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ROUTINE

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PAR ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR REC THREE EIGHT SEVEN PD-5

PAREN TO ALCOM SICILIA REGION FOR SMOOK FROM HQ ALCOM PAREN

PARA TWO PD SINCE SUBJECT OF AMERICAN RATION ISSUANCE DEPENDENT  
UPON RESULTS CURRENT CONFERENCE AFHQ FINAL REPLY TO REGIONAL  
COMMISSIONERS LETTER MUST NECESSARILY BE DEFERRED UNTIL FURTHER  
INFORMATION AVAILABLE

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**ALLIED COMMISSION**  
**SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS**  
**APO 394**

OFFICE: REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

PHONE: 13353 EXT 1

FILE:RC/201

31 Jan 1945

*My dear Parker,*

With reference to your cable 331 of 25 January 45, I am writing to you on this question of a certain number of British Officers at this Headquarters feeding off American rations. The proposed departure from this procedure, which has been in existence for some considerable time, is causing very many difficulties and complications.

I regret very much that there has been delay in dealing with this problem. Col Clough during the short time he was here did take some interest but made no progress. The matter only came to my personal attention when Lt Col Snook took over the duties of Executive Officer quite recently.

This matter only affects Regional Headquarters at Palermo where the situation is as follows. All British OOs draw British rations. We have one small Officers' Mess of approximately 8 officers who fill it to capacity and who live on British rations. This problem therefore only affects our one other Mess, the main Officers' Mess which, as you may know, is in the Excelsior Hotel. This is entirely run by the Allied Commission and is not a transient Officers' Hotel though by force of circumstances we are compelled to offer accommodation to all transient officers other than American Naval officers. Sometimes transients are mainly British but at other times mainly American. For instance, the day before yesterday I counted in the Mess about 14 transient American officers - mainly American Air Corps - due to a weather hold-up.

In this Mess the permanent dining members are approximately 15 British and 9 American but numbers vary from time to time.

Under the conditions under which we live in the Officers' Mess at the Excelsior Hotel it is, in my opinion, quite impracticable for us to draw rations from two sources. Sometimes owing to transients we have a preponderance of British and sometimes of American Officers. The Mess, comparatively speaking, is small and is not like a large mess - cum - Transient Officers' Hotel such as you have in Rome - where the large numbers give you power of manoeuvre and you can keep nationalities evenly divided if necessary.

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If we are compelled to draw rations from two sources I can see only the following possible solutions. (a) We must cook two types of rations in the same kitchen for each meal and have officers of the two nationalities sitting at their own tables. This would be most difficult and undesirable. Or (b) we must make the Excelsior Hotel a British Officers' Mess and open up another Mess for American officers. This, to my mind, is also most undesirable and I do not know how we could deal with transient American officers. In addition, the source of American rations is from Naval Operating Bases as there is no American Army installation here. This, the Mess Officer informs me, adds a further complication.

When I took over here in August last there was a very bad spirit in the Mess including a cleavage between British and American officers. This, I am glad to say, has been entirely eliminated and the situation in the Mess is perfectly satisfactory.

As regards the drawing of British rations I think there has been some misunderstanding about what is called a "British Supply Point" here. The British ration dump is at CATANIA at the other end of the Island. Rations are sent from Catania three times a week but only such quantities as have been previously indented for. There is no ration dump in and no ration stocks are held at Palermo. This is a situation which is not adapted for the varying number of British officers we have in the Excelsior Hotel.

I do not know what the situation is as regards this matter at your end but would it not be possible to get authority for us to continue to draw American rations for the Excelsior Hotel so long as conditions remain as at present? I feel that it is not appreciated that there is no British ration dump at Palermo but merely a point at which rations are collected after their bulk has been broken at and they have been dispatched from CATANIA. Would not higher authority agree if one based ones requests on the fact that there is no British ration dump at Palermo which is a statement of fact? I am not pressing this point because I wish to continue eating off American rations (though I like them very much) but because the feeding of our mixed mess with its varying numbers and nationalities at the Excelsior Hotel on both British and American rations presents the very greatest difficulties.

A reply as early as possible would be very much appreciated.

*Yours sincerely*  
*M. Carr*

M. CARR  
Brigadier  
Regional Commissioner

Col C.M. Parkin  
Commanding Officer 2675 Regt.





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1. Ref is D/O letter from Brigadier SARR subject American rations for British personnel etc.
2. Are you seeking approval higher authority as suggested on letter.

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SICILIA REGION

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10 JANUARY 1945

ROUTINE

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THERE IS NO AUTHORITY TO FEED BRITISH PERSONNEL AMERICAN RATIONS PAREN SICILIA  
REGION FOR CARR FOR COMPANY ABLE TWO SIX SEVEN FIVE REGIMENT FROM ALCOM FROM  
TWO SIX SEVEN FIVE REGIMENT FROM CRAIG SIGNED PARKIN PAREN IF IT POSSIBLE TO  
DRAW BRITISH RATIONS PD WHERE IS CLOSEST BRITISH RATION POINT PD IS NOT FEASIBLE  
TO DRAW BRITISH RATIONS REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO DRAW AMERICAN RATIONS WILL BE  
FORWARDED TO MTOUSA

S-4 2675th Regiment, A.C.

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CLAYTON C. CRAIG  
Major, Infantry,

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Major, S&D  
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1. Closest point from which British rations can be drawn is PALERMO but this is temporary.
2. Nearest permanent point CATANIA.
3. On account handicap distance and established organization of Region not feasible draw British rations therefore it is requested that necessary request be made of RTDUSA.

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23 January 1945

ROUTINE

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PARA ONE PD BRITISH RATIONS WILL BE DRAWN FOR BRITISH PERSONNEL AS LONG AS BRITISH RATION POINT IS IN PALERMO PD

PARA TWO FOR ACTION ALCOM SICILIA REGION FOR CASE FOR COMPANY ABLE TWO SIX SEVEN FIVE REGIMENT FROM HQ ALCOM FROM TWO SIX SEVEN FIVE REGIMENT FROM CRAIG SIGNED PABLIN PABIN

PARA TWO PD YOUR REQUEST FOR SUBSISTENCE OF BRITISH PERSONNEL ON UNITED STATES ARMY RATIONS WILL BE FORWARDED TO HQ MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS UNITED STATES ARMY ON THE ABOVE BASIS PD

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