
Michelle	"	" (5)
Jolanda SPRON		mother

2. The a/m are now in Cairo Egypt and desire immediate repatriation to Austria via Italy. They are in possession of Allied Force Permit (Cable GSIB/1368, dated 14 August 1946) which authorizes them to enter Austria by 15 October 1946, and of a statement of the Austrian Government recognizing them as Austrian Nationals.

3. It would be much appreciated if you would grant them permission to transit Italy at your earliest convenience so that their departure can be effected.

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cc: Bureau R.S.
Varrichione File
Mr. H. Hauser,
Repatriation (2)
Reader File

Helen Montgomery
ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION
AND CHIEF, BUREAU OF RELIEF SERVICES