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MEMORANDUM TO: All members of ABC

SUBJECT: Meeting of American Board of Charities

The first official meeting of the American Board of Charities was held 14 April 1948 in the Headquarters Command Conference Room. The American Board of Charities was authorized by the Commanding General, Hq. Command, EUCOM, under separate letter dated 1 April 1948. The following persons represent the original board of ABC:

Col Mark G. Brislawn, Deputy Commandant, Frankfurt Military Post
Lt Col J. F. Webb, Orphans Inc.
Col and Mrs. E. Glavin, Mercy Mail Inc. & European Pilgrimage
Mrs. C. Biebers, Frankfurt Women's Club
Mrs. A. Biddle, AOWVS
Capt Jos. Brigandi, Relief for the Blind
Miss Lucile Newton, American Red Cross
Capt J. W. Etter, Special Services
Lt D. P. Frome, PIO, Hq. Command
Mr. Dave I. Lippert, GI Council

All the above named persons were present at the first official meeting exclusive of Miss Lucile Newton, Mrs. A. Biddle, and Lt. Col. J. F. Webb, who was represented by Major Carl Gunther.

The ^{following} information was given to members of the board:

Office and storage space has been made available to the ABC in the building now housing WAG's of the 7772 Signal Service Group and Theater No. 1. Space allocated is the southern wing of the basement which includes two large rooms, three small storage rooms, and a large shower and latrine which can be made into extra storage space. Responsibility for maintaining the office will be assumed by the PIO, Hq. Command, and an enlisted man from that section will be assigned to work permanently for ABC. A request has been forwarded to G-1, Hq. Command, for additional authorization of one DA Civilian to be assigned as welfare worker in charge of ABC office. It is anticipated that the office will open officially 26 April 1948

Members of the board discussed a permanent mailing address for the ABC and it was the decision of the board that all designated and non-designated goods would be received by the ABC and then delivered to those organizations designated as recipients. The mailing address will be substantially as follows:

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FROM: (Donor)
 (Street (or Hq))
 (City, state (or APO))

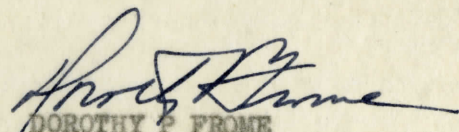
TO: American Board of Charities
 APO 757
 c/o P.M., New York, N. Y.

If Designated charity (Name of Charity)

Captain Etter, Special Service Officer, Frankfurt Military Post, announced that 50% of the receipts from the benefit concert performance given at the Palmgarden on 13 April would be turned over to the ABC for whatever purpose they chose to do with it. The receipts turned over amounted to \$427.75. Col. Brislawn suggested that the money be used to establish a medical bank for the use of all charities represented on the board. The board concurred with the suggestion but recommended that professional advice be received from Medical Division regarding storage, procurement, type of medical supplies to be purchased, value of establishing such a bank, and the controls to be placed on the use of them. Until such time as the final decision is reached on the establishment of a medical bank, the money is to be placed in the ABC fund, which will be established immediately.

It was the decision of the board that the Public Information Officer assume responsibility for the ABC fund as custodian of the fund. Other members of the fund will be Col. Mark G. Brislawn, President; Col. E. Glavin, Member; and Captain Joseph Brigandi, Recorder; and 1st Lt. D. P. Frome, Custodian.

It was requested that all members of the board representing welfare organizations make a written report to PIO of their activities, the type of relief work they represent, and the type of supplies required by their particular organization. This report will be consolidated into a special release for publication in state-side and theater papers. It was also suggested that the material received from the various organizations be consolidated into a pamphlet and mailed to stateside donors in order that they might better understand the charity work being done in this community through the assistance of the donors.


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