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10.8.45.	COUNTRY WELFARE OPERATIONS. <u>AMENITY SUPPLIES FOR DISPLACED PERSONS IN NORWAY.</u>

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To: Mr. Hattigan.

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From: Sir George Reid.

Emergency Relief Services - Personnel

The administrative Council recently authorized the loan of ten mobile feeding columns to the Norwegian Government and the acquisition of two Queens Messenger Convoys to be diluted to form four feeding columns for service in European countries.

As in the case of the two Queens Messenger Convoys loaned to Belgium, we have taken the view that U.N.R.R.A. in making these loans of mobile equipment is offering the Governments a service and that accordingly U.N.R.R.A. personnel should accompany the vehicles. In the case of Belgium two U.N.R.R.A. technicians, a mechanic and an emergency feeding specialist, were made available to the Belgian Government for the period of the loan.

The duties of these officers included the safeguarding of the U.N.R.R.A. vehicles and equipment in order to ensure that these were in good working order when needed for service elsewhere; to assist the operating agency in any way possible, either by technical advice or practical assistance; to report to U.N.R.R.A. on the effectiveness of the feeding service under continental conditions and to develop their experience in the operation of such a service in order to be of assistance to other countries to which the columns might subsequently be loaned.

The Norwegian Government have now requested the services of six U.N.R.R.A. technicians or specialists. As, however, requests may be received from other Governments (~~Belgium~~ <sup>e.g.</sup> Holland) to whom columns are loaned, I should be glad if budgetary authority could be given for the posts which it is now necessary to fill and on additional six on which we can draw to meet future requests *also* should the necessity arise, that is to say, six emergency feeding specialists with a salary range of \$450-\$600 and six motor mechanics with a salary range of \$350-\$450.



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TO: Mr. R. D. Berger  
FROM: Maj.Gen. K.J. Martin.

*for more details  
after war*

SUBJECT: Welfare Supplies for D.P.'s in Norway

The following is an extract from a report, written on July 2nd by Miss Swiggum, Liaison Officer for D.P.'s UNRRA Mission Norway. I believe that you have seen this report already but I am repeating the extract with the addition of some further information, to give you the full picture:-

"Welfare Packs, including radios, gramophones with records, musical instruments, footballs and reading matter in different languages. If UNRRA has no such packs prepared Miss Branscomb of the Welfare Division told me some time ago that several English firms were anxious to help with Welfare equipment for Assembly Centres. Quite a number of D.P.'s will be in Norway for a considerable time....."

Miss Swiggum's idea of "Welfare Packs" may not entirely coincide with the terminology adopted by ERO, but undoubtedly what she needs are welfare supplies for D.P.'s who will have to remain for some time in camps and centres in Norway.

Another report from Miss Swiggum, the latest we have in this respect, gives approximately the following members of D.P.'s in Norway as divided by nationalities:

Danes	about 3,500
French	1,002
Dutch	1,343
Poles	4,199
Czechs	1,208
Belgians	519
Finns	70
Yugoslavs	112
Letts (Latvians)	166

The total figure including several other smaller groups is estimated at about 13,000.

These figures do not include a considerable group of Russians who either have been repatriated already, or are going home in the near future. French, Danish and Dutch D.P.'s are also leaving in great batches.

Miss Swiggum believes however that members of some other Mission groups, such as Poles, Lithuanians and Yugoslavs are likely to stay for a considerable length of time.

Welfare supplies for them are requested very urgently by the Norwegian authorities who in particular mention footballs and books in different languages. Books collected locally are almost exclusively in French.

Could you start some energetic action please to satisfy these requests? They are the more important as supplies for D.P.'s of every kind are among the limited responsibilities of UNRRA in Norway; while the public opinion in that country holds UNRRA, as an inter-allied organisation, especially responsible for looking after other Allied nationals.

c.c. M. Delierneux  
Miss Zimmerman

*K.J. Martin*  
(Maj.Gen. K.J. Martin.)  
26th July, 1945.



Mr. Bochenki has been the sound of  
Mrs. Z. & D. Delormeux in this & got  
nowhere. I therefore asked for a  
definite request to you for aid  
& advice & I believe you will  
have to initiate something if  
anything is to be done.

The fact is that Welfare Packs  
as we know them are not what  
is wanted, but rather a block  
of "Amenity Supplies". I would  
suggest that we ask Jimmy/Schaeff  
to put this through?

AW

Mr. Berger urgent

30/7/45

For attention ~~August 2nd~~

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Aug 4<sup>th</sup>  
WE 80/17/1.

To: Miss Murdoch

From: Mr. Barber

**GENERAL**

Welfare Supplies For Displaced Persons In Norway

The attached note from General Martin is self-explanatory, and I am proposing to go forward with the provision of selected amenity supplies appropriately to the number of Displaced Persons in Norway. I think for this purpose we shall have to exclude the Danes and the Finns, who are not, strictly speaking, Displaced Persons in the UNRRA sense. I would therefore base my procurement on a figure of 10,000 persons and would provide for their needs over a period of, say, three months. Would you as quickly as possible select from our list of amenity supplies items which you would regard as being suitable for the Displaced Persons centres in Norway, indicating quantities needed for the numbers involved and, if possible, giving some indication of cost. I will then go forward to obtain the necessary budgetary authority.

→ Could you get Mr. Berger have some sort of freight estimate?

July 30th, 1945.



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R. D. J. Jr.

July 30th, 1945.

Spanish Registry

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TO: Mr. Berger

FROM: Miss Murdoch

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Amenity Supplies for Displaced Persons in Norway

I spoke to Mr. Palmstrom about this problem telling him the categories of supplies which we were sending to Germany. He consulted his colleagues concerning the supply situation in Norway and now tells me that the items on our German list which are most needed in Norway are these :

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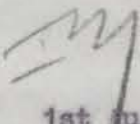
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Our first order to Supply Division should, for 10,000 displaced persons, request the following quantities.

<u>Article</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
<u>Sports and Games equipment</u>	
Football No. 5 (complete)	24
Spare Football	48
Bladders	48
Football laces	
Football pumps and adapters (size approx. 8 x 1½)	10
Volley Ball	10
Spare bladders	10
Table Tennis posts	20 pairs
" " nets	20
" " bats	120 pairs
" " balls	20 gross
Playing cards	160 packs
Combined draughts and Chess sets and boards	100
Dominos sets	40



<u>Article</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
<u>Musical Instruments</u>	
Accordian (or Melodian)	10
Mouth organ	20
Wireless with pickup	2
<u>Sewing materials</u>	
Buttons (trousers)	2000
" (dress)	2000
" (underwear)	1000
Needles, darning	2000
" sewing	5750
Wool, mending	20,000 yards
Thread and sewing cotton (50 yard reels)	} Various colours 5000
Scissors	100
Safety pins	5000
Ordinary pins	300 gross
Tape	12500 yards

  
1st August 1945



WE 80/17/11

TO: Mr. Burger  
FROM: Miss Murdoch

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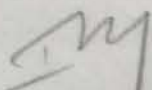
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Spare Football <del>(2)</del>	48
Hadders 2/7d " "	48
Football lines not necessary	
J.R. — Football pumps and adapters (size approx. 8 x 1 1/2)	10
Volley ball <del>2</del> unobtainable	48
Spare hadders " "	48
Table Tennis posts 40/- per doz	20 pairs
" " nets 20/- " "	20
" " bats (wampaper) 26/8 per dozen	120 pairs
" " balls 18/- do 24/- gross	20 gross
Playing cards 18/- per dozen	160 packs
<del>Wool 2/2 per set</del> <del>Plastic 6/8 " "</del> <del>Boards 18/- " doz</del>	<del>Combined draughts and Chess sets and boards</del>
Draughts sets Composition 5/- per set	40

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<u>Article</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
<u>Musical Instruments</u>	
Accordion (or Melodian) $\pounds 99 - 10 \pounds 1/11$ - each	10
Mouth organ $7/6$ each with ex-works	20
Turner Wireless with pickup $\pounds 120$ or $\pounds 15$ .	2
<u>Sewing materials</u>	
Buttons (trousers)	2000
" (dress)	2000
" (underwear)	1000
Needles, darning	2000
" sewing	5750
Wool, mending	20,000 yards
Thread and sewing cotton (50 yard reels) } Various colours	5000
Scissors 6" $3/3$ each (very difficult)	100
Safety pins	5000
Ordinary pins	300 gross
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Mouth organ	20
Wireless with pickup	2
<u>Sewing materials</u>	
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" (dress)	2000
" (underwear)	1000
Needles, darning	2000
" sewing	5750
Wool, mending	20,000 yards
Thread and sewing cotton (50 yard reels)	} Various colours 5000
Scissors	100
Safety pins	5000
Ordinary pins	300 gross
Tape	12500 yards

 1st August 1945



8/8/45.

Mr Berger.

Reference DP 4/17/1  
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→ To: Mr. Berger.  
From: A. Delierneux,  
8th August 1945.

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Mission 16/8/45.

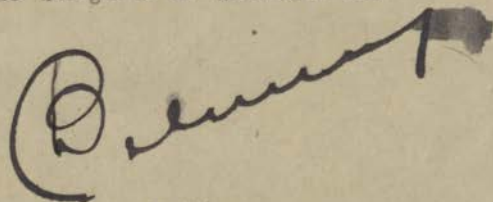
I think you will be interested in the attached  
extract of the report (from the 1st to the 15th July)  
from the Norwegian Mission, on the subject of Welfare for  
D.Ps.

Miss Nes.

Miss Abraham

Mrs. Anders

|| For information.



A. Delierneux.

We have already sent to the Mission a list  
of the Amenity Supplies being supplied to Germany and  
have asked for an estimate of requirements for DPs in Norway  
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Mr Marshall

8/8/45

Would you mind  
giving us

an approximate

price for the items on  
this list with which

you are  
concerned?

Thank you.

The Ministry  
8/8/45

Proposed list of Amenity Supplies for 10,000 displaced persons

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<u>Musical Instruments</u>	
Accordion (or Melodian)	10
Mouth organ	20
Wireless with pickup	2
<u>Sewing materials</u>	
Buttons (trousers)	2,000
" (dress)	2,000
" (underwear)	1,000
Needles, darning	2,000
" sewing	5,750
Wool, mending	20,000 yards
Thread and sewing cotton (50 yard reels)	5,000
Scissors	100
Safety pins	5,000
Ordinary pins	300 gross
Tape	12,500 yards



Mr. Lamm

You will wish to  
have these papers when you  
discuss the question of amendments  
submit with Mrs. Lamm. Perhaps  
we can discuss the agreement  
last when you have worked it  
out with Mrs. Lamm.

R. Dyer.

23/8/45.

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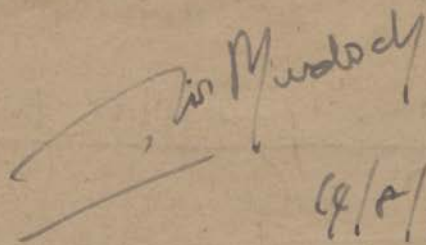
Mr Berger.

Cost of Amenity Supplies for Displaced  
Persons in Norway.

I'm sorry I overlooked this. A very rough estimate of the cost of the list which I compiled is about £350. I have included in the estimate one or two items (such as footballs & accordions) which may not be obtainable, & have excluded only volley ball, which is definitely not obtainable. I was also unable to get a price quoted for football pumps. I attach two lists which have the prices of individual



items marked in pencil.

 in Murdock

6/8/45.

To: Mr. Delierneux

From: G.W. Rabinoff.

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As you know, this matter of amenity supplies for the displaced persons in Norway has been under discussion for a number of months, and we are therefore most anxious to get action on the request.

We have examined fully the items and the quantities and find them to be entirely appropriate for the group of 5000 people involved. As a matter of fact, at the present time, there are 17,000 displaced persons in Norway, some under the care of the Allied Military, and others under the Norwegian Government, but plans are in train for repatriation.

For the time being however, some of them will need access to this material, a further need for expediting delivery.

Miss Sviggum of the Norwegian Mission is here now and will be through next Monday, 22nd inst. Before she leaves, I should like to give her assurance that these materials will be forthcoming under whatever conditions and time are determined.

The matter was before the Supply Department during the summer, and therefore should be no difficulty in getting speedy action. Under the plan for handling supplies, worked out by Mr. Moore, the further responsibility for dealing with supplies rests with the Displaced Persons, and we therefore turn the matter over to you for your speedy action.

*G.W. Rabinoff*  
20th October, 1945.



List of amenity supplies desired for D.P. camps in Norway

<u>Article</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
<u>Sports and Games Equipment</u>	
Football No. 5	14
Bladders	28
Football pumps and adapters (size approx. 8 x 1½)	14
Table Tennis posts	16 pairs
" " nets	16
" " bats	100 pairs
" " balls	16 gross
Playing cards	160 packs
Dominoes sets	30
<u>Musical Instruments</u>	
Accordion (or Melodian)	10
Mouth Organ	20
Wireless with pickup and loudspeakers as many as possible	2
<u>Sewing Materials</u>	
Buttons (coats) change for dyed German uniform coats for 2000 coats.	
" (trousers)	1000
" (dress)	600
" (underwear)	1000
Needles, darning	10000
" sewing	3000
Wool, mending	10.000 yards
Thread and sewing cotton (50 yrd reels)	
Scissors	100
Safety pins	5.000
Ordinary pins	100 gross
Tape	7.000 yards.

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To: Mr. Moore,  
From: A. Delierneux,  
22nd October 1945.

Mr. Rabinoff, Director of the Welfare Division, has transmitted to me a formal request from the Norwegian Government to our Mission in Oslo with regard to obtaining amenity supplies for the D.P. camps in Norway. The attached list contains the articles asked for.


The request is for a very limited quantity of supplies, the total value of which would be £350.

I have consulted Mr. Caston of the Supply Division responsible for the procurement of amenity supplies, as well as Colonel Charley, my idea being that the quantity requested by the Norwegian Government could be taken out of the existing stocks destined for Germany and Austria.

It appears that the articles requested by Norway are not available. Therefore the normal procedure to follow would be to

- a) Obtain a budget line for the supplies which Norway is asking for
- b) Transmit a list of the necessary articles to the Supply Division for procurement.

I think, that in view of the small quantity requested, the decision should be taken to take it out of the <sup>other</sup> amenity supplies destined to the German operations, so that the question of the Budget Line need not arise, and instructions should be given to Mr. Caston to collect the articles required as quickly as possible and send them off to Norway.

  
A. Delierneux.



WE 80/17/1.

TO: Procurement Division,  
Supply Department.

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ATTENTION: Mr. Marshall  
Mr. Kennedy

FROM: Deputy Director General's Office, Relief Services Department

By: C.H. MOORE, Executive Assistant.

Subject: Amenity Supplies - D.P. Camps, Norway

1. The Relief Services Department is in possession of a request from Norway for Amenity Supplies to be used in the D.P. programme. This request originates with the <sup>Refugee</sup> Administration and is signed by Captain Volckmar. It was approved and forwarded by General K.J. Martin, Chief of Unrra Mission, Norway by letter dated September 20th 1945.
2. The Relief Services Department herewith requests the procurement of these supplies and their shipment to Unrra, Norway. The list of supplies desired is as attached and is estimated at approximately ~~£~~ 350 ~~lbs.~~.
3. This matter has been discussed with Mr. Schaaf and between Mr. Schaaf and Mr. Kennedy by telephone. This memo is sent in consequence of these conversations.

October 25th 1945.

LIST OF AMENITY SUPPLIES DESIRED FOR D.P. CAMPS IN NORWAY

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<u>Sports and Games Equipment</u>	
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<u>Sewing Materials</u>	
Buttons (coats) change for dyed German uniform coats for 2000 coats.	
" (trousers)	1000
" (dress)	600
" (underwear)	1000
Needles, darning	10000
" sewing	3000
Wool, mending	10.000 yards
Thread and sewing cotton (50 yrd reels)	
Scissors	100
Safety pins	5.000
Ordinary pins	100 gross
Tape	7.000 yards



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To: Mr. G.W. Rabinoff.

From: R. Berger.

Subject: Amenity Supplies for Displaced Persons in Norway.

I find that each crate of the sewing sets comprises the following items - the actual requirements of the Norwegian Government are shown in brackets:

1000 skeins Mending Wool	10,000 (106 yards)
500 <del>50</del> cards Sewing Cotton	(nil)
1,000 <del>100</del> cards Sewing Thread	(100 50 yd. reals)
250 packets Darning Needles - 6 needles each	(10,000)
250 packets Sewing Needles - 8 needles each	(3,000)
250 bundles Safety Pins - 9 pins each	(5,000)
250 packets Buttons - 30 metal, 4 bone, 6 linen	(1,000 trouser, 600 dress, 1000 underwear)
1 patch Flannel, 2" x 5"	(nil)

I have informed M. Delierneux that we will set one crate aside for the Poles in Norway - we understood that Miss Sviggum could arrange shipment.

As none of the other items are immediately available from the bulk of amenity supplies procured for the Germany Operation, M. Delierneux will ask the Supply Department to proceed immediately with the procurement of the items requested by the Norwegian Government.

22nd October, 1945.

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To: M. Delierneux

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From: R. Berger.

Subject: Amenity Supplies for Displaced Persons in Norway.

I have now investigated the contents of the sewing sets which are at present being stored at 19, Portland Place. I find that each crate contains 250 sets, each of which comprises the following items:-

- 4 skeins Mending Wool
- 2 cards Sewing Cotton
- 4 cards Sewing Thread
- 1 packet Darning Needles (6 needles).
- 1 packet Sewing Needles ( 8 needles)
- 1 bundle Safety Pins (9 pins)
- 1 packet Buttons (30 metal, 4 bone, 6 linen)
- 1 patch (Flannel 2" x 5").

I suggest that we make one of these crates available to the Norwegian Government for shipment to be arranged by Miss Sviggum, and that these supplies should be regarded as a token item in advance of the shipment of the other items requested in the Norwegian Government's list on which you are now working.

22nd October, 1945.



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WE 80/17/2

To: Mr. Delienneux

From: G.W. Rabinoff.

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OUT FILE

25th October 1945.

To the Chief of the Norwegian  
Mission

For the attention of Miss Sviggum,  
D.P. Officer,

From: A. Delierneux,  
Chief D.P. Programmes Officer,  
Country Missions Section.

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Amenity Supplies for D.Ps.  
in Norway

We have sent the list, which you brought over,  
of the Amenity Supplies that the Norwegian Government  
requested UNRRA to provide for the D.Ps. in their country,  
to the Supply Division.

Everything is being done so that the supplies  
required are despatched to Norway as rapidly as possible.  
We hope that you will soon hear of their arrival.

Yours sincerely,

A. Delierneux.

The Chief of the Norwegian Mission,  
c/o British Embassy,  
Oslo,  
Norway.



WE 00/17/1

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REGISTRY

24/10.

To: Miss Gay Shapperson,  
Acting Director, Welfare Division, Washington.

From: G.W. Robinson,  
Director, Welfare Division, E.R.O.

On yours of 10th October regarding supplies required within Norway, in mid September the formal request for supplies was received through General Martin, Chief of Mission. It consisted of necessity supplies for the group of 5,000 displaced persons, practically all Poles, who are expected to be remaining in Norway during the next few months. My memorandum to H. Delmonaux relates the story.

Since the quantity of items required is so small, we are sending Miss Swigun, who was here last week, a crate of sewing sets which covers the bulk of that material required, mending wool, sewing cotton, needles, buttons, etc. The other items on the list are also relatively simple and we will be able to handle them here out of the budget set up for displaced persons in Germany.

23rd October, 1945.

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22nd October 1945.

To: Mr. Andreassen,  
D.P. Representative in Sweden

From: A. Delierneux,  
Chief D.P. Programmes Officer,  
Country Missions Section.

Subject: Tracing Organisation for Displaced Persons

With regard to the letter we sent you on 15th October 1945, in connection with the Central Tracing Bureau and Records Office, now being set up in Germany by UNRRA under the direction of the of the Allied Control Council, we should be obliged if you would furnish us as early as possible with the following supplementary information:-

1. The official title and address of the National Tracing Bureau of Sweden.
2. Has the existence and purpose of this Bureau been made public in the local Press?
3. What is the general organisation in outline of the National Tracing Bureau?
4. Has the National Tracing Bureau any working understanding with
  - a) The International Red Cross or any other international organisations
  - b) The National Tracing Bureaux of other countries
  - c) The Central Tracing Bureau and Records Office, UNRRA Central H.Q. Höchst, APO 757, U.S. Army.

Yours sincerely,

A. Delierneux.

To: Mr. Andreassen,  
D.P. Representative in Sweden,  
c/o American Embassy,  
Stockholm,  
~~Sweden~~ Norway.

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TO: Department of Relief Services, Welfare Programmes  
Coordination Branch. Attention: Mr. R. Berger.

FROM: Maj.-Gen. K.J. Martin, Chief of UNRRA Mission Norway.

SUBJECT: Welfare Supplies for D.P's.

1. Attached is a detailed request for amenity supplies and recreation and leisure time units for D.P. centres in Norway made by the Statens Flyktningskontor. I consider that under present circumstances the demands are reasonable.
2. It should be noted that the request for welfare packs for D.P. Assembly Centres was first made at the demand of the Norwegian authorities in a letter to ERO from the Head of Mission, dated June 7th.
3. Advice on the matter was requested in cable of June 30th. No reply to this cable can be traced here.
4. The urgent need of these welfare supplies has been emphasised in all subsequent reports from the D.P. Officer, as well as the absolute absence of procurement facilities in Norway.
5. Only <sup>on</sup> September 1st did the Mission receive from ERO the list of proposed amenity and recreation supplies with the advice that a detailed request would have to be made by the Norwegian authorities.
6. The handling of this matter has, of course, caused considerable criticism. May I, therefore, request that it is very important that there should be no further delay. To ensure secure delivery, I should be glad of details of dispatch, i.e. numbers and markings of cases, and date of shipment.

*K.J. Martin*

20th September, 1945.

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STATENS FLYKTNINGSKONTOR  
Tordenskjoldsgt.12  
Oslo

Oslo, 14th September, 1945.

Miss Sviggum,  
Liaison Officer for Displaced Persons,  
UNRRA Mission Norway.

Referring to conversations and acknowledging receipt of the lists you sent us about welfare material available from UNRRA supply stores in England, we herby attach a list giving the figures of DP-camps at present under Norwegian control, and the number and nationality of DPs in them.

We use this opportunity to state that the welfare-units offered would be most welcome, as Norway can provide no kind of welfare-material whatsoever and all our camps therefore are very badly equipped to deal with the welfare problems of the different nationalities who have been left us after the German occupation.

We also attach a list of amenity supplies which we would be grateful to receive for the camps, based on the lists you sent us.

Sincerely Yours,

Signed: A. Volckmar  
Capt.



DP-camps at present under Norwegian control

Sarsgt. School Oslo, assembly centre	176 men
Møllergt. " " "	140 men & women
Vaaler camp, Polish DPs, strength per 1/9	185 "
Mysen " " " " "	230 "
(school camp for boys between 15-23)	
Herøya camp	309 "
Ørje camp for Finnish DPs	246 " "
Ljanskollen camp for Italian DPs	70 "
Mosjøen camp Polish DPs	630 "
Solheim camp Bergen dutch and var.nationalities	136 "
Strindheim Trondheim mostly Poles	350 "
Hamar-Lillehammer district (small camps, at present being amalgamated) Polish DPs	105
Jeløy camp Polish DPs, men and women	680
Other groups in process of being moved to bigger camps, total	300
+ moved from Northern to different centres in Southern Norway	1384



List of amenity supplies desired for DP camps in Norway.

<u>Article</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
<u>Sports and Games Equipment.</u>	
Football No. 5	14
Bladders	28
Football pumps and adapters (size approx. $8 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ )	14
Table Tennis posts	16 pairs
" " nets	16
" " bats	100 pairs
" " balls	16 gross
Playing cards	160 packs
Dominoes sets	30
<u>Musical Instruments</u>	
Accordion (or Melodian)	10
Mouth organ	20
Wireless with pickup and loudspeaker as many as possible	2
<u>Sewing Materials</u>	
Buttons (coats) change for died German uniform coats for 2000 coats.	
" (trousers)	1000
" (dress)	600
" (underwear)	1000
Neddles, darning	10000
" sewing	3000
Wool, mending	10.000 yards
Thread and sewing cotton (50 yard reels)	
Scissors	100
Safety pins	5.000
Ordinary pins	100 gross
Tape	7.000 yards
<u>Recreation and leisure time units</u>	
Cut paperwork etc.	
1 unit for 5000 people	
Woodwork and carving etc.	
1 unit for 5000 people.	

U.N.R.R.A.

Department of Relief Services,  
Welfare Programmes Coordination Branch,  
E.R.O.,  
U.N.R.R.A.



U.N.R.R.A.,  
European Regional Office,  
11, Portland Place,  
London, W.1.

Dispatch No. 33 from UNRRA Norway.

21/9/45.

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ACTION: Sir G. Ried.

U.N.R.R.A. Oslo...to...U.N.R.R.A. London.

No. 14 ENJOY.

DATED: 30th June, 1945  
REC'D: 1st July, 1945.

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Total requirement feeding units follows.

One Queens Messenger of five vehicles six units of two vehicles each. Queens Messenger and three units are in Norway. Expedite delivery last three units. Advise on Welfare packs for assembly centres requested letter June 7th.

C.C.



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ACTION: Sir G. Ried.

U.N.R.R.A. Oslo.....to.....U.N.R.R.A. London.

No. 16 ENJOY.

DATED: 30th June, 1945.

REC'D: 1st July, 1945.

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Referring Berger's memo June 19th, U.N.R.R.A. feeding  
specialists and mechanics no longer needed for feeding columns.

C.C.

Reference

WE 80/17/1

To: Mr. Rabinoff,  
From: A. Delierneux,  
25th October 1945.

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1. I attach memo. I submitted to Mr. Moore with regard to the Amenity Supplies for Norway.

2. Mr. Moore agreed that the small quantity of supplies necessary for Norway could be taken from the stocks destined for the German Operations.

3. The list of supplies requested by Norway has been transmitted to the Supply Division (Mr. Caston) asking them to do everything in their power to speed the despatch of these articles.

4. A letter has been sent to Miss Sviggum informing her of the steps we have taken.

*A. Delierneux*

A. Delierneux.



Copy

To: Mr. Moore,  
From: A. Delierneux,  
22nd October 1945.

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Mr. Rabinoff, Director of the Welfare Division, has transmitted to me a formal request from the Norwegian Government to our Mission in Oslo with regard to obtaining amenity supplies for the D.Y. camps in Norway. The attached list contains the articles asked for.

The request is for a very limited quantity of supplies, the total value of which would be  $\pm$  £350.

I have consulted Mr. Caston of the Supply Division responsible for the procurement of amenity supplies, as well as Colonel Charley, my idea being that the quantity requested by the Norwegian Government could be taken out of the existing stocks destined for Germany and Austria.

It appears that the articles requested by Norway are not available. Therefore the normal procedure to follow would be to

- a) obtain a budget line for the supplies which Norway is asking for.
- b) Transmit a list of the necessary articles to the Supply Division for procurement.

I think, that in view of the small quantity requested, the decision should be taken to take it out of the amenity supplies destined to the German operations, so that the question of the Budget Line need not arise, and instructions should be given to Mr. Caston to collect the articles required as quickly as possible and send them off to Norway.

A. Delierneux.

List of amenity supplies desired for D.P. camps in Norway

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Buttons (coats) change for dyed German uniform coats for 2,000 coats	
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" (dress)	600
" (underwear)	1,000
Needles, darning	10,000
" sewing	3,000
Wool, mending	10,000 yards
Thread and sewing cotton (50yrd reels)	
Scissors	100
Safety pins	5,000
Ordinary pins	100 gross
Tape	7,000 yards.



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To: Mr. Berger,  
From: A. Delierneux,  
24th October 1945.

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With regard to the crate of sewing sets to be sent to Norway, here is the address of the shipping company to contact:

Mr. Knott,  
Norwegian Shipping and Trade Mission,  
144 Leadenhall Street,  
E.C.3.

Avenue 2410.

P.S.I attach your note with Mr. Moore's comments written in pencil.

*(Signature)*

Held up on account of the Dark strike.  
Mr. Hampton (S.L.A. Ltd. 33/35 St.  
Mary Axe, E.C.3) will phone on  
5th Nov. to report progress.

*RJ*

To: M. Delierneux

From: R. Berger.

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Subject: Amenity Supplies for Displaced Persons in Norway.

I have now investigated the contents of the sewing sets which are at present being stored at 19, Portland Place. I find that each crate contains 250 sets, each of which comprises the following items:-

- 4 skeins Mending Wool
- 2 cards Sewing Cotton
- 4 cards Sewing Thread
- 1 packet Darning Needles (6 needles).
- 1 packet Sewing Needles (8 needles)
- 1 bundle Safety Pins (9 pins)
- 1 packet Buttons (30 metal, 4 bone, 6 linen)
- 1 patch (Flannel 2" x 5").

I suggest that we make one of these crates available to the Norwegian Government for shipment to be arranged by Miss Sviggum, and that these supplies should be regarded as a token item in advance of the shipment of the other items requested in the Norwegian Government's list on which you are now working.

To Mr. Moore  
From: Delierneux

R. Berger.

I agree.  
Submitted to Mr. Moore  
for decision. \$

22nd October, 1945.

22.10.45.

There are six  
crates - five are  
being shipped to Germany.  
the sixth will be  
diverted to Norway.  
R. Berger 25/10

OK with me  
but Miss German  
was about to put  
them on a truck  
convey to Germany.  
23/10