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INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT
JULY, AUG. 1944

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 794. 13 August 1944.

TO: Headquarters AAI (U. S. Contingent) - Attention General L. L. Lemnitzer.

The attached are copies of a letter Headquarters NATCUSA, 27 July 1944 with reference to an inspection by the Inspector General of the 2675th Regiment and a first endorsement by the Acting Chief Commissioner in reply. These copies are furnished to you since a check at AAI indicates that the correspondence was forwarded direct to Headquarters NATCUSA without your having seen it.

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry,
Establishments Officer.

Incls: as o/m

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

In reply refer to
AG 333.5/612 A-O

S: 11 August 1944
27 July 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Headquarters, 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission, (Overhead), APO 394.

TO : Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission, (Overhead), APO 394.

1. Attached for your comment and immediate corrective action on the deficiencies and irregularities mentioned therein, is copy of Report on Headquarters, 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission, (Overhead), APO 394.

2. It is desired that all United States Army vehicles and transportation issued on memorandum receipt to British officers, AMG, 8th Army, and/or exchange for British vehicles be recovered and returned to 2675th Regiment.

3. It is further desired that this headquarters be informed of action taken.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

1 Incl

Rpt on Hq, 2675th Regt, ACC, (Overhead),
APO 394 (Copy)

/S/ H. V. Roberts
H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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Hq., Allied Control Commission, APO 394. 11 August 1944.

TO: Hq., North African Theater of Operations U.S. Army,
APO 534

1. Vehicles referred to in Paragraph two of basic letter are being returned to the 2675th Regiment. Where such return is not possible, Board of Survey proceedings will be instituted.

2. The 2675th Regiment, as an administrative agency for U. S. Army property and personnel, has from its inception been unsuited to the operational requirements of the Allied Control Commission. The attached report appears to have been made without adequate knowledge of the operational activities of the Commission. I would welcome an immediate and complete reinvestigation of the 2675th Regiment with a view to affecting such administrative changes as will protect the interests of the United States Army without hampering the operations of the Allied Control Commission.

BILLERY W. STONE
Captain, USMR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Encl. - Withdrawn

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of Inspector General
APO 534

13 July 1944

Subject: Report on Headquarters, 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission, (Overhead) APO 394.

To : Chief of Staff, MATOUSA, APO 534.

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I. AUTHORITY:

1. In compliance with a directive of the Theater Commander, the following report on the 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission, (Overhead), APO 394, is submitted by Major Charles V. Gibbs, I.G.D., of this office.

II. REMARKS:

2. Administration.

a. In practice, the 2675th Regiment is unable to comply with prescribed army regulations pertaining to the transfer and assignment of personnel because in many instances personnel are transferred by Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, and by the regional commander, who may be British or American, without any information of such transfer being given to the personnel section of the 2675th Regiment, Headquarters Company, or to the particular company commander of the personnel concerned. This results in both men and officers being carried on the morning reports of several companies.

b. Provisions of AR 615-200, pertaining to the transfer of enlisted men and officers, is not being followed. (See Exhibit A).

c. Boxes 32, 33 and Service Records do not always accompany enlisted men upon their transfer, but are retained in the files of their former company.

d. Files of MATOUSA circulars are incomplete.

3. Supplies and Property.

a. All property and supplies are the responsibility of the 2675th Regiment. Yet this property is transferred, issued on & traded

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by a Regional representative of Allied Control Commission, without any notice being given to the company commander who has signed for and is responsible for the property. Reference is made to Exhibit B, in which instance four American vehicles were traded to the A.M.C., 8th Army, for four British vehicles. These vehicles for all practical purposes must be considered lost. This transaction is not only illegal but a most improper misuse of U. S. Government property.

b. No undue excess of unauthorized supplies or equipment was noted, and steps are being taken to reduce what overages do exist.

3. Transportation.

a. The present system of motor maintenance is entirely unsatisfactory and the vehicles are in poor condition. No satisfactory maintenance standards will be reached, as long as vehicles are issued to officers on Memorandum Receipt and the maintenance of the vehicles left up to the individual officer.

b. Trip tickets are not used on all vehicles. ✓

c. An excessive number of vehicles have been lost and stolen.

4. Special Service Equipment.

a. No special service equipment has been issued to this regiment since the beginning of the Italian campaign. It is on requisition at the present time with the Peninsular Base Section.

5. Conservation of Manpower.

a. At the present time Headquarters, Allied Control Commission has an S-1 and S-4 section which are purely operational. As well there are corresponding administrative sections in the Headquarters, 2675th Regiment. If the corresponding sections of both Headquarters were combined for operation a large saving in personnel would result, for there is a duplication of work and personnel under the present setup.

(1). For example, outside of the Cable Section, enlisted men in G-1 section of Allied Control Commission are performing the same duties as the S-1 section of Headquarters, 2675th Regiment.

(2). There are five known sets of locator cards being maintained.

(3). Duplication in filing is existent.

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(4). The 201 files on officers are scattered all over the Regiment, they could be incorporated in one file in Headquarters.

(5). Too many indorsements are necessary between the sections under the present system, such superfluous correspondence could be eliminated by the use of buck slips.

(6). As well as a saving in personnel, the most important realization would be the resultant gain in administrative and operational efficiency, for under the existing setup the corresponding staff sections do not always know what the other is doing.

b. At the present time a Special Service Officer and also an Orientation Officer are carried in the Regimental Headquarters. Due to the peculiar character of this organization, the jobs of these officers are superfluous.

c. More civilian labor could be used in the simpler jobs.

6. Unit Funds.

a. The unit funds were kept in a satisfactory manner.

7. Promotions and Awards.

a. The manner of and apportionment of the grades and ratings appeared equitable.

b. The allotment of one Legion of Merit award to the Regiment was made known by the general distribution of a memorandum to all companies. Only one recommendation was submitted from the entire regiment, which was approved. (See Exhibit C).

8. Officers' Mess.

a. American and British general officers and full colonels of the Allied Control Commission, 2675th Regiment, and visiting officers of the same rank, live at the Grand Hotel. The mess at this hotel is operated by the Headquarters Commandant, Allied Control Commission, a British officer, using American rations for the officer personnel. Inasmuch as this is purely an operational function of Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, no inspection of this mess was made. However, due to the number of complaints made by American officers living at this hotel in regard to the high charges for meals, an inquiry was made and it was found that a charge of \$.25 per meal over and above subsistence was being made for members of this mess. This excessive charge is in violation of the provisions of MATOUGA Circular No. 14, ex., Sec. I, Par. 4.

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Squadron Commander

2. General.

a. One of the vital necessities toward the successful operation of this regiment is well qualified personnel with Army experience, cognizant of the regulative procedure required and appreciative of the care to be exercised over government property for which they are responsible. At the present time, the efficient administration of the 2675th Regiment is made difficult because many of the high ranking American officers in the Allied Control Commission, who exercise operational control, are very deficient in Army administrative procedure. In addition to this, the British officers in the Allied Control Commission, are also often in a position to exercise operational control over American personnel and supplies, and they also are not familiar with our administrative procedure.

b. At the present time it is not possible for the Regiment to retain trained key personnel, for when operational necessity dictates, they are taken away for other jobs. Operations, justly, are of primary importance, but in this particular instance, essential personnel for the administration of the company and regiment should be frozen, for in the final analysis, a smoother administrative machine will to a large extent do much to insure operational success, and as well safeguard government property.

c. No evidence was found to indicate the Commanding Officer, Headquarters, 2675th Regiment, or any of his representatives, are exceeding their administrative authority by attempting to exercise any control over operational sections of Allied Control Commission.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS:

10. That a copy of this report be sent to both the Commanding Officer, Headquarters, 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission, (Overhead), APO 394, and Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, for their comment and immediate corrective action on the deficiencies and irregularities mentioned.

11. That all United States Army vehicles and transportation issued on memorandum receipt to British officers, A.M.G., 8th Army, and/or exchanged for British vehicles by Brigadier John K. Dunlop, Headquarters, Region IV, Allied Control Commission, be dropped from the property records of the Headquarters, 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission, and the cost of same be charged against reverse Land Lease.

I concur in the above report:

WILLIAM R. WATSON
Colonel, I. G. D.
Acting Inspector General

CHARLES V. GIBBS
Major, I. G. D.
Asst. Inspector General

3 Incls: Exhibits A, B & C.

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Squadron Commander

HEADQUARTERS REGION IV
Allied Control Commission
APO 394

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REGION IV ORDER NO. 72
By Brigadier J. K. DUNLOP C.B.E., M.C., T.D.

25 May 1944

1. The undermentioned S.M. are relieved from present assignment and are assigned to Rome Sub-Region for temporary duty:

Pvt.	Ragond Spizzirri	32679643	(A)
PFC.	Charles C. Murico	95059787	(A)
PFC.	Joseph Galabrese	31144120	(A)
PFC.	Robert G. Lelli	39191590	(A)
PFC.	Albert S. Ridella	32419685	(A)
Pvt.	Frank Zimaro	35622037	(A)

They will report to Capt. Paul L. Johnson Comd. Co. "L" at HQ. AMG 5th Army GAS on that date.

2. Full field equipment, bed rolls and mosquito nets will be taken.

3. Transportation will be provided from Motor Pool Naples and will leave at 0800 hrs 25 May 44.

/t/ D. Beveridge Capt
For Regional Commissioner

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1 - AMG 5th Army (GAS)
1 - HQ. ACC Gen
1 - 2675th Regt.
1 - Comd. Co "L"
1 - " " "D"
1 - Comd. Det. 4

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/s/ Paul L. Johnson
/t/ PAUL L. JOHNSON
Captain, GMP

CHARLES V. GIBBS
Major, I.G.D.
Asst. Inspector General

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HEADQUARTERS
COMPANY D
2675th REGIMENT
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

25 May 1944

SUBJECT: Transfer to Company "L", 2675th Regiment.

TO : Pfc Joseph M. Calabrese, 31144120

1. You have been transferred to Company "L", 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission, A.M.C. 5th Army (C.A.S.) at Qasrta per par 6 S.O. 57, Headquarters, 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission, (Prov) dated 23 May 1944.
2. You are hereby directed to report to the Commanding Officer, Company "L", Captain Paul L. Johnson, without delay.
3. Failure to report may cause Company "L" to carry you AWOL.

/a/ Johnnie C. Henderson
/t/ JOHNIE C. HENDERSON
1st Lt., Infantry
Commanding.

A TRUE COPY:

CHARLES V. GIBBS
Major, I.G.D.
Asst. Inspector General

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

REGION IV ORDER NO. 80
By Brigadier J.L. Dunlop, O.B.E., M.C., T.D.

25 May, 1944

1. Pfc. Walter V. Ruisi 1107948 (A) is loaned for temporary duty with Coy. "L" and is attached to A.M.G. 5th Army (GAS) effective 25 May 44. He will report to Major Lothian on that date. He will be returned to Region IV as soon as possible after C.A.S. reach Rome City.
2. Pfc Ruisi will leave Naples at 1600 hrs. 25 May 44. Transportation will be provided from Motor Pool Naples. The driver will return to Naples with his vehicle after completing this mission.

/t/ C.M. Gevers
Col., Inf.
For Regional Commissioner

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- 1 - AMG 5th Army (GAS)
- 1 - Eq. ACCG-1 (A)
- 1 - 2675th Regt.
- 1 - Labour Div. Reg. IV
- 1 - Pfc Ruisi
- 1 Comd. Coy. "L"
- 1 - Comd. Coy. "D"
- 1 - Comd. Det. 4

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/s/ Paul L. Johnson
/t/ PAUL L. JOHNSON
Capt. C M P

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Major, I.G.D.
Asst Inspector General

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HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(OVERHEAD)
APO 394

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15 July 1944

Subject: Vehicles

To : Inspector General, MATOUZA
Attention: Major Gibb

1. In addition to the four (4) Trucks, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton, 4x4, C&R, shipped to AMG 8th Army by Brigadier DUNLOP, seven (7) Trailers, $\frac{1}{4}$ ton, 2 wheel, cargo, have been issued on Memorandum Receipt to AMG 8th Army by Company "G", this Regiment.

2. The numbers of the Trailers, $\frac{1}{4}$ ton, 2 wheel, cargo, are not available at this time as Company "G" has not replied to the letter from this headquarters.

For the Commanding Officer:

CLAYTON C. CRAIG
Captain, Infantry
S-4

Incl.

Ltr. Co. "D"

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Major, I.G.D.
Asst. Inspector General

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

TO AMG Eighth Army
SUBJECT: Exchange of Vehicles
FILE NO: AM/451

1. We have received at this HQ this date the following vehicles:

1 P.U. Utility Hillman	W.D. No. 4776934
1 P.U. Utility Standard	W.D. No. 45214162
1 15 GWT Dodge	W.D. No. 24983311
1 15 OWN Ford	W.D. No. 4959334-Z

2. The above-mentioned vehicles are in exchange for the following:

1 ½ Ton 4x4	U.S. No. 20211746
1 ½ Ton 4x4	U.S. No. 2079401
1 ½ Ton 4x4	U.S. No. 20103850
1 ½ Ton 4x4	U.S. No. 20120755

/t/ John K. Dunlop, Brigadier
Regional Commissioner

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1 Copy - HQ Cmd.

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/s/ Johnnie C. Henderson
/t/ JOHNIE C. HENDERSON

CHARLES V. GIBBS
Major, I.G.D.
Asst. Inspector General

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

TO AMG 8th Army
SUBJECT: Vehicles
FILE NO: AR 4/451

24 May 1944

The following telegram has been received at HQ
Region IV:-

FOLLOWING EXCHANGE AUTHORISED PD PARIS TO SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT EIGHTH ARMY FROM ACC MAIN SIGNED MACFARLANE PARIS REGION FOUR TO ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT EIGHTH ARMY FOUR BY FIVE HUNDREDWEIGHT FOUR BY FOUR PARIS BRITISH VEHICLES PARIS PD ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT EIGHTH ARMY TO REGION FOUR TWO BY TEN HORSEPOWER UTILITY CAR TWO BY FIFTEEN HUNDREDWEIGHT GEORGE SUGAR PD EIGHTH ARMY WILL CONTACT REGION FOUR DIRECT TO ARRANGE TRANSFER PD COPY OF ARMY FORMS GEORGE ONE ZERO THREE THREE TO THIS HQ QUEEN PD REGION FOUR TO NOTIFY THIS HQ QUEEN COMPLETION OF TRANSFER BY PHONE PD

The only four British Jeeps held by Region IV are with the Rieti Province Team, now under your command. Will you therefore make transfer arrangements direct with provincial Commissioner, Rieti.

You will however, please consider that the P.U. is a very low powered vehicle for CAM work in a hilly region such as Rieti.

It is assumed that drivers will NOT be transferred with vehicles. If however, you consider such a transfer necessary please advise this HQ.

Please send copies of transfer documents to this HQ.

Copies To: Rieti Province
HQ Region IV Main for Regional Commissioner
HQ ACC (R.C. & M.G. Sec.,
Establishments Branch) (Draft Written by Brig. Dunlop)

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/s/ Johnnie C. Henderson
/t/ JOHNIE C. HENDERSON
1st Lt., Infantry.

CHARLES V. GIBBS
Major, I.G.D.
Asst. Inspector General

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HEADQUARTERS
COMPANY D
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

25 July 1944

SUBJECT: Exchange of Vehicles with AMGOT 8th Army.

TO : S-4 2675th Regiment, ACC

1. The information regarding vehicles exchanged by Advance Headquarters Region 4, ACC, is as follows:

a. Attached telegram was sent to Provincial Commissioner on or about May 24, 1944, authorising exchange of vehicles with AMG 8th Army from ACC.

b. Attached letter written to AMG 8th Army stating 4 British Jeeps held by Region 4 were with Reiti Province Team, who were under the command of AMG 8th Army.

c. Because of operation difficulties ACC authorized exchange of 4 American Jeeps in place of 4 British Jeeps.

d. This exchange was made at Region 4, ACC Headquarters Advanced. Co., D, 2675th Regiment, ACC, at this time was at Region 4 Headquarters in Naples.

e. Attached is letter to AMGOT 5th Army from Regional Commissioner of Region 4, acknowledging receipt of vehicles.

2. Memorandum receipts have been sent to Senior American Officer of AMGOT 5th Army to be signed and returned to this Headquarters.

/s/ Johnnie C. Henderson
/t/ JOHNNIE C. HENDERSON
1st Lt., Inf.
Commanding

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CHARLES V. GIBBS,
Major, I. G. D.,
Asst. Inspector General.

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FOLLOWING EXCHANGE AUTHORISED. (TO SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS
OFFICER AMG EIGHT ARMY FROM ACC MAIN SIGNED MAC FARLANE) REGION
FOUR TO AMG EIGHT ARMY \$-5 GWT 4x4 (BRITISH VEHICLES). AMG EIGHT
ARMY TO REGION FOUR 2-10 HORSEPOWER UTILITY GWA 2-15 GWT GENERAL
SERVICE. EIGHT ARMY WILL CONTACT REGION FOUR DIRECT TO ARRANGE
TRANSFER. COPY OF ARMY FORM G-1093 TO THIS HQ REGION FOUR TO
NOTIFY THIS HQ COMPLETION OF TRANSFER BY PHONE.

(The following is written in ink).

This was copied from our files, it pertains to this transaction
of vehicles.

Johnnie C. Henderson
1st Lt Inf -
Comdg Co D., 2675th Regt. A.C.C.

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CHARLES V. GIBBS
Major, I.G.D.
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HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(PROVISIONAL)
APO 394

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File: 200.6

23 March 1944

SUBJECT: Legion of Merit.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Reference is made to letter, file AG 200.6/337-Y, subject: "Award of Legion of Merit", NATOUS, dated 21 February 1944.

2. This Regiment has been allotted one Legion of Merit award, for enlisted man only, for the period ending 31 May 1944. Recommendations, completed in accordance with the provisions of Circular 26, NATOUS, dated 6 March 1944, may be submitted to this Headquarters.

By order of Colonel PARKIN:

/s/ Morris K. Goldstein
MORRIS K. GOLDSTEIN
1st Lt., Infantry
Adjutant

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/s/ G. B. Pate
/t/ G. B. PATE
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Asst Adjutant

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Major, L.G.D.
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1. Comments and statement of corrective action taken with respect to report on Headquarters 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission (Overhead), APO 394.
2. Administration - (see para 2 of report)

a. Personnel and equipment, both American and British, are transferred between Regions and Hq. by ACC order. Transfers of American personnel when approved by the ACC Personnel Executive Officer are processed through G-1 (A) to the Hq. ACC Adjutant, who publishes the ACC Special Orders, including both British and American personnel, involving transfer of personnel between Hq. and the various Regions. Combined records are necessary for Hq. ACC.

Copies of these orders are sent immediately (many times by special messenger) to the 2675th Regiment. It is then necessary for the Regimental Personnel Section to extract from these orders the American personnel and to issue orders making the transfer between Companies of the Regiment.

Regional Commissioners are not authorized to make any transfers from their Region to any other sub-unit of ACC. They do make transfers from their own Headquarters to Provinces and from one Province to another within their Region without reference to Hq. ACC. These transfers within Regions are all within the same Company of the Regiment. The exhibits as submitted by the Inspector were in two of the three cases unauthorized and were undoubtedly made

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transfer of enlisted men and officers.

c. The Regimental Commander has issued an order to the Company Commanders that Forms 32, 33 and Service Records will be forwarded with the enlisted men only upon receipt of the Regimental Order for their transfer.

It is quite possible that the Regimental Order or the Hq. ACC Order may be received first due to irregularities in the mail. The order of the Regimental Commander, that the forms will not be forwarded until the Regimental Order is received, is his safety check that men are not transferred from place to place without knowledge of the Regimental Headquarters. No specific instances were cited by the Inspector, and the Regimental Headquarters are not cognizant of any failures to forward the above forms in the recent past. It is known that the Inspector's remark did apply several months ago.

d. FILE OF NATOUS A CIRCULARS IN THE REGIMENTAL HQ. IS COMPLETE.

It is quite possible that the files of some of the Companies may be incomplete. A check of each Company is being made so that missing Circulars may be requested from NATOUS. Insufficient copies for each Company were furnished prior to 3 May 1944 when Regimental Hq. asked and received an additional number of copies of all NATOUS publications.

3. SUPPLIES AND PROPERTY - (see para 3 of report)

a. It would appear that the remarks made by the Inspector were based on an isolated instance. The incident occurred during the rapid advance of the 5th and 8th Armies. When it became urgent that ANG 8th Army, composed of both British and American Officers, operating in mountainous country,

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3. Supplies and Property - (see para 3 of report)

a. It would appear that the remarks made by the Inspector were based on an isolated instance. The incident occurred during the rapid advance of the 5th and 8th Armies. When it became urgent that AMG 8th Army, composed of both British and American Officers, operating in mountainous country, required replacement of four British PUS by 4 quarter-ton C&Rs, the only four quarter-ton C&Rs which were available quickly to take care of the operational necessity of AMG/ACC were in Region IV. Headquarters ACC directed Region IV to transfer four British Jeeps in replacement of the four PUS. Region IV was unable to trade four British Jeeps since the only ones available were in use with the RIETI Province team and operating under command and in the same area as AMG 8th Army and quarter tons C&Rs were equally necessary for that team. Then this was brought to the attention of the Establishments Officer, ACC, the decision was taken after a conference with the American G-4 and S-4 of the 2675th Regiment to permit American quarter tons to be transferred due to the urgent operational necessity. These vehicles would normally be transferred from Company D to Company G and by them placed on Memorandum Receipt to the Senior

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7. Officers' Mess - (see para 8 of report)
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(*) With an American Naval officer as Deputy, now Acting Chief Commissioner.

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- b. The arrangements for the charge at the Grand Hotel were made in the early days of the occupation of Rome when RMAC and ACC were joint occupants of the hotel. Since the arrival of the present ACC Hq. Commandant on 25 July with adequate personnel, entirely new arrangements were made at the Grand Hotel and the messing charge has been since that time 25 / per day. Additional improvements and corrections of early mistakes are being made as rapidly as possible.
8. General - (see para 7 of report)
- a. The statement that the efficient administration of the 2675th Regiment is difficult is concurred in. No other organization is known where British and American personnel are mixed within the same unit as they are in ACC. The Regional Commissioner may be either British or American and for efficient operations must exercise command within the Region. When the Regional Commissioner is a British Officer, he has an American Executive Officer who is second in command who should safeguard American interests and insure proper administrative procedure. However, as stated by the Inspector, a large number of the Senior American officers were selected for and assigned to ACC because of their civilian background and training, and unfortunately they are almost totally ignorant of American Army administrative procedure. This fact places a tremendous load on the American administrative officers at Headquarters.

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- b. It is agreed that the Regiment should have trained key personnel.

It is the desire of the Commission that this be accomplished to the fullest extent, subject to operational necessity and availability of personnel.

- c. The statement made by the Inspector that there is no evidence that the Commanding Officer, Headquarters 2675th Regiment, or any of his representatives, are exceeding their administrative authority is concurred in.

9. Recommendation made in para 11 of the Inspector's report had been ordered prior to the receipt of the Inspector's report, however, a method of charging the vehicles lost by the turn-in to REME is not known at this Headquarters. Request that specific instructions be issued as to a method to be pursued. Pending receipt of such instructions, vehicles are being placed on a Report of Survey and a Surveying Officer appointed to collect all the facts in the case.

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ESTABLISHMENTS BRANCH ALIEN CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394. 8 August 1941.
TO: Headquarters, North African Theatre of Operations, United States Army,
APO 574.

1. Comments on the Inspector General's report of the 2675th Regiment, ADC (overhead), dated 18 July is attached herewith.

With reference to para. 2, basic communication regarding the recovery of vehicles from ADC 8th Army, see para. 3a of attached comments. Unfortunately, it will probably be impossible to recover some of these vehicles which were through error turned in to HME for repair by them because up to the present it has been impossible to locate the HME shop to which they were turned over. Immediate action was instituted for their recovery when the disposition of these vehicles was first reported to HQ. ADC by the SCAO, ADC 8th Army.

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Request authority be given to incorporate the Headquarters of the 2675th Regiment with Headquarters ADC organization when operational requirements permit. This reorganization should designate the Senior American Officer, or the Establishments Officer, to command the Regiment with an Executive Officer actually performing the functions which are now performed

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Subject: Comments on Report of the Inspection of the 2675th Regiment, AGC (Overhead), APO 394, dated 18 July 1944.

To : The Commanding General, North African Theatre of Operations, United States Army, APO 394.

1. GENERAL:

It is considered unfortunate that the Inspector General who made the inspection of the 2675th Regiment construed his directive for the inspection so narrowly that he did not inspect Allied Control Commission activities which are so closely connected with the operation of the 2675th Regiment and about which he made recommendations for consolidation but which he did not inspect. I refer to G-1 (A), G-4 (A) and the Headquarters Adjutant of AGC. It is further unfortunate that he apparently based many of his opinions on the operation of only one of the eight Companies of the Regiment.

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many things for which otherwise it would be necessary to detach combat troops. Rapid shifts of personnel and equipment are quite often necessary between these forward units to permit them to function in support of the Armies.

2. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. The statement made in page 2a of the Inspector's report is erroneous. The Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission by necessity has operational control of the American personnel and equipments of the 2675th Regiment. Personnel and equipment, both American and British, are transferred between Regtions and HQ. ACC by ACC order. Transfers of American personnel when approved by the ACC Personnel Executive Officer are processed through C-1 (A) to the HQ. ACC Adjutant, who publishes the ACC Special Orders including both British and American personnel involving transfer of personnel between HQ. and the various Regions. Combined records are necessary for HQ. ACC. Copies of these orders are sent immediately (many times by special messenger) to the 2675th Regiment. It is then necessary for the Regimental Personnel Section to extract from these orders the American personnel and to issue orders making the transfer between Companies of the Regiment.

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- of HQ. AGO. This instance of unauthorized transfers - an isolated instance of a practice which was common six months ago.
- b. The above should indicate that every effort is being made by AGO and the Regiment to comply with Army Regulations 615-200 pertaining to the transfer of enlisted men and officers.
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the same areas as AM 8th Army and quarter tons cars were equally necessary for that team. Then this was brought to the attention of the Establishments Officer, AGO, the decision was taken after a conference with the American G-4 and G-4 of the 2675th Regiment to permit American quarter tons to be transferred due to the urgent operational necessity. These vehicles would normally be transferred from Company D to Company C and by then placed on Memorandum Receipt to the Senior American Officer with AM 8th Army. Upon receipt of this Memorandum Receipt at Headquarters AM 8th Army, a request was made by the SCAO 8th Army to permit the British Officer in charge of 8th Army AM Transportation to sign for these vehicles since the Senior American Officer (Legal Officer) was not present in the area and would never have an opportunity to see the vehicles. This request was reluctantly granted. Unfortunately during the operation, two of the vehicles were seriously damaged and taken to a HME shop for repair since no American maintenance facilities were available. They were then declared beyond repair and two British quarter-ton cars were sent forward to AM 8th Army in replacement. This was immediately reported to HQ, AGO and to the 2675th Regiment.

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5. CONSERVATION OF VEHICLES

- a. (1) Remarks made by the Inspector in Part. 3 on the above subject were made without contesting G-1 (A) or G-4 (A), and actually observing their operation. He has made such an inspection he would have found a very small account of duplication of parts in these two Sections. G-1 (A) and G-2 of the Regiment are physically separated by necessity within the office spaces available. They do work in close cooperation. The G-1 (A) and S-4 of

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It is believed that a somewhat more closely knit organization could be achieved by incorporation of the Regimental HQ into the Chief Quartermaster's Staff - the Establishments Branch. authority for this change is requested in covering letter to this report.

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 - one in APO 394, two in Hq. 2675th Regt., one in the Hq. Company and one in the G-1 (A) Section. None of these sets, with a possible exception of the one in Hq. Company could be eliminated without a loss of time each day of operation. They must be consulted frequently in the offices in which they are located.
 - (3) Some duplication of filing is a practical necessity in an organization as large as AGO in order to save time in various offices where certain files are frequently required.
 - (4) 201 files on all officers assigned to the Regiment are incorporated in one file in Regimental Hq. and these files have been maintained since the arrival of the Regimental Hq. in Italy.
 - (5) Reference the use of buck-slip rather than index segments. buck-slip are used when their use is possible, however, AGO is a composite organization in which actual commanders in the field may be either British or American. Regional Commissioner, if British, must exercise the prerogatives of command over the officers assigned to his Region whether they are British or American. The Executive Commissioner, who is next superior to the Regional Commissioner, is a British Officer, and the Chief Commissioner has been and probably will be again a British officer. Communications involving strictly American personnel and equipment must be placed in strictly American channels.

prior to forwarding to higher Headquarters. This is accomplished at HQ. AGC by interring these communications through HQ. of the 2675th Regt. 26-G-1 (A) and S-1 of the Regiment were combined these movements would still be necessary to move the communication from the AGC channels to a purely American channel of command.

- (6) The Inspector's recommendation in para. 5a (6) is unfortunately based on inadequate knowledge of the functions of the purely AGC G-1s and G-2s. (See para. 5a (1) above). In any Eq. as large as AGC every officer in any one Section is most unlikely to know what every other officer in that Section is doing and the same would exist were Sections closely connected.
- b. It is agreed that a Special Service Officer and an Orientation Officer cannot profitably be used in the regular organization of AGC and the 2675th Regiment. These officers were assigned as directed by TD AGO letter file: AG 320.3 (14 April 44) OB-S-F, subject: Regimental Orientation Officers, dated 16 April 1944. Request authority be given to the Regiment in writing which will authorize them to dispense with these officers. The Orientation Officer is at present assigned as Soldiers' Voting Officer and as such cannot be spared until those duties are complete.
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labor to release enlisted men for forward areas is being stressed as strongly
as possible.

6. OFFICERS' MESS

The mess at the Grand Hotel is actually operated by an American Restaurant
mess operated under the supervision of the Headquarters Commandant AGC.
The mess at the Grand Hotel is only one of five officers' messes that
are in mess officer for both the Grand and the Flora Hotel. These two
messes are especially supervised by an American Major who is Assistant HQ.
Commandant.

Joint occupants of the hotel. Since the arrival of the present ACC Eq. Commandant on 25 July with adequate personnel, entirely new arrangements were made at the Grand Hotel and the messing charge has been since that time 25¢ per day. Additional improvements and corrections of early mistakes are being made as rapidly as possible.

7. GENERAL

- a. The statement that the efficient administration of the 2675th Regiment is difficult is correct. No other organization is known where British and American Personnel are mixed within the same unit as they are in ACC. The Regional Commissioner may be either British or American and for efficient operations must exercise command within the Region. Then the Regional Commissioner is a British Officer, he has an American Executive Officer who is second in command who should safeguard American interests and insure proper administrative procedure. However, as stated by the Inspector, a large number of the Senior American Officers were selected for and assigned to ACC because of their civilian background and training, and unfortunately they are almost totally ignorant of American Army administrative procedure. This fact places a tremendous load on the American administrative officers at Headquarters.
- b. The freeing of all administrative personnel in those

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- b. The freezing of all administrative personnel in their job would be an injustice to officers of Company grades in command of companies in the field. There have been few instances of the relief of these officers for assignment in other type of a job for which they were especially qualified. None of the Company officers have been relieved in recent months except on approval of the Regimental Commander and then only when a suitable replacement was available. Company officers of rear Regions which have been largely stripped of their American personnel are being moved forward to the larger companies at present being newly formed Regions.
- c. The Commanding Officer of the 265th Regiment is not exceeding his authority by attempting to exercise operational control of any part of AGC. He has been most cooperative.
- d. Recommendation made to date. II of the Inspector's report had been ordered prior to the receipt of the Inspector's report, however, a method of charging the vehicles lost by the turn-in to HSS is not known at this

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Headquarters. Request that specific instructions be issued as to a method to be pursued. Pending receipt of such instructions vehicles are being placed on a Report of Survey and a Surveying Officer appointed to collect all the facts in the case.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

G-1(A)/LWS/el

3 August 44

SUBJECT: Inspector General's Report

TO : Establishment Officer, Allied Control Commission

1. Reference Inspector General's Report, Hq, NATOUS, AG 333.5/612 A-0, Subject: Report on Headquarters, 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission, (Overhead), APO 394, dated 27 July 44, sub-paragraph 1 of paragraph 5 (Conservation of Manpower), section II, reads: "For example, outside of the G-1 Section, enlisted men in G-1 Section of Allied Control Commission are performing the same duties as the S-1 Section of Headquarters, 2675th Regiment." It is apparent from this statement that the Adjutant Section, Headquarters, ACC, has been confused with G-1 (American). To clear up this point, attention is invited to the attached letter, Hq, ACC, Adj 321.011, Subject: Activities of Adjutant's Department, Hq, ACC, dated 1 August 44, which details the exact functions of the Adjutant's Department, this Hq, and in each case points out every instance of duplication within the regimental structure.

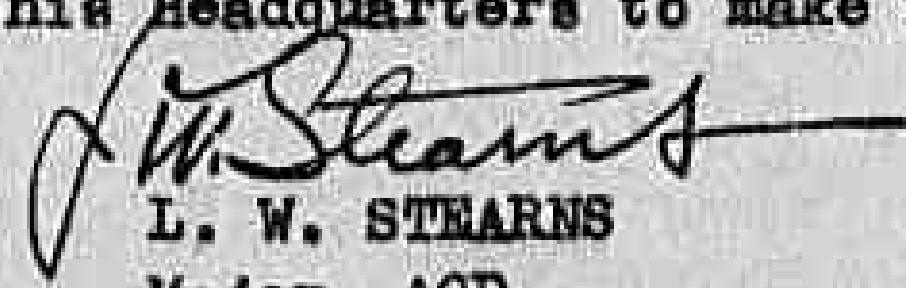
2. It is unfortunate that the Inspector General -- Major Charles V. Gibbs -- did not at any time during his inspection enter and examine the office records and activities of G-1 (American). It is desired that this Section be not overlooked in the event future inspections are made by the Inspector General.

3. Concerning sub-paragraph 2 of paragraph 5 (Conservation of Manpower), section II, which reads: "There are five known sets of locator cards being maintained," the following is a complete tabulation of the sets of locator cards maintained in this Headquarters:

1. APO 394	1 complete set
2. Hq 2675th Regt	2 complete sets
3. Hq Co	1 complete set
4. G-1 (American)	1 EM set

G-1 (American) maintains one set of locator cards on the enlisted men and a Kardex record on all officers. The Kardex set is not duplicated anywhere in ACC or the 2675th Regiment. It is essential that a complete set be maintained by the APO 394. As for the three sets maintained between Hq and Hq Co, it is possible that at least one of them could be eliminated; however, this is left to the judgment of the Regimental Adjutant.

4. Relative to the use of civilian labor in the simpler positions, attention is invited to the enclosed copy of Office Memorandum No. 15, Hq, ACC, subject: Civilian Personnel (Employment and Payment Procedure), dated 1 August 44, which outlines the efforts now being made by this Headquarters to make maximum use of civilians.


L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
G-1 (American)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Adj 321.011

1 August 1944

SUBJECT: Activities of Adjutant's Department, Hq, ACC.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission,
THROUGH: G-1 (A).

1. Reference is made to letter, Hq, NATOUS, AG 33.5/612 A-U,
27 July 1944, subject: "Inspection of 2675th Regiment".

2. Reference is also made to report of inspection, dated 18 July 1944,
on Headquarters, 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission (Overhead), APO
394, signed by CHARLES V. GIBBS, Major, IGD, inclosed with reference in para-
graph 1, above.

3. Attention is invited to Establishment Memorandum No. 2, Hq, ACC,
7 February 1944, Reference 16052/G-1, (originally published as Executive
Memorandum No. 2, same date and reference). Particular attention is invited
to paragraph 5 of this publication, which reads in substance:

"...and the former AG's responsibilities will be
limited in general to the reception, distribution
and dispatch of correspondence and cables, the
operation of the post office and the issue of rout-
ine orders of certain types. The Adjutant will have
no responsibility for personnel and will only main-
tain files pertaining to his own department - not
central files..."

4. So far as the undersigned has been able to determine, from a
personal questioning of the heads of each section of the Adjutant's Depart-
ment, the Inspector General made no inspection or official visit of any kind
to this Department.

5. Insofar as the Adjutant's Department is concerned, the following
rough outline of the activities of the various sections thereof is set forth
to enable a ready comparison of the field of activity of the Adjutant, ACC,
and the Adjutant, 2675th Regiment:

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ACC

Cable Section:

Reproduction of incoming cables; preparation of outgoing cables for Italian Government agencies.

2675th Regiment

No parallel.

Courier & ADLS Section:

Transmission of all official mail outside of Hq, ACC building.

No parallel.

2675th Regt uses ACC service.

Incoming Distribution:

Reception, sorting and routing of all incoming correspondence and signals.

All 2675th Regt traffic comes through this Section and is a very small portion thereof.

Registry:

Recording of all mail and signals received.

2675th Regt mail goes direct - is not opened or registered.

Internal Message Center:

Pickup and delivery service to and from all offices in ACC Headquarters building.

No parallel.

Files:

Adjutant's Dept files, and files of all publications and distribution thereof - see Par 3, above, for files policy.

No duplication: 2675th Regt files are personnel files, not maintained by ACC.

Duplicating:

Mimeographing of ACC publications and distribution thereof, and publications of operational sub-units of ACC.

Duplication: 2675th Regt does own mimeographing.

Publications:

Preparation of ACC Special Orders and Daily Bulletin - miscellaneous publications.

Duplication: 2675th Regt prepares own orders. Regimental volume a small percent of ACC.

Adjutant and Assistant Adjutant:

General responsibility for operation of department, planning, coordination, etc.

No duplication: personnel activities of Regt require full time attention of one officer.

Post Office:

Supervision and responsibility for operation of APO 394 and British Mail Room. The British Mail Room is now under supervision of G-1 (B).

Duplication: APO 394 should be purely a 2675th Regt responsibility

L. T. Montant, Jr.
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Adjutant

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

G-1 (A)/LMS/JA

OFFICE MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 15)

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

(Employment and Payment Procedure)

1 August 1944



- I -

This memorandum supersedes Office Memorandum No. 8 (Administrative Instructions 1A), this Headquarters, dated 1 July 44. The Civilian Personnel Office has now been established under the operational control of the G-1 Section and under the policy direction of the Civilian Personnel Policy Board. These offices are located in Room 11, Ground floor, Ministero delle Corporazioni Building, Telephone No. 431, and is under the direction of an Acting Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor. This office will perform civilian personnel functions, including the recruitment, selection, classification and reclassification, hiring, and placement of civilians within the Allied Control Commission.

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Recruitment Procedure

Recruitment at the present time is divided into three categories:

- (1) Response to newspaper advertising
- (2) Casual applicants
- (3) Those referred by sections and subcommissions.

At present the first two methods are the principal sources of personnel; however, it is believed that the third source (namely, those referred to the office directly by the sections and subcommissions) should prove the most profitable. Accordingly, it is encouraged that all sections and subcommissions having direct professional contacts with corresponding agencies in the Italian Government make known to them their civilian personnel needs. It is reported that there is a large number of highly qualified unemployed who formerly worked for the Italian Government and local associations.

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Hiring

All sections and subcommissions, or other sub-divisions, will report their civilian personnel needs direct to the Civilian Personnel Office. Such requests will be made in writing, giving adequate job description — that is, the type of work to be performed, the language requirements, and any other information that is pertinent to the position to be filled. Civilian Personnel will refer one or more qualified applicants for interview and final selection by the section or subcommission concerned. After the interview, the applicants will be returned to Civilian Personnel. Those who are accepted will be screened by the Security Officer and placed on the civilian payroll. All civilian employees will be formally cleared through Civilian Personnel. In those cases where the individual is recruited independently of Civilian Personnel, the section or subcommission concerned will send the individual together with a letter requesting employment to Civilian Personnel. This letter should include a job description sufficiently complete to justify the recommended classification and salary. Civilian Personnel will approve the employment and establish the rate of pay. Disagreements will be

referred to the Civilian Personnel Policy Board. At present the section is interviewing an average of ninety (90) applicants (less than 10% qualified) per day. From this source there is being built up a reserve of potentially qualified civilians for future placement in Allied Control Commission.

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Bates of Pay

The following rates of pay are extracted from amendment No. 5, AFHQ, Adm Escelon Adm Instr No. 24, dated 17 July 44. They are reproduced here for the information and guidance of all concerned. Complete pay tables are available for examination in the Civilian Personnel Office.

	Min Lire	Max Lire	per month
Accountant Purchasing Agent	2.100	4.500	
Bookkeeper (male)	3.000	5.500	"
Bookkeeper (female)	2.000	4.000	"
Cashier, Chief (male)	1.800	3.500	"
Clerk, Office (male)	2.500	3.500	"
Clerk, Office, (female)	70	110	per day
Draughtsman, Chief	60	90	"
Draughtsman	2.500	4.500	per month
Executives, business analysis, exporters, etc.	2.000	4.000	"
Interpreter, General	5.000	9.600	"
Interpreter, Technical	70	120	per day
Junior Administrative Assistants, Clerk Supervisors	2.100	4.500	per month
Professional man (doctor, lawyer, dentist, civil mechanical engineer, construction)	100	150	"
Senior administrative assistants, sub-professional workers, junior executive officers, ctc.	4.000	9.600	"
Telephone Operator, English-speaking (female)	3.600	6.000	"
Telephone Operator, Non-English-speaking (female)	70	110	per day
Typist (male)	55	75	"
Typist (female)	70	110	"
Typist, shorthand, (steno), English-speaking (male or female)	60	90	"
	80	120	"

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Reclassification

Reclassification is the process whereby, in accordance with his official

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Clerk, Office (male)	70	110 per day
Clerk, Office, (female)	60	90 "
Draughtsman, Chief	2.500	4.500 per month
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Telephone Operator, English-speaking (female)	70	110 per day
Telephone Operator, Non-English-speaking (female)	55	75 "
Typist (male)	70	110 "
Typist (female)	60	90 "
Typist, shorthand, (steno), English-speaking (male or female)	80	120 "

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Reclassification

Reclassification is the process whereby, in accordance with his official duties, an employee's title is changed and a consequent change in salary results. To accomplish this, the employee will be sent to Civilian Personnel with a letter requesting his reclassification. Such request will contain a job description sufficiently detailed to justify the recommended action. Civilian Personnel will refer to the Civilian Personnel Policy Board requests for reclassification for positions falling in the top executive and professional classes, maximum 9600 lire per month.

In those cases in which dismissal is desired, the employee will be sent to Civilian Personnel with a memorandum detailing the reasons for discharge. At the same time a final payroll form should be completed. Passes, badges, and other papers of ACC identification will be picked up by Civilian Personnel on clearance of the final payroll.

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Payment Procedure

Employees will be paid twice a month through the civilian paymaster, Headquarters Commandant's Office. Payrolls will be submitted to Headquarters

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Commandant as of the fifteenth and last day of each month on the standard payroll form which will be obtained from the paymaster, Headquarters Commandant. The dates for submission and payment will be announced in the Daily Bulletin. It is the responsibility of the section or subcommission concerned that payrolls show proper classification, that salaries are in accordance with amendment No. 5 to AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon Adm Instr No. 24, dated 17 July 44, and that all employees have been cleared through Civilian Personnel. Civilian Personnel will post-audit payrolls and will also be prepared to pre-audit on request any rough-draft payroll to insure that salaries and classifications are correct.

By order of Captain STONE (USNR):

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Colonel, AGD
Executive Officer

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NOTES ON INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

The following comments are made after the first reading of the Inspector General's last report.

Reference paragraph 2a: Prior to the formation of the 2675th Regt. to administer U.S. personnel and equipment of ACC and for some months thereafter it was a common practice to loan personnel from one Region to another without formal transfer. Every effort has been made to stop this procedure since March 1944. These efforts have been fairly successful. At the time of the transfer of the men noted in Exhibit 'A', Region IV expected to take over and incorporate all of the personnel in Rome Sub-Region within a matter of weeks, when the personnel would be returned to the parent organization. When plans were changed and this transfer came to the attention of ACC they were properly transferred to Rome Region. Page 6 of Exhibit 'A' quotes the paragraph and Special Order, 2675th Regt. making the transfer.

The statement made by the Inspector General that American personnel is transferred by Eq. ACC without information to the personnel Section of the 2675th Regt. is erroneous. Copies of ACC orders are furnished to the Regt. immediately upon publication and by special messenger in many cases. Regional Commissioners have no authority to transfer personnel from one Region to another and the above cited instance is an isolated one and the only one to occur within several months.

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This is again an isolated instance and was authorized only during a rapid advance of the armies when it was considered to be an operational necessity. The fact that, when the vehicles were considered to be damaged beyond repair during the above mentioned rapid advance, they were not cleared as required by American Regulations has resulted in a directive to G-4 ACC that no more American equipment will be issued to AMG 8th Army.

Reference paragraph 3 - Transportation: Motor maintenance is unsatisfactory for the following reasons:

- a. Due to the character of field operation of AMG/ACC, transport must be issued to officers on Memo. Receipt in isolated communities where no organized maintenance exists. In many cases one officer and one vehicle are located in a town which may be far removed from the maintenance center of the Province or the Region.
- b. There are too few trained maintenance officers both British and American in ACC. The existing surplus of American officers due to the reduction of 63 officers in strength of the 2675th Regt. by MATOUSKA Letter of 3 June and the further reduction by 100 officers recently transferred from our T/O to the 2678th Regt. have made it impossible to obtain additional officers with maintenance training by the 2675th Regt.

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Due to the necessity for economy of personnel in both British and American units, maintenance personnel cannot be duplicated for both types of transport except in HQ. ACCARL ROME/HF.

c. Available trained maintenance personnel must be used to maintain not only vehicles of the 2675th Regt and British WE vehicles, but the American and British vehicles issued to the Economic Section of ACC for hauling civilian supplies. These vehicles were issued to ACC without the proper maintenance tools and spare parts, the situation is gradually being corrected but the additional burden must be considered in surveying the motor maintenance situation.

d. Trained maintenance officers will have priority on future requisitions for personnel as vacancies become available. Requisitions in the past have resulted in our obtaining few good maintenance officers.

e. An excessive number of vehicles have been stolen but it is believed that a comparison of the number lost by this Regiment cannot logically be made with a normal Regiment since vehicles engaged in AMG/ACC duties are scattered by ones and twos over all of Liberated Italy and it is impossible to have a guarded motor park for each vehicle.

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Reference Para. 5a (6): Mentions a fault which is likely to happen in any Headquarters as large as Headquarters ACC. I have never known any large staff Section in a Corps. or Higher Headquarters where every officer in one Section knew what every other officer in the same section was doing.

Reference Para. 5b: I concur in the statement that the jobs of the Special Service Officer and the Orientation Officer of the 2675th Regiment is superfluous due to the widely scattered locations of companies and of the personnel within companies. Request authority be given to dispense with these officers for the 2675th Regt.

Reference Para. 5c: Every effort is being made to employ civilian labor doing not only simple jobs but to replace typists, stenographers, engineers, Medical Officers and other specialists. We will be more than pleased to have some specific jobs pointed out for which we could obtain Italian civilian labor.

Reference Para. 8: Mess at the Grant Hotel is not operated by the Headquarters Commandant ACC. It is under his supervision as are the messes at four other hotels housing Allied officer personnel. Mess at the Grand Hotel is operated by an American Lt., Mess Officer who is also in charge of the mess at the Flora Hotel. These two messes are under the particular supervision of an American major who is assistant Headquarters Commandant.

The recommendations made with reference to the charge of 25/- per meal was correct when the Inspector was here. Those arrangements were made in the early days of the occupation of Rome when RAAC and ACC were joint members of the hotel. A New Headquarters Commandant arrived from Naples on 25 July with adequate personnel and took complete responsibility for the mess when it was turned over to ACC and a new agreement made with the hotel.

Reference Para. 9a: One of the greatest difficulties in the operation of the Regiment is outlined in the respective recommendations in this paragraph. There are very few either high ranking or low ranking American officers in the Allied Control Commission who have ever had any Army administrative experience. Added to this is the fact that the Regiment is attempting to operate a situation which is not paralleled by any other unit in the Army. In every other organization American officers and men are in American units working alongside British Units. In this organization the combined Chiefs of Staff saw fit to approve an organization in which the personnel of the sub-units is inextricably mixed - British and American. In the Sub-units of ACC (Regions) either the Senior Officer in the Region of his Executive is an American Officer. An ACC directive makes this Senior American Officer responsible for the administration of American personnel and equipment. However, this Senior Officer too often is, as stated by the Inspector, almost totally unfamiliar with American administrative procedure. In many cases he was selected and commissioned solely for duty in ACC because of his civilian experience in local, State or National Government.

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Reference Para. 9c: I concur in the statement made that the Commanding Officer, 2675th Regt. and his representatives are cooperating to the fullest extent with the Allied Control Commission.

Reference Para. 11: We would be pleased to be informed of a method whereby the recommendation in this paragraph can be accomplished.

General:

(1) It is not believed possible for any officer to understand the operation and ramifications of the ACC in any short periods of inspection. It is unfortunate that the Inspector received some misinformation in some cases.

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Notes Cont'd.

- (2) I am informed by G-1, the Adjutant and G-4 ACC that the Inspector did not visit their offices during his inspection.

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