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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENT BRANCH
APO 394

15 April 1944

Subject: Supply Responsibility for ACC and AMG in PBS.

To : Military Government Section, AFHQ, APO 512.

1. Please refer to your letter of 5 April 1944, same subject as above, file No. MOS 430.2, and previous correspondence mentioned in Para. 1 thereof.

2. While we are getting the figures requested in your Para. 3 it is felt that an interim reply is indicated.

3. The question of rations, while of importance, is not nearly so serious as the matter of general supplies and equipment. It must be appreciated that the operations of ACC are fluid, and that while some parts of the organization remain more or less static other parts vary markedly in the volume of their work. As the volume and nature of the work increase and decrease more or less supplies and equipment are required. As a case in point I cite a recent occurrence in the Italian Refugee Sub-Commission. The Sub-Commission was required to receive, feed and shelter a number of refugees from the beachhead who were to arrive at about dark. This situation required the use of some 50 lanterns for use in handling the arrivals, and later in the tents in which they were to be housed. These lanterns were in stock at PBS, and PBS was willing to issue them, but only for administrative use. In short, under their present instructions, PBS could not issue the lanterns for use by refugees. This is typical of the instances we are continually required to solve.

4. Present instructions require us to "borrow" from PBS, and to replace the "borrowed" items at a later date. In order to obtain the replacement supplies we must requisition on AFHQ through MOS. When the requisition is eventually approved and returned to this Headquarters we must take it to PBS to draw the supplies for return to them. This is obviously a clumsy and time consuming method.

Ltr. Subject Supply Responsibility for AGC and AMS in PBS (Cont'd)

5. It would be far simpler and faster if PBS were instructed to honor our requisitions for any and all types of supplies and equipment direct. Provided, of course, that such issued would be subject to the demands of the combat troops, preference naturally being given to them.

P. L. CLOUGH,
Lt. Col., AGC,
Executive Officer.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

MGS 430.2

5 April 1944.

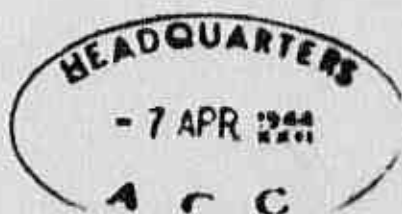
SUBJECT: Supply Responsibility for ACC and AMG in PBS.

TO : HQ, A.C.C.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 11 March under the above heading and indorsements Nos. 1 and 2 of 20 and 27 March respectively.
2. The present feeling of CM is to recommend to G-4 that the request be disapproved "as the American and British strengths involved are sufficiently large to justify the provision of rations on a national basis".
3. Will you please inform this section as to how many British and American officers are being fed by Districts 1 and 2 as if these are at all comparable with the PBS figure they will of course provide a good argument for pressing PBS to do as you want.
4. Have you any further comments on the "quote" in paragraph 27

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ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL

PLACE	AMERICAN OFFICERS	ENLISTED MEN	BRITISH OFFICERS	OTHER RANKS	GRAND TOTAL
HQ ACC. MAIN	255	458	154	284	1151
HQ ACC. REAR	46	80	26	73	225
REGION III (less Salerno Prev)	68	95	53	63	279
REGION IV	69	135	30	66	300
	438	768	263	486	1955
	16	80	26	73	225
	392	688	237	413	1730

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394. 27 March 1944.

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TO: Commanding General, Headquarters Allied Force, APO 512.

1. a. Strengths involved are as follows:

American Officers	American E/M	British Officers	British O/R	Total Officers and E/M & O/R
392	688	237	413	1730

It must be borne in mind that strength varies so rapidly that figures for any one day, do not necessarily reflect an accurate statement of the situation. This Headquarters is in effect a holding center. For example shipments of personnel out of this area or theater are assembled here, pending availability of transport. Also, shipments into the theater are assembled here for further assignment. These groups vary in size from small numbers to as many as two-hundred, both British and American. All must be absorbed into existing messes and billets.

b. Supplies in question are principally building material, i.e.; brick, tile, mortar, fixtures, etc., as well as numerous other items which may be referred to as supplies in general.

2. Information required by Para. II d. Section II. NATOUSA Circular No. 14, follows:

a. Headquarters Allied Control Commission, Region III ACC (less Salerno Province), Region IV ACC.

(1):

Unit	American Officers	American E/M	British Officers	British O/R	Totals
Hq ACC	255	458	154	284	1151
Region III (less "S" Prov)	68	95	53	63	279
Region IV	69	135	30	66	300
	392	688	237	413	1730

(2): The strength of Regions III and IV is widely scattered throughout their Provinces, where smaller numbers are constantly shifting in proportionate strength between British and American forces.

b. Location of units:

Headquarters ACC - Naples
Hq. Region III - Naples and contiguous provinces
Hq. Region IV - Naples and provinces to the north.

c. Rations will be required on a diminishing basis, as long as headquarters of the above units remain in Naples.

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3. a. It is contemplated that reductions in strength will be made as rapidly as is consistent with the policy of turning over territory to the Italian Government. Thus, Region III will be reduced in strength. On the other hand, Region IV will require an increase as the combat zone advances, and more small messes will be required as more territory comes under military government.

b. Another factor contributing to fluctuations in strength, are such incidents as the recent volcanic eruption, requiring evacuation on a comparatively large scale and a shift of military personnel to supervise the work. Also, tactical operations require movements of our personnel from one area to another for evacuation of civilians.

4. Reason for requesting U.S. rations is that a single source of supply has proven more satisfactory than the dual source. It has been found that Americans in British areas are more efficiently supplied from British sources. The same is true of British in American areas. British supplies and rations are being furnished to ACC and AMG units in District 1 and District 2. Also, our units in Salerno are being supplied by a District 2 sub-base. Considerable simplification and improvement in efficiency would be achieved by designating Peninsular Base Section as responsible for normal routine supply of our units in the PBS area.

5. This authorization should include all ACC/AMG units in the Peninsular Base Section area.

For the Commanding General:

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Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Executive Officer.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

11 March 1944

SUBJECT: Supply Responsibility for ACC and AMG in Peninsular
Base Section Area.

TO : Commanding General, HQ, Allied Force, APO 512.

1. Request that the Peninsular Base Section be given responsibility for the normal routine supply of Headquarters ACC and AMG units located in the Peninsular Base area. These units consist of both British and American personnel working in the same offices and eating in the same messes.
2. The percentages of British and American officers in any of the headquarters and units is constantly shifting due to the necessity for moving officers from one assignment to another on short notice. It is impracticable to operate separate messes or separate billets for the officers and at the same time to economize on the necessary personnel overhead. The Enlisted Men and Other Ranks' messes are being kept separately where numbers present make it possible and British rations are used for British Other Ranks in messes where numbers are more or less constant. British supplies and rations are being furnished to ACC and AMG units in District 1 and District 2. That part of Headquarters ACC which is located at Salerno, is also, being supplied by a District 2 sub-base. It is only logical, therefore, that the Peninsular Base Section supply the combined British and American units and headquarters located within the Base area.
3. Equipment, as opposed to supplies, is issued to ACC and AMG units on approved British G-1098 and American Table of Equipment. The question of responsibility for supplies arises only on the question of rations and normal routine supplies for the repair and upkeep of offices, billets and messes where it is impracticable to operate as a combined unit and where British supplies are not easily available.

For the Commanding General:

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Establishment Officer.

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