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Availability of Post Exchange Supplies to
British Personnel

ALICOM/304/151

Headquarters,
Island Line Section

25 October 1943

1. The issue of certain items of Post Exchange stores to British officers at this H.Q. was authorized by you in a letter written by your base exchange officer on 5 October 1943. This facility has, however, apparently been withdrawn as an application for ration cards has since been refused by that officer.

2. In view of this, arrangements were made to draw R.P.I. supplies from CANALIA for one week but it will be difficult to do this again for reasons stated below.

3. There are at present some 450 British personnel of ALLIED ranking and living side by side with U.S. officers and N.I. in the Western Province of Sicily. The latter now purchase supplies from Post Exchanges but the British officers are not allowed to do so.

4. It is not practicable for these British personnel to obtain their necessities and other items from British R.P.I. for the following reasons:-

- (a) The nearest R.P.I. is at Catania.
- (b) R.P.I. does not sell to individual officers even if it were possible for them to go to CATANIA which, of course, it is not.
- (c) Shortage of transport and staff make it quite impracticable for any of the Provinces to collect supplies in bulk from CANALIA.
- (d) The only possible means by which supplies can be obtained is for this H.Q. to send transport to CANALIA each week (R.P.I. will not issue more than one weeks supply at a time) and having collected the supplies to make a weekly distribution of them throughout the provinces.

5. I consider this to be a most onerous procedure and one which is wasteful in transport, petrol and personnel. Moreover it is open to the further objection that since R.P.I. sell only for cash it results in financial complication owing to the necessity of collecting money in advance to pay for supplies.

6. In my opinion the only simple solution is that British personnel drawing

various for one week but it will be difficult to do this again for reasons stated below.

3. There are at present some 490 British personnel of all ranks working and living side by side with U.S. officers and N.F.I. in the western provinces of Bahr el Jebel. The latter now purchase supplies from Post Exchanges but the British officers are not allowed to do so.

4. It is not practicable for these British personnel to obtain their own rations and other items from British N.F.I. for the following reasons:-

- (a) The nearest N.F.I. is at Catania.
- (b) N.F.I. does not sell to individual officers even if it were possible for them to go to Catania which, of course, it is not.
- (c) Shortages of transport and staff make it quite impracticable for any of the provinces to collect supplies in bulk from Catania.
- (d) The only possible means by which supplies can be obtained is for this N.F.I. to send transport to Omdurman each week (N.F.I. will not issue more than one week's supply at a time) and having collected the supplies to make a weekly distribution of them throughout the provinces.

5. I consider this to be a most cumbersome procedure and one which is wasteful in transport, petrol and personnel. However it is open to the further objection that since N.F.I. sell only for cash it results in financial complication owing to the necessity of collecting money in advance to pay for supplies.

6. In my opinion the only simple solution is that British personnel drawing U.S. rations should be allowed to purchase Post Exchange stores. The desirability of this is emphasized by the fact that U.S. troops stationed in British Areas are admitted to the N.F.I.

7. I therefore request that you agree to this solution of the problem and, that you will confirm the weekly issue of ration cards for British personnel.

8. The opening of Post Exchange to British personnel would preclude their making any purchases at N.F.I. and British officers would therefore lose their ration of such items as whisky, gin, etc. This is a hardship which they must accept and I suggest that Post Exchange ration cards be issued only against a certificate that N.F.I. stores have not been drawn.

(Sd) FRANK J. McSHEERY DUUR

Brigadier General
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Copy to:- Military Government Section A.F.M.
H. No. 1 District

PA 28/10

Subject:- Ten.

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FOS/320.

H.Q.
Amgot.
Palermo.

The attached copy of my letter FOS/320 dated 6 Oct 43 addressed to H.Q., 55 Base Area, together with a copy of their reply, is forwarded for information.

The amount down 51 for last week was arranged by me personally but I cannot do this again in view of the new rules.

Siracusa.
12 Oct 43.



Lt-Col.
S.C.A.O.
A.M.G.O.T.

6007

Copy
15
SUBJECT:-- D.I.D. - Tea.

POS/320.

H.Q.,
55 Base Area.

An arrangement was made some time ago between Angot H.Q. and Fortbase, that 15 D.I.D. should supply tea to the British personnel on the western half of the island. I do not know the reference number.

There are approx 430 officers and men working with American Units and they are unable to obtain the British tea ration.

I would be grateful if you could supply tea for this number from your stocks, and if you are agreeable, I suggest that the ration be issued monthly, thus obviating weekly journeys from Palermo.

Siracusa.
6 Oct 43.

WTT
Lt-Col.
S.C.A.O.
A.M.G.O.T.

6006

Copy.

SUBJECT:- Tea.

AMGOT.

Ref your POS/320 of 6 Oct 43.

It has been ruled under HQ No. 1 District letter 2046/Q dated 6 Oct addressed to AMGOT Liaison 15 Army Group that authority for special issue of tea to British personnel working with American units cannot be granted. Air mail letter cards and green envelopes may however be obtained from 15 D.I.D. for these tps.

Signed for Lt-Col.
AA & QMG. HQ 55 Area.

In the Field.
8 Oct 43.

6005

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POS/320.

Air Mail Letter Cards, Green
Envelopes, etc.

395/HQ

H.Q. No. 1 District

14 October 43

Reference your letter 2046/Q dated 6 October 1943
addressed to AMGOT Liaison 15 Army Group.

1. It was agreed here yesterday with your British Liaison officer (Capt. R. D. Webb) at Island Base Section that this H.Q. should in future obtain Air Mail Letter Cards and Green Envelopes from that office starting with the issue to be drawn on 23 October 1943.

2. From that date, therefore, supplies for AMGOT British personnel in Sicily will be drawn as follows:

- (a) Provinces of Catania, Syracuse, and Ragusa - weekly from respective DIDs now issuing rations.
- (b) AMGOT HQ and Provinces of Agrigento, Caltanissetta, Enna, Messina, Palermo, and Trapani - fortnightly from DID at Catania through Capt. Webb who will issue to this HQ in bulk.

3. The same procedure is being adopted to obtain free issues from DIDs of cigarettes and matches.

Copy to S.C.A.O. Syracuse:
After 16 October 1943,
please discontinue all
drawings for this HQ of the
supplies referred to in this
letter.

HQ Island Base Section.
(British Liaison Officer)
British Camp Commandant
British Quartermaster
File 394/HQ

L. H. K. M.
Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs
Officer.

Confirmation
In confirmation of
verbal arrangements
made on 13 October
1943.

SUBJECT. N.A.A.F.I.

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2046/9

6 Oct 43

AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group.

1. Ref your letter AL/4/246 dated 2 Oct 43. Air mail letter cards and green envelopes may be obtained from 15 D.I.D. for the use of British Troops stationed at AMGOT H.Q., PALERMO.
2. Authority for the special issue of tea to these troops cannot be granted.

CME
CME/LJG

Copy to: HQ 55 Area
S.T.

*Col 1/c Adm.,
No.1 District.*

HEADQUARTERS
394 Hq
12 OCT 1943
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AMGOT

Copy to file 395/102

6443
15/10/10

From: A.M.E.S. 899, Trapani.

To : AMGOT H.Q., Palermo.

Date: 7th October, 1943.

Ref : 899/3/7.



Px. Rations for British Troops.

On drawing Px. Rations from the Palermo Depot, this unit was recently informed that in future no Px. ration would be available for British troops on American rations, and that all applications should be made through AMGOT.

2. This unit is at present living on American rations, the nearest British ration dump being at Catania, while in addition, British N.A.A.F.I. supplies ~~can~~^{cannot} be obtained ~~if~~^{if} the unit is ~~on~~^{not} on the Ration Dump strength.

3. Owing to the distance involved for a comparatively small unit (strength 73) it would be appreciated if arrangements could be made to draw full American scale Px (as apart from the previous British entitlement) from Dump 100 in Palermo, assuming that rations continue to be drawn from Trapani. Each week, this unit could bring certificates that N.A.A.F.I. is not being drawn in addition to Px, and that this unit is drawing from the American Ration Dump in Trapani (signed by their Supply Officer) at the specified ration strength.

4. It would be appreciated if this request could be considered in the light of the above circumstances, and authorisation given so that Px. could be drawn on next weeks issue.

A.J.L. Callender

(A.J.L. CALLENDER) Flight Lieutenant,
Commanding A.M.E. Station 899.

File

AMCOT HQ SICILY
AMCOT/394/HQ
8 October 1943

(10)

60000

SUBJECT: P.X. Rations

TO : Division Heads

1. All EM's and OR's receive their P.X. Rations through their individual units.
2. Division Chiefs are requested not to approve requests for individual rations card of any EM or OR working in their Division.

CHARLES M. SPOTTORD,
Colonel, U. S. C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

PLA 9/10
SW 10/10

ROUTING SLIP.

C.C.A.O.
D.C.C.A.O.
C.S.O.
A.C.S.O.
Lt. Col. Clough.
Major Pirie.
Major Smith
Major McDougall
Major Pearey
Capt. Talbot
Capt. Farrar
Capt. Sherwood
Capt. Zervudachi
Capt. Graham
Capt. Van Deusen
Lt. Van Heukelom
Lieut. Krupa
P.R.O.
Adviser F.A. & M.
Education Officer.

REMARKS.

Pages 7 & 8

Chief Clerk

Re B/F on Oct 10th

6/10
Date

ES
Registry

6/10/70
Noted
7/10/70

Rations.
S.C.A.O. Messina.

AMCOR/394/III

Oct. 6 43.

Reference AMCOR letter 75/HQ dated 22. Sept. 43.

1. At your request made verbally by Major E.P. Deutsch, this H.Q. will continue for the time being to send you rations for all your personnel each week under the following arrangements.
2. The ration truck from this H.Q. will deliver your rations to C.A.O.'s Office, Municipio, S. STEFANO, at 1300 hrs. on each Friday, starting on 8. Oct. 43.
3. You will detail an Officer to take over these rations immediately the ration truck arrives, so that the truck can start on its journey to ENNA not later than 1400 hrs.
4. You will be responsible for distribution of rations from S. STEFANO throughout your Province.

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CHARLES M. SPONFORD.
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

Copies to:- H.Q. No. 1 District. (For information)
American Supply Officer. (Ref. paras. 2 and 3
above)

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HEADQUARTERS
ISLAND BASE SECTION
OFFICE OF THE BASE EXCHANGE OFFICER



5 October 1943

SUBJECT: Army Exchange Ration Cards.

TO : Chief of Staff, Headquarters Amgot.

1. This office has been instructed to advise you that Army Exchange Ration Cards are now available to British Officers assigned permanently to your headquarters.

2. These cards are valid for a period of one week and purchases are restricted to those articles that were formerly items of issue.

3. Cards may be secured from the office of the Base Exchange Officer, 4th floor Headquarters, Island Base Section.

W.H. Maddox
W.H. MADDOX
Maj. A.C.
Base Exchange Officer

British DM informed.

L.H. 4/10

SUBJECT:- I.A.F.I.

To:- HQ No. 1 District.

From:- AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group.

Ref. AL/4/246

2 Oct 43.

Enclosed is original letter AMGOT/208/HQ dated 30 Sep, for action.

In addition would it be possible to authorize No.15 D.I.D. at Syracuse to issue tea, air mail letter cards and Green envelopes for the use of the British Troops stationed at AMGOT HQ, at PALERMO?

Portbase granted this authority under terms that AMGOT provided transport to collect, but apparently AMGOT, PALERMO, never availed themselves of this facility.

HF/ES.
FIELD.



H. Farrer
H. FARRER.
Captain,
Staff Captain,
AMGOT Liaison.

Copy to:- HQ. AMGOT, PALERMO.

Nonsense

Copy sent to Camp

SECRET

291800A MC 5522
FROM: LARKIN
TO: CO IBS

SECRET PRIORITY

IBS 1027
300800A

Concerning cable number 563, cite HADDS-151-N, dated 28 September from Matousa, referring to IBS cable number 105, cite IBSQM-36, date 22 September, is repeated for compliance:

There is no authority for IBS to issue rations to British units in IBS except in emergency. British should make necessary arrangements to ship supplies to Palermo and other points in Western Sicily for British Army, Navy and RAF units in that vicinity. Instructions have been sent to number 1 district directing them to make arrangements to ship supplies.

SECRET TO IBS SIGNED LARKIN CITE S8DCS-676

CO

SAS

QM (ACTION)

TRANSF

SECRET

ROUTING SLIP

C.C.A.O. _____
D.C.C.A.O. _____
D.C.S.O. _____
COL. CLOUGH _____
MAJOR SMITH _____
MAJOR McDOUGALL _____
LT. VAN HEUKELM _____
CAPT. GRAHAM _____
P. R. O. _____
ADVISOR F. A & M. _____
CAPT. DAVIS _____
CAPT. TALBOT _____
LEGAL DIV. _____
FINANCE DIV. _____
CIVIL SUPPLY _____
PUBLIC SAFETY _____
PUBLIC HEALTH _____
CONTROLLER PROPERTY _____
REGISTRY _____

REMARKS

*I think this
has found a
length.*

DATE

[Signature]
C. S. O.

P/A
10-2-43
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593

Col. Spafford:

Ox sales to British
personnel are definitely out.
They must await shipment of
British supplies from District 1,
which has been ordered.

British area of the
island does not contain
Americans.

This seems to be the
final answer.

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LSN/No

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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SUBJECT: PX. Supplies for British Officers
and OR's.
TO: Chief Staff Officer.

FILE No.
AMGOT HQ., SICILY
29, Sept. 1943.

- 1- An unfortunate situation has been created since the free issue of cigarettes, blades, soap, etc. has been stopped and a local American P.X. opened in Palermo. British officers and OR's of AMGOT who formerly received rations equally with the Americans are now unable to buy at the American P.X.
- 2- Discussed this matter with Major Maddox, P.X. officer, of I.B.S. and was told that according to the rules and regulation of A.F.H.Q. no other officer or OR's except Americans can buy at the P.X. stores.
- 3- Exception to the above rule may be made I understand by the Base Commander.
- 4- The British officers and OR's have no stores of their own in this Province and since they cannot buy at American stores, undue hardship is created for them.
- 5- It is necessary that some policy be established between AMGOT HQ. and I.B.S. so that British Personnel can obtain necessary supplies.
- 6- May we have your recommendations.

*Col. Donnelly (Lt. Col.)
Base Com.*

Anton J. Vlcek
ANTON J. VLECK
2nd. Lt. CMP.
Special Service Officer.

3933
LSP 740

BY FAST AIR.

SUBJECT:- Availability of Post Exchange Supplies to British Personnel. 4 3

AMGCT/208/HQ.

ALGOT H.Q. - SICILY.

30 Sept 43.

Headquarters,
15 Army Group,
C. M. F.

1. There are about 110 Officers and 335 Other Ranks of this H.Q. who are attached for rations to U.S. Army Units.
2. Up to and including Thursday, 23 Sept 43, items such as tobacco, cigarettes, soap and razor blades were issued free to all personnel, U.S. and British, who were drawing American rations.
3. With effect from the last mentioned date Sicily was declared to be no longer a combat zone and consequently the free issue of the items referred to in para.2 ceased from that date.
4. U.S. personnel now purchase their supplies from the Post Exchange. The latter are, however, prohibited from serving British personnel by virtue of Natoua Circular No.125 dated 1st July. Consequently no soap, cigarettes or other such items have been available to British personnel in U.S. areas since 23 Sept, either as free issues or on repayment.
5. As the British officers and other ranks drawing American rations are stationed a considerable distance from a N.A.A.F.I., they are unable to draw supplies from that source.
6. In view of the above mentioned facts may arrangements be made for N.A.A.F.I., to make supplies available at Palermo or for the above instructions from Natoua to be withdrawn so that Post Exchange stores are available.
7. May this matter please be dealt with as urgent.

GMD/JAC.

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Major-General,
C.O.A.O.

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P.A.
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT ~~90~~ 2

SUBJECT: P.X. Privileges to British Officers.

TO: Chief Staff Officer

FILE No. AMGOT/254/HQ.

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

29 Sep 1943.

1. A U.S. Army Post Exchange Officers store has been opened near Hotel Solferino, Palermo. Cigarettes, soap, toilet articles and other needed items are on sale. Up to about a week ago these items were distributed with U.S. rations and were given equally to British and American officers at the Officers' Mess. This distribution has stopped, and all officers will henceforth be able to obtain cigarettes, soap etc., only by purchase at the Post Exchange.
2. British officers who have tried to make purchases have been told that the Post Exchange cannot sell to them.
3. I understand the Post Exchange is under the jurisdiction of Island Base Section.
4. It is suggested that arrangements be made with I.B.S. to permit AMGOT British Officers to make purchases at the Post Exchange.

H.B. MENAPACE.,
Lieut-Colonel.,
Chairman, Mess Council,
AMGOT Officers' Club, Palermo.

LMB/10

Re P. Ex. :

Major Maddox, P. Ex. Officer, I.B.S.,

reports that under Circular 125, July 1, 1905,
Signed by Gen. E. J. Ford, Ch. of Staff, P.X.
stores may only be sold to U.S. Troops, U.S.
Citizens. I recommend this be taken
up with Watson.

W.D.C.,
C.F.O.

6660

Circular 125, July 1, 1905, Watson
Signed by Gen. E. J. Ford, Ch. of Staff, P.X.
only to American Citizens

7 Oct

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1A

Belgian

SEP/73/11

A.C.A.G., Moscow

Sept. 22, 43

1. The present arrangements under which rations are sent to you weekly from this H.Q. is wonderful in transport and cannot be justified if any alternative method can be found.

2. Will you therefore please approach H.Q. 151 Base Area immediately and arrange if possible to have British rations from a R.F.L. in or near your Province. Such arrangement to come into force after consumption of the next ration issue which will be made to you on 24 September 1943.

3. Please report the result of your expedition to this H.Q.

Whitney
CLARENCE M. SPOTTS, Colonel, A.C.A.G., Chief Staff Officer

Copy to:

H.Q. AMERICAN. It is requested that you give your authority to the issue of British rations to AMST in Moscow Province which has a strength of approximately 70 American and British personnel.

American Supply Officer
British Quartermaster

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