

District 3 - Area Team 1045 - Assembly Centre - 93-396 - Flossenbürg 4/4/1946 - 21/3/1947

Team 168, Tirschenreuth

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Heidelberg 6696

21 March 1947

TO : Director, Area Team 1045
Weiden.

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Encl:

SP/hm

In reply please quote: FO/21/3/47.

Copy to: Director Area Team 1045,
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*File: Rosenberg Camp
Dnb 3.*

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Flossenbourg March 3rd 1947

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Telephone Conversation with District 3, Field Operations.

Three months ago the Area Team had thought of closing Flossenburg Camp and the inhabitants made a petition to stay, saying that they would all be going back to Poland. Consequently it was decided that the Camp should not be closed but that the occupants should be repatriated in the Spring. There is no idea of closing the Camp at present.

Sue

Spise we'd better answer it is,
hadn't we?

B.

cc- to Area Team 1045- Kivela
to Field Ref -
to Zone Repatriation

UNRRA US ZONE HQ
Message Center Route Slip

No. 8279

Zone Director

Dep. Zone Dir. Dep. of Admin.

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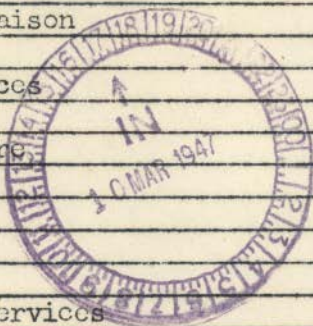
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W OBOZIE KONCENTRACYJNYM FLOSSENBURG

AUSFÜHRUNGSKOMITEE FÜR DEN BAU DES DENKMALS UND DER KAPELLE
IM KONZENTRATIONSLAGER FLOSSENBURG

L. 380/181/47

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Flossenbunrg

23.7.46

Date Rec'd

Follow up dt.

Refrd. to

Dep. Zone Director

Director, Dist. 3

From:

File Ref.

Dated:

22.7.46

Subject Matter:

Copy of letter to Comm. General,
VI Corps Constab., Bamberg, re..
Raid at Flossenbunrg D.P. Camp
18.7.46

UNRRA DISTRICT NO. 3 HQs. REGENSBURG.

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22nd July, 1946.

TO: Commanding General
VI Corps Constabulary,
BAMBERG.

FROM: Mr.A.C.Dunn,
District Director,
UNRRA District No.3 Headquarters,
REGENSBURG.

SUBJECT: Raid at Flossenbergl D.P.Camp 18.7.46.

1. This office wishes to commend the manner in which the abovementioned raid was conducted. The fine co-ordination of all troops involved reflects a new spirit in operations of this nature, one which shall have the fullest co-operation from UNRRA in this District.
2. I have felt that Constabulary forces have made definite efforts to become familiar with the many D.P.problems since they have taken their place in the field. The conduct of this raid was beyond expectation and most gratifying, both as to consideration for the UNRRA personnel and the Displaced people involved, and the objects attained.
3. I wish to specially commend Lt.Col.Ligon, 94th Sqn. 11th Constabulary Regiment, in this instance.
4. Any assistance asked for from this Office, having jurisdiction over all UNRRA teams within the 1st Infantry Division area, will be gladly given.


A. C. DUNN
DISTRICT DIRECTOR.

AGD/s.

Copy Lt.Col.Ligon.

c.c. file.

Mr.C.J.Taylor, Zone.
Field Supervisor.



T-168
#3

8th July 1946.

SUBJECT: Cable No. 57 on accommodation Polish D.P's.

TO: Chief German Operations, (att: Director Relief Services)

1. Reference your cable No. 57 on accommodation Polish D.P's Flossenbergl, transmitted herewith is an extract of pertinent parts of the Field Supervisor's report.

For the Zone Director:

R. L. T.

Rebekah L. Taft,
Chief,
Reports & Statistics Branch.

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DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

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REGENSBURG 2289

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No. 10, Martin Luther Strasse

NIEDERBAY./OPF.

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PASING-MUNICH.

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Date Rec'd 29.6.46

Follow up, dt.

Refrd. to Reports & Stat.

Field Supervisor
D. Deane, Dist. 3

File Ref.

Dated: 28.6.46

Subject Matter:

Copy of letter to Director, Dist. 3
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CSpy to Miss. Taft. 1(1) Reports 168-3
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Zone Director
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Act. copy to Relief
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SAVINGRAM

20 - 1430 - JUNE

FROM: UNRRA CHQ AROlsen

TO FOR ACTION: UNRRA US ZONE HQ (ATTENTION DIRECTOR
RELIEF SERVICES)

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CABLE NO. 57 FROM UNRRA CHQ FOR UNRRA US ZONE HQ
(DIRECTOR RELIEF SERVICES)

1. SUBJECT ACCOMMODATION POLISH DISPLACED PERSONS
FLOSSENBERG CAMP pd
2. UNRRA AUSTRIA STATES THAT PERSONNEL WHO
ACCOMPANIED MOVEMENT SEVERAL HUNDRED POLISH
DISPLACED PERSONS FROM US ZONE AUSTRIA TO
FLOSSENBERG CAMP IN MAY REPORT GROUP PLACED
IN EX CONCENTRATION CAMP IN VERY POOR PHYSICAL
SETTING AND REQUESTS INFORMATION POSSIBILITY
OF ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS MORE IN ACCORD WITH
UNRRA STANDARDS.pd
3. PLEASE INVESTIGATE AND REPORT SOONEST pd

END OF MESSAGE

PRECEDENCE
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NAME AND RANK TYPED
C.H. Martini (ACOG)

MESSAGE FORM

TO: **UNRRA CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS, AROLSSEN.**
ATTENTION OF THE DIRECTOR RELIEF SERVICES

Urgent _____
OP _____
Priority _____
Routine **X** _____
Deferred _____

ACTION:

INFO:

TEXT OF MESSAGE

1. SUBJECT YOUR CABLE 57 ON ACCOMMODATION POLISH DISPLACED PERSONS, FLOSSEBERG CAMP.
2. ORAL REPORT FIELD SUPERVISOR: CAMP AVERAGE. COMMUNAL FACILITIES, MESSING, LAUNDRY, WORKSHOPS ETC., GOOD. BILLETTS AND BARRACKS POOR BUT STEADY IMPROVEMENT VISIBLE. MUCH BETTER THAN A MONTH AGO. CAMP IS EX-CONCENTRATION CAMP. HOUSING SHORTAGE DOES NOT PERMIT SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATIONS.
3. SUPERVISOR SUBMITTING WRITTEN REPORT. TO FOLLOW.

Official Designation of Originating Dept. C.I. PARSON		Signature:
Name:	Dept. FIELD OPS.	
Reference Initials C.JT/jb.	Time Signed	Authority

Poland Needs Her People
Encourage Repatriation!

UNRRA HQ, U S ZONE

ROUTING SLIP

Date

05 June

TO:

Check Initial

(1) Zone Director
Deputy Director
Field Operations
Asst. Dir. F&A-S&T.
Rep. & Statistics
Public Info.
Health
Relief Serv.
Vol. Agencies
Supply
Personnel
Adm. Serv.
Finance
Transport
Protective Serv.
Comm. Files & Rep.

FOR:

Necessary action ✓
Handle to conclusion
Info. & return
Info. & retain
Files

Remarks:

Initials of Router:

SUBJECT:

FROM:

DATE:

RE:

Back to know
DO you know
or any thing
about this

T- 168
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U.S. ZONE HEADQUARTERS.

14 June 1946.

SUBJECT : Team 168 - Flossenburg.

TO : Director, UNRRA District No. 3.

1. With reference to telephone conversation today between Mr. Dunn and Mr. Catlin we attach hereto letter which is self-explanatory. Mr. Bruin, the Deputy Director of Team 168, who delivered the letter here, was referred to your office.

2. ~~May we have a report on this.~~

C.J. TAYLOR
Deputy Zone Director.

P.S. Apparently it was Mr. Bruin who came in this morning, and not Mr. Polcyn, as I stated on the phone. This misunderstanding came about as a result of information being passed by word of mouth at a rather busy time. I assumed that the man who signed the letter was the one who brought it.

S.L.C.

TRANSLATION

Flossenburg, June 13, 1946.

To : The Field Supervisor, Mr. D. Deane Regensburg.

Attention : HNRRA Headquarters, Pasing, Munich.

This is to certify that the Polish D.P. center at Flossenburg is ruled by a clique, who stick together and reign dictatorially.

There was a letter written, expressing the thanks of the D.Ps to the Deputy Director Mr. G.T. Bruin for the work he has done for them trying to keep order and discipline, which 300 D.Ps. wanted to sign. This letter went around the camp for signatures but was destroyed and the people who wanted to sign it were threatened with consequences.

I am sorry to state that we live here under pressure and fear and we beg you to change this at once.

Director Bruin would have been the right man to restore order in the end but apparently he became victim of these terrorists.

If order is not restored soon by you we will call in the help of the military authorities.

Respectfully yours

Polcyn Josef
M/Sgt. Cadet Officer
Barracks 10.

Flossenbery

UNRRA LIAISON OFFICE : THIRD US ARMY HQ
HEIDELBERG

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30th April, 1946

TO : Colonel Cone, G-1 Section
FROM : Pearl Morris, UNRRA Liaison Office
SUBJECT : 2000 Polish D.Ps from Austria to Flossenbery
 ~~200 D. Ps from French Zone~~
 (Poles, Italians and Yugoslavs)

1. We have been advised that the Polish DPs have arrived from Austria - 937 on April 24th and 1163 on April 27th., making a total of 2100 instead of 2000.

2. The 200 DPs from the French Zone can be sent to UNRRA 3rd District area. Schwandorf Transient Camp can accommodate them temporarily. From that camp they will be sent to Gansacker, Michaelsdorf and Danube - depending on their nationalities.

cc - Mr. Catlin

*Catlin advised by
telephone.*

Blossenberg

UNRA HEADQUARTERS
SEVENTH ARMY AREA
HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY

1163 arrived in

Second shipment (27 Apr)

1st group arrived (24 Apr)

Total no. arrived 2100.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2100 \\ 1163 \\ \hline 937 \end{array}$$

UNRRA HEADQUARTERS .

SEVENTH ARMY AREA .

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY . . . HEIDELBERG

PHONE

HEADQUARTERS : THIRD US ARMY
APO 403

4th April, 1946.

TO : Pearl Morris
FROM : Norma McDonald
SUBJECT : Flossenburg Camp near Neustadt
(Tirschenreuth Kreis).

1. Captain Flannery advises that there is an installation at Flossenburg which would accommodate 4,500 people, which may be available about the 15th April. He has asked us not to say anything about this place as he believes that after the 10th April it will only be necessary for permission to be given from the 1st Division for UNRRA to have this place, and he believes that it can be arranged after that date.

2. If UNRRA is given Flossenburg, he thinks that they can accommodate the 2,000 Poles coming from Austria, in Flossenburg.

NM/BW

Norma McDonald.

936 arrived

Flossenburg 24/4

Main # 7458A

✓ ask date of arrival

1000 - 20 H

1000 - 27 H