

15. A serious loss of cutlery was another reason for the request that the dining hall organisation should be looked at by the Unit. It was stated by personnel in the dining hall that cutlery could be lost down the

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drain channels in the scullery, into the main drains. This could be prevented either by installing catch bins or by inserting a perforated plate over each drain. In any case it does not seem probable that the very severe loss of cutlery reported can all be accounted for from this source.

16. It would seem necessary to introduce a check that the amount of cutlery actually issued from the scullery does, in fact, arrive back after each meal; such a check should enable one to pin-point where the losses actually occur. There appear to be five points where the possibility of cutlery losses might profitably be investigated; moreover the possibility of pilfering should not be precluded. These are the points which should be closely examined:-

- (a) Possible losses in the scullery during cleaning and washing up.
- (b) The likelihood of any discrepancy between quantities issued from the scullery to the serving counter; no check on this is at present in force.
- (c) Losses occurring during the issue of cutlery to Working Parties for laying out the tables in the dining hall without a check on the actual numbers given out.
- (d) Losses occurring in the dining hall during meal times which cannot at present be identified since knives, forks etc. are returned dirty to the scullery without any check on their numbers corresponding with the numbers issued previously.
- (e) The possibility of cutlery being thrown into swill bins, along with waste food.