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FUNDS OF MISSION
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WAR DEPARTMENT
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—Form No. 48
(Comptroller of the Treasury Nov. 4, 1920)

Station 7601

WAR DEPARTMENT
FUNDS TRUSTED TO AGENT
(Act June 4, 1920)

Date Sept. 12, 1943

Filed with Account Current
Month of _____ 19____

- (1) I certify that I have this day intrusted to Frank A. Rahter, U. S. A., as my Agent at _____
(Name and rank)
(2) the following funds: Check No. _____ on the Treasurer of the United States \$
(3) Cash _____ \$ 10,000.00
(4) _____ vouchers covering the following:
(5) Cash Advance

Amount represented by cash	Amount represented by check
\$ <u>10000</u> <u>00</u>	\$ _____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- (6) Total amount of this trust 8870 \$ 10000.00
(7) Balance per statement dated _____, 19____, _____ \$ _____
(8) Funds per trust receipt dated _____, 19____; _____, 19____; _____, 19____ \$ 10000.00
(9) Total amount of funds intrusted to Agent to be accounted for

Note.—This form to be accomplished in duplicate by Disbursing Officer and forwarded with funds and vouchers to Agent.

See Instructions on reverse hereof.

by R. A. Alexander Deputy, U. S. A.,
(Signature of disbursing officer)

R. L. RAINEY, Capt. F.D.
(Official designation)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

Reporte
Finance

21 September 1943

SUBJECT: Financial Situation.

TO : Executive Officer, Allied Force Headquarters.

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FRANK A. RAFTER
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Adjutant

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APO 512

REPORTS
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Adjutant

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE CHIEF OF FINANCE—Form No. 45-B (Old 45-B)
(Comptroller of Treasury, Nov. 4, 1920)

WAR DEPARTMENT
RETURN OF FUNDS AND STATEMENT OF BALANCE
(Act June 4, 1920)

Filed with Account Current
Month of Sept, 1943

Station SECRET Brendon, Idaho Date 25 September, 1943

(1) Forwarded this date to Capt. R. L. Rainey, FD, AFHQ, U. S. A., Disbursing Officer

(2) at AFHQ, funds as follows:

(3) Balance on hand last statement dated _____, 19____

(4) Amount received in trust since last statement _____

(5) Forwarded herewith in cash _____

(6) Forwarded herewith check No. _____ in amount _____

(7) 3 paid vouchers amounting to _____

Total amount returned _____

(8) Balance chargeable to Agent Officer _____

Note.—Column "C" for exclusive use of Disbursing Officer.

NOTE.—The above form to be accomplished in duplicate by Agent and forwarded to Disbursing Officer.

See instructions on reverse hereof.

FRANK A. KESTER, 1st Lt., AGD
Finance Agent Officer
(Official designation)

The above amount will be shown on line 15, Column "B", Form No. 9-C

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE CHIEF OF FINANCE—Form No. 45-C (Old 45-C)
(Comptroller of Treasury, Nov. 4, 1920)

WAR DEPARTMENT
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RETURN OF FUNDS AND STATEMENT OF BALANCE
(Act June 4, 1920)

Station _____ Date _____, 19____

(9) Received this day from _____, U. S. A., Agent.

(10) per statement dated _____, 19____

(11) Cash amounting to _____

(12) Check No. _____ amounting to _____

(13) _____ correct paid vouchers amounting to _____

(14) _____ incorrect vouchers returned, amounting to _____

(15) Cash balance in hands of Agent _____

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
	Total lines 11, 12, and 13
	Total lines 14 and 15
TOTAL	

(16) Statement of Balance trust funds for which Agent is accountable per Form No. 9-B, dated _____, 19____

\$ _____, to be carried to account current for _____, 19____

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See instructions on reverse hereof.

(Signature of disbursing officer)

(Official designation)

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Brindisi, Italy

Capt. R.L. Rainey, FD, AFHQ

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Sept. 43

25 September

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FRANK A. BARTER, 1st Lt. AGO
Finance Agent Officer

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
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25 September 1943

We certify that we have personally counted the cash, verified the balance actually in the custody of Lieutenant Rahter, pertaining to his accountability as Agent Disbursing Officer for Captain R.L. Rainey, FD and that this amount is distributed as follows:

Actual Cash on hand-----\$ 9,31.00
Amount of paid vouchers-----\$ 343.66
Pay Receipts and receipted
payrolls held as cash-----\$ _____
Other checks (itemized bill)-----\$ _____

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Total amount of other checks-----\$ None

TOTAL ACCOUNTABILITY-----\$ 9,774.66

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

25 September 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer,
AG Section, AFHQ.

1. The Chief of Mission has directed the AG to insure the delivery of personal mail as well as official mail to this mission as promptly as possible. It was the understanding of the undersigned in his conversation with the Executive Officer that every possible means would be taken to get personal mail to the mission. There are four officers not including General Maxwell D. Taylor (one officer is Capt. Ellery Stone, USNR) and thirteen enlisted men. The mail for the following would go thru AFHQ:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
Frank A. Rahter	1st Lt.	0-1000174
Robert J. Novak	2nd Lt.	0-1639460
William K. Lawrence	2nd Lt.	0-1636194
Ben. H. Lilly	T/Sgt	32271444
Thos. F. Anderson	Sgt	32685438
Herman R. Alderman	Cpl	31124406
Donald R. Reed	Pvt	35595429
Arthur N. Hanson	Sgt	38030725
Raymond W. Crane	T/4	32307089
Peter Neil Yaskell	T/5	32450801
John H. Murphy	T/5	35399419
Norman N. Grand	Pvt	12124233
John J. Collins	Pvt	1212441
Clarence M. Schleh	Pvt	12130456
John F. Falkland	Pvt	31131072
Charles L. Herz	Pvt	36629085

Memorandum will be appreciated informing this headquarters of what arrangements are contemplated. As yet none has been received.

2. The undersigned, a Class "B" Finance Agent now has a total of approximately 10,000 dollars. However, when partial payment for the month of September, per diem for travel time and necessary expenses of the mission have been paid, the balance will barely cover the month. Direction is desired as to whom the agent officer will direct his request for further money. Will he be required to contact any United States Army Finance Officer (the nearest being AFHQ CP) or must his request go thru the Finance Officer for whom he is appointed an Agent?

FRANK A. RAHTER
1st Lt., A. G. D.
Adjutant General

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29 September 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Commanding General, Allied Military Mission.

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Paid Albergo Internazionale - Mess..... 331.28
Laundry.... 12.38
Sept. 25 - Paid to Captain DeHahn..... 300.00
Sept. 26 - Paid to Captain Bocchino..... 2.00

DEBIT \$ 695.66\$ 695.66
\$ 10,154.34

Attached are true copies of the vouchers covering monies received and expended.

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2. On September 29th, 1st Lieut. William K. Lawrence, 01636194, S. C., and 2nd Lieut. Robert J. Novak, 01639460, S. C., in the presence of the Finance Agent made count of cash on hand; showed shortage of \$216.34. *216.74*
The following is a tabulation of money in denominations at first count:

\$10.00 Bills	-	\$7,750.00
5.00 "	-	950.00
1.00 "	-	847.00
AMGOT Lire	-	346.00
Italian Lire	-	2.70
Francs	-	27.30
Gold Seal	-	15.00 (Sundry Cash)

7678,938.00

The above check was made at 1000A hours. At 1330A hours an additional check was made and it was discovered another \$9.00 as missing in denominations of two (2) \$1.00 bills and one (1) one hundred franc note and one (1) AMGOT five hundred lire note, from Sundry Cash.

FRANK A. RAHTER
1st Lieut., AGD
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Adjutant General

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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allied mail

1 October 1943

1st Lt. Frank A. Rahter, AGD
Allied Force Headquarters
APO 512, U. S. Army

Dear Lt. Rahter:

Thanks for your note of 25 September. We will take care of the forwarding of mail as requested by you right away.

With reference to an increase in funds, it would be necessary for the head of your mission to make a formal request for any additional funds which may be required. I talked to Colonel Sims and he said that it may be that funds will in the future be procured from the Military Government Section instead of through U. S. Army Finance channels. The matter will have to be thrashed out.

We were glad to get your reports and know that you are doing such a good job. Keep up the good work. Best wishes to the AG group.

Sincerely yours,

E. C. Boehnke
E. C. BOEHNKE
Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

*Be sure and make formal requests
for funds and important items.*
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF OFFICERS

Post, Station, or organization: Allied Military Mission

Place: AF0 512

Proceedings of a board of officers ~~which~~ convened at SECRET
pursuant to Special Order Number 1, Allied Military Mission, dated 8 October
1943, a copy of which is attached as exhibit "A", *issued by authority of*
a copy *ex "B"*

The board met pursuant to the foregoing order at SECRET
at 1000A hours, 11 October 1943..

Members present: Lt. Col NELSON W. MONTFORT 0-501537 Inf
Major ROBERT E. DOE 0-214968 AGD
Captain JOSEPH A. DOOLEY 0-335342 QMC

Members absent: None

PURPOSE:

1st Lt. FRANK A. RAHTER, 0-1000174, AGD, appeared before the board without
counsel.

The order appointing the board and the substance of the regulations under
which it was convened were read aloud by the recorder. Lieutenant RAHTER was
asked if he desired to challenge any member of the board for cause, and replied
that he did not.

Lieutenant Rahter was present during all open sessions of the board, was
afforded full opportunity to cross-examine adverse witnesses, to present
evidence in his own behalf, to testify in person or submit a written statement,
and to submit a brief. Lieutenant Rahter submitted a copy of his financial
report, which is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

Lieutenant Rahter was sworn and gave evidence/as follows: *substantially*

My name is Frank A. Rahter, 1st Lieutenant, AGD, 0-1000174. I am a Class
"B" Agent Finance Officer for R. L. Rainey, Captain, Finance Department.
at 1500 hours

On 12 September 1943/I was told by Colonel Christy, Executive Officer of
the Adjutant General's Section, NATOUSA, to be ready to leave Algiers that
day at 1800 hours with \$10,000 in cash and four (4) enlisted men.

At about 1730 hours I arrived at the office of the Finance Officer. The
money was ready in the safe and upon my arrival the officer there, whose name
I do not recall, counted the money in my presence, wrapped it and tied it into
a bundle, and I then signed a receipt for it and put the money into my field
bag. The money received was \$8,000 in \$10 bills, \$1,000 in \$5 bills, and \$1,000
in \$1 bills.

The field bag containing the money was in my possession from that time
until I departed from Syracuse, Sicily, on an LCI. During the two days and one

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night that I was aboard the ship the bag containing the money remained on deck where I, Lt. Lawrence and Lt. Novak took turns in guarding it. It was felt that it would not be well for me to carry the bag around with me continuously and thereby draw unnecessary attention to it and to its possible contents. The only other people aboard the ship who knew of the contents of the bag were the two enlisted men accompanying me, and they were at the other end of the boat the entire time.

Immediately upon my arrival at my destination I looked for a safe place to keep the money. A safe was found in the ~~lobby of the hotel~~ office of the hotel where we were billeted, but the combination lock did not appear to be in good condition. At that time the status of the local banks was very questionable and I did not feel that I should entrust the money to one of them. It was finally decided that it would be safer to keep the money under lock in my own room. A large wall cabinet, with lock and key, was selected. From that time on the cabinet was kept locked and the key remained in my possession. The door to the room was kept locked and I retained the key. It was necessary for Lt. Novak, who ~~lived~~ shared the room with me, to obtain the key from me when he wished to enter the room.

For about an hour daily the door was left open to permit the ~~hotel~~ chambermaid to clean the room.

I did not have occasion to open the package containing the money until 25 September 1943, when I paid \$300 to Captain DeHahn. Previous receipts of cash had been sufficient to cover disbursements prior to that date. (see exhibit "A"). On this date I did not count each individual bill, but only counted the packets of money, and the total appeared to be correct.

On 29 September 1943, Lts. Lawrence and Novak counted the cash in my possession. ~~Each of them counted the money once~~ The money was counted ~~twice~~ once by each officer at 1000 hours, both arriving at the same total, which was \$216.34 short of the required total. Lt. Lawrence and I then went to my office and checked my accounts, to insure that no error existed there. We then returned to my room at 1330 hours and recounted the money, at which time an additional shortage of \$9 was discovered.

Some of the packets of money were unbroken, and were just as I had received them from the Finance Officer. Although there was no evidence of tampering, two packages of \$10 bills were found to be short \$30 each and one was short \$20. ~~In addition,~~

On about the 2nd of October a field safe arrived, and the money is ^{now} ~~not~~ secured therein.

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Lt. Novak was sworn and testified as follows:

My name is Robert J. Novak, 2nd Lieutenant, SC, O-1639460.

I first learned that Lt. Rahter had the money in his possession when I boarded the LCI in Syracuse. On the boat, I helped guard the field bag containing the money.

On 29 September I helped count the cash in Lt. Rahter's possession. I and Lt. Lawrence each counted the money and we both obtained the same total.

I live in the same room with Lt. Rahter, who always kept the key in his possession. When I wanted ~~to~~ to enter the room I had to obtain the key from him. I do not know if it has any bearing on the case, but I once left the room unlocked, through an oversight, for about a quarter of an hour. The cabinet was locked during this period, and I do not know if anyone entered the room or not.

Lt. Lawrence was sworn and testified as follows:

My name is William K. Lawrence, 1st Lieutenant, SC, O-1636194.

During the passage from Syracuse to Taranto I helped to guard Lt. Rahter's field bag, which I was told contained a large sum of money.

I first saw the money in question at 1000 hours on 29 September 1943, when I assisted Lt. Rahter and Lt. Novak to count it. There appeared to be a discrepancy in the total, so Lt. Rahter and I went to the Adjutant General's office and checked his (Lt. Rahter's) books. We then returned to Lt. Rahter's room at about 1330 hours and recounted the money. It was this time that a different total was found, \$9 less than at 1000 hours, or a *total shortage*.

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TESTIMONY OF LT ~~RAK~~ AK

Not w/Rahter when received money in Algiers

Met in Syracuse and came on ship, there informed of money and watched it at times.

Room w/rahter here

Do not suspect anyone of theft. Room always locked and had to get key from Ranter.

29th: counted all \$10 bills. Believe 2 pkgs short \$30 and 1 short \$20 short 1 pkg of \$1 bills

had pkg been opened? Yes, to pay bills, this not personal knowledge.

On LCI & asked to watch money, any instructions by Capt Stone? No

Counted twice on 29th at 1000. Nothing to do with 1,30. Same total both times.

One time left room open on oversight. Believe to be prior to counting. Cabinet then locked, however. Open about 15 minutes.

TESTIMONY OF LT LAWRENCE

knew of money on day left Syracuse - told to watch bag on boat - guarded pretty closely.

Next saw it when counting at 1000. Then went to AG office and checked books. Then back to room and counted again. R & L counted 2nd time. N not there.

2nd time different shortage found.

Money was loose - not wrapped in pkg.

NOVAK RECALLED

stated N counted once and L counted once

LAWRENCE RECALLED

stated L counted, then N counted, does not remember what was missing - says some pkgs short - no evidence of tampering

RAHTER RECALLED

At time money received in Algiers, officer turning over money said nothing about assuming responsibility inasmuch as no count made. Counted nothing but bundles - he tied, then I signed receipt.

Col Christy told me at 3 to be ready to leave at 6 with \$10,000 and 4 men - at 5:30 arr at FO - about 20 min in FO - was all ready, took money out of safe

Counted all other receipts, know they were correct. Would not know if original money was short

8000	10s
1000	5s
1000	1s

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TESTIMONY OF LT. RAHTER.

My name is Frank A. Ranter, 1st Lieutenant, AGD, 01000174

receipt of funas for sum of \$10,000 - where were you? In FO on Rue Carnot on Sept 12 - what did you do with it? in musette bag, with me all the time - did not count money, counted in stacks by officer there - I watched the count - left Algiers Sept 13 - for Taranto by plane at 0730 - arr. pier in Taranto by LCI from Syracuse, Sicily - driven from Cassibile - ship from Syracuse to Taranto 2 days - left on deck with Lawrence and Novak when not with R. - Capt. Stone suggested not carrying musette bag around to draw attention to it. Only people knew of money were 3 above and 2 EM with me - (Reed & ~~Alberman~~ Alderman) - at far end of boat all time.

1st tried to find safe place for money here - found a safe behind desk at entrance - safer in room than this safe - combination to safe in question - Bank; status was questionable - did not know what being used - next day learned banks were open.

Locked in cabinet and key in my possession.

Next counted money when paid Capt DeHaahn \$300, but only counted packages.

Lot Novak lived in room - hotel employees not in for about week. Short period daily girl cleaned room, no one there, locked afterward.

Checked closet daily. Money tied in pkg in musette bag

Pkg apparently not disturbed - no sign of tampering.

After paying DeHaahn not tied up but left loose

Safe arrived about 2-3 Oct. Shortage discovered before receipt of safe

Shortages discovered when L & N counted on 29th

Paper tape around each pkg. Not all new money - shortages seemed to be in new money.

216.34 found short at 1000

Additional \$9 at 1330

After counted money put in closet and locked. No one could have gone in between those hours & key to room & closet in my possession. No one else has either key.

Lt N rooms w/me and has to get key from R.

Money now in safe

No reason to suspect anyone. No evidence or suspicion

Before the actual counting I counted pkgs & hotel mzn opened door and looked in but don't know if saw money. Don't know which one.

Don't know if additional keys in possession of hotel

Standard practice that ~~keys~~ doors not entered if keys not in door, since arrival. My door was left unlocked hour or so daily for service.

Believe I could tell if money pkg had been opened & retied.

123.5 - Funds, shortages

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FINDINGS:

The board having carefully considered the evidence before it finds:

1. ~~The board feels~~ ^{that} there is no question that any of the three officers who testified in the case were criminally involved in the slightest degree.
2. That due to the shortage of the time element, ~~it was~~ ^{it was} impracticable for Lt. Rahter to have counted the ~~money~~ ^{money} when he received it from the Finance Officer on 12 September 1943. ^{\$ 10,000}
3. That all reasonable precautions to safeguard the funds were taken up to the time Lt. Rahter arrived at his destination. ^{on 16 Sept}
4. That Lt. Rahter was lax in safeguarding the funds in question after his arrival at his destination and prior to the arrival of ~~of~~ the field safe on about 2 October 1943.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In view of the above findings the board recommends:

- 1st
1. That ~~and~~ Lieutenant Frank A. Rahter, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AGD, O-1000174, be held financially responsible in the amount of the ~~funds~~ shortage of funds, namely \$225.34, and that he be required to reimburse the United States in this amount. ^{other}
2. That no/disciplinary action be taken in this case.

1235 - Funds, shortage of

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
APO 512

12 October 1943

TO : Finance Officer, AFHQ

SUBJECT: Funds

Request Lt. F. A. Rahter, 01000174, AGD, Class "B"
Agent for Capt. R. L. Rainey be given an additional \$5,000
for expenses of the Mission.

Maxwell D. Taylor
MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Chief of Mission

*Not honored because of
error in monthly report.*

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*for
Finance*

1212- Allocation of funds

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

17 September 1943

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SAR
Supplies*

The following is a summary of notes re: conversation between Brigadier General Maxwell D. Taylor and the Manager of the ALBERGO INTERNAZIONALE Hotel, Prof. Francesco Borgomastro, concerning the payment of bills, food situation, and services rendered to occupants. Captain Rendall acted as interpreter and Lieut. Rahter was also present at the discussion.

General Taylor pointed out that the entire property was put at the disposal of the Mission by the Italian Government and it is not the intention of the Mission to pay any rental on the house itself. Any claim that he has is against the Italian Government but in the case of the Missions' current bills, i.e., Pension, Room Service, shining shoes, pressing clothes, the mission will pay at the end of the month the claims against it. This was concurred in by the Manager.

The General asked the Manager of the Hotel to state his ration situation. Could he feed us or must we provide our own rations? The Manager stated, if the Italian Government continued to give us the ration cards for the party, feeding us would not be difficult. They are very short on meat, but they can do something with macaroni, but there is a definite lack of meat. Fish is expensive as well as chicken.

The General stated we could try rations but occasionally there would be some delay. However, even if we did use rations, it should be supplemented. In other words, we provide our rations and he, (the Manager) should undertake to get fresh vegetables, fish, chicken to supplement. The Manager stated that it was difficult to get chicken, fish, eggs, etc., other than by paying a price. Occasionally, when a fishing boat comes in he must go down and buy what he can. That requires a price. He must buy chicken from private people and that too requires a price. Eggs on the open market cost 7 Lire apiece. The General stated that we were desirous of paying a reasonable price but did want a good mess.

The General stated that at the end of the month we would balance our books and then the Manager would submit his expenses and we would then come to some agreement. It was agreed that we could not work out a fixed price unless we buy only what the ration book allows.

The General wants two price lists if possible. One for the Enlisted Men's and one for the Officer's mess. There will be some extra things for the Officer's mess but the Enlisted Men's mess would be chiefly rations supplemented by fish, vegetables, etc., and regular keg wine in the evening. The Manager requested then that he submit the bills every ten days in order that he would have funds available for purchasing.

321.4 - General

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The General requested that the following services be made available: laundry service, clothes pressing, shoe shining, these to commence immediately. At this point the question of tipping arose. The General agrees to the percentage system of 11% on the per capita bill.

In the case of Enlisted Men and Officers, the hours will be fixed as follows:

	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>
Breakfast	7:30 AM	8:00 AM
Lunch	12:00 M	1:00 PM
Supper	6:00 PM	7:00 PM

Officers meal times are an hour later than the Enlisted Men and the service time will fluctuate in order that late arriving officers will have food.

Frank G. Hakala
1st Lt. A.C.P.

DISTINTI PREZZI BASE PER PASTI

1^ COLAZIONE

Composta di marmellata con surrogato
o caffelatte e pane

£. 8,=

2^ COLAZIONE

Composta da minestra, pietanza di carne o
pasticcio di verdura con contorno,
frutta di stagione, un quarto di vino
comune e pane gr.75

£. 25,=

PRANZO

come la seconda colazione

£. 25,=

SUPPLEMENTI

1 uovo a prima colazione

£. 10,=

1 uovo in sostituzione della pietanza
della seconda colazione o della cena

£. 5,=

1 uovo in aggiunta al pasto regolare

£. 12,=

un quarto di pollo

£. 40,=

una pietanza di pesce di 1^ qualità

£. 22,=

vino comune in sovrappiù al litro

£. 20,=

1 fiasco di Chianti da 2 litri

£. 50,=

1 bottiglia "Barolo" da tre quarti

£. 50,=

N.B. Su ogni pasto va calcolata la percentuale di servizio in ragione
del 15% ed il bollo sull'entrata in ragione del 3%.

La confezione dei pasti secondo la lista di cui sopra, è subordinata
alla concessione dei generi razionati o contingentati da parte del
l'Ufficio Provinciale dell'Alimentazione.

No. 785015

DIREZ
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Albergo

STATISTICA DELLE NAZIONALITÀ

Presenze

Mese di

[illegible]

*albergo InterOzionali**14 Oct.
Supplier*MEMORANDUM

The presence of large military units in the province of Brindisi and necessary demand of food supplies of every kind has caused a considerable increase of prices on the free market. -

Consequently the prices this firm is able to operate for Restaurant service are as follows:

1) Price of meal (lunch or dinner)		³² 25 Lira - (old price 25 Lira)
2) Eggs	each	14 " " 12 "
3) Usual Wine	per litre	28 " " 24 "
4) Chianti Wine	2 litres - fiasco	240 " " 60 "
5) Barolo Wine	1 litre-bottle	85 " " 60 "
6) Marsala Wine	1 " "	150 "
7) Vermouth Wine	1 " "	180 "
8) Fowls in rations of $\frac{1}{2}$		53 " " 45 "
9) Veal - roasted or in oven per ration		23 " " 12 "
10) Pork - " " " " " "		48 "
11) Lamb chops	or " " " " " "	40 "

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by Gen. Taylor**as**File
PBB**68.1**33/4*

19 October 1943

SUBJECT: Results of Conference, Lt. Rahter and Lt. Kusters, Office of Chief Finance Officer, NATOUSA.

TO : Brigadier General Maxwell D. Taylor.

Discussion with Lt. Rahter and a review of his accounts indicate that with a reasonable amount of additional work his accounts will be in a presentable status by October 25, as required by Army Regulations. It is believed that his invoices will necessarily be translated in resume form into English in order to properly support the vouchers submitted to the disbursing officer. It is further essential that the commanding officer certify that the military situation requires the use of present messing arrangements in view of the fact that there are no U.S. Quartermaster supplies and U.S. Army messing facilities available. It is suggested that all future laundry bills and other personal service charges be paid by the individuals concerned.

Certain recommendations were made regarding use of various finance voucher forms applicable to certain expenditures now being made by the Mission.

It is recommended that the accounts be shifted from Captain ^{RAHNEY} ~~Rahner~~ in Algiers to Captain Dunkin of the 12th Air Force at Bari and that there may be closer communication between the agent servicing the Mission and the disbursing officer whose accounts are affected. It is believed that Colonel Sims, Chief Finance Officer, NATOUSA, will agree to the above indicated transfer and that it is possible that a Class A agent officer be appointed who will be permitted to carry some cash on hand as a substitute for the present Class B agent. The possibility of having a new Class A or B agent, as the case may be, prior to the clearance of Lt. Rahter's accounts in order that the Mission will continue to have funds at its disposal will also be discussed with Colonel Sims upon my return on 21 October.

H. E. Kusters
H. E. KOSTERS
2nd Lt., FD

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Finance

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
APO 512

1st Adm

20 October 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Finance Officer, 12th Air Force Service Command.

Transmitted herewith enlisted men's payroll and the pay vouchers for the officers of the Allied Military Mission, Brindisi, Italy, for computation.

Would very much appreciate it if you would advise me by phone of your full name, serial number and organization in order that I may appoint a Class A agent to the disbursing officer or if it is necessary that your headquarters issue the order I will then give you the full name, rank, serial number and organization of an officer here to be appointed Class A agent.

FRANK A. PAINTER
1st Lieutenant, AGO
Adjutant General

2 Inclosures

EM Payroll
Off pay vouchers

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
APO 512

23 October 1943

Colonel Dan Gilmer
Secretary of the General Staff
Allied Force Headquarters

Dear Dan:

I am attaching hereto as an inclosure a statement of our administrative difficulties here at the Mission. The trouble is we are running an establishment which is neither fish nor fowl and does not fit into any administrative pattern. I can see right now that our vouchers if measured by Army Regulation standards are likely to be defective, whereas the expenditures made are clearly necessary for the accomplishment of our purpose here. My only constructive thought on the subject is that a special ledger would have to be set up for the Mission and the accounts kept separately pending a decision as to how the expenses will be split between the Allied Governments.

I have no idea of whom to contact to get help in this matter but am sure that you know all the right numbers. Will you kindly see that it gets into the right slot?

With personal regards,

Sincerely,

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.
Acting Chief of Mission

1 Inclosure

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Finance*

121.2 - All the money is for the (Cable request for)

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION

Memorandum Concerning Financial Set-up

The Mission was thrown together hastily about the middle of September when the Commander in Chief called for an Allied Military Mission to the Italian Government. At the time, no definite instructions were given, nor arrangements made, regarding the financial side of the Mission. As a temporary stopgap \$10,000 was given to Lieutenant Rahter, who was made a Class "B" Finance Agent to Captain R. L. Rainey, disbursing officer, AFHQ.

It is not known whether the expenses of the Mission eventually are to be assumed jointly by the British and American Governments, by the American Government alone, by the British Government alone, or will be chargeable to the Italian Government. It is now necessary to clarify the financial side of the Mission's administration, inasmuch as its unusual nature as an Allied Mission to the Italian Government, operating under the joint authority of the British and American Governments, requires funds for many purposes not ordinarily contemplated in the usual course of Army operations.

This Mission is fulfilling at the present time essentially the functions of an embassy. For that reason it has expenses which are entirely outside the realm of normal military expenditures. These include such items as hotel services of various kinds, including food, lodging, maintenance services, etc., both for members of the Mission and for important visitors of all Allied nations, inasmuch as there are no governmental services for that purpose available. Again, for the same reason, funds must be available for entertainment of high officials of the Italian Government and of the Allied nations who are temporarily visiting the Mission on important business.

The Mission also includes sections of a very confidential nature which need funds which often cannot be foreseen and must be supplied on the spot, and for which no close accounting is possible by the very nature of the confidential work involved.

The solution recommended is that necessary sums be advanced to the Chief of the Mission upon his request, to be expended for necessary expenses of the Mission in his absolute discretion. These funds could be advanced, on authority of AFHQ, from the nearest American Finance Officer or British Field Cashier, the Chief of the Mission giving a simple receipt therefor. A strict accounting system would be maintained of all expenditures made, properly supported by vouchers, except that in the case of confidential expenditures, where vouchers cannot be obtained, proper certificates will support the expenditures. All expenditures would be recorded in a running account pending the final closing of the activities of the Mission. The final accounting of these funds should await the decision to be eventually reached between the various governments involved as to who will be responsible in the end.

The question of payment of the Officers and enlisted men at this Mission does not enter into this consideration, inasmuch as an American Finance Officer is now available at Bari and a British Field Cashier is available in Brindisi.

ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
APO 512

24 October 1943

MEMORANDUM: All Officers of the Mission.

SUBJECT : Mess.

At breakfast Wednesday, 27 October, the following change in the present method of operating the mess will go into effect:

(a) Permanent personnel of the Mission will not be charged for meals. Admission to the dining room will be upon presentation at the door of the Mission pass.

(b) Mess charges as follows will be collected at the door from visitors and guests of personnel of the Mission:

breakfast - 40 lire
luncheon - 65 lire
dinner - 65 lire

(c) Distinguished guests of the Mission itself will not be required to pay this charge.

For the Chief of Mission:

Robert E. Doe
ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of Mission

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
APO 512

25 October 1943

We certify that we have personally counted the cash, verified the balance actually in the custody of Lieutenant Rahter, pertaining to his accountability as Agent Disbursing Officer for Captain R.L. Rainey, FD and that this amount is distributed as follows:

Actual Cash on hand-----\$1084.50
Amount of paid vouchers-----\$8346.50
Pay Receipts and receipted
payrolls held as cash-----
Other checks (itemized bill)-----

DRAWER

Total amount of other checks-----\$ None
TOTAL ACCOUNTABILITY-----\$ 9,431.00

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see memo. doc

Brindisi, Italy

R.L. Rainey, Capt FD

AFHQ

25 Sept

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9656 34

25 October

Oct.

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8346 50

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Frank A. Rahter, 1st. Lt. AGD
Class B Agent Officer for
R.L. Rainey

1322 Accounts, admin team
X 201 Lt. Rahter

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MISSION FUNDS NEARLY EXHAUSTED PD TO FREEDOM FOR GILMER FROM FATIMA FROM
TAYLOR SIGNED MACFARLANE PD REQUEST AUTHORITY TO DRAW TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS
FROM FINANCE OFFICER BARI

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

DISTRIBUTION:

2 - AG ✓
1 - Diary

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12/27 - *Account of funds.*

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NO.

CLASS: SECRET

PREC : PRIORITY

FROM : FREEDOM

TO : FATIMA

PRIORITY

M/C NO: 20/31

REF NO: 4496

FILED : 311048A

REC'D : 311344A

123 - F0205

Authority to draw 10,000 dollars (TO GENERAL MASON MACFARLANE FROM SMITH
SIGNED EISENHOWER REFERENCE YOUR 677) from the Finance Officer at Bari approved.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - AG Files
- 1 - Diary
- 1 - M/C
- 1 - General Taylor (ACTION)

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Frank A. Rahter
FRANK A. RAHTER
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Adjutant General
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Grande Albergo Internazionale
Brindisi

1 November 1943

SUBJECT: BREAKDOWN OF MESS FUND.

TO : Chief of Mission, Allied Military Mission.

1. Following is a breakdown of the amounts paid per day for meals for the period 21 October to 31 October 1943:

Oct. 21	16 meals	792.00 Lire
Oct. 22	16 "	792.00 "
Oct. 23	16 "	792.00 "
Oct. 24	16 "	792.00 "
Oct. 25	16 "	792.00 "
Oct. 26	16 "	792.00 "
Oct. 27	16 "	792.00 "
Oct. 28	16 "	792.00 "
Oct. 29	520 "	33910.85 "
Oct. 30	493 "	32136.60 "
Oct. 31	495 "	32268.55 "
	1636 meals	TOTAL. 104652.00 Lire

per BORGOMASTRO FRANCESCO
Manager

I certify that there was neither U.S. Quartermaster stores available nor could any other messing arrangement be made, and that there was no other alternative but to furnish subsistence except through procuring the services of the GRANDE ALBERGO INTERNAZIONALE.

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brig. Gen., U.S.A. 883

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

Standard Form No. 1084—Rev.
Form approved by
Comptroller General, U. S.
May 26, 1933
(Amended August 16, 1941)
Revised

PUBLIC VOUCHER FOR PURCHASES AND SERVICES OTHER THAN PERSONAL

D. O. Vou. No. _____

Bu. Vou. No. _____

GENERAL ACCOUNTING
OFFICE PREAUDIT

Certified for payment in the
sum of \$ _____

Comptroller General of the
United States

By _____

U. S. WAR * FINANCE

(Department, bureau, or establishment)

Voucher prepared at Allied Military Mission

(Give place and date)

THE UNITED STATES, Dr.,

To Albergo Internazionale Hotel

(Payee)

Address Brindisi, Italy

Payee's Account No. _____

PAID BY

(For use of Paying Office)

No. and Date of Order	Date of Delivery or Service	Articles or Services (Enter description, item number of contract or general supply schedule, and other information deemed necessary) Terms % Discount Cash days	Quantity	UNIT PRICE		AMOUNT	
				Cost	Per	Dollars	Cts.
	<u>Nov. 1</u>	<u>Per invoice attached</u>				<u>1062</u>	<u>00</u>
		<u>\$1062.00 at 100 Lire per \$1.00 equals 106,200 Lire</u>					

Shipped from _____ to _____ Weight _____ Government B/L No. _____ Total \$1062 00

I certify that the above bill is correct and just; that payment therefor has not been received; and that
State or local sales taxes are not included in the amounts billed.

(Payee must NOT use this space)

Differences _____

*Payee

(This certificate not required when a like certificate is made by payee on attached bill or bill)

(Sign original only)

Per BORGOMASTRO FRANCESCO Title Manager

Account verified; correct for _____

(Signature or initials) _____

Contract No. _____ Date _____ Req. No. _____ Date _____ Invoice Rec'd _____

Pursuant to authority vested in me, I certify that the above articles were received in good condition, after due inspection, acceptance, and delivery prior to payment, as
required by law, or the services were performed as stated; that they were procured under the contract numbered above or the unnumbered contract attached hereto, or that
they were procured without written contract, in open market, and with or without advertising, under the circumstances stated in No. _____ of "Method of or Absence
of Advertising" shown on reverse hereof, and were necessary for the public service; and that the prices charged are just and reasonable and in accordance with the agreement.

†Approved for \$ 1062.00 at 100 Lire (Sign original only)

Per \$1.00 equals 106,200

ELIOT J. BOUCHIER
Title Capt. Inf. Hq. Commandant

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION (for completion by Administrative Office)

Appropriation, limitation, or project symbol	Appropriation title				Limit'n or Proj't Amount	Appropriation Amount
212/40502						
Allotment symbol	Amount	Obligations liquidated	COST ACCOUNT		OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION	
			Symbol	Amount	Symbol	Amount

Paid by { Check No. _____ dated _____ 19 _____
Cash, \$ 1062.00 (106,200 Lire) on _____ 19 _____

Payee

(Sign original only)

Per BORGOMASTRO FRANCESCO
Title Manager

Title

* When a voucher is prepared or received in the name of a corporation or partnership, the name of the person acting for the corporation or partnership, as well
as the capacity in which he acts, must appear. For example: "John Doe Secretary, per John Smith, Secretary," or "Treasurer," as the case may be.
† If the ability to verify and authorize is required in one section, the signature only is necessary elsewhere the approving officer will
sign in the blank space below. Approved for \$ _____ and need the official title.

Grande Albergo Internazionale
Brindisi

1 November 1943

SUBJECT: Hotel Services Expenses.

TO : Chief of Mission

Hotel Services for period 25 October 1943 to 26 October 1943
inclusive 1,548 Lire

GRANDE ALBERGO INTERNAZIONALE

Manager
BORGOMASTRO FRANCESCO.

I certify that the above expenses for Hotel Services was necessary to the operation of the Allied Military Mission during the period stated, that the account is correct and just, and no government facilities were available.

Hotel Services for period 25 October 1943 to 26 October 1943
inclusive 1,548 Lire

GRANDE ALBERGO INTERNAZIONALE

Manager
BORGOMASTRO FRANCESCO.

I certify that the above expenses for Hotel Services was necessary to the operation of the Allied Military Mission during the period stated, that the account is correct and just, and no government facilities were available.

MAYNELL D. TAYLOR
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.

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FREEDOM for Smith

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FINANCE OFFICER AT BARI REFUSES TO SUPPLY FUNDS AUTHORIZED YOUR FOUR FOUR NINE
SIX OF THREE ONE OCTOBER PD HE CLAIMS NO FISCAL PROCEDURE OR AUTHORIZED ALLOTMENT
TO CLEAR PAID VOUCHERS PD PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR SMITH FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACPARLANE
PAREN PD FUNDS ON HAND NOT REPEAT NOT SUFFICIENT TO PAY ~~WAA~~ LAST TEN DAYS EXPENSES PD
HAS DECISION BEEN MADE ON GENERAL TAYLORS RECOMMENDATION OF MISSION FINANCES
MAILED TO COLONEL GILMER TWO THREE OCTOBER QUERY

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Mission

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FINANCE OFFICER AT BARI REFUSES TO SUPPLY FUNDS AUTHORIZED YOUR FOUR FOUR NINE
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DISTRIBUTION:

2 - AG Files ✓
1 - Diary

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Mission

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EQUALLY BRITISH SECRET*Capt. Dooling*
Maj. Doe
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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

SVC/RELAY NO.

M/C NO: 16/03

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO: 5804

PREC : OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FILED : 031014A

FROM : FREEDOM from SMITH

REC'D : 031354A
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TO : FATIMA FOR MACFARLANE SIGNED CINC CITE FBXS

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123 - ALLOTMENTS
FUNDS

Allotment of funds in the amount of surplus 50,000 (?) dollars is in the mails Sub allotment advice NATOUSA number 37, 31 October 1943. Reference your message 726 dated 2nd November. On proceeding instrument 'FDGA 66P-99, use applicable purpose of numbers contained in FISCA code. An agent financial officer also (?) disbursing staff at Bari. Separate instructions being cabled finance officer at Bari by Air Corps. General Taylor's letter to Colonel Gilmer dated 23 October is being looked over by necessary staff section.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - AG Files
- 1 - Diary
- 1 - *M/C*
- 1 - *Maj. Doe* (INFORMATION)
- 1 - General Taylor (INFORMATION)

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NOTE: Message received corrupt, delay due enciphering.

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*per*U.S. SECRET
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I certify that the bill from the Albergo
Imperiale, BARI amounting to Lire 18.12
is just and correct.

This amount represents expenses for food
and lodging, starting 5 Oct. to...
Nov. 7. 1943.

Louis B. Bernard C/1797026
L. day. A. C. C.
~~of 1797026~~ 8828

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Receipts

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PRIORITY

TO: FILPOT (FOR AMO) (FOR GRAFFTEY SMITH)

REF NO. 1700 16 Nov 43

SIGNED: EISENHOWER, CITE VERMOS

Allied Military Mission BRINDISI was financed by US Army but some of its expenditures not accordance US Army regulations. Any remaining expenditures this Mission will be financed by AMFA. Please arrange advances and communicate with AMFA on question of proper accounting.

AUTHENTICATION: T. B. JACKMAN, MAJOR

ORIGINATOR: MOS

INFORMATION: SGS
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121.2 - *Accountant & Finance*

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HEADQUARTERS
XII AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE FINANCE OFFICER
APO 528

N-1-D
19 November 1943

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SUBJECT: Finance Service for Allied Military Mission.

TO : Capt. B. G. Duncan, FD,
Finance Officer,
60th Service Group,
APO 528, U. S. Army.

1. This Headquarters has been advised by the Chief Finance Officer, NATOUSA, that the Allied Military Mission will now provide its own finance service for all expenditures except for payment of military personnel. Also, that they will repurchase any of their vouchers which you have previously paid and are in doubt as to whether they will clear the General Accounting Office.

2. It is understood that arrangements will be made for the Allied Military Mission to appoint a Lt. Derby as Class "A" Agent to you for the purpose of paying their payrolls.

K. H. TANDO,
Lt. Col., FD,
Finance Officer.

CONTROL COMMISSION

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ROUTINE

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EXTRA

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FILPOF FOR AMG FOR GRAFTERY DASH SMITH OMA REPEATED
TO SEARS FOR AMG FOR HANLYN FOR INFORMATION

REQUEST THAT YOU SEND MAJOR GITE TOGETHER WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF U S ARMY INDIANAPOLIS
WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH QUESTIONED TRANSACTIONS REFERRED TO CABLES FROM FREEDOM NUMBER
ONE SEVEN EIGHT ZERO FIVE OF ONE SIX NOVEMBER ONE NINE FOUR THREE OMA TO BRUNDELL
AT ONCE TO CHECK INTO EXPENDITURES OF ALLIED MILITARY MISSION AND WORK OUT A
SETTLEMENT OF THE ITEMS IN QUESTION.

WE REQUEST THAT FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION BE ADVANCED
THROUGH AMFA ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP AND EXPENDITURES BE ACCOUNTED FOR IN ACCORDANCE
WITH ACCOUNTING METHODS SET UP AND APPROVED BY AMFA PD PLEASE REQUEST HANLYN TO
PROVIDE NECESSARY PERSONNEL AND FORMS FOR THIS PURPOSE

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of Commission

FROM : Air Section,
Allied Control Commission to Italian
Government, C.M.F.

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission to Italian
Government, C.M.F.
(attention Major Dee)

DATE : 30th November 1943.

REF. : RMF/246

Messing Charge ex Italian Air Force Officers Mess
Campo Casale Brindisi

1. When the Allied Military Mission established itself in Brindisi on 16th September 1943 last, accommodation was restricted and there existed no facilities for drawing rations.

2. To meet this circumstance we made arrangements with the Italians to provide quarters on the airport and also to supply meals from their Mess. The supply of meals went on until arrangements were made to build a kitchen when Allied rations were handled and cooked.

3. The permanent staff of the Mission which were housed at the hut numbered 13 as follows:-

Crew of C.47	5
Interpreters	4
Signals code & cypher	2
W.T. Ops.	2
	<u>13</u>

This number accounts for 26 meals per day and the balance was made up by visiting aircrews and various transient personnel visiting the Mission.

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ENCL.

Rg. 2. Jan 44

R.H. FRANCIS
Squadron Leader

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In Reply
refer to : 331.4

5 January 1944

FROM: Finance Sub Commission

TO : Air Section A C C

MESSING CHARGE EX ITALIAN AIR FORCE OFFICERS MESS
CAMPO CAROLE BRINDISI

1. Reference is made to the memoranda on the above subject by
Air Commodore Foster and Squadron Leader Francis.

2. These memoranda indicate that, in the main, the food and
quarters provided by the Italian Air Force Officers Mess were fur-
nished to R.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F. personnel engaged in regular oper-
ational duties. Commodore Foster's memorandum, for example, specifically
refers to Liberator crews and maintenance personnel.

3. The Finance Sub Commission has no interest in purely oper-
ational expenses such as these which are not properly chargeable as
expenses of the Allied Military Mission or of the Allied Control
Commission.

4. So far as the food and quarters furnished to the members of
the Mission are concerned, either the Italian Air Force supplied the
food and since it is an agency of the Italian Government no payment
should have been made or a private contractor supplied the food in
which case normal requisitioning processes should have been applied.
In either event, the Allied Control Commission cannot undertake to
reimburse for this payment.

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N A T O U S A
POSTAL DIVISION
APO 534

3 December 1943.
(Date)

SUBJECT: Designation of Class B Finance Agent (For APO 394)

TO : Commanding General, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. The War Department has instructed that the fixed postage stamp credits issued by the Post Office Department are to be purchased by the War Department. The Postal Officer of each APO is to be designated a Class "B" Finance Agent of the Postal Finance Officer NATOUSAL. The designation is to be made by the local commanding officers in accordance with Section 1, Par 3B of AR 35-320.

2. In event the APO has no postal officer you will select and designate a suitable officer who is to assume responsibility for the fixed credit of the APO and render the required reports. The Postal Officer (or officer designated in absence of a postal officer) will be given appropriate instructions from this headquarters upon receipt of your letter of designation.

3. A form letter in triplicate is attached for your use in making the designation, original and duplicate of which are to be returned as indicated and the triplicate delivered to the designated officer for his files.

4. A Warrant Officer may not serve in this capacity until a recommendation of the Chief of Finance with regard thereto has been obtained. See Sect 1, Par 3B AR 35-320. Considerable time would be required to receive such a recommendation from Washington and designation of a warrant officer should not be made if it can be avoided.

5. It should be noted that if the APO has a postal officer he is the officer who must be designated. Immediate action is requested with return of the letter of designation in duplicate.

6. It is necessary that the accounts of the designated Class "B" agents be checked on the 20th day of each month by two officers who are disinterested parties. Mimeographed forms are being furnished the APO for this purpose. Arrangements should be made for two officers not connected with the APO to perform this duty each month.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

Abraham
A. C. HAHN
Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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1. Designation Forms (Trip.)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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30 November 1943
(Date)

SUBJECT: Designation of Class "B" Finance Agent.

TO : CG, NATCUSA, Postal Division, APO 534, U. S. Army.

1. I hereby designate

ROGER B. DERRY
(Full Name)

1st Lt, AGD 0312071
(Rank) (Serial No.)

as a Class "B" Finance Officer of Disbursing Officer, Captain John P. Harrington, Postal Finance Officer, NATCUSA, APO 534.

2. He is designated as the Class "B" agent for APO 394.

For the Commanding General:

Maxwell D. Taylor
Commanding Officer
MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brig Gen, U.S.A.
Chief of Staff
Allied Control Commission
Organization or Unit

Original and duplicate to CG, NATCUSA, Postal Division, APO 534.
Triplicate - Designated officer.

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X 201. Roger B. Derry
Assignment of Officer

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In reply
refer to : 121.7

7 December 1943

Subject : Report of Obligations.

To : Chief Finance Officer, Hq. NATOUSA.

Enclosed herewith Report of Obligations for month ending
30 November 1943.

For the Deputy President:

ROGER B. DERNY
1st Lt. A.G.D.
Adjutant General

1 Incl.

As listed above.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 894

7 December 1945

REPORT OF OBLIGATIONS
Month ending 30 November 1945

Unobligated Balance 1 November 1945 \$
Changes, Month of November 1945:
 Initial Sub-allotment (NATCUSA 57, 5-11043) \$ 50,000.00
*Obligations, Month of November 1945:
 SATA. 19,517.40
Unobligated Balance 30 November 1945 \$ 30,482.60

*Includes \$7,150.54 obligated by 1st Lt. Frank A. Rahter, AGD, during September and October, 1945.

I certify this report to be true and correct.

JOSEPH A. DOOLEY
Captain, GMC
Fiscal Officer

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FREEDOM FOR COLONEL SIMS, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

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REQUEST DISPATCH ~~TO DIRECTOR~~ OF A QUALIFIED FINANCE OFFICER FOR THE PURPOSE OF
EXAMINING AND CLEARING DISBURSEMENTS OF THE MILITARY MISSION PARTN TO FREEDOM
FOR COLONEL SIMS CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER CHA FROM FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE PARTN
AND ITS SUCCESSOR THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCERNING THE FUTURE FINANCING OF THE COMMISSION

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of Commission

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Personal for General Holmes

From its inception as a Military Mission, the financing of this Commission has been confused and urgently in need of systematization. The question is to decide whether the expenses should be defrayed by the U.S. Army, by Amfa or by the Italian Government. Heretofore, disbursements have been from Army funds, an awkward arrangement because of the special requirements of a commission of this sort. We should have a clear ^dstatement of financial policy ^{allowing considerable} so as to ~~allow the Commission~~ ^{discretionary power to the Deputy President} to go ahead with a clean slate. Meanwhile, the early disbursements of the Military Mission should be examined and cleared up. For this purpose request a dispatch of a qualified Finance Officer from Natousa for Brindisi to go over back accounts. ^{with a board appointed from the Commission}

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

13007/F

10 December 1943

Subject : Expenses Incurred by Officers in
the Field on Billeting and Board.

To : Major General Kenyon Joyce,
Advanced Command Post,
Allied Control Commission.

1. I am prepared to issue the enclosed directive to Regions I and II if you have no objections. Brigadier Hamlyn is fully familiar with the whole matter. If the directive is issued in Regions I and II, then 15th Army Group and Region VI should be asked through appropriate channels to issue similar directives. You may also wish to show the enclosed to 15th. Army Group. A telegraphic reply would be appreciated.

Charles M. Spottford

CHARLES M. SPOTTFORD.
Col., GSC,
Acting Chief of Staff.

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immediate work of Director
R.H. Hamlyn*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

13007/F

10 December 1943

Subject:- Expenses Incurred by Officers in
the Field on Billeting and Board.

To:- R.C.A.Os.

1. You are directed to advise all officers in your Region of the following:-
2. There is no authority for the expenditure by any officer of A.M.G. funds in paying for billets, food, personal or mess servants or entertainment.
3. Any officer who has incurred expenditure on any of these items from A.M.G. funds will refund the amount forthwith to the nearest Sub-Accountant advising the Regional Chief Accountant of the Receipt N^o, date, amount and the station at which the sum was refunded.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Col, GSC,
Acting Chief of Staff.

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SUSPENSION OF DIRECTIVE TO AMO OFFICERS TO REPAY TO NEAREST SUB DASH ACCOUNTANT
ANY AMOUNTS OF AMO FUNDS USED FOR PERSONAL MESS CMA SERVANTS CMA ETC PD HAMLYN
WILL DISCUSS QUESTION WHEN HE ARRIVES NAPLES WEDNESDAY

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AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DCE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE /mip

SVC/RELAY NO.

M/C NO : 5/11

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO: 12143

PREC : ROUTINE

FILED : DEC 101700A

FROM : FREEDOM CITE NAFIN SIGNED CG NATOUSA

REC'D : DEC 100520A

TO : FATIMA FOR JOYCE (ACTION); CG, HEADQUARTERS
12TH AFSC ADVANCE (INFO); FILPOT FOR AMG FOR
GRAFFTEY SMITH (INFO).

As to Military Mission, AMFA Headquarters agreed to finance its expenditures and sent authority and instructions to Grafftey Smith by MGS cablegram number 1780 of 16 November. Contact him at Bari for details. Qualified US Finance Officer being directed to report to you to clear all expenditures by Mission made from appropriated funds and to close Missions fiscal records covering allotment of funds from this Headquarters. As to Allied Control Commission future financing will be by AMFA and accounting used to be as prescribed by Chief Accountant that Commission.

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Appendix B

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In reply
refer to: 121.2

14 December 1943

SUBJECT: Financing of A.C.C. Expenses.

TO : Brigadier General J.C. Holmes, Chief MGB, AFHQ.

In reference to your recent conversation with Brigadier Haulyn in connection with the method of procedure for dealing with the future expenses of the A.C.C., the following procedure is being instituted.

It is proposed to maintain three imprest accounts in order to take care of the various types of expenditures of the A.C.C., as follows:

(1) A General Account to record all the normal items of expenditure such as printing, stationery and other office supplies, civilian payrolls, the maintenance and repairs of equipment, etc. This account would operate on the authority of the Chief Financial Officer through his Chief Accountant.

(2) Special Account No. 1 to take care of unusual expenditure not applicable to the general account such as special entertainment or the provision of special accommodation, etc.

This account would operate only on the authority of the Deputy President or that of his Chief of Staff.

(3) Special Account No. 2 wherein would be recorded all expenditures of a confidential nature. This account would function only on the authority of the Deputy President.

We shall be glad to have your advice as to any special form of certificate that may be required, particularly in connection with the Special Account No. 2.

Up to the present all expenses of the Allied Military Mission and A.C.C. at Brindisi have been met from funds provided by the U. S. Army paymaster. His representative is coming soon to Brindisi for the purpose of auditing and closing this account.

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121.2 - Attachment to Finance Memo

As General Joyce is anxious as soon as possible to have AMFA provide funds with which to meet A.C.C. expenses, we are arranging for AMFA to put the General Account and the Special Account No. 1 in funds at once. No funds, however, will be provided for Special Account No. 2 until the form of certificate covering withdrawals from this account has been suggested by you.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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In reply refer to:
121.2

15 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Taylor.

1. Major Giles, Finance Officer of the 2nd ASAC, who was sent here by General Sims, Chief Finance Officer, Matousek, and Commander Lawler of the Finance Sub-Commission conferred with me this afternoon concerning the finances of the Commission. Major Giles showed me a cable from Freedom, number 1780 dated 16 November, addressed to 15th Army Group for Grafftey-Smith. This cable is attached. It is the contention of Major Giles and General Sims that this cable clearly directs that AMFA will handle financing of the Commission from the 16th of November. However since no copy of this cable was sent by Freedom to AMFA, their contention is that it is not an direct order to them and therefore they will take over financing of the Commission from the date of their setting up of AMFA accounts for that purpose; i.e., as of midnight 14 December 1943.
2. Our vouchers have been paid by the Finance Officer in Bari up to and including 20 November of 1943. This leaves a period of nearly a month which neither the Finance Officer nor AMFA is willing to assume.
3. Major Giles believes that all that is needed to clear this responsibility is a directive by General Joyce to AMFA based on the above mentioned cable number 1780 that their responsibility for financing the Commission dates from 16 November 1943.
4. Also attached is a letter of the 14th of December from the Finance Officer of the 12th Air Force Service Command to Major Giles setting forth the stand of General Sims, Chief Finance Officer, Matousek, as communicated to the Finance Officer, 12th Air Force Service Command.
5. Major Giles believes that none of our vouchers which have been submitted so far will clear the General Accounting Office. He stated that all of these expenditures should have been covered on confidential vouchers, where they could not have been picked to pieces item by item and stated that the activities of this Commission were such that this could be done. I explained that you believed that our expenditures were not the type to appear on confidential vouchers inasmuch as they were not actually confidential expenditures. These vouchers are still held in Algiers as "cash on hand" and can still be withdrawn and their expenditures covered on confidential vouchers.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS.

In view of Major Giles suggestion, I recommend for your own protection that this be done, inasmuch as it appears from Major Giles statements that a strong possibility exists that if these vouchers are put through, they may at some time bounce back on you, since Major Giles states that there have always been either British or American rations available in the area which we could draw on and therefore we have never been entitled to pay for food bought in the open market.

I also recommend that the matter of the date of AFSA's assuming responsibility be brought to General Joyce's attention so that he may if he desires give the directive to AFSA which Major Giles suggests; that is, assuming responsibility as of 16 November 1943. Major Giles also stated that, in spite of radios which we have received to the contrary, there are finance officers and clerks available in this theatre for assignment, and I therefore recommend that we again request urgently that a finance officer and clerical staff be sent here to remain with us permanently, whose sole job will be to handle all of the accounting for the Commission.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Commission

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Sentence to be added to message this Headquarters is as follows:
"Reference our 14861, dated 16 December 1943. Notes to be retained
by Finance Officer to whom presented for exchange."

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DOM FROM FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE PAREN PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THE VOUCHERS COVERING
EXPENDITURES OF THE ALLIED MILITARY MISSION MADE FROM U S ARMY FUNDS ARE PROPER
AND ACCEPTABLE OR ~~WHETHER AFM DESIRES AFPA TO FINANCE MILITARY MISSION FROM BE-~~
~~GINNING~~ PD IF THESE VOUCHERS ARE SATISFACTORY IN PRESENT FORM IT IS PROPOSED TO
BEGIN AFPA FINANCING AS OF SIXTEEN NOVEMBER

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

AFO 394

18 December 1943

OFFICERS MESS ACC BRINDISI

As from December 21, 1943, the officers mess will operate on the following lines:

1. Every member of the mess will purchase a book of meal tickets from the messing officer. These books will contain 24 tickets and will cost 200 lire.

2. For each meal served a member of the mess will surrender one ticket at the entrance to the dining room.

3. No wines or mineral water will be placed on the dining tables. A member desiring wine, etc. will give his order to the waiter and pay cash for such purchase.

4. Members introducing guests to the mess will purchase a special meal ticket from the messing officer or his clerk and will record the guest's name, as well as his own in the register set aside for the purpose. Members making such entries will insure that the amount paid in respect of each guest is recorded at the time of payment. The prices charged will be as follows:

Breakfast — 15 lire
Lunch — 40 lire
Dinner — 40 lire

5. Transient officers will be governed by the regulations applicable to guests (as in par 4 above).

6. All other items of a personal nature such as laundry, pressing and cleanings, etc. are the responsibility of the member concerned, and cannot be dealt with by the mess.

7. Enlisted men and other ranks will be supplied with books of tickets free of charge, and one ticket will be surrendered for each meal taken.

8. Enlisted men and other ranks will make their own arrangements for their laundry and they will draw soap for this purpose. Laundry bill will no longer be paid by this headquarters.

9. All members, excepting enlisted men and other ranks, will pay the messing officer a sum of 25 lire for each day spent in mess during the period Nov. 21 and Dec. 20, 1943.

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PHONE MESSAGE FROM COLONEL GRAFFETTY-SMITH.

To---Lt. Col. MONFORT.

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Allied Military Mission was financed by U.S. ARMY.

Sums expended were not in accordance with U.S. Army regulations for expenditure. U.S. ARMY has refused to meet these sums. It is understood that such remaining expenditure will be met by A.M.F.A.. A note is required of such expenditure and how it was incurred. URGENT.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

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22 December 1943

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SUBJECT: Financing of A.C.C. Expenses.

TO : Allied Control Commission Headquarters, Attention:
Brig. General Maxwell D. Taylor.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 14 December 1943 (File 121.2), outlining a procedure which it is proposed to follow in dealing with the future expenses of the A.C.C.

2. The disbursing and accounting procedure to be followed by the A.C.C. is a proper matter for your determination. You will also see that any special form of certificate, particularly in connection with Special Account No. 2, certifies that the expenditures are proper under the conditions of the Armistice.

3. As to the question of expenses of the Allied Military Mission and of the A.C.C. at Brindisi which have been met by vouchers presented to the U.S. Army Finance Officer in the area, I am informed by Brigadier General Sims, Chief Finance Officer at NATOUSA, that one of his officers is now at Brindisi to settle this matter. It is understood that some of the expenditures represented by these vouchers are not in accordance with U. S. or British Army regulations. Although General Sims is willing to clear whatever vouchers meet U. S. Army regulations, it seems preferable for all of the unpaid vouchers to be taken up by AMFA, in view of the make-up of the Allied Military Mission and of the A.C.C., and considering the nature of the task which was performed by the Mission and the duties of the A.C.C.

J. C. Holmes
J. C. HOLMES
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Chief, Military Government Section

cc CFO, NATOUSA.
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Subject: Payment of Account.

To : Lt Col Lord Middleton

From : Major R. M. Smith, F.O., ACC.

In reply to your letter of 23 December, I have to inform you that the bill for the Officers' Club, Hotel Imperiale, Bari, has just been handed over to me.

The writer is due to go to Bari in the course of the next few days and will arrange to settle this outstanding account during his visit at that town.

RMS
R. M. SMITH, Major
F.O., ACC HQ

December 27, 1943

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Subj: — Payment of *Gift*
To C.L.O. Acc *Wm*
from L.O. { AMCT
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A little time ago I sent in £ for
an ac for £20-0-6, the cost of
Accommodating & entertaining the party
of U.S.A. State Dept, British, Russian
& French Officials at the Officers' Club,
State Imperiale, BARI.

You told me later the you had for-
warded the ac to the Finance Officer,
A.C.C., for payment.

The Officer i/c the Club called yesterday
& informed me that he had received the
payment.

Very for you kind friend

Accommodating & entertaining the party
of U.S.A. State Dept, British, Russian
& French Officials at the Officers' Club,
Hotel Imperiale, BARI.

I am told we have the you had for:
warded the a/c to the Finance Officer,
A.P.C., for payment.

The Officer i/c the Club called yesterday
& informed me that he had received no
payment.

Will you very kindly find out why
there has been this delay in meeting
an a/c that ought to have been paid
on the bail?

Indication - Lt. Col.

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14th. No. 2. District-
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INFORMATION COPY 2 JAN 1944

FROM : Air Division,
Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

TO : Headquarters, M.A.A.F. Rear,
for Air Commodore Woolley.

DATE : 29th December 1943.

REF. : RMF/402/Accts.

SPECIAL FUNDS

1. Reference the grant of special funds to me when the Allied Military Mission to the Italian Government was first formed, I forward herewith the detail of expenditure with supporting vouchers.
2. It will be observed that the account is overdrawn, due to the last entry of Lire 21,824 for messing charges which of course it is quite improper to place against a fund such as this. I have, however, no other fund from which to meet this item and have in addition, had to find the deficiency from private sources.
3. The cause of the expenditure of this sum was as follows. On arrival at Brindisi a few days after the Armistice, I found no organisation, either Army or Air Force, whence rations could be drawn. In those first days Brindisi became the most used airfield in South-Eastern Italy for aircraft returning damaged or unserviceable from operations. As a result, the number of aircrews and repair squads which arrived and had to be housed and fed, increased daily. I therefore ordered that arrangements were to be made with the Italian Mess on the airfield to provide meals: I specifically stated that Italian rations were not to be used, since the Italian Air Force personnel were already down to an issue of only 60% of the normal rations: I ordered local purchase to be made which was then still a possibility and also wired for rations to be flown in - the last supply did not materialise, however, in the quantities required.
4. The personnel fed by this means were about equally divided between U.S.A.A.F. and the R.A.F. with a slight preponderance to the Americans. As an instance, I recollect that there were four U.S. Liberator crews and 20 other repair personnel from Benghazi-based units, being looked after in this way for 10 days or more.
5. When the bill was received, I instructed that the Allied Commission should be asked to pay it since it seemed a reasonable request.

2. It will be observed that the account is overdrawn, due to the last entry of Lire 21,824 for messing charges which of course it is quite improper to place against a fund such as this. I have, however, no other fund from which to meet this item and have in addition, had to find the deficiency from private sources.

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4. The personnel fed by this means were about equally divided between U.S.A.A.F. and the R.A.F. with a slight preponderance to the Americans. As an instance, I recollect that there were four U.S. Liberator crews and 20 other repair personnel from Benghazi-based units, being looked after in this way for 10 days or more.

5. When the bill was received, I instructed that the Allied Commission should be asked to pay it since it seemed a reasonable charge for services rendered. To my surprise, payment by the Commission has now been refused on the grounds, I understand, that this service should have been given gratis by the Italians. I disagree with this view and in any case am unable to accept it as, at the time when the expenditure was incurred, I ordered that the Italians were to act solely as our agents in this matter and not to be losers financially by it.

6. Under the circumstances therefore, I have met the obligation from my special funds and - more important perhaps - from my private account. You will note that my special fund is now completely exhausted and will, I hope, take early steps to renew the sum allotted to me.

Encls.

R.M. FOSTER,
Air Commodore.

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In reply refer to:
210.3

3 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Major R. M. Smith
(Thru: Head, Finance Subcommittee, A.C.C.)

1. The Deputy President designates you as Finance Officer of the Allied Control Commission.
2. The attached letter of the Administrative Board of Officers addressed to the Chief of Staff is approved as the method of financing the Allied Control Commission.
3. The Finance Officer will conduct the negotiations recommended in the final paragraph of the letter cited in paragraph 2 above.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

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Ltr, Financing of the
A.C.C.



MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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In reply refer to:
121.2

2 January 1944

Subject: Financing of A.C.C. expenses.

To : The Advisory Board for the Financial Administration of the A.C.C.

1. Reference is made to Staff Memorandum No. 1, this headquarters, dated 21 December 1943, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A.

2. A series of bank accounts has been established and put in funds. Drawings on these accounts will be in the manner and for the purposes described in my letter to General Holmes, M.G.S., A.F.H.Q., dated 14 December 1943, copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix B.

3. With respect to the financing of the A.C.C. mess, General Joyce instructs the matter to be handled as follows:

a. American or British rations to be drawn for each person messing with the A.C.C.

b. Each officer and civilian member messing with the A.C.C. to pay a mess charge of 25 lire per day.


4. I understand that the sums collected in accordance with 3 b above may be insufficient to pay for food preparation, service and other extra charges in connection with the mess.

5. General Joyce instructs that any mess deficit be paid out of A.C.C. funds for the following reasons:

a. The A.C.C. has a function different from that of the normal Army organization or unit and in many respects resembles a diplomatic mission.

b. The A.C.C. mess cannot operate under usual Army regulations, American or British, as it is a "combined operation" drawing personnel from the armies, navies and air forces of the two countries, civilian departments and ministries, and may in the future have personnel assigned to it from other United Nations countries.

6. I therefore direct that the Advisory Board for the Financial Administration of the A.C.C. develop and submit to me a procedure for the handling of A.C.C. expenses. This procedure should provide that any mess deficit, when determined by the Mess Officer to be reasonable and proper, be paid out of A.C.C. Special Account No. 1.


MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA
Chief of Staff

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STAFF MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 1)

21 December 1943

The following board of officers is appointed for the purpose of advising and making recommendations to the Deputy President regarding the financial administration of the Allied Control Commission:

Captain E. W. Stone, President
Lt Col N. W. Monfort
Major A. R. Thackrah
Major R. M. Smith
Lt Cmdr Lawler
Captain Timmons, Secretary

This board will consider past expenditures of the Allied Control Commission and the Allied Military Mission, as well as current transactions.

By command of Major General JOYCE:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Commission

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To: Brigadier General Maxwell B. Taylor.

From: The Board of Officers appointed in Staff Memorandum No. 1 dated 21 December 1943, for the purpose of advising and making recommendations to the Deputy President regarding the Financial Administration of the Allied Control Commission.

Pursuant to your instructions, the Board submits the following recommendations:-

A Finance Officer should be appointed. It is suggested that this position be filled by Major R.M. Smith of the Finance Sub-Commission.

Finance.

The Finance Officer will undertake the following duties:-

- (a) The safe custody of funds supplied to him by AUSA.
- (b) The disbursements in respect of the normal and special expenditures of the ACC.
- (c) The proper accounting of the financial transactions to the Chief Accountant of the ACC.

For the financial needs of the ACC, three accounts will be created, namely: 1, General Account; 2, Special No. 1 Account; 3, Special No. 2 Account; and these accounts will operate as indicated below:-

1. General Account.

This account will be used for regular administrative expenditures and the Finance Officer will be empowered to effect payments from this account after having satisfied himself that items passed to him for payment have been approved by the departments concerned.

The undermentioned classes of expenditure are illustrative of the expenditures that will be charged to this account but should not be construed as a limitation on the operation of this account:

- Salaries and wages of civilian staff
- Rent of offices and billets where necessary
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- Electricity

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- (c) The proper accounting of the financial transactions to the Chief Accountant of the AGC.

For the financial needs of the AGC, three accounts will be created, namely: 1, General Account; 2, Special No. 1 Account; 3, Special No. 2 Account; and these accounts will operate as indicated below:-

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- Salaries and wages of civilian staff
- Rent of offices and billets where necessary
- Telephone and telegraph
- Electricity
- Repairs and maintenance of vehicles
- Printing and stationery
- Upkeep and cleaning of premises
- Purchase, Rental and Maintenance of office equipment and furniture
- Presents and Rewards
- Laundries

2. Special No. 1 Account.

This account is created to take care of expenditures of a special nature, for example: entertainment, additional accommodations, and meeting charges not ordinarily provided by existing regulations.

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The Finance Officer will draw on this account but only with supporting vouchers approved by the Deputy President of the AGC or by his Chief of Staff.

3. Special No. 2 Account.

This account will only be used for expenditures of a secret or confidential nature and the Finance Officer will draw only on the specific instructions of the Deputy President. No detail of the operations will be set forth in a voucher, but a certificate will be given to the Finance Officer to support his entries.

Mess Officer.

The Mess Officer will be responsible for:-

- a) the drawing of rations
- b) the control of the reception of the rations and of their issue
- c) the preparation of menus
- d) the supervision of the Messing Staff
- e) the collection of a daily charge of Lire 25 per member from each officer and civilian member (effected by the sale of meal tickets)
- f) the collection, from guests and/or casual visitors of the appropriate charges for meals, as laid down by the Mess Committee
- g) the arrangements whereby wines and extras as well as any other services of a private nature not charged to the Mess may be purchased by the individual members concerned
- h) the proper accounting of the mess finances and the preparation and submission of the accounts and records for Audit

The necessary accounting system, including books, records, and meal tickets, has been set up and is already in operation.

Deficit on Messing.

From past experience, it is obvious that the Mess receipts cannot cover the expenditure. Therefore, as set forth in your directive, the deficit resulting from the application of the messing receipts to defray expenses incurred will be financed by the Special No. 1 Account, on the authority of the Deputy President of the AGC or his Chief of Staff.

Auditing.

In view of the fact that full rations have been supplied since November 20, 1943, the charges made by the Albergo Internazionale since that date appear to be excessive, as among other things they would appear to include operating expenses which are not included in the rations.

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In consequence, it is recommended that the Finance Officer and an accounting officer, with such assistants as they require, be directed to negotiate with the Albergo Internazionale in order to obtain an adjustment on the bills submitted by that hotel since November 20, 1943.

Respectfully submitted by

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, U.S.N.R.
President

December 28, 1943

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1. We propose, unless contrary orders are received, to pay out of funds obtained from ANFA certain expenses necessary to the proper functioning of AGC/AMC. Nature of expenses is indicated and explained below.

2. (a) Owing to lack of military personnel, it is frequently necessary to employ civilian cooks and mess servants for AMC/AGC messes. Furthermore AMC/AGC officers are sometimes faced with having to find their accommodation and food for themselves and HQ/AGC for short periods owing to lack of military accommodation and rations in the place to which they have been sent to function in behalf of AMC/AGC.

(b) Such expenditure has so far been disallowed pending a decision on the matter, but it is considered unjust that officers should have to bear such expenses themselves.

(c) At certain AGC/AMC messes ~~such~~ expenses are incurred owing to the necessity of officially entertaining representatives of the Allied Nations or the Italian Government; there are certain also to be considerable entertainment expenses at Salerno and Rome in connection with Italian Government Advisory Council and distinguished personages.

3. The whole question of such expenditure especially under paragraph 2 (a)

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is complicated by the fact that whilst messes are joint British and American and whilst similar treatment of British and American officers in a joint organization such as AMB/ACC is essential, the regulations of the two armies on these matters differ widely, so expenditure cannot follow normal military channels. Proposed therefore to authorize commanding officers AMB and AMU or their delegates to make such expenditures which would be treated in the accounts of AMB/ACC as an administrative expense. It is, of course, understood that all such expenditure would be carefully scrutinized and controlled and proper scales of civilians allowed to be employed based on scales in force in British and American armies laid down.

4. Advisory Council is arriving Naples area shortly and will have to be housed and fed at a special villa or villas. We will try to get appropriate accommodation requisitioned but other expenses for servants, etc. will be necessary, and they will have to be paid by AMB and treated as administrative expense.

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL FOLEY

Subject: Allied Military Mission Mess, Grande Albergo Internationale - Brindisi.

Prior to the Mission's departure from Algiers it is understood that Lt Frank A Rahter was supplied there with \$10000 and that this amount was utilized to pay for the messing expenses from Sept 14 until Nov 3 when Capt J A Dooley took over as Finance Officer. It is further understood that Lieut Rahter accounted for the above mentioned sum to the proper authorities.

On Nov 3, 1943 a suballotment advice was issued to the Allied Military Mission by the Commander in Chief NATOUSA for the sum of \$50000 under the signature of Col L H Sins FD. This allotment covers the period to Dec 31, 1943 and is available for all local requirements and any other purposes, except official entertainment and contingent fund, Chief of Staff.

The bills presented by the Albergo Internationale for the messing charges incurred from Oct 21 to Nov 20 amounting to \$9337.34 have been applied against the allotment together with two items totalling \$37.40 for interpreters. In addition to the above Capt Dooley has set off against the allotment \$7150.54 which amount appears to cover the Hotel charges from Sept 14 onward as shown by a note left by Lieut Rahter. This note, however, is not very clear as no voucher was handed over in support of the expenditure which is believed to have been cleared with the Finance Dept. The document left by Lieut Rahter also infers that the amount of \$10000 originally received by him in Algiers was intended to form part of the allotment of \$50000.

Items charged and cleared with the Finance Dept have been certified correct by the Hotel manager and approved by Brig General Maxwell D Taylor who, in addition, has signed certificates to the effect that there were no US quartermaster stores available nor could any other messing arrangements be made and that there was no other alternative but to furnish subsistence through procuring the services of the Grande Albergo Internationale.

It is understood that as from Nov 16, 1943 rations have been drawn both from the US and British Quartermaster organizations.

The position of the suballotment as at Nov 30 is as follows.

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Initial suballotment NATOUSA 37 - 11/3/43 - \$50000. Deduct items
applied thereagainst. \$50000.00

1. As per note left by Lieut F A Rahter		\$7150.54	
2. Hotel Bills.			
Oct 21 - 28 - Messing	Lit 246851.30		
Miscellaneous	<u>3730.00</u>		
	Lit 250581.30	\$2505.81	
Nov 1 - 10 - Messing	Lit 340504.00		
Miscellaneous	<u>3940.00</u>		
	Lit 344444.00	\$3444.44	
Nov 11 - Interpreter		20.90	
Hotel Bills			
Nov 11 - 20 - Messing	Lit 335821.00		
Miscellaneous	<u>2888.00</u>		
	Lit 338709.00	\$3387.09	
Nov 21 - 30 - Messing	Lit 2992.12	\$2992.12	19500.90
Unobligated Balance as at Nov 30, 43			<u>30499.10</u>

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