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THE IRISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

EMERGENCY HOSPITALS' SUPPLY DEPOT

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Your Ref. Ha/Bs A 82.

Herrn M.W.G. Hartmann,
Secretary General,
German Red Cross Society,
Bonn,
Rheinweg 67,
Germany.

EINGANG	
30	6. NOV. 1950
BREMIGT:	

2nd November, 1950.

re: Tinned Pork Products.

Dear Herr Hartmann,

Further to my letter of the 10th October, I have pleasure in informing you that the two boxes of food gifts mentioned in my previous letter were shipped on Friday, 27th October, 1950. per s.s. "City of Antwerp". I have written to the Agents, Messrs. Kayser Thornton & Co., Shipping Agents, Antwerp, informing them of the shipment, and asking them to forward the two boxes to the German Red Cross, Cologne.

I now enclose a copy of the Bill of Lading and hope that the gifts will reach you safely.

Yours sincerely,
Mary E. Hackett
(Mary E. Hackett)
Hon. Secretary.

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Det. Reichsperle v. Frischen Rosen Kreuz

An das
Bayerische Rote Kreuz
Präsidium
z.Hds.v.Herrn v.Bertrab,
München 22
Wagnmüllerstrasse 16

den 16.10.1950

A 82 R/Bs

Ihr Schreiben vom 29.9. Abt.Fürsorge - 5/II L v.B./w
Spende des Irischen Roten Kreuzes, Dublin

Sehr geehrter Herr v.Bertrab,

die Erfahrungen bei der Bearbeitung der Spende des Irischen Roten Kreuzes sind nicht zuletzt Anlass zu grundsätzlichen Überlegungen gewesen, die wir uns dieser Tage über die Frage der Spendenverteilung gemacht haben, und über deren Ergebnis Sie durch ein besonderes Schreiben hören werden.

Zu der Verteilung der Irischen Spende wird, wie wir neulich schon in München besprochen, auf eine Beteiligung der französischen Zone verzichtet.


Nachdem Irland nachträglich noch zwei weitere Kisten avisiert hat, haben wir von diesen je eine an die Landesverbände Niedersachsen und Schleswig-Holstein gegeben, da ja, wie Sie selbst in Ihrem Schreiben vom 9.9. feststellten, die Bevorzugung von Berlin bei der ersten Verteilung ganz zu Lasten der britischen Zone ging. Insgesamt sind also aus dieser Spende 18 Kisten verteilt worden und zwar, wie folgt :

6 an Landesverband Berlin
5 " das Bayerische Rote Kreuz, München
4 " Landesverband Niedersachsen, Hannover
3 " Landesverband Schleswig-Holstein

Die Gewichtsangaben lassen wir Ihnen zugehen, sobald wir die Ziffern für die letzten beiden Kisten haben, die uns noch fehlen.

Mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung
Generalsekretariat

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GENERAL KONSULAT VON IRLAND
B O N N

3. Mai 1951

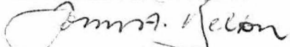
Herrn W.G. Hartmann
General-Sekretär
Deutsches Rotes Kreuz
Rheinweg 67
Bonn

EINGANG	
AM	- 8. MAI 1951
BESCHLÜSST:	

Sehr geehrter Herr Hartmann!

Auf Grund Ihres Schreibens vom 15 März 1951 an das Irische Rote Kreuz, welches Ihre Anfrage an das Aussehenministerium Dublin weitergeleitet hatte, moechten wir Ihnen beiliegendes Memorandum übersenden, welches von unserem Aussehenministerium uns zugesandt worden ist mit der Bitte es an Sie weiterzuleiten. Dieses Memorandum ist erst kürzlich zusammengestellt worden und ist daraus die Unterstützung ersichtlich, die die irische Regierung Deutschland und Oesterei hat zukommen lassen. Wir hoffen, dass es auch zu Ihrer Information genügen wird.

Hochachtungsvoll!


John A. Bolton

Bevollmächtigter Minister
General Konsul von Irland.

M E M O R A N D U M

The Alleviation of Distress in Germany and Austria

During the war, owing to difficulties of transport and of a military nature, the Government was unable to make grants in kind for the alleviation of distress abroad. A money grant of £100,000 was, however, made to the Irish Red Cross Society in the financial year 1943/44 for war relief and famine relief in India and Europe and a further £100,000 was voted during the financial year 1944/45 for presentation to His Holiness the Pope to be used for relief schemes sponsored by the Vatican.

With the end of hostilities it became possible to send to Europe commodities which were sorely needed in the various countries ravaged by the war. In July 1945 the sum of £3 million was voted by the Dáil for foodstuffs, blankets and clothing. One-fifth of these supplies was allocated to the Joint Relief Commission of the International Red Cross for distribution in the following countries: Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia (including German Civilian Internees in Slovakia), Germany, Hungary, Northern Italy, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia. The following Table shows the quantity and value of relief goods shipped to the International Red Cross up to the 31st March, 1946, i.e. the end of the financial year 1945/46:-

Commodity:	Quantity Shipped:	Value:
		£
Bacon	160 tons	35,062
Creamery Butter	200 "	47,754
Dried Milk	15 "	2,070
Condensed Milk	500 "	44,530
Cheese	50 "	8,023
Sugar	2,000 "	87,834
Woollen Socks	4,000 doz. prs.	6,754
Woollen Gloves	1,010 doz. prs.	1,462
Knitted Undergarments	3,333 doz.	7,600
Knitting Yarn	10,000 lbs.	3,426
Baby Food	5 tons	788
Woollen Blankets	20,000	12,000
Stoves & Cookers	100	1,888
		<u>1,888</u>
	TOTAL:	<u>£259,191</u>

It is interesting to note that Irish relief supplies were distributed in Berlin and the Russian Zone of Germany by virtue of a special agreement between the Soviet Commander and a delegate of the International Red Cross. This agreement laid down that no account should be taken in the distribution of political allegiance or religious profession and that only these in need should benefit. Further, Irish supplies were the first foreign relief supplies to be distributed in the Russian Zone and given publicity in the press.

Under this Vote of £3 million made in July, 1945 a contribution of £38,000 was made to the Irish Red Cross Society towards the expenditure by the Society on the purchase and shipment of relief supplies for Europe generally.

In July, 1946 a further £3 million was voted by the Dáil for the relief of distress in Europe. The following supplies were made available to Austria under the 1946 programme:-

Sugar	910 tons
Bacon	225 "
Canned Meat	210 "
Dried Milk	8 "
Babyfood	8 "
Cheese	23 "
Blankets	10,080 "
Pillows	800 "
Mattresses	2,000 "
Towels	1,500
First Aid	
Outfits	5
Army Shirting	3,000 yds.
Knitting Yarn	5,000 lbs.
Serge	2,000 yds.

Approximately 1,250,000 lbs. of frozen meat, being the equivalent of 2,000 head of cattle, were shipped to Austria under the scheme and in addition 100 tons of bacon were given to Austria in response to an appeal in May 1946 from the UNRRA/EECE Standing Committee on Starvation Conditions in Europe. The following supplies were made available to Germany:-

Sugar	2,734 tons
Bacon	360 "
Canned meat	500 "
Dried milk	8 "
Condensed milk	30 "
Babyfood	8 "
Cheese	40 "
Clothing	3,600 items
Blankets	33,000
Pillows	2,300
Mattresses	7,000
Towels	4,600
First Aid Outfits	43

Household Utensils	87,444
Canvas	6,000 yds.
Draw sheets	91
Army shirting	3,000 yds.
Knitting yarn	11,000 lbs.
Serge	5,000 yds.

In addition 230 head of cattle were shipped to the U.S. Zone and 1,250,000 lbs. frozen meat to the British Zone.

Under the 1946 Gift, payments amounting to £91,644. 5. 7. were made to the Italian Government and to the Joint Relief Commission and a payment of £5,418.18.5 was made to the Irish Red Cross Society in respect of the purchase and shipment of relief supplies generally. Up to the 31st December, 1946 the distribution of Irish relief to Germany and Austria had been handled by the Joint Relief Commission of the International Red Cross Society. After the 31st December, 1946 distribution of the still available Irish supplies was handed over to the International Centre for Relief to Civilian Populations, Geneva. In October, 1947 the remainder of the supplies in possession of the International Centre was handed over to the National Catholic Welfare Centre. In the financial year 1947/48 payments amounting to £45,802.18.5. were made to or on behalf of the Joint Relief Commission and to the International Centre for transport charges and other expenses incurred by them on the distribution of relief supplies. A sum of £3,312.19.1. was given to the Irish Red Cross in recoupment of expenditure on the purchase and shipment of supplies, and a grant of £9,750 was made to the intergovernmental committee on refugees. In the financial year 1948/49 a sum of £9,123.12.5 was made to the Joint Relief Commission of the International Red Cross for transport charges and other expenses incurred by them in connection with the distribution of supplies sent to Europe in previous years. A sum of £2,740.15.1. was paid to the Irish Red Cross Society in recoupment of expenditure on the purchase and shipment of supplies.

On the 14th December, 1950 in response to a request from the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Paris, a supply of canned meat to a total cost of £25,000 was made available for the relief of distress. Five tons of

stewed steak were supplied to Berlin; 2,083 cartons (each containing 48 x 1 lb. cans) were supplied for relief in Germany generally and 938 cartons (each containing 48 x 1 lb. cans) for relief purposes in Austria. The balance of the meat was sent to France and Italy.

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Dr. F./E.
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An das
Generalkonsulat von Irland
B o n n

Sehr geehrter Herr Minister !

Im Namen von Herrn Hartmann, der sich gegenwärtig einer längeren Erholungskur unterzogen hat, danke ich Ihnen aufrichtig für das Memorandum über die Unterstützung der Irischen Regierung für notleidende Personen in Deutschland und Österreich. Das Memorandum enthält alle von uns benötigten Angaben. Wollen Sie bitte der zuständigen Stelle Ihres Aussenministerium unseren aufrichtigsten Dank aussprechen.

Mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung
Generalsekretariat
i. A.:


(Dr. Fehr)
Jugendrotkreuz.