

## UNRRA (EUROPEAN REGION).

DP 5/4/1 -

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DISPLACED PERSONS DIVISION.

SPECIAL UNRRA TEAM FOR MILITARY GARRISON IN BRUSSELS.

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Referred to	Date	Referred to	Date	Referred to	Date
Miss. Gibbons.	10/6.				
Mr. Kettle.	16/4.				
Col Pharley.	26/4				
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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
U. N. R. R. A.

REFERENCE WPW/MV Nr. 218

YOUR REF. ....

18, GRAND'PLACE, BRUSSELS

18th October 1945.

To: E.R.O. London, D.P. Division

From: W.P. Wrathall, Belgian Mission

Subject: DP Centre Chateau Lambert

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As you already know, this Centre is closing down on or before the 5th November 1945.

I have already reported that the work carried out by the UNRRA team under Lt. Col. Wall has been greatly appreciated and I attach herewith a copy of a letter I have today received from the Commander of the Brussels Garrison on the subject.

As soon as the above centre closes down, I understand from Mr. O' Driscoll that the UNRRA team now at Chateau Lambert will be sent forward direct to Spenge and not to Haaren.

*W.P. Wrathall*  
W.W.P. Wrathall  
Chief of Mission

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HQ BRUSSELS GARRISON  
16, rue du Congres  
BRUSSELS

14 October 1945.

To: Chief of Mission,  
UNRRA Mission to Belgium  
18, Grand Place, BRUSSELS

Subject: DP Centre - Chateau Lambert.

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BAOR  
CWMW/FJC

Major  
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HQ BRUSSELS GARRISON

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LWC/DEB

21st July, 1945.

W. P. Wrathall Esq.,  
U.N.R.R.A.,  
Grand Place 18,  
Brussels, Belgium.

Dear Sir,

I am formally acknowledging your letter to D.D.G. Operations, E.R.O. of the 5th July, 1945, now, although appropriate action was taken at once on all the matters you raised.

The question of the Team for the D.P. Camp at Brussels has been dealt with in a separate letter, so I need say no more.

As regards Item 2, the question of Identity papers for teams from Granville was taken up by me with 21st Army Group, and we are assured that this is being remedied.

Item 3 - I understand, is now cleared - I hope to your satisfaction.

As regards Mr. Vandeveld, a cable was sent by Mr. Kettle before his departure confirming his appointment in Holland.

As regards the question of the transfer of Granville, it has been decided to transfer it

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W. P. Wrathall Esq.

21st July, 1945.

and preparations are, as you are aware, under way.  
The necessity of your being kept well advised of  
such moves into your territory is fully appreciated,  
and it will be kept well in mind.

Yours faithfully,

L. W. Charley, Lt. Col.  
Asst. Deputy Director.  
German & Austrian D.P. Ops., Br.



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27th July 1945.

Dear Mr. Wrathall,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th instant and entirely approve of the action you took.

We had given up the idea of sending out a team from London but had already given instructions to Granville asking them to send you a team to direct the camp of Chateau Lambert, Brussels.

If this team reaches Brussels you could, if there is no objection on its part, direct it on to Louvain so that the 21st Army Group will be able to designate it to replace the one that was sent to the above mentioned camp.

I leave the matter to you entirely.

I would be grateful if you would send us the composition of the teams directing the camp as well as any other information regarding this operation.

Could you also send me statistical data of the population of this camp, i.e. breakdown by nationality, age group, sex, etc.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. W.P. Wrathall,  
Chief of the UNRRA Mission  
to Belgium,  
18 Grand' Place, Brussels.

M. Gibbons.  
Assistant Deputy Director General  
Displaced Persons Division.

Reference

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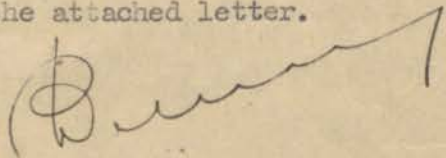
To: Miss Gibbons  
From: A. Delierneux  
17.7.45.

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Re. D.P. Camp - Chateau Lambert -  
Brussels

1. At the request of the Brussels Garrison Military Authorities, UNRRA accepted to run a camp of D.Ps. consisting of alleged British, colonial and American subjects.
2. The Chief of the Mission, Belgium, selected one of the UNRRA teams waiting in the transit centre of Louvain to run the camp. The Director of the team is British.
3. The team is doing a good job.
4. Mr. Wrathall asked if we intended to send a team from the U.K.

I propose sending him the attached letter.



A. Delierneux.



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TO: ~~MIS.~~ Johnston *Miss Gibbons*

FROM: Colonel Charley

Reference attached file all necessary action has been ~~has been~~ taken on Mr. Wrathall's letter and a reply to the same is being sent by me today.

Action taken is as follows:

Para.1: Cable was sent to SHAEF, asking for permission to call forward the team from Granville as it was not possible to recruit the team in London.

Cable was sent to Paterson requesting him to prepare team pending calling-forward order. At my request M.Deliernieux telephoned Mr. Wrathall, telling him what action had been taken and recommending him to contact Paterson and get the Director of the team to Brussels without delay. Meanwhile, however, he had got together a team from personnel on the spot, and it is understood that this team is working very well at the job.

Para.2: I telephoned to 21 Army Group about this question of identity papers and was assured by them that this matter was now being satisfactorily cleared up. *- how?*

Para.3: This matter was dealt with by M.Deliernieux, and as a result all Belgian recruits have been placed on the pay-roll since the 1st July. This clears up the question of letters of appointment which automatically follow.

Para.4: This matter was taken up with Mr. Kettle before his departure and a cable was sent by him confirming Mr. Vandervelt's appointment in Holland.

Para.5: The matter of the transfer from Granville forms

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the subject of a separate letter from Mr. Wrathall  
to which I am replying giving him the present position.

I shall be glad to have this file back at once  
to enable me to send a full report to Mr. Wrathall  
in reply to this letter.

18 July 1945

*Chubb*

18/7/45

Noted - return registry to  
Col. Charley.

*W. K. S. H. H. H. H. H.*

*Spoke Wrathall Linda  
to forward note names.*

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*Edwards*



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TO: COL. CHARLEY.

FROM: MRS. JOHNSON.

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Would you please advise us what action is taken on this file, also let us have copy of report sent to Mr. Wrathall.

JH.  
16/7/45

To Miss Gibbons  
From Schinner

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Summary of the phone conversation  
I had yesterday with Mr. Wrathall

At the request of Colonel Charley I phoned to the Chief of the UNRRA Mission, Belgium to let me know what instructions had been given to Mr. Paterson at Granville to send forward an UNRRA team for the Assembly Centre near Brussels and suggested that he should phone to Granville to ask the Director of the team to come to Brussels at once to put himself at his disposal.

1)

Mr. Wrathall told me that there was already an UNRRA Team in the Assembly Centre - one of those which were waiting at Louvain (transit centre) to proceed to Germany.

The Director of the team is a British Subject. The team had done its job very efficiently.

2) He insisted very strongly that a small amount of <sup>clothing</sup> equipment be sent at once from Granville to Brussels, because he has a lot of trouble with the teams coming through with insufficient equipment, or pieces of equipment which had to be replaced. Each time he had to approach the military authorities to help him out. These authorities were upset because UNRRA could not bear its own responsibilities.

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I have asked Colonel Charley if it is possible to give instructions to Granville to send the clothing equipment asked for to Brussels to be put at the disposal of the Mission.

14/7/45 noted - Col. Charley for action, and written report to Mr Wrathall.



To: Mr. Delierneux  
From: T.T. Scott

This file has been sent to me but should, I imagine, have gone to you. However, since it is here, I should like to make the following observations.

- (a) I don't follow the argument that we cannot send a team to Brussels for this particular job unless it is called forward by SHAEF Main. Surely this is carrying red tape to ridiculous lengths. And it isn't is if we hadn't got enough teams; I was under the impression that we had more already than we could absorb properly.
- (b) I would leave in Brussels the team which Mr. Wrathall already has at work there, so long as it is capable of doing the job and is willing to stay there. I say "if they are willing to stay there" because after all they were formed and trained for Germany and may kick about being held in Brussels. If the whole team or any part of it proves unsuitable, replace it from Granville or from the new Base Depot to be organised at Brussels. The most we need do as regards SHAEF is to tell them we have taken some people from Granville or Louvain or wherever it may be for this particular job. We have so to speak "stolen" one of the teams intended for Germany, for this job, and so we should tell SHAEF accordingly.
- (c) I can't see any need to send a special team from England.

Y.Y.S. *ave.*  
14 July 1945.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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DP 108  
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Spares  
Brussels, 13th July 1945.

To: D.D.G. Operations, E.R.O. London

From: W.P. WRATHALL? Belgian Mission

re: UNRRA team for DP camp at Chateau Lambert  
Brussels

Your cable No. 62 ( Uncle King four four eight one naught) duly received. This confirms Mr. Delierneux' telephone conversation with me yesterday, informing me that a team was being sent up from Granville in order to take over the above camp.

I confirm my previous memo to you of the 10th inst. on this subject, by which I informed you that as the matter was so urgent, I had been forced to send a team from Louvain to take over this camp. By the time the new team arrives in Louvain, I shall be in a position to know whether the team now at Chateau Lambert is going to turn out satisfactorily. If it does, there is really no reason why this team should not continue. However I will decide this matter and whichever team is not retained for the Chateau Lambert camp, will automatically go forward to Germany in the same way as the other teams from Granville.

I mentioned this to Mr. Delierneux and he informed me that the decision would be left in my hands.

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U.N.R.R. (CY.)

*W.P. Wrathall*  
W.P. WRATHALL  
Chief of Mission  
*Right sent by  
DP 108  
No action  
necessary*



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No. DP 108

*Granville*

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NO: ~~20~~ 2

Telegram.

10th July 1945

EN CLAIR

U.S.A.S.

*J. Kettle*

*Mary L. Kettle*

*10/7/45*

*Divisional + Kettle  
Camp Secy*

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~~DET A Normandy Base Section~~  
~~for Paterson Kettle~~  
Despatched

*✓ (1800) M/7*

TO PATERSON DETACHMENT "A" NORMANDY BASE SECTION  
FOR UNRRA, FROM KETTLE.

Commander Brussels Garrison requires UNRRA team of about eight for D.P. Camp Chateau Lambert Brussels housing 209 women and children and about 80 men all ages claiming British, Dominion and U.S. nationalities. Team to be composed of British and American personnel under British Director. Functions, doctor, nurse, welfare, stores, two drivers. Strong-willed, broadminded director necessary. First class team essential. Please prepare pending calling forward order. Urgent.

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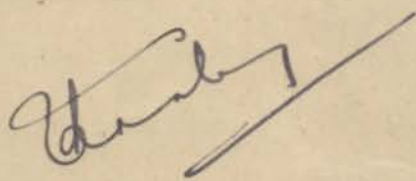
TO: M.Delierreux

FROM: Colonel Charley.

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Reference attached letter from Wrathall which I pass to you herewith, I have taken all the necessary action in regard to paragraphs 1 and 2. ~~Would you deal with the remainder?~~ Would you also please take what action you consider necessary in regard to the other items and return the file to me.

With regard to item 5, I think you already know that it is proposed to move Granville forward, and Brussels has been suggested as an appropriate new location, that is, I believe, as far as the matter has gone.



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*H. Martin*  
Telegram.

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for

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BRUSSELS

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Attention Mr. WRATHALL.

Assembly Centre Team for Brussels to deal  
with alleged British, etc., Displaced  
Persons will be ready in Granville on the  
12th. SHAEF was asked for calling forward  
order. You are requested to expedite the  
issue of such order through SHAEF Belgium.

A. Gueun.  
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*Car Deboe*

Mary L. Gibson  
10/7/45

DP. Divisional + Tibbons  
Kearns  
Martin  
Cabr. Deboe

11 JUL 1945

*WJ*

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

Brussels, 10th July 1945.

To: D.D.G. Operations, E.R.O. London

From: W.P. WRATHALL? Belgian Mission

for the attention of Mr. RHATIGAN or, if away,  
his Deputy

As I reported previously, we have been requested by the Brussels Garrison military authorities to supply an UNRRA team to run a camp of DP's, consisting of alleged British, colonial and American subjects. These DP's are held in Brussels, pending a verification of their claims to the above nationality.

Owing to the fact that the barracks where they are now held are to be vacated on Thursday next, a new site for the DP camp has been obtained at the Chateau Lambert, Drève de Lorraine, Brussels.

I have asked for a team to be sent over from London to run this camp, but was informed by Mr. Rhatigan that as SHAEF Main has not called forward this team, it had been impossible to send one.

*x from  
Hawaii*  
I shall still be glad to hear whether it is your intention to send a team from England as in the meantime, and with the Army's consent, one team under a British director, was moved into the Chateau Lambert yesterday and is preparing to receive the DP's in question on Thursday next. This team will remain there permanently, unless it is wished to replace it later by a team from Britain.

I will keep you informed as to how this camp progresses and how the teams carry out their duties. The team in question is No. 255.

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*W.P. Wrathall*  
W.P. WRATHALL  
Chief of Mission



TO : COL. CHARLEY

FROM : A. Hermann - Western European Section.

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Attached is an extract from the report of UNHRA Mission to Belgium for the month of June 1945 requiring your attention.

I should be grateful if you will inform this Section of any action you have taken in respect of matters which are raised therein.

9th July, 1945.

AH/EPB.

7. DP TEAM FOR ALLEGED BRITISH COLONIAL AND  
AMERICAN DP's WHICH ARE BEING DETAINED IN  
BRUSSELS PENDING INVESTIGATION

*CL. Clary*

I reported to Mr. Rhatigan that I have been asked by the Brussels Garrison whether UNRRA would supply a team to run a camp in Brussels for the above DP's. This is a feather in UNRRA's cap and the team should be a handpicked one. Mr. Rhatigan was of the opinion that it should be recruited in London. The Army would wish the leader to be British in that the bulk of the people are either British or colonial. They wish the team to consist of about 7 and I was informed today that it is urgently wanted. I confirm having telephoned this information to Mr. Rhatigan's secretary and I now am waiting to hear when this team can be sent to Brussels. All question of inoculation can be left over until they arrive here and I will arrange for it to be carried out by Dr. Vine on the spot. The team should consist of 7 people, including director, doctor, nurse, welfare, stores and a couple of drivers. Any vehicles required could be sent later and I understand that the army would loan the necessary vehicles at the outset. I trust that this matter will be dealt with urgently as it is the first request of its kind we have had to assist the military Garrison in Brussels. Please pick good men.



## ACTION COPY

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

DIVISIONAL DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: Miss Gibbons

SHAFF MAIN (sgd. SCAFF) cite SHGE...to... 21st Army Group for MIL/Gov.  
and UNRRA for Schlee.

REF. S-95751.

INFO TO: UK BASE FOR UNRRA  
for Kettle.  
SHAFF MISSION BELGIUM FOR UNRRA.

Dated : 7th July, 1945.

Rec'd : 8th July, 1945.

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- (1) UNRRA London inform us that Brussels Garrison Commander asked for UNRRA Assembly Team for work in Displaced Persons Camp Chateau Lambert Brussels, housing persons claiming U.S. or British Nationality.
  - (2) Request clearance from your Headquarters to call forward UNRRA Team from Granville for assignment to Brussels Camp, as it is assumed there that the garrison there is British installation.
  - (3) Re assignment of team personnel already in your area not objected to if you prefer.
  - (4) Following team personnel requested; British and U.S. Nationality only, competent to administer welfare, Disciplinary, Medical, Food distribution and Transport activities.

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Action taken by Kettle  
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Col. Charley:

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I would like to discuss  
this with you.

W. A. Sebbers



REFERENCE WPW/MV  
YOUR REF. ....

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
U. N. R. R. A.

Grand' Place 18

BRUSSELS

5th July 1945.

To: D.D.G. Operations, E.R.O. London  
From: W.P. Wrathall, Belgian Mission  
for the attention of Mr. Rhatigan

With reference to my report dated yesterday with regard to Major Brokenshire, I was unable to complete it in time to send it across with him and therefore, I now continue with the other points I had in mind.

1. DP camp in Brussels for which the army have asked us to supply an UNRRA team

I confirm having told you on the telephone on Tuesday that I had seen Major Collins of Brussels Garrison and that they had now been successful in obtaining the premises they required and wished to open the camp on Monday next. Further, they wish that UNRRA should take it over from the outset and for this reason, they asked whether the team could not be sent over quickly, especially the director.

I note from Mr. Rhatigan that this cannot be done until SHAEF Main put in a definite request for a team for this camp and give the necessary movement order. As you know, I accepted this as I thought it was a good thing for UNRRA and I got your backing when I was in London.

I am able to find in Belgium a doctor, welfare officer and nurse but I must have a director who must be British. Can you not therefore send me someone over during the week-end and we can then go ahead with what other staff I have here in Belgium. I do not want to let the Brussels Garrison people down as they are counting on our being able to help them out. I phoned Major Collins and told him that we could do nothing until SHAEF Main gave the movement order to London and he undertook to get busy on it. What I do want to know is whether you have the director ready to come.

I am sending this over with Mr. Anker and I should be glad if you would telephone me on receipt the exact position as I have undertaken to do this work for the Brussels Garrison and I do not want you to let me down. The camp will consist of 209 women and children and about 70 to 80 men of all ages. All the above pretend they are British, colonial or American subjects but in many cases there is no doubt but that it will be proved that they are of German origin and eventually they would be sent back to Germany. Any whose nationality is proved, will then be sent home in the ordinary way. They are a tough lot and it is for this reason that a strongwilled, broadminded director of the UNRRA team is necessary.

2. Identity papers for teams from Granville

I confirm my telephone conversation with you last night with regard to the present situation in Louvain. There are approximately 340 members of UNRRA teams there and judging by the Directors I have seen, they are keen and anxious to go to Germany. However, they have heard of the many difficulties with which members of UNRRA teams are faced in Germany owing to the fact that they are sent from Granville and arrive in Germany with nothing but a green card or a letter on ordinary plain note-paper.

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Mr. Gubbins -  
Will you send  
this out a part  
for action to Major Collins

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action taken  
X

X

action taken  
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X

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To: D.D.G. Operations, E.R.O. London

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The 21st Army Group are tightening up on all matters of identity and we have had one or two cases of doctors who have been arrested either going in or coming out. In short, it is only by kindness of the military authorities that our teams have been allowed into the 21st Army Group before without the papers which are essential, the main one being the SHAEF permit. This I have repeated on many occasions, but today it has come to a head as yesterday I received a delegation representing 20 of our teams, saying that they would not go forward without the papers. I did not tell them, but I entirely agree with this, as it is only going to lead to chaos and dissatisfaction when the teams are in Germany.

I note that you are contacting the Army but in the meantime I have done what I could here and you will be pleased to hear that I have at last persuaded SHAEF Mission to issue SHAEF permit cards to the whole of the 340 personnel in Louvain on my responsibility. Whether this will be continued in the future or not, I do not know, but probably you will have made some arrangements by which the 21st Army Group will "play ball" with our teams going into their area. I maintain that this hitch is due to the fact that our liaison people with the 21st Army Group have not got the right side of the military people and seem unable to obtain the normal facilities. In the case of teams going to the American sector from Granville, i.e. the 12th and 6th Army Groups, all members are issued with the necessary movement cards by the military before they go into Germany and there is very little trouble at all.

I again put on record that I may seem to be interfering with work that does not concern this Mission, but I am doing so because I maintain that the teams in Germany are the main basis on which UNRRA is going to sink or swim and to leave a crowd of people in Louvain in their present frame of mind is going to do us a lot of harm. I trust that you will agree with my action and confirm it.

### 3. Belgian recruits waiting to go to Granville

I confirm having told you that we have approximately 200 recruits who are still waiting to go to Granville. Some of these have been accepted now for over 4 weeks and some were previously informed to prepare to go to Granville within a week, and consequently left their previous occupation. Movements to Granville, as you know, have been cancelled for the last 2 or 3 weeks and consequently, some of our recruits who have not yet received their letter of employment, are between the devil and the deep sea in that they have given up their old employment and have not yet been given their letter of appointment by UNRRA. Because of this, I confirm having asked you whether I should be in order in giving them their letter of appointment forthwith, which will mean that they are paid as from the date of their letter of appointment. I confirm your reply to the effect that I must do so forthwith and should be glad to have this confirmed in writing, as the matter has been dealt with accordingly.

### 4. Mr. Vandeveld

Mr. Vandeveld received a letter from Mr. Schlee, ordering him to take charge of a DP camp at Hattert in Holland. Mr. Vandeveld was actually working in this office, although he was engaged to go to Granville eventually. Mr. Vandeveld has



To: D.D.G. Operations, E.R.O. London

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 gone to Hattert but he is not satisfied that a letter signed by Mr. Schlee is sufficient authority for him to do so and both he and I would like this confirmed. Mr. Schlee's letter gives him very wide powers. Mr. Vandeveldt will make an excellent camp director and it is only fair that this appointment should be confirmed by someone who is empowered to do so. I allowed Mr. Vandeveldt to go for the simple reason that there will be two DP teams going from Louvain to take over this camp in Holland and it was absolutely necessary that the camp director went with them.

5. Mr. Jacques has just come in today from Granville, together with two other officers with a view to prospecting a site in Belgium to which it is now proposed the Granville training centre will be transferred, together with all the UNRRA base activities. Is this a fact; if so, I should like to be informed as I realize once again that a great many of the headaches relating thereto will again fall on this Mission. If this is the case, it is a repetition of the same thing that happened with regard to Major Brokenshire's arrangement here, about which I wrote you this morning and which Major Brokenshire himself brought over to you.

I am not raising this point as a difficulty, but if you could be here for 48 hours and realize how the work of this Mission is being hindered by queries, visits and headaches with which I have nothing whatever to do, you would appreciate more fully the actual situation. Could you not come out here and look round for 48 hours with me, so that I can tell you on the spot more fully the position and you would then have a much clearer picture with regard to my request for a clear definition of the Mission's responsibility. I am prepared to do everything I can to further UNRRA's reputation but the number of problems with which I am faced and which come "out of the blue" and which have nothing whatever to do with this Mission's work, put me in a most awkward position as in many cases I am unable to find an answer, although I do my best to deal with the matters.

I am sending this today by Mr. Anker of the Luxembourg Mission, with the request that it be handed to you forthwith.

*W.P. Wrathall*

W.P. WRATHALL  
 Chief of Mission.

(132)

him Gellman.

10.50 a.m. - 30th June, 1945.

I believe a signal  
was 76 in this for  
authority to call forward.  
J. Gellman

Mr. Rhatigan

Mr. Wrathall called from Brussels regarding the special UNRRA team for the military garrison in Brussels. It is definitely wanted urgently and he would like a cracker-jack team of seven persons (director, doctor, nurse, welfare officer, stores officer, etc.,). They want the team in a week if possible.

The members of the team need not wait for inoculation as he will get Dr. Vines to inoculate them out there.

Mr. Wrathall is going to see the camp on Monday.

They want the leader to be British because he will be dealing with British people.

They would like the team as quickly as possible. Will you please let Mr. Wrathall know when he may expect it.

30th June, 1945.

Director - British  
Doctor  
Nurse  
Welfare  
Stores / Officer  
Transport & Distribution / Officer  
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For Edmison UNRRA

~~TO EDMISON, UNRRA, SHAEF MAIN,~~ FROM KETTLE.

COMMANDER BRUSSELS GARRISON REQUESTS UNRRA TEAM

FOR D.P. CAMP CHATEAU LAMBERT BRUSSELS HOUSING

PEOPLE CLAIMING BRITISH, DOMINION OR U.S.

NATIONALITY. FUNCTION OF TEAM <sup>TO BE COMPOSED OF</sup> WOULD INCLUDE BRITISH  
MEDICAL, WELFARE, DISCIPLINE, TRANSPORT AND AMERICAN  
DISTRIBUTION OF RATIONS. PLEASE ASK SHAEF PERSONNEL

PERMISSION TO CALL FORWARD TEAM FROM GRANVILLE.

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

~~app. sent by~~  
~~Mr. Kettle~~

EDMISSION UNRAA : SHABT MAIN.

Commander Bruce Harrison request UNRAA  
team for DP camp CHATEAU LAMBERT  
Bruce's housing, people claiming British, American  
or US nationalities. Ship function of less would  
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SHABT <sup>committee</sup> ~~and~~ forward them from GRAMVILLER.

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*Colonel Chaffey*

Reference.....

TO: Mr. Kettle

FROM: W.P. Wrathall.

21st June, 1945.

Attached herewith is copy of a letter which I received from the Officer commanding the Brussels Garrison. This letter is self-explanatory, and it is rather a feather in UNRRA's cap that we should have been asked to supply a team to run for them the new camp which they are setting up in Brussels.

The camp in question consists of deported persons, men, women and children, from Germany, all of whom claim to be either British, Colonial or American nationality. Some of them are known to have some German connection and it is for this reason that they are establishing a new Camp as it may take some considerable time before a decision is made as to their future movement. Some of them are pretty tough and they will need an excellent team director.

As this team is going to function in Brussels I would like a really good team director, and after discussing this with Mr. Rhatigan he decided that this team should be recruited in London and sent out direct. Major Collings said that he would prefer the director to be a Britisher if possible. Would you therefore please go into this matter carefully and let me have a team out to Belgium with the least possible delay. They would like it within ten days or a fortnight at the outside.

If you have any difficulty with regard to a doctor, I may be able to find an excellent one for you in Belgium, but I think in view of the nationality of the people in the camps the remainder should be either British or American with probably one person who knows Belgium and the language.

I am returning to Brussels tomorrow and if I don't see you before I go I shall be very glad if you will cable me the very earliest I can expect the team. Will you also see that the team sent out is fully clothed and with spare kit as renewals are very difficult to obtain.

cc. Mr. Rhatigan  
Dr. Topping  
Mr. Scott

*W.P. Wrathall*

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Subject: DPs.

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H.Q. BRUSSELS GARRISON  
16, Rue du Congres  
BRUSSELS.

To: UNRRA MISSION (BELGIUM)  
18, Grand Place,  
BRUSSELS.

These HQ propose establishing a DP camp for people claiming British, Dominion or US-nationality.

Some considerable time may elapse before the claims of these people can be proved, so they may remain in Brussels for an undetermined length of time.

The site chosen for this camp is: CHATEAU LAMBERT,  
Dreve de Lorraine, BRUSSELS.

This Camp will be run entirely by the DPs themselves under the supervision (periodical? of a S/Comd ATS.

It would greatly assist the smooth running of this camp if an UNRRA team could be incorporated in the directing staff.

Their function would be:

- (a) Medical
- (b) Welfare
- (c) Discipline
- (d) Transport and distribution of rations.

Considerable experience would be gained by such a team, which must be beneficial for it when undertaking more arduous duties in the field.

Brigadier  
Commanding BRUSSELS Garrison.

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