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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
U.S. ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

19 October 1946

SUBJECT: Senate Committee Investigating the National Defense Act.

To : G-5 Section

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3. It is also requested that you take the necessary action to notify the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, of this intended visit.

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/s/ L. C. JAMES
Major General, U. S. Army
Chief of Staff

True Copy:

/s/ C. R. PARKIN
Colonel GSC
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C.M. Parkin
Ch. G.S.C.
Ex G 5

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on 31 Oct.

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Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your ^{information} approval
signature

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HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT (OVHD), ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394, U.S.
ARMY, 8 March 1946.

TO : The Chief Commissioner ALCOM (Thru Ex. Com.)

1. It is noted in the 1st paragraph of Gen. Dasher's letter that the C.O. 2675 Reg. is responsible for funds - rations and Messes for American personnel in ALCOM. This is the first time this has ever appeared in writing. Par.6. Executive Memo No 2 ALCOM dated Feb. 7-44 should be amended accordingly.
2. It will be noted from 2d Ind. signed by Lt.Col. Seith that no (repeat no) permission was given to Lt.Col.Frazer to inspect the Hq. Commandant Billeting Office of ALCOM.
3. I agree with Gen.Dasher that it is irregular to draw rations for parties. ALCOM appointed a board of officers to investigate all these irregularities and the proceedings are now awaiting approval by the Chief Commissioner.
4. Comments of Chief Commissioner have been noted. Attention again invited to 2d Indorsement signed by Lt.Col. Seith.

C.M. Parkin
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Colonel, Inf.,
Commanding.

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1st Ind. CMP/ag
HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, U. S.
ARMY, 7 March 1946.

TO: Executive Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, APO 394, US Army.

For remark relative to permission granted to Lt Col Frazer.
(For the record)

C. M. Parkin
C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding.

2nd Ind. WDC/ag
333. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394, U.S.
ARMY, 7 March 1946.

TO: The Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission, (OVHD)
APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. To the best of my knowledge and belief Lt Col. Frazer of Headquarters Rome Area, MTOUSA did ask permission to inspect the various messes in Rome where members of the Regiment were being fed. The officer explained that his purpose was to check on the sanitary conditions and further that the drawing and accounting for rations was being done in accordance with existing directions.

2. Permission was granted the officer for the purpose he explained; the contents of paragraph 2 of the basic communication well describe the instant and subsequent action of Lt Col Frazer, in so far as actually pertains to the various messes concerned. At no time was any permission extended Lt Col. Frazer to inspect any other installation or office.

3. On or about 28 February 1946, I received a telephone call from Lt Col Frazer at my billet, wherein I was asked if I had knowledge of a letter written by the Chief Commissioner AICOM relative to his (Lt Col. Frazer) inspecting the Billeting Office of A.C. I informed him I had no knowledge of any such letter. Lt Col. Frazer then told me the Admiral had written to General Dasher and related the contents of the letter, the details of which I do not recall. However, Lt Col Frazer reminded me of the occasion of his request for permission to inspect the messes, and that he thought the permission he received covered the incident in question. At that point I reminded him that our conversation dealt only with messes, and that I was not cognizant of any intent on his part to include any function purely controlled by the Allied Commission, namely the Billeting office. I further explained to him that had I known of his intention regarding his visit to the Billeting office, I would not have granted him permission as that would have been out of the scope of my authority; and that I had granted him the permission in name of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment only and that I did not agree with him that the permission granted should have been construed by him as it was.

Howard K. Seith
HOWARD K. SEITH
Lt Col FA
Executive Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Col Parker, EO(A)

For comment on Gen Dasher's letter
& C.C.'s comment.

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Big. Lush - Person
Apparently
RTHC was not
as guilty as
reported - but
Paine should
have known

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HOME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 734, US Army
Office of the Commanding General

4 March 1946

My dear Admiral Stone:

Permit me to attempt to clarify an apparent misunderstanding as evidenced in your letter of 25 February, subject: "Inspection of the Billeting Office, Allied Commission". Matters pertaining to Funds, Rations, and Mess for the American personnel of the AC are the responsibility of the 2575th Regt. which as a unit assigned this Headquarters makes SAC(SWUSA) responsible for supervision of such administrative details.

11 Lt. Col. Frazer reported to the Executive Officer of the Regt. prior to this inspection and explained his mission and purpose. He further stated his willingness to report to the Commanding Officer but was told that this would not be necessary. Col. Frazer kept the Executive Officer informed of progress made and periodically discussed irregularities as they were disclosed.

The statements contained in Par. II (5) of the report on the Grand Hotel 11th February 1946 were included in the notes made at the time by the Inspector General this Headquarters and therefore do not appear subject to "misunderstanding" or "misinterpretation". Of course, whether rations were drawn for "parties" or "to provide adequate messing facilities" for the various ranking officers is immaterial; both are irregular.

yes 11 With your approval I shall see that the irregularities on the American side are corrected.

Sincerely,

Chas. L. Dasher Jr.
CHAS. L. DASHER, JR.
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 394, US Army.

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Ref: 268/EC.

25 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Inspection of the Billeting Office, Allied Commission.

TO : Commanding General,
Headquarters,
Rome Area Allied Command.

1. I have received the Deputy Commander, HQ Rome Area
AFMUSA letter WMS/gmwk dated 11 February 1946.

2. I note that Lieut. Colonel FRAZER with another officer
inspected the Billeting Office of the Allied Commission on 15th
January. I would inform you that he did so without reference to
the HQ Commandant under whose command the Billeting Officer works,
or to any senior officer in this Headquarters. This is, in my
understanding, contrary to usual practice in the US Army.

3. Since, like your own, this HQ is an integrated US and
British organization, I should be grateful if Lieut. Colonel FRAZER
could be instructed to visit the HQ Commandant (British) and his
Assistant (US) in order that he may discuss with them the alleged
irregularities and his comments.

/s/ Elery W. Stone
ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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File open

7 February 1946

Dear General:

Thank you for your letter of 31 January concerning your Adjutant General's inspection of APO 394. I appreciate your interest in this organization and hasten to assure you that I do not look upon your action as an intrusion. The contents of your letter have been taken up with the Commanding Officer of the Regiment who is directly responsible for the operation of the postal unit; his comments are enclosed. I believe you will agree that his explanation is reasonably sound. One must appreciate that, unlike the normal postal unit which serves only a relatively small geographical area, APO 394 handles the mail for the Commission personnel throughout all of Italy.

It is interesting to note that the regular official inspections of APO 394 by representatives of the theatre postal office have never disclosed any serious deficiencies. Of the five formal inspections made of this postal unit since its opening in Rome, on only one occasion were there any irregularities noted. I am enclosing for your information our file copies of the MTOUSA postal inspector's reports on APO 394. It would be appreciated if you would return these as soon as convenient.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Charles L. Dasher, Jr.
Commanding General
Rome Area Allied Command
APO 794



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1700ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US Army
Office of the Commanding GeneralCLD/gwvk
31 January 1946

Dear Admiral:

During a recent inspection of our postal units my Adjutant General went to APO 394 to make a comparison and obtain helpful suggestions. I have extracted the remarks made by him with reference to 394 and furnish them to you as follows:

"APO 394. Since this unit is not under our control, I merely visited it in order to make a comparison with our units. However, I would like to invite your attention to the conditions I found which I believe should be reported to the Commissioner of the Allied Commission. No corrective action was taken on the spot.

(1) I have never seen or heard of an APO that was so lax in the handling of Mail both Personal and Official:

(a) Mail is being dispatched to units on Italian airplanes and Italian trucks. S.O.P. requires that mail sent through APO's never leave US Military Control or security until delivered to addressees.

(b) Mail is being dispatched to various parts of Italy by British Courier. Included are such places as Bari and Naples where APO facilities exist.

(c) Personal Mail is being held for all personnel on TDY in the U.S. Some of this mail showed cancellation dates as far as ten weeks back.

(d) An Italian Civilian picks up mail from APO and delivers it to the British for dispatch on British Courier runs, unguarded while carrying mail.

(e) Registered mail is held at APO and delivered.

only twice or three times a month to some unit.

(f) Provisions of AG 311.11/014-0, Subject: "Postal Instruction", MTOUSA, 8 January 1946, had not been complied with in that NGP Form 11's were still in the APO that should have been forwarded to P.B.S. by 19 January 1946.

(g) Safes not secured to building. The Installation was very clean and secure and is superior to ours in physical lay out."

I hope that you will not feel that I am intruding, for such is not my intention.

Sincerely,

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