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APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE
MAR. - SEPT. 1945;
FEB. - AUG. 1946

361

Note: Ref in 360. Spoke Col Ross who took vouchers and will hand them over to Col Guide for settlement. N.S. 617

387

Ex Comm.

Letter at 1 386 submitted for signature. 4's 380 and 385 refer. N.S. 12/8

391.

Rear Admiral G. Warren,
Director,
Navy Sub-Commission.

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M.S. Ash
Brigadier,
Executive Commission.

13 Aug. 56.

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392

Ex. Comm.

Request I must deny the vouch
for head...

0075

*Letter at 4 386 submitted for signature.
4's 380 and 385 refer. H.A. 12/18*

391.

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M.S. Lusk
Executive Commissioner.

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13 Aug 46.

*Lt. Amm. - Request I must deny the extra
impachment.*

Al Hamm:

15/8/46.

*My K.E. & Lt. Col. Kent has di. Rem. Sum.
74 Town Day GKA gen authority person
51 via Santa Rita in [unclear] ADST may help.
Big Hayward*

G.A. Section:

358

reference your minute (tagged x).
Enclosed is letter drafted & signed
by Ex. Com, for information of V.P.
before despatch.

to
9/3

Ex-Comm Sec. B 359

NSFed. I am not clear what is to happen
to the Jabit and Credit Vouchers in the file
we cannot very well return them to the D.I.D.
Should not be taken away. say that they have
been passed to individuals interested in these
issues and that with effect from receipt of
the enclosed letter no more forage should be
supplied except to officers in their private
Capacity.

Forage has presumably been provided for June
and another bill already incurred for
nearly £150.

Respectfully,
M. Lamb Sydney

V.P.C.A. Section.
3362

11/28/60

B 360

Ex-Comm

Ex-Comm Sec. B 359

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Respectfully ~~Yours~~ M Lambourden
U.R.C. Section
3362

M/L 286 B. 360


Ex-Comm

I presume letter ~~was~~ has raised and I have no comment. But should let the Vouchers ~~be~~ be passed to someone. They will be particularly interested to them that the Caoker owe them £120 odd

3/7/46. M Lambourden P.C.O.S.

b.c.


Enclosed for your ³⁵¹ consideration please.

Ex Off B to comment ³⁵² NV (9/1) 

Since the liaison group ³⁵³ will be shortly closing down, if this can be considered as a farewell dinner I would say that the expenditure is justified.

10. 7. 46.

Shubertines.

Approved. NV (11/1) 

Chief Staff Officer
Executive Committee

345

Ref. m. 3 This matter has now be investigated as fully as it is possible & as to '1' it is considered that these bills are justified.

Lubben
D.A.M.
G.H.B.

25 pencils.

346

Ex O (B)

Do you agree with m 4 above?
H.P. 26/6

347

C80.

Why ask me? Surely the word of one of the senior members of your staff is good enough.
Shuberting 26/6

Oh Dear M

Ex Comm.

348

Vouchers attached to 1 submitted for your approval for payment. Another was first submitted to G-4(B) for investigation and their comments are given in m 2. The result of further investigation is at m 4. You will note that at m 6 Ex O(B) does not state that he should be asked to

Ex O (B)
Do you agree with m 4 above?
H.S. 26/6

347

CSO.

Why ask me? Surely the word of one
of the senior members of your staff is good
enough. D. H. C. 26/6

Oh Dear Mr

Ex Comm.

348

Vouchers attached to 4.1 submitted for
your approval for payment. Another was first
submitted to G-4 (B) for investigation and
their comments are given in m 2. The result
of further investigation is at m 4.
You will note that at m 6 Ex O (B) does
not agree that he should be asked to
approve the recommendations made by me of his
staff before finally submitting to you. I have
informed Ex O (B) that I do not agree with
his m 6.

Col Hancock states that the terms were for
other Regions in I. Italy + not only for the
use of Lombardia. H.S. 26/6.

Approved. M. C. (26/6)

PA

343

Chief Staff Officer &
Executive Commissioner

Reference thereto. It will be seen that during the period
7 Feb 46 - 13 Mar 46 Lombardic Liaison Group have received the following
types & tubes:

Size	Qty. Types	Qty. Tubes
600 x 16	5	1
550 x 15	14	4
500 x 15	19	4
400 x 15	5	-
165 x 400	4	-

In addition to the above the following types & tubes
were delivered to Milan by G4(B) at the end of Feb 46 & of which
only a small number were issued to other Liaison Groups:

Size	Qty. Types	Qty. Tubes
600 x 16	6	6
550 x 15	40	40
500 x 15	40	40

In view of the fact that during the period in question
Lombardic Liaison Group has not had an establishment of more
than 11 Messengers carrying vehicles, the purchases from both
would appear excessive & before payment is authorized.

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7 Feb 66 - 13 Jan 66 Lombardi Liaison Group have received the following types & tubes:-

Size:	Qty. Types	Qty. Tubes
600 x 16	5	1
550 x 15	14	4
500 x 15	19	7
400 x 15	5	-
165 x 400	4	-

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Size:	Qty. Types	Qty. Tubes
600 x 16	6	6
550 x 15	40	40
500 x 15	40	40

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In view of the fact that during the period in question Lombardi Liaison Group has not had an establishment for more than 11 passenger carrying vehicles, the purchase from Berlin would appear excessive & before payment is authorized it is therefore recommended that the matter be investigated further.

Lubliner.
S. Land.
D. G. G. G.
G. G. G. G.

3 June 1966

Ex 0(B) Ref. min. 2 above. Ex Com. directs you take action as at "X."

J. M. M. 3/6.

332B

C.S.O.

I want all the correspondence - minutes & letters - explaining the instructions as have made to accompany the vouchers which I have signed

178/1517

334

Executive Commissioner.

Sir,

3 requests for approval of expenditure for your consideration.

335

Let me have the p.c. on the ^{16/7} ~~14/7~~ Dunae Gille

178/1517

336

Ex. Com.

Sir Ref. your min. 335, previous correspondence is at folios 316-312.

14/7

337

C.S.O.

Approved. 178/1517

- AFA in 178/1517 of all correspondence. 14/7

all correspondence to be accompanied by vouchers.

explaining the instructions as have made to
accompany the vouchers which I have signed

178/1517

334

Executive Commissioner.

Sir,
3 requests for approval of expenditure for your consideration.

335 16/7
Let me have the P.C. on the Omarai Bill
178/1517

336

Ex. Com.

Sir Ref. your ltr. 335, previous correspondence is at ltr. 316-312.

16/7
337

CSO

178/1517

AFA in 178/1517
of all correspondence. 178/1517

All correspondence is to accompany the vouchers.

178/1517

Col Ficke

332

Can you throw any light on these transactions

of coal in Milan. Col Hancock states that the L.A.els

involved are these requisitions or used by you.

Office staff in Milan.

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EC

332A

I regret that I can supply little information concerning these accounts. I was ordered to England on 12 November and the office of Repor EC in North Italy was finally abolished by Ex 0 84, 28 November. None of these transactions if not all appear to have occurred subsequent to this time.

I recall authorizing the purchase of small amounts of coal for 3357 while heading at Lombard Hotel but I don't know the account.

Office staff in Milan.

17.8.1947

EC

332A

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I recall authorizing the purchase of small amounts of coal for 3357 water heating at Lutrinentes Water but I believe the accounts were paid prior to my departure. Only the Lutrinentes was used by my HQ.

16 July

Z.

280.
288.

E.G.
Si. Request for approval of expenditure at 289.

R. G.

290
289.

Please try to obtain receipts from the
wards mentioned by Capt DSD fetto, without which

132/146

I cannot approve

308.

Ex Comm.

- 1) I will see Col Hancock regarding
p's 305 and 287. Your on 289 also
refers to 287.
- 2) You have not yet seen 1' 307 and 304
which are passed to you for approval
or otherwise. W.S. 18/6

309.

P 304. 2afford charges the amount 1/27 644
3353

KATIE/AC fence

1/5/51
W.S.

289.

Please try to obtain receipts from the
words mentioned by Capt. [redacted] fetter, without which
I can not approve.

DR 1416

308.

Ex Comm.

- 1) I will see Col Hancock regarding
P's 305 and 287. Your on 289 and
refers to 287.
- 2) You have not yet seen P's 307 and 304
which are referred to you for approval
or otherwise. M.S. 18/6

309.

P 304. I approved charge the amount \$1,287.04
3353

DR 1516

KATIE/AC french

P 307 Approved.

DR 1516

328

See. Please see ltr at 327 from Col. Gardner.
K. 12

329

See Hancock to speak

with an instrument similar to a
crow-bar. The car was then pushed
or towed away. The garage in question
was considered secure and was not
left contrary to orders.

If you consider this sufficient
information, may I be letter of approval
opposite please be required.

ALB 275
MLC

Exc.O.(B)

277

Please see min not for info see kut 276

273

Payment affixed. 15/23/23

~~277~~

~~to D. 277~~

271

3355

L.G.
Sir. Please see 276, request for approval
of expenditure.

23rd May, 1946

To: Executive Commissioner.

I have discussed this matter with Public Safety Sub-Commission and agree that a payment of hire 20,000 in this case is a proper charge which should be paid now out of A3/AIG Funds.

But before financial responsibility is finally fixed, I consider that certain points should be cleared up by Executive Officer (B).

I think we should know whether this car is an authorised A.C. vehicle duly registered with this Headquarters. It is to be noted that no AC number is given, only the local registration number UD 9327.

I also think we should have some account of the conditions under which this vehicle was stolen before any charge connected with recovery is borne solely by A.C. funds. For instance, had the car an authorised driver, and was it left unattended contrary to Orders and, if so, by whom?

M. Van Ryaden

M. VAN RYADEN,
V.P. CA. Section.

270

I agree with V.P. Cts.

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271 *

Act in accordance

17/5/24/2

eso. Ref min 2289 / have local knowledge of this case and so asked Ex O (B) if he wished me to answer for him. He agreed. The car is requisitioned and registered at Charlotte. (O.D. no 4747183 - agreed by 940) The car was stolen, during the night

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M. Van Ryaden

L. CARR, Brigadier
VF. CA. Section.

279

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Pages with V.P. Cts. Action accordingly

278 *

178/24/10

e.s.o.

Ref min 229 / have local knowledge of this case and re asked ex 0 (6) if he would me to answer for him. He agreed.

The car is requisitioned and registered at this H.E. (O.D. no 4747183 - agreed by 940)

The car was stolen, during the night of 11/12 march, from a locked garage attached to an Army billet. This is a strongly built garage with bars over the windows and strong door with bolts, padlocks. (It is in fact an old stable) Entry was forced by lowering off a lock

260.

Ex Comm,

copy letter at 259 for signature please.

H. Col heard for spoken to Ex Comm re this matter and he will collect the signed

letter from my office this pm. ALB ^{14/5} _{14/5} (12)

261

Copy to AFA. DM ^{14/5} _{see 259}

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

268 DM

VP cats (for P.S. sec)

For comment.

DM ^{24/5}

3350

H.Q. Comdt.

283

What are the Regulations regarding returns for these

drivers. Can Hancock be paid fare on 1/31/46 in

very relevant. Why do we not receive ^{see 10 200} and 151

commiss clarans for this kind of journey ^{11 10 1/4}

1/15/46

283

242

CSO, Office of Ex Comm.

agree fully with minute 240
BIA

244

CSO draft at 2 for approval please auth 244
Type: JH. 2/1/4

245

CSO Ex Comm. 243
Letter at folio 2 for Ex Comm's Separation
please. mins 2 + 8 refer and U.P. C.A.S. letter at
folio 239

29/4 JH. 2/1/4
246

But the group has been liquidated for some time.

Issue as amended. JH/3814

245-247

Ex Comm.

Ref 245 and your in 226 above.
Reply to our 227 is at 223. I have
spoken to Col Hyde who considers \$350
the charge is a proper one against AMG &
he will speak to you if you wish.
You will no doubt recollect the item which
appeared in the Weekly Bulletin showing the

please. Mrs X & Y wives and U.S. C.A.S. letteral.

Folio # 239

Aug 29/4 J.S. 29/4
246

But the group has been liquidated for now this.

Issue as amended. NY 3814

225-247

Ex Comm.

Ref 1 225 and your in 226 above.
Reply to our 1 227 is at 1.233. I have
spoken to Col Hyde who considers \$3500
the charge is a proper one against AMG &
he will speak to you if you want.
You will no doubt recollect the item which
appeared in the Weekly Bulletin showing the
connection AMG had with the Olsen house in Berlin.
(See 1 234)

If you now approve payment will you sleep
supr F/F 3 J.S. 3/5

Approved. NY 3/5

C. 80

126

125

Without further details this expedition cannot

be offered.

I know of no appointment of "Director

Office Oper & Concepts AT&T Milan"

who created the job? For what purpose.

The call transgresses the order for an of Transilocker

Telephone.

Purpose of the

I understand the call was to obtain a large

sum of money from Toscanini for the Secle -

Milan. This is no part of A.T. & T.

I want far more details - quickly

MS/11/4

C. 80

240

Pass to CFA for comment. My own view
in first impression is that the bills should be
passed to Transpacific - Sub Com & that if necessary
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passed to Transpacific

Who created the job? For what purpose?

The call transgresses the order for use of transmitters
 telephone. ^{Personnel} to obtain a log
 understand the call was to obtain a log
 sum of money from Tosechini for the Seals -
 Milan. This is no part of A.R.G. -
 want for more details - quickly ^{see file 117}
 7/15/4

240

C.S.O.

Pass to CFA for comment. My own view
 in first impression is that the bills should be
 passed to Transference Sub Com & that if necessary
 Col Buchanan the Lab Division be called up from ³³⁵³
 to answer. 7/25/4

241

C.F.A.

Passed to you for comment in
 accordance with m-40 above. M.S. 7514

Ex. off. (A)
Ex. off. (B)

1 hour, you but what about
replying to Econ. Sec. & speaking at next
Econ. meeting - wide minute 6.

1-11-46
2/3.

2/3

W. C. S. O.

You minute 9 rather related. all this was
done a month ago. K.R.

22. vi. 46

W. C. S. O.

Econ Sec (Mr Cleveland) was advised of
this and that a letter D would be sent to AFHQ.
No need for a letter Mem to Econ. Sec

W. C. S. O.
3/22/46

W. C. S. O.
2/3.

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W. C. S. O.
2/22

Was financial authority sought

obtained before the contract was made 3345

to S. O. L. as basement.

4. CSC

You minute 9 rather belated. all this was done a month ago. RR 22. iv. 46

W/C SO

F Con Sec (Mr Cleveland) was advised of this and that a letter (D) would be sent to AFHQ. No need for a letter then to Econ. Sec

PR
Kend
- 26/2

O M P
Ced
3/22/46

1041

222

C.F.A. Ref 221.

Was financial authority sought & obtained before the contract was made 3343 so I approve payment.

MS/5/4

223

Expenditure Commissioner

Finance S/C stated there was no objection to the payment, before the contract was signed. I recommend that you approve. RR Commissioner, C.F.A.

6 April

Executive Officer (US)
Executive Officer (AR)

Please have an official recommendation on this subject put up to me. If officers wish to put up proposals for my consideration it is incumbent upon them to ensure that all concerned have been consulted. HQ Commandant's letter was sent to me without financial comment, without recommendation and presumably without reference to you.

205

MSL

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

13. Feb. 46.

TO: Executive Commissioner.

This is a joint minute from Executive Officers A and B.

It is agreed that travel allowance is not adequate, but if the allowance was doubled it still would not cover the bill of 5405 Lira, and ANF would certainly not agree to doubling the present allowance.

The answer is therefore -

- (a) to use air or train as much as possible for long trips.
- (b) where (a) is impossible, to take T.D. Vehicles with British or American or Italian soldier drivers. The latter (grey rations) before starting from, and they sleep in local Italian barracks.

14. Feb. 46.

Chikisang
E. WILSON-JONES,
Lt. Colonel,
Executive Officer (AR).

EWJ/50.

201

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Twin Ex Off.

Please reply as such

(3)

(A)

(4)

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Acting Chief Commissioner.

To: Executive Commissioner.

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The matter is therefore -

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14. M. 46.

Whitaker

H. WILKS-JONES,
Lt. Colonel,
Executive Officer (Dr).

201

HWJ/eb.

④

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M:

Twin Ex Off.

Thank you. Please reply as such
by P. Econ Sect. or speak at next Ex Com
meeting. MS/1512.

WJ

⑧ To Ex Com.

Letter sent see #7

C.M.P.
Capt.

Received
12-1-46

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File

Ref: 4605/221. ✓

10 AUG 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : AC CLO BOLZANO.

I refer to your letter ACLO/Bz/P 1060 dated 26th July 1946.

Approval is given for the payment of these bills from AG/AMF funds and Forms F/F.3 duly completed are returned herewith. Attached to the vouchers are several minutes showing the investigations made by this office before payment was authorised. These minutes should be retained with the vouchers when they are submitted to AFA for payment.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

N. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER
BOLZANO

REF: ACLO/Bz/F 1060

To: Executive Commissioner
Allied Commission
APD 394 R o m e

DATE: 26th July 1946
JUL 30 1946

Subject: Approval of bills over L. 50,000.-

- 1) Attached are two bills for car repairs performed by Matteazzi e Co. Bolzano for this Group.
- 2) One, amounting to L.54.105.- is in respect of the complete re-bore and fitting of new pistons etc. for the Lincoln car in possession of this Group.
- 3) The second, amounting to L. 65413.- is for the complete re-bore and fitting of new pistons and big-ends complete to the Alfa-Romeo car.
- 4) These two cars are now in a condition to give good service again.
- 5) The prices and charges in these bills are fair and reasonable for the work done and material supplied.

For S.W. Miller Col.

E. Fairweather
E. Regi Fairweather Capt.
Sub Accountant Bolzano

Signature of approved

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DATE: 26th July 1946
JUL 30 1946

REF: ACLO/Bz/F 1060
To: Executive Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394 Rome

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For S.W. Miller Col.

E. Fairweather
E. Regi Fairweather Capt.
Sub Accountant Bolzano

Sy *it signature if approved by* *3348* *10/10/46*

64 for Comment. *31/7*

Extra. bills checked by 1070 (S) also
British prices reasonable. Car is now
unfortunately 4% as the differential has
fallen. *Warren's Ind. 2 Dec.*
GCB

(EC)

85/86

13. August 1946

Ref: 4005/10

SUBJECT: Expenditure and Allowances.

TO : MR. HENRY ROBINSON.

In reply to some of the queries you raised on your recent visit to this HQ, will you please note the following:

Servant Allowance:

"Servant Allowance is no longer admissible after 1 July 46 except as provided for in GHO 528/46. In as far as anyone has servants provided either from public funds or GLE funds, he is not entitled to Servant Allowance".

Entertainment Allowance:

In view of the special circumstances of your location I have decided to increase your allowance for entertainment to 5000 (five thousand) lire per month.

Approval of Expenditure:

You are now authorised to approve expenditure from GLE funds up to a limit of 100,000 lire.

Any expenditure in excess of this amount must be referred to this HQ. for approval.

BY ORDER OF REAR AIR TRAIL STAFF:

See 455. Not 1/1/46

S. G. Gadiur
Executive Commissioner

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Copy to: AFA
Ex. Off. (B).

4605

385

Ref. No. ROE 2902, Ext. 510.

Subject: WIRE Province.

R

Headquarters,
ARABIA COMMISSION (T.M.V.),
S.M.L.

Ref: ROE/123/46

7 August, 1946.

Executive Commissioner. ✓

380 AUG 8 1946

Reference your 4505/46 dated 5 August, 46.

1. Servant Allowance is no longer valid after 1 July 46 except as provided for in OP 323/46. In as far as anyone has servants provided either from public funds or M.B. funds, he is not entitled to Servant Allowance.

Then decide to increase

I cannot speak from experience, hence I fear my views are of little or no value, but I should not have thought that the number of authorized travellers either to VICTORIA GIULIA or AUSIMIA could be such as to justify an increase in entertainment allowance. It would be no like "special pleading".

36 file 59/46

88 file 59/46

95 file 601/46

2. Establishment Memo 33 dated 13 Dec 45, as amended by a letter from your office dated 12 Feb 46, allowed P.C. WENT to approve expenditure up to 50,000 Lira. Your office letter 302/95/46 dated 27 Feb 46 granted special powers to P.C. WENT up to 200,000 Lira.

4. May I point out that the matter of para 3 above is handled entirely by your office once there is no longer an Establishment Section.

There is,

Chitkara

P. WENT-WENTAS,
Lt. Colonel,
Executive Director (D).

WNT/46.

Be Off B CSO.

draft a letter

Please write to Lt Col Bright & authorize Establishment Allowance to 50,000 + tell him his limit on expenditure is 50,000. W/EB

5. Capt DANIEL L. COLEMAN, 0360205, Inf (A), atchd 149th Repl Bn, WP
Milano, Italy o/a 7 Aug 46 on TDY for a period of approximately five (5) days
to clarify a delinquent account of former Lombardia Reg Mass Fund, AMG. Upon
compl of TDY will ret a sta. Tvl by mil acft, Govt rail is ated. No
per diem ated. TDN-61-121 P 432-02 A 2170425.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

*Extract of Special Orders No 177
dated 6th Aug '46*

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
C/O, USA
Asst Adjutant

OFFICIAL: *Nicholas Piombino*
NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
C/O, USA
Asst Adjutant

(EC)

See 7-406

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

D/O-LOMB/GLO/5.

6th August, 1946.

AUG 8 1946

My dear Brigadier

Further to our conversation in this office on Friday, 26th August, 1946, regarding a bill for approximately L:82,000 for wine supplied to the Albergo Principe di Savoia last year.

Lt. Ratche telephoned Capt. D.L. Coleman asking if he remembered the details of the purchase and disposal.

The attached letter has been received from Capt. Coleman in to-day's mail.

Yours sincerely
A.H. Gardner

A.H. GARDNER.
Lt. Colonel. R.A.
Chief Liaison Officer.

Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.
Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission,
ROME.

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DANIEL L. COLEMAN
6601st MILITARY GOVERNMENT DETACHMENT
A.P.O. 88

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SUBJECT : Purchase of Wine for Lombardia Region,
Allied Military Government Mess.

TO : Chief Liaison Officer - Allied Commission, Milano, Italy.
(Attn: Lt. Rutcliffe)

1. Pursuant to your telephone call this date and previous letter by the undersigned, same subject, addressed to "Crotta Piemontoise" di Giovanni Ventura of Milano, in reply to letter from that firm in, which it was declared that there is an outstanding bill for wine furnished the Lombardia Region, Allied Military Government Mess or the City of Milano, Allied Military Government Mess (not stated which one) and that such order for wine was signed by this Officer; the following information is forwarded for your knowledge.

2. It is repeated again that at this late date this Officer cannot remember making this order; however, it is remembered that some purchases of wine were negotiated for under instructions of the Mess Committees, through the Agency of the Chairman of the Recreation Committee.

3. Any actions taken by this Officer while acting as Mess Officer for above messes were taken under instructions of the Mess Committees, certain members of those Committees were :

Lombardia Region Mess
Col. Bolick (A) President
Capt. Alasia (A) Recreation Committee
Lt. Arnuff (A) Secretary

City of Milano Mess
Capt. Lester (B) President
Major Chamberlain (A)

Names of other members cannot be remembered.

4. Minutes of meetings should be among the records of the two messes. Purchases of wine were arranged for by Capt. Alasia of the Recreation Committee.

5. This Officer turned over all records, accounts, moneys, supporting papers, vouchers, etc., to Capt. William A. Lessa.

Date received 1 Aug 46
Dealt with by: _____
File No. 20074 / F / A / 44

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Daniel L. Coleman
Daniel L. Coleman
6601st Military Government Detachment
A.P.O. 88
DANIEL L. COLEMAN
CAPTAIN INF.

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Public Safety Liaison Office
Palazzo Montecatini
Via Albania, 20, Milano

5 Agosto 1946

AUG 8 1946

SUBJECT : Missing accounts and
correspondence

TO : Executiv Commission Office
Allied Commission

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Further to telephone conversation of this morning
3 Aug. 1946, Lt. Colonel A.H. Gardner and St. serg. Gilliland speaking,
attached is copy of the letter in question.

A.H. Gardner

A.H. Gardner
Lt. Col. R.A.
Chief Liaison Officer.

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HEAD QUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 494

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

27th June, 1946

AUG 6 1946

Ref : LOMB/CLO/5.
Subject / Alfa Romeo account - Milan
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission.

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1. Further to my letter of even number dated 24th June, 1946, attached is the account and relevant correspondence in respect of the bill for L.350.000 (not L.250.000, as shown previously)
2. Much time has elapsed since to repairs were executed, and none of the original staff are at present in the Liaison Group to confirm that the repairs were carried out.
3. I consider the accounts to be authentic, as Alfa Romeo is a reputable firm but I fail to understand why the bill was not cleared last year when the debt was incurred.
4. Will you please approve this bill for payment?

A.H.GARDNER
Lt.Col.R.A.
Chief Liaison Officer.

AMG/JM

Copy passed to Ex O(A)
6/2/46
A.D.

See # 369.

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Ref: 4605/EC ✓

3 August 1946.

SUBJECT: UDINE Province.

TO : Executive Officer (B).

The following queries have been raised by Lt.Col. BRIGHT, UDINE Province:

1. Is Servant Allowance to be continued?
2. He has asked that his Entertainment Allowance be raised. His HQ is a port of call for most travellers going to VENEZIA GIULIA and by road to AUSTRIA, and personally I am in sympathy with him getting the same allowance as Colonel ROBERTSON. Please comment.
3. There seems to be some discrepancy as to the authority given by letter to him increasing his right to approve expenditure and the latest Executive Memorandum on that subject. Could this please be checked.

M S. HUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MS /JG.

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Ref: 4605/EO. ✓

3 August 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Director,
Air Force Sub-Commission.

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I refer to your letter AFSC/425/Aocots dated 26 July 1946.

1. Approval is given for the payment of £70.0.0. from AFA funds towards the cost of the official entertainment given by your Sub-Commission on 12th July 1946.
2. Balance sheet is returned herewith.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

3 August 1946.

MEMO FOR FILE:

It has been customary to assist Directors of Service Sub-Commissions in official entertainments to which a number of Italian Service officers have to be invited by allowing them to charge a proportion of their expenses of any official entertainment to AFA funds. In this case the Director of the Air Force Sub-Commission approached me with regard to expenditure on official entertainment given by the Air Force Sub-Commission on 12th July 1946. He explained that a large number of Italian Air Force and other service officers had been invited. In the event no Italian officer was present because for political reasons a ban was put on them assisting at any entertainment. It was impossible owing to the short notice given to cancel the Air Force entertainment and therefore it was carried out. All the stores were purchased from the BAAPFI and the proportion of the expenditure chargeable to AFA funds is £70 sterling. After discussion with Colonel Battersby of AFA I have decided to approve the expenditure.

M.S. [Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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From :- Director, Air Forces Sub-Commission.
To :- Executive Commissioner (Brigadier Bush).
Date :- 26th July, 1946.
Ref :- AFSC/423/Accts.

JUL 27 1946

ALLIED COMMISSION NO. 1 FUND.

With reference to our conversation of about 1st July we would be glad if you would authorize payment of £70 as representing a little less than 50% of the cost of an official ball given by the A.F.S.C. at the Palazzo Volpi on 12th July, 1946.

2. Payment for this entertainment is being covered as follows :

Director A.F.S.C.	£30 . 0 . 0
Officers (American & British) 1 day's pay.	349 . 9 . 7
Allied Commission Fund (Subject to approval).	£70 . 0 . 0

TOTAL	£449 . 9 . 7

3. Details of expenditure are shown on the attached balance sheet which I request shall be returned to me.

I. E. Brooke

I. E. BROOKE,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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Ref: 4605/EO.

1 August 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Allied Financial Agency.

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I refer to your letter 20070/F/A/50 dated 26th July 1946.

Payment of bill for 91,405 lire in respect of tyres and tubes purchased by AC Liaison Group Liguria from Pirelli is approved and Form F/F.3, duly completed, is returned herewith.

For the Chief Commissioner:

N. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

Branch of
Allied Force HQ
G-5 Division CMF

Postal Address
APO 794 US Army

26 July 46

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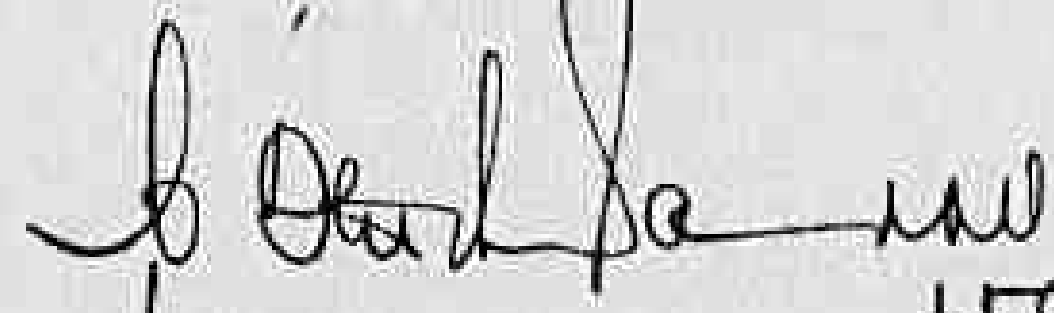
Ref: 20070/F/A/50

SUBJECT: Purchase of Tyres and Tubes by AC Liaison Group
Liguria.

TO : The Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

1. Enclosed is a payment voucher for 91.405 lire for
tyres and tubes purchased by the AC Liaison Group Liguria
from Pirelli. In accordance with para 3 of Establishment
Memorandum N°33, the authority of the Executive Commissioner
is required for the expenditure of such an amount.

2. If approval is given, please be good enough to
sign the original and duplicate of the Payment Voucher as
"Authorising Officer", and return the forms to this Agency.


L.R. BATTENSBY, ^{W.C.O.}
Colonel, G.L., ^{A.O.D.}
Director
Allied Financial Agency.

JC/rs

Copy to: AC Liaison Group, Liguria.

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Ref: 4605/BOE

30 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : AC OLO, BOLZANO.

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I refer to your letter ACLO 1067 F Bz dated
8th July, 1946.

Approval is given for the payment of the bills
in question from AC/AMF Funds and Form F/F.3, duly signed,
is returned herewith.

For the Chief Commissioner:

N. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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JA 30/7/46
H.S.

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Ref: 4605/EC. ✓

30 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : AC GIO LOMBARDIA.

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I refer to your letter LO/OOB/2019 dated 4th July.

Approval has been given for the payment of these bills from AG/AME funds and Forms F/P.3, duly signed, are returned herewith.

For the Chief Commissioner:

D. W. HIND-SMITH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794

REFERENCE:- LO/OOB/2019.

4th July, 1946.

SUBJECT :- Tyres and bills on Pirelli.

TO :- Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission.

1. Adverting to my letter of even number dated 18th June, 1946.
2. Please may authority now be given to pay the accounts mentioned in my a/m letter, para 6 (e) and (f) for the sums of:-

L:26,646	}	Coy "O", 2675 Regt.
L:11,469		
L:15,106		A.M.G. NAPLES.
L:9,506		Headquarters (4).

A.H. Gardner
A.H. GARDNER.
Lt.Colonel. R.A.
Chief Liaison Officer.

AHG/JM.

All Affected.

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Executive Commissioner.

Sir,

1. Enclosed are certain bills about which Lt.Col.Gardener spoke to me whilst I was in MILAN:

TAB "A" - Bill for L.105,120 in respect of coal supplied to Hotel Continental and Ristorante Bella Napoli.

This has been investigated by CLO and AFA representative. The coal was delivered to the military manager of the hotels (both places were requisitioned by AC) and the present civilian managers have very little knowledge of the transactions. CLO is quite satisfied that the coal was used for AC purposes and the AFA representative has recommended payment subject to your approval.

TAB "B" - Bill for coal amounting to L.557,000 - letter at Folio 326 in attached file refers.

The "other hotels" referred to in para 2 of the letter were all establishments requisitioned for AC use. In all cases the story is the same as in TAB "A" - the coal was delivered in military trucks and received by the then military manager. The hotels have since been derequisitioned and very little is known by the present civilian managers. Attempts are being made to obtain receipts for the balance of the coal as yet unaccounted for, but as the CLO pointed out, the civilian managers had very little to do with receiving the coal and therefore do not know the amounts delivered to their respective hotels. *Folio 326 is CLO's reply to our letter 14.*

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Mr Hancock's book
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner.

Ref: 4605/EC.

27 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Colonel A.N. Hancock, OBE,
British Embassy,
ROME.

Will you please certify to the effect that the expenses
on the attached sheets were incurred. Do you know why Lieut.
Currini did not submit them? They were presented in June 1945.

MSL/JG.

M. S. [Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of Executive Commissioner.

Ref: 4605/DE.

27 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Executive Officer (A).

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See Lombardia CIO letter LCOM/CIO/5 of 27 June 1946.

The purchase of new engines for requisitioned cars by officers of the 2675th Regiment is wholly against regulations. I cannot authorize payment of these sums which in my opinion must be investigated a great deal more by the 2675th Regiment.

H. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MEM/JC.

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Col. Anderson
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner.
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27 July 1946.

Ref: 4605/EC.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : ~~Executive~~ Officer (A).

1. Attached is a bill for wine ordered for the AMG Mess, Lombardia Region on 13th June 1945 by the Messing Officer, Captain Daniel Coleman (US), now in VENEZIA GIULIA.
2. The bill has been presented several times since June 1945 and has not been paid.
3. Captain Coleman informs the CLO verbally that the wine was ordered by the Mess Council consisting of Colonel Bolik (US), Captain Alassia (US), and Lt. Arnhoff. There is no trace of the mess accounts and no trace of the hotel accounts.
4. Colonel Poletti was Regional Commissioner at the time the wine was ordered and from him Colonel Hancock took over.
5. It is clearly out of the question to pay this bill from AC funds. Will you, in concert with Colonel Hancock, arrange for payment, but Captain Coleman must be held primarily responsible.

MSL/JG.

M. S. Poletti
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Colonel A.N. Hancock, OBE,
British Embassy, ROME.

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M. S. [Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MSL/JG.

Copy to: Colonel A.N. Hancock, OBE,
British Embassy, ROME.

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*Re L. L. Letter from Col. Gardner opposite.
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Ref: 4605/EG. ✓

17 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenses.

TO : AC OLO NAPLES.

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I refer to your letter D/O 212 dated 12 July 1946.

Approval is given for the payment from AO/AIE funds of L.6000 (Lire Six Thousand) in respect of a farewell party to be given by you in NAPLES.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. A. ...
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
LES LIAISON GROUPE
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO. 794.

12 July, 1946

D/O 212

JUL 15 1946

Dear Brig - Lush -

With reference to our conversation of the 10th, I propose to hold a farewell party to which I will invite Italian officials, etc. and confirm that I require approval for not more than 6000 Lire (six thousand lire) for this entertainment.

*Yours sincerely,
A.C. Pennington*

Affirmed.

M.S. Lush.

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Braden

Brig. M. S. LUSH, CB, CBE, MC.
Executive Commission
HQ. A. C.

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Ref: 4605/EC. ✓

17 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Allied Financial Agency.

I refer to your letter 20058/F/A/88 dated 15th July 1946.

Executive Commissioner has approved payment of L.64,465 in respect of expenditure incurred in the entertainment of the Boundary Commission on their visit to TRIESTE, and Form F/F.3, duly counter-signed, is returned herewith.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

M. W. BIND-SMITH

Lt.Col., RA.,
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

Branch of
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G-5 Division CMF

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15 July 1946
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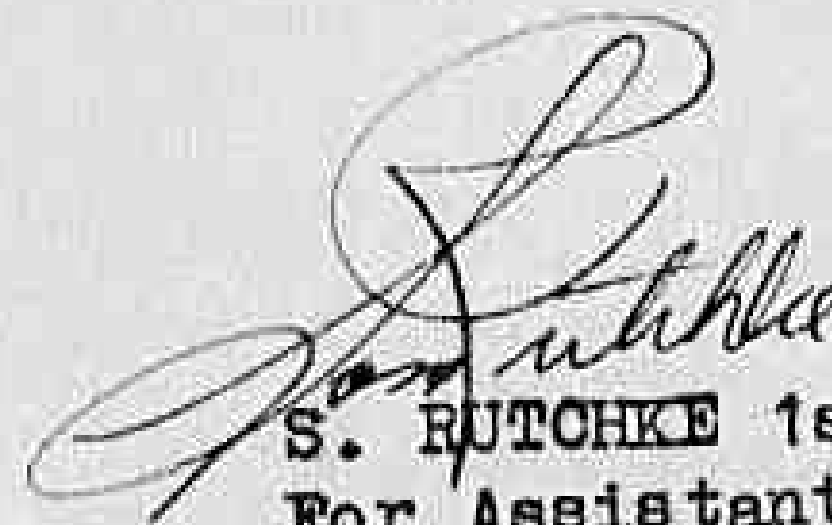
Ref: 20058/F/A/88

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditures Made From AMG/AC Funds.

TO : Executive Commissioner
H.Q. Allied Commission.

1. Reference is made to the enclosed payment form for Lire 64,465 together with receipted invoice.

2. It would be appreciated if the payment could be regularized in accordance with Letter 13075/F of 14 February 1946 paragraph three.



S. RUTCHKE 1st Lt F.A.
For Assistant Chief of AFA.

SR/rs

2 Encls:

1. Payment Voucher for Cost of Entertaining Boundary Comm.
2. Certified True Copy of Letter 13075/F, 14 Feb 46.

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13075/F

14 February 46

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenses.

TO : S.C.A.O., AMG Venezia Giulia
 Provincial Commissioner, AMG Udine Province
 HQ Naples Liaison Group, AC
 " Livorno " " "
 " Bologna " " "
 " Liguria " " "
 " Piemonte " " "
 " Lombardia " " "
 " Bolzano " " "
 " Venezia " " "
 " Sicily " " "
 " Bari " " "

1. Letter N° 13075/F of 4 February, 1945, entitles "Entertainment allowance for Regional Commissioner, etc." is hereby revoked.
2. The SCAO Venezia Giulia AMG, the Provincial Commissioner, AMG Udine Province, and all Chief Liaison Officers are hereby granted an entertainment allowance of 3.000 Lire per month as from 1 January, 1946. This allowance will be drawn each month by the officer concerned from his HQ Sub-Accountant, who will charge it to "Entertainment allowance drawn by for month of as authorized by the Chief Commissioner".
3. In the event of any addresses of this letter having expense in connection with entertainments of an exceptional nature, he may apply for a special refund of such expenditure; such application is to be made to the Executive Commissioner who will consider each case on its merits.

/s/ M.S. LUSH,
 Brigadier,
 Acting Chief Commissioner

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
[Signature]
 S. KUPCHICK, 1st Lt FA
 For Assistant Chief of AFA

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Ref: 4605/EC ✓

12 July 1946

SUBJECT: Entertainment Allowance.

TO : Allied Financial Agency.

1. Colonel H.P.P. ROBERTSON has requested issue of entertainment allowance in his capacity as Deputy Senior Civil Affairs Officer, AMG VENEZIA GIULIA.

2. Approval is given for the issue of this allowance at the rate of L.3000 (Lire Three thousand) per month.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

JG.

Copy to: Deputy SCAO,
AMG Venezia Giulia.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER
BOLZANO

362-A

REF: ACIO 1067 F Bz

DATE: 8 July 1946.
JUL 11 1946

SUBJECT : Expenditure Approval.
TO : H.Q.Allied Commission, Rome -
Executive Commissioner

1. Reference attached Payment Voucher F/F.3 (copy) which was paid by Bolzano Sub-Accountant in March accounts.
2. This item has been disallowed by A.F.A. pending receipt of approval authorizing payment signed by Executive Commissioner, as it is stated approval is required if a car is not requisitioned.
3. The circumstances are as follows: Dr. Katzburg, who was Public Prosecutor in Legal Office of A.M.G., Bolzano Province, was assigned a car which he registered with R.A.C.I. with the number BZ 8696, this being a vehicle found abandoned at the time of the Allied occupation. After the dismissal of Dr.Katzburg in February 1946, following the closing of the Legal Office, orders were given for Dr.Katzburg to surrender the vehicle to C.E.M. as he was no longer performing work for the Allied Commission. Dr.Katzburg surrendered the car and produced bills (which were attached to the original F/F3 forwarded to AFA) which he had incurred while using the car in the service of A.M.G. The C.L.O. authorized the payment of the bills, being of the opinion that they had been necessarily incurred in the performance of A.M.G. duties; and they were paid by the Sub-Accountant as the amount of the expenditure, 22,837 lire, was within the C.L.O.'s powers of approval.
4. In view of the above explanation the approval of the Executive Commissioner is requested please for the payment of this account.

for Col. S.W.MILLER

E.R. Fairweather
Capt. E.R. FAIRWEATHER
Admin. Officer.

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Ref: 4605/EC.

12. July 1946.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Allowance.

TO : Allied Commission
Chief Liaison Officer,
BARI.

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I refer to your letter LB/110/LEV dated 4th
July 1946.

Approval is given for the expenditure of L.10,000
(Lire Ten Thousand) for entertainment purposes, as requested.

For the Chief Commissioner:



Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

JG.

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BARI LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION

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REF :LB/110/LEV
SUBJECT :Entertainment
TO :HQ Allied Commission
Executive Commissioner

4 July 1946

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I propose giving a dinner party for approx. 15 people on Friday 12 July 46.
I have issued invitations to the new Area Commander and his wife, Officers from different Branches of 52 Area, the British Consul and his wife, R.A.F. etc.
The cost of the dinner is estimated to be L.10,000.
May this amount please be authorised.

L.E. Vining

LEV/CB

L.E. VINING, Lt.Col.
Chief Liaison Officer
AC BARI

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Ref: 4605/EX. ✓

July 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : AC GLO LOMBARDEIA.

Reference your R/135 dated 29.May.1946.

Payment of amount incurred in the purchase of tyres from the Pirelli Company as enumerated in the attached invoices, is approved by the Executive Commissioner.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. BIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

JG.

Copy to: G-4(B).

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LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794

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Tel : 12641 Ext. 2232
Re : R/135

Milan 29 May 1946

MAY 31 1946

SUBJECT : Approval for payment
TO : Executive Commissioner
Hq. Allied Commission
APO 794

1. Referring to Executive Memorandum N° 33 dated 12th February 1946, I enclose herewith for your approval, payment vouchers and relative invoices from Pirelli, N° 300064, 300798, 300797, 300792, 300799.

J.O. Dare Capt.
J.O. DARE Capt.
Middlesex (D.C.O.)
Disbursing Officer

Encl.

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EXX 794

Ref: 4605/EG.

22 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : AC CLO, LOMBARDIA.

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Reference your letter 136/R - LOMB/CLO/1 dated
3 July 1946.

Herewith Form F/F.3 authorised by the Executive
Commissioner in respect of coal purchased for AC establishments
in MILAN amounting to Lire 105,120.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

(Sp) N. Nava - *Nava*
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794

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Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

July 3, 1946.

Ref. 136/R -
LOMB/CLO/1

SUBJECT: Payment of Bills

TO : Hq. Allied Commission, Executive Commissioner,
A.P.O. 794

1. Attached please find F/F3 (105,120 liras) and relevant AFA letter in respect of coal purchased for the Hotel Continental and Risterante Bella Napoli on behalf of HQ. A.C. Milan, during the later part of last year.
2. These expenses have been investigated here by this Liaison Group and by AFA (Lt. Rutchke).
3. As the bills have been outstanding since October '45, it would be appreciated if you would authorize the payment.

A. H. Gardner

A. H. GARDNER,
Lt. Col. R.A.
Chief Liaison Officer

Encls.

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Ref: 4605/EG.

22 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Allied Financial Agency.

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Reference your letter 20074/P/A/30 dated 12th June 1946.

After thorough investigation of this matter, the Executive Commissioner has approved payment of this bill (Lire 557,021 for coal supplied to AC establishments in MILAN). Form F/P.3 is returned herewith, duly completed, together with copies of correspondence and minutes relevant to the investigations made by this office.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(Sgd) N. H. Smith
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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: AC GIO LOMBARIA
(Ref. your letter R/139 LOM/OL/1
dated 6 July 1946).

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Ref: 4605/EC. ✓

22 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Allied Financial Agency.

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Reference your letters 20070/F/A/29 dated 17 June and 20070/F/A/43 dated 15 July 1946.

The Executive Commissioner has approved payment of this bill (Lire 130,749 for repairs to vehicle LANDIA-ARTEMA Lig.47) from AC/AMG funds and Form F/P.3, duly signed, is returned herewith, together with documents supporting the claim.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(Sgd) N. H. Smith
Lt Col,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

Branch of
Allied Force HQ
G-5 Division CMF

Postal Address:
APO 794 US Army

Ref: 20070/F/A/43

15 July '46

SUBJECT: Approval Expenditure AMG/AC Funds.

JUL 15 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner
Hq Allied Commission.

Hesperia

1. Reference 4605/EC - 22 June 1946.
2. Enclosed herewith:
Copy of reply to questions furnished by
Liaison Group Liguria.
Invoice OMAR, Payment vouchers for
approval and supporting papers.
3. The foregoing is resubmitted for your consideration
as per Establishment Memo N° 33 Change N°2 - 12 Feb 46.

H.A. Miner
H.A. MINER, Lt.Col. F.D.
Accountant.

HAM/mfw

See in 334-337
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C O P YALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP LIGURIA

REF:AO/57

4 July 46

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333ASUBJECT: Expenditure for Repairs - "ARTENA"
Lig 47 N° 5934786TO : AFA
APO 794 US Army.

1. Ref Your letter 4605/EC, dated 22 June 1946 and 20070/F/A/38 dated 27 June 46.
2. Returned herewith Invoice OMAR and Payment Vouchers.
3. Reference para 2 of letter 4605/EC above. It is not known whether the MTO this HQ indicated any limit of expenditure. The then MTO Maj LLOYD Davies, has gone to the UK on release.
4. Reference para 3 of same letter. As far as is known here the answer is "NO" Maj LLOYD Davies probably considered the verbal instructions from Milan as sufficient authority. It would seem that Milan did not request an estimate or we feel sure that it would have been submitted.
5. Work was certainly commenced on the Artena before the two extra Vehicles arrived from Milan. They actually arrived a day or so before it left the OMAR Garage. This known for certain since Capt. TOOMER was waiting for the Artena to be finished and was allotted a vehicle when the two arrived at the time when this car was sent to OMAR the transportation position at this HQ was very critical since the British requisitioned cars had consisted mainly of taxis which had to be returned to civilian use.
6. It is hoped that this information, meagre as it is, will be sufficient for your purpose.

FOR THE CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER

/s/ E.G. TOOMER
Capt., R.A.
Adm. Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

6th July, 1946.

REFERENCE+- R/139.
LOMB/CLO/1.

JUL 9 1946

SUBJECT :- Coal - Paid Bills.

TO :- Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Office of Executive Commissioner,
(Att: Chief Staff Officer).

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1. Reference your letter 4605/326/EC of 26th June, 1946, and attached paid W/F 3 for 557,021 lire for hard coal.

2. In para. 1 (b) of Capt. Molfetto's letter, it is stated that the coal was delivered to three A.C. requisitioned establishments, all of which have been de-requisitioned.

3. The civilian managers of all three hotels acknowledge that they used to receive coal for use in their hotels, but that it was delivered in army lorries and that they did not know the details of deliveries. It seems that the military managers arranged for delivery and that the civilian managers were not kept very well informed.

4. A translation of a letter on the subject from the Albergo Aosta is attached. This letter is typical and I regret that it is not feasible to obtain receipts from these establishments.

5. The other establishments adopt the same argument, and their letters will be forwarded when received.

A.H. Gardner

A.H. GARDNER.
Lt. Colonel. R.A.
Chief Liaison Officer.

AHG/JM.

See in 332A 3303
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(CSO)

TRANSLATION

MILAN, July 2nd; 1946

COPY

ALBERGO ACOSTA
MILANO

ALLIED COMMISSION
Disbursing Office
MONTECATINI Building
MILAN

We refer to your to-day's telephon call.

We inform you that during last Winter we have received a certain quantity of coal but we are not in a position to state the exact quantity.

The most part of this coal came direct from the FP.SS. warehouses.

We cannot tell you if that coal also came from other sources as it was delivered direct by the Allied Command to the Hotel, Mess, Garage at Via Filelfo, Motor Pool at Via Tenca, American Red Cross, etc.

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

LOMB/CLO/5

24 June 1946.

My dear Brigadier,

I am very worried about the outstanding accounts in this Region - the number of bills and some amounts are extremely large.

Under separate cover I am sending a bill for 450,000 lire for your signature - this bill was incurred during May/June last year and has only recently come to light.

Last week I sent one for 100,000 for coal.

I have another for 30,000 lire for tyres purchased in CREMONA Province last year.

In addition I have a large batch of bills of varying amounts dating back throughout the last 14 months, being accounts incurred by various departments of the Region and Provinces - Coy "R" - Coy. "O" - G4 Brit. - Advanced Hq's/A.C. and even A.C. departments outside Lombardia Region.

It is, of course, impossible to obtain signatures of the authorising officer or N.C.O. and I am adopting the affidavit procedure to settle these accounts.

In view of the number and size of the accounts, I know many queries will arise and I wish you to be "au fait" with the question.

I am arranging to have notices published in all City and Provincial papers to the effect that all outstanding bills must be presented by 30 June as an endeavour to finally clear these accounts.

Yours sincerely
A.W. Gardner

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See M. 328-9.

Brig. Maurice Lush, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.,
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission HQ
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIC

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. 4605/326/ED

16 June 1946

SUBJECT: Expenditure of AMG/AG Funds.

TO : GLO
Lombardia Liaison Group.

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1. Reference is made to the attached copy of letter 20074/R/N/30 dated 12 June 1946 from AFA to the Executive Commissioner, and to copy of letter from Capt. Wolfetto dated 31 May 1946 also attached.
2. It appears that a quantity of coal was removed from the Hotel Continentale and taken to other hotels in Milan, but unless receipt from these other hotels mentioned by Capt. Wolfetto's letter can be produced, it will not be possible for the Executive Commissioner to approve this payment.
3. Will you therefore please take immediate steps to obtain receipts for the delivery of this coal so that the payment can be regularized. It is appreciated that Capt. Wolfetto is no longer a member of your Liaison Group.
4. Kindly return P/F 3 and receipted bill when replying.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone,

H. W. BIRD-SMITH

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner,

Encls. as above.

Copy to: AFA

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Ref: 4605/EC.

24 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : A/Vice President,
Economic Section.

324

I refer to your letter 13076/7 dated 18 June 46.

In view of AFHQ instructions that services should be rendered free, and on assumption that the British and Russian delegations swilled good Triestino beer and not PX/EFI beer (which I am sure they did) I am prepared to approve the write off requested in paras 1 and 2 of HQ 56 (Lon) Div letter 253 A of 31 May 46, and for the payment of Lire 22,285 as requested in para 3.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MSL/JG.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: 13076/F

18 June 1946

JUN 19 1946

SUBJECT: Bills for expenses incurred by Delegation
of the Italo-Yugoslav Boundary Commission
in Venezia Giulia.

TO : Executive Commissioner:

- 1. The attached bills, explanatory letter, and copy of signal were received by this section.
- 2. It is understood that there exists a special fund administered by you which could be used to pay entertainment expenses mentioned in para (3).
- 3. With regard to para (1) and (2) suggest this be passed to A.F.H.Q. in view of the statement in para H of message to XIII Corps.(5).
- 4. May I be advised of your decision on this matter.

Charles W. Walton
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

17 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Bills for expenses incurred by Delegations of the
Italo-Yugoslav Boundary Commission in Venezia
Giulia.

TO : Lt. Col. WEBSTER, CSC, Econ. Sec.

1. The attached bills, explanatory letter, and copy of
signal were returned to me by Lt. Col. Hind-Smith, with instruc-
tions to have the matter put in the form of a letter to the
Executive Commissioner, making recommendations and asking for
his concurrence.

Delos De Join, Capt.

DELOS DE JOIN, Capt.
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 4605/EG.

25. June 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Allied Financial Agency.

321

Your letter 20070/P/A/28 dated 17 June 46.

1. I referred this matter to the Ex.Off(A) with the comment that this bill should be paid out of US Mess Funds. He replied to the effect that there are now no Mess Funds available in GENOA.

2. I therefore approve payment of this expenditure but have informed Ex.Off(A) that I regard it as unreasonable that the Italian Government should be called upon to pay for such negligence on the part of Mess Officers. There is far too much of this coming to light at the moment and we should try, where possible, to obtain payment from Mess Funds.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

Branch of
Allied Force HQ
G-5 Division CMF

Postal Address
APO 794 US Army

17 Jun 46.

Ref: 20070/F/A/28

JUN 18 1946

SUBJECT: Approval Expenditure AMG/AC Funds.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission.

1. Copy of letter 20070/F/A/18 from Liaison Group Liguria is enclosed.
2. Information furnished in letter 20070/F/A/26 (Copy attached) is in reply to request of this office.
3. Request consideration for approval of this expenditure, as per Establishment Memo No 33 Change No 2 dated 12 Feb 46.

H.A. Miner
 H.A. MINER Lt Col F.D.
 Accountant.

Encls: as stated.

NAM/rs

Approved
See 322

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP LIGURIA

REF : AO/57

1st. June 1946

SUBJECT : Refrigerator Repairs.

TO : ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY
HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394.

1. Reference to your letter 20070/P/A/20 dated 28 May '46
2.
 - a. The outside measurements of the Refrigerator are as follows: 19" x 26" x 58"
 - b. It has been used since the early days of the occupation of Genoa, i.e. since about May 1945.
 - c. The damage was caused by tilting it from the vertical when loading it into a lorry. This caused the ammonia fluid to run out and so damage the unit. No blame can be attached to the O.R. carrying out this work as they were ignorant of the danger of so doing. Unfortunately the repairing will involve a new unit, hence the price.

FOR THE CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER

s/t/E.G. TOOMER
Capt., R.A.
Adm. Officer

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP LIGURIA

16 May 1946

REF : AO/57

SUBJECT : Refrigerator

TO : ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY
c/o HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION
APO. 394.

1. Authority is requested for the repair of a refrigerator that was loaned to the American Mess of AMG in the Hotel Principi by the "ITALIA" Steamship Line in the early days of AMG in this Area. Upon vacating the Hotel this Refrigerator was found to be damaged and unusable. We wish to return it in good condition and an estimate for repairs is 25,000 lire.

2. We are making this application in order to save an almost certain claim by the "ITALIA" Line, which would probably be greater than this amount and because they have been very helpful and co-operative with A.S.

FOR THE CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER

s/t/E.G. **3293**
Capt. R.A.
Administrative Officer

318

Ref: 4605/EC.

25. June 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Allied Commission,
Chief Liaison Officer,
LOMBARDIA.

305

I refer to your letters Lomb/CLO/1 dated 6. June and
12 June 1946.

Payment of the sum of Lire 1,741 from AC/AMG funds is
authorised as requested by you, and Form F/P.3, duly counter-signed,
is returned herewith.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION APO 794

13 June 1946.

JUN 14 1946

From: Deputy Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, Rome, Italy.
To : Brigadier M.S. LUSH, Executive Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, Rome, Italy.
Subject: Payment for repairs to Requisitioned Quarters of Commodore H.W. ZIROLI, U.S.N. - Request for Approval of.

1. In confirmation of verbal approval of subject expenses, it is requested that the attached invoices be approved by you.

A.R. Conklin
A.R. CONKLIN,
Lieutenant, USNR,
By direction.

E.C.

Sir,
Enclosed is request for approval of expenditure which I believe you have already approved verbally. Your signature is required 6 times. Total amount involved is Lire 9580.

Hillland 21/6
Approved & returned to Navy SEC on 27/6
[initials]

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Ref: 4605/EC.

22 June 1946

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Allied Financial Agency.

315

I refer to your 20070/P/A/29 dated 17 June.

1. I cannot approve payment of this expenditure without further particulars.
2. Did the MTO give or indicate any limit of expenditure?
3. Was an estimate obtained from the Omn Garage and submitted to MTO MILAN?
4. Was the Artena car repaired before the two extra vehicles arrived from MILAN? (Para 6 of Liguria Liaison Group letter AO/56 of 20 May 46).

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MSL/JG.

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ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

Branch of
Allied Force HQ
S-5 Division OMF

Postal Address
APO 794 US Army
17 Jun 46

Re: 20070/F/A/29


JUN 18 1946

SUBJECT: Approval Expenditures AMG/AC Funds.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission.

The following is submitted for your consideration,
as per Establishment Memo No 33 Change No 2 dated 12 Feb 46.

- a. Copy letter 20070/F/A 3 Liaison Group, Liguria
with Payment Voucher for approval, invoice O.M.A.R. Lire 130.749.
- b. Copy letter 20070/F/A 12
- c. Copy letter 20070/F/A 22


H.A. MINER Lt Col F.D.
Accountant.

HAM/rs

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP LIGURIA

REF : AO/56 15 April 1946
SUBJECT : Payment of bill.
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
A.F.A.Rome.

- I. Ref.to para 2, subpara e of your Establishment Memorandum Number 33, Change Number 2 dated 12 February 1946.
2. Attached find Payment Voucher, invoice of the Firm O.M.A.R. L.130.749 for your approval.

For the Chief Liaison Officer

s/t/E.G.TOMER
Capt., R.A.
Adm. Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
CME - APO 394

20 May 1946

REFERENCE : AC/56
SUBJECT : Expenditure of AMG/AC Funds.
TO : A.F.A.
Branch of Allied Force H.Q.
G-5 Division C.M.F.

1. Reference your 20070/F/A/12 dated 7 May 46.
2. On the closing of AMG this Liaison Group was left with 5 British requisitioned vehicles of which one was completely unrepairable and one other, ARTEMA LIG 47 now M 5934786 needing extensive repairs. The establishment for this HQ was originally 5 requisitioned vehicles for the use of 6 British Officers.
3. The M.F.O. Milan was contacted and he informed us that the chances of being assigned good vehicles promptly were very slim, but suggested that repairs to ARTEMA be carried out here in Genoa as the work shops in Milan could not possibly take on further work.
4. The OMAR garage was contacted and agreed to carry out a major overhaul on a priority basis. The vehicle concerned was in a very bad state having been used previously by the Provincial Commissioner of La Spezia who had found it impossible to carry out repairs in Spezia with no staff available.
5. Photographs were taken before work was commenced which illustrate clearly the very bad state of the vehicle. One of these is enclosed.
6. Later the establishment was increased to 6 requisitioned vehicles, and Milan MFO issued two vehicles from the MT Pool there, bringing this HQ up to strength.
7. The bill has however been returned **3293** and in view of the extensive

1. Reference your 20070/E/A/12 dated 7 May 46.
2. On the closing of AMG this Liaison Group was left with 5 British requisitioned vehicles of which one was completely unrepairable and one other, ARTEMA LIG 47 now M 5934786 needing extensive repairs. The establishment for this HQ was originally 5 requisitioned vehicles for the use of 6 British Officers.
3. The M.T.O. Milan was contacted and he informed us that the chances of being assigned good vehicles promptly were very slim, but suggested that repairs to ARTEMA be carried out here in Genoa as the work shops in Milan could not possibly take on further work.
4. The OMAR garage was contacted and agreed to carry out a major overhaul on a priority basis. The vehicle concerned was in a very bad state having been used previously by the Provincial Commissioner of La Spezia who had found it impossible to carry out repairs in Spezia with no staff available.
5. Photographs were taken before work was commenced which illustrate clearly the very bad state of the vehicle. One of these is enclosed.
6. Later the establishment was increased to 6 requisitioned vehicles, and Milan MTO issued two vehicles from the MT Pool there, bringing this HQ up to strength.
7. The bill has however been returned **3293R** and the revised account is enclosed. In view of the extensive repairs carried out it is felt the total amount charged is reasonable.

For the Chief Liaison Officer:

s/t/J.H. LLOYD DAVIES
Captain
Transportation Liaison
Officer.

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ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

Branch of
Allied Force HQ
G+5 Division CMF

Postal Address
APO 794 US Army

Tel: 478456

7 May 46

Ref: 20070/T/A/12

SUBJECT: Expenditure of AMG/AC Funds

TO : H.Q. LIGURIA Liaison Group A.C.
APO 794

1. Reference is made to your letter AO/56 dated 15 Apr 46, subject "Payment of bill".
2. In accordance with normal practice the bill was submitted to the Motor Transport Officer of HQ Allied Commission for a technical opinion before submission to the Executive Commissioner.

The M.T.O. reports

"The attached account has been scrutinized and it would appear that every removable part had been exchanged. The details of the work performed are very vague and it is the opinion of this Office that the bill is very excessive.

It is doubtful if the finished job would be worth the amount charged.

3. In view of the foregoing the bill could not, in its present form, be submitted to the Executive Commissioner for his approval, and is returned to you for adjustment and comments.

F.B. FORSTER, Major B.A.
Assistant Chief of A.F.A.

FBF/lm

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Ref: 4605/EC.

22 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Displaced Persons S/O.

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I refer to your letter DPR/10-20/Adm of 17 June 46.

Approval is given for the payment from AC/AMG funds of Lire 32,242 in respect of entertainment expenses incurred by your Sub-Commission as per your above-numbered letter.

[Handwritten Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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- 3292 *[Handwritten Signature]*

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Ref: 4605/EC.

22 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Director, Industries & Utilities Branch.

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I refer to your letter AC/5525/IND dated 13. June 46.

Approval is given for the payment of Lire 89,644 from AC/AMG funds in respect of expenditure incurred in the laying of a track for the development of lignite mine, as explained in your above-numbered letter.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DPR/10-20/Adm. Tel.489081, Ext.392

17 June 1946

SUBJECT : Official Reception Expenses.

JUN 17 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1. SAC/MED, Deputy SAC/MED with their staffs and other Allied individuals visited this Sub Commission's Polish Civilian Centre at BARLETTA and TRANI on 25 May 1946.
2. An official luncheon was arranged and some thirty-four persons were present of whom seventeen were either British or American and the others Polish members of the permanent staff.
3. Attached herewith certified true copy of letter from D.P. & R.S.C. Centre Commander BARLETTA and TRANI stating that the cost of the luncheon was thirty two thousand two hundred and forty two Lire (32,242 Lire) and he has checked the bills and found them correct.
4. Might the cost of this official luncheon be paid from Allied Commission Entertainment Funds.

For the Director :

C.F. Fothergill

C.F. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director.

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C O P Y

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No.3. D.P. & R.S.C. CENTRE (POLISH)
BARLETTA - TRANI
A.P.O. S.574
CMF.

KA/1/Wel.
8th June 1946.

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL RECEPTION EXPENSES.
TO : THE DIRECTOR
H.Q. - D.P. & R.S.C. ALLIED COMMISSION.

1. Further to our conversation on 2nd June with regard to the above matter, herewith details of Reception.
2. On the occasion of the visit of the S.A.C. and Lt/Gen. LEE to this Centre on 25 May 1946, the visitors, their wives and Staffs were entertained to luncheon.
3. Thirty four persons were present at luncheon, of whom seventeen were either British or American.
4. Could authority be given for the cost of this luncheon to be charged against Allied Commission as official entertainment, as the Mess finds it Extremely difficult to support such a charge.
5. The cost of the luncheon was thirty two thousand two hundred forty two Lire (32.242.-Lire). The Bills for which I have checked and found correct.

D.C. OWEN, Major
O.C. No.3.D.P.&R.S.C. CENTRE.
BARLETTA - TRANI.

Certified true copy.

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Lilow
17.6.46.

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 794

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

Reference : Lomb/CLO/1. 12 June 1946.
Subject : Approval of Expenditure. JUN 14 1946
To : HQ. - Allied Commission,
Office of Executive Commissioner. 245

1. Ref. your 4605/285/LO dated 8 June 46.
2. The papers originally attached to my letter were not returned by you and I am therefore unable to comment on them.
3. I remember however that the whole matter was one which concerned Colonel A.N. Hancock and as he is now in Rome the simplest solution would appear to be a discussion on the spot.


J.K. DUNLOP,
Brigadier,
Chief Liaison Officer.

Copy to: Colonel A.N. Hancock,
British Embassy,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
INDUSTRY AND UTILITIES BRANCH

Tel. 489081 - Ext. 589

Ref. AC/5525/IND

13 June 1946

SUBJECT: A.C. Funds used for Public Works.

TO : Executive Commissioner, A.C. ✓

1. The attached correspondence relates to a sum of money amounting to 89,644 lire advanced by HQ Sub-Accountant Emilia to the firm Montanari, Soc. Miniera, Montecelli.

This money was for wages expended by the a/m firm for the laying of a track for the development of a lignite mine.

2. The Allied Financial Agency are objecting to the payment of these funds and have asked this Branch to request a refund from the firm.

3. Contact has been made with Major Gamble, the Officer who originated the scheme, and his version of the facts are attached.

4. It would appear to us that all parties acted in good faith and circumstances only prevented the implementing of the scheme.

5. Submitted for your approval of the expenditure to AC/AMG funds.

See Inv. 308 309
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H. M. Walker

H. M. WALKER
Colonel, C.E.
Director
Ind. & Util. Branch

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COPY

TRANSLATION

7th February 46

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FROM: ARRIGO MONTANARI - FORLI'

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION - LIAISON OFFICE, BOLOGNA

I have received your letters dated 26 September and 25 February 46. On the matter I let you know as follows:

1. I have never received any advance of money for the mine of Monticelli. Four payments have been used only to pay these workers who, in accordance with the agreement and engagements taken with Major Gamble, chief of the HQ Industrial Section in Emilia, where employed for the lying down of the rails-decauvil, which connect the road to the mine. This agreement appears clearly from a letter, which I have kept, dated 9/5/45 signed by Major Gamble. The amounts I have collected in Bologna were given directly to the workers, who signed them fortnightly, supplied and checked by you. As soon as they were signed I provided to return them to your Financial Officers.

2. The amounts I received are the following:

For the fortnights from 15 to 30 of April	L. 28.240.00
" " " " 1 " 27 " May	L. 35.165.00
" " " " 28/5 " 30/6	L. 26.239.00.
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TOTAL	L. 89.644.00

Besides these amounts payed by you, it has been left unpaid the amount of the fortnight of July for L. 37.130 that I was obliged to pay, meanwhile, for the a/m reasons, belonged to you. I like to make clear that I decided to start the works only after Major Gamble's insistance, because I did realize that the expenses were very high for the shortage of the necessary materials and for the uncertainty of the work. My agreement was subordinate to the following conditions:

- a) Supply of wood (at that time it was blocked by AMG)
- b) Supply of pumps, hammers, tires, etc., by AMG
- c) Payment by AMG to the workers employed of the down of the decauvil from the mine to the road.

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I was charged for all the expenses for the research for the underground works, for digging out etc.. As a matter of fact I have never had any supply neither of wood nor of tools, and the workman-ship has been paid only partially as above said. With this lack of help I consequently had to give up the works for a rational exploitation of the mine, limiting the exploitation only to some apparatuses, which have given me only a very small quantity of lignite of bad quality, that I had to sell as I could, without even realizing the expenses.

3. This explanation will persuade you that the amounts paid by you are not to be considered as subsidy and less more, as advance: these amounts have been paid to keep the AC engagements: otherwise I should never have started the mine's work.

4. It is evident that you cannot claim the re-payment of the amounts which have already been paid. I warmly beg you to ask Major Gamble on the matter, in order to have confirmation of the truth, and he can make clear the engagements taken. I am at your disposal for every explanation you need.

(signed above)

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COPY

TRANSLATION

TO + Signor Montanari - Bertinoro

FROM : W. H. GAMBLE, Major
Public Works Officer

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I have received in Austria, the order to proceed for the continuation of the work in the lignite mine on the part of your Company: it will be necessary for you to get in touch with Lieut. Benn and with Major Somers, Industry Division, Montecatini Building, Bologna.

I If you require a supplementary authorization, it will be enough to show this letter to the C.A.O., Forlì.

Lt. Benn will control and complete the payment of the employees to lay down the Decauville tracks leading to the mine as well as for the preparation of the gallery for the same purpose.

All the requests as for wood, transportation and so on, should be made to the Industry Division, Bologna.

The wood is ready at the Rimini saw-mill, and 289 pines are in the pine forest of Classe, by Ravenna.

I pray you to get in touch with the Industry Division, Bologna, as soon as possible and to inform them of the quantity of lignite available for AMG in order to obtain the wages necessary for ending the work in the Decauville tracks.

For this purpose it will be necessary to fix the price for the supply of works controlled by AMG.

W. H. GAMBLE
Major
Public Works

C O P Y

ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE I.G.T.
BOLOGNA

6 September 1945

SUBJECT: Soc. Miniera Montecelli.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission
HQ Allied Commission

1. Reference letter 13075/F of 30 August 1945, the proprietor of the Soc. Miniera Montecelli has been interviewed. He is a Sig. Montanari Arrigo, Corso Della Costituente No. 1, Forli.

2. He states that the mine concession has been given up by Ing. Tagliabue, Milan, and so he was prepared to take it over, he approached AMG to see what assistance could be given him as he was prepared to take the entire risk himself.

The only capital Montanari had was his own personal capital.

AMG Emilia Region agreed to pay for the laying of a track to the actual mine while Montanari agreed to pay for the sinking of a shaft or gallery.

There was according to the owner, no question of repayment of the money when the mine is producing. Incidentally less than 100 quintals of black lignite has been taken out and it is estimated that a total of 200 to 250 tons is available, but more may be possible upon further excavation.

3. Attached is a copy and rough translation of a letter to Montanari from Major W.H. Gamble, who was Public Works Officer, Emilia Region; it is the only letter he has from AMG.

4. There is a little doubt that Montanari expects to share the risk but not any profits which might accrue.

The only reason I can see for financial aid from AMG sources in this instance was the extreme shortage of fuel in this area and a chance of helping to solve the problem was seen.

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5. Signor Montanari is now wondering if he will have to repay the advances made by AMG in May and June, some 40 to 50 thousand lire, as upon that contingency rests the fixing of the price of the lignite. A decision on this point as early as possible would be appreciated.

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T. W. J. WALTERS
Lt. Col.
Liaison Officer, Bologna

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HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING UNIT
APO 394

Tel. / Dial 478450 2 March 1946
Ref. : 13984/F/A/7
SUBJECT : ALLIED COMMISSION FUNDS USED FOR
PUBLIC WORKS
TO : CHIEF OF PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTM.
Industries Sub-Commission

1. In May - July 45 amounts totalling lire 89,644 were advanced by the HQ Sub-Accountant, EMILIA to the firm MONTANARI, Soc. MINIERA MONTECELLI. The payments, which were for wages, were arranged by Major GAMBLE, of your Department.

2. The firm claims that there was an agreement whereby AMG/AC was to bear the cost of laying light railway lines to enable a lignite mine to be re-opened. The claim is made in the following letters, copies of which are enclosed:

- a) Unreferenced letter dated 6 Sept. 45 from Liaison Officer BOLOGNA to Finance Sub-Commission.
- b) Unreferenced and undated letter from Major GAMBLE to Sig. Montanari, referred to in para 3 of letter a) above.
- c) Unreferenced letter dated 7 Feb. 46 from Sig. MONTANARI to Liaison Officer, BOLOGNA.

3. You will no doubt be in a position to ~~judge~~ whether this constitutes a proper public works contract. It is clear, however, that it is not a proper expenditure from AMG/AC domestic funds. Will you please, therefore, do what

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is necessary to obtain a refund. The amount may be paid into any branch of the Bank of Italy for the credit of "Allied Financial Agency N° 1 Account", with this letter as authority.

H. S. EMERY, Capt. Int. Corps,
For Assistant Chief of AFA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISS:
APO 394
INDUSTRY AND UTILITIES BRANCH

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Tel. 489081 - Ext. 250

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Ref. AC/5525/IND

30 April 1946

SUBJECT: A.C. Funds used for Public Works.

TO : Director, Allied Financial Agency

1. With reference to your 13984/F/A/7 and 13984/F/A/9 dated 2nd and 21st March 1946 respectively.
2. This matter was referred to Public Works Department who now refute any responsibility of the project as one which could be characterised as "Public Works".
3. In such circumstances it may be necessary to re-claim the amount concerned from Sig. Montanari to whom payments were made, but bearing in mind the agreement made by Major Gamble (P.W. & U. Div.) and Sig. Montanari this may present a difficulty in obtaining such a refund.
4. The firm in question have previously been contacted for a refund but have declined. For advice as to procedure to adopt in furthering the claim would be appreciated.

F. W. TOOBY
Lt. Col., R.A.
Chief
Industry Division

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ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

Branch of
Allied Forces HQ
G-5 Division CMF

Postal Address
APO 794 US ARMY

Tel. 478456

4 May 46

Ref. 13984/F/A/12

SUBJECT: A.C. Fund used for Public Works.

TO : Chief of Industry Division
Industry & Utilities Branch, A.C.

Ref. your AC/5525/IND dated 30 April 46.

It is suggested that, before deciding whether to press the company for payment or whether to ask the Executive Commissioner to approve the expenditure for the sake of the good name of the Commission, it would be well to write to Major Gamble to learn his version of the transaction.

H. S. EMERY, Capt. Int. Corps
For Assistant Chief of AFA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
INDUSTRY AND UTILITIES BRANCH

Tel. 489081 - Ext. 250

Ref. AC/5525/IND

11 May 1946

SUBJECT: A.C. Funds used for Public Works.

TO : Allied Commission Austria
Public Works and Utilities Branch
(Attn: Major Gamble)

1. The attached correspondence ref. 13984/F/7 and 12 dated 2nd March and 4th May 46 respectively is forwarded to you for your comments.

2. This refers to the payments made to Soc. Miniere Montecelli in order to facilitate the opening of a lignite mine. It appears that payments were made on your approval of this project.

3. Objection to payment has been raised by the Allied Financial Agency of this Headquarters.

Accordingly this has been referred to Industry Sub-Commission for clarification.

4. It would be appreciated if you could give your version of the transaction in order to clarify the position.

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F. W. TOOEY
Lt. Col., R.A.
Chief
Industry Division

2 Inl. as per para 1 above

C O P Y

H.Q. VIENNA AREA
A.P.O. S 564
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SUBJECT: AC Funds used for Public Works.

20 May 46

TO : Chief Industry Division
HQ APO 794

1. Your letter 11 May, ref. 13984/F/A/7 with enclosures is referred to.
2. It is noted that objections to payments have been made by the Allied Financial Agency.
3. The following are the facts in connection with this matter to the best of my memory:-
 - (a) A large Bridge Building Programme was prepared by Lt. Col. SPANN, Public Works Officer, Emilia Region, on orders received from 8th Army via Air Commodore HENSON.
 - (b) Bridges were required immediately to replace the Baileys which were to be pulled out ready for sending forward.
 - (c) I refer to the Static Period (winter 1943-44).
 - (d) I was engaged on this programme and later when supplies became difficult, was ordered to concentrate on activating works to obtain bricks, cement, lime and steel.
 - (e) Five brickworks were activated and I obtained coal for brick making from discovered coal supplies, and obtained releases from 8th Army via Major..... at Cesena (name forgotten).
 - (f) Coal dust was taken mainly from Sugar factory Cesena and from a works north of Ravenna close to German lines.
 - (g) Coal supplies eventually were again frozen and I reported to Lt. Col. HARTLEY and the Regional Commissioner Col. BOWMAN.

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- (h) I was ordered to examine the possibilities of obtaining lignite from mines known to be existent at Monte Gelli.
- (i) I examined the area closely, studying what date I could obtain from geological maps and interviewing the peasants.
- (j) I located Signor MONTANARI having been informed he could give me information on possible coal supplies stored or hidden, and possibly lignite.
- (k) There were five or six main lignite areas in the vicinity of Monte Gelli. No owner could be found, the information was confusing and conflicting.
- (l) I wrote a four page report to the Regional Commission and advised concentrating on one of the mines, with a disused shaft, very inaccessible but promising outlook to obtain lignite quickly.
- (m) Copies of my report should be on files.
- (n) I was ordered by Lt. Col. HARTLEY that in order to keep up supplies and prevent the shutting down of the various works which had been activated lignite was to be obtained and I must ^{find} someone to work the mine.
- (o) I explained the difficulties to Lt. Col. HARTLEY and he visited the mine. He gave me orders that no contract could be made, but if it was necessary to clear the shaft or have bullocks to transport the lignite to a hard road as I required, the payroll could be used, and the account must be charged to the Bridge Building Programme.
- (p) An unsuccessful effort was made to obtain help from the Commune of Monte Gelli, in the form of opening up the mine to relieve unemployment and to provide lignite for AMG. I then approached Signor MONTANARI again and requested his help.
- (q) Signor MONTANARI eventually agreed that if the shaft was cleared at the expense of AMG he would attempt to obtain lignite. The following verbal agreement was made with Signor MONTANARI:-
 - 1) AMG would provide labour to clear the existing gallery of debris, and timber same to make secure.

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- 2) AMG would lay the jubilee track from mine to hard road.
 - 3) If water bearing strata was struck, pumps would be provided, and engineering problem would be taken care of by myself.
 - 4) When lignite strata was met, Signor MONTANARI would take over and deliver lignite to Hard Road.
 - 5) No lignite to be sold without consent of AMG, 100% production was for Brickworks etc., and to be supplied at prices fixed by AMG, but first agreed with Signor Montanari.
 - 6) All timber for strutting Gallery to be supplied sawn to lengths.
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- (r) After the break through at Argenta Gap I was ordered to proceed to Ferrara to repair the Bonifica Electric pumping stations in the flooded areas.
 - (s) I received orders from Lt. Col. SPANN to proceed to Ferrara but to maintain contact with the lignite production scheme at Monte Gelli (written orders, copy on file).
 - (t) It was impossible for me to return to Monte Gelli being 100% occupied in the flood waters around Ferrara.
 - (u) A letter was sent consequently to MONTANARI advising him to get in touch with the Bologna Headquarters.
 - (v) Requisitions of wood had been made through Lt. Col. SPANN and timber Officer Major BUMP for timbering the shaft, to be sent to Rimini saw mill. I arranged all this with Lt. BENN at Bologna before leaving.
 - (w) I am surprised to learn this timber was never delivered and Signor MONTANARI had to abandon the work.
 - (x) Immediately the Army moved forward through the Argenta Gap, Headquarters AMG moved up to Bologna and apparently all interest in coal production ceased.

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(y) I was ordered forward for Public Works Vienna and wrote a second letter to Signor MONTANARI, translation of which, although not good sufficiently accurate.

4. Finally, my impressions of Signor MONTANARI as I remember them were that he was 100% co-operative, tried hard to help us in our difficulties, completely honest and spent much time in scouring the district to obtain for me experienced miners and timbermen.

My personal reactions to the point raised by Allied Financial Agency as to whether the payments made for wages were a legitimate payment from AMG. Funds are, that the difficulties were appreciated by Lt. Col. HARTLEY, Executive Officer, who had fully considered the matter. If the project had been proceeded with, the price to be fixed for the lignite by AMG Finance Officers would be such as to cover the initial outlay for clearing the shaft and Signor MONTANARI would have been asked to repay the amount to AMG brickmakers were prepared to pay cash for coal or lignite providing they obtained payments for their bricks at AMG controlled price.

Under the circumstances in view of the fact that the AMG part of the agreement was never fulfilled, Signor MONTANARI has been badly let down owing to non supply of timber for strutting the gallery, after my departure.

I feel therefore that the money paid for wages was in perfect good faith, and the objects to be attained were ultimately not found to be necessary owing to the victorious conclusion of the war, it would consequently be very unfair to ask Signor MONTANARI to pay for work agreed to be undertaken by AMG, but rather that the amount expended be regarded as a charge for coal against the Italian Government in connection with the Bridge Construction Programme.

5. I hope that the information given will be sufficient for you to give a ruling on this matter. May I ask that the matter be explained to Signor MONTANARI, and I hope that he will be able to reimburse himself & Co. for any expense involved and for the time and trouble taken on our behalf.

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W. H. GAMBLE, Major
SO II Industry & Commerce

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ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

Branch of
Allied Force HQ
G-5 Division CMP

Postal Address
APO 794 US Army

Tel: 478456
Ref: 20074/F/A/30

12 Jun 46
JUN 13 1946

SUBJECT: Expenditure of AMG/AC Funds.
TO : Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

1. Reference is made to the enclosed payment form for L. 557.021 together with receipted invoice and copy letter from Capt. Charles J. Molfetto.

2. The item was queried by Allied Financial Agency for these reasons:

a) The payment form is authorized by the Chief Liaison Officer while the amount is in excess of L. 50.000, which, at the date of payment, was the limit up to which the authority of a Chief Liaison Officer could be accepted.

b) The Hotel Continental Milan, which was an A.C. Officers' (A) billet, had stated that they only used a small proportion of the coal, the major part had been "removed in Army trucks" the Officer responsible was eventually found to have been Capt. Molfetto whose letter is enclosed.

3. It would be appreciated if the payment could be regularized, in accordance with Change No 2 to A.C. Establishment Memorandum No 33 of 1944, by the addition of the Executive Commissioner's Signature to the payment form.

F.B. Forster

F.B. FORSTER, Major R.A.
Assistant Chief of A.F.A.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

GRADO

Telephone : A.M.G. - Grado -

Ref. : GR/

Subject : Coal Bill fo Hotel Continental - Milan.

To : Assistant Chief of A.F.A.
APO 794 U.S. Army.

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Grado, 31 May 1946

Ref your 20074/P/A/19 dated 17 May 46.

1. I would like to point out to you that I was only the Mess Officer at Hotel Continental but can give you information you desire.
 - a) The Coal that had been delivered to the Hotel Continental had all been removed. The amount of coal removed I should say was approximately 100 tons.
 - b) Coal was taken to Hotel Plaza, Hotel Duca d'Aosta and Ristorante Bolognese all A.C. establishments.

/s/ Capt CHARLES J. MOLFETTO
C.A.O. Grado.

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"A TRUE COPY"

R.E. Davies
R.E. DAVIES,
1st Lt FD.

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Ref: 4605/285 /EC.

8 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Allied Commission
Chief Liaison Officer,
LOMBARDIA.

(Handwritten initials)

I refer to your letter Lomb/CLO/1 dated 6 June 46.

Although this is a very small amount I cannot authorise expenditure from public funds unless I know for what purpose the clothing was needed. I also notice that the certification was signed some six months before the occupation of Northern Italy.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794

Reference : Lomb/CLO/1. 6 June 1946.
Subject : Expenditure for Clothing Material ~~June~~ 7 1946
from AC Funds.
To : HQ. - Allied Commission,
Office of Executive Commissioner.

Please see the attached correspondence.

It appears that the authority of the
Executive Commissioner is required to solve the
difficulty which has arisen.



J.K. DUNLOP,
Brigadier,
Chief Liaison Officer.

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ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

Branch of
Allied Force HQ
G-5 Division CMF

Postal Address:
APO 794 US Army

Ref: 20074/F/A/23

28 May 1946

SUBJECT: Expenditure for Clothing Material Made
from AC Funds.

TO : HQ, Lombardia Liaison Group, AC, APO 794.
Att: Purchasing and Contracting Officer.

Reference: Payment Voucher N°38 of February accounts.

It seems that Col. Hancock misunderstood the point that I was trying to get across in regards to the clothing material that was purchased by the Lombardia Group. I stated, the only way this office could approve the expenditure, was for the finance office to submit the voucher to Brig. Lush for his authorization.

Therefore the amount of 1741 lire, remains charged, to Advances to Others, CLO Lombardia, pending refund or Brig. Lush's authorization.

S. RUTCHKE, 1st Lt F.A.
For Assistant Chief of AFA.

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Ref: 4605/279/EC.

7 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Allied Financial Agency.

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I refer to your letter 20071/E/A/19 dated 4 June 46.

Authority is given for the payment of L. 25,385 in respect of expenditure incurred by the Piemonte Liaison Group in the clearing of snow from TURIN Airport, as enumerated in your above-quoted letter.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSHI

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

Branch of
Allied Force HQ
G-5 Division CMF

Postal Address:
APO 794 US Army

Ref: 20071/F/A/19

4 June 1946

SUBJECT: Request for Authorization of Expenditure JUN 4 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner
Allied Commission.

1. April accounts of Piemonte Liaison Group reveals an expenditure of L 25.385 for clearing snow from Turin Airport.

2. Under ordinary circumstances this amount would be payable by the Italian Air Force since the operation of air-fields used by Allied Commission is their responsibility.

3. In this instance as shown in letter PR/ADM/100 (copy attached) the L 25.385 represents approximately one sixth the total cost of the operation and is the part we promised to furnish.

4. Request authorization of this expenditure as it does not seem justified to demand additional payment by the Italian Air Force when total expenditure was for our convenience.

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H. A. MINER,
Lt. Col., FD.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

24 May, 1946.

Subject: Expenditure of AC/ANG funds.
Ref. : FR/ADM/100
To : Allied Financial Agency - AC Hqs - APO 794.

1. Reference your 20071/F/A/14 of 21 May 46, you are hereby informed that the amount of 25,385 Lire for the partial clearing of snow from the Turin airport was done solely because the Chief Commissioner's plane was here in Turin and, since the Chief Commissioner needed this plane to make his trip to London (early February) numerous cables and phone calls were received to get this plane "off the ground".
2. At that time we had 86 cm. of snow and everything possible was done to have the air strip cleared sufficiently to allow this plane to take off.
3. The total cost for the removal of the snow was 130,000 Lire for labor and 25,385 Lire for fuel. The 130,000 Lire was paid by Aeronautica Italiana and Fiat whereas we had promised to give them fuel. But, since this fuel was not obtainable through Army sources, it was purchased from C.I.F.
4. Brigadier LUSH, on his recent visit here, was informed completely of this matter. The Chief Liaison Officer here approved the purchase and payment of this fuel. It is suggested that if a refund is to be made, it be made through the Italian Ministry of Aeronautics or Italian Air Force Hqs., as the Italian Air force here has not sufficient funds.

For the Chief Liaison Officer:

ROY E. BARRY
Captain

To : Allied Financial Agency - AC Hqs - APO 794.

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For the Chief Liaison Officer:

ROY E. BARRY
Captain - FA
Administrative Offr.

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CONFIDENTIAL

Major General L. BROWNING, CB, CBE, MC.
GOC, LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MIA)
DC/2

1 June 46

MAY 31 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner,
ALLIED COMMISSION

I hereby certify that I have expended the sum of lire 5,000 (five thousand lire) on official entertainment during the month of May 1946 and ask that this sum may be refunded to me.

L. Browning
Major General
MIA

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Ref. : 4605/BC

29 May 1946.

SUBJECT : Approval of Expenditure

TO : Provincial Commissioner
AMB Udine

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Ref your UDI/W/A/2 dated 11 May 46, approval is given for the payment of Lire 20,000 to Licut. GARCIPO for his expenses in recovering AMB requisitioned vehicle No. 4747183.

For the Chief Commissioner

/s/ M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to : Finance S/C

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HQ ALCOM SIGNED BRIGADIER LUSH

28 MAY 46

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APPROVED

Copy to: Finance S/C
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Office of the Executive Commr

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NICHOLAS PICCIBINO
CWO, USA
Assistant, Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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SUBJECT : Reimbursement of expenses to
Lieutenant CAROPPO.

FILE:UDI/F/A/2

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TO : Executive Commissioner
Allied Commission

11 May 46

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In accordance with conversation while I was at Rome, enclosed is letter from the S.P.P.S.O. in reference to expenditures of funds for recovery of an AMG vehicle.

Authority is requested to charge this expenditure to AMG/AC funds.

By order of the Provincial Commissioner.

J.T. Murphy Capt.
J.T. MURPHY, CE
Provincial Finance Officer

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Ref: 4605/EC.

15 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Allied Financial Agency.

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Reference your 20058/F/A/45 dated 6 May 46.

Approval for payment is authorised by the Executive Commissioner and F/F 3, duly signed, is returned herewith.

R. W. HIND-SMITH

Major,
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE OF UDINE

(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

To: Provincial Commissioner, H.Q. A.G. UDINE

Subject: Theft of A.G. "Bianchi" motor car.

Date: 9th May, 1946

Ref. No: VDI/PSD/33/B

1. On 12th March, 1946, a "Bianchi" motor car, UD 9327, requisitioned by A.G. and assigned to Major Russi, was stolen in this Province.

2. The loss was at once reported to all Allied and Italian Police Services and as 10 days went by without news of the vehicle, it was thought that it had possibly been taken to Venezia Giulia, Zone B.

3. About 12 days after it had been reported stolen, however, information was received at this office to the effect that the car might still be located in a certain comune of the Province. I at once sent for Lieutenant CAROPPO of the Carabinieri Reglia who has in the past most efficiently performed many useful police services for me, and passed the information on to him.

4. Inquiries were made by this Lieutenant and another member of the Carabinieri in plain clothes in the locality indicated by posing as would-be buyers of spare parts. They visited various restaurants and bars in the area and entered into conversation with a number of civilians, mainly drivers and mechanics, entertaining them with alcoholic beverages in order to loosen their tongues. Eventually a certain individual was contacted from whom it was believed useful information could be obtained relative to the stolen car, but before parting with such information it was necessary to promise him the sum of lire 10,000 for his services. This sum was paid by the Lieutenant and inquiries pursued which subsequently resulted in the recovery intact of the vehicle in question and the arrest of nine persons responsible for stealing and attempting to dispose of it.

5. In the above circumstances I recommend that the sum of lire 20,000 should be paid to Lieut. Caroppo to reimburse him for his expenses in connection with this most successful investigation, including the payment of 10,000 lire to his private informant. 3253

6. At present day prices I would estimate the value of this Bianchi car, the property of the Allied Military Government, as being in the neighbourhood of lire 1,000,000 and I suggest that the payment of these expenses is fully justified and money well spent.

J. J. Samuel

Date: 9th May, 1946

"BIANCHI" motor car.

Ref. No: UDI/P3D/33/E

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

1. On 12th March, 1946, a "Bianchi" motor car, UD 9327, requisitioned by A.G. and assigned to Major Russi, was stolen in this Province.

2. The loss was at once reported to all Allied and Italian Police Services and as 10 days went by without news of the vehicle, it was thought that it had possibly been taken to Venezia Giulia, Zone B.

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J. T. Manuel

J. T. Manuel
Major
S.P.P.S.O. - Udine Province



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ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

Branch of
Allied Force HQ
G-5 Division CMF

Postal Address:
APO 794 US Army

Tel: 478456

6 May 46

Ref: 20058/F/A/45

MAY 9 1946

SUBJECT: Expenditure of AMG/AC Funds.

TO : Executive Commissioner
HQ Allied Commission.

1. Attached are original and duplicate payment vouchers relating to a purchase, made by AMG Venezia Giulia, of 50 tea cups. This item has been the subject of correspondence between this Agency and the Chief Finance Officer, AMG Venezia Giulia. Refund was requested, with the suggestion that the Mess, enjoying the use of the cups, should pay from its funds.

2. The Chief Finance Officer, AMG Venezia Giulia, has now ascertained that the cups were purchased on the authority of the S.C.A.O. for use in providing tea at conferences held at that H.Q. At his request the vouchers are submitted to you for your approval.

L.R. Battensby
L.R. BATTENSBY,
Lt Col, G.L.,
Chief of AFA.

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*Approved & returned
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Ref. : 13075/F

14 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenses.

TO : SCAC, AMG Venezia Giulia.

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1. Reference is made to this office letter 13075/F dated 14 February, 1946.

2. Authority is hereby given for an entertainment allowance of 3,000 lire per month to the SCOA, AMG Venezia Giulia, in lieu of the 5,000 lire mentioned in para 2 of the subject letter.

For the Chief Commissioner.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to Allied Financial Agency.

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Ref: 4605/258/30

13 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Coal Furnished to ASG Turin.

TO : Deputy Director,
Industry & Utilities Branch,
A. C.

Your attention is drawn to the Daily Bulletin, para 10, dated 29 April 46 which states that cases referred to in your letter no. 13658 P/17 will NOT be sent to the Allied Supply Accounting Agency but will be certified by the Sub-Commission concerned.

If this cannot be done, the matter should be referred to the Allied Commission Claims Board.

The correspondence is returned to you. — 255 *refers*

For the Chief Commissioner,

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Allied Supply Accounting Agency. — 255

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ALLIE' SUPPLY ACCOUNTING AGENCY

APO 394

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Ref : 13658 F/A

Subject: Unpaid Bills

Date 9 May 1946

To : Office of the Executive Commissioner
HQ Allied Commission APO 794.

att. MAY 9 1946

1. There is enclosed herewith letter 240/PWN of 7th May 1946 from Industries and Utilities Branch of Allied Commission together with enclosures mentioned therein.

2. Letters of this nature continue to arrive at this office despite the publication of Establishment Memorandum No. 19 of 1st November 1945 and more recently Daily Bulletin # 99 para 10, HQ Allied Commission dated 29th April 1946.

3. It is regretted that this agency is not in a position to handle matters of this nature, and it is again requested that Sub-Commissions of A.C. be informed of this fact.

J. W. Young

J.W. YOUNG
Lt. Col. B.S.
Chief Accountant.

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Ref: 4605/EO

9 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Travelling Expense Claims.

TO : Director OEM Branch.

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1. Reference your OEM/83.3/11 dated 16 April 1946.
2. The Executive Commissioner has approved the sums of L. 4500 for meals, L. 2117 for accommodation and L. 1033 for tyre repairs.
3. The relative correspondence is attached herewith.

For the Chief Commissioner,

N. W. BIND-SMITH

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

CEM/83.3/11

16 April 1946

APR 17 1946

SUBJECT: Travelling Expense Claim.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission,
Office of the Executive Commissioner.

Reference the attached claim for reimbursement of travelling expenses.

1. The claim has been approved by Col. Walton, Deputy Vice President, Economic Section, and the final approval of the Executive Commissioner is sought prior to passing to Purchasing and Contracting Branch.

Borden Gates. King

J. A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
CEM Branch

Enclosures.

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Drivers Rations and Accommodation.

Establishment Memorandum 6-31 March 1945.

Provides Travelling Allowances in accordance with AFHQ Admin. Memo. 2-23 March 1945.

- a) Rates vary with basic wage rate.
- b) Allowance is for each completed 24 hrs away from station.
- c) Allowance is reduced if rations or accommodation provided.
- d) Rations and Accommodation are very rarely provided; mid-shift meals do not count as rations and are paid for by the driver if drawn.
- e) Drivers receive 150 lire per day.
Many claims from drivers are received and passed in this Office as in e).

Officers.

Administrative Order No. 2 dated 27 January 1944.

- Para 3 a) provides that Officers and EM/ORs on detached duty who are unable to arrange accommodation and messing at government expense and have to make their own arrangements, may submit a claim giving full details to the Regional HQ.
- b) No claim will be submitted by American Officers while in receipt of "per diem" allowance.

These claims are rare in HQ. A.C. the only recent ones being from Local Government S/C, where the Officers have had to supervise local elections in out of the way places.

In all cases bills are submitted with the claim. In this claim the sum of 6.200 lire for 10 lunches, (620 lire) for each lunch seems very high.

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Repairs to car, etc.

These can be passed, provided:

- 1) If car is requisitioned by A.C
- 2) Receipts should have no stamps as A.C do not pay for receipt stamps.

Account should read 1050 lire, not 1083.

12 Feb. 46	tyre repair	210	
	less: "bollo"	Nil	210
10 " "	accommodation and welding	416	
	less: "bollo"	16	400
14 " "	accommodation and repair	457	
	less: "bollo"	17	440
			<u>1050</u>
		Lire	<u>1050</u>

A. G. Graham, Lt. COLONEL
 HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT
 ALLIED COMMISSION

Approved as to £4500 for meals
 £2117 for accommodation
 £1083 for tyre etc repairs **3251**
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Ref: 4605/237/80

7 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : HQ. Commandant, Allied Commission.

A. 225 refers

The Executive Commissioner has approved the amount expended on transatlantic telephone calls (Maestro Arturo Toscanini - Lt C. Petrillo) in August 1945. F/P3 herewith duly signed.

For the Chief Commissioner,

M. W. HINDS-SMITH

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

Copy to: CLO Lombardia.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 27117
 Date/Time of Origin: MAY 021500
 Message Centre No: H/2589
 Date Time Rec'd: MAY 030900
 Precedence: ROUTINE
 FROM: LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP SIGNED DUNLCP
 TO: ALCOM HQ

MAY 3 1946

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Ref your 2795 cite of ~~020910~~ report required was forwarded under our lmb /CLO/ 1 of 30 April.

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HEADQUARTERS
 3 MAY 1946

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 INTO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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TO : ALCOM HQ

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Ref your 2795 cite of ~~02000~~ report required was forwarded under our Lmb /CLO/ 1 of 30 April.

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ACTION EX COMMISSIONER
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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Ref: 4605/EG.

1st May 1946.

SUBJECT: Outstanding Accounts.

TO : Acting Vice President,
Economic Section.

1. The enclosed bills were incurred by the Motor Maintenance Group of this HQ and amount to just over two million lire. In general they refer to the period from August 1945 but one or two of them go back to as late as January 1945.
2. The papers available in the attached cover, in my opinion, reveal a most unsatisfactory state of affairs.
3. Out of these bills amounting to approximately 2,000,000 lire, supporting vouchers signed by an officer are only available in respect of bills amounting to approximately 200,000 lire. In other cases supporting documents including authority for the breaking up of vehicles are signed by non-commissioned officers. Bills for approximately 1,500,000 have no documents to support the expenses incurred.
4. It seems inconceivable that there was no regular system under which work was authorised and under which the bills incurred by the Motor Maintenance Group were passed or put up regularly for authority for payment. If such a system existed, it is not clear why these bills have not been cleared under the normal rules.
5. These bills must be settled and if the records are in such a state that only the late director can certify them, Colonel Carnes and possibly Colonel Buchaneri must be recalled from their present assignments to settle the matter and explain the confusion.

MSL/JG.

M. J. Lusk
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

see M 244-2463248

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

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Re: 23rd April, 1946.

SUBJECT: Claims Board. CONFIDENTIAL.

TO: Executive Commissioner.

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1. So far as I am aware, the object of the Claims Board is to deal with claims made by individuals in respect of requisitioned or damaged property, in cases where an organization such as a Provincial Headquarters no longer exists or Allied personnel involved are no longer in the theatre.

The Board is not responsible for passing for payment Bills incurred in the normal administration of this Headquarters.

In my opinion the Bills in the enclosed file should never have been passed to the Claims Board. There is no record on the file to show by whom they were submitted to the Board.

2. The enclosed Bills were incurred by the Motor Maintenance Group of this Headquarters and amount to just over two million Lire. In general they refer to the period from August 1945, but one or two of them go back to as late as January 1945.

The papers available in the attached cover, in my opinion, reveal a most unsatisfactory state of affairs.

Out of these Bills amounting to approximately 2,000,000 Lire, supporting vouchers signed by an officer are only available in respect of Bills amounting to approximately 200,000 Lire. In other cases supporting documents including authority for the breaking up of vehicles are signed by non-commissioned officers. Bills for approximately 1,500,000 Lire have no documents to support the expenses incurred.

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see M240, 241 to 246 & 7243

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3. The Claims Board make a recommendation that Captain R.A. Simms, R.E.M.E. who was presumably at one time with the Motor Maintenance Group, should be recalled from Greece where he is serving at the moment, in order to check and certify these bills.

It is not clear how Captain Simms can check and certify these Bills unless some records have been kept in the Motor Maintenance Group office relating to the expenses which have been incurred. For instance, one Bill for approximately 500,000 Lire relates to civilian personnel sent down to Naples and Leghorn on seven occasions in July and August 1945 in connection with preparing and bringing vehicles from ports or disembarkation. It is presumed that some records must exist in the office which authorised such journeys and work to be carried out.

The Claims Board make the suggestion that this is a matter to be cleared up by Captain Simms, a Lt. Gallagher, a sergeant and an Italian female employee. This personnel may be able to assist but it is the Commander of the Maintenance Group who is or was responsible and all the clearing up should be done by him.

4. So far as I am aware, for some time past the Transportation Sub-Commission or the Transportation branch of the Economic Section has been responsible for the handling and maintenance of all Allied Commission vehicles. Presumably there is an officer now in charge of the Motor Maintenance Group and that he or his predecessor are responsible for passing bills for payment or if over a certain sum getting them approved for payment.

5. My recommendations are:-

- (a) ~~That~~ If no such system now exists, a proper system *must* be introduced forthwith under which work is undertaken by outside firms only on receipt of an order signed by an officer and that duplicate records are kept in the office of all such signed orders.
- (b) That steps be taken to ensure that bills are rendered promptly and passed for or submitted for payment regularly under the rules laid down.

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- (c) That the enclosed Bills are passed to the Economic Section and the Transportation Branch in the latter is still responsible for Allied Commission vehicle maintenance, and that the necessary steps be taken by them with a view to the responsible officer getting the Bills passed for payment in accordance with the rules.

If the records are in such a state that the Bills cannot be verified or certified for payment without the presence of Captain Simms or other officers, then those responsible must apply for their return to ~~ROME~~ or request a Board of Survey to decide on the matter.

6. In my opinion this is no matter for the Claims Board. These are Bills ~~which~~ owed by this Headquarters ^{which} have been left outstanding and have never been cleared for payment. You may wish to consult the Chief Financial Adviser on this matter.

M. C. B. Bryader

M. C. B. Bryader, Brigadier.
VP. CA. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
(EXECUTIVE OFFICE)
Claims Board
APO 394

Tel. 489081
Ext. 522

18 April 46

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Ref. : Claims/48 (a)
SUBJECT : Claims Board Report
TO : The Chief Commissioner

1. Ref. S.O. 297 d. 29 Oct. 1945 .

2. This Boards ' report and recommendation in respect of
above claim are submitted to you for approval.

N.J. Coombs
N.J. Coombs
Lt. R.T.R.
Claims Officer (B)

L.C. Wickersham
L.C. Wickersham
Administrative Officer
Claims Officer (A)

V.P. C.A.S.

The Acting Chief Commissioner
wishes to you to deal with
this matter please.

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LA SCALA

With the first concert of the new La Scala slated for May 11, Arturo Toscanini, the old maestro conducting, the story might be told about how AMG in Milan put reconstruction of the world-famed opera house on an A-1 priority basis, a project which from the start has been assisted by Capt. Clement C. Petrillo (A), himself a musician. To him we are indebted for the word that the acoustics of the new La Scala, for which the old house was particularly noted, will again be excellent, thanks to the exact rebuilding of the cupola.

Just before the war, Capt. Petrillo tells us, an Italian Government inspector insisted that the cupola was about to collapse, whereupon the Milan Communal Architect made immediate and accurate drawings of the entire cupola. These have come in providentially handy and the restored cupola is now complete and a replica of the one which stood from August, 1778 when La Scala first opened its doors.

The opera house was virtually destroyed in a heavy Allied air raid of August, 1943 when two bits of incendiary bombs and a direct blast of an explosive bomb left nothing but the stage

(by a miracle) and the four walls standing. Gone were the ballet school, workshops, the scenery warehouse, including 71 sets and 22,000 pairs of shoes. Many of the tapestries, seat coverings and mirrors, however, had been removed to safety in time.

AMG authorized expenditure of 37,000,000 lire for rebuilding immediately, unblocked all necessary materials, provided 80 tons of coal during the past winter to enable work to continue during the bitter weather (the new plaster, etc. had to be kept from freezing). Toscanini himself contributed \$10,000 to help and a friend of his matched the gift of the great conductor who began his career at La Scala. Toscanini last conducted there in 1929. The new La Scala's season will run until June 28. Toscanini will conduct six performances, three of them encores.

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer.

LOB/CLO/1

30 April, 1946.

MAY 2 1946

SUBJECT: Transatlantic Telephone Calls

TO : Office of the Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission HQ - A.P.O. 394

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1. Reference yours No. 4605/227/33 dated 19 April 1946.
2. I have discussed your letter with Capt. Clement C. Petrillo who informs me that the circumstances in which the calls were made were the subject of full discussions with Col. Piske and Lt. Col. Scudder.
3. Capt. Petrillo also informs me that the appointment of "Director, Officer Opera and Concerts, AIR MILIA" was made by Lt. Col. Kershenson during his term of office in Milan.
4. The telephone calls were made to ascertain the views of Maestro Toscanini in respect of certain preliminary work on La Scala Opera House in Milan.

John K. Durlor
 JOHN K. DURLOR,
 Brigadier,
 Chief Liaison Officer

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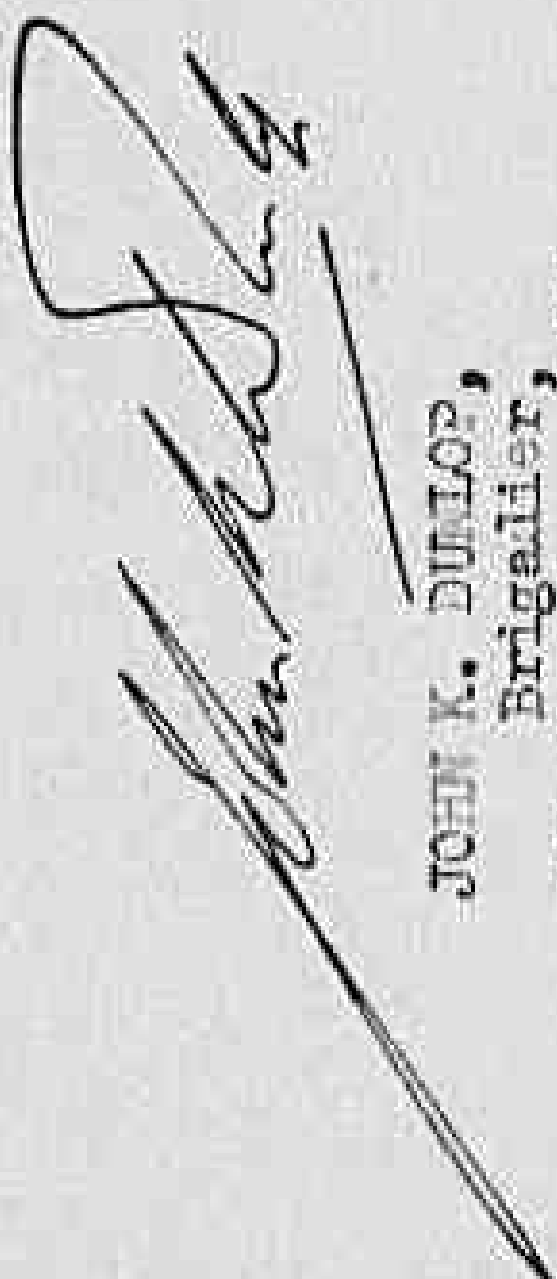
MAY 2 1946

SUBJECT: Transatlantic Telephone Calls

TO : Office of the Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission HQ - A.F.O. 394

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1. Referame yours No. 4605/227/23 dated 19 April 1946.
2. I have discussed your letter with Capt. Clement G. Petrillo who informs me that the circumstances in which the calls were made were the subject of full discussions with Col. Fiske and Lt. Col. Soulier.
3. Capt. Petrillo also informs me that the appointment of "Director, Officer Opera and Concerts, AMG MILAN" was made by Lt. Col. Hershenson during his term of office in Milan.
4. The telephone calls were made to ascertain the views of Maestro Toscanini in respect of certain preliminary work on La Scala Opera House in Milan.



JOHN K. DUNLOP,
Brigadier,
Chief Liaison Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: G. 101

30 April 1946

MAY 1 1946

SUBJECT: Settlement of Account for Repair of Civilian Vehicle.

TO : H. S. Bolzano Italian Group, A.C., APO 394.

1. Reference your letter B/XII/P.126/B-1502 dated 15 April 46 and bills attached thereto.
2. The bills are returned to you in order that you may approach the Autorimessa Turiana di Bolzano regarding a reduction in the prices charged. I have compared your prices with those that would have been charged if the repairs had been carried out in Rome and you will see from the attached translations that while, in most cases, the cost of material is reasonable, there is a vast difference in the price of labour - a total of twenty-eight thousand, nine hundred lire. As I think that the cost of labour in the North should be cheaper than that in Rome, I consider that the Autorimessa Turiana di Bolzano is over-charging in this respect.
3. Will you please see that in future an estimate of the cost of repairs is made before such extensive repairs are carried out on any one vehicle and that the work orders for major repairs of this kind are authorized by an officer or senior N.C.O. and not by a private soldier as in the case of those attached.
4. I do not understand why the repairs enumerated on Invoice No. 274 dated 8.3.46 were necessary unless the vehicle had been involved in an accident as this car was seen by Captain S.J. Lyon, of this H.Q., during his visit 4-5 March 1946, to be certainly in good condition.

For the Chief Commissioner,

W. H. Smith

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner 3240

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HQ ALCOM CITE ACEXC

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REFERENCE ALCOM LETTER FOUR SIX ZERO FIVE SLANT TWO TWO SEVEN SLANT EASY
CHARLIE DATED ONE NINE APRIL FOUR SIX SUBJECT QUOTE TRANSATLANTIC
TELEPHONE CALLS UNQUOTE PD
PLEASE SEND FURTHER DETAILS AS CALLED FOR IN PARA FOUR IMMEDIATELY

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PRIORITY

Ex. Comm. N. W. HIND-SMITH

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Ref: 4605/EC.

25th April 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : AC CIO, FIRMONT.

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Reference your letter FR/CIO/100 dated 15th April 1946 on the above subject.

Approval is given by the Acting Chief Commissioner for payment of the amount involved and Form F/P 3, duly signed, is returned herewith.

1s/ N. W. HIND. SMITH

Major, R.A.,
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

15 April, 1946.

APR 19 1946

Ref. : PR/CLO/100
Subject : Request for authority to pay auto repair bill
of 58,421.10 lire.
To : Executive Commissioner, A.C., APO 394, US Army.

1. Authority is requested for paying a repair bill, cost of parts and labor, in the amount of 58,421.10 lire, for repairs made on a regularly requisitioned Alfa-Romeo, passenger automobile, in use at this Headquarters. (Alfa-Romeo - vettura - A.C., P73)

2. This vehicle was allotted to my use upon *1774* arrival here, but was not in good mechanical condition, and yet it is an auto worthy of repairs as it is by no means worn out or done for. The necessary repairs seem to be the result of fair wear and tear done in performance of official duties by officers previously on duty here.

John S. Arnold
JOHN S. ARNOLD
Colonel - Inf.
CLO/AC - Piemonte.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
FINANCE BRANCH
APO 394

12 Apr 46
APR 15 1946

Ref: 13075/F

SUBJECT: Approval of AMG/AC Expenditure.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

1. Enclosed are the following documents:-

- a. Payment voucher relating to the expenditure of 125,720 lire met by Col. W.R. Jordan, for repair of a truck.
- b. Copy message from AMG Piemonte Region to Alcom dated 2nd Sept 1945.
- c. Copy letter AC/53.2/LG dated 3rd Sept 1945 from Local Govt. Sub-Commission to Finance Sub-Commission.
- d. Copy letter 13079/F dated 6 Sept 1945 from Finance Sub-Commission to Local Govt. Sub-Commission.
- e. Copy letter AC/53.2/LG dated 20 Sept 1945 from Local Govt. Sub-Commission to HQ Piemonte Region.
- f. Copy of invoice from Bonfante, Torino, for 125,720 lire.

2. The expenditure appears to have been properly incurred, and has been forwarded to this HQ for approval in accordance with Change N°2 to Establishment Memorandum N°33 of 1944, Para 2 (e).

3. It would be appreciated if you would countersign the payment voucher as Authorizing Officer.

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TO : Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

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B.F.L. Timmons
 B.F.L. TIMMONS, Lt. Col.
 Director, Finance Branch
 Economic Section.

Copy to file: 20007/F/A

AJM/rs

Approved —

Form F.3/3 signed & returned. *16/4*

M.S. (with Binns)
A/Chief Commission

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OPEN by cutting Label instead of tea

T.G.P. W.C. 33567 10-43 (Labels)

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19 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Transatlantic Telephone Calls.

TO : Allied Commission
Chief Liaison Officer,
LOMBARDIA Liaison Group.

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1. A request has been made to this office by Capt. Clement C. Petrillo for the payment through AMG/AC funds of bills amounting to 7,500 Lire and 10,800 Lire in respect of two transatlantic telephone calls to Toscanini in NEW YORK. Your H/C/271 dated 10 April 46 refers.

2. Capt. Petrillo states in a letter to the Finance Sub-Commission, reference H/C/257 dated 15 March 46, that he was "Director, Officer Opera and Concerts, AMG MILAN" in August 1945, and as such made the telephone calls.

3. I know of no such appointment in AMG and I wish to be informed as to who created this appointment and for what purpose. The calls transgress the order for use of transatlantic telephones.

4. Please provide me with further details regarding this subject, and treat the matter as urgent.

15/ N.W. HIND SMITH
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Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

HQC/271

10 April 1946

APR 10 1946

SUBJECT : Transatlantic telephone calls

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner, Hq. Allied Commission,
APO 394

1. Request is made for approval of the enclosed bills.

2. The two enclosed bills are for transatlantic telephone calls made by the undersigned to Maestro Toscanini last August.

3. The a/m mentioned calls were of an official nature and had the approval of Col. Fiske and Col. Scudder prior to their being made.

FOR THE ACTING CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER:

Clement C. Petrillo
CLEMENT C. PETRILLO
Capt. NMB
Administrative Off.

- encl.
- 1) letter and bills from Italcable (letter dated 21 Jan 46),
 - 2) request for approval to Finance S/C, dated 15 Mar 46,
 - 3) reply from Lt.Col. Timmons, Dir. Finance Branch Economic Section, dated 18 Mar 46, **323**
 - 4) letter requesting endorsement to Col. Scudder, Communications Div., dated 23 Mar 46,
 - 5) Col. Scudder's endorsement, dated 27 Mar 46.

See her. ²²⁶ ~~225~~

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Ref: 4605/224/EO.

10 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Legal Sub-Commission.

221

Reference your memo AC/4046/L dated 2 April 46, addressed to HQ Commandant and passed to this office for action.

Approval is given for the payment of Lire 74,400 (Seventy four thousand, four hundred) to Professor Pasquale CHIMENTO for legal opinion rendered to your Sub-Commission during the period 17.Oct.45 to 16.Jan.46.

M. G. LUZZI

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

JG.

Copy to: HQ Commandant.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

AP/nda.

2 April 1946.

AC/4046/L.

SUBJECT : Request for authority.

TO : ~~Hq. Comdt. AC.~~
Executive Commissioner ↓

May authorization please be given for the payment of L. 74,400 (Seventy four thousand, four hundred) to Prof. Pasquale CHICENTI for legal opinion rendered to this Sub-Commission from 17 October 1945 to 16 January 1946. (Agreement of R.R. GRIFFS, Colonel, GSO Civ. Affairs Sec. A.C.C. Authority Minute 2. C.P.F. 5 Nov. Sheet 3625 refers).

Attached

G. G. Hannaford

G.G. HANNAFORD,
Lt.Col.,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

See m. 222. 223
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Approved,
DR Cuth,
Brigadier

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Ref: 4605/EC.

1 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Allied Financial Agency.

219

I refer to your 20042/F/A/8 dated 28 Mar 46.

Authority is given for approval of expenditure in this case and Form F/F 3, duly signed by the Executive Commissioner, is returned herewith.

N. W. FIND-SMITH

Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY
APO 394

28 Mar 46.

Tel: Dial 478456

MAR 29 1946

Ref: 20042/F/A/8

SUBJECT: Approval of Entertainment Expenditure.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

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1. There is attached a payment voucher for L. 5270 together with supporting invoice. There are also attached copy of this Agency's letter ref. 20042/F/A/6 dated 23 Mar 46 addressed to Chief Liaison Officer, Lombardia, and record of a telephone conversation Col. Hancock - Major Forster which took place on 27 Mar 46.

2. It would be appreciated if the Executive Commissioner could regularise this expenditure by signing the payment voucher.

F. B. Forster

F. B. FORSTER, Major R.A.
Assistant Chief of AFA.

FBE/rs

Attached.

Dr Col. Brindley
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[Signature]

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Ref: 4615/207/EO.

27 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditures.

TO : Finance Branch,
Economic Section.

217

Reference your 13075/F dated 22 Mar 46.

Approval for payment of this expenditure has been given by the Executive Commissioner and Form F-F3, duly signed, is returned herewith.

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Chief Staff Officer, 3223
to the Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
FINANCE BRANCH
APO 394

MAR 23 1946

Ref : 13075/F 22 Mar 46

SUBJECT : Approval of Entertainment Expenditure.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission.

1. There is attached a payment voucher for L. 8.822 in respect of entertainment expenditure incurred at Venice during the period when Lt Col McCleary was Provincial Commissioner of Venezia Province. (215)

2. Lt Col McCleary was requested to give further information on the expenditure; a copy of his letter in reply is attached to the payment voucher.

3. The voucher bears the signature of Brigadier Dunlop and quotes, erroneously, ACC Admin. Order N°2 of 1944 as authority. Letter 13075/5 issued to all Regions on 4 Feb 1945 by the Chief of Staff cancelled the authority of Regional Commissioners to authorise entertainment expenditure in excess of their monthly allowance.

4. It will be appreciated, should you decide to give your approval to the expenditure, if you will authorise the payment by signing the voucher.

When? / labelled at 204
M9/25/3

See 218
B.E.L. TIMMONS, Lt Col,
Director, Finance Branch
Economic Section 3228

Copy to: File 20025/F/A

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Approved & signed. M9/26/3

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
FINANCE BRANCH
APO 394

MAR 11 1946 216

13075/T

11 March 1946

SUBJECT: Entertainment expenses.

TO : Lt. Col. McCleary
S.O. to Executive Commissioner
H.Q. Allied Commission.

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May a reply now be given to this office letter of even reference, dated 4 February 1946, on the above subject.

Jas. Guerin
Capt. RA.
for Director, Finance Branch,
Economic Section.

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Copy to file 20025/F/A.

*Reply made at 204.
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Ref: 4605/201/EO.

15 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenses.

TO : Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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Reference your 13075/F dated 4 February 1946.

1. To the best of my recollection, expenditure was incurred for Italian officials, i.e. The Prefect, Sindaco, etc., and in this connection I might add the then Prime Minister, Sgr. Ivanoe Bonomi, visited VENICE on one occasion and was suitably entertained.
2. I regret that after this lapse of time it is difficult to give detailed particulars.
3. The delay in replying to your memo is regretted, but I have only just returned from leave in U.K.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 4605 EC. ✓

13. March 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Allied Financial Agency.
Attn: Major Foster.

Confirming conversation (Brigadier Lush - Major Foster).

Brigadier Carr has full authority to sign approval for payments arising out of claims in AMG and AC matters.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
FINANCE BRANCH
APO 394

Ref: 13075/F 5 March 1946
SUBJECT : Approval of AMG/AC Expenditure.
TO : Executive Commissioner
HQ Allied Commission.

MAR 5 1946

1. Enclosed are payment voucher and account for L. 189.753 relating to purchase of fuel heating of AC/AMG offices at Bolzano.
2. The expenditure appears to have been properly incurred and has been forwarded to this HQ for approval prior to payment in accordance with Change No 2 to Establishment Memorandum 33 of 1944.
3. It would be appreciated if you could sign the payment voucher as Authorising Officer.

Returned
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[Signature]
B.E.L. TIMMONS, Lt.Col. *LT. Col.*
Director, Finance Branch
Economic Section

Copy to file 20059/F/A

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Approved *6/3*

PA *6/3*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE OFFICE (US)
APO #394

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27 February 1946

SUBJECT: Travel Subsistence Allowance for Civilians Employed
by the Allied Forces

TO : Commanding General, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. Reference Section II Administrative Memorandum #17, AFHQ,
dated 23 March 1945.

2. On 14 January 1946 Dr. E.W. Rembert, American civilian FEA
of Industry and Utilities Sub-Commission, proceeded to Milan, Turin,
Aosta, and Venice Italy. Meter transportation was authorized as it
was uneconomical to use other means of transportation. Antonio
Zecchi, Italian civilian, employed by the Allied Commission was the
driver.

3. The expenses of Zecchi over a ten (10) day period was 5405
lire but his travel allowance was 1680 lire thus leaving a deficit of
3725 lire to Zecchi. The average cost per day was 540 lire; 150 lire
for lodging and 390 lire for meals. Reimbursement was 175 lire per day
in accordance with Section II Administrative Memorandum #17.

4. On the basis of the above average daily costs to a civilian
employee, request Section II Administrative Memorandum #17, AFHQ, dated
23 March 1945 be amended to provide adequate compensation for a civilian
employee while traveling on duty.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

CMP

C.M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Executive Officer (US)

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13075/F

14 February 1946

SUBJECT : Entertainment Expenses.

TO : S.C.A.O., AMG Venezia Giulia
 Provincial Commissioner, AMG Udine Province
 HQ Naples Liaison Group, AC
 " Livorno " " "
 " Bologna " " "
 " Liguria " " "
 " Piemonte " " "
 " Lombardia " " "
 " Bolzano " " "
 " Venezia " " "
 " Sicily " " "
 " Bari " " "

1. Letter No. 13075/F of 4 February, 1945, entitled "Entertainment allowance for Regional Commissioners, etc." is hereby revoked.
2. The SCAO Venezia Giulia AMG, the Provincial Commissioner, AMG Udine Province, and all Chief Liaison Officers are hereby granted an entertainment allowance of 3,000 lire per month as from 1 January, 1946. This allowance will be drawn each month by the officer concerned from his HQ Sub-Accountant, who will charge it to "Entertainment allowance drawn by for month of as authorized by the Chief Commissioner".
3. In the event of any addressee of this letter having expense in connection with entertainments of an exceptional nature, he may apply for a special refund of such expenditure; such application is to be made to the Executive Commissioner who will consider each case on its merits.

/s/

M.S. LUSH,
 Brigadier,
 Acting Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB COMMISSION

11 February 1946

13075/F

SUBJECT : Payment of Travel Expenses.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. Reference your attached query.

2. It is my impression that the Establishment Section has raised this question several times in the past. I agree with Lt. Col. Graham's statement that the payment of an additional travel allowance in the present case would contravene AFHQ instructions. It would therefore appear desirable for the Establishment Section to put up a case for increased travel allowances to AFHQ, pointing out the special circumstances of much AC/AMG travel.

[Signature]
Director, *et. al.*
Finance Sub Commission.

Encl.

Ex Comi meeting
[Signature]

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Finance Sub-Com.

Will you please let
the Acting Chief Commissioner
have your comments on the
attached request for approval
of expenditure.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT

APO 394

FEB 8 1946

HQCI 9/1

7 February 1946

SUBJECT: Payment of Travel Expenses.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

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FEB 8 1946

The attached letter ES.137, dated 4 Feb 46, has been received direct from Economic Section, and is therefore forwarded for your consideration.

There have been several enquiries of this nature but none of the claims take into account the saving in expense in the claimant's own home, while he is away.

A payment of this nature would contravene Sect. II AFHQ Adm. Memo. No. 17, dated 23 March 1945.

A.G. Graham Lt.Col.
A.G. GRAHAM, M.C.
Hq. Commandant.

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For comment
M. S. L.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT
APO 394

FFR 8 1946

HQCI 9/1

SUBJECT: Payment of Travel Expenses.
TO : Executive Commissioner.

7 February 1946

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A.G. Graham Lt.Col.
A.G. GRAHAM, M.C.
Hq. Commandant.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref: ES/1.37

4 February 1946

SUBJECT: Payment of Travel Expenses

TO : Headquarters Commandant

THRU : Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION	
APO 394	

1. On 14 January 1946, Dr. E. W. Rembert, American civilian, FEA, of Industry & Utilities Sub-Commission, proceeded under my instructions to Milan, Turin, Aosta and Venice, Italy. The trip required eleven (11) days. Travel by military motor transport was authorized and Antonio Zocchi, Italian civilian, attached to Super Garage, A.C., was ordered to accompany Dr. Rembert as driver.

2. The expenses incurred by Zocchi in that period, food and lodging, amounted to 5,405 lire, but the travel allowance paid to him amounted to only 1,680 lire. This left a deficit of 3,725 lire that had to be paid by Antonio Zocchi out of his own personal funds.

3. It is, therefore, requested that Antonio Zocchi be reimbursed in the amount of 3,725 lire to cover the expenses incurred by him, and paid by him while on official duty for the Economic Section, Allied Commission.

4. It is hoped that early and favorable consideration will be given this matter.

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

See 203

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Costo spese di moro dall' 15.1.45 al 26.1.45

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21.1.45	125	420	
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1500

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Focchi Antonio

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Ref: 4615/NO. ✓

11. February 1946.

SUBJECT: Approval of Expenditure.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

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I refer to your memoranda 13075/F of 2nd and 7th February 1946.

1. A strong disciplinary letter should be sent to Major KITSON HARRIS regarding his action in authorising payment of musicians for the AMG NOVARA Mess. The amount authorised by Major KITSON HARRIS should be recovered from him.

2. As the remainder of the officers concerned are no longer in this theatre, authority is given for the amounts authorised by them to be written off.

M. S. LISH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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