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OFFICERS' MESSES  
DEC. 1943 - AUG. 1944

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.G. SECTION  
APO 394

Phone 42065

Ref/12/6/CA

NEF/mrd  
15 August 1944

Memo:

To : Finance Subcommittee, HQ., A.C.C.

Reference is made to your 13128/F of 1 August 1944, after investigation into the situation of Region III mess the Executive Commissioner is of the opinion that it may properly be considered a Transit Mess and that no refund should be required of the mess because of the employment of excess personnel prior to August 1, 1944. The situation has been corrected as of August 1, 1944 and hereafter, because of the reduced number of transients, it is expected that the mess will be able to function with the number of employees authorized by A.C.C. Administrative Order No. 2.

NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel  
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Copy to:

Establishment Br. /

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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25 Apr 44

HQC/11

SUBJECT: Rations.

TO : Executive Officer (Col. Albright).

In accordance with your verbal request, hereto attached is status report of rations drawn by the respective messes of this Headquarters.

R. H. Robertson  
R. H. ROBERTSON  
Hq. Commandant.

Lt. Col.

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HEADQUARTERS  
2675TH REGIMENT  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

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24 April 1944

SUBJECT: Rations

TO : Headquarters Commandant, Headquarters Allied Control Commission:

ATTENTION: Lt. Colonel R.H. Robertson

1. List of messes supplied with rations by the Regimental Supply Office, 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

A-MESS (Officers Mess) (Toledo Hotel, Via Roma)

	STRENGTH	
NOTE: British Rations drawn	U.S. Officers	63
for British Personnel	U.S. Enlisted Men	2
	U.S. Civilians	3
	Italian Civilians	<u>45</u>
Rations drawn every day	TOTAL	113

B-MESS (Officers Mess) (43 Santa Brigida)  
Mess Officer Lt. Rancourt

	STRENGTH	
	U.S. Officers	64
	U.S. Enlisted Men	6
	British Officers	53
	British ORs	6
	U.S. Civilians	8
	Italian Civilians	25
	(Waiters & Cooks)	
	Italian War Correspondents	2
	British War Correspondents	2
	American War Correspondents	<u>1</u>
Rations drawn every day	TOTAL	169

C-MESS (Enlisted Mens Mess) (61 Via Medina)  
Hq. Co. 2675th Regiment, ACC.

	STRENGTH	
	U.S. Enlisted Men	<u>345</u>
Rations drawn every day	TOTAL	345

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D-MESS (Senior Officers Mess) (17 Via Santa Strapo)  
Mess Officer Captain Scotten

	STRENGTH	
	U.S. Officers	6
	U.S. Enlisted Men	1
	British Officers	6
	British ORs	2
	Italian Civilians	<u>5</u>
Rations drawn every two days	TOTAL	20

A-1 MESS (Warehouse 676) (Captain Marsland or Captain Baker)

	STRENGTH	
	U.S. Officers	1
	U.S. Enlisted Men	29
	British Officers	1
	British ORs	<u>44</u>
Rations drawn every day	TOTAL	75

NOTE: This mess breaks  
down rations for 3 small  
messes not listed.

A-2 MESS (Villa Improta) (Near Bagnoli)

	STRENGTH	
	U.S. Officers	1
	U.S. Civilians	1
	Italian Civilians	<u>2</u>
Rations drawn every two days	TOTAL	4

Mr. Villa is the U.S.  
Civilian.

A-3 MESS (Officers Mess) (Villa Lavro Via Pasillipo)  
Lt. General Macfarlane

	STRENGTH	
	U.S. Officers	1
	British Officers	2
	British ORs	4
	U.S. Civilians	6
	Italian Civilians	<u>5</u>
Rations drawn every two days	TOTAL	18

Col. Montfort

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A-4 MESS (Officers Mess) (90 Via Dicesa Marechiare)  
(Villina Quisisana) Colonel Fiske

	STRENGTH	
Lt. C.C. Petrillo	U.S. Officers	3
	U.S. Enlisted Men	1
	Italian Civilians	<u>1</u>
Rations drawn every two days	TOTAL	5

A-5 MESS (Medical Depot 675) Captain Whright

	STRENGTH	
	U.S. Enlisted Men	4
	British ORs	1
	Italian Civilians	<u>1</u>
Rations drawn every two days	TOTAL	6

A-6 MESS (Typhus Control ACC)

	STRENGTH	
	U.S. Enlisted Men	53
	U.S. Officers	3
	Italian Civilians	<u>5</u>
Rations drawn every two days	TOTAL	61

A-7 MESS (Supply Sub Commission) (62 Via Santa Lucia)

	STRENGTH	
Lt. R.J. Asquini	U.S. Officers	1
	U.S. Enlisted Men	16
	British ORs	<u>2</u>
Rations drawn every two days	TOTAL	19

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A-8 MESS (Company C, 2675th Regiment, ACC.)

	STRENGTH	
	U.S. Officers	190
	U.S. Enlisted Men	101
	British Officers	68
	British ORs	129
	Italian Civilians	<u>43</u>
Rations drawn every day	TOTAL	531



A-9 MESS (Company D, 2675th Regiment, AOC.)

STRENGTH	
U.S. Officers	46
U.S. Enlisted Men	103
British Officers	22
British ORs	16
Italian Civilians	<u>16</u>

Rations drawn every day	TOTAL	203
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For the Commanding Officer:

*Clayton Craig*  
CLAYTON C. CRAIG  
Captain, Infantry  
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394  
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REFERENCE: 16254/G-1

21 March 1944

SUBJECT : Officers' Mess Grant

TO : Distribution Below.

1. A sum of 476 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 Lire has been expended as a grant to the Officers' Messes of HQ ACC at NAPLES and SALERNO.
3. In addition advances of 120,000 Lire have been made. Of this the sum of 100,000 Lire 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 MACFARLANE

*R. H. Farren* 1388

R. H. FARREN,  
Colonel,  
Executive Officer.

RHF/PAD.

DISTRIBUTION

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

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 ARMIES.

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 authorised 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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28 February 1944.

RULES FOR (A) AND (B) OFFICERS' MESSES, NAPLES

1. Membership of Officers' Messes at Naples will be restricted to Allied Officers and Civilians of Officer status, of both sexes, belonging to ACC. Only Allied Officers of both sexes (including Nursing Service) may be invited as guests. Special guests may be invited with the agreement of the Mess Council.
2. The Mess Council will consist of five elected officers who have power to co-opt. The Headquarters Commandant will be a member ex officio, and act as Executive to insure the operation of the Messes in accordance with the directions of the Mess Council.
3. The Mess Secretary and Treasurer and Mess Officers will be appointed by HQ ACC (Establishment Branch).
4. The Council will frame the policy and control of Headquarters messing.
5. Maximum daily charge for messing for all members will not exceed twenty five lire. Visitors and transient officers will not be charged a sum in excess of ten lire per meal.
6. Mess Officers are authorized to collect an advance either by the sale of books of tickets and chits to members or by means of a cash deposit. Members on leaving the mess will be entitled to a refund for all unused tickets and chits or any unused balance of the cash deposit.
7. The Mess Council will meet twice monthly on or about the 10th and 24th day of the month.
8. General Mess Meetings will be called monthly. All Mess Officials will attend these meetings.
9. The Council will carry out a rough check of the Mess accounts at their first meeting in the month, this in addition to the complete audit laid down in Regulations, which will be carried out quarterly on the orders of HQ ACC. They will also satisfy themselves that the system of handling and safeguarding cash, books, tickets, etc., is sound and that responsibility in regard thereto is defined and not delegated to those who should not be called upon to shoulder it, in accordance with regulations and the practice and custom in the British and American Armies.
10. The maximum number of guests a member may introduce will be limited to two in any one week.
11. Times of meals will be in accordance with the orders of the HQ Commandant and will be posted on the notice Board. Alterations in times of meals may be requested by vote at a General Meeting. Any such requests will be referred by the Mess Council to HQ ACC.



12. No singing, music or switching on of radio will be allowed in the mess premises after 2300 hours, without the authority of the Mess Council.

13. The Mess Secretary is authorized to purchase incidental items for Mess use up to a sum of 500 lire. Such purchases should not exceed 2000 lire in any one month.

14. Warning out and Guest Books will be provided in (A) and (B) Messes. Officers intending to be absent for one or more meals or to invite guests will notify to this effect in the appropriate book.

By command of Lieutenant General MACFARLANE:

*L. T. Montant, Jr.*  
L. T. MONTANT, Jr  
2nd Lt, AGD,  
Acting Adjutant.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 ea - Members Mess Council
- 1 ea - Mess Officers (A) & (B) Messes  
(1 for Mess Officer, 1 for Mess  
Bulletin Board)
- 1 ea - Capt Marshall (Mess Secy & Treasr)
- 1 ea - Mess Secretaries (C, D, E, Messes)
- 1 ea - Executive Officers
- 1 ea - HQ Commandant
- 1 ea - Adj
- 2 ea - File

*Executive officer*

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31 January 1944

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)".
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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*  
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
- 1 - G-1  
(Distribution controlled by Executive Office)

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Ref: AMBOT/25/HQ.

No.....

28th January, 1944.

MEMORANDUM ON OFFICERS' MESSES - No. 4.

OFFICERS' MESSES - SALERNO.

1. Authorized Messes.

The following Officers' Messes are authorized for Salerno under the terms of para. 6(b) of Admin. Order No. 2 dated 27 Jan 44.

<u>Name of Mess.</u>	<u>Membership and Remarks.</u>
a. Velia Restaurant (Main Mess)	(1) For Officers of the rank of Lt. Col. and below - all meals. Two sittings. (2) For Officers of Messes <u>b</u> to <u>f</u> - Lunch only.
b. Vittoria Hotel (Main Mess)	For Officers of the rank of Colonel and upwards.
c. Villa Guariglia.	Chief Commissioner's Mess. Membership- 3.
d. Villa Margheri.	Administrative Vice-President's Mess. Membership about 6.
e. Villa Maria.	Political Directors' Mess. Membership about 4.
f. Villa Dolores.	H.Q. Commandant's Mess. Membership - 3.

Mess a (Velia Restaurant) is at Salerno - all other Messes at Cava.

2. Control and Management.

- a. All Messes in Salerno 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. This Mess Council will be constituted as soon as possible, and its Membership will be subject to confirmation at a General Meeting of Mess Members, which should be held as soon as possible after the move from Brindisi has taken place.
- b. A Secretary and Treasurer, Salerno Messes, will be appointed by this H.Q. He will be responsible to the Mess Council, and to this H.Q., for custody of Mess Funds, and for correct accounting. His duties will be part time. It is intended that this Officer shall be Captain Buckley, at present Security Officer, Brindisi detachment. Meanwhile, there is no objection to the Chief Staff Officer, Admin. Section, appointing an Officer to take over these duties from Captain Drage, or to recommending an Officer to undertake the appointment permanently in place of Captain Buckley.



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- c. Mess a will have a full-time Mess Officer appointed by this H.Q. It is intended that this Officer shall be 2/Lt. Bongarzone, at present Mess Officer Brindisi.
- d. Mess b will have a part-time Mess Officer appointed by the Mess Council. This should be a Captain or Major, and he should be a permanent Member of the Mess.
- e. Remaining Messes will each appoint a Secretary, who will normally be the Personal Assistant of the Senior Officer in the Mess. Secretaries of these Messes may be asked to attend Meetings of the Mess Council, with the consent of their immediate superiors.

3. Responsibilities of Mess Council.

- a. Purchase, record, and allocation as between the different Messes of all Mess Property, and for the allocation of Mess Funds.
- b. Framing of draft rules for Salerno Messes for the approval of this H.Q. These should contain a provision that all Mess Officials will attend General Meetings of Mess Members.

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

DISTRIBUTION :

- 1 & 2 - Lt. Col. Cripps, Admin. Section.
- 3 to 10 - H.Q. Commandant, Salerno. (includes copies for Mess Secretary and Treasurer, Mess Officers, and all Mess Secretaries.)
- 11 & 12 - Executive Officer.
- 13 to 16 - H.Q., A.C.C., Brindisi.
- 17 - File.

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No. ....

MEMORANDUM ON OFFICERS' MESSES - No. 3.

25th January, 1944.

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 Giulia.	Membership - 3.
d. Senior Officers' Mess, 17 Santa Strata.	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).

3. Availability of Messes to Non-Members.
  - (a) It will be appreciated that Officers must eat in the Mess to which they are assigned, otherwise the correct computation and allotment of rations would be impossible.
  - (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 other Messes may occasionally eat in the other Mess as guests is possible.



- Name of Mess.                      Membership and Remarks.
- 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 a, c, d and e Messes - all meals.  
(2) For all Officers not members of a and b Messes - Lunch only.
- c. Chief Commissioner's Mess, Villa Guilia.      Membership - 3.
- d. Senior Officers' Mess, 17 Santa Strata.      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).
3. Availability of Messes to Non-Members.  
(a) It will be appreciated that Officers must eat in the Mess to which they are assigned, otherwise the correct computation and allotment of rations would be impossible.
- (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 a 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.
- (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.

*R.B. Rathbone*  
R. B. RATHBONE,  
Colonel,  
Executive Officer.



DISTRIBUTION :

1. - H.Q. Commandant (Naples)
2. - Mess Secretary and Treasurer, Naples.  
(Capt. Marshall, Toledo Hotel).
3. - Mess Officer, Toledo Mess.
4. - Mess Officer, Santa Brigida Mess.
5. - Chairman, Mess Council, Naples.  
(Lt. Col. W.J. Legg).
6. - Colonel Bolles.
7. - S/Ldr. Perry (c/o Lt. Macnamara).
8. - Mr. Simmering (c/o Economic Vice President).
9. - Executive Officer.
10. - File.

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

LIST OF OFFICIALS, NAPLES MESSSES.

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 L. 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.

<u>a</u> Mess	-	Lt. P. Broadhead (A)
<u>b</u> Mess	-	Lt. H.P. Rancourt (A).

4. Mess Secretaries (small Messes).

<u>c</u> Mess	-	S/Ldr. Perry (B)
<u>d</u> Mess	-	Colonel L. Bolles (A) <i>6p 6/5/44</i> (temporary)
<u>e</u> Mess	-	Mr. Simmering (A)



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 512

29 December 1943

MEMORANDUM ON OFFICERS' MESSSES, NO. 2.

1. Distribution of Memorandum No. 1.

- a. The original distribution of "Memorandum on State of Affairs regarding Officers' Messses", dated 13 December 43, ref. Misc/RER, addressed to Brig. Gueterbock, hereinafter referred to as "Memorandum No. 1" was as follows:

Region I  
Lt. Warner (Mess Secretary, Palermo)  
Mess Officer (Palermo)  
Lt. Col. Bahrens } Members of Mess Council,  
Major Robinson } Palermo.  
G.C. Rear Party, Palermo  
Hq. AGC, Brindisi  
Executive Officer.

- b. Further copies were subsequently distributed as under:

Hq. Commandant, Salerno (Lt. Col. Moss-Vernon)  
Brig. Hamlyn  
Major Baxter (Finance) (See para. 5 (d) )

- . Brig. Gueterbock retained the original copy.

- c. Remaining copies are now forwarded herewith to the following recipients only of this Memorandum (No. 2)  
Mess Officer, Officers' Mess, Naples, Toledo Hotel (at present Lt. Broadhead) (To be handed over on relief)  
Mess Officer, Officers' Mess, Naples, 17 Santa Strata (Major Rushmore)

2. Mess Officer, Palermo.

Ref. Para. 5(c) of Memorandum No. 1. Lt. Jones was subsequently relieved as Mess Officer, Palermo by Capt. Pascal (A), Tele-Comms Sub-Commission, and is now at Naples.

3. Special Fund.

Ref. Para. 5(c) of Memorandum No. 1. The recommendation regarding the £476 has been agreed to. The sum has been lodged in a special account in the Banca di Napoli, Naples.

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Until administration can be handed over to British Admin. Hq. on their arrival here, the Executive Officers, Colonel Albright and Colonel Rathbone have power to sign. Further instructions regarding this fund will be issued at a later date.

4. Organization of Messes.

Ref. para. 4(c) & (d) of Memorandum No. 1.

- a. Messes at Naples will be run entirely separately from those at Salerno.
- b. Two messes have been opened at Naples - a small Senior Officers' Mess at 17 Santa Strata, and a main mess at the Toledo Hotel. At a later date it will probably be necessary to open a third mess.
- c. There will be two messes at Salerno.

5. Management. (See para. 6(a), Memo. No. 1)

- a. Palermo. See Memo. No. 1, para. 6(c) and para 2 of this Memo.

- b. Naples. Toledo Mess (American Rations)

(1) Lt. Broadhead will act as Mess Officer, & Capt. Marshall as Mess Secretary, for the time being. The Mess Secretary's duties will be part time only. At a later date Lt. Broadhead will be assisted on the messing side by Lt. Jones. This will be in addition to Lt. Jones' other duties.

(2) Lt. Col. Richards, Hq. Commandant is appointed ex officio member of the Mess Council.

(3) The following officers are appointed members of the Mess Council, subject to confirmation at a general meeting, which should be convened as early as possible :

Lt. Col. Legge (Interior) - Chairman  
Major Humphries (Industry & Commerce)  
(See e below)

- c. Naples. 17 Santa Strata (American Rations)

Major Rushmore (Public Health) is appointed Mess Secretary, but as regards funds & property, this mess comes under the same management as the Toledo Mess. Major Rushman will apply to Mess Secretary,



Toledo Mess, for funds for capital expenditure & working expenses as required. He will account for such monies to Mess Secretary, Toledo Mess.

d. Salerno.

- (1) Major Baxter (Finance) is appointed Mess Officer (whole time) for both Salerno Messes for the time being.
- (2) Lt. Col. Moss-Vernon (Hq. Comdt) is appointed Ex Officio Member of the Mess Committee.
- (3) A general meeting should be convened as soon as possible after main Hq. is established at Salerno to elect a Mess Council, which should be representative of both messes. A Mess Secretary, or Assistant (part time) from each Mess should also be appointed if considered necessary.

e. General.

Major Humphries will assist in the setting up, organization, making of contacts, engaging of staff, etc., first for the Toledo Mess and subsequently for the Salerno messes. When all messes are properly organized & running smoothly, Major Humphries will be relieved of all duties in connection therewith other than under (b) (3) above.

6. Funds

(See paras. 5(a) & (b) & 7 of Memo No. 1, & para. 3 of this Memo.)

- a. The sum actually brought to Naples by Major Humphries as an advance on the share of the Naples Mess from Palermo Mess Funds was 35000 lire. Of this, 15000 lire has been handed over to Major Baxter to start the Salerno Messes, and 10,000 lire to Major Inghirami for the Senior Officers' Mess, Naples. The 15000 lire is on loan and will be repaid (see (b) below). Major Baxter will open an account at a Bank in Salerno & deposit the 15000 lire therein. He will report the name of the bank to this office. The balance of the 35,000 lire will be deposited in the Banca di Napoli, Naples, and an account opened.
- b. Mess Officers/Secretaries, Naples & Salerno are hereby authorized to apply to Lt. Warner, Mess Secretary, Palermo, for further funds as may be required by way of advances against their shares, for the Naples and Salerno Messes respectively under para. 5(c) (III)



of Memo. No. 1. Lt. Warner will forward such funds in the following manner:-

He will draw cheques on the Mess account and present them to AMFA, Palermo & obtain a receipt. AMFA

Palermo will advise AMFA Naples, who in turn will advise Mess Secretaries when they can draw the cash. Lt. Warner will, in this manner, transfer forthwith the sum of 20000 lire. This is for the Salerno Messes, & will be drawn by Major Dexter as soon as he is advised it is available. On receipt, he will repay to Mess Officer Naples, the sum of 15000 lire. (See (c) above).

- c. When the Palermo Mess is closed down, Lt. Warner will dispose of the final balance as in para 5(a) (III) of Memo. No. 1. He will forward the Naples and Salerno shares in the manner prescribed in b above. He will also forward to the Mess Officer, Naples & Salerno, a statement of accounts showing the final balance, the balances due to each group of messes, & the advances drawn against the total shares under (a) & (b) above. A copy of this statement will be sent to the Executive Officer, Rear Hq., Naples.

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