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FOOD, AC ITALIAN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
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TO: C.S.O.

The new official Food Scale for collective feeding agencies at p.18. Our civilian mess at AC Hq is drawing the 95 grams/day/person and they are paying 10 lire/meal and having 2 lire/day deducted from pay. This is working out quite well now.

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To C.S.O.

Sp. 24/3
Major.

AC Hq Adm. Memo #30 - see file 21 - increase, elements of midships
mess from 150 grams to 272 gr. - send 2 Heavy workers employed directly
& indirectly by Armed Forces. - It also estimates a midships mess of a stated
composition for office workers - employed directly & indirectly by the Armed Forces.
Procedure for supplementary rations for Heavy workers remains unchanged. PA

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To CPO.

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Major.

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CSO 5

To see Folio 4; — no record of action requested by CC in #74 having been taken. Folio 6 Jan.

My address: Ec. Sec should produce a draft for Cos signature with you please see him is sent down on 8 Jan. 7/11

CSO 6

Re Folio #4 folio 4, — per Maj Nash. — "Col Denmore and Col Legg have arranged with the Cos to handle this matter in another way." Folio 8 Jan. [This point might be raised at Cos meeting on Tuesday 9 Jan.]

Disturbed at Cos meeting 9/11.

9. 9/11

CSO: Col. Denmore spoke with COS on this matter (Folio 8) will be presented 9/11

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Col

Ref 8, note by Ec. Major Rively has made a very good summary of it and I assume you have agreed to drop this, for the present.

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Chief Commissioner.

The stack facts about mid day meal for set of five workers are set out on p. 11. Unless are transgress the regulations we can do nothing more. If we alter the regulations we commit ourselves to extra food for five workers which may run into thousands of tons. Col Legg is trying to find out the exact tonnage involved! In meantime I advise relying on the help of the

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Re Per FF4 folio 4, - per Maj Nash. - "Col Demmore and Col Legg have arranged with the COS to handle this matter in another way." PLS again. [This point might be raised at COS meeting on Tuesday 9 Jan.]

Discussed at COS meeting - 5/11

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COS: Col. Demmore spoke with COS on this matter (folio 8) & will be remembered
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Col

Ref 8, note by CC. Major Rivich has made a very good summary at 8 a and I assume you have agreed to drop this, for the present.

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CC 93
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#12

Chief Commissioner.

The staff felt about mid day meal for staff officers where are set out on p. 11. Unless we transgress the regulations we can do nothing more. If we alter the regulations we commit ourselves to extra food for staff workers which may run into thousands of pounds. Col Legg is trying to find out the exact tonnage involved. In meantime I advise reliance on the help of the Vahian Society - but not their food, which we will obtain from S. P. S.

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5 February 1946

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SUPPLY OF FOOD TO ITALIAN CIVILIANS FROM CIVILIAN WORKERS

(MIDNIGHT MEAL AND OFFICE WORKERS MEAL)

Paragraph 3, AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 43, 1945, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

" 3 AUTHORITY

(a) Authority is granted to provide food, as set forth herein, during each working period of eight (8) hours or more for Italian civilians, who are:-

1. Workers other than office workers.
2. Office workers.

for the Allied Forces. This authority is applicable to civilians employed directly by the Allied Army, Navy or Air Forces, by contractors on their behalf, or to employees of industry operating for the Allied Forces.

(b) Where employing units have so arranged their working schedules that a forty eight (48) hour week is completed in five and a half (5 1/2) days, the mid-meal or office workers meal may be issued on the half (1/2) day, with the employing unit commander's authority, to all those workers who have completed their forty eight (48) hours"

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORRIS

Edmund W. Morgan
EDMUND W. MORGAN,
Colonel, USA,
Adjutant General.

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2 October 1945

SUPPLY OF FOOD TO ITALIAN CIVILIANS FROM CIVILIAN STOCKS
(MIDSHIFT MEAL & OFFICE WORKERS' MEAL)

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AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 30, 1945, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor, effective as of 1 October 1945.

1. Scope - This memorandum supersedes all former directives on the subject with the exception of AFHQUSA Circular Number 7, 1945.

2. Applicability - The provisions contained herein are generally applicable throughout ITALY, SICILY and SARDEGNA.

3. Authority - Authority is granted to provide food, as set forth herein, during each working period of eight (8) hours or more for Italian civilians, who are:

- Workers other than office workers.
- Office workers.

for the Allied Forces. This authority is applicable to civilians employed directly by the Allied Army, Navy or Air Forces, by contractors on their behalf, or to employees of industry operating for the Allied Forces.

4. Responsibility - Where the employee works directly for the Allied Forces, the Army, District, Base Section and Area, or equivalent commanders, will be responsible:

- For providing the facilities necessary to prepare and serve meals.
- For ensuring that Allied military personnel are not used for this purpose except in a minimum supervisory capacity where other arrangements are not possible.

5. Ration Scales - a. Workers other than office workers - Below are the details of the Midshift Meal for workers other than office workers:

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Midshift Meal (to be served on the job)

Bread (this may be served in whole or in part as bread, pasta and/or flour)	11	317 (equals 264 gms flour)
Dehydrated Soup	1	30
Fresh Vegetables	6	170
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b. Office Workers - Where considered desirable there may be served on the job a daily issue of a standard meal for office workers, consisting of:

Bread	50 gms (equals 42 gms of flour)
(This may be served in whole or in part as Bread, pasta and/or flour)	
Dried Vegetables	20 gms
Soup	20 gms
Salt	5 gms
Olive Oil (when available)	5 gms

6. Allowances for other than Office Workers - The following personnel will be entitled to food as detailed in paragraph 5 a above:

a. Workers, other than office workers, employed 100% by the Allied Forces either:

- (1) Directly
- (2) By contractors and/or industries who in turn are employed by the Allied Forces.
- (3) Railway Workers other than those employed in offices.

b. Labor employed, other than as stated in paragraph 6 a above is not entitled to any additional food.

c. Office workers are not entitled to the Midshift Meal.

7. Allowances for Office Workers a. The personnel qualifying for the standard meal for office workers, detailed in paragraph 5 b above are office workers employed by the Allied Forces either:

- (1) Directly
- (2) By contractors or industries who in turn are employed 100% by the Allied Forces.

b. All cases of workers claiming entitlement under paragraph a (2) above will be referred to HQ ALCOM Food Sub-Commission for a decision as to eligibility.

8. Issues to Contractors - Issues of food to civilians employed by contractors and industry working for the Allied Forces will be strictly controlled by the employing Service in order to insure that:

- a. Only bona-fide employees are fed.
- b. Food is furnished and distributed on the proper scale.
- c. Food leakages do not occur.

9. Deductions - The Service responsible for placing the contract or arranging for the use of the industry will insure that:

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a. Contractors and firms working for the Allied Forces deduct from the wages of their employees the amounts prescribed in paragraph 11 hereof.

b. A deduction is made on invoices rendered equivalent to the deduction from employees wages in respect of food.

10. Provision of Supplies - Responsibility for the provision of supplies is placed as follows:

a. Flour, Dehydrated Soup and Dried Vegetables - The Italian Government is responsible for the provision of flour, dehydrated soup and dried vegetables in territory under its control. In AC/AMG territory this responsibility rests with the Allied Commission. When these items are not immediately available from Italian Government or Allied Commission sources, for their respective territories, they may be supplied from military stocks. In such cases S & T AFHQ, or Quartermaster, MTOUSA will present to HQ ALCON a consolidated monthly total of the amount issued at the scales authorized in paragraph 5 above and Allied Commission will arrange replacement whether the issue was in Italian Government or AC/AMG territory.

b. Items other than flour, dried vegetables and soup (i.e. Fresh vegetables, yeast, salt, etc) will be supplied from military stocks. ST AFHQ and Quartermaster MTOUSA, as the case may be, will demand allocation of these items, as applicable, in the normal manner from local resources.

c. The baking of bread, the manufacturing of pasta and the providing of these items to employing units is a service responsibility.

11. Payment a. Midshift Meal (Workers other than Office Workers)

(1) There will be deducted from the daily wages an amount equivalent to the cost of the food furnished as items of the midshift meal.

This amount will be as follows:

11 ozs of Bread (or equivalent combination of bread, pasta and/or flour)	5 lire
6 ozs of fresh vegetables	3 lire
1 oz Dehydrated Soup	1 lire
0.2 ozs Salt	No charge

(2) The whole or any part of the Midshift Meal may be issued at the discretion of the Commanders mentioned in paragraph 4. In all such cases the cost of the components so issued will be as prescribed in sub-paragraph a (1) above.

(3) Every effort must be made to make the full scale ration available where local conditions make it desirable.

b. Standard Meal (Office Workers) - This meal will be furnished at a cost of 5 lire per head per issue, which cost shall be deducted from the employees' wages.

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AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 43 (cont'd).

12. Entitlement to Additional Civilian Rations a. Heavy workers will be entitled under civilian economy effective 1 October 1945 to a civilian supplementary ration card authorizing them to purchase the following:

100 gms Bread
20 gms Minestra daily.

or in the case of Miners & Forestry Workers:

400 gms Bread
20 gms Minestra daily.

b. Heavy workers of the Allied Forces are entitled to similar supplementary rations in addition to the midshift meal authorized under paragraph 6 above.

c. To enable employees of the Allied Forces to obtain civilian supplementary ration cards, employing units will issue 'Certificate of Employment' as per Appendices "A" and "B" to all entitled workers on each pay day.

d. All contractors will be responsible for arranging with the local Italian authorities for the issue of civilian supplementary ration cards to their employees in accordance with the instructions issued by the Italian Ministry of Food.

BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

C. W. Christensen
C. W. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, AGF
Adjutant General

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APPENDIX "A"
APPENDIX "B"

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Appendix "A" to AFHQ Administrative Memo #43

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AL SINDACO DEL COMUNE
Ufficio Razionamento.

Date.....

Heavy workers supplementary rations
Lavoratore pesante Razioni Supplementary.

Il presente documento certifica
che il sottoscritto ha lavorato
per le Forze Armate Alleate in
qualita' di Lavoratore pesante
durante il periodo che va dal..
.....al.....ed ha diritto di
ricevere le razioni supplementari
secondo le disposizioni emanate dal
Ministero dell'Alimentazione.

This document certifies that the
undersigned has been employed by
the Allied Forces as a heavy worker
during the period from.....
to..... and is entitled to
receive a supplementary ration card
in accordance with the instructions
laid down by the Ministry of Food.

Firma del Lavoratore.

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N. Carta d'Identita'.

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Appendix "B" to AFHQ Administrative Memo #43

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AL SINDACO DEL COMUNE
Ufficio Razionamento.

Date.....

Forestry Workers/Miners Supplementary
Rations
Boscaioli/Minatori Razioni Supplerentari

Il presente documento certifica
che il sottoscritto ha lavorato
per le Forze Armate Alleate in
qualita' di Boscaiolo/Minatore
durante il periodo che va dal
.....al.....ed
ha diritto di ricevere le razioni
supplementari secondo le
disposizioni emanate dal
Ministero dell'Alimentazione.

This document certifies that
the undersigned has been
employed by The Allied Forces
as a Forestry Worker/Miner
during the period from.....
to..... and is entitled
to receive a supplementary
ration card in accordance with
the instructions laid down by
the Ministry of Food.

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Firma del lavoratore.

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3 May 1945

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SUPPLY OF FOOD TO ITALIAN CIVILIANS FROM CIVILIAN STOCKS
(MIDSHIFT MEAL, OFFICE WORKERS' MEAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY RATION)

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 56, 1944, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

1. Scope - This memorandum supersedes all former directives on the subject with the exception of MTOUSA Circular Number 116, 1944, (corrected copy).

2. Applicability - The provisions contained herein are applicable to SICILY, SARDINIA and all portions of the mainland of Italy south of the Army Rear Boundaries. The provisions hereof are applicable within Army Areas as far as operational conditions permit and at the discretion of Army and independent Corps commanders.

3. Authority - Authority is granted to provide food, as set forth herein, during each working period of eight (8) hours or more for Italian civilians, who are:

- a. Workers other than office workers;
- b. Office workers;

for the Allied Forces. This authority is applicable to civilians employed directly by the Allied Army, Naval or Air Forces, by contractors on their behalf, or to employers of industry operating for the Allied Forces.

4. Responsibility - Where the employee works directly for the Allied Forces, the Army, District, Base Section & Area, or equivalent Commanders, will be responsible:

- a. For providing the facilities necessary to prepare and serve meals.
- b. For insuring that Allied military personnel are not used for this purpose except in a minimum supervisory capacity where other arrangements are not possible.

c. In conjunction with Allied Commission, for effecting proper distribution of supplementary ration cards for purchase of additional food as hereinafter provided.

5. Ration Scales

- a. Workers other than Office Workers - Below are the details for Midshift Meal and Supplemental Rations for workers other than office workers:

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ITEMS	SCALE 1		SCALE 2	
	lbs. or grms.		lbs. or grms.	
<u>PART I</u>				
Midshift Meal (to be served on the job)				
Bread	3/5 lb	272	-	-
Fresh Vegetables	6 ozs	170	6 ozs	170
Dehydrated Soup	0.8 ozs	22.7	0.8 ozs	22.7
Salt	0.2 ozs	5.7	0.2 ozs	5.7
<u>PART II</u>				
Supplemental Ration Cards, entitling worker to weekly ration of:				
Bread				770
Pasta		150		
Dehydrated Soup		200		

Note: Supplementary Ration Cards will be issued in bulk by the following agencies to whom applications should be addressed by Base Section, Area or equivalent Headquarters:

- (a) In Italian Government territory - Sezione Provinciale Alimentazione (SEPRAL), situated in the chief town of each province.
- (b) In AFG territory - Provincial Supply Officer, AMG, situated in the chief town of each province.

b. Office Workers - Where considered desirable there may be served on the job a daily issue of a standard meal for office workers, consisting of:

40 grms Pasta
 20 " Dried Vegetables
 20 " Soup
 5 " Salt
 5 " Olive Oil (when available)

6. Allowances for other than Office Workers - The following personnel will be entitled to food and supplemental ration cards according to Scale 1 and 2 detailed in paragraph 5 (a) above:

a. Scale 1 - For workers other than office workers employed 100% by the Allied Armed Forces either:

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- (1) Directly;
- (2) By contractors and/or industries who in turn are employed by the Allied Armed Forces;
- (3) Railway workers other than those employed in offices.

b. Scale 2

- (1) For workers other than office workers employed by contractors who are employed less than 100% by the Allied Armed Forces, e.g., Public Utilities.
- (2) Labor employed on heavy work for the war effort other than that in a (1) and b (1) above.

c. Each case of workers other than office workers claiming entitlement to Scale 2 rations will be presented to HQ ALCON for a decision as to whether they will receive the entire "2" ration scale or any portion thereof. In determining this, HQ ALCON will be guided by the following priorities:

Priority I - Public Service workers in electric power, gas, water and communications

Priority II - Heavy Workers other than office workers employed by contractors working less than 100% for the Allied Armed Forces

d. Labor employed, other than that stated in paragraphs 6a and b above is not entitled to any additional food or supplemental ration cards.

e. Office workers are not entitled to either Scale 1 or 2 rations.

7. Allowances for Office Workers

a. The personnel qualifying for the standard meal for office workers detailed in paragraph 5b above are office workers employed by the Allied Armed Forces either:

- (1) Directly;
- (2) By contractors for industries who in turn are employed 100% by the Allied Armed Forces.

b. All cases of workers claiming entitlement under paragraph a (2) above will be referred to HQ ALCON for a decision as to eligibility.

8. Issues to Contractors - Issues of food and supplemental ration cards to civilians employed by contractors and industry working for the Allied Armed Forces will be strictly controlled by the employing services in order to insure that:

- a. Only bona-fide employees are fed.
- b. Food is furnished and supplemental ration cards distributed on the proper scale.
- c. Food leakages do not occur.

9. Deductions - The service responsible for placing the control or arranging for the use of industry will also insure that:

- a. Contractors and firms working for the Allied Armed Forces deduct from the wages of their employees the amounts prescribed in paragraph 11 hereof.
- b. A deduction is made on invoices rendered equivalent to the deduction from employees' wages in respect of food.

10. Provision of Supplies - Responsibility for provision of supplies is placed as follows:

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a. Midshift meal for workers other than office workers and standard meal for office workers

(1) Flour, dehydrated soup and dehydrated vegetables - The Italian Government is responsible for the provision of flour, dehydrated soup and dehydrated vegetables in territory under its control. In AC/ATG territory this responsibility rests with the Allied Commission. When these items are not immediately available from Italian Government or Allied Commission sources for their respective territories, they may be supplied from military stocks. In such cases, S & T, AFHQ, QM, PBS, or QM, Adriatic Base Command will present to HQ ALCON a consolidated monthly total of the amount issued and Allied Commission will arrange replacement whether the issue was in Italian Government or AC/ATG territory.

(2) Other Items - Other items will be supplied from military stocks. S & T, AFHQ, QM, PBS, or QM, Adriatic Base Command as the case may be will demand allocation of these items, as applicable, in the normal manner from local resources.

(3) The baking of bread is the responsibility of the employing service.

b. Supplementary Ration - The supply to the normal civilian channel of the food constituting the supplementary ration is the responsibility of the Italian Government in territory under its control and the responsibility of Allied Commission in AC/ATG territory.

11. Payment

a. Midshift Meal (workers other than office workers)

(1) There will be deducted from the daily wages an amount equivalent to the cost of the food furnished as items of the midshift meal. This amount will be as follows:

3/5 lbs Bread	3 lire
6 ozs Fresh Vegetables	3 lire
0.8 ozs Dehydrated Soup	1 lire
0.2 ozs Salt	No charge

(2) The whole or any part of the midshift meal may be issued at the discretion of the Commanders mentioned in paragraph 4. In all such cases the cost of the components so issued will be as prescribed in sub-paragraph a (1) above.

(3) Every effort must be made to make the full scale ration available where local conditions make it desirable.

b. Standard Meal (Office Workers) - This meal will be furnished at a cost of 5 lire per head per issue, which cost shall be deducted from the employees' wages.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. Christenberry
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGN
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.F.C. 594
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel: 515

Ref: 42-1/45/1000

SUBJECT: Food Scales for Collective Feeding

TO : Regional Commissioner,
(Attn: Regional &
Provincial
Supply Officers)

Sicilia Region
Sardinia Region
Southern Region
Lazio-Umbria Region
Abruzzo-Molise Region
Trentino Region
Friuli 5th Army

Sicilia Region
Liguria Region
Piemonte Region
Lombardia Region
Venetia Region

SSAO 5th Army

SSAO 6th Army

1. Based on the present supply situation and availabilities of miscellaneous foodstuffs, a scale has been agreed for the provision of rationed and controlled foodstuffs to agencies for communal feeding such as:

Industrial Messes (Mense Aziendale)
Anti Convinanza Assistenza
Ufficio Assistenza Convinanza Vaticano
(Mense)
Circolo St. Ristoro
Circolo St. Ristoro Section Central Cucina,
etc., etc.

2. Until further notice the scale will be:

	40 grams	
Pasta	20 "	
Dehydrated Soup	20 "	
Dried Vegetables	5 "	per meal per person per day
Olive Oil	5 "	
Salt	5 "	
Tomato Paste	5 "	(Where available to Seral)
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Ration coupons will not be surrendered.

3. The scale will be adopted for all collective or communal feeding by the above and similar agencies which are established at the present time, and for all new facilities subsequently established where the need of such facilities is recommended by competent authorities to, and approved on behalf of the Italian High Commissioner for Food, by Seral.

By command of Rear Admiral SANA:

Distribution:

Chief of Staff
Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section
Finance Sub-Commission
Ad. Commandant

[Signature]
S. B. MCKINCY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President
ECONOMIC SECTION

Basilica Region
Liguria Region
Piemonte Region
Lombardia Region
Venezia Region
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Sicilia Region
Sardegna Region
Southern Region
Lazio-Midia Region
Abruzzi-Marche Region
Toscana Region
6044 5th Army ANG

Regional Commissioner,
(Attn: Regional &
Provincial
Supply Officers)

1. Based on the present supply situation and availabilities of miscellaneous foodstuffs, a scale has been agreed for the provision of rationed and controlled foodstuffs to agencies for communal feeding such as:

Industrial Masses (Alleana Aziendale)
Ente Convivenza Assistenza
Ufficio Assistenza Convivenza Vaticano
MARELLA
Direceto St. Distrito
Direceto St. Pietro Gazioni Centri Gazioni,
etc., etc.

2. Until further notice the scale will be:

Pasta	40 grams
Dehydrated Soup	20 "
Dried Vegetables	20 "
Olive Oil	5 "
Salt	5 "
Tomato Paste	1 "
	95

Per meal per person per day
(There available to Segral)

Ration Coupons will not be surrendered.

3. The scale will be adopted for all collective or communal feeding by the above and similar agencies which are established at the present time, and for all new facilities subsequently established where the need of such facilities is recommended by competent authorities to, and approved on behalf of the Italian High Commissioner for Food, by Segral.

By command of Rear Admiral STAG:

Distribution:

- Chief of Staff
- Civil Affairs Section
- Technical Section
- Finance Sub-Commission
- Hq. Commandant
- Labor Sub-Commission
- Local Government Sub-Commission
- Public Health Sub-Commission
- UNRRA
- 15th Army Group, G-3 Section (Lt. Col. Stewart)
- High Commissioner for Food

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G. B. MCKINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President
ACCOMMODATION SECTION

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ROUTINE

From: AFIRM ROSE AREA

To: ACTION: PHGS INFO: ALCON POOS EC

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Ref F25842 dated 12. Recommendation of Food Supply Committee at meeting held 16 as follows. The midshift meal as supplied to scale 1 workers to be increased by bread equivalent to 100 grammes flour per day. Clerical workers to be issued a meal consisting of 40 grammes pasta, 20 grammes dehydrated vegetables, 20 grammes soup, 5 grammes salt, 5 grammes olive oil when available.

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Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting held on 30 January 1945.

Civilian Employees' Mess.

The problem of feeding AC civilian employees was discussed. Est Sec thought that swill was not suitable food and that there was no waste food in the messes other than swill.

COS said it was important that something should be done to improve the meal for the civilian employees and the matter must be pursued.

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ECONOMIC SECTION

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25 January 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR ESTABLISHMENT SECTION:

JAN 26 1945

Subject: AC Civilian Mess.

1. The Chief Commissioner has directed that a careful investigation be made and report submitted with recommendations relative to making available for the noon-day meal at the AC HQ civilian mess, surplus and left-over foods from the various AC and 2875 Regiment messes in Rome. The following questions are to be considered:

a Under present regulations can such arrangements be made?

b Would it be practical to use any such foods for the augmentation of the civilian mess?

2. The Chief Commissioner requests that this matter be considered urgent.

3. In connection with the civilian mess at HQ AC, recently Economic Section passed a minute to Establishment Section together with Economic Section's file, setting forth a memorandum from Food Sub-Commission as to what supplies Food S/C felt could be bought from SEPRA. In the minute it was suggested that HQ Commandant contact the Food S/C and complete arrangements for augmenting the mess.

4. The Chief Commissioner is desirous of having a report as to whether or not this has been accomplished.

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, F A
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

cc: Chief of Staff ✓
Food S/C

Extract from Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting - 9 January 45.

7. Food for Civilian Employees. CCS stated that Col. Henn had rung up from AFHQ and said he was prosecuting the matter. Econ Sec had discussed with P & D Sub-Committee. There was considerable discussion as to whether we should accept any help from a charitable society or whether we should give a better meal from JC resources alone, bearing in mind that any increase in ration over the authorized scale would affect all civilian workers employed by the Allied Services throughout Italy. CCS would ascertain what AFHQ had achieved and would then discuss the matter with CC. Meanwhile, the present arrangement would continue, but the possibility should be examined of converting the present charitable organization into some form of cooperative society.

Extract from Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting - 12 January 45.

- (4) - 7. Food for Civilian Employees. Econ Sec were preparing a Memorandum on this subject.

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Ref. 7015/8/COS.

10 January 1945

TO: Chief Staff Officer.

Reference attached inter office memorandum.

Conferred with Col. Densmore at length and the position seems to be:

1. The present mid-day meal for office workers is what AFHQ permits, - maximum permitted but no more.
2. This AFHQ Administrative Memo No. 56 of 9 Dec 44 was championed and promoted especially by AC for overall application to Allied civilian workers.
3. If we were to digress from this such as by supplementing one Mess arbitrarily, - and HQ AC specifically, we would be creating a precedent not entirely desirable.
4. Through SEPRAL and Vatican agencies, an arrangement could be worked out by Col. Densmore to make our HQ AC civilian mid-day mess the 390th of the 389 relief supplemental kitchens already functioning in the LAZIO Area and in this way, the meal could be augmented somewhat, up to as much as possibly 110 grams.
5. Augmenting the mid-day meal over all Italy by AFHQ would amount to tons of food to many thousands of workers, which Food S/C is not prepared to endorse or implement at this moment.

6. Attached copy of AFHQ Admin. Memo # 56, which see paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 10 and 11 b.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Joseph C. Riely
Major.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

9 December 1944

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SUPPLY OF FOOD TO ITALIAN CIVILIANS FROM CIVILIAN STOCKS
(MIDSHIFT MEAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY RATIONS)

1. SCOPE - This memorandum supersedes all former directives on the subject with the exception of:

- a. HMOUSA Circular Number 116, 1944 (corrected copy).
- b. Hq. AAI Routine Order Number 252, 1944.

2. APPLICABILITY - The provisions contained herein are applicable to Sicily, Sardinia and all portions of the mainland of Italy south of the Army rear boundaries. The provisions hereof are applicable within Army Areas as far as operational conditions permit and at the discretion of Army and independent Corps Commanders.

3. AUTHORITY - Authority is granted to provide food, as set forth herein, during each working period of eight (8) hours or more for Italian Civilians, who are:

- a. Performing heavy labor;
- b. Engaged as office employees;

for the Allied Forces. This authority is applicable to civilians employed directly by the Allied Army, Naval and Air Forces, by contractors on their behalf, or to employees of industry operating for the Allied Forces.

4. RESPONSIBILITY - Where the employee works directly for the Allied Forces, the Army, District, Base Section and Area, or equivalent commanders will be responsible:

- a. For providing the facilities necessary to prepare and serve meals.
- b. For insuring that Allied military personnel are not used for this purpose except in a minimum supervisory capacity where other arrangements are not possible.

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AFHQ Admin Memo M.56 (Cont'd)

c. In conjunction with Allied Commission, for effecting proper disposition of supplementary ration cards for purchase of additional food as hereinafter provided.

5. RATION SCALES

a. Heavy Workers - Because of the two basic Ration Scales for civilians now applicable in Italy, it is necessary to have two civilian scales for the Midshift Meal and Supplemental Rations. These have been calculated so that the sum of the Basic Scale plus Supplemental Rations is the same irrespective of the part of Italy in which the worker is employed. Below are the details for Midshift Meal and Supplemental Rations for:

- (1) NORTHERN AREA - NORTH of the NORTHERN Boundaries of the provinces of CAMPOBASSO and NAPLES and SOUTH of the rear boundaries of ARMIES.
- (2) SOUTHERN AREA - SICILY, SARDINIA and the mainland of ITALY, SOUTH of the NORTHERN Boundaries of the provinces of CAMPOBASSO and NAPLES.

ITEMS	<u>NORTHERN</u>		<u>SOUTHERN</u>	
	Scale 1.	Scale 2.	Scale 1.	Scale 2.
<u>PART I</u>				
Midshift Meal (to be served on the job)				
Bread	1/3 lb	1/3 lb	1/3 lb	-
Fresh Vegetables	6 ozs	6 ozs	6 ozs	6 ozs
Dehydrated Soup	0.8 ozs	0.8 ozs	0.8 ozs	0.8 ozs
Salt	0.2 ozs	0.2 ozs	0.2 ozs	0.2 ozs

PART II

Supplemental Ration
Cards entitling
worker to weekly ration of:

Bread	-	-	-	770 grms
Pasta	700 grms	350 grms	150 grms	-
Dehydrated Soup	200 grms	-	200 grms	-

+ NOTE: It is expected that the boundary will move NORTH as the advance continues and notifications will be made as and when this occurs.

AFHQ Admin Memo No 56 (cont'd) R E S T R I C T E D

b. Office Workers - Where considered desirable, there may be served on the job a daily issue of minestrone soup consisting of:

Dehydrated	- 28 grms
Dehydrated Vegetables (interchangeable with fresh vegetables if available)	- 28 grms

and a lesser quantity of such items as may be in excess local supplies to make up a total of approximately 70/75 grms. of ingredients per head.

6. ALLOWANCES FOR HEAVY WORKERS - The following personnel will be entitled to food and supplemental ration cards according to Scale "1" and "2" detailed in paragraph 5a above:

a. Scale "1" - For labor engaged on heavy work employed by the Allied Armed Forces either:

- (1) Directly;
- (2) By contractors and / or industries who in turn are employed 100% by the Allied Armed Forces;
- (3) Heavy railway workers.

b. Scale "2"

(1) For labor engaged on heavy work employed by contractors who are employed less than 100% by the Allied Armed Forces, e.g. Public Utilities.

(2) Labor employed on heavy work for the war effort other than that in a and b (1) above.

c. Each case of heavy workers claiming entitlement to Scale "2" rations will be presented to Hq ALCOM for a decision as to whether they will receive the entire "2" ration scale or any portion thereof. Determining this ALCOM will be guided by the following priorities:

Priority I - Public Service Workers in electric power, gas, water and communications.

Priority II - Heavy workers employed by other contractors working less than 100% for the Allied Armed Forces.

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ALHQ AGO Memo No 56 (cont'd)

d. Labor employed, other than stated in paragraphs 6a and b above is not entitled to any other additional food or supplemental ration cards.

e. Office workers are NOT entitled to either Scale "1" or "2" rations.

7. ALLOWANCES FOR OFFICE WORKERS

a. The personnel qualifying for the daily issue of soup doct iled in paragraph 5b above are office workers employed by the Allied Armed Forces either:

(1) Directly;

(2) Or by contractors for industries who in turn are employed 100% by the Allied Armed Forces.

b. All cases of workers claiming entitlement under paragraph a (2) above will be referred to Hq ALCOM for a decision as to eligibility.

8. ISSUES TO CONTRACTORS - Issues of food and supplemental ration cards to civilians employed by contractors and industry working for the Allied Armed Forces will be strictly controlled by the employing services in order to insure that:

a. Only bona fide employees are fed;

b. Food is furnished and supplemental ration cards are distributed on the proper scale;

c. Food leakages do not exist.

9. DEDUCTIONS - The service responsible for placing the control or arranging for the use of industry will also insure that:

a. Contractors and firms working for the Allied Armed Forces deduct from the wages of their employees the amounts prescribed in paragraph 11 hereof.

b. A deduction is made on invoices rendered equivalent to the deduction from employees wages in respect of food.

10. PROVISION OF SUPPLIES - Responsibility for provision of supplies is placed as follows:

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Hq Rome Area No 56 (cont'd)

a. Midshift Meal for Heavy Workers and Soups for Office Employees:

(1) Allied Commission is responsible for the provision of flour, dehydrated soup and dehydrated vegetables. When these are not immediately available from Allied Commission sources, they may be supplied from military stocks. In this case, organizations involved will present to Hq AECOM a consolidated monthly total of the amount issued and Allied Commission will arrange replacement.

(2) Other ingredients will be supplied from military stocks. Organizations involved will demand allocation of these items, as applicable, from local resources in the normal manner.

(3) The baking of bread is the responsibility of the employing service.

b. Supplementary Ration - The supply to the normal civilian channel of the ration constituting the supplementary ration is the responsibility of Allied Commission.

11. PAYMENTa. Midshift Meal (Heavy Workers)

(1) There will be deducted from daily wages an amount equivalent to the cost of the food furnished as items of the midshift meal. This amount will be as follows:

1/3 lb Bread	2 lire
6 ozs Fresh Vegetables	4 lire
0.8 ozs Dehydrated Soup	1 lire
0.2 ozs Salt	no charge

(2) The whole or any part of the midshift meal may be issued at the discretion of the Commanders referred to in paragraph 4. In all such cases the cost of the components so issued will be as prescribed in sub-paragraph a (1) above.

(3) Every effort must be made to make the full scale ration available where local conditions make it desirable.

b. Minestrone Soup (Office Workers) - The soup will be furnished at a cost of 2 lire per head per issue, which cost shall be deducted from the employees wages.

By Command of General WILSON:

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/s/ C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
/t/ C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD,
Acting Adjutant General.

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8th January 1945.

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→ MFL
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Brigadier,
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4 January 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, FOOD S/C -

Subject: Feeding of Civilian Employees, HQ, AC

1. Reference attached

- a) ltr 3 Jan 45, ref B.04/ES, from Col. Denmore to Food S/C, with attachments (1)
- b) memo 4 Jan 45, Ref 43-3/ / Food, to Col. Denmore from Col. Legg. (2)

2. The Chief Commissioner was very much disturbed this morning at the Vice Presidents' meeting when I reported that in order to solve the situation with respect to providing a proper meal for employees of HQ, AC, we were working with ONAMRO. He expressed his appreciation for the willingness of the Church organization to assist but felt that it was unfair to use their resources for employees of the Allied Forces.

3. Would you please indicate to me just what contribution ONAMRO will make and the part we will play in the matter?

4. The Chief Commissioner is most desirous that the food be obtained from Allied sources or from imported civilian supplies, if this is at all possible. He had directed the Chief of Staff to write a strong letter to AFHQ with respect to AFHQ Administrative Memo. #56 of 9 Dec 44 which provides that office personnel will receive only dehydrated vegetables and soup powder.

5. The Chief Commissioner has indicated that while he does not want to turn to ONAMRO in order to provide the meal for HQ AC civilian employees, yet he will not deny the employees such assistance. It appears that our inability to provide is due to the AFHQ directive and the extreme tightness of the supply situation and availability of miscellaneous supplies.

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6. The above information is submitted to you as it is felt you would need it in connection with your 5 January 1945 meeting on this matter.

L.D.S.

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, F A
ADGOS, E/S

cc: COS ✓
VP, 1st Sect

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

4 January, 1945

Tel: 478204

JAN - 5 1945

Ref: 43-3/135 /WOOD

SUBJECT: Feeding of Civilian Employees, Headquarters A.S.

FROM : Director, Food Sub-Commission.

TO : Col. L.D. Denmore, ADCOS, Economic Section.

1. Reference LDD/es. of 3 January, 1945, for immediate action.
2. Para. 3 of the above quoted letter refers, namely: "Can any food supplies be made available by Food Sub-Commission from imported civilian stocks with the suggestion of HQ. A.S. Italian Civilian Relief?" The extreme tightness of the supply situation and availability of miscellaneous supplies from imported stocks precludes any material contribution from this source. Resources, therefore, has to be made to the local organization which provides a measure of subsistence for civilian workers. With a view to ascertaining the degree of assistance which could be provided, a meeting with the UNRRA officials was held at 0900 hours today, 4 January. Sig. Baldelli of this organization stated that it would be possible to organize an employees' mess at this headquarters and that his organization could provide certain basic commodities which, with the contribution now being made to the soup meal, and supplemented by local purchase, that he thought that a satisfactory solution could be found. Assistant WQ, Commandant and Quartermaster were present at this meeting and arrangements have been made for a further meeting to take place tomorrow, 5 January, to further pursue the project.

For the Chief Commissioner:

W. J. Lee
 W. J. Lee
 Colonel

Director Food Sub-Commission.

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3 January 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR FOOD SUB-COMMISSION:

Subject: Feeding of Civilian Employees,
HQ AC.

1. COS at 1100 hours 3 January 45 directed that answer with respect to what follows be available by 0630 hours 4 January 45, prior to the Chief Commissioner's Vice President's meeting.

2. References attached -

- a) copy AFHQ Adm Memo #56 of 9 Dec 44
- b) Ltr HCC/5/2 HQ Commandant to VP, Establishment Section, dated 27 Dec 44, above subject.
- c) Minute 16 of VP Meeting of 28 Dec 44 as follows:

"Feeding of Civilian Employees."

Col. Fiske reported that an AFHQ memorandum on the question of feeding of civilian employees was a considerable obstacle to providing a mess for the civilian employees of Allied Commission Headquarters. The Chief Commissioner said that the employees must be fed, and that therefore a way must be found to overcome the difficulty."

3. At COS meeting this date the question was put to the Economic Section, "Can any food supplies be made available by the Food S/C from imported civilian stocks with the augmentation of HQ AC civilian mess?"

4. In view of the above and the tenor of the references, comments of Food S/C are requested by the time indicated in para 1.

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, FA
ADCOS, E/S

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