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PX, FOOD & MESS ARRANGEMENTS
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A.C.C. Brindisi

P.X. and Mess

arrangement

(excluding financial matters)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

17 September 1943

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 Rendell 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 card 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.

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 times will fluctuate in order that late arriving officers will have food.

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26 November 1943

DAILY BULLETIN

NO 11

OFFICIAL

1. The following are announced as a Mess Council to advise and assist the mess officer in the operation of the mess at the Albergo Internazionale:

Captain Stone - President
Major Moservey
Captain Boeshino
Colonel Rossi
W/O England
T/Sgt Lilly

2. The Council will meet on the call of the President.

By command of Major General JOYCE:

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

OFFICIAL:

Roger B. Derby
ROGER B. DERBY
1st Lt., A.G.D.
Adjutant General

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Appendix B.

MDT/RAH/hd/nms

In reply
refer to: 121.2

14 December 1943

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

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

In reference to your recent conversation with Brigadier Hamlyn 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.

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

General Taylor

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MINUTES OF 1ST MEETING OF WING COUNCIL HELD AT THE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL,
BRINDLEY, ON 1ST DECEMBER, 1943

Present: Captain Ellery W. Stone President
Colonel Rosel
Major Meserve
Captain Bocchino
T/Sergt. Lilly
Sergt. T. J. Jollyman Secretary

The meeting opened with a statement by the President to the effect that General Taylor had decided that no purchases should be made of food through irregular channels except eggs for breakfast, fish, and olive oil.

BREAKFAST.

1. It was agreed that eggs should be available only for breakfast. It was suggested by Captain Stone that pancakes should be served twice a week namely Sundays and Wednesdays. This was agreed upon. Captain Stone suggested that the bacon should be cooked more crisply. It was agreed that the coffee situation was satisfactory, and would be served only at breakfast. It will also be served black, with cream and sugar separately. Major Meserve suggested that a small portion of marmalade or jam should be served at each table. This was agreed upon. It was agreed that toast and porridge would be available for breakfast every morning.

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ACTION BY

CAPT BOCCCHINO

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3. ACTION BY
MAJ. MESERVY
ACTION BY
CAPT BOCCCHINO

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6. ACTION BY
CAPT BOCCCHINO
COLONEL ROSSI

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Major Meservy suggested that permanent dining officers who take wine should pay a wine fee of 5/- (one dollar) per month, or weekly fractions thereof. (To be discussed further). It was also suggested that no person should be detached from the Headquarters without paying his mess bill. Major Meservy suggested that all persons should be admitted to the Restaurant only on production of an A.C.C. Pass.

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Minutes Mess Council Meeting (cont.)

ACTION BY
SGT JELLYMAN

10. It was agreed that a notice be included in the daily Bulletin that any suggestions would be welcomed and should be placed in a "Mess Suggestion Box" to be provided, addressed to - The Mess Secretary, (Sgt. Jellyman).

ACTION BY
CAPT BOECHINO

11. Captain Boechino said that staff were paid percentage on goods bought, and as we would be buying less food in future this would result in a reduction in wages for the staff. Colonel Rossi suggested introducing the method of tipping.

ACTION BY
CAPT BOECHINO

Major Meservey suggested that the management should be directed to increase the wages of the staff.

Captain Stone suggested that better plan might be to check the percentage paid with the owners, suggesting increases in the percentages if the reduction in purchases materially decreased the earnings of the help. This was agreed upon.

ACTION BY
CAPT BOECHINO

12. Major Meservey suggested that more waiters be provided owing to the delay in waiting for meals. He also suggested that a Head Waiter be appointed, solely to supervise.

ACTION BY
CAPT BOECHINO

13. Captain Stone suggested that Franco be appointed Head Waiter of the Field Officers' Mess. This was agreed upon.

ACTION BY
CAPT BOECHINO

14. Major Meservey raised the question of jackets for waiters which were often dirty (in two instances). Also the question of disposal of two apparently useless waiters. This was agreed upon and Captain Boechino to report in due course.

ACTION BY
CAPT BOECHINO

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ACTION BY
CAPT BOECHINO

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ACTION BY
CAPT BOECHINO

17. Major Meservey suggested that persons should refrain from standing at the bar in order to afford other persons the opportunity of purchasing a drink. This was agreed upon and Captain Boechino to investigate and report as to whether or not there were sufficient lounging facilities for F.M.

ACTION BY
CAPT BOECHINO

18. It was agreed that there should be no drinking in the hotel lobby.

ACTION BY
CAPT BOECHINO

19. Captain Stone suggested that bar prices be posted in a conspicuous place. This was agreed upon.

ACTION BY
CAPT BOECHINO

20. Captain Boechino to report on the charge for meals now that less food was being bought.

ACTION BY
CAPT BOECHINO

21. It was directed that no food supplies will be given or presented to visitors.

ACTION BY
CAPT BOECHINO

22. The President directed Captain Boechino to prepare an Agenda for the next meeting, the date of which was not settled.

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Unit 8. Custom Book (Chap 8 distribution as required)

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2. Introductory. It is considered desirable to place on record certain facts regarding the officers names position, in order to facilitate future action.

2. General.

- (a) In August HQ Officers' Mess was established at the Sports Club, Palermo, in August last.
- (b) At the end of October, a large number of Officers of AMB arrived at Palermo from Mid-Queens and became members of this Mess, which therefore from that time on included officers of
- (1) Region I
(11) HQ AMB-AMC (or, as it later became, HQ AMB).
- (c) On 20th of November, Region I established a separate Mess at the Excelsior Hotel, Palermo, after which the dining members of the Sports Club Mess consisted of Officers of HQ, AMB, only.

3. Repayment up to 9 Dec.

- (a) Under the By-Laws of the Sports Club House, there is a House Council elected at a General Meeting, the House Officer and House Secretary being appointed by Headquarters. On the arrival of the party referred to in para 1 b above, the Officers of the House were as follows:-

Miss Campbell

Indigent - Lt. Col. Mangasay (A) Appen, (Alap) Ketur (B).
Subs - Major Mangasay (B) Appen, (Alap) Ketur (B).
Capt Price - Capt Price, Medical Officer.

U. Newcomb (A)

None Secretary J. -
warner (P)

- (b) At a general meeting held on 23rd November, certain alterations were made in the by-laws to bring them up to date with the new situation of the News being open to both Region I and the Area Officers. The following new News Council was elected.

Quadrant: 14. Col. Wilner (A) Temp.

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(11) HQ AMG-AC (or, as it later became, HQ AMG).

(c) On 29th of November, Region I established a separate Mess at the Excelsior Hotel, Palermo, after which the dining members of the Sports Club Mess consisted of officers of HQ, AMG, only.

3. Movement up to 2 Dec.

(a) Under the by-laws of the Sports Club Mess, there is a Mess Council elected at a General Meeting, the Mess Officer and Mess Secretary being appointed by Headquarters. On the arrival of the party referred to in para 1 b. above, the Officers of the Mess were as follows:-

Mess Council

Chairman:- *Lt. Col. Mayapace (A)*
 Members:- *Lt. Col. Mayapace (A)*
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 Mess Officer:- *Capt. Price, Medical Officer.*

Mess Officer: *Lt. Neubert (A)*

Mess Secretary: *Lt. Varne (A)*

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 Members: *Major Giddens (A) Region I* since
Capt. Price (A) Region I resigned
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Lt. Varne (A) Regt.

Mess Officer: *Lt. Col. Moss-Watson (HQ Cmdt).*

Lt. Jones, HQ AMG was appointed Mess Officer. Lt. Varner (Region I) kindly consented to continue to act as Secretary.

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4. Move of Region I

(a) The decision to move HQ AMG less a rear party, to Naples raised the following points in connection with officers' messes.

- (i) The setting up of a completely new Mess at Naples.
- (11) Arrangements in connection with the Palermo Sports Club Mess.
- (111) Disposition of Russia.
- (iv) Management, involving the temporary duplication of funds

(b) The situation will, for the present, be as follows:

- (i) A HQ AME Mess at Naples
- (ii) A HQ AME (Near) Mess at Sports Club Palermo.
- (iii) There is no Mess, in so far as funds, etc. are concerned at Brindisi.

(c) At a later date the situation will be:

- (i) A HQ AME Mess at Salerno.
- (ii) A HQ AME (Near) Mess at Naples.
- (iii) The Mess at Sports Club, Palermo, will, in so far as AME-400 is concerned be closed down.

(d) It appears probable that it will be necessary to run two entirely separate messes at Naples and Palermo (See (c) (i) and (ii) above, though all officers will of course be members of both Messes. This is a matter for future decision. It might be possible to run the two establishments as one Mess in so far as funds and accounts ~~are~~ ^{are} concerned.

5. Disposition of Funds.

(a) A very large balance had been accumulated at the Palermo Sports Club Mess. At a General Meeting held on 14th Nov. 1943 it was decided to allot funds as follows:-

- (i) To Region I Mess (See para I (c)) 30% of the balance as at 30 Nov. 43. *after payment of sum in (ii) below.*
- (ii) To the "Poveri Bambini" of Palermo: 20,000 Lire.
- (iii) To the Naples and Palermo Messes:- 60% and 40% respectively of the final balance on closing down, these percentages to be subject to adjustment by higher authority when the two new Messes are established. Meanwhile, a payment on account of 50,000 Lire was decided upon to start the new mess at Naples.

(b) Action on (a) (i) (ii) and (iii) above was taken, and Capt. Marshall. (see para 6 (a) (ii) below) took with him to Naples £50,000 lire partly in cheque form, partly in cash, 1000 lire are all but a small sum which has been paid to the Poveri Bambini. *the balance of the cash is being kept in the bank for the Poveri Bambini.*

(i) When the original AME Mess was closed, application was made for a grant under the relevant A.M.E. which, although a grant for the purchase of Mess Equip, crockery, etc. the amount claimed was £4,76.12. 42/6 per officer on 1/11. This was paid at the end of November and has been being into a suspense a/c at the time being brought to the attention of the AME.

(ii) The matter of the disposition of this amount has been referred to HQ Region I for his opinion and a copy of his letter is attached: *(one copy only - prob. Cretcher)*

I do not agree with his conclusion; I am quite sure we shall never be asked to account for expenditure, Equipment, Crockery, etc. has been bought, and theoretically the officers who are cut of pocket on this account should be reimbursed. This however, is administratively impossible. I therefore

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(11) The matter of the disposition of this amount has been referred to KDAO Region I for his opinion and a copy of his letter is attached: (One Cdr. One - Mr. Eng. Custer 10.5)

I do not agree with his conclusion; I am quite sure we shall never be asked to account for expenditure, equipment, clothing, etc., has been bought, and theoretically the officers who are out of pocket on this account should be reimbursed. This however, is administratively impossible. I therefore recommend that the money remain in suspense c/o and be administered by British Admin. Hq for the benefit of any Men in AMC-ACC, particularly new recruits having to purchase initial equipment. Region I, as containing the great majority of original AMCOR officers should be given a grant if they desire it. (See para 5 (c) (4)).

6. Future Management.

(a) Haples - The following officers were despatched to Haples on 6 December.

- (i) Major Humphreys, (Industry and Commerce), to start and organize the new Mess.
- (ii) Capt. Marshall (Finance) as Mess Secretary Treasurer. This is an appointment which takes up some 3 hours per day of an officer's time.
- (iii) Capt. Lowe (Public Safety) as Mess Officer. According to American ideas this is a full-time appointment.

Captains Marshall and Lowe are "on loan" from their Sub-Commissions and their chiefs will later require their services. It will be difficult to replace them until the Palermo Mess closes down. It will be for the new mess to elect a Mess Council. It is suggested that Maj. Humphries would make a very suitable Chairman.

(b) Palermo. Officer personnel for this Mess must be found from Brindisi - only other sources are Regiments 1, 2 and Tiall Quatu.

(c) Palermo. The following personnel are remaining with the rear party and will be responsible for the running and eventually for the final closing down of the Palermo Sports Club Mess.

(i) Lt. Jones as Mess Officer. He has been Mess Officer since early November. He will be available, if required, to replace Capt. Lowe (see (a) (ii) above) when the rear party moves forward and the Palermo Mess closes down.

(ii) Lt. Turner as Mess Secretary. This officer belongs to Region I. (See para 3 (b)) and will not be available for either of the new Messes.

(iii) Mess Council

Lt. Col. Behrens (Legal) - Chairman; Major R.J.G. Wolfe (Legal); Major Robinson (Finance)

7. Disposition of Final Balance. See para. 5 (a) (iii). Before the Mess at Palermo Sports Club is finally closed down the Secretary should suggest, receive instructions from HQ AMG Naples as to the bank or banks to which the balance should be transferred. The Mess Council should then arrange such transfer either through AMG or as may be convenient. Major Robinson will be available for advice. *The mess etc is at the bank.*

8. Final Disposition of the Palermo Mess building (Sports Club)
The building is not required by Region I together with property belonging to it (i.e. which is not Mess property) it should therefore be derequisitioned and handed back to its owners. This should be carried out by the HQ Commandant (Lt-Col Rogers) in conjunction with the Mess Council. Region I should inform the Secretary

9. Final Disposition of Mess Property remaining at Palermo.
All Mess Equipment, Cutlery, etc. should be brought by the Rear Party to Naples and/or Palermo, as you direct. Will you kindly issue instructions to Commander, Rear Party, in due course. As you are aware, a considerable quantity was taken forward by the advance party which went forward to Naples on 6 December.

M. D. Raftery
M. D. RAFTERY,
Colonel

Copies to: Region I

(1) Lt. Jones as Mess Officer. He has been Mess Officer since early November. He will be available, if required, to replace Capt. Lowe (see (a) (ii) above) when the rear party moves forward and the Palomo Mess closes down.

(ii) Lt. Warner as Mess Secretary. This officer belongs to Region I. (See para 3 (b)) and will not be available for either of the new Messes.

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9. Final Disposition of Mess Property remaining at Palomo.
All Mess Equip. (Ordinary, Outlay, etc.) should be brought by the Rear Party to Naples and/or Salerno, as you direct. Will you kindly issue instructions to Commander, Rear Party, in due course. As you are aware, a considerable quantity was taken forward by the advance party which went forward to Naples on 6 December.

Copies to: Region I
Mess Secretary (Lt. Warner)
Mess Officer (Lt. Jones)
Lt. Col. Behrens
Major Robinson
O.C. Rear Party Lt-Col. Rogers
HQ, AMT
Exec Officer

R. D. RATHBONE
Colonel
Executive Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

MAIL/dfo/mes

To: Brigadier General Maxwell D. 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.

Finances.

The Finance Officer will undertake the following duties:-

- (a) The safe custody of funds supplied to him by AFMA.
- (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
Telephone and telegraph
Electricity

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The Finance Officer will undertake the following duties:-

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

For the financial needs of the AGO, 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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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
Prizes and Rewards
Sundry

2. Special No. 1 Account.

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

The Finance Officer will draw on this account but only with supporting vouchers approved by the Deputy President of the ACC 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 mess receipts to defray expenses incurred will be financed by the Special No. 1 Account, on the authority of the Deputy President of the ACC 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 Internationale since that date appear to be excessive, as among other things they would appear to include operating expenditures, which are properly part of the remuneration

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Auditing.

In view of the fact that full rations have been supplied since November 20, 1943, the charges made by the Albergo Internationale since that date appear to be excessive, as among other things they would appear to include operating expenditures, which are properly part of the requisition account.

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 Internationale in order to obtain an adjustment on the bills submitted by that hotel since November 20, 1943.

Respectfully submitted by

EGJ

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

December 28, 1943

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PLEASE ADVISE PROPER PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING SIXTEEN MILLIMETER MOTION PICTURE
PROJECTOR PAREN FOR PES FOR SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICER FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE
PAREN FOR USE BY ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION SERVICE MENS CLUB

AUTHENTICATED:

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

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ROUTINE

FATIMA FROM MCGREERY

FREEDOM FOR HAYES FOR MYERS

NO POST EXCHANGE ITEMS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THIS TEAM FROM THE EIGHT FOUR
NINE SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE PD TO FREEDOM FOR HAYES FOR MYERS FROM FATIMA
FROM MCGREERY SIGNED JOYCE PD PLEASE CHECK AND ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF TWENTY
FIVE DOLLARS COVERING SHIPMENT WHICH WAS TO BE MADE IN OCTOBER

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1st Lt. AGD
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BY A.D.L.S.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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26 November, 1943

MGS-331.3

SUBJECT: Establishment of PX your Headquarters.

TO : Major General Kenyon A. Joyce,
Acting Deputy President,
A. C. C.

Supplementing the letter of General Holmes of 26 November, Colonel H. S. Robertson, Theatre Post Exchange Officer, advises that a request by you to Major V. W. Huller, officer in charge of PX in Adriatic Depot at Bari for the establishment of unit exchange facilities at Brindisi will bring immediate action.

HENRY PARKMAN, JR.,
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.

*Orig to Capt. Dooley
for action.*



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PRIORITY

FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE

FREEDOM FOR PRESS RPTD FARGO FOR ALIBRIGHT

FOLLOWING FOR COMMANDANT TIZI DASH OUZOU FROM ALLWORTH QUOTE MUST RUN
OWN COMBINED OFFICERS MESS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS OMA HEADQUARTERS
REGIMENT AND HOLDING CENTER PD TO FREEDOM FOR PRESS/FROM FATIMA SIGNED
MACFARLANE PD REQUIRE COOKS OMA WAITERS AND MESSING OFFICER UNQUOTE

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
Maj AGD
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