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ENTERTAINMENT ALLOWANCES  
JAN. 1945 - JAN. 1946

81.

Ex. Com.

Folio 80 - rim 82 - leave your own special instructions? If not I propose that Co. Belloc be instructed to apply under the ad hoc reimbursement procedure.

T-110 - 30/11

84  
I agree. 11/1/11

86  
Clerk 75 submitted 1st signature - Finance S/C ask for this method. Their 92 refers. 11/1/11.

88

Ex. Com.  
880. Folio 87 submitted for approval. 11/1/11  
Approved forwarded to F/S/C. 11/1/11

92

Ex. Com.  
880. Folio 90 + 91 submitted for approval. 11/1/11  
T-110 - 20/12

3953

108

Ex. Com.

173  
T-100 - 30/11  
84  
I agree. NR 1/12/11  
86  
Oleg 85 submitted for signature - Finance S/C  
ask for this method. Their 82 refers.  
13/11 4/12

88  
C-x. Com.  
CSO. Files 87 submitted for approval. SPH 7/12/10  
Approval forwarded to F/S/C.  
SPH 10/12/10  
T-100 - 8/12

92  
C-x. Com.  
CSO. Files 90 + 91 submitted for approval. SPH 2/12/10  
T-100  
20/12  
3952

103  
C-x. Com.  
CSO. Files 92 + 93 submitted for approval. SPH 2/12/10  
T-100  
28/12

96  
C-x. Com.  
Files 94 + 95 submitted for  
approval please.  
Approved BY 31/12/10 F/S. 21/12

FILE  
25/12

74

Ex Com. Ref. 70.72, bill for entertainment exp.  
 per (2800 lire) from Gen. Browning, Your  
 approved <sup>requested by</sup> him. All fol. 13 Dec 75  
 Emed 2/11 209

81.

CFA  
 ref 80 - May I have your comments

HM  
 30/11

82

To: CSO To Executive Commissioner  
 1. Ref 80 raises a problem which is not  
 primarily financial. Finance S/C will  
 pay those entertainment expenses approved by  
 E.C. or C.C. If, however, PRO personnel  
 are to receive entertainment allowances,  
 we may expect similar requests from  
 Provincial Commissioners. If P.S. Col.  
 Bullard can prepare and justify his  
 entertainment expenses since May, 1945,  
 and if such statement is approved by  
 the Executive Commissioner, it can  
 be paid. I would not favor an  
 allowance, as distinguished from ad hoc  
 reimbursement, for P.R.O. personnel,  
 either retroactively or in the future.  
 PRO, Venezia Giulia, may apply under  
 the ad hoc reimbursement procedure.

30 Nov. 1945

Finance Sub-Commission

PHZ  
 Acting Director P.S. Col.

Ex. Com.

55.

Recommend approval ref

54. Si 24/9

Approved

78/25/5 - (See 56)

61.

Ex. Commission

Please see 60, and attachments. This seems a reasonable request. a appl. is recommended.

60 9/10. 4/10.

Approved MCL

66.

Ex. Com.

Please see 64 & 65. This seems reasonable.

Appol. recommended. 60 13/10.

4/10.

Approved. 60/10/10

Ex. Com.

70.

Ex. Com.

3953

Please see 62. This is a reasonable party to Ref.

178/25/5 - (See 56)

61.

Ex. Commission

Please see b2, and attachments. This seems a reasonable request. a appol. is recommended.

b2 9/10. ~~10/10.~~

Approved M/C

Ex. Com.

b6.

Please see b4 &amp; b5. This seems reasonable.

Appol. recommended. b2 10/10.

~~10/10.~~

21

Approved M/C

Ex. Com.

70.

Please see b2. This is a farewell party for Ray. 3952

Rafferty - Smith Joint Director Finance S/C.

b2 15/10.

~~16/10.~~

Approved 18/10.

1582

Miss Sampson - Does not. The request in fol 120  
to require documentation on at least ex-  
planation See fol. 52

Encl 11

Ex Com  
~~P.S.O.~~

H.

Please see 39 & Finance Sub Com's comments at 40.  
Letter of approval drafted for signature at 42.

8 Sep 75-

10/4.

Part 10/4

A. Pasby  
Sen. Pres

47.

Ex Com-

Ref 48 document approved.

Si 14/5

~~C.F.A.~~

(48)

The consumption of 201 bottles of wine

<sup>44</sup> Some of which was Vermont at 340 seems

to be excessive. I realize the urgency of clearing

such cases before A76 passes but I should

3351

like to know the number of guests.

SS 10/7

281

47.

ExCm.

Ref 46 Demand approved.

21/14/5

C.F.A.

(48)

The consumption of 201 bottles of wine

44  
Some of which was Vermouth at £340 seems

- Fine excessive. I realize the urgency of clearing

Such a/c's before A77G passes but I should

3951

like to know the number of guests.

1/11/10/5

(50)

To: Office of Ex. Commissioner

We have despatched letter at

(49) To RFO Venzuela Region on

a receipt of amount 48.

By Finance

Finance 16/10

17/9/45

11/10/5

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37.

A/Executive Commissioner

Letter at 36 is submitted for your signature.  
Minutes 4,586 of 49/1st refer.

J. H.

18/iii/45.

20/8 signed. 2

17/2/1

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Finance Sub. Commission

folio 32, 33 & 34

35

your attention & recommendations please.

Re: Hewitt RA.

37

A/Executive Commissioner.

Letter at 36 is submitted for your signature.

18 Aug. 45.

J. C. A.  
J.C.A.

27

Ex-Officio

At Sec 26 that answer  
the point on Pelti raised  
at the Res meeting.

I agree

MS/11

Si 30/1

Si 2/17

30.

Executive Organization

Notes 28, 29, 30

In your agreement, please.

10/7.

250

3943

30

Man: Tamm.

14/1/1945

at the Res meeting.

I agree  
MSB  
Si 30/1  
Si 2/1

30.

Executive Agreement  
Fotis 28, 29, 30  
in your agreement, please.

10/7.  
Don 3943

30.

Man: Tamm.  
M write letter to Fiamer  
Saying: We we approve 29  
with sign to Leland.  
Don 10/7  
Si 10/7

19.

Chief Financial Adviser.

I have arranged with Major General Browning that he should put in a certificate of expenditure at the end of each month in order to draw his entertainment allowance in the same way as Brigadier Upjohn. Would you please signify financial approval.

2. May. 45.

*M. G. L.*  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

20.Ex. Comm.

Approved. May I suggest that these certificates - approved by you in principle for Brig Upjohn and Major General Browning - can be approved by me rather than coming to you monthly. I will not permit me agreed figures to be exceeded.

3<sup>rd</sup> May 1945

*as necessary may  
J. C. P.A.*

Chief Financial Adviser.

A.G.S. 3/5/45

I am instructed by the Executive Commissioner to say that he entirely agrees with your minute 20 above.

3.5.45.

P. H. G. Russell

BA TO EX. COM.

24Ex. Com

Re Folio 23 - Finance S/C requests your approval on the payment of special entertainment expense incurred by the SCAO - AMC 5th A. (Folio 22)

3843

*3/5 P.A. J.*

Ex. Comm.

Approved. May I suggest that these certificates - approved by you in principle for Brig Upjohn and Major General Browning - can be approved by me rather than coming to you weekly. I will not permit the agreed figures to be exceeded.

3<sup>rd</sup> May 1948

*as heretofore*  
J. C. P. D.

Chief Financial Adviser.

A. S. 3/5/48

I am instructed by the Executive Commissioner to say that he entirely agrees with your minute 20 above.

5.5.48.

P. H. G. Russell  
PA TO EX. COM.

24

Ex. Com

Re folio 23 - Finance S/C requests your approval on the payment of special entertainment expense incurred by the SCAO - AMG Sth A. (folio 22) Brig Grafton-Smith recommends your favorable action.

*Feb 11 May*

CSO.

11.

Finance Subcommittee will draft a procedure to regularize expenditures under this account.

27/3/45

N. E. F.

A/Ex. Com

14

To see folio 13. *Per 3 Apr.*  
4/4 CSO. Please inform Gen. Browning. 7

GOC - Land Forces S/C  
(MMA)

15

To see FF 3 folio 13. *Per Stearns*  
5th Apr. (SEE FOLIO 15) *Maj AGD*

Finance S/C

(Brig. Giffley-Smith)

Re folio 13, will you please consider?

18th Apr.

*Per Stearns*  
*Maj*

17.

Exec. Comm.

To see folio 13. <sup>3 Apr</sup> 4/4 CW. Please inform Gen Branning. 7

GOC - Land Forces S/C  
(MMA)

15

To see FF 3 folio 13. <sup>15 Apr</sup> 5th Apr. (SEE FOLIO 15) <sup>15 Apr</sup> P.M. Stearns  
Maj AGD

16

Finance S/C  
(Brig. Grafton-Smith)

Re folio 13, will you please consider P

18th Apr.

<sup>18 Apr</sup> P.M. Stearns  
Maj

17.

~~C~~ Exec. Comm.

The Exec. Comm. did not approve of any ~~the~~ officers other than those specified in ⑧ receiving a fixed monthly allowance, and preferred that those officers such as V.P.'s should remain specific reimbursement. I recommend that this decision should await reconsideration by the Exec. Comm. on his return. Meanwhile I agree with my Joint Director's recommendation in ⑬③.

19. IV. 45 C.F.A. 6 spec. 775/26/4 <sup>19 Apr</sup> 20 Apr.

*Waggon*

(3)

Chief Commissioner.

Ref. Folio 2.

I have a good deal of experience in this subject and  
I recommend the following:

Regional Commissioners  
SCAO's Armies  
D.C.C.A.O.

} L.5000 per month

DCsOS, Sections

- Nil.

27.Jan.45

*M.S.L.*  
Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

c.c. 244  
JAN 28 1945

COS

Approved

*DWS*  
CC

29  
1

CFA

*DDV* 30/1/45

Seen By Col CRANKER SMITH  
30/1

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 4615/99/EC.

9 January 1946.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenses.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

98

1. Reference your 13075/P dated 7 January 46 enclosing application for reimbursement of entertainment expenses incurred by the Provincial Commissioner, Venice.
2. The reimbursement of the sum of L.2.435 is approved.

*T. nu*

Lt. Colonel,  
Acting Executive Commissioner.

FILE  
CLOSED

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10/1  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
FINANCE SUB COMMISSION

7 January 1946

13075/f

SUBJECT : Entertainment Expenses.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

JAN 7 1946

1. Attached herewith is application for reimbursement of entertainment expenses incurred by the Provincial Commissioner, Venice.

2. Will you please indicate if such reimbursement is approved.

*B. H. Simon*  
Deputy Director *H. C. L.*  
Finance Sub Commission

See F. 99

Encl.

*Cpl. H.* *Reply appog. Prepare for my sign*

*as Adj. Ex. Comm.*

*H. C. L.*  
*a/i*

3942

*(H. H.)*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: ES/137

22 December 1945  
DEC 31 1945

SUBJECT: Official Entertainment

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Authority is requested to charge to the official entertainment accounts of the Allied Commission the bills listed below:

|                                                                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| November 4 - Tea for 5 guests                                                                | L. 520 |
| " 5 - Antipasti, wines and pasta<br>side dishes for 14 guests<br>and Grand Hotel mess charge | 9990   |
| " 6 - Wines and canapes for<br>approximately 30 guests                                       | 2540   |

2. The bill of 4 November was incurred while discussing the 1946 import program with the Chief of UNRRA Mission, Rome, and his aides.

3. The bill of 5 November was incurred in entertaining at dinner the members of the American Chamber of Commerce for Italy. On the following evening, I entertained the Interministerial Committee for Reconstruction. The purpose of both meetings was to discuss the plans and procedures for reactivating private trade by and with Italy.

4. I would appreciate it if you would indicate your approval of this expenditure.

signed: Harlan Cleveland  
HARLAN CLEVELAND  
Acting Vice President

Approved. M.S. Lush, Brigadier.

29/XII/45.

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(MAJ H) 5/1/46

PX  
3/1  
BB



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
FINANCE SUB COMMISSION

13075/P

21 December 1945

SUBJECT : Reimbursement for Entertainment  
Expenses.

DEC 21 1945

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1. Attached is request from Director, Land Forces  
Sub Commission for reimbursement of entertainment ex-  
penses.

2. Please indicate if this request is approved.

*Bel Simmons*  
Deputy Director Lt. Col.  
Finance Sub Commission

Encl.

*Approved 3/12*  
*L.B.*

See M.92

*(MAY H)*  
*24/12*

3841

*A*  
*24/13*

*4615*  
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT  
APO 394

HQC

20 December 1945

SUBJECT: Authorization of Entertainment Expenses. DEC 21 1945  
TO : Executive Commissioner.

Lt. Col. Bullock.

Reference the attached documents and receipt  
from Lt. Col. Bullock for 93.600 Lire. May the two copies  
of F/F 3 please be signed as authorized.

*Signed and  
returned  
21/12*

*B*

*(Maj H)*

*See 90-92*  
*M.H. Brown* Captain  
M.H. BROWN  
Paying Officer

*3943*  
*PA*  
*21/12*  
*B*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Office of the Executive Commissioner

~~91~~ (90)

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D.P.R.

C.F.A.

There is a good deal to be said for  
reimbursement of the P.R.Os out of pocket  
expenses. But I should like to have  
your opinions on the attached claim  
put in by Lt Col Bullock.

M.S.L.

19/xii/45

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To: Brigadier Lush - has no objection, providing Col.  
Bullock submits signed statement which affirms that  
money claimed was expended for legitimate entertainment,  
and such statement is approved by you, as per  
usual procedure. R.H. Mansfield, Col.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 4615/MC

// December 1945

SUBJECT: Reimbursement for Expenses

TO : Finance Sub-Commission

1. The attached approval for expenditure of L. 5,200 is forwarded for necessary action.

S. M. S. P. H. 10. AES  
Brigadier  
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

13075/F

5 December 1945

DEC 6 1945

SUBJECT: Reimbursement for Entertainment Expenses.

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. I attach hereto a request for the reimbursement of certain entertainment expenses to Director, Land Forces Sub-Commission.

2. Please indicate if such reimbursement is approved, returning the attached letter with your reply, please.

*Brewster*  
Acting Director  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION *Jr. Col.*

Incl: 1

*Approved.*

*Mr. [unclear] Brindley*

*7/1/45*

*Executive Commissioner - AC*

*88.  
89*

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*(1000 H) 5/1/45*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 4615/85/EC

December 1945.

SUBJECT: Expenses Allowance DDER (Field)

TO : Public Relations Section - AMB XIII Corps.

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1. Reference your LTB (R63) 4 of 29 October 1945.
2. You are referred to Establishment Section memorandum No. 17 of 18 September 1945, para 4 (a), in which it is laid down that all statements of expenditure of AQ/AMB funds will be submitted in detail for approval by the Chief Commissioner or Executive Commissioner, and then to the appropriate sub-accountant at HQ or in the region concerned for payment.
3. If you can prepare a statement of your entertainment expenses since May 1945 and forward it to this headquarters it will be submitted for the approval of the Chief Commissioner.

For the Chief Commissioner:

C. R. BRAYBROOKE

Chief Staff Officer,  
To Executive Commissioner.

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PA 5/12

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
XIII CORPS  
Public Relations Section

PRB/R63/4

29 October 1945

SUBJECT : Expense Allowance DDPR (Field).

NOV 29 1945

TO : Director PRB, HQ AC.

1. This letter follows a conversation between the Executive Commissioner and the undersigned.

2. Since early in May 1944, when I moved forward from HQ ACC in NAPLES, first to AMG Eighth Army, then to FLORENCE and later to 15th Army Group and finally to MILAN and TRIESTE, all expenses incidental to many thousands of miles of travel and much entertainment of correspondents and news sources have been met by me out of pay and allowances.

3. No provision ever having been made until recently for expense allowances for public relations personnel of the Commission I have never until now submitted a claim. I learned recently, however, that Provincial Commissioners were entitled to entertainment allowances of 5,000 lire a month, it seems reasonable and fair to request some relief from the heavy expenses I have carried all these months, especially as I have never had any of the facilities for entertainment which Provincial Commissioners enjoy in their Prefetture.

4. An entertainment fund of 3,500 lire a month was authorized in August for Capt ELLISON, PRO of VENEZIA GIULIA, and I have left it to him intact because his essential expenses locally have exceeded that amount for several months past.

5. The request is now made that an allowance of 6,000 lire a month, retroactive to May 1945, be made to me to cover only a proportion of average entertainment expenditures over that period. My bank statements will show that since I came to the CMP practically all my pay and allowances have been spent in meeting the lay-out incidental to my work. That the expenditures of most Provincial Commissioners are normally far less than those of an active public relations man in the field is, it seems to me, fairly obvious.

See M. 81, 82, 83

3835 784

7785

8/22/45  
5/11/45 (CSO)

(74)

6. It will be appreciated if you will take up this matter actively, and will also consider increasing the grant for public relations entertainment and travel outlays in VENEZIA GIULIA from 3,500 to 8,500 lire a month. The position of AMG PR personnel in this area is made more difficult by the fact that AIS do a considerable amount of fairly lavish entertaining, and both Capt ELLISON and I must compete to a certain extent if we are to keep up our end with the local press people and visiting correspondents.



T. L. BULLOCK  
Lt-Col, R 22e R  
DDPR (Field).

To EC.

Since Col Bullock seems to have been over this with you I find little to add. The principle seems to have been established (see H above). I have no reason to question the figures of Col Bullock's own expenses. As to G. however that depends a little on the future set-up. I am not quite sure why we should be rivals of AIS in entertaining the press.

oflgB, DPR

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Ref: 4615/EC.

5 Nov 1945.

SUBJECT: Entertainment expenses.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

77  
Infer to your letter 13075/F of 2 Nov 1945.

Payment of entertainment expenses amounting to L.15,000  
in respect of a dinner given for the British Ambassador by Regional  
Commissioner, Venetia Region, is approved.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
FINANCE SUB COMMISSION

13075/F

2 November 1945

NOV 3 1945

SUBJECT : Entertainment expenses.

TO : Executive Commissioner. ✓

1. Attached is request for approval of entertainment expenses from Venezia Region, representing a luncheon given for the British Ambassador.

2. May approval be given, please.

*R. A. Menapace*  
C. L.

Director,  
Finance Sub Commission.

*Aff. 10 Dec 45.*

*3/x1*

*AS*

*1st. Brigade*

*Executive Commission*

*See 78*

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HEADQUARTERS VENEZIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITAR Y GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

29 Oct 45

TO : Finance Sub Commission, HQ.AC.  
Attn. Director.

SUBJECT : Entertainment expenses.

FILE NO.: RXII/FI/381.

*returned to Finance S/C  
with file 7*

1. Enclosed find bill submitted by the Provincial Commissioner of Venezia for luncheon given to the British Ambassador Sir Noel Charles on 2 Sept 1945.

2. Among those present were all the important Italian officials of Venezia Province and high ranking Allied officers.

3. May we have your authorization for the payment of this bill.

ss/ E.O. Howell, Jr.,  
Col. Inf.  
Regional Finance Officer

Ref: 4615/75/EC.

3 Nov 1945.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenses.

TO : Finance Sub-Com.

I refer to your letter 13075/F dated 1 Nov 45.

Payment of entertainment expenses incurred by GOC, Land Forces S/C (MMA) during October (Lire 2,800) is approved.

M. S. 1945

Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
FINANCE SUB COMMISSION

13075/F

1 November 1945

SUBJECT : Entertainment Expenses.

NOV 1 1945

TO : Executive Commissioner. ✓

1. Attached is statement from Major-General Browning, Land Forces Sub Commission, requesting reimbursement for entertainment expenses.

2. Please indicate if such reimbursement is approved.

Affirmed.

MS

W.L. Bland

Executive Commissioner

2/20/45

BEY L  
Director, Lt. Col.  
Finance Sub Commission

Lu M. 74  
F. 75

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C O P Y

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Land Forces Sub Commission, AC,  
(M.M.I.A.)  
Rome.  
MA/1/60

31 October 1945

TO : Finance Sub Commission, A.C.

I hereby certify that I have spent the sum of  
L. 2.800 (two thousand eight hundred) on the entertainment  
of official guests during the month of October, and ask  
that this sum may be refunded to me.

sd/ L. Browning,  
Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

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Ref: 4615/70/80

18 October 1945

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenses

TO : Finance Sub-Commission

68

1. Reference your 13075/Y of 13 October 1945
2. Authority is hereby given for the repayment from AG/AMG funds of expenses incurred at the Grand Hotel on 9 October 1945.

B. SANDPSON

Chief Staff Officer  
To Executive Commissioner

PA 18/10

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 4615/69/EO

15 October 45

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenses -- Belluno

TO : Finance Subcommittee

1. Reference your 13075/F of 11 October 1945.

2. Approval is hereby given for the payment of the entertainment expenses mentioned therein.

  
Chief Staff Officer  
To Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

13075/F

13 October 1945

SUBJECT : Entertainment Expenses.

OCT 13 1945

TO : Executive Commissioner. ✓

1. May authority please be given for the repayment from AC/AMG funds of expenses incurred in connection with function at the Grand Hotel on 9 October 1945, as per attached Payment Voucher and bill attached thereto.

*R. H. Hunsaker*  
Col.

Director,  
Finance Sub-Commission.

Afford.

*W. L. H.*  
Brigade

16/X/45

*See 69 271*  
3922

*(Miss Sampson)*

4615-46  
65  
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
AFO 394  
FINANCE SUB COMMISSION

13075/P

11 October 1945

SUBJECT : Entertainment Expenditure -  
Belluno.

OCT 11 1945

TO : Executive Commissioner. ✓

64  
1. Attached for your consideration is a letter from  
the Regional Finance Officer, Venetia Region, enclosing a  
statement of entertainment expenses amounting to Lit. 8,158,  
expended by the Provincial Commissioner, Belluno Province,  
for an official reception. 63

2. . Please indicate if this expenditure is approved.

*Ref. J. L. Simon*  
Director,  
Finance Sub Commission

Approved.

*W. L. B. B. B.*  
Executive Commissioner

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(Miss Sparrow)

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HEADQUARTERS  
VENETIAN REGION  
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
ATO 394

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RXII/PI/381

8 October 1945

SUBJECT : Entertainment Expenditure -  
Belluno.

OCT 11 1945

TO : Finance Sub Commission,  
HQ. AC (Attn. Joint Director)

1. Reference Est Memo No. 17 dated 18 Sept 45, we enclose herewith statement for 8,158 Lire expended by the Provincial Commissioner, Belluno, for a reception given on 3 Oct to the Regional Commissioner and other guests, a list of which is also attached.

2. This seems a fair and reasonable expenditure and we ask your approval to pay the bill of 8,158 Lire as noted.

sd/ E.O. Howell, Jr.  
Col. Inf.  
Regional Finance Officer

See 65

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BELLUNO PROVINCE  
Venezia Region  
COMANDO MILITARE ALBERGO  
APG 394

RXII/BEL/T/279

4 October 1945

SUBJECT : Official reception.

10-10-1945

TO : Provincial Finance Officer

FROM : Mess Treasurer AMG Officers Mess - Belluno.

The following expenses were incurred on account of an Official Reception given on 3 Oct 45, by the Provincial Commissioner and Officers, AMG.

A list of guests invited is attached. I would be obliged if you would take the necessary steps to obtain authority from A.C. for the payment of these expenses out of A.C. funds.

|                           |           |             |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Orchestra                 | 3.000.-   |             |
| Vermouth                  | 2.125.-   | 8 1/2 x 250 |
| Stock Cognac              | 200.-     | 2 x 100     |
| Beer                      | 288.-     | 15 x 18     |
| White wine                | 240.-     | 8 x 30      |
| Red wine                  | 210       | 6 x 35      |
| Breakages                 | 545.-     |             |
| Anchovies                 | 400.-     | 1 Kg. x 400 |
| Extra assistants          | 900.-     | 9 x 100     |
| 1 bottle medicinal cognac | )         |             |
| 5 " Rentto "              | ) No cost |             |
| 2 " liqueur               | )         |             |
| Invitation Cards          | 250.-     | 100         |

8,158.-

See 65  
Mess 3922  
AMG Officers Mess  
Belluno Province

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 4615/62/MO

11 October 1945

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenses -- Udine Province

TO : Finance Subcommittee

1. I refer to your 13075/F of 8 October 1945.
2. Approval is hereby given for the payment of the bill incurred in the dinner given at Udine on 26 September 1945.

B. SAMPSON

Chief Staff Officer  
To Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
FINANCE SUB COMMISSION

13075/F

8 October 1945

SUBJECT : Entertainment Expenses  
Udine Province.

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TO : Executive Commissioner. ✓

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1. Attached is copy of letter from Regional Finance Officer, Venezia Region, requesting authority to pay certain entertainment expenses.

2. May permission be given, please?

*Mr. Frommel*

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Joint Director  
Finance Sub Commission

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(Miss. Erickson)

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HEADQUARTERS VENEZIE REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

RXII/FI/610

5 October 1945

SUBJECT : Entertainment Expenses  
Udine Province.

TO : Finance Sub Commission,  
HQ. AC.

Enclosed please find copy of letter from the  
Provincial Commissioner of Udine Province regarding a bill  
of 20.075 lire for entertaining certain high ranking Allied  
officers on 26 Sept. 45, and approved by the Regional Com-  
missioner.

This seems a reasonable and proper expenditure  
and for which we ask your approval.

Edmund O. Howell, Jr.  
Col. Inf.  
Regional Finance Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY  
GOVERNMENT  
UDINE PROVINCE

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SUBJECT : Entertainment Expenses

UDI/PC/52

TO : HQ. Venezia Region  
(For Finance Officer)

1.10.1945

Authority is requested please, for entertaining expenses in connection with a guest night given at this HQ. on 26 Sept. 1945 at which the following were present

G.O.C. 13 Corps  
Commanding Gen. 34 U.S. Division  
Regional Commissioner Venezia Region  
S.C.A.O. A.M.G. 13 Corps  
The Captain, H.M.S. Arethusa  
A.O.C. DAF  
Commander Udine Sub Area  
Commander 26Armd. Brigade

with their principal Staff Officers and aides.

The dinner was attended by all C.A.O.'s and HQ. Officers of the Province and was intended to promote closer relationship and understanding between all branches of the Allied Services and Allied Military Government in Venezia Giulia and Udine.

The number of Officers attending the dinner was 48.

The evening was a great success and it is felt its objects were achieved.

The total cost which has been carefully checked is

Lit. 20.075.-

The Regional Commissioner suggested that application for the necessary authority should be addressed to ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup>

To save officers expenses I should be most grateful for your assistance.

sd/ H.W. Bright

Lt.Col.

Provincial Commissioner

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3 October 1945

SUBJECT: Official Entertainment Expenses.

TO : Major General L. BROWNING,  
Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your letter MA/1/60 of 1 October, 1945 requesting refund of your September 1945 entertainment expenditure amounting to Lire 2,200 (twenty-two hundred).

2. Refund of this sum is approved and you are requested to obtain payment from the HQ Commandant, to whom a copy of this letter is being sent.

/s/ M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to:

HQ Commandant  
Finance Sub-Commission.

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

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Ref: 4615/56/EO.

27 September 45.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenses - Trento Province.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission.

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Reference your 13075/P dated 24 September 45, approval is hereby given to the payment of the bill.

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Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Finance Sub-commission

Ref: 13075/P

24 September 1945

SEP 24 1945

SUBJECT: Entertainment expenses - Trento Province.

TO: Executive Commissioner ✓

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1. Reference our 13075/P of 17 September 1945 to Regional Finance Officer, Venetian Region, copy to you.
2. Enclosed please find answer we received today from Col. Howell.
3. In view of the fact that about 500 guests attended the dinner, have we your authority to pay the bill?

*A.P. Grassley*

Brig.

Joint Director  
Finance Sub-Commission

Payment Approved

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Brigadier  
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS  
VENEZUELA REGION  
Allied Military Government  
APO 394

To: Finance Sub-commission  
H.Q. A.C. (Attn: Joint Director)  
APO 394

20 September 1945

SUBJECT: Entertainment expenses - Trento

FILE No: PX11/FL/380

1. Acknowledgment is made of your letter of 17 Sept 45 in reply to our letter of 9 August 45.
2. Failing to get any reply to our first letter of 9 Aug and to our second letter of 8 Sept on the same subject and being pressed for a decision on the payment of this bill, we were able to persuade the Regional Commissioner of Venezuela Region to approve the bill which I believe he has the authority to do so even though contracted for the S.C.A.O. of 5th Army AG.
3. In passing, and in reply to your long overdue letter, we would advise that some 500 officials, partisans, prominent citizens and what-not were collected at the gathering organized by the well trained publicity staff of the 5th Army A.M.C.
4. In view of the fact that we came into the picture as the "cleaners up" and further that your reply was delayed until after the 5th Army A.M.C. has folded up its tent and departed, we can see no other way but you to join us in swallowing a bitter pill, and saying "what 'ell".
5. So, please present our compliments to the Executive Commissioner regretting that "we have left undone the things we should have done, and done the things we should not have done, and there is no help in us" and pray for our forgiveness.

(sgd) EDWARD C. HOWELL, Jr.,  
Col. Inf.,  
Regional Finance Officer.

FILE No: EX11/ET/330

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

1. Acknowledgment is made of your letter of 17 Sept 45 in reply to our letter of 9 August 45.
2. Failing to get any reply to our first letter of 9 Aug and to our second letter of 8 Sept on the same subject and being pressed for a decision on the payment of this bill, we were able to persuade the Regional Commissioner of Venetia Region to approve the bill which I believe he has the authority to do even though contracted for the S.C.A.C. of 5th Army AMG.
3. In passing, and in reply to your long overdue letter, we would advise that some 500 officials, partisans, prominent citizens and what-not were collected at the gathering organized by the well trained publicity staff of the 5th Army A.M.C.
4. In view of the fact that we came into the picture as the "cleaners up" and further that your reply was delayed until after the 5th Army A.M.C. has folded up its tent and departed, we can see no other way but you to join us in swallowing a bitter pill, and saying "what 'ell".
5. So, please present our compliments to the Executive Commissioner regretting that "we have left undone the things we should have done, and done the things we should not have done, and there is no help in us" and pray for our forgiveness.

(sgd) EDWARD O. HOWELL, Jr.,  
Col. Inf.,  
Regional Finance Officer.

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~~RESTRICTED~~HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

18 September 1945

ESTABLISHMENT MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER

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ENTERTAINMENT EXPENDITURE

1. Paragraph 4 of Administrative Order No. 2, dated 27 January 1944, is hereby revoked and the following paragraph is substituted therefor:

"4. (a) All statements of expenditure of AC/AMC funds for the purpose of official entertainment will be submitted in detail, with supporting vouchers approved by the Chief Commissioner or the Executive Commissioner, to the appropriate Sub-accountant (at Hq or in the Region concerned), for payment.

(b) It will be realized that the term "official entertainment" covers only necessary entertaining of important Allied personages and comparable Italian officials. Each statement and supporting vouchers submitted for approval in accordance with sub-para (a) above will include a justification for the entertainment. No hesitation will be shown in disapproving entertainment claims which are not considered both necessary and official."

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

C. M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Actg Vice President

OFFICIAL:

J. L. JONES  
Colonel,  
Executive Officer (B)DISTRIBUTION:

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EXTRACT from Administrative Order No. 2, Hq, Allied Control Commission, 27 January 1944, subject "Orders Regarding the Expenditure of Public Funds by AMG-ACC Officers," classified "Restricted."

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4. Entertainment Allowance

a. It is not proposed to authorize any fixed scale of entertainment allowance, but it is recognized that occasions may arise where Officers will be out-of-pocket through having to entertain visiting Officers, distinguished personages, or Italian Officials. In such cases, claims for expenses necessarily incurred will be submitted, with full details, and where applicable supporting vouchers, to Regional Army AMG or this Headquarters for sanction, and if approved, payment.

b. This paragraph is not intended to apply to private or unnecessary entertaining, nor is it applicable to Senior Officers in receipt of Table Money (British) or entertainment allowance (American). All claims will be closely scrutinized by Sanctioning Officers.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Finance Sub-commission

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Ref: 13075/F

17 September 1945

SUBJECT: Entertainment expenses - Trento province

TO: Regional Finance Officer,  
Venezia Region.

1. Reference your RX11/FI/380 of 9 August 1945, enclosing letter from the Provincial Commissioner Trento Province regarding the expenditure of 50,000 lire for the entertainment of Italian officials on 22 June 45.

2. Before payment of this bill is considered we would be glad to know exactly how many Italian officials and other guests there were at this dinner party.

(Signed) E. L. TIMMONS  
Major for

Joint Director  
Finance Sub-commission

Copy to: Executive Commissioner ✓

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Finance Sub-commission

Ref: 13075/F

14 September 1945

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SUBJECT: Entertainment Allowance

TO: Executive Commissioner ✓

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1. Attached for your consideration is a copy of a letter from the Regional Finance Officer, Venezia Region, requesting permission to pay a bill of 10,500 lire from A/C funds for the entertainment of certain Italian officials.

2. Could you please indicate your approval or otherwise.

*R. A. Thompson*  
Col.

Joint Director  
Finance Sub-commission

Attachments

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HEADQUARTERS  
VENETIAN REGION  
Allied Military Government  
APO 394

TO: Finance Sub-commission  
Mq. Ad. (Attn: Joint Director)  
APO 394

9 August 1945

SUBJECT: Entertainment expenses - Trento Province

FILE NO; RX11/PI/380

1. Enclosed find letter from the P.C. Trento Province regarding the expenditure of 50630 Lire for the entertainment of Italian officials and guest at the ceremony on the 22 June 45 when certificates of appointment were presented to the Prefect and Sindaco of Trento by Brig. Gen. E.E. Hume - G-5 5th Army.

2. We feel that this is a proper charge and that the Provincial Commissioner should not be burdened with the bills and we therefore request authority to pay the sum of 50630 lit as noted.

(sgd) Edmund O. Howell, Jr.,  
Col. Inf.  
Regional Finance Officer.

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CAFFE' RISTORANTE STAZIONE BRENNERO - TRENTO

ON.LE COMANDO ALLEATO

Trento

1 Luglio 1945

Per servizio rinfresco effettuato il 22.VI.45 nelle  
sale del Castello Buonconsiglio, in occasione dell'insediamento  
Autorità Italiana, composto di :

n. 107 bott? vini bianchi vecchi  
" 50 " vino Santo  
" 44 " vermut

Kg. 8 pasticceria

fiori e servizio personale

L. 50.300  
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Fattura Gardella Ristorante  
alla Stazione - Trento

data 1 luglio 1945 = importo L. 50.350

Additional expenditures

a) Fornitura Eller & Mosna - Trento      Importo L. 50.300

107 bottiglie vini bianchi vecchi a L. 60      6420

50      "      vino Santo      "      255      12750

b) Fornitura Garvella

44 bottiglie Vermuth da litro a L. 340      14960

8 Kg. pasticceria a L. 550      4400

c) Servizio

8 camerieri compreso il capo a L. 300      2400

facchini auto & ~~manca~~      1250

rotture e biancheria      1000

fiori ditta Detassil      850

Totale L.      44030.=

Utile 15%      6600

Importo fattura L.      50630.=

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Ref: 4615/42/EG.

Tel: 735

10 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenditure.

TO : Finance Sub-Commission (2).

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1. Reference your 13075/F dated 7 September 1945.
2. Authority is given for the payment from AG/AMG funds, of the bill for Lire 7,831, forwarded under cover of Venetia Region letter RMII/PI/381 dated 3 Sep 45.

M. S. L. V. E. M.

Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

APO 394

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Ref: 13075/F

7 September 1945

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenditure.

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

1. We enclose copy of letter RXII/FI/381 dated 3 September with enclosure, received from the Regional Finance Officer, Venetia Region, requesting permission to charge Lire 7,831 Entertainment Expenses to AMG/AC funds.
2. This is now submitted to you for your approval, or otherwise.

Joint Director,  
Finance Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTER  
VENEZIE REGION  
Allied Military Government  
APO 394

TO : Finance Sub-Commission  
HQ. AC. (Attn; Chief Accountant)  
APO 394

3 September 1945

SUBJECT : Entertainment Expenses

FILE No : RXII/FI/381

1. We are in receipt of a bill for 7831 Lire out of pocket expenses for entertaining the British Ambassador, his Aide, the Prefect of Padova, the Sindaco of Padova, the Rector of Padova University, President of C.I.N. and Commanding Generals of the both British and Italian forces stationed in Padova.

2. The expenses cover two dinners and other incidental expenses of the Ambassador while at Padova.

3. This item seems a fair and reasonable charge against A.M.C. funds and we ask your authority to pay the above bill.

EDMUND O. HOWELL. JR.  
Col. Inf.  
Regional Finance Officer

Encls - Itemized list of expenditure.

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Padova 2 September 1945

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## Expenditure List re: Dinners for British Ambassador

|                              |      |        |
|------------------------------|------|--------|
| 1/2 liter olive oil          | 31/8 | 400    |
| 1/2 Kg olives                | "    | 125    |
| 48 Eggs                      | "    | 960    |
| Fruit                        | "    | 452    |
| Menus                        | 1/9  | 250    |
| Fish                         | "    | 1250   |
| Fruit                        | "    | 303    |
| Ice                          | "    | 20     |
| 1/5 White wine               | "    | 30     |
| Mushrooms                    | "    | 400    |
| Salad                        | "    | 60     |
| Veal and chickens            | "    | 1541   |
| Table decorations            | "    | 1000   |
|                              |      | -----  |
| Fruit for the Ambassador 2/9 |      | 40     |
|                              |      | +----- |
|                              | Lire | 6831   |
|                              |      | -----  |
| Service                      |      | 1000   |
|                              |      | =====  |
|                              |      | 7831   |

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Ref: 4615/36/EO.

18 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Allowance for  
P.R.O., VENISIA GIULIA.

TO : S.C.A.O.,  
A.M.G., XIII Corps.

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1. Thank you for your 130/AMG/1/4/10 of 5 August 45.
2. Approval is hereby given for an entertainment allowance, limited to L.3,500 a month, being made available to P.R.O., VENISIA GIULIA. Payment will be made up to this amount on receipt of vouchers approved and signed by you.

(s) NORMAN E. FISKE

NORMAN E. FISKE,  
Colonel,  
Acting Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Establishment Section.  
FINANCE S.C.

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Ref: 4615/35/EO.

14 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Allowance for P.R.O. VENEZIA GIULIA.

TO : Establishment Section.

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I am directed to pass to you the attached letter from the S.O.A.O., VENEZIA GIULIA (130/AM/1/4/EO dated 5 Aug 45) with enclosure, and to request that you will investigate the matter and submit your recommendations to the Executive Commissioner.

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Chief Staff Officer,  
To the Executive Commissioner.

Encls.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
13 CORPS

13C/AMG/1/4/20.

5 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Financial Allowance for P.R.O.

TO : Executive Commissioner  
HQ Allied Commission

1. The attached letter from my Public Relations Officer was written on my initiative and at my request.

2. The public relations problem in this area, it will be appreciated, is much more critical than that elsewhere. In my own view, public relations constitutes about fifty per cent. of the job to be done, and I have been gratified for this reason to be supplied with a competent, professional officer and to receive, as I have, the hearty cooperation of a large, well organised P.W.B. (A.I.S.) staff.

3. It is apparent, however, that the position of the Public Relations Officer here, vis-a-vis a hundred odd military and civilian P.W.B. people, plus frequently descending hordes of Allied press representatives and the local press, is unusually difficult financially. I feel that any small amount which my P.R.O. may be required to spend here will be broad cast upon the waters, which will produce beneficial results for Great Britain, the United States, and our operation, even beyond the biblical rate of return. I therefore concur in his request for a financial allowance or provision for reimbursement for expenses.

4. Capt. Ellison is quite willing to sustain the burden of keeping a record of his expenditures, even though this may be a very great nuisance at times. It would obviously be preferable to give him an allowance similar to that granted to Regional Commissioners, but

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this is not of the essence. The main thing is, somehow to relieve the pocketbook of an impecunious British captain from a burden and drain far beyond that which an officer of his grade is normally expected to sustain.

5. I shall be grateful for your sympathetic consideration.

(signed) Alfred C. Bowman.

ALFRED C. BOWMAN  
Colonel, JAGD  
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

COPY (Original sent to Est Sec)

PERSONAL

MEMORANDUM

29 July 45.

TO: Colonel Alfred C. Bowman, S.C.A.O., AMG 13 Corps.

FROM: Capt. E. Ellison, Public Relations Officer, AMG 13 Corps.

It would be appreciated if my present position could be considered. My present duties as Public Relations Officer for this Headquarters tends to increase my expenses considerably. It is of some advantage to my activities that I should live in the Officers' Hotel, because it is in that Hotel that visiting correspondents stop. This increases my expenditure considerably. I also have a degree of entertaining to do and my attempts to create a friendliness between the Allied Military Government and local Italians and Slovenes also tends to increase my expenditure.

I would be grateful, therefore, if some method could be worked out whereby I could draw something in the nature of expenses to cover these extra and not inconsiderable sums of money which I am forced, by nature of my duties, to spend.

(signed) Edward Ellison.

Capt.

Public Relations Officer.

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Ref: 4615/31/EC.

10 July 45.

Subject: Entertainment Expenses - Col. BOWMAN.

To: Finance Sub-Commission.

Reference your 13075/F of 7 July, attaching a copy of a letter  
received from Col. Bowman. The recommendations in your letter are  
agreed and payment of the amount claimed by Col. Bowman is authorised.

E. Talbot

Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION  
APO 394

Ref: 13075/F

7 July 1945

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenses.

TO : Executive Commissioner,  
A.C. Allied Commission.

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1. I attach a copy of a letter received from Colonel Bowman, lately Regional Commissioner of Emilia Region in which he puts up a claim for "\$43.10" (Lire 4,310), for official entertainment expenditure on wines and liquors incurred by him.
2. A.C. Adm. Order N°2, para 4 of 27 January 1944 authorised A.C. Officers to put in claims for essential expenses of this nature. This particular claim falls within para 3 of our letter 13075/F dated 4 February 1945, issued over your signature to all Regional Commissioners, and we are prepared to recommend that you authorise the refund to Colonel Bowman of this special expenditure of Lire 4,310.
3. With regard to the sum of Lire 15,000 mentioned in para 1 of his letter, we may add that the Regional Commissioner Emilia Region has regularly drawn his allowance of 5,000 lire per month during the last few months.

for *[Signature]*  
Joint Director, Major  
Finance Sub-Commission.

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*[Signature]*  
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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

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3 July 1945

SUBJECT: Entertainment Expenses.

TO : Brigadier Grafftey Smith, Joint Director  
Finance Sub-Commission, Hq A.C.

1. Upon leaving this region I have been presented with a bill for mess charges aggregating about \$150.00, involving for the most part entertainment of visitors. I have settled all agreed items out of my own pocket, as augmented by my entertainment allowance, including one for \$43.10 which was the cost of wines and liquors involved in entertaining the Prefects of Emilia Region at lunch and dinner on June 2nd, and the Prefects and their SEPRAL officials on June 7, 1945.

2. Letter from the Regional Mess Officer, giving details, is attached.

3. This, it seemed to me, is a special item in the nature of a business expense of Allied Commission, for which it may be legitimate for me to seek special reimbursement.

4. I hereby make application for such reimbursement if it is in order.

ALFRED C. BOWMAN  
Colonel, JAGD  
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION.

13075/F.

26 June 1945.

JUN 29 1945

SUBJECT : Entertainment Allowance.

TO : Regional Commissioner,  
Hq., A.M.G. Lombardia Region.

1. While in sympathy with the general view expressed in your letter R/0215 of 22 June addressed to the Executive Officer, Hq Allied Commission, Finance Sub-Commission is not in agreement with the suggestion that all Provincial Commissioners should be granted a monthly entertainment allowance of 5,000 lire.

2. There are, in all, 47 Provincial Commissioners, many of whom have not been confronted with the problem current in your region. However, there is no intention of causing your Provincial Commissioners either to be placed in a position whereby they cannot return hospitality or to be out of pocket.

3. You are referred to Para. 4, Administrative Order No 2 of 27 January, 1944, whereby the procedure is laid down for claiming reimbursement for the type of expenditure to which your letter refers.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone.

(signed) ROBERT B. MENAPACE.  
Colonel.

Joint Director,  
Finance Sub-Commission

Copy to: Executive Commissioner  
Chief Accountant.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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4615/25/EO.

12th May 1945.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Allowance.  
TO: Joint Director (B), Finance Sub-Commission.

In reply to your memorandum, 13075/P. of 10th May, 1945,  
addressed to the Executive Commissioner, I am directed by him to  
inform you that payment of entertainment expenses incurred by the  
E.C.A.O., A.M.G., 5th Army at the Palazzo Carnevera Mess is approved.

P. V. G. R.

PA to Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

*Bill*

13075/F

10 May 1945

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SUBJECT : Entertainment Allowance.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

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1. I attach hereto a letter from the Senior Finance Officer, AMG 5th Army, requesting approval to the payment of certain entertainment expenses incurred by the SCAO, AMG 5th Army.
2. Col. Menapace, now Joint Director of this Sub-Commission, was SFO of AMG 5th Army at the time of the entertainment and I understand recommends payments of these bills. *I entirely concur.*
3. May authority be given?

(Signed) A.P. GRAFFTEY-SMITH  
Brigadier

Joint Director,  
Finance Sub-Commission.

BELT/msg

*Approved  
MS Lusk  
Brigadier & Com  
11/5/45.*

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CONFIDENTIAL

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Tel : 478730

5 April 1945

Ref: 4615/15/EC.

SUBJECT : Entertainment Expenses.

TO : GOC, Land Forces Sub-Commission (MFA)

Further to my letter 4615/12/EC of 27 March. I am now advised by Finance Sub-Commission that pending the issue of amended instructions on this subject, if you desire to claim for entertainment expenses, you should submit the claim to this office for authorisation, after which it can be paid by the HQ. Commandant.

(Sgl) Major L. W. STEARNS

NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel

Acting Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION  
TEL: 417/553

13075/F

2 April, 1945

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SUBJECT: Entertaining Expenses.

TO : Acting Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference your letter 4615/12/EC of 27 March, 1945 to Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA).

2. The regulations regarding entertaining expenses are covered in Administrative Order No. 2 of 27 January, 1944. I agree that the time has now arrived when this Administrative Order should be reconsidered. I should, however, like to postpone putting up a new draft until after the return of Brig. Grafftey-Smith (who is expected about 5 April) in order that I may discuss certain points with him.

3. In the meantime should the Director Land Forces Sub-Commission wish to claim for entertaining expenses he should submit such claim to you for authorization, after which it can be paid by the Headquarters Commandant.

*J. J. Fawcett*  
Joint Director,  
Finance Sub-Commission.

*See 15 & minute 16.*  
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NEF/mrd  
27 March 1945

Dear General Browning:

With reference to our conversation concerning entertainment allowance, the Finance Subcommittee is drafting a procedure to regularize expenditures on this account and to clarify the method of vouchering. No specific allowance is given to Vice Presidents. Reimbursement may be obtained on proper voucher from the Finance Subcommittee on the basis of procedure which they will set out and which I shall send you as soon as it is approved by the Chief Commissioner.

NORMAN E. FISKE  
NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel

Acting Executive Commissioner

Major-General L. Browning, CB, OBE, MC.,  
G.O.C.,  
Land Forces Sub-Commission (EDHA).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

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21 March 1945  
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SUBJECT : Entertainment Allowance.

TO : Acting Executive Commissioner.

1. I refer to 4605/EC of 19 March 1945, copy of which is attached hereto for your ready reference.

2. Pursuant to instructions from the Executive Commissioner, the Finance Sub-Commission prepared and issued letter 13075/F of 4 February 1945, on the subject of entertainment allowance. A copy is attached you will note that the only persons eligible to draw a fixed entertainment allowance are Regional Commissioners, SCAOs 5th and 8th Army AMG, and DCCAO, 15th Army Group.

3. You will further note that Brigadier Lush, in his memorandum, requests us to extend to GOC, Land Forces Sub-Commission, (MMIA), the same allowance as is granted to Vice-Presidents. Inasmuch as Vice-Presidents are entitled to no fixed allowance, this cannot be done. This matter is therefore referred back to you for further instructions.

4. Two courses are open:  
(a) Grant the 5,000 Lire per month to the Director, Land Forces Sub-Commission (this involves granting an allowance to an officer which neither Vice-Presidents nor other Directors will receive).  
(b) Allow the Director, Land Forces Sub-Commission to claim specific reimbursements of essential entertainment expenditure under para 2, AC Adm. Memo 3880 No 2 of 27 January 1944, without granting to him a fixed allowance.

5. Your instructions are awaited.

See M. 11 and 12.

J. J. Zamboni  
Joint Director  
Finance Sub-Commission

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Executive Commissioner.

Entertainment Allowance.

4605/EC.

Chief Financial Adviser.

19 March 1945.

Please make drawing of entertainment allowance now given  
to Vice Presidents applicable to GOC, Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)  
with effect from 1st January 1945.

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*See 11*

*MS Lush*  
Brigadier  
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Goc, Land Forces S/c (MMIA).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 478733

4 February 1945  
MAR 8 1945

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SUBJECT: Entertainment allowance for Regional Commissioners, etc.

TO : D.C.C.A.O., 15th Army Group  
S.C.A.O.s, 5th & 8th Army AG  
All Regional Commissioners.

1. It is appreciated that Regional Commissioners, S.C.A.O.s Armies and D.C.C.A.O. 15th Army Group by virtue of their position must frequently incur expenses in connection with entertaining officers passing through their Region, local functionaries and other visiting officials, governmental representatives, etc.

2. In the past, under AC Administrative Memorandum No. 2, para 4 of 27 January 1944, all AC Officers have been authorized to claim reimbursement of essential expenses of this nature. It has, however, now been decided that instead of reimbursing specific claims by Regional Commissioners, S.C.A.O.s Armies and D.C.C.A.O. 15th Army Group, they shall be granted as from 1 February 1945 an entertainment allowance of Lit. 5,000 per month. This allowance will be drawn each month by the Regional Commissioner, S.C.A.O. Army and D.C.C.A.O. 15th Army Group from his Headquarters Sub-Accountant who will charge it to "Entertainment allowance drawn by.....for month of.....as authorized by Chief Commissioner".

3. In the event of any Regional Commissioner, S.C.A.O. Army or D.C.C.A.O. 15th Army Group having to incur heavy expense in connection with entertainment of an exceptional nature, he may apply for a special refund of such expenditure; such application should be made to the Chief of Staff who will consider each case on its merits.

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By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

*W. M. Stone*  
Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff

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2 February 1945.

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SUBJECT: Entertainment Costs.

TO : Chief of Staff.

Brigadier Upjohn has passed to me a claim for expenses of entertainment incurred during the months from August 1944 to January 1945. No claim has been presented previously.

The amount claimed is 15,600 lire and I shall be grateful if you will authorize payment of this amount.

AFGS.

Colonel,  
Joint Director,  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION.

Claim approved and expenditure authorized

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Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

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18 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Entertainment Allowances.

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TO : Chief of Staff. ✓

During the last few weeks several high ranking officers in the Allied Commission have asked me whether arrangements can be made for them to receive a fixed monthly entertainment allowance in order to enable them properly to extend hospitality to visitors.

As an example I may quote the case of the Regional Commissioner of Southern Region. Naples is still the principal port of entry both by sea and air from which it results that very many visitors on arrival call on the Regional Commissioner. Like other British officers, Brigadier Dunlop is limited in the amount of his pay that he can draw; as you know all allowances are credited in the United Kingdom. Brigadier Dunlop realises that he is entitled to claim retrospectively under Special Account No.1 but would much prefer to receive a fixed allowance which would enable him to take certain measures to improve the entertainment which he can offer. It may be added that the assessment of the cost of individual meals in a private mess is hardly practicable.

The procedure on the granting of entertainment allowances in the British and American armies is so different that it is recommended that the Allied Commission steer clear of these channels and authorise entertainment allowances out of its own funds.

We discussed this subject previously and you will remember that we considered recommending that the amount should vary with the importance of the region e.g., at the moment Southern Region should receive more than Emilia. On the other hand it seems most invidious to attempt to estimate the different amounts required to be spent. I therefore propose that

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Regional Commissioners of all activated regions, DCOAO., AMG 15th Army Group and SCAO's 5th and 8th Armies should receive the sum of 5,000 lire per month for purposes of entertainment, starting from January 1945. It is recommended that as of the same date Deputy Chiefs of Staff should receive the sum of 7,000 lire per month.

In my opinion this expenditure, if approved, should be authorised by the Chief Commissioner as chargeable against Special Account No.1. It would not be necessary for him to authorise each month's payments separately. A general authorisation of the amounts to be paid would be sufficient.

*A.P. Graber Smith*

Colonel,  
Joint Director,  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION.

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