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OFFICERS' MESS  
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SUBJECT: Closing of Officers' Club and Hotel, WASH.

GND/200/A

DESCRIPTION: List 'A'.

The ground floor of the Officers' Club and Hotel, WASH. ("THE TRINITY"), will be required for an official reception on the evening of Wednesday 22 Mar 44. Dinner will therefore be served between 1800 and 1930 hrs on that evening.

All members, whether staying in the Club or not, will vacate the public rooms on the ground floor by 2000 hrs, after which the ground floor rooms will be open only to official guests in possession of an official invitation to the reception.

Access to the upper floors for residents staying in the Club will be by the service entrance and service passages. The front door will be used only by the official guests attending the reception.

The Club will not be open to non-resident members after 2000 hrs on that evening.

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WASH.

GND/200/A

WASH. (C) - 711  
 Brigadier. (A.C.)  
 Commander.  
 6 Home Sub-Admin.

REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
OFFICERS MESS.

*Capt. Dwyer 29.*

There will be a meeting of the Mess Council on Tuesday, 14 Mar 44  
at 1600 hrs in Room 116.

Agenda:- Minutes of the last meeting.  
Report of the Entertainments Sub-committee  
Business arising from this  
Other business.

8 Mar 44

for PMC

R. W. Buckley, Capt.  
Secretary.

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ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

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DESS ADMINISTRATION (Officers)

*MA.*

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*1- Rpt. by Mrs. Salter -*

REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
OFFICERS MESS.

Capt. Drage  
Mess. Victoria

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1 Mar 44 at 1600 hrs.

Capt. P.M.G. was in the chair.  
Maj. Rueschore was absent on duty. All others present.

Capt. Pearson proposed that Maj. Shepherd represent the subsidiary messes on the Council, but have no voting power. Seconded by Maj. Frizell and carried unanimously. Maj. Shepherd then took his seat on the Council.

The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated.  
Arising from Para 4 the report of the Sub-Committee (Appendix A to minutes) and the balance sheet (Appendix B) of the Vittoria Mess accounts up to 17 Feb were read. The statement was adopted and the recommendations accepted. Unanimous.

Capt. Pearson had handed in a written amendment to para 4 "that the words 'the P.M.G. had heard complaints...' be deleted". On hearing explanations from the P.M.G. and Secretary he withdrew the proposal.

Arising from para. 5 Maj. Frizell proposed, Capt. Pearson seconded that "the chit system for drinks be abolished as soon as present holdings of books of tickets come to an end. There will be no further sale of such wine books. From 1 Mar. 44 cash will be accepted at the bar." Carried unanimously.

N.B. This ruling cancels the previous decision of 14 Feb which had not as yet been recommended to the Mess Meeting.

Arising from para. 8b it was proposed by Maj. Shepherd seconded by Capt. Schreier that a sub-committee consisting of Capt. Earnest, Capt. Jones and the Treasurer draw up a balance sheet of the dinner-dance held at Vittoria Mess on 23 Feb and submit it to the Council. Carried unanimously.

Arising from Minute 6 the Sec-Treasurer made a statement of allocation of Brindisi funds (see Receipt No. 146). This was accepted by the whole meeting.

The Suggestions Book was not read as there were no new entries.  
This was regarded as a healthy sign.

Other business.

Maj. Shepherd suggested the formation of an Entertainments Committee. Seconded by Capt. Drage. The business of the committee would be to make arrangements for dances and other social events in the mess. The following names were accepted: Maj. Shepherd, Capt. Drage, the two Messing Officers and the Sec-Treasurer. Carried unanimously. Capt. Drage was to convene the meetings and the Committee to elect its own chairman.

Just as the matter of the Club arose, the P.M.G. had to retire on urgent official business. Maj. Shepherd took the chair. Maj. Frizell proposed and Capt. Schreier seconded the motion "that this meeting now adjourn". Carried unanimously.

3 Mar 44.

R. W. Buckloy  
Capt. Mess Secretary

REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

OFFICERS MESS. ENTERTAINMENT SUB-COMMITTEE.

Capt. Drage  
Buckley  
Lt. Grogan

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Minutes of Meeting held on 3 Apr. 44

Maj. Shepherd in the chair. All members present except Capt. Jones, Capt. Shreiber and C. O. Viarengo.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted unanimously.
2. Statement of Accounts of the Dance held at Vittorio Mess on 29 Mar. gave universal pleasure and was adopted unanimously

Income  
Sale of tickets  
70 at 50 L = 3500 L  
Sale of wines = 1117 L  
1467 L

Expenditure  
Band . . . . . 2400 L  
Printing . . . . . 170 L  
Plants and flowers  
200 L  
Wines . . . . . 8030 L  
Cigarettes . . . . . 350 L  
11150 L

280

Profit = cash in hand 3528 L

previous cash in hand 535 L  
Total cash in hand 4063 L

3. The chairman expressed his pleasure at the success of the dance and thought that everybody who contributed to the organisation was to be congratulated, especially L/C Sanders who was responsible for the transport. He and all the E.M.s and O.R.s who gave up their evening to help in the dance should receive 50 cigarettes each as a sign of our appreciation. Unanimously agreed.
4. The club was discussed and it was agreed that the bath attendant's hours should be 0700-0900. 1100-1400. 1700-2000 hrs
5. At this point the sec. asked if Lt Derby might be allowed to make certain criticisms of the Dance but it was agreed that a better moment would be after the General Meeting of the mess after which we should be in a position to know if there were to be any more entertainments or not. If not his criticisms would be valueless.
6. Capt. Drage pointed out that no result had appeared from the appeal for card players. It was ascertained that no such notices had been posted. He undertook to prepare them and they would be handed to both Mess Officers for publication.
7. It was agreed that there would be no further entertainment pending decisions by the Mess Council and/or Mess General Meeting.

3 Apr. 44.

R.W. Buckley.  
Capt. Intelligence Corps.  
Sec. Mess Council.

REF. 2/ CA/ FO / 7/21

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CHIEF ACCOUNTANT  
A.C.C. ~~XXXXX~~ H. Q., REGION II

C. M. F.

25 March 44.

TO: Finance Officer, Salerno.

SUBJECT: Disallowed AMG/ACC Expenditure.

1. The enclosed letters, unsigned, for Major Haigh-Wood and Capt. B.L. Drage, respectively, were sent to this H.Q. in error.

2. Ref para 3, no further action by Capt. Drage, or yourself, need be taken, as the adjustment has been made in the books of this H.Q., on receipt of this letter, crediting Capt. B.L. Drage and debiting A.C.C. Mess Expenditure with the sum of Lire 3,917.

*W. J. P. Lint*

Regional Accountant.

Copy to: Capt. B.L. Drage, H.Q. Commandant, A.C.C. Salerno.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394.

Subject:- Disallowed AMU/ACC Expenditure.

To:- Major P. Stange,  
Regional Finance Officer,  
Region II.

20th March 1944.

From:- Finance Sub-Commission.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 16 March 1944 and Major. Haigh Wood's letter of 9 March 1944 both addressed to Capt. R. L. Drage, Headquarters Commandant, Salerno, concerning above subject.
2. Col. Grafferty Smith, Joint Chief Finance Officer of A.C.C. has decided that these items are proper A.C.C. expenditure and should be carried into the new A.C.C. R. L. Account.
3. If the vouchers in question are returned to Major Haigh Wood, Capt Drage will give him a check covering the disputed amount of 3917 Lire.

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In the Field,  
JJI/ap.

J. JOHN LAWLER,  
Lieut Comdr, U.S.C.G.R.,  
Finance Sub-Commission.

Copies to:- Major Haigh Wood,  
Capt R. L. Drage,  
Col Grafferty Smith.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Palace of Justice.

Subject:-Officers Mess - Ravello.

To:- G.1. (British),  
H.Q. Allied Control Commission,  
Naples.

25th February 44.

From:- Headquarters Commandant.

Ref No M/2/44.

Confirming telephone conversation (Lt.Col. Fothergill -  
Col.Rathbone), 23 Feb 44.

Lt.Col.The Lord Grimthorpe has offered the Villa Ciambrone  
at Ravello for the use of Officers of Headquarters A.C.C. as a Rest House.

There would be at all times three(3) rooms available and if  
Mr H.MacMillan, Mr Caccia, and Mr Reber were not in residence Further  
rooms would be available.

If you are in agreement the Villa will be requisitioned as  
from 1 Mar. 44.

In the Field,  
CFW/AP.

*C.F.F.*  
C.F. FOTHERGILL,  
Lt.Colonel,  
Headquarters Commandant.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Palace of Justice.

Subject:- Bulletin Boards.

To:- Major Shepherd.

From:- Asst to Headquarters Commandant.

14th February 44.

M/2/44.

The Headquarters Commandant directs that a Bulletin Board be placed in the Officer's Mess at the Hotel Vittoria.

In the Field,  
H.D./AF.

*A*  
R.L. DRAGH,  
Captain,  
Asst to Headquarters Commandant.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Pace of Justice.

Subject:-Bulletin Boards.

To:- Capt W.E. Jones.

From:- Asst to Headquarters Commandant.

14th February 44.

Ref No M/2/44.

The Headquarters Commandant directs that a Bulletin Board be placed in the Officer's Mess at the Velia Restaurant.

In the Field,  
ELD/AP.

B.L. DRAGE,  
Captain,  
Asst to Headquarters Commandant.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Palace of Justice.

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Subject:- Levy for Mess Funds at Palermo, and Unused Mess Tickets.

To:- G.I.,  
H.Q. A.C.C.,  
Naples.

9th February 44.

From:- Headquarters Commandant's Office.

Ref No M/2/44.

The attached is passed to you for information please.

In the Field,  
AP/

B.L. DRUCE,  
Captain,  
Asst to Headquarters Commandant.

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Subject :- Rations.

HQ. 94 Sub Area.  
Q226. 3 Feb 44.

✓ HQ., Comdt.  
HQ AMG, Salerno.

Herewith copy of this HQ letter Q226 of 7 Jan 44 in  
reply to your M/2/44 dated 4 Jan 44, as requested.

*G. H. Dorman*  
for Maj, Capt  
DA & QIG.

ETF/EP.

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COPI

Subject :- Rations.

HQ. 94 Sub Area.  
Q/236.

7 Jan 44.

HQ.  
AMG Salerno.

Ref your M/2/44 dated 4 Jan 44.

It is pointed out that Officers in transit or away from their stations on official business should carry the unexpired portion of the days rations with them and accordingly no extra rations may be drawn for supplying them with meals whilst in transit.

There is however no objection to your subsequently drawing rations to cover cases where meals have been issued to Officers who in your opinion have unexpectedly and through no fault of their own been detained away from home without rations. Such cases should however be the exception rather than the rule and it is considered that in order to prevent abuse it should be impressed upon such visiting officers that they should not anticipate such hospitality except in special circumstances.

Sgd. G.N. Dorman. Capt.  
For Maj,  
DAA & QMG.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Palace of Justice  
Oalerno

*16A*  
2nd February 1944. *15A*

To: Headquarters Commandant.

From: Capt. L.K. Pawley.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my application for Servant Allowance as from 1st December 1943.

I have had no Batman, and pay outside labour to clean my rooms, boots, make my bed, etc. It is also understood that there are no personnel available for Batman duty.

I have the honour to be Sir,  
Your Obedient Servant,

In the Field.  
LKP/of

*L. K. Pawley*  
L. K. PAWLEY. Captain.

HEADQUARTERS

ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

C-1.

1st February, 1944.

REFERENCE : 254/HQ/C-1.

SUBJECT : Officers' Mess Funds.

TO : Adjutant General.

Will you please publish the following in the Daily Bulletin :-

"All officers, wherever now stationed, who paid the levy of 300 lire to Mess Funds at Palermo early in January last will forward as soon as possible to the Mess Secretary, Naples Messes, a Certificate to that effect. They will also certify the value of any unused Mess tickets for which they did not obtain a refund when the Palermo Mess closed down."

*L. A. Turpold*  
Lt. Col. R.A.  
C-1.

Copies to : H.Q. Commandant, Salerno.

(This applies equally to Officers at Salerno, but not to those at or from Brindisi, who are not affected. Please ensure that the order is complied with by officers joining Rear H.Q. Salerno from Palermo - road convoy is due 5 February.)

Mess Secretary and Treasurer, Naples Messes.  
(Capt. Marshall, Toledo Hotel.)

(Please record names and amounts paid a for levy, b due for unused tickets, also where the officer is stationed. The matter will be taken up at a Mess Council meeting when there has been time for all officers affected to forward Certificates.)

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FARGO

1 FEBRUARY 44.

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10050 FURGOLD

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\_\_\_\_\_ FORWARD NAMES OF OFFICERS STILL WITH YOU OR REMAINING  
ATTACHED RATION ONE NOT INCLUDING THOSE ON CONVEY ZERO ONE THREE ONE ZER ONE  
DASH EASY PD PENBASE PAREN FARGO PAREN TO IBS FOR ROGERS PD CITE FARGO SIX FIVE  
TWO PD WHO PAID LEVY TO MESS OF THREE ZERO ZERO LIRE ALSO VALUE IN EACH CASE OF  
UNUSED MEAL TICKETS FOR WHICH NO REFUND WAS MADE

Copies to : Mess Secretary, Naples Messes  
(Toledo Messes)

H.Q. Commandant, Salerno. ✓

Reference Memorandum No. 4,  
dated 28 January 44.

L. F. NICKEL,  
Lt. Col. AGD,  
Adjutant General 2.78

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394.

Ref: AMCOY/254/HQ.

No. 1.0.....

MEMORANDUM ON OFFICERS' MESSES - No. 4.

28th January, 1944.

OFFICERS' MESSES - SALERNO.1. Authorized Messes.

The following Officers' Messes are authorized for Salerno under the terms of para. 6(b) of Admin. Order No. 2 dated 27 Jan 44.

| <u>Name of Mess.</u>            | <u>Membership and Remarks.</u>                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| a. Velia Restaurant (Main Mess) | (1) For Officers of the rank of Lt. Col. and below - all meals. Two sittings.<br>(2) For Officers of Messes <u>b</u> to <u>f</u> - Lunch only. |
| b. Vittoria Hotel (Main Mess)   | For Officers of the rank of Colonel and upwards.                                                                                               |
| c. Villa Guariglia.             | Chief Commissioner's Mess.<br>Membership - 3.                                                                                                  |
| d. Villa Marghierì.             | Administrative Vice-President's Mess.<br>Membership about 6.                                                                                   |
| e. Villa Maria.                 | Political Directors' Mess.<br>Membership about 4.                                                                                              |
| f. Villa Dolores.               | H.Q. Commandant's Mess.<br>Membership - 3.                                                                                                     |

Mess a (Velia Restaurant) is at Salerno - all other Messes at Cava.

2. Control and Management.

- a. All Messes in Salerno will be under central financial control, and under the general control of one Mess Council, of which the H.Q. Commandant will be an ex-officio member. This Mess Council will be constituted as soon as possible, and its Membership will be subject to confirmation at a General Meeting of Mess Members, which should be held as soon as possible after the move from Brindisi has taken place.
- b. A Secretary and Treasurer, Salerno Messes, will be appointed by this H.Q. He will be responsible to the Mess Council, and to this H.Q., for custody of Mess Funds, and for correct accounting. His duties will be part time. It is intended that this Officer shall be Captain Buckley, at present Security Officer, Brindisi detachment. Meanwhile, there is no objection to the Chief Staff Officer, Admin. Section, appointing an Officer to take over these duties from Captain Drago, or to recommending an Officer to undertake the appointment permanently in place of Captain Buckley.

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- c. Mess a will have a full-time Mess Officer appointed by this H.Q. It is intended that this Officer shall be 2/Lt. Bongarzone, at present Mess Officer, Brindisi.
  - d. Mess b will have a part-time Mess Officer appointed by the Mess Council. This should be a Captain or Major, and he should be a permanent Member of the Mess.
  - e. Remaining Messes will each appoint a Secretary, who will normally be the Personal Assistant of the Senior Officer in the Mess. Secretaries of those Messes may be asked to attend Meetings of the Mess Council, with the consent of their immediate superiors.
3. Responsibilities of Mess Council.
- a. Purchase, record, and allocation as between the different Messes of all Mess Property, and for the allocation of Mess Funds.
  - b. Framing of draft rules for Salerno Messes for the approval of this H.Q. These should contain a provision that all Mess Officials will attend General Meetings of Mess Members.

*R. B. Rathbone*  
R. B. RATHBONE,  
Colonel.,  
Executive Officer.  
(Administrative).

DISTRIBUTION :

- 1 & 2 - Lt. Col. Cripps, Admin. Section.
- 3 to 10 - H.Q. Commandant, Salerno. (includes copies for Mess Secretary and Treasurer, Mess Officers, and all Mess Secretaries.)
- 11 & 12 - Executive Officer.
- 13 to 16 - H.Q., A.C.C., Brindisi.
- 17 - File.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT ( DET. )  
PALACE OF JUSTICE  
SALERNO

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26 January 1944

Banca Commerciale Italiana,  
Salerno,

Ref M/2/44

Gentlemen:

In regard to our Officers' Mess Account at your bank,  
authority is given hereby for checks to be cashed provided they  
bear the signatures of the following officers:

Captain B. L. Drage  
and  
Captain F. J. Slaughter

  
B. L. DRAGE,  
Captain,  
Headquarters Commandant.

B.D/ajp

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

21 January 1944

SUBJECT: Messing-Cooking Apparatus.

TO: Hq Commandant,  
SALERNO.

1. In reply to your M/2/44 of 8 January 1944, it would appear that Sig. Miccio Alberto did in fact purchase the apparatus mentioned in your communication.

2. Enquiries have also been instituted regarding the prices paid, and as soon as information is available, it will be passed on to you.

*Charles W. Earnshaw*

CHARLES W. EARNSHAW,  
Lt. Col., C.E.,  
Actg. Hq. Comdt.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT (DEPT.)  
OFFICE OF JUSTICE  
SALERNO

*Messes*

*IDA*

21 January 1944

SUBJECTS: 1- Officers' messes at Salerno and Cava  
2- Feeding of Italian Civilians.

TO: Executive Officer (B),  
S. AMG, Provincia Building, Naples.

Messes.

Herewith please find list of messes at Salerno and Cava.

|                  |         |                            |
|------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Vittoria Hotel   | Cava    | 6 to 35 Officers           |
| Valia Restaurant | Salerno | 10 Officers (two sittings) |
| Villa Marghera   | Cava    | 5 Officers                 |
| Villa Maria      | Cava    | 5 Officers                 |
| Villa Stagliola  | Cava    | 2 Officers (4 spare rooms) |

Authority for Feeding Italian Civilians.

Attached please find copy of a letter which was our authority to feed the Italian Government. The question of feeding the Italian civilian employees was raised with Lt. Sub-area, D. I. D., who instructed us to indent for ration for the civilians under the same authority as quoted in the AMG Adv. Adm. Echelon letter 75-1 of 4 January 1944.

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*[Signature]*  
D. L. DUGG,  
Captain,  
Actg. Headquarters Commandant.

IN THE FIELD  
RED/ajp.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT (DET)  
PALACE OF JUSTICE  
SALERNO

Subject:- Accounts, Officer's Mess Salerno

To:- Col Rathbone,  
H.Q. AMG,  
Provenzia Building,  
Naples.

7 January 44

Ref No M/2/44

From:- Headquarters Commandant.

BRANCH. An account has been opened at the BANCA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA, SALERNO  
The title of the account is H.Q. AMG, OFFICERS' MESSSES, SALERNO.

In the Field,  
SRW/AP.

S. R. MOSS VERNON,  
Lt. Colonel,  
Headquarters Commandant.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT (DET)  
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Subject:-Rations

To:- D.A.M.G.,  
M. R. Area.

From:- Headquarters Commandant.

4 January 44

Ref No M/2/44

I find that the Officer's Mess I have established at "Vella" is being called upon to furnish and meals to AGC/AMG Officers in transit. These Officers attend at D.A.M.G. Salarno to conduct needs of Commission. They find, not infrequently, and for reasons beyond their control that they are detained over a meal time and often over night.

The average number of rations on a full day basis which are required to meet this contingency is at the present only five. In the near future however, when the inter Governmental discussions are in full swing the number of Officers who will have to be catered for will be considerably enhanced.

"Diana", the Officers Mess under the direction of the Town Major is unable to deal with this contingency for the reason that it has insufficient accommodation. In any case it would be better to have AGC/AMG Transit Officers dealt with separately, as I am better able to exercise control and to decide whether the Officers concerned are justified in demanding a meal.

Submission accordingly that the Officer's Mess at "Vella" restaurant may be authorized to feed Officers of the AGC/AMG who are in transit and unexpectedly detained in Salarno on official business.

In the Field,  
S.M.V./H.

S.R. MOSS VERNON,  
Lt. Colonel,  
Headquarters Commandant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 512

29 December 1943

## MEMORANDUM ON OFFICERS' MESSES, NO. 2.

1. Distribution of Memorandum No. 1.

- a. The original distribution of "Memorandum on State of Affairs regarding Officers' Messes", dated 13 December 43, ref. Misc/RER, addressed to Brig. Gueterbock, hereinafter referred to as "Memorandum No. 1" was as follows:

Region I  
Lt. Warner (Mess Secretary, Palermo)  
Mess Officer (Palermo)  
Lt. Col. Bohrens } Members of Mess Council  
Major Robinson } Palermo.  
O.C. Rear Party, Palermo  
Hq. ACC, Brindisi  
Executive Officer.

- b. Further copies were subsequently distributed as under:

Hq. Commandant, Salerno (Lt. Col. Moss-Vernon)  
Brig. Hamlyn  
Major Baxter (Finance). (See para. 5 (d))  
Brig. Gueterbock retained the original copy.

- c. Remaining copies are now forwarded herewith to the following recipients only of this Memorandum (No. 2)  
Mess Officer, Officers' Mess, Naples, Toledo Hotel (at present Lt. Broadhead) (To be handed over on relief)  
Mess Officer, Officers' Mess, Naples, 17 Santa Strata (Major Rushmore)

2. Mess Officer, Palermo.

Ref. Para. 5(c) of Memorandum No. 1. Lt. Jones was subsequently relieved as Mess Officer, Palermo by Capt. Pascal (a), Tele-communications Sub-Commission, and is now at Naples.

3. Special Fund.

Ref. Para. 5(c) of Memorandum No. 1. The recommendation regarding the £476 has been agreed to. The sum has been lodged in a special account in the Banca di Napoli, Naples.

Until administration can be handed over to British Admin. Hq. on their arrival here, the Executive Officers, Colonel Albright and Colonel Rathbone have power to sign. Further instructions regarding this fund will be issued at a later date.

4. Organization of Messes.

Ref. para. 4(c) & (d) of Memorandum No. 1.

- a. Messes at Naples will be run entirely separately from those at Salerno.
- b. Two messes have been opened at Naples - a small Senior Officers' Mess at 17 Santa Strada, and a main mess at the Toledo Hotel. At a later date it will probably be necessary to open a third mess.
- c. There will be two messes at Salerno.

5. Management. (See para. 6(c), Memo. No. 1)

- a. Palermo. See Memo. No. 1, para. 6(c) and para 2 of this Memo..

- b. Naples. Toledo Mess (American Rations)

- (1) Lt. Broadhead will act as Mess Officer, & Capt. Marshall as Mess Secretary, for the time being. The Mess Secretary's duties will be part time only. At a later date Lt. Broadhead will be assisted on the messing side by Lt. Jones. This will be in addition to Lt. Jones' other duties.
- (2) Lt. Col. Richards, Hq. Commandant is appointed ex officio member of the Mess Council.
- (3) The following officers are appointed members of the Mess Council, subject to confirmation at a general meeting, which should be convened as early as possible :

Lt. Col. Legge (Interior) - Chairman  
Major Humphries (Industry & Commerce)  
(See c below)

- c. Naples. 17 Santa Strada (American Rations)

Major Rushmore (Public Health) is appointed Mess Secretary, but as regards funds & property, this mess comes under the same management as the Toledo Mess. Major Rushman will apply to Mess Secretary,

Toledo Mess, for funds for capital expenditure & working expenses as required. He will account for such monies to Mess Secretary, Toledo Mess.

d. Salerno.

- (1) Major Baxter (Finance) is appointed Mess Officer (whole time) for both Salerno Messes for the time being.
- (2) Lt. Col. Moss-Vernon (Hq. Comdt) is appointed Ex Officio Member of the Mess Committee.
- (3) A general meeting should be convened as soon as possible after main Hq. is established at Salerno to elect a Mess Council, which should be representative of both messes. A Mess Secretary, or Assistant (part time) from each Mess should also be appointed if considered necessary.

e. General.

Major Humphries will assist in the setting up, organization, making of contacts, engaging of staff, etc., first for the Toledo Mess and subsequently for the Salerno messes. When all messes are properly organized & running smoothly, Major Humphries will be relieved of all duties in connection therewith other than under (b) (3) above.

6. Funds

(See paras. 5(a) & (b) & 7 of Mem. No. 1, & para. 3 of this Memo.)

- a. The sum actually brought to Naples by Major Humphries as an advance on the share of the Naples Mess from Palermo Mess Funds was 35000 lire. Of this, 15000 lire has been handed over to Major Baxter to start the Salerno Messes, and 10,000 lire to Major Austin for the Senior Officers' Mess, Naples. The 15000 lire is on loan and will be repaid (see (b) below). Major Baxter will open an account at a Bank in Salerno & deposit the 15000 lire therein. He will report the name of the bank to this office. The balance of the 35,000 lire will be deposited in the Banca di Napoli, Naples, and an account opened.
- b. Mess Officers/Secretaries, Naples & Salerno are hereby authorized to apply to Lt. Warner, Mess Secretary, Palermo, for further funds as may be required by way of advances against their shares, for the Naples and Salerno Messes respectively under para. 5(a) (III)

of Memo. No. 1. Lt. Warner will forward such funds in the following manner:-  
 He will draw cheques on the Mess account and present them to AMFA, Palermo & obtain a receipt. AMFA Palermo will advise AMFA Naples, who in turn will advise Mess Secretaries that they can draw the cash. Lt. Warner will, in this manner, transfer forthwith the sum of 20000 Lire. This is for the Salerno Messes, & will be drawn by Major Dexter as soon as he is advised it is available. On receipt, he will repay to Mess Officer Naples, the sum of 15000 lire. (See (c) above).

- c. When the Palermo Mess is closed down, Lt. Warner will dispose of the final balance as in para 5(a) (III) of Memo. No. 1. He will forward the Naples and Salerno shares in the manner prescribed in b above. He will also forward to the Mess Officer, Naples & Salerno, a statement of accounts showing the final balance, the balances due to each group of messes, & the advances drawn against the total shares under (a) & (b) above. A copy of this statement will be sent to the Executive Officer, Rear Hq., Naples.

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DISTRIBUTION:

Lt. Col. Legge  
 Major Humphries  
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 Mess Secretary, Toledo Hotel, Naples (Capt. Marshall)  
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 Lt. Jones  
 Mess Officer, Salerno (Major Dexter)  
 Mess Secretary, Palermo (Lt. Warner)  
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
SALERNO

20 December 1943

TO: Lt. COL Moss Vernon.

Officers' Mess Servants at Salerno and CAVA

1. Pending a decision by the financial authorities,  
you are to go on the following principles covering AMG/ACC 269

- (a) officers' mess servants are to be paid out of funds subscribed by officers, as far as permitted by (b),
- (b) officers' daily mess charges are not to exceed thirty lire.
- (c) additional servants required to maintain quarters and messes until they are filled will be paid as Italian labour by Government through AMG, SALERNO.

2. You have no responsibility for providing servants for the Advisory Council, but you will provide caretakers for houses requisitioned by you for this council.

Requisitioning Furniture and Mess or Quarters Equipment

3. You are not to requisition private individuals' belongings without their permission.

4. You are to requisition up to a simple scale from public institutions, unused hotels or unused furnished apartments, subject to any restrictions which may be imposed by 94 Subarea.

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