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REFERENCE: 16254/G-1

21 March 1944

SUBJECT : Officers' Mess Grant

TO : Distribution Below.

1. A sum of 470 pounds has been drawn by HQ ACC as an initial Mess Grant for the purchase of crockery, glass, etc., for Officers' Messes.
2. Of this 35,000 Lira has been expended as a grant to the Officers' Messes of HQ ACC at RAPINS and SALERNO.
3. In addition advances of 120,000 Lira have been made. Of this the sum of 100,000 Lira has been repaid already.
4. It is proposed to hold this money in a Fund which can be used to help Officers of Regions, etc., to start new Messes as required.
5. At Appendix "A" to this letter is a draft of the proposed Rules for the operation of this Fund. This initial Mess Grant is applicable only to British Officers and to Officers' Messes of Units which were formed before 1 Nov 1943.
6. It is hoped to draw the balance of the amount due, i.e., 2 pounds 5 shillings per Officer, when it has been ascertained for how many Officers this grant has been received in addition to the amount (for 224 Officers) already received.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUT GENERAL MASON MARRIOTT

R. H. FARGEN,
Colonel,
Executive Officer.

RHF/RLD.

DISTRIBUTION

Regional Commissioner, Region I	Chief Commissioner
" " " II	Executive Commissioner
" " " III	Economic Section
" " " IV	Adm Section
" " " V	RG & NG Branch
" " " VI	Political Section
" " " VII	Establishment Officer
" " " IX	Finance Sub-Commission
HQ 13th FIFTH ARMY	Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
" " EIGHTH ARMY	File JMG/48

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Appendix "A"PROPOSED RULES FOR BRITISH OFFICERS ACC CENTRAL MESSSES FUND

1. Fund to be styled the British Officers ACC Central Messes Fund.
2. The Fund to be administered by a Committee composed as follows:
 - President: Senior British Officer in ACC.
 - Members : Senior British Officer of each Region and AMG
FIFTH and EIGHTH ARMAIES.
A British Officer nominated by the Executive Commissioner.
Senior British Financial Officer.
 - Secretary: An Officer (British) nominated by the Executive Commissioner.
 - Treasurer: An Officer (British) nominated by the Senior Finance Officer.
3. Form of assistance to be given:
 - Assistance to be given to any authorized Officers' Mess of an ACC Formation.
 - Assistance to be in the form of either
 - (a) A Grant or
 - (b) A Loan
4.
 - (a) Grants will not be repayable and will be limited to an amount equal to one pound per head for all Officers (A & B) who are members of the Mess concerned.
 - (b) Loans will be repayable at the rate of 1/10th of the total loan per month. First payment to be made two months after receipt of the loan.

Loan to be limited to an amount equal to two pounds per head for all Officers (A & B) who are members of the Mess concerned. No interest will be charged on loans.
5. Money received as a Loan or a Grant will be expended only on glass, Crockery, and linen required to start the Mess.
6. Messes which receive a Loan will institute a Sinking Fund from which instalments will be repaid. The Central Messes Fund will have prior claim on the assets of any mess still in debt when the mess is broken up.
7. Disposal of any Balance Credit of the Fund after the necessity for it has finished will be at the discretion of the Committee.

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REFERENCE : ACC/254/HQ/G-1.

2nd February, 1944.

MEMORANDUM ON OFFICERS' MESSES - No. 6.OFFICERS' MESSES - NAPLES (SANTA BRIGIDA MESS.)

Reference Memorandum on Officers' Messes Nos. 3 and 5, dated 25 January, 1944, and 31 January, 1944, respectively.

1. It has recently been decided to abolish the meal ticket system for the Santa Brigida Mess, and that instead officers shall pay a bill monthly in advance on the 1st of each month at the rate of 25 lire per diem, and receive in exchange a numbered card. The advantage of this system is that it enables balanced rations to be drawn, whereas under the old system there was an insufficiency of lunch rations and an excess of breakfast and dinner rations. Officers will be entitled to a refund in respect of any period exceeding forty-eight (48) hours during which they were absent from Naples on duty or on leave. This system was instituted on the 1st February 1944.

2. It is regretted that the fact was overlooked that officers who are members of Messes d and f (see Mess Memorandums above referred to) use the Santa Brigida Mess for lunch only and are, therefore, being overcharged. Under the new system all such officers, therefore, will receive at the end of each month a refund at the rate of 15 lire per diem, and in future the cards issued under para. 1 above, will be of a different colour or specially marked to denote that the officer uses the Mess for lunch only. Should he desire to partake of other meals at the Santa Brigida Mess, he will be required to buy a 15 lire ticket.

3. Secretaries of Messes d and f will please forward immediately to the Mess Officer, Santa Brigida Mess (Lt. Rancourt), a nominal roll of officers who are permanent members of those Messes and who normally lunch at the Santa Brigida Mess, to enable a record to be kept of the officers entitled to a monthly refund under para. 2 above. They will similarly notify from time to time to the Mess Officer, Santa Brigida, the names of any officers who cease to be, or become members of Messes d and f.

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DISTRIBUTION:

Major Sansome (Santa Brigida Mess)
Mess Secretary and Treasurer, Naples.
(Capt. Marshall, Toledo Hotel.)
Chairman, Mess Council, Naples.
(Lt. Col. Legg, Food Sub-Commission.)
Headquarters Commandant, Naples.
Secretary Mess d.
(Capt. Sootten, Security Branch, ACC.)
Secretary Mess f.
(Capt. Carr, P.A. to Brigadier Lush.)

R. B. RATHBONE,
Colonel,
Executive Officer.

} For immediate action para. 3
} above. Will you also please
} inform all members of your Mess
} of the contents of this
} Memorandum.

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MEMORANDUM ON OFFICERS' MESSES - No. 5.

OFFICERS' MESSES - NAPLES

1. The following amendments will be made to Memorandum on Officers' Messes No. 3, dated 25 January 1944.

a. Para. 2: Add new sub-paragraph f. as follows:

"f. Mess of Vice President,
Regional Control and
Military Government Section
Villa Corradori

For Vice President, P.A.
Col., Spofford, and certain
Senior Officers. (Membership
about 6)".

b. Appendix "A", Paragraph 4 d: For "Col. L. Bolles (A) (temporary)"
substitute: "Capt W. E. Scotton (A)"

Add "f Mess

- Capt Carr (B)"

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

DISTRIBUTION:

- 3 - Hq. Commandant, Naples
- 1 - Mess Secretary and Treasurer, Naples
- 1 - Chairman, Mess Council, Naples
(Lt. Col. Legg)
- 1 - Capt. Scotton - together with a copy of Memorandum No. 3
- 1 - Capt. Carr - together with a copy of Memorandum No. 3
- 1 - Executive Officer
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25th January 1944

MEMORANDUM ON OFFICERS' MESSES - No. 3.

OFFICERS' MESSES - NAPLES

1. Previous References.

Reference is made to Memoranda on Officers Messes, Nos. 1 & 2, issued on limited circulation.

2. Authorized Messes.

The following Messes are hereby authorized for Naples. No additional Messes will be opened without sanction from the Executive Officer.

<u>Name of Mess.</u>	<u>Membership and Remarks.</u>
a. Toledo Hotel (Main Mess)	For all Officers billeted in the Hotel - all meals.
b. Santa Brigida (Main Mess) Restaurant.	(1) For all Officers stationed in Naples not members of <u>a</u> , <u>c</u> , <u>d</u> and <u>e</u> Messes - all meals. (2) For all Officers not members of <u>a</u> and <u>b</u> Messes - <u>Lunch only</u> .
c. Chief Commissioner's Mess, Villa Guilia.	Membership - 3.
d. Senior Officers' Mess, 17 Santa Strada.	For Officers of the rank of Colonel and above. (Membership - 14).
e. Mr. Grady's Mess.	For Vice President, Economic Section, and Civilian Staff. (Membership - 7).

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(b) All Officers will, however, be members of both a and b Messes in all other respects - i.e. they may use the Bar and Ante-Rooms of both Messes.

(c) The Mess Council will consider whether some arrangement whereby Officers of a and b Messes may occasionally eat in the other Mess as guests is possible, and will forward any agreed rule for publication in the Daily Bulletin.

4. (a) All Messes in Naples will be under central financial control, and under the general control of one Mess Council, of which the H.Q. Commandant will be an ex-officio member.

(b) The Secretary and Treasurer, Naples Messes, will be appointed by this H.Q., and will be responsible to the Mess Council and to this H.Q. for custody of Mess Funds and correct accounting. His duties will be part-time.

(c) Messes a and b will each have full-time Mess Officer, appointed by this H.Q.

(d) Remaining Messes (c, d and e) will each appoint a Secretary, who may be required to attend meetings of the Mess Council, by arrangement with their immediate superiors.

(e) The Mess Council is responsible for the purchase, record, and allocation as between the different Messes of all Mess property, and for the allocation of Mess Funds. 357

(f) The Mess Council will draw up rules for Naples Messes for the approval of this H.Q. They will contain a provision that ALL Mess Officials (See Appendix "A") will attend General Meetings of Mess Members.

(g) Existing Mess Council and Mess Officials are listed in Appendix "A" hereto.

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/s/ P. B. Rathbone
/t/ R. B. RATHBONE
Colonel,
Executive Officer

For Distribution see overleaf.

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APPENDIX "A" to Memorandum on
Officers' Messes -
No. 3. Dated 25 Jan 44

LIST OF OFFICIALS, NAPLES MESSES.

1. Central Mess Council (elected at General Meeting held 14th January 1944).

Lt. Col. W. J. Legg	(B) Chairman (Food Sub-Commission)
Colonel R. B. Rathbone	(B) (Executive Officer)
Major I. M. Humphreys	(B) (Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission)
Major F. Sansome	(A) (Property Control Sub-Commission)
Major G. W. Knauer	(A) (Telecommunications)
Lt. Col. C. W. Earnshaw	(A) H.Q. Commandant. (Ex-Officio)

2. Mess Secretary and Treasurer.

Capt. A. Marshall (B) (Finance Sub-Commission).

3. Mess Officers, Main Messes.

a Mess	-	Lt. P. Broadhead (A)
b Mess	-	Lt. H. P. Rancourt (A).

4. Mess Secretaries (Small Messes).

c Mess	-	S/Ldr. Perry (B)
d Mess	-	Colonel L. Bolles (A)
e Mess	-	(temporary)
f Mess	-	Mr. Simmering (A)

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