

FRANKFURT MILITARY POST  
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SUBJECT: American Board of Charities

TO : All American, Allied and Neutral Residents of the Frankfurt  
Military Post

1. AUTHORITY: The Commanding General has authorized the establishment of the American Board of Charities for coordination of and assistance to private charitable activities in the Frankfurt Military Post.

2. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS: In the Frankfurt Area, as in other parts of occupied Germany, private American charitable activities for the benefit of needy Germans and other foreign nationals have developed rapidly. With minor variations, these efforts consist of appeals to the United States for relief supplies and the distribution of the gifts by individuals, families, or volunteer organizations. In addition to military organizations, the Orphans Inc., the Women's Clubs, the AOWS, Mercy Mail Inc., and the European Playmates Club represent local groups engaged in this work. Many allied and neutral personnel have shared in these activities with their American associates. Conservatively, it is estimated that considerable practical benefits to those in distress and improvements in morale have resulted from supplies distributed to date.

It is the present policy of this headquarters to assist in the wider development of charity programs and to encourage increased participation by all residents interested in these activities. It is probable that many individuals refrain from taking part in voluntary charity work due to lack of adequate information or to unfamiliarity with opportunities to contribute services. Regardless of military or civilian status, participation in charitable activities is open to all volunteers. Existing groups welcome additional assistance with present programs and in the development of extended programs of wider application.

Without replacing or combining groups now organized, it is considered desirable to provide assistance to all in the interest of promoting coordination, avoiding duplication of efforts, and developing future programs. At the request of the Commanding General, representatives of existing groups have conferred jointly, discussed programs, and volunteered to serve as members of the American Board of Charities. As presently organized, the Board consists of the following representatives of the agencies and headquarters listed below:

- ✓ 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 Playmates Club
- ✓ Mrs. C. Biebers - - - Frankfurt Women's Club
- Mrs. A. Biddle - - - American Overseas Women's Voluntary Services
- Capt Joseph Brigandi - - - Relief for the Blind
- Miss Lucile Newton - - - Special Representative, American Red Cross

*Occupations*

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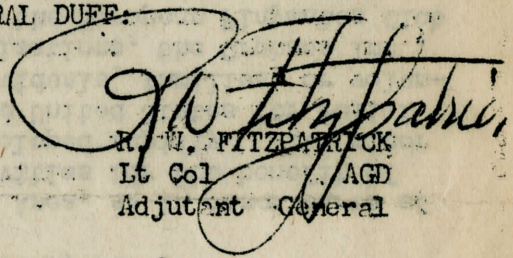
- Capt J. W. Etter - - - Special Service Officer, Frankfurt Mil Post
- Lt D.P. Frome (WAC) - - - PIO, Frankfurt Military Post
- (To be selected) - - - Recording Secretary
- Mr. Dave I. Lippert - - - GI Council

3. OBJECTIVES: Initially the ABC has adopted the following objectives:

- a. To promote coordination of charitable activities by exchange of information between agencies and individuals engaged in these enterprises.
- b. To encourage and extend participation in charitable activities by organizing a central information office providing current data on relief needs, individual and group programs, and available charity work open to volunteers.
- c. To establish a central office and storage space, together with common transportation, communication, clerical and supervisory assistants.
- d. To consult, advise on, and assist in the disbursement of any non-designated funds acquired by the Board for charitable purposes.
- e. To adopt appropriate common procedures in the solicitation of supplies and funds, and recruitment of volunteer associates, the distribution of relief supplies and the release of information to the public.

4. LOGISTICAL SUPPORT: The staff sections of Frankfurt Military Post Headquarters are directed to assist the American Board of Charities as necessary and feasible in the provision of office space, warehousing facility, transportation, communication, office supplies, and clerical assistance.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL DUFF:



R. W. FITZPATRICK  
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Adjutant General

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