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JEAN D'ARC CAMP PHILIPPEVILLE, NORTH AFRICA
CONSOLIDATED CORRESPONDENCE 1944

12 December 1944

CABLE NO.....

TO KHYD

FROM JDGF

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 36 JUST RECEIVED, WE URGENTLY RE-
QUEST YOUR POSTPONING EFFECTIVE DATE PHILIPPEVILLE PEN#-
DING YOUR RECEIPT LETTER BEING SENT AIR POUCH TODAY.
PLEASE CABLE CONFIRMATION

CAMPBELL

JUGO-SLAV REFUGEE CAMP - PHILIPPEVILLE

Value of Stores, Supplies, etc., handed over to U.N.R.R.A. on
20th. October, 1944.

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Schedule C.	Ordinance Stores	42,933. 16. 8.
D.	Reserve Rations	1,878. 1. 6.
E.	Misc. Stores	13,957. 11. 3.
F.	Equip. "	2,918. 13. 0.
G.	Bakery & P.O.L.	337. 5. 0.
H.	Huttings & Fixed Assets - Camp A	71,600. 0. 0.
J.	" " " - Camp B	21,500. 0. 0.
K.	" " " - Camp C	2,680. 0. 0.
L.	" " " Hospital	67,650. 0. 0.
M.	R.E. Maint. Stores	1,990. 0. 0.
N.	Stores of all classes handed over with Hospital	<u>25,645. 13. 5.</u>
		<u>£253,091. 0.10.</u>

20 OCT 44 - 31 DEC 44

REPAIRS Repairs to Vehicles.

75.18.0

Ordnance

1581.0.5 $\frac{1}{2}$

Transport

1087.11.10

P.O.L.

494.2.5 $\frac{3}{4}$

Medical

87.9.6

Supplies

Refugees.

630.0.7 $\frac{1}{4}$

.. Hospital Wing.

84.9.9 $\frac{1}{2}$

UNRRA Warehouse

867.0.2

UNRRA Staff

758.9.0

2359.19.7 $\frac{1}{4}$

5668.1.10 $\frac{1}{2}$

1st JAN 45 onwards.

Returns are not yet all in

Supplies (to FEB 45 only)

Refugees

1043.5.2

.. Hospital Wing.

196.12.1

UNRRA Warehouse

80.13.9 $\frac{1}{2}$

UNRRA Staff

505.5.11

1825.16.11 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ordnance (to FEB 45 only)

2288.10.3 $\frac{1}{2}$

P.O.L. (to 20 JAN 45 only)

324.5.11

98.7.0

Medical

REPAIRS (No return used)

Transport (— — — —)

4537.0.2

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Hodgetts.

*File
Philipville
Camp*

Headquarters
North Africa District

RESTRICTED

AQ 185
14 October 44 (rec'd 16-10-44)

My dear Campbell,

I am sending you a copy of the orders which I have issued to Bone Garrison for the transference of the responsibility for the Refugee Camp from the British Army to UNRRA with effect from the 20th October.

I hope this will meet your requirements. I have done everything I can, as far as I can see, to watch your interests and I am sure you will realize that, until you are on firm ground as a going concern, you will have our backing, particularly with regard to relationships with the French, I will clear up the outstanding matters as quickly as I can and let you know.

If, in the meantime, you find yourself in any difficulty, will you let out a cry for help and we will do our best to come to your rescue.

Personally, I do not really anticipate that you should have any trouble at all with the organization which you have got there now.

If you are ever in ALGIERS I hope you will come and see me. I can always give you a meal or put you up.

Yours very sincerely,

(Brigadier) Clark

Mr. Campbell,
UNRRA
Yugoslav Refugee Camp
PHILIPPEVILLE
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SUBJECT:- Handover from Military to
UNRRA at PHILIPPEVILLE Camp

Q 7504

13 Oct 44

Headquarters,
Bone Garrison (10)

1. GENERAL

In agreement with UNRRA PHILIPPEVILLE, that Association has agreed that they will be in a position to take over the full responsibilities for the Refugee Camp (including hospital) with effect from 20 Oct 44, provided that certain Army facilities continue to be made available to them. Details of these facilities are given in para 4. †

2. Disposal of Military Staff, Esr. NA/454/1.

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| a) Commandant | } | will move to Bone and will be accommodated under arrangements to be made by you, and will then await individual posting instructions. |
| Assistant Commandant | | |
| Quartermaster | | |
| All British OR personnel less one British clerk | | |
| b) Adjutant | } | will remain at Camp on WE NA/454/1 for duty solely with Yugo Slav guard troops and for adm (including pay) and discipline of Italian hospital personnel. |
| CQMS | | |
| One British clerk | | |

3. Disposal of British hospital personnel

Posting orders from 20 Oct 44 for British Officers and British OR personnel are being forwarded through Medical channels.

4. WD facilities to be continued

- a) The following facilities will continue to be provided from WD sources on a temporary basis.
- (i) Provision of rations.
 - (ii) Provision of POL
 - (iii) Provision of accommodation stores and camp stores.
Accommodation stores for 2500 only will be maintained as a maximum on site. The balance of 7500 will remain earmarked in Ord depots.
 - (iv) Provision of medical stores.
 - (v) Adequate guard personnel (yugo-Slav) with British increment (see para 2(b)).
 - (vi) Adequate Italian hospital personnel to augment UNRRA hospital staff - under the disciplinary control of British Personnel (see para 2(b) above).
 - (vii) Lorries - 3-ton - 20
Cars amb (cap) - 6
Lorry 15 cwt - 1 (this cancels verbal instructions
FU - 1 given to contrary on 9 Oct 44)
 - (viii) Any assistance within your power as occasion arises and at request of UNRRA for the movement for refugees from ports to Camp, or to meet other circumstances beyond the scope of UNRRA resources.

- b) In consultation with UNRRA, will you please keep under continual review the possibility of withdrawing any of the above facilities in whole or in part and inform this HQ accordingly.
- c) The aim should be that all the above facilities (with the possible exception of that detailed under para 4(a) (v) should be withdrawn by 1 Jan. 45. This will, of course, depend on the arrival of expected UNRRA personnel and stores.

5. RE works

No further new construction can be contemplated.

6. 881 Italian AW Coy.

Will be withdrawn to BONE under orders to be issued by you as soon as erection of dining huts is completed.

7. Handing over between Camp Military staff and UNRRA

A schedule of all stores, hutting and other RE works will be prepared as at 20 Oct 44, and will be signed by both parties. Two copies of this schedule will be forwarded to this HQ through Bone Garrison. Items should be shown individually, and a space left at the side of the sheet for inserting the value of each item.

8. Accounting for issues made after 20 Oct 44.

All issues made to UNRRA after 20 Oct 44 will be recorded by the issuing service, and a return showing the value of issues and services will be rendered through Service channels direct to APA North Africa District for onward transmission to War Office. The prices of stores and supplies issued and services rendered will be repayment prices plus the normal percentage additions to cover handling and transportation charges.

9. Requisitions premises

All existing requisitions of land and buildings will continue to be held by the WD unless or until Claims and Hiring have reached an agreement acceptable both to the French and to UNRRA for the transference of the tenancy from the WD to UNRRA.

10. Attached Personnel

Will be disposed of as follows:

- a) RASC (Bakers - 1) - Rejoin 124 Italian Pd Bakery
- b) REME (1 British-2 Italian)- Rejoin 616 (It) Service Station.
- c) ACC (Cooks- 2)- Posting order to be issued by DDST

11. Imprest accounts

- a) The imprest account held by the Camp Commandant will be transferred to the Adjutant, and will be operated by him after 20 Oct 44 for payments to MILITARY personnel. Pending further instructions no payments are yet authorised for Yugo-Slav military personnel. No 2 Command paymaster will be informed of the change of operation.
- b) The imprest account operated by OC Refugee Hospital will be closed on 20 Oct 44.

12. Command and administration with effect from 20 Oct 44

With effect from 20 Oct 44 UNRRA will assume full responsibility and complete control of the whole camp. The British Army will have no responsibility for, nor part in, the administration, except for the provision of those services detailed in para 4(a). All Army personnel should be warned that in no way should they allow themselves to become involved, after 20 Oct 44, in the running of the purely civilian organization of UNRRA. Army personnel remaining will concern themselves solely with the purely military command of Yugo-Slav and Italian soldiers. Correspondence on these matters will be direct to Bone Garrison and NOT through UNRRA.

13. The Position of UNRRA camp with regard to French law.

Some measure of agreement has already been secured with the French authorities for the administration of the camp under British Military control - vide this HQ letter A394/1 dated 23 Sep. 44. It is hoped that the French will allow the principles already established to remain unaltered. They are now being asked by this HQ to give a formal assurance of this. UNRRA will be informed direct (with copy to you) of the outcome. In the meanwhile UNRRA should be requested to inform you, for onward transmission to this HQ, if and when any difficulties arise with the French authorities with regard solely to the status of their staff of refugees, and which are incapable of local solution by them. Until such time as the status of the camp under UNRRA control is more clearly established, this HQ is prepared to make representations with regard to their interests to the French authorities in ALGERS.

14. A copy of this letter has been forwarded under DO cover to Mr. Campbell, UNRRA, Philippeville. It confirms conversations which the Brigadier IC Administration had with him on 9 Oct 44.

G. P. Clark
Brigadier IC Administration,
North Africa District.

In the Field
GpC/eg

10 October, 1944

File
Major General J. A. Hilldring
Chief, Civil Affairs Division
War Department
Washington, 25, D.C.

*Philippeville
Camp*

Dear General Hilldring:

As you are aware, the United States Relief and Rehabilitation Administration has been prepared to assume administrative responsibility for the Philippeville project as of 1 October 1944, subject to the availability of transportation by the military of such of its personnel as has been assigned to the project. Military exigencies elsewhere have not permitted the Military to provide transportation in time, for but a few UNRRA personnel to arrive at the project by 1 October. Knowing this, I assume that the Military will retain such of its personnel at Philippeville as may be needed until such time as they can be replaced. I have instructed the project director at Philippeville to prepare for such replacement at the earliest possible moment.

In view of these facts, and our self-imposed deadline of 1 October having arrived, it occurs to me that the moment is opportune for a recapitulation of all of the understandings and agreements between the Military and UNRRA in respect to the Philippeville project.

You will recall that on 22 June and 25 July 1944 I addressed letters to you setting forth the terms and conditions of the UNRRA's assumption of responsibility for the Philippeville project. On 5 July and 16 July 1944 you were good enough to forward to me copies of cables (nos. WARX-62209 and FX 72717) in the first of which the Military set forth the terms of my letter to you of 22 June and in the second of which indicated, inter alia, that these terms were satisfactory. On 26 August, I was in receipt of a letter from the Honorable John J. McCloy, Chairman of the Combined Civil Affairs Committee, noting a meeting between us and acknowledging my letter to you of 25 July. Mr. McCloy recognized UNRRA's assumption of responsibility for the Philippeville project and indicated that the matters mentioned by me in my letter of 25 July would be considered by the Theater Commander.

As a result of my conversations with you and Mr. McCloy and of the correspondence between us, I understand that as to the Philippeville project the following, with reasonable inferences therefrom, constitutes the agreement between the Military and the UNRRA as to our reciprocal responsibilities and obligations:

The Military authorities will:

1. Provide and deliver all necessary supplies on a reimbursable basis to the project warehouse until such time as UNRRA can assume procurement and supply responsibility. UNRRA undertakes to relieve the Military of this responsibility not later than 1 January 1945, provided the necessary shipping is available.
2. Provide Hospital equipment and facilities and assign medical personnel for the operation of an adequate hospital and the provision of other essential medical and sanitary services.

Major General J.A.Hilldring
10 October 1944

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3. Provide plant and utilities and certain buildings maintenance personnel.
4. Provide transportation equipment, maintenance facilities and certain operational personnel.
5. Provide mess equipment and sufficient personnel to make up for the lack of refugee cooks skilled in the use of Army food supplies and equipment.
6. Provide necessary guard services.
7. Complete all necessary negotiations with the French National Committee of Liberation for the use of the Philippeville site.

Within the above framework, UNRRA will:

1. Finance the cost of the project exclusive of plant construction, assigned Army personnel, and the transportation of refugees from Italy to North Africa.
2. Assume all administrative responsibility for the operation of the project.
3. Provide expert administrative personnel.
4. Provide necessary supplementary personnel from local and refugee sources.
5. Dispatch approximately 20 administrative and technical personnel for the supervision and operation of the camp including a Project Director, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Nurse and other essential personnel.

They would be recruited and dispatched to North Africa - the Army providing Air transportation - within eight weeks after notice of acceptance of these terms is received from the Army. UNRRA undertakes to replace all military personnel (with the exception of guards if they continue to be required by 1 January 1945).

In particular, I should like to direct your attention to the following matters and to amplify my understanding as to each - Items 2 and 7 of the section headed "The Military authorities will -", "Item 5 of section headed " Within the above framework, UNRRA will, " and the general problem of supply:

By item 2, I assume that the Military have agreed to hold themselves responsible not only for the furnishing of the site and physical plant of the hospital but also for the facilities and equipment of the hospital, including such items as beds and bedding, medicines, surgical equipment, etc.;

Major Genral Hilldring
10, October 1944

Although the Military agree to assume responsibility for the assignment of "medical personnel" for the operation of an adequate hospital..", knowing the great need by the Army for its doctors, UNRRA would like to relieve the Military of this responsibility, and will do so immediately upon advice from the Project Director that sufficient UNRRA medical personnel have arrived to carry the hospital burden.

As to item 7, I understand that the Military have undertaken not only to negotiate for the camp site itself but also have assumed the responsibility for reaching an agreement with the local authorities as to the nature of the extra-territorial status of the project, including the rights of refugees; taxation of facilities and properties, including goods already in existence at the project area, as well as those important and made available to the project; the movement of supplies and equipment to the project area, i.e., the use of port, railroad, shipping and other facilities; the privileges and immunities to be extended to the administrative staff; the provision as to disposal of camp properties and facilities at such time as it is deemed fessible to close the project; and provisions for the full and complete cooperation of the local officials and the recognition by them of the legal status of the project;

As to Item 5, I should like to make mention of the fact although initially UNRRA made a request of the Military to furnish personnel for the Philippeville project UNRRA will be ready and able, contingent upon transportation being furnished by the Military, to meet its full commitment as to this personnel. In addition to the 20 administrative persons provided for in the agreement and now available, UNRRA is prepared to meet by 1 January 1945 the complement of personnel required by the project, other than guards which are to be furnished by the Military.

- As to supply, i.e., to the overall problem of supply, the Military is prepared to assume full responsibility until 1 January 1945.

The questions as to the method or basis of transfer of supplies and property for the Philippeville project to the UNRRA and the use of the site and buildings and the reimbursement to the Military therefore remains, of course, for future negotiations. I should be pleased to learn whether these discussions should be held in Washington, or wether we should ask our representative to follow through with Theater Commander.

As I stated at the outset of this letter, the UNRRA is ready to assume its responsibilities for the Philippeville project as is provided for in the agreement with the Military. Experience has demonstrated that expediency can be furthered by having available at the scene of operations a directive from the proper Military authorities at Headquarters to the appropriate authorities in the field embodying the substance of agreements reached between the Military and the UNRRA, I have taken the liberty, therefore, of having drafted for your convenience and approval a directive applicable to the Philippeville project. I trust that as to substance the directive will prove satisfactory to you.

Very truly yours,

Herbert H. Lehman
Director General