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MESS PRESIDENT'S FILE
FEB. - MAY 1944

Cash position

1st June 1944 (long business).

Cash on Hand.

2653.

Cash as Bank H. note book 63482

: cheque not entered

6500

56982

2006

59.635

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 594

Minutes of Council Meeting Held 23 May 1944

1. Meeting opened at 1430 hours by the HIC. The following members were present: Majors Drage and Bellarce, Capts Hewett and Young and Lts. Clark and Bongarzoni.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed, no business arising therefrom.
3. There being no agenda, the HIC asked if there was any business to be discussed. The following matters were brought before the chair: *CH*
 - a. Lt. Shanks who had been asked to serve as Treasurer of the Mess Council, was unable because of service to act in this capacity.
The council unanimously voted to ask ²/Lt. Husband to join the mess and serve as Treasurer.
 - b. Capt. Young proposed that the question of a Wine Secretary for the mess be reopened as soon as possible. It was decided to reopen this question as soon as certain changes occurred.
 - c. Major Drage announced that on 26 May a dance would be held at the Albergo Vittoria.
 - d. The matter of a snack bar was discussed and it was decided to query each sub commission as to their desires. Should the sub commissions approve a snack bar, the Velia Mess will be closed for the noon meal.
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Chas. Harris

C.R.S. HARRIS
LT. COL
HIC

C.A. BONGARZONI
1st LT., AUS
Secretary

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C. S. HARRIS
LT. COL
HMC

C. A. BONGARZONE
1st LT., AUS
Secretary

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Lt Col Harris

For approval

CHB

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File please
CashDANCE AT CAVA - 26 MAY 1944

Cash Account with Mess Council

	Lire
Cash Handed over by Major J.R. Hall to 1st Lieut. C. A. Bongarzone	4,060
Cash supplied by 1st. Lieut. C.A. Bongarzone	1,525
Total Cash Received by Mess Council, Treasurer.	5,585
<u>Loss:</u> Reimbursements to Mess for Wine, etc. supplied to dance, as per bar Profit and Loss Account	2,367
<u>Net Cash</u> held by Mess Council General Funds	3,218
made up as follows:-	
1) Net Profits on Bar	1,693
2) Cash supplied by 1st. Lt. C.A. Bongarzone	<u>1,525</u>
	<u>3,218</u>

P. HUSBAND,
2/Lieut.
Mess Treasurer.

Copy to Entertainments Sub-Committee.

31 May 1944.

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DAYA DANCE26 May. 1944Bar Profit and Loss

To Purchases	By Bar Takings	Liro
		6,930
1) NAAFI	2,130	
2) Mess	2,367	
3) Outside purchases	640	
	5,137	
Profits on Bar	1,693	
	<u>6,830</u>	
		<u>6,830</u>

The above Profit and Loss Account has been prepared from information supplied by the Secretary, Entertainments Sub-Committee, (1st Lieut. C.A. Bonparzone), member of Dance Committee (Major J.R.H. Hall), and the Mess Caterer.

P. H.
P. HUBBARD,
2/Lieut.

31st May. 1944.

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Copy handed to Lt. Bonparzone.

VITTORIA MEUS - CAVA

STATEMENT OF STOCK AS AT CLOSE OF
BUSINESS ON 20 MAY, 44:

RED WINE	65 litri -	
VERMOUTH	11 " -	✓
MARSALE	0	
COGNAC	7 bottles	
RHUM	1/2 " -	✓
MARASCHINO	1/4 " -	
STREGA	1 1/4 " -	✓
CHATELUSE	1 1/2 " -	
CURACOU	3/4 " -	✓
CHERRY BRANDY	1 1/4 " -	✓
ANICE	1 " -	✓
VERDOLINO	2 " -	
WHITE WINE	0	
MILLE FIORI	0	

Pk. E. Costerini

22 May, 44

"VELIA" BARS.STATEMENT OF STOCK AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS 20.5.44.

CHARTREUSE	$\frac{9}{30}$	BOYS.	AT	L. 280	=	L.	84
WHITE WINE.	23	WRL.	"	L. 16	:	L.	368.
RED WINE	$167\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	L. 18.	:	L.	3,019.
COGNAC	$13\frac{15}{40}$	"	"	L. 350	:	L.	4,681
VERMOUTH.	$17\frac{16}{20}$	"	"	L. 130.	:	L.	2,314
ANISÉ	$1\frac{31}{44}$	"	"	L. 250.	:	L.	426.
RUM.	$\frac{18}{44}$	"	"	L. 350.	:	L.	143.
VIRENCO APERITIVO.	$\frac{9}{20}$	301.	"	L. 200.	:	L.	90.
SIREGA	$\frac{1}{30}$	"	"	L. 280	:	L.	9
VERDOLINO.	$\frac{8}{30}$	"	"	L. "	:	L.	74
CHERRY BRANDY	$\frac{20}{30}$	"	"	"	:	L.	186.
							<u>TOTAL WINE. 11,394</u>

In The Field
21.5.44.

Certified correct
J. H. J. J.

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CAVA BAR.COPY ONLY.STATEMENT OF STOCK AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS 20.5.44.

RED WINE	65 litres	at	L. 18	=	L. 1,170
VERMUT	11	"	130	=	L. 1,430
COGNAC.	7	bars.	280	=	L. 1,960
RUM.	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	350	=	L. 175
MARASCHINO	$\frac{1}{4}$	"	280	=	L. 70
STREGA	$1\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	=	L. 350
CHARTREUSE.	$1\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	=	L. 420.
CURACHO.	$\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	=	L. 210
CHERRY BRANDY	$1\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	=	L. 490.
VERDOLINO.	2	"	"	=	L. 560
ANICE.	1	litre.	250	=	L. 250.

TOTAL WINE. 7,085.I. J. J. J.22.5.44.

[Signature]
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N.B. See attached certificate from Prof. Cantarini.

A.C.C. RA. H.Q. OFFICERS' MESSIES - BARS.STOCK IN HAND ASAT CLOSE OF BUSINESS 20.5.44.

	<u>CAUD</u>	<u>VENIA</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
RED WINE	LIRE 1,170	LIRE 3,019.	LIRE 4,189.
VERMUT	" 1,430.	" 2,314	" 3,744
COGNAC.	" 1,960	" 4,681	" 6,641.
RYN	" 175	" 143	" 318
MARASCHINO	" 70	" -	" 70
STREGA	" 350.	" 9.	" 359.
CHARTREUSE.	" 420.	" 84	" 504
CURACAO	" 210	" -	" 210.
CHERRY BRANDY	" 490	" 186	" 676
VERODLINO	" 560	" 74	" 634
AMISE.	" 250	" 426	" 676.
WHITE WINE.	" -	" 368.	" 368
VERMUT AMARINO.	" -	" 90	" 90.
GRAND TOTALS	<u>7,085</u>	<u>11,394</u>	<u>18,479</u>

TOTAL LIRE 18,479.

J. E. L.

22.5.44.

J. E. L. 2000

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one check only present. \$11,200

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**RICHIESTA DI ASSEgni CIRCOLARI
PAGAMENTO PER CONTANTI**

DATA _____

BANCA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA

FAVORITE RILASCIAR^{MI}_{CI} I SEGUENTI ASSEgni CIRCOLARI:

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È VIETATO SPEDIRE ALL'ESTERO ASSEgni IN LIRE
(D. M. 26 MAGGIO 1934-XII)

IMPORTO CHE ^{VERSO}_{VERSIAMO} ALLE VOSTRE CASSE

Nº 997118

FIRMA: _____

DOMICILIO: _____

INTROITATO CONTROVALORE
IL CASSIERE

È nell'interesse del pubblico di provvedere alle proprie rimesse in lire nei Possedimenti e nelle Colonie Italiane con ordini di pagamento da eseguirsi direttamente dalle Banche, anziché con vaglia o assegni bancari. Si avverte comunque che a sensi di superiori direttive l'invio ed assegni bancari destinati all'invio personale o all'invio nei suddetti territori devono venir richiesti sbarcati e muniti della clausola «non trasferibile».

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
C-1

14 May 1944

REFERENCE : 16254/C-1

SUBJECT : Mess Council Meeting

TO : P.M.C., Mess Council, (Mess Lt Spear).
Rear HQ A.O.C.

Reference your AOC/57/INT of 30 Apr 44.

I have noted the remarks of the Mess Council at their meeting on 29 Apr 44. While realizing their difficulties I must bring to their notice the following facts.

(a) Capt. Buckley has not been removed from Salerno. He was left there so that he would have the opportunity to complete his Mess accounts and hand them over when completed. I can see no reason why the change in his assignment should necessitate his immediate handing over of the accounts.

(b) I myself did my best to ensure that Capt. Buckley had every opportunity to finish his accounts. I can recollect that he himself told me that he had completed them and handed them over.

2. It is not considered necessary to have a whole-time Mess Secretary and Mess Treasurer. There is not one for the Naples Messes which cater for a very much larger number of officers than do the Salerno Messes.

3. I hope that Capt. Buckley, on return from his trip with the V.P. Admin. Section, has been able to settle the queries which were still outstanding on the date of your memorandum.

P.H. Lane

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RRP/ES

R.H. Farnham
Colonel,
Executive Officer.

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P.H.G. (Lt. Col. Harris)

(1) The minutes of the New Council were added when Capt. Buckley had NOT completed or handed over his accounts. He had informed me that he was being assigned elsewhere, & that he was preparing a Balance sheet, handed all books over to Lieut. Evans.

(2) Is sub a correct statement on Capt. P. Clark's part

part

?? Now affected 7m

Please return the file if you wish. R.H. Farnham, Lt.

Statement
To the Mess Council 4 May 44

On the 2 Apr. I gave a financial statement to the Council showing a balance of cash in hand of 17667 and cash in bank 6316 Lire.

This balance when entered on Army Form I5I4 with the necessary analysis was passed by the auditors on 3 May. Herewith copy of the audit form.

When Lt Shanks took over accounts from me on 17 Apr. 44 he signed a declaration showing the financial position as follows:-

Cash in hand 27765

,, in bank 6316

Stock 10206

As at that time Serg Ley had a float of 8101 Lire Mr Shanks signed for cash received 19664.

Owing to exigences of Service I had to leave this HQ rather suddenly. Lt Bonazone took over my secretarial duties, Lt Shanks the Accounts and Capt Jones buying of wines.

During my absence the auditors saw the books presented by Lt Shanks. When I returned on 1 May I found Lt Shanks about to go into hospital. During my absence he had prepared elaborate statements showing analysis of accounts and made a report to the PWC. He asked me to hold the books and files and instruct the Mess Secs at Velia and Vittorio to hold their moneys until further orders. I did so. He further asked me to sign the Statement of Accounts as at 31 Mar which he had prepared for the auditors. I could not do this as he had prepared it in ignorance of various events as evident from his report. I prepared my own statement which was accepted.

The auditors were satisfied with the books which they duly signed and made the following recommendations to be submitted to the Council.

- 1) That 21000 spent on Villa Crockery be written off as expenditure. i.e. transferred from Villa creditors to General Account.
- 2) That 36000 loans from Naples which were subsequently converted into gifts be cross entered into General Account.
- 3) That 8321 be transferred from sundry debtors to Wine Account since obviously the wine tickets are not outstanding.
- 4) 3650 repayment transferred from sundry creditors to General account.
- 5) 100 refund payable on crate to be written off.
- 6) 940 payment by Villa messes to be readjusted as wines.

4 May 44

R.W. Buckley,
Capt. Intelligence Corps.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/30/6/Int

4 MAY 1944

SUBJECT: Velia Mass

TO : Lt Col R. H. Robertson, HQ Commandant, Naples

Reference your HQ/11 of 3 May, 1944. I am most grateful for your help and co-operative action.

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R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

✓
5 May 44

HQC/11

SUBJECT: Velia Mess.

TO : President, Mess Council, Velia Mess,
Rear Hq, ACC.

1. Your ACC/57/INT, dated 27 April 1944 was passed to me.

2. I have caused a notice to be published in Daily Bulletin
(Daily Bulletin No. 97, Par. 3). This should, I consider, remove the
cause of your difficulty insofar as officers from this HQ are concerned.

Rehly
*I am most grateful for your
helpful & cooperative action*

✓ *May 4*

R. H. Robertson
R. H. ROBERTSON

Lt. Col.

Hq. Commandant

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 374

ACC/57/Int

30 April 1944

SUBJECT: Mess Council Meeting

TO : Col Farren, Main HQ, Naples

1. It is my duty as P.M.C. to forward copy of the minutes of the Mess Council Meeting held at this Rear Headquarters on 29 April.

2. Since these minutes were resolved, Col. Pennycuik has telephoned ³⁰²⁴ to say that he is postponing the audit until Wednesday instead of Monday, by which time I hope it will be able to present a properly certified balance sheet.

3. I would draw your particular attention to the feeling of the Mess Council in regard to the withdrawal of the Mess Secretary and Mess Treasurer, and would ask you to take this point up on behalf of the Mess Council with the highest possible authority.

Encl: as in 1, above

R. G. B. SMITH
1st Colonel
President, Mess Council

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Rear Headquarters
Allied Control Commission

29 April 1944

Minutes of Mess Council Meeting

This extraordinary meeting of the Mess Council was called for 29 April at 1130 hrs., pursuant to audit of Mess Books by Col. Pennyquick. The PMO was in the chair and the following members were present; Major Frizelle, Capt. Drage, Capt. Jones, and Lt. Bongarzone.

This Mess Council having met wishes to present the following points;

1. This Mess Council considers that the transfer of Capt. Buckley to another appointment before he had opportunity and the time to prepare and hand over accounts to another officer is to be regretted and until this officer does so that this Mess Council cannot undertake responsibility or present accounts as they would wish them.
2. This Mess Council also draws attention to the fact that the officer who was endeavoring to prepare balance sheets of Mess Accounts in the absence of Capt. Buckley, is now sick and cannot himself, therefore present a balance sheet.
3. This Mess Council is strongly of the opinion that under the circumstances contained in points 1 and 2, that the audit be postponed.

This Mess Council further feels that owing to the complications of the system entailed by large numbers of recognized messes, that a whole time Mess Secretary and Mess Treasurer is essential. And that in view of the work entailed we wish to register a protest that this appointment can be filled by other officers over and above their proper duties. In this connection that the duty as Mess Officer of the Velia Mess is in itself a full time duty owing to the fact principally that it is used at lunch, more as a transient restaurant than as an Officers Mess.

That in view of the absence of Capt. Buckley, the proposal to transfer 7000 Lire or some other sum from item shown as "Wine Tickets-Not Presented" is not approved by the Mess Council. Any other similar queries should be left in abeyance until a proper turnover of accounts has been effected.

The meeting adjourned at 1145 hrs.

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For the P.M.C.:

C.A. BONGARZONE
2nd LT., AUS
Acting Secretary

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO. 394.

57/46

ACC/27/INT.

27th April, 1944.

SUBJECT: Velia Mess, Rear Headquarters, Salerno.

TO : G-4, Main HQ, Naples.

1. Can you help me in regard to what is really an impossibility in the Velia Mess, both as regards cooking, rations, service, and other obvious matters concomitant to an efficient mess.
2. The number of officers who visit here and who lunch without warning at the Velia Mess renders the possibility of an efficient, clean and well-conducted mess nearly impossible.
3. Today, Thursday, April 27, no less than 91 officers lunched in the mess. This is an accurate figure. One day last week, we had a low figure of 33, with a consequent abnormal waste of food.
4. The paramount difficulty is that visiting officers from Naples and/or other HQs, do not give any information to the Messing Officer of the Velia, (whose telephone number is (Dial) 2250, Salerno), in regard to their intention.
5. Could you, therefore, help in this respect by insisting that all officers who obtain transport from you should have their proposed attendance at the Velia Restaurant for lunch notified directly to the Messing Officer at the above telephone?
6. If we could get this by 1030 it would help our problem very much. All we want is the total number of officers who are coming to Salerno each day by 1100. Your help in this respect would be greatly appreciated.

*R. R. Temple, Capt.
for*

R. G. B. SPIGHER,
Lt. Colonel,
President, Mess Council.

HGBS/pgw.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICERS' MESS

W. H. Spier

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There will be a meeting of the Mess Council on
Monday, 17 April at 1600 hours in Room 116

- Agenda: 1. Minutes of last meeting of General Meeting
2. Business arising therefrom
3. Appointment of 1) Treasurer, 2) Secretary
4. Tabling of Statement of Accounts on taking
over of books.

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For P. M. C.

[Signature] Capt
Mess Secretary

W. H. Spier 10 April 1944

Maj. Shephard out - I have left a
message for him & notified everyone
else about Capt. Schreiber. *[Signature]*

57/44

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO. 394.

ACC/57/Int.

12th April, 1944.

SUBJECT: Captain R. W. Buckley.

TO : HQ & MC Section, for Colonel Farren.

1. In view of the fact that Captain R. W. Buckley informs me that he is shortly being transferred from this Rear Headquarters, I would like to place on record my appreciation of the methodical, assiduous and efficient manner in which he has carried out his duties as Mess Secretary and Treasurer of the combined Salerno messes during my tenure of office as P. M. C.

2. His quiet and unobtrusive manner has helped to overcome the many difficulties that have arisen in the co-ordination of these messes. I am indeed grateful to Captain R. W. Buckley for the great assistance that he has given me.



R. C. B. SPICER,
Lt. Colonel,
President, Mess Council.

RCS/jw

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICERS MESS

U.C. Spec O 11 57/43

Minutes of Quarterly General Meeting, 5 Apr. 44.

1. The P.M.C. was in the chair. All members of Council present except Maj. Frizelle, who was absent on duty, and Capt. Earnest who had left this H.Q. In addition 45 the Council, two officers were present.
2. The minutes and statements of accounts were circulated.
Arising from the minutes the P.M.C. touched on the following points:-
 - a. The Council's decision was that cash will be paid at the bar for all drinks and the chit-system will be discontinued. This was ratified by unanimous vote.
 - b. The Sec. stated the allocation of surplus funds received from Brindisi Mess as follows:-

Total received . 15433 Lire.	Refunds on tickets .	792
	Naples Mess .	275
	Our Mess residue .	2154
		<u>13433 Lire</u>

 This was accepted unanimously.
 - c. Major Mason's suggestion of fishing had not been acted on for various reasons and it was decided to leave it on the table.
 - d. Tea had been provided as suggested and appreciation was voiced not only to the H.Q. Commit. but to all who assisted.
 - e. The P.M.C. pointed out that the club had had a great deal of energy expended on it but was not being used much. In the hope that the summer might make its amenities more attractive it was unanimously decided to continue it. If faulty had been experienced in providing ping pong sets, but Maj. Rushmore and Maj. Shepherd and Capt. Drage all promised to pursue the matter further and it was decided now and then that a table should also be provided for Vittorio Mess.
- No further business arose from the minutes, which were passed unanimously.
3. The Sec. then made a statement of accounts. These showed a working balance of some 28000 Lire. Both the Mess Fund accounts and the statement of the funds of Entertainment Sub-committee were accepted by unanimous vote.
4. It was proposed by Capt. Williams and seconded by Lt. Shanks that the present Council continue in office. Carried non con. To fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Capt. Earnest, Capt. Hewitt was unanimously elected, proposed by Capt. Schreiber, seconded by Maj. Rushmore.
5. Maj. Shepherd proposed and Capt. Drage seconded "that the Entertainment Fund be incorporated into Mess Funds to centralise and simplify accounts. Carried unanimously.
6. There was no further business.

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for P.M.C.

R. F. Buckley
Capt. Secretary-Treasurer.

5 Apr. 44.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICERS MESS

(42)
NOTICE

The quarterly General Meeting of the Officers Mess will be held on Wed. 5 Apr. 44 at 1615 hrs in Room 47. All Officers are urged to attend. Motions for inclusion on the agenda will be handed to the Secretary not less than 24 hrs before the meeting.

- Agenda:-
1. Minutes of the last meeting.
 2. Business arising from the above.
 3. quarterly statement of accounts.
 4. Nomination and election of members of Council.
 5. Any other business.
 1. Motion by Maj. Shepherd, "That the Entertainment Fund be incorporated into Mess Funds to centralise and simplify accounts."

for P.M.C.

R.W. Buckley,
Capt.
Secretary-Treasurer.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICERS MESS SALERNO

RWB/M11

MINUTES OF GENERAL MESS MEETING

held on 14 Feb 44 at 1500 hrs in the Conference Room.
President in the chair.

There were 23 members present including all the members of the Council.

1. The Minutes of the last General Meeting were read and passed by unanimous vote.
2. The President presented for adoption the rules prepared by the Council at their meeting on 7 Feb 44. Copies of the proposed rules were distributed among those present and the PMC read them out one by one. (nineteen in all)
 - a) After the reading of Rule 4, "Wine will be paid for on delivery other than free wine supplied at dinner" Capt Ernest raised the point as to whether tickets or money constituted payment. Considerable discussion followed. Some members desired payment by ticket only, others by money, and yet others by both. It was put to the meeting and carried that the Mess Council be asked to recommend its decision on this question.
 - b) After the reading of Rule 9, "The Council will consist of President, Secretary and Treasurer" Capt. Pearson proposed that a hyphen be substituted for the "and" to make it clear that the Secretary and Treasurer was one person. Agreed.
 - c) After the reading of Rule 3, Maj. Mason raised the question of Italian Guests. The PMC stated that 4 members of the Italian Liaison Section were messing with us on the authority of higher command as A.C.C. members. With regard to others, Major Rushmore pointed out that orders had been given NOT to accept or give private invitations. The PMC recommended that Lord Stansgate be asked for a ruling. All agreed.

Lt. Col. Crump proposed and Col. Cripps seconded that the Rules recommended by the Council be adopted. This motion was carried unanimously.

3. Other business

1. The PMC stated that Capt. Stone had given the HQ. Commandant and himself orders that American and British rations for the Mess would be drawn on a pro-capita basis as from Wed. 16 Feb 44.
2. Capt. Chalk asked if Brindisi Mess meal tickets were valid in this Mess. The answer was in the negative. The further question arose as to whether the Council knew anything about the financial position of the Brindisi Mess which had wound up during the last few days, and if there were any sums in hand, how they would be disposed of. There was nobody at the meeting with authority to speak and the Secretary was asked to find out details and report back.

Sheet 2 (Cont'd)

3. Major Mason proposed and Capt Jones seconded, "that the possibility of augmenting our Mess diet by making a private arrangement for fishing by explored". This was carried by a large majority, and recommended to the attention of the Messing Officers. ✓
4. Capt. Matthews proposed and Maj. Shepherd seconded, "that afternoon tea be served in the Giustizia building." The PMC pointed out that this came rather into the province of the HQ Commandant and amended that he be asked to advise on such provision. This was carried nemcon after the HQ Commandant had referred to the new Ration scale. He could not state as yet whether sufficient rations would be available, but he would do his best to fulfil members wishes.. ✓
5. Maj. Rushmore stated that he thought the messing had improved enormously in the last two weeks. The meeting signified its agreement. ✓
6. The PMC announced that Council had asked him, with the help of the Secretary, to proceed with a scheme for establishing a club for ACC Officers in the same building as the Velia Mess, Flat 9 had been reserved for this purpose through the good offices of the HQ Commandant whom we had to thank in many ways for making this project practicable. He had arranged for the equipment of a bar, lounge, card-room, writing room and games (ping-pong) and darts) room and a sunny veranda overlooking the sea. He hoped that, without rushing matters, the club would be ready at an early date. ✓
7. Major Mason proposed that some energetic game such as table-tennis be made available at the Vittorio Hotel. Major Shepherd reported that the matter was in hand.
4. Arising from the Minutes of the Mess Council Meeting of 7 Feb 44, (Minute 1) "The PMC commented on the fact that Maj. Shepherd's name appeared twice in the list of names of council. It was decided to coopt another member in his place as elected member. It was proposed by Col. Fothergill and seconded by Capt. Ernest that Maj. Frizell represent Vittorio Mess as elected member, that this be put to the General Mess Meeting and the circumstances explained." The PMC explained this. ✓
The meeting was unanimously in favour of Maj. Frizell's co-option.
- (Minute 8) "The Council dealt with a written request by Capt. Drage, Treasurer of the earlier Mess which had been functioning here before this mess took over, for reimbursement for an outstanding payment he had incurred on behalf of Officers and paid for at Xmas time (31 bottles of Beer). His statement was witnessed and his bill and books had been examined by the Treasurer. The feeling in the council was that the matter should be cleared and it was unanimously agreed that this sum of L.2.11.8 be donated to the Men's Entertainment Fund, which was the source of the expense. ✓
The meeting endorsed Council's action unanimously.
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The Meeting then adjourned.

14 Feb 44

R. W. Buckley
R.W. BUCKLEY, Capt.
Mess Secretary

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The club system to be discontinued. ✓

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Financial.

g.p. Brindisi 9.44
Naafi. 1944
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Losses.

Dance 9733
Free hire 20000.
Vine Juice 602.

Supporting Bureau

1. Breakfast for inmates to 0730.
2. Dances organised.
3. Food improved
4. No action for a month

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On addition, 944
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Finance.

Gifts. Bordini 944
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Losses.

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Superstitions Bureau.

1. Breakfast for James to 0730.
2. Dances organised.
3. Food supplied.
4. No other for a month

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

22 March 1944

To

The presence of your company and partner is requested
at a dance to be held at the HOTEL VITTORIA - CAVA on
24 March 1944.

Dancing 2000 hrs - 2359 hrs. Running Buffet and Bar.

RSVP

Hq Commandant

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICERS MESS

Statement of Accounts as at 3 Apr. 44. Officers Mess Funds.

Receipts
Cash 382735
Bank 62738
Total . . . 445473

Payments
Cash 355068
Bank 56422
Total . . . 411490

Cash in hand . . . 17667 ✓
Cash in bank . . . 6316 ✓
445473 Lire

24000

Entertainment Sub-Committee Funds

Receipts

Dance at Cava, 29 March

Receipts . . 14678

Payments

Profit on Dance
at Cava, 13 Feb . . . 335

Expenditure . . 11150

Profit 3528
14678

Total Cash in Hand 4063 Lire ✓ 4000 -

In The Field
3 Apr. 44

R.W. Buckley,
Capt. Intelligence Corps
Secretary-Treasurer.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICERS MESS

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NOTICE

The quarterly General Meeting of the Officers Mess will be held on Wed. 5 Apr. 44 at 1615 hrs in Room 47. All Officers are urged to attend. Motions for inclusion on the agenda will be handed to the Secretary not less than 24 hrs before the meeting.

- Agenda:-
1. Minutes of the last meeting.
 2. Business arising from the above.
 3. Quarterly statement of accounts.
 4. Nomination and election of members of Council. ✓
 5. Any other business.
 1. Motion by Maj. Shepherd, "That the Entertainment Fund be incorporated into Mess Funds to centralise and simplify accounts."

for P.M.C. *R. Buckley*

R.W. Buckley,
Capt.
Secretary-Treasurer.

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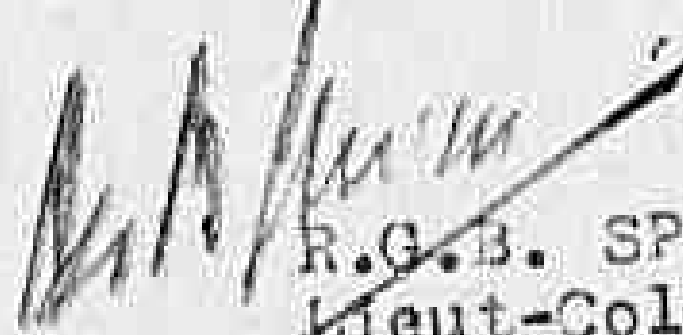
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We hope very much to see you.

Yours sincerely,



R.G.B. SPICER,
Lieut-Colonel.
President Mess Committee.

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4 APRIL 1944

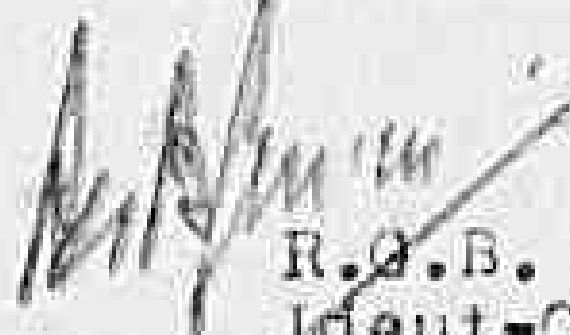
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R.O.B. SPICER,
Lieut-Colonel.
President Mess Committee.

*Copies to: V.P. Admin Sect.
Capt. Spicer, Messing Officer, Vittorio.*

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Copy to: VP
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/57/Int

19 March 1944

TO: Captain E. Stone, U.S.N.R., Deputy Chief Commissioner

1. The members of the Vittorio Mess, Cava, would be honored if you would consent to dine with them at 7:15 P.M. in their mess at the above hotel on Wednesday, 22nd March.

2. The P.M.C.'s number is 33 Fatima.

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Lt. Colonel
P.M.C.

✓ Copy to: The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Stansgate, DSO, DFC, EC

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Noted by V.P.

R.R. Lippe

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICERS MEETING

Col. Spencer
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Minutes of Council Meeting, held on 18 Mar '44, Extraordinary, to consider the report of the Sub-committee appointed to examine the means of balancing the accounts and to find possible other alternatives to stop pin the issue of free table wine.

All members were present. The P.M.C. in the chair.

The Sub-Committee report is attached (Appendix A)

1. The wording of the first suggestion was slightly altered before adoption. It was proposed by Maj. Sheehard and seconded by Maj. Frizelle "That meal tickets should continue at the same price (5 Lires) and that free wine will not be served until further notice, with effect from 20 Mar." Carried by 7-1.

2. The 2nd suggestion therefore did not arise.

3. The third suggestion "that no more entertainments be met from Mess funds" raised considerable discussion. Maj. Sheehard made a proposition that the word "free" be inserted before "entertainment", and this was seconded by Capt. Drage. But the motion fell on the adoption of an amendment by Capt. Schreiber, seconded by Maj. Frizelle that no more entertainment be organized until our financial position is such as that we can bear any possible loss. Carried by 5-2.

4. The fourth recommendation was accepted next day.

5. The 5th suggestion did not arise.

6. Subsequently at 1610 hrs there was a further short meeting called by the P.M.C. which it was agreed that owing to our commitments (the engaging of the band of the Cheshire printing and distribution of tickets etc) the dance already arranged for the 24 Mar should be held. The P.M.C. Secretary, Maj. Frizelle, Maj. Sheehard were present. Proxy votes in favour of the proposition were received from Capt. Greve, Pearson, Jones. It had been impossible to contact Capt. Harriot and Schreiber who were both absent, being ignorant of the meeting.

18 Mar '44.

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4. The fourth recommendation was accepted non-con.

5. The 5th suggestion did not arise.

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18 Mar 44.

R.P.C. R. Buckley, Sec.

R.W. Buckley, Capt.
Secretary

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICERS MESS

NOTICE

The surplus funds which in Feb. enabled us to reduce messing charges and issue free table wine are now exhausted. After closely reviewing the situation, the Council passed the following resolution:-

"That meal tickets should continue at the current price and that free wine will NOT be served until further notice, with effect from 20 Mar 44"

19 Mar 44.

For P.M.C.

R. W. Buckley
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Capt.
Secretary.

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Mr. Martin Criminal Thefts

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To Lt. Col. R.G.B. Spicer
for filing.

F.L.M.

R. B. [Signature] Jr

✓ March 19

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DAILY STRENGTH

NEAR HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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FOR DUTY

HOURS 1944

AMERICAN OFFICERS

ENLISTED MEN

TOTAL AMERICAN STRENGTH

DETACHED AMERICAN

OFFICERS MESSES SALERNO

Minutes of General Mess Meeting held 1730 hrs. 1 Feb 44.
Brigadier Parkinson in the chair.

1. The letter AMGOT/254/HQ dated 28 Feb 44 was read to the meeting. It is a directive covering authorisation for the messes, control, management and the responsibilities of the Council.

2. Election of Mess Council.

The following appointments were proposed, seconded, and the nominations of the various officers carried unanimously by the meeting

P.M.C.

Lt. Col. Spicer.

Sec. & Treas.

Capt. R. W. Buckley

Messg. Officer

VELIA - 2/Lt. Berganzone

VITTORIA Maj. Shepherd

Representatives: - VELIA, Capt. Pearson. Capt. Ernest.

VITTORIA, Maj. Shepherd. Maj. Rushmore.

Ex Officio Member: - HQ Commandant.

Lt. Col. Spicer then took the chair.

3. A statement of the position in regard to staff, finance, gratuities as it affects messes was made by Maj. Shepherd and Capt. Drage. Capt. Drage further pointed out the difficulties of accommodation and furnishing.

4. It was proposed and seconded and carried unanimously that no individual officer should give gratuities personally to any member of the mess staff.

5. It was proposed and seconded and carried unanimously that at the Vittoria, Cava, each officer will contribute 50 Lire per week. This sum will be collected by the Messing Officer and distributed to all servants on a pro-rata basis.

6. It was proposed and seconded and carried, that a General Meeting be held at least once each quarter at other times as required by the Mess Council.

7. It was proposed and seconded that the Mess Council draw up Mess Rules and submit them to a General Meeting of the Messes for approval by 15 Feb 44.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICERS MESS SALERNO

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MESS MEETING

held on 14 Feb 44 at 1500 hrs in the Conference Room.
President in the chair.

There were 23 members present including all the members of the Council.

1. The Minutes of the last General Meeting were read and passed by unanimous vote.
 2. The President presented for adoption the rules prepared by the Council at their meeting on 7 Feb 44. Copies of the proposed rules were distributed among those present and the PMC read them out one by one. (nineteen in all)
 - a) After the reading of Rule 4, "wine will be paid for on delivery other than free wine supplied at dinner" Capt Ernest raised the point as to whether tickets or money constituted payment. Considerable discussion followed. Some members desired payment by ticket only, others by money, and yet others by both. It was put to the meeting and carried that the Mess Council be asked to recommend its decision on this question.
 - b) After the reading of Rule 9, "The Council will consist of President, Secretary and Treasurer" Capt. Pearson proposed that a hyphen be substituted for the "and" to make it clear that the Secretary and Treasurer was one person. Agreed.
 - c) After the reading of Rule 3, Maj. Mason raised the question of Italian Guests. The PMC stated that 4 members of the Italian Liaison Section were messing with us on the authority of higher command as A.C.C. members. With regard to others, Major Rushmore pointed out that orders had been given NOT to accept or give private invitations. The PMC recommended that Lord Stanegate be asked for a ruling. All agreed.
- Lt. Col. Crump proposed and Col. Cripps seconded that the Rules recommended by the Council be adopted. This motion was carried unanimously.
3. Other business
1. The PMC stated that Capt. Stone had given the HQ. Commandant and himself orders that American and British rations for the Mess would be drawn on a pro-capita basis as from Wed. 16 Feb 44.
 2. Capt. Chalk asked if Brindisi Mess meal tickets were valid in this Mess. The answer was in the negative. The further question arose as to whether the Council knew anything about the financial position of the Brindisi Mess which had wound up during the last few days, and if there were any sums in hand, how they would be disposed of. There was nobody at the meeting with authority to speak and the Secretary was asked to find out details and report back.

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OFFICERS MESS

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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD 21 FEB. 44. Col Spicer in the Chair.

All members present.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed, no business arising therefrom.
2. A restatement of the financial position, with special reference to Minute 2 of Council Meeting of 7 Feb which reads "Total credit 28,061 Loan from Naples Mess 15000 Lire. It was unanimously decided that the PMC be asked to write to the Naples Mess to settle this outstanding loan The financial statement as presented by the Treasurer and as shown in the Salerno Officers Mess Books, giving a total true balance of 13,061 Lire was accepted." was made by the Treasurer. He reported that the PMC and he had gone into the matter with the Naples authorities. It appears that this loan had actually been written off at the time, but owing to their being no trace of the payment, we had to wait for official confirmation. Col. Rathbone and Capt. Marshall (Mess Secretary, Naples) gave us this in writing and the debt is paid off. Therefore the statement of Financial position as at 1 Feb 44 should be amended as follows,
Total true balance . . . 28061 Lire.
The motion that this statement be accepted was carried unanimously.
3. The P.M.C. explained that Maj. Shepherd had retired from the position of Messing Officer to go to a Subsidiary Mess. He had asked Capt. Schreiber to take over the post and the latter had immediately taken up his duties. The Council unanimously confirmed this appointment. Col Fothergill proposed, Capt. Pearson seconded a vote of thanks. Arising from this it was decided to ask that Pfc Bonagni be kept to permanently replace Pfc Orlando, whose post he had successfully filled temporarily. The HQ Commandant undertook to see to this possibility.
4. Vittorio Mess Accounts. The Treasurer was not in a position to give a final statement owing to the books being incomplete. He gave an interim estimate of a likely deficit, but could not regard this as final or even as a true loss on workings. The PMC had heard complaints that some members at Vittorio were getting free wine at the wrong hours and in excess; further that he was uncertain of the extent to which the Italian staff of Vittorio was contracting debts in buying on behalf of the mess. It was generally felt that there was a lack of order and systematic routine in the running of Vittorio Mess, and Col Fothergill voiced that possibility. He was asked, together with the Treasurer and Capt. Schreiber to form a Committee to examine the Accounts of Vittorio Mess and make recommendations in regard to the methods in use in that Mess and report back.
5. Arising from this discussion about Vittorio Mess, Major Rushmore proposed that all free table wines be free. Capt. Schreiber proposed an amendment that all wines including table wine should be paid for. A second amendment by Maj. Fazell seconded by Col. Fothergill that the status quo continue was carried by 6-2, the first amendment and the original motion being lost.

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6. The Sec-Treasurer announced the gift from Bristol Officers Mess Fund, on closing, of a sum of £343.10s., from which deductions had to be made according to directive, to claim for refunds on unused meal tickets and to 27% pro capita donation to Royal Naval Funds. It was proposed and carried unanimously that the Sec-Treasurer carry out this allocation of money as explained and subsequently submit a return. While the residue of this fund should go into the General Mess Fund, the P.M.C. said the needs of our new club should be kept in mind.

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7. The Sec-Treasurer proposed that buying of vineyard spirits be controlled, so that the buying and selling prices could be equitably controlled as in the various messes, and accounts made easier. Seconded by Capt. Pearson, this was carried unanimously.

8. The Suggestions Book was read by the P.M.C. with suitable comments.

a) WOODHOUSE's suggestion for breakfast to commence at 0730 hr was agreed to, when the Messing Officer said there was no difficulty about this.

b) The proposal to hold a dance was discussed and it was agreed that this should be regarded as a celebration to open the new club: that dinner be provided for guests: that dinner transcript be provided if possible: that guests would be invited by the Mess Council and restricted to the Service: the date to be 23 Feb 44 at 1900 hrs Dinner and 2000 hrs Dance: that all table wines be supplied free from the General Mess Fund and all other drinks be paid for. Capt. Pearson, Jones and Barnes and L-Col Fothergill were asked to represent the Council in making these arrangements and Capt. Jones especially to see to the band (Dorsetshire) and the female guests (nurses).

c) 7 copies of the Union Jack and 3 Stars and Stripes will be paid for from Mess Funds and distributed equitably between Valia, Vittorio Messes and the Club.

d) The Messing Officer pointed out that on the 21 Feb he had served 90 dinners to 72 diners. It was agreed that a notice be published calling members' attention to the fact that only one helping should be served to each officer.

23 Feb 44.

R.W. Buckley, -
Capt.
Secretary-Treasurer

for P.M.C.

R.W. Buckley

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3. Major Mason proposed and Capt Jones seconded, "that the possibility of augmenting our mess diet by making a private arrangement for fishing by explored". This was carried by a large majority, and recommended to the attention of the Messing Officers.
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5. Maj. Rushmore stated that he thought the messing had improved enormously in the last two weeks. The meeting signified its agreement.
6. The P.M.C. announced that Council had asked him, with the help of the Secretary, to proceed with a scheme for establishing a club for AGO Officers in the same building as the Velia Mess. Flat 9 had been reserved for this purpose through the good offices of the H.Q. Commandant whom we had to thank in many ways for making this project practicable. He had arranged for the equipment of a bar, lounge, card-room, writing room and games (ping-pong) and darts) room and a sunny veranda overlooking the sea. He hoped that, without rushing matters, the club would be ready at an early date.
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The meeting was unanimously in favour of Maj. Frizell's co-option.
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9. Capt Drage proposed a vote of thanks to the Council for its valuable work in preparing the rules for adoption. Col Cripps seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Meeting then adjourned.

R.W. BUCKLEY, Capt.
Mess Secretary

14 Feb 44

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The meeting was unanimously in favour of Maj. Frisell's co-option.
- (Minute 8) "The Council dealt with a written request by Capt. Drage, Treasurer of the earlier Mess which had been functioning here before this mess took over, for reimbursement for an outstanding payment he had incurred on behalf of Officers and paid for at Mess time (31 bottles of Beer). His statement was witnessed and his bill and books had been examined by the Treasurer. The feeling in the council was that the matter should be cleared and it was unanimously agreed that this sum of L.2.11.8 be donated to the Men's Entertainment Fund, which was the source of the expense.
The meeting endorsed Council's action unanimously.
9. Capt Drage proposed a vote of thanks to the Council for its valuable work in preparing the rules for adoption. Col Grippa seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Meeting then adjourned.

14 Feb 44

R.S. BUCKLEY, Capt.
Mess Secretary

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3. Major Mason proposed and Capt Jones seconded, "that the possibility of augmenting our Mess diet by making a private arrangement for fishing be explored". This was carried by a large majority, and recommended to the attention of the Messing Officers.
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5. Maj. Rushmore stated that he thought the messing had improved enormously in the last two weeks. The meeting signified its agreement.
6. The P&C announced that Council had asked him, with the help of the Secretary, to proceed with a scheme for establishing a club for ACC Officers in the same building as the Velia Mess. Flat 9 had been reserved for this purpose through the good offices of the H. Commandant whom we had to thank in many ways for making this project practicable. He had arranged for the equipment of a bar, lounge, card-room, writing room and games (ping-pong) and darts) room and a sunny veranda overlooking the sea. He hoped that, without rushing matters, the club would be ready at an early date.
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14 Feb 44

R.S. BUCKLEY, Capt.
Mess Secretary

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The Meeting then adjourned.

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R.W. BUCKLEY, Capt.
Mess Secretary

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REAR HEAD QUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICERS MESS.

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Balance sheet of Vittorio Mess on take over of
books from Maj. Shepherd by Capt. Schreiber
on 17 Feb 44.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>
By sales	18188	Total . . 21587
less 10% of Wine sales		
Total 26381 . . .	<u>2638</u>	
	<u>15550</u>	
Cash in hand	2906	
Stock at cost(17 Feb . . .	<u>3131</u>	
	<u>21587</u>	<u>21587</u>

Certified a true balance and statement of accounts
up to 17 Feb 44.

M. J. Shepherd
Maj.
Mess Secretary, Vittorio

R. B. Bucary Capt.
Mess Secretary,
Officers Mess.

W. J. Schreiber Capt.
Mess Secretary
Vittorio

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REAL REVENUE TAXES
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICERS MESS

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Sub-Committee Report on Vittoria Accounts

Lt-Col. Sothergill presiding. 24-26 Feb 44.
Members, Capt. R.W. Buckley, Capt. Schreiber.

Maj. Shepherd's books at first showed a deficit of 2519 Lire. Subsequently paid bills totalling 608 Lire were found and an overpayment of 3270 Lire was proved. With regard to the wines and spirits accounts, whereas the books showed no depreciation or wastages, they also made no allowance, in the balancing, for the 10% profit which the Council had ordered, at Maj. Shepherd's own recommendation, to be made. To balance the books, all wine sales were added up, 10% of which was deducted from the Receipts as shown in the final true balance of 26 Feb. All agreed on this procedure. In discussing the deficit, the committee came to the following conclusions:

1) Payments might exceed receipts since some members buy their meal tickets at Vittoria Mess and expend them at Vittoria. The same takes place with Wine Tickets.

2) With lack of system there may have been many leakages in over-consumption of liquors and wines, especially free table wine.

3) A lack of standard measures and balanced prices had contributed to some confusion.

The Committee made the following recommendations:-

1) That the system of allowing the Italian proprietors to contract purchases might lead to abuse and should be discontinued forthwith.

2) The whole system of keeping books and routine methods should be reorganised on the basis of

- 1) A wine stock book showing daily amounts in hand.
- 2) A daily statement of sales of wine and meal and wine costs received and sold.
- 3) Standard pre-forms used for payments and receipts.
- 4) An Account book kept showing petty cash receipts and payments by Messing Officer Vittoria.
- 5) The Messing Officer to check daily the stock book

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
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(OFFICE USE)

Capt. Pearson
Capt. Drage 57/17
Capt. Drage

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1 MAR 44 AT 1600 HRS.

The P.M.C. was in the chair.
Maj. Ruschmore was absent on duty. All others present.

Capt. Pearson proposed that Maj. Shephard represent the subsidiary members on the Council, but have no voting power. Seconded by Maj. Frizell and carried unanimously. Maj. Shephard then took his seat on the Council.

The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated.
Arising from Para 4 the report of the Sub-Committee (see endix A to minutes) and the balance sheet (see endix B) of the Victoria Mess accounts up to 17 Feb were read. The statement was adopted and the recommendations accepted unanimously.

Capt. Pearson had handed in a written amendment of para 4 "that the words 'the P.M.C. had heard complaints...' be deleted", in wording explanations from the P.M.C. and Secretary he withdrew the proposal.

Arising from para 5 Maj. Frizell proposed, Capt. Pearson seconded that "the chit system for drinks be abolished as soon as present holdings of books of tickets come to an end. There will be no further sale of such books from 1 Mar. 44. Cash will be accepted at the bar." Carried unanimously.

N.B. This ruling cancels the previous decision of 16 Feb which had not as yet been recommended to the Mess Meeting.

Arising from para 6 it was proposed by Maj. Shephard seconded by Capt. Schreiber that a sub-committee consisting of Capt. Barnett, Maj. Jones and the Treasurer draw up a balance sheet of the dinner-dance held at Villa Ross on 20 Feb and submit it to the Council. Carried unanimously.

Arising from Minute 6 the Sec-Treasurer read a statement of allocation of Brinkist fund (see Record N. 140). This was accepted by the whole meeting.

The Suggestions Book was not read as there were no entries.
This was regarded as a healthy sign.

Other business.

Maj. Shephard suggested the formation of an Entertainment Committee. Seconded by Capt. Drage. The business of the committee will be to make arrangements for dances and other social events in the mess. The following names were accepted: Maj. Shephard, Capt. Drage, the two Messing Officers and the Sec-Treasurer. Carried non-con. Capt. Drage was to convene the meetings and the Council elect its own chairman.

Just as the matter of the Club arose, the P.M.C. had to retire on urgent official business. Maj. Shephard took the chair. Maj. Frizell proposed and Capt. Schreiber seconded the motion "that this meeting now adjourn". Carried unanimously.

R.S. Duckley
Capt. Mess Secretary

1 Mar 44.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
 1ST AIRBORNE DIVISION
 OFFICIALS MEETING

Ref. 507/16
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Minutes of Rear Council Meeting held on 14 Mar 44 at 16 hrs.
 Maj. Shepherd was absent. The P.M.C. was in the chair and all others present.

1. The minutes of the last meeting having been circulated were taken as read. Arising from the minutes, the report of the sub-committee set up to make a financial statement of the accounts of the dinner and dance held on 24 Feb. was read showing a deficit of 1333 lire to be met from the fund. It was accepted, unanimously.

2. Report of the Entertainment sub-committee was read. The rules for the Club suggested in the minutes of their second meeting were accepted with the amendment, excepting Rule 2 which was amended after voting by 5-1. It was agreed that to minute 3 be amended to read "A.V. of 1944". It was agreed and accorded that the Entertainment sub-committee be left to organize and be responsible for the dance to be held for 28 Mar. and that the fee would be in no way responsible for the financing of it.

3. Capt. Pearson tendered his resignation owing to his having left the Velle Mess, but the Council was unanimously in favour of his remaining as a representative of the Velle Mess, since he still looked after the line two or three days a week. He agreed to continue service.

4. At this point the P.M.C. had to leave on urgent duty. Capt. Pearson was elected to the chair.

5. The Sec. gave a short report of the financial position, pointing out that the balance of 1 Feb. which had enabled us to reduce meeting charges and provide free table wine had now come to an end. He proposed that to continue the mess without an advance balance no more free table wine be issued. There was some discussion as to whether there were not alternative methods of meeting the situation, and it was proposed by Capt. Burnett and seconded by Maj. Frizelle that a committee be set up to examine the means of balancing accounts and to find possible alternatives to stopping the provision of free dinner wine. The Committee a minute was Maj. Frizelle, Capt. Burnett, and Capt. Macleay. It was agreed that the Sub-committee report on early date and report to the Council as soon as possible.

6. Capt. Jones voiced his alarm at the number of visitors arriving at lunch without due notice (and often without paying) as officially from Messes. In view of the increasing charges at Messes 1 & 25 Lire he wanted to charge them accordingly. The P.M.C. moved returned at this point, stating that he had heard unofficially that the Messes were not to be opened to us for official meals gratis. In view of this no action was to be taken except to remind members more forcibly, through notices in the Messes, that they must be paid for on entering the room.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(Officers' Mess - Salerno)

RULES FOR OFFICERS' MESS:

1. The Officers' Messes at Velia Restaurant and Vittorio Hotel, Cava, shall be deemed to be one Mess for the purpose of these rules.
 2. The Mess is maintained for, and restricted to, Officers of HQ, ACC. Other ACC Officers and transient ACC Officers are honorary members.
 3. Guests may be introduced, at the discretion of the Messing Officer, by any member, who shall however inscribe their names in the guest book provided. No guest may give orders or make payments in the Mess.
 4. Meals will be paid for by ticket, which will be handed to the reception clerk on entering the room. Wine will be paid for on delivery, other than free wine supplied at dinner.
 5. Complaints and suggestions by members must be made in the Suggestions Book provided and NOT to the Staff. Emergency complaints, however, may be made direct to the Messing Officer and will be entered subsequently in the book. The Messing Officer will discuss such suggestions with the members concerned and read the book daily, bringing necessary points to the notice of the Council, and the Suggestions Book before the Council at its meeting.
 6. Cover charges for meals, the price of wine, etc. will be the responsibility of the Mess Council on the authority delegated to it at the General Meeting. In principle the Mess is not intended to show a profit, and the excess of income over expenditure will be used for the benefit of current members in increased amenities or reduced charges.
 7. The Mess Council will meet in private session in the first week of every month AND prior to the General Quarterly Meeting, and at such other times as the President may decide.
 8. The Mess will be governed by the Mess Council as elected quarterly at the General Meeting of all members, of which due notice will be given, which shall not be less than 48 hours.
 9. The Council will consist of:-
 - President
 - Secretary-Treasurer
 - Representatives of Velia, One American, One British.
 - Representatives of Vittorio, One American, One British.
 - Ex-officio members:- HQ Commandant
 - Messing Officer Velia
 - Messing Officer Vittorio
- A member of the Subsidiary Messes as listed c, d, e, f in par. 1 Item No. 4, ACC/AAC/HQ of 28 January 1944 may be asked to attend meetings of the Mess Council, in accordance with par 2e of the same directive.

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10. The Messing Officers will be responsible to the Mess Council for the efficient running of the Messes. The decisions of the Mess Council will be final in all matters, unless reversed at a General Meeting of the Mess members.
11. A General Meeting of Mess members will be held at least once each quarter or at other times as required by Mess Council. An extraordinary General Meeting of the Mess members will be called at the request of 1/3rd of the Mess members. Such request will be submitted in writing to the Mess Secretary. General Meetings Extraordinary may also be called by Mess Council.
12. Items for inclusion in the agenda at Mess General Meetings (Quarterly or Extraordinary) will be submitted in writing to the Secretary not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting.
13. The times of meals will be those decided by the Council, who will signify these by a notice. The time shown will be strictly adhered to. Officers detained on duty may make special arrangements for meals by notifying the Messing Sgt. or OR.
14. No individual Officer will give gratuities personally to any member of the Mess staff.
15. At the Vittorio Hotel, each Officer will contribute 50 Lire per week. This sum will be collected by the Messing Officer and distributed to all servants on a pro rata basis.
16. Additional rules may be added to Mess rules by a majority vote at a General Mess Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.
17. All members of Council will attend meetings, subject to exigencies of the service.
18. A copy of these rules will be shown where all members may read it in both Messes.
19. The subsidiary Messes as enumerated c, d, e, f, of par 1. of Memo No. 4, of 28 January 1944 from HQ ACC/AMC, are recognized officially and will be governed by the financial policy as laid down by the Mess Council, but will not be subject to the foregoing rules.

for the PMC /s/ R.W. BUCKLEY

14 February 1944

H.W. BUCKLEY, Captain
Mess Secretary

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103 General Hospital,
C. M. F.

15th March, 1944.

The Officer Commanding and 2nd i/c, 103 General Hospital
thank the Officers of Allied Control Commission, Velia Mess,
for their invitation for 17th March. but very much regret
that they are unable to accept owing to a Unit function on
that night.

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To:- P.M.C.
Allied Control Commission Velia Mess
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICERS MESS.

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Minutes of Mess Council Meeting held on 14 Mar 44 at 1600 hrs.

Maj. Shepherd was absent. The P.M.C was in the chair and all others present.

1. The minutes of the last meeting having been circulated were taken as read. Arising from the minutes, the report of the sub-committee set up to make a financial statement of the accounts of the Dinner and Dance held on 28 Feb. was read showing a deficit of 9333 Lire (to be met from Mess funds). It was accepted unanimously.
2. Report of the Entertainments subcommittee was read. The rules for the Club suggested in the minutes of their second meeting were accepted without discussion, excepting Rule 2 which was passed after voting by 5-1. It was agreed that to Minute 3 be prefixed the words "A.C.C Officers". It was proposed and seconded that the Entertainments subcommittee be left to organise and be responsible for the Dance proposed for 24 Mar. and that the Mess would be in no way responsible for the financing of it.
3. Capt. Pearson tendered his resignation owing to his having left the Velia Mess, but the Council was unanimously in favour of his remaining as the representative of the Velia Mess, since he still lunched there and dined two or three days a week. He agreed to continue service.
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16 mar 44.

for P.M.C. R.W. Buckley, Capt.
Secretary.

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March 18

R.W. Buckley

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

15 March 1944

1. The members of the Vittoria Mess, Cava, would be honored if you could find it convenient, on any night suitable to you, to dine with us at 7:15. in our mess at the above hotel.

2. The Messing Officer's telephone number is (Dial) 1879 or the P.M.C.'s is 33 Fatima.

lt Colonel
P. M. C.

Copy to:
The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Stanagate

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICERS MESS

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There will be a Council Meeting on Wednesday 1 Mar. at
1600 hrs in Room 116.

Agenda. Minutes of Last Meeting
Business arising from these
The club.

29 Feb 44.

U. G. Sparrow

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R. W. Buckley
Capt.
Secretary.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

SUBJECT: Transport

TO : Executive Commissioner, EC & MC Section
Lt Col Montfort

1. Reference to my conversation with you this morning reference transport for the Commanding Officer and matron of the 104th General Hospital, I now find it is British, and not American.

2. The hospital is situated about 4 miles from Naples, and located in an area which the messing officer calls "Cascara".

3. They cannot leave, owing to duty, until 5:45 PM. They have no transport of their own that can be made available for recreational purposes, and, as they cannot leave until 5:45 PM, special arrangements have to be made to give them a late dinner.

4. These are the facts given to me by the Dance Committee, and if you are unable to arrange transport, I shall be grateful if you would inform me today, in order that I may endeavour to make alternative arrangements.

R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Acting Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICERS MESS SALERNO RWB/M16

57/8

To:-PMC

From Mess Secretary

Subject: Mess Finance

May I remind you of Minute 2 of Council Meeting of 7Feb. which reads,

"Statement of Financial Position was read by PMC as follows:

Cash in bank	21642 L	Loan from Naples	
Cash in hand	2769 L	Mess	15000
Refunded in check	3650 L		
Total	28061 L		

It was unanimously decided that the PMC be asked to write to the Naples Mess to settle this outstanding loan of 15000 L. It should either be converted from a loan to a grant or paid and written off books.

The financial statement of the Treasurer as presented and as shown in the Salerno Officers' Mess Books, giving a true balance of 13061 Lire was accepted."

Now that you have seen Col. Rathbone and I have seen Capt. Marshall and have received the missing receipt no. 49 from Maj. Baxter the matter is settled. The Mess has no outstanding debts and the true balance at 1 Feb. should read 28061 L. When the Council has met and passed this statement, I shall publish it accordingly.

I feel some explanation is necessary. The financial impasse revolved round two questions.

1. The missing receipt no. 49 involving 12000 L loan from AMFA. Until this was produced it was impossible to know who had received this money, as entered on the books on 14 Jan. Maj. Baxter produced this receipt yesterday, showing the recipient to be AMFA, so all is in order.
2. The Administrative Officer's two letters of the same date, 12 Jan, one showing repayment of 15000 (and I have no written proof as to who paid this) and the other 254/HQ/G1 stating that "no loan from Naples Mess would be repayable". This seeming contradiction was explained to me by Capt. Marshall and I saw his receipt for the sum of 15000 L.

Memo no. 2 of 29 Jan. para 6 a, is now self-explanatory.

I feel I owe you an apology for having got you to run round in circles, and I hope you will ask Col Rathbone to forgive me for having troubled him unnecessarily, as it now turns out. But I think you will feel as relieved as I do, that the position is now regularised.

R. W. Buckley. Capt.
R. W. Buckley. Secretary

File 57/7

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

File: ACC/57/Int
RGSS/jgt

13 February 1944

SUBJECT: Mess Finances, Rear Headquarters, Salerno

TO : Executive Officer, PG & MG Section

1. Subsequent to my personal interview with you yesterday, the matter of the finances of this mess was gone into personally by Captain Buckley, Mess Secretary and Treasurer, conjointly with Captain Marshal and Major Baxter.

2. There was a missing receipt, No. 49, involving a 12,000 lire loan from AMFA. Until this was produced, it was not possible to know who had received this money as entered on the books on 14 January. But now that this receipt has been produced by Major Baxter, showing the recipient to be AMFA, the matter is in order.

3. There were two letters of the same date, 12 January. One showing repayment of 15,000 lire (and I would mention that there is no record as to who this was paid by) and the other, 254/HG/G1, stating that no loan from the Naples Mess would be repayable. This seeming contradiction has now been explained and paragraph 6a, of Memorandum #2 of 29 January, is now clear. I am certain that you will appreciate that I was not anxious to present accounts to the Mess Council until the matters to which I have referred to above, were entirely clear - which they now are.

4. The position of the Salerno Mess is that it has no outstanding debts and that the true balance as at February 1, 1944, is 23,061 lire.

R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Acting Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Copy - to Captain Buckley, Mess Secretary
and Treasurer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICERS' MESS SALERNO

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RTB/M

To: P.M.S.

From: The writer.

Memo on Loans from Naples.

1. Three sums, in all have been advanced to this mess -
 1. 15000 L. loan on 29 Dec by Naples Fund.
 2. 12000 L. " on 31 Dec by AMFA.
 3. 20000 L. " on 12 Jan by Naples Fund.
2. Of these one only has been repaid, marked in the books as "Govt. Funds, repayment of loan", 10 Jan. The Bank pass book and the check counterfoil bears out the date and the sum. The receipt slip, which should be No. 49 in our file is missing, therefore it is not clear to whom this amount was paid.
3. The circumstances of the above are as follows:-
 - a) 15000 L. advanced on 29 Dec from Naples Fund. This amount was given in cash to Maj. Baxter (then Mess Secretary) in Naples on 26 Dec according to a pencilled note by Col. Rathbone. With this sum he started the mess here and first banked 2835 L of the sum on 7 Jan 44. According to Memo 2 of 29 Dec this 15000 L was to be repaid on receipt of a further 20000 L from Naples Fund - vide para 6b Memo 2 of 29 Dec. When however, this 20000 L was advanced, there was a covering letter 294/HQ/GI stating "notwithstanding anything to the contrary in para 6a of above memo no portion of the funds advanced is repayable." There is no record of this repayment of 15000 in figures and no receipt. But there is a letter (1853) dated 12 Jan and signed by Col. Rathbone stating "attached hereto in check for 15000 L in repayment of the sum loaned to Maj. Baxter for the purpose of starting the Officers' Mess Salerno".
 - b) 12000 L. advance to Col. Mac-Vernon by AMFA on 31 Dec. and according to Serg. Loy, handed over to Maj. Baxter. is recorded in the books. and

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(cont) 3b. A check for 12000 L was made out on 14 Jan from our Mess funds, as marked on the counter foil, as shown in bank pass book, as shown in books.

I assume that Col. Rathbones covering letter of 12 Jan (1853) refers to this sum, and that an error was made confusing one loan with the other.

4. Capt. Drago tells me that Maj. Baxter can probably explain this and as he took the check by hand to Naples personally, he might know the whereabouts of the missing receipt no. 42.

In the absence of an explanation from the parties concerned and until this receipt is returned, it seems reasonable to assume that the payment of 12000 L refers to the AMFA advance and that the sum of 15000 L mentioned in Col Rathbones covering letter was a slip.

I worked on that assumption in taking over the books and always regarded the 15000 L loan as outstanding until written off by Naples.

Letter 204, ref. OM/F/I/AA of 11 Feb from Capt. Marshall brings no fresh light on the matter. It rather complicates it as showing that a sum of money was repaid to Naples Mess, which I had assumed had been repaid to AMFA.

Until this matter is settled, it will be impossible to get our books straight.

Salerno
14 Feb 44.

R.W. Buckley,
Capt.
Mess Secretary.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

File: ACC/57/Int

19 February 1944

SUBJECT: Lira 15000 Loan (Grant)

TO : Executive Officer, Main Headquarters (Naples)

1. Captain Drage informs me that the loan or grant of Lira 15000 may be regarded as a gift to the Salerno Mess.

2. He tells me that you passed this message to him verbally over the telephone for my information. I am grateful.

3. Would you please confirm this in writing for my files?



R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
President, Salerno Mess.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

FILE: AGC/57/Int

4 February 1944

SUBJECT: Mess

TO : Mess Secretary and Treasurer

1. I have this morning made a reconnaissance of 3 buildings in regard to which I was given information by HQ Commandant.

2. First, 85 Via Indipendenza - this flat is at some distance from both the Navy House, and Villa. It has a poor entrance, and is straggling. It could, however, lend itself to conversion into either an Officer's Club, or an overflow Mess; but I am of the opinion that it is not big enough for a mess to replace Villa, and it is too big as a club. It has the advantage of a roof garden, and another garden which would be, probably, attractive in the summer.

3. I then inspected the two flats in the AMG building, directly opposite the Navy House - apartments 4 and 12. In this building, there is an elevator which I am informed works consistently. In my opinion, flat 4 would be suitable, in many ways, for an Officer's Club, but I would prefer your opinion as to whether you would consider it big enough. I think it is. There is adequate room for a bar, and a lounge off the bar, for a cardroom, a reading room, and a writing room. It has also two laboratories, and there is adequate space for coat racks. The same may be said of apartment 12, but I think that this should be considered, from my point of view, as an overflow (or subsidiary) mess of Villa. Both appear to me to have adequate kitchens, but I should want your opinion after a personal visit, in this regard.

4. The Refugee Sub-Commission has an office in the same building, and the lieutenant in charge said he had 9 officers billeted in this flat. That number could certainly use the subsidiary mess, and these numbers in themselves would relieve Villa. I also feel that this mess should be used by the Navy officers for lunch, and I have little doubt that it would be advantageous, accordingly, if Villa and this subsidiary mess were so used.

5. In both flats in AMG building there are adequate laboratories. These flats are both exceptionally convenient for officers billeted at the Navy House, since it is literally opposite their own door. There are some odd ranks and officers occupying Apartment 4 at present, and these would have to find other accommodations. I was not able to give the matter longer study, as I would have, had I not been pressed for time.

R. B. Spicer

R. B. SPICER
Lt Col

Acting Director
Interior Sub Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

FILE: AGC/32/Int

4 February 1944

SUBJECT: A. C. No. 2

TO : Capt Buckley, Mass Secretary and Treasurer

1. Check A. C. No. 2, please (of 27 January 1944) insofar as it concerns us, and let me know if we are adequately provided.



R. G. B. SPICKER
Lt Col
Acting Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

File 57/1

ACC/12/INT.

3rd February, 1944.

SUBJECT: Officers' Mess.

TO : Captain Buckley.

Points for executive action arising out of inspection.

1. Purchase of six more coffee pots for quick serving of coffee hot.
2. Cold sweets to be laid out ready for serving in dining room.
3. Extra tables to be provided, please see HQ. Commandant ^{or. Q.M.} in this matter. We require at least seating (with chairs) for another 20 and require a minimum of six tables for seating and service.
4. Q.M. to be asked if he can supply a Field Cooker to be used as a HOT PLATE so as to free the entire range for cooking.
5. Two extra cooker containers are required. *Please purchase or obtain.*
6. Table cloths to be turned on alternate days and washed every fourth day by laundress who will be on pay roll.
7. Flowers to be fresh every third day.
8. There is not adequate room for a bar or lounge in Vella. This idea must be abandoned. *at present.*
9. Have a notice up as soon as possible as follows :

OFFICERS' CLUB.

- A. Situate at
- B. Officers are requested to take their guests there whenever possible.
- C. The accommodation in this mess, particularly at LUNCH is insufficient to provide for guests at present.
10. Cashier's desk to be faced round. Lister Bag found another site.
11. Notice to go up requesting officers to facilitate service by filling one table, before seats are occupied at another. Each table to have its allocation of one particular waiter.
12. Officers are requested not to smoke at breakfast in the mess ^{208. B?}

Men Council

Find out of course first, if this is in order.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

2nd February, 1944.

ACC/32/INT.

SUBJECT: Officers' mess.

TO : Captain Backley.

Points for executive action arising out of inspection.

1. Purchase of six more coffee pots for quick serving of coffee hot.
2. Cold meats to be laid out ready for serving in dining room.
3. Extra tables to be provided, please see HQ. Commandant ^{or G.M.} in this matter. We require at least seating (with chairs) for another 20 and require a minimum of six tables for seating and service.
4. Q.M. to be asked if he can supply a Field Cooker to be used as a HOT PLATE so as to free the entire range for cooking.
5. Two extra cooker containers are required. *Please purchase or obtain.*
6. Table cloths to be turned on alternate days and washed every fourth day by laundress who will be on pay roll.
7. Flowers to be fresh every third day.
8. There is not adequate room for a bar or lounge in Velia. This idea must be abandoned. *at present*
9. Have a notice up as soon as possible as follows :

OFFICERS' CLUB.

- A Situate at
- B Officers are requested to take their guests there whenever possible.
- C The accommodation in this mess, particularly at LUNCH is insufficient to provide for guests at present.
10. Cashier's desk to be faced round. Lister Bag found another site.
11. Notice to go up requesting officers to facilitate service by filling one table, before seats are occupied at another.
Each table to have its allocation of one particular waiter.
12. Officers are requested not to smoke at breakfast in the mess ^{20.3.44?}

Men Corral

*Find out of course
first, if this is
in order.*

13. Please see Capt. Pawley and ask if transport can be supplied for the Mess Sergt. at 07.30 hours and 15.00 hours daily and to be promptly on time. Without this the Mess Sergt. cannot purchase his supplies and function efficiently.

R. E. B. Spicer

R. E. B. SPICER,
Lt. Colonel
Acting Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

Copy to:

Capt. Pearson.
Messing Officer (relia).

N. B.

*Since drafting the above notes,
the lunch today Feb. 3rd was*

A. Better served.

B. Hotter.

*and all who responded to the ideas
of this morning are to be congratulated.*

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