Gen. Hays Becomes DMG


General Hays had been Deputy Commander of the Sixth Army Command under the late General Joseph W. Stilwell. During the war, he led the Second Infantry Division Artillery in the Normandy Invasion, and later was in command of the Tenth Mountain Division in Italy. In 1941, General Hays was assigned to the Operations Division of the War Department; then transferred to General Headquarters as Assistant Chief of Staff.

General Keating has been transferred to headquarters of the First Service Command, Boston, as Commanding General. General Keating was appointed Deputy Military Governor on 15 March 1947 at the same time that General Lucius D. Clay became Military Governor. He came to Berlin in 1946 as commander of troops and Military Governor of the American Sector of Berlin.

Also returning to a high post in the United States is Maj. Gen. William H. Draper, Jr., who recently was named by President Truman as Under Secretary of War. General Draper, who has been advisor to the Military Governor on economics and previously director of the Economics Division, OMGUS, is in Washington attending the United States/British conference on Ruhr coal. General Draper will become Under Secretary when the armed forces are unified this month.

Summer Sewall, former governor of Maine, is retiring as director of OMG for Wurtemberg-Baden to return to the United States about 15 September after a year and four months' service in Germany. For a time, he headed the Internal Affairs and Communications Division, OMGUS.

Dr. Walter L. Dorn, personal advisor to the Deputy Military Governor on denazification, OMGUS, will return to the United States after more than three and one-half years with Military Government. Dr. Dorn returns to Ohio State University as professor of modern European history.

Col. Walker W. Holler, acting director of the Armed Forces Division, OMGUS, has left Berlin for Washington, where he will assume new duties in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Research and Development Service.

Dr. Richard T. Alexander, who has been acting chief of the Education and Religious Affairs Branch, IA&C, since April 1947, has been appointed chief of that Branch.

Brig. Gen. Thomas L. Harrold is announced as director of Civil Affairs, European Command, succeeding Col. S.R. Mickelsen, who is returning to the United States. Colonel Mickelsen also had been director of the Prisoners-of-War and Displaced Persons Division, OMGUS.

First Import Permit

The first bizonal import purchase permit issued in the Combined US/UK Zones came from the Wurtemberg-Baden office when 450,000 semi-precious stones for use by Pforzheim jewelers in the manufacture of high-grade costume jewelry was ordered purchased from a Czechoslovakian firm.

Exit Permit Process Eased by CTB Plan

With the assistance of additional personnel at the Combined Travel Board in Berlin and the establishment of regional offices for processing permits, the period for processing Exit Permits is appreciably shortened from the former time of two months or more. Every effort is being made to reduce the time element at all levels.

Some of the delays in processing Exit Permits, in the past, have been attributable to Liaison and Security level. Attention is directed to matters at the L & S level which can eliminate these delays. Close adherence to the following matters can assist in expeditious handling of Exit Permits:

1. Use the SOP published by the Combined Travel Board as a guide and be certain that all requirements are fulfilled.

2. If the travel is sponsored be sure the sponsorship letter is included with the application.

3. In the fiancee cases, if possible, invite attention to the date of redeployment of the soldier concerned.

4. If the matter of travel is an emergency, or the time element is short, invite attention to that fact, so that the application can be given priority treatment.

5. Be sure that CIC clearance is obtained and shown on the application.

6. If the applicant has had a previous Exit Permit, it must be returned before a new permit will be issued; only one in possession is permissible.

7. Be sure that a doctor's certificate is included with the application.

8. Forward promptly.

If these instructions are followed explicitly, unnecessary delays in securing additional information will be avoided and Exit Permits will be issued more promptly. — OMGUS Broadcast

Mail Weight Limit Raised

The Allied Control Authority has authorized an increase in the weight limit in the international letter mail service for Germany from 1.1 pounds to 4.4 pounds effective 15 September.