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D.C.C.A.O.
C.S.O.
A.C.S.O.
Lt. Col. Clough.
Major Pirie,
Major Smith
Major McDougall
Major Pearey
Capt. Talbot
Capt. Farrar
Capt. Sherwood
Capt. Zervudachi
Capt. Graham
Capt. Van Deusen
Lt. Van Heukelom
Lieut. Krupa
P.R.O.
Adviser F.A. & M.
Education Officer.

Lt. Barnes

REMARKS.

Follows 11, 15, 16 & 22

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Subject:- S.C.A.Os. Monthly Report.

MOST SECRET.

To:- AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

PR/202.

From:- AMGOT, Province of Ragusa.

4 Oct 43.

Herewith S.C.A.Os. report on the Province of Ragusa
for the month of September 1943.



to him 484K
Lt-Col.
S.C.A.O. AMGOT,
Province of Ragusa.

Ragusa.

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Capt. Zervudachi

(1)

Can you tell me anything about mated passage
at 11 ?

15 & 16 also n/v.

(TB) 8/10.

(2)

I'm afraid I cannot know any light. We shall
have to await H.B.'s return before taking any further
action L. 2. 8/10

B/O Information
MA to CCAO
14/10

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as far as reliability is concerned every possible co-operation has been received from both officers and men and the energy and ability with which they have dealt with cases is commendable. An issue of uniform especially footgear would do much to improve their confidence and appearance.

CURRENCY. Dilapidated notes. As time goes on these will become increasingly numerous and the question of exchanging them, especially the state notes (10 lire to 1 lire) should be the subject of a directive from H.Q. The F.O. in this province is exchanging notes of the Banco d'Italia which are presented through the Banco d'Italia.

BANKS. The re-opening of the banks has been of great assistance to the community. The managers are satisfied that, considering the length of time the banks were closed, withdrawals have not been heavy.

SOCIAL INSURANCE. ; Istituto Providence is functioning. Benefit payments have been greatly in excess of income owing to the increased unemployment. Advances which ANGOT Ragusa have made this month to this institution total lire 1.750.000.

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TRANSPORT ETC. We are short of trucks in this province but it is hoped that as a result of calling for returns of all vehicles it will be possible to divide up what is available amongst those persons concerned in essential services. At the same time the shortage of tyres, spare parts and petrol and naphta will continue to be limiting factors. Twenty trucks have been asked for from Palermo, four have been promised but none have been received. We are expecting to receive grain by rail from Caltanissetta which will ease the transport position and obviate the very heavy requirements in petrol and naphta previously needed to run grain convoys to that province.

OVER.

WAGES AND PRICES. Study is being given to the question of fixing wages to farm labourers and industrial workers. At present there are very considerable discrepancies in the rates paid but with the assistance of an arbitration board some of these should be smoothed out. Some guidance from Palermo on an island basis would be very helpful. The prices of foodstuffs are fairly well controlled but the same cannot be said for those goods such as clothes which are in very short supply.

RAW MATERIALS AND CROPS. The olive crop promises well but everything depends on the arrival in time and in sufficient quantity of electric current to run the olive presses. There is some hope that we may get a small quantity for the purpose in question.

There is a heavy crop of Carob beans but no prospect of exporting them. Fortunately they keep well in store.

Our prime preoccupation continues to be without grain. The Ammassi of the province are empty but there is undoubtedly a considerable tonnage in the possession of hoarders which it is hoped the new drive of the Security Division will bring to light. Arrangements have been made to draw 20000 quintals from Caltanissetta so that we should be able to survive the month of October, especially as we are reducing the ^{bread} ration to 250 grammes leaving that for pasta at 40.

EDUCATION. Several religious schools have been opened. The province educational committee is in process of function.

LEGAL. The work of C.A.Os. is seriously hampered by the time occupied in summary courts and I earnestly request that the procedure in these courts be simplified. It surely cannot serve any useful purpose in having to record all the evidence even in the pettiest of cases. It certainly will be impossible to carry out this procedure when the number of C.A.Os. is further reduced. I cannot believe that the Legal Officers at AMGOT H.Q. can have time to wade through the mass of cases sent to Palermo, and it should not be necessary to send the proceedings of summary courts beyond the legal officer at Province H.Q. who must be capable of dealing with them.

The preparation of the prosecution of cases by C.A.P.O. also occupies far too much of their time. I hope very shortly that the Carabinieri will be able to undertake the prosecution in all but serious cases.

RELIEF. By the 15th of this month this will be entirely run by Italian officials and money will be obtained by Communes through the Prefettura.

I have increased the basic rate to 10 lire for head of family and 5 per dependent. This is the same rate as that in Siracusa Province.

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RAILWAYS. The opening of the railways for supply and also essential civilian travel is badly needed.

RELEASE OF P.O. OF W.

There are numbers of Italian P.O.W. about the country, many of whom were on sick leave, ordinary leave, or given an informal release by Seventh Army. To regularize matters, all these men should be rounded up and taken to a P.O.W. camp where I believe they are not wanted. This action would have a serious affect on the morale of the population. I have asked that S.C.A.Os. should be empowered to issue these men with release papers. It would save an infinity of time and AMGOT officers are in a better position to check up a man's credentials at his home than in a P.O.W.

PROPAGANDA.

I am often told that printing of propaganda pamphlets would be of great value. I had hoped that the Palermo paper would be on sale here as stated at the S.C.A.Os. conference, but I am now starting a paper in Ragusa. Difficulties in obtaining any information except through the wireless are great. In many towns arrangements have been made for a public broadcast of news from Rome and London.

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Subject:- ^{SURGEON} ~~Surgeon~~ y, Civil Hospital, Ragusa

To:- M.A. (for C.C.A.O.) AMGOT H.Q. Sicily.
D.P.H. AMGOT H.Q. Sicily.

PR/136.

From:- AMGOT, Province of Ragusa.

23 Sep 43.

Reference AMGOT/226/HQ dated 17 Sep 43 and AMGOT/3011/
PH dated 07 Sep 43.

On instructions from the C.C.A.O. to me and instructions from D.P.H. to S.A.P.H.O. I have seen Dr. Grezzi Giorgio today. The facts of the case are as follows:-

Dr. Grezzi was called from his job at Catania University in April last and appointed surgeon in the place of Dr. Spanpinato called up for Army service. Dr. Grezzi understood that the job was a permanent one and says that the Director of the hospital (now a political prisoner but released owing to ill health) did not consider Spanpinato a success and had decided not to renew his contract. However it is doubtful whether the Board or Spanpinato himself knew of this decision.

The main point is that under the Italian law a man serving with the Forces has the right to return to his civil job, and therefore nothing can be done in this matter except that the new Director and Board may decide not to renew Spanpinato's contract.

There is no truth in the charge that Dr. Grezzi had held this appointment previously and was removed by the action of Dr. Spanpinato. Dr. Grezzi has never practised in Ragusa before, and Spanpinato was appointed on the recommendation of the previous occupant, Dr. Bombi.

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Health 30/9/43. 67



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Lt-Col.
S.C.A.O. AMGOT 18.11
Province of Ragusa.

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Subject:- Administration.

To:- AMGOT H.Q. Sicily.

From:- AMGOT, Province of Ragusa.

PR/125.

23 Sep 43.

I wish to draw attention to the incidents lately which point to the undermining of the authority of the S.C.A.O. by direct action with H.Q. at Palermo.

I have already reported the stories current in Ragusa after the return of Giovanni LUPIS the self styled leader of a United Italy party. Yesterday Major Scarlett, Finance Officer, had occasion to warn him not to meddle with the affairs of banks, but that he would always be ready to see him in his office. Lupis took up an almost threatening attitude and said he would never step inside that office again.

The other day De Martino lawyer from Modica and also leader of a party spoke about the position of tenant farmers owing to the high price of grain. The matter was carefully gone into by the Supply Officer and experts but when the figures proved that there was no cause for complaint, De Martino said he would take the matter to Palermo.

On the 21st. I had a letter from the M.A. to C.C.A.O. asking me to see a Professor Giorgio Arezzi. On the same day I received a letter for S.A.P.H.O. Ragusa from Director of Public Health on the same question of Professor Arezzi only at greater length. I considered that two interviews would turn the Professional head and I report elsewhere the result of my interview. There is no truth in the allegation that Prof. Arezzi was previously ousted from his job in Ragusa? As a matter of fact he never practised here until this April.

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Palermo. Should not the Army system be carried out and appeals to H.Q. made through the S.C.A.O. instead of behind his back ?

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Lt-Col.
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Copy of letter ref
S/HQ. dated 25 Sep
addressed to Major
W. H. Auschey, Ragusa,
placed on file 229/HQ.

Subject - Posting to
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Col Dunsmore

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Power for Olive Air
What is the position?

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Capt. Peebles -

Re. file 5/49.

1 Note above.

2 Please draft memo to
Col Hayes on this.

J.D.P.

18 Sept.

Approval is being given
23/Sept/43 J.D.P.

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	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>INT.</u>
Lt.Col. Seitz	_____	_____
Lt.Col. Hayes	_____	_____
Lt.Col. Densmore	_____	_____
Major Nolan	_____	_____
Major Chayton	_____	_____
Capt. Morse	_____	_____
Capt. Minard	_____	_____
Lieut. Batt	_____	_____
Lieut. Lefevre	_____	_____
Lieut. Peebles	_____	_____
Lieut. Pollard	_____	_____
Capt. Travelan	_____	_____

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SUBJECT:- Interview.

TO:- S.C.A.O.,
RATIA.

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AMOT H.S., BLOK

17th September 1941

I am instructed by C.C.A.O. to request you to grant an interview to Professor Giorgio Urosi in Vinosa. C.C.A.O. understands that he had previously applied for an interview, which you have not seen fit to grant, and does not doubt that you had excellent reasons for doing so; but circumstances have arisen here which prompt the above request by C.C.A.O.

Would you, in due course, forward result of the interview.

Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

SECRET

Subject:-- S.C.A.C.'s. Reports.

To:-- ANGOT H.Q. Palermo.

From:-- ANGOT, Province of Ragusa.

HEADQUARTERS
P.R.

8 SEP 1943

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6 Sep 43.

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41 date 3310

Reference ANGOT/263/HQ dated 20 Aug

(a) The main thought of the people is relief that the war is over for Sicily, but they expect life to return to normality immediately. No one appears to face the future may well bring them. Unemployment and reduced incomes, shortage of food and clothing, lack of petrol and all luxuries. Their feeling is that the good God (in the shape of the U.S. and G.B.) will provide for all time.

The great majority of the people are content.

Causes of dis-satisfaction are the treatment of internees, the unequal treatment of prisoners of war, the stoppage of payment of pensions and dependants allowances and the continued employment of pre-occupation officials.

Considerable alarm was caused by the re-arrest and removal of 25 released P's. of W. from their houses in Monterosso. This led to a minor riot principally directed against the Mayor and his secretary, who were accused of tyranny under the Fascist Regime. The latter has gone on sick leave and will not return. The former is a good man but unwilling to continue. There is nobody to take his place and I have asked for the release of a Lt-Col. Rocuzzza Cattano who was taken prisoner at Scoglitti and is reported to have been an excellent Mayor of Monterosso before the war.

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As a result of a visit to me by the Parish Priest of Santa Croce di Camarina three men were arrested who had had considerable influence in Fascist days and were food hoarders and probably black marketers. They have gone to an Internment Camp. The Mayor and Secretary were badly frightened and the Carabinieri moved.

(c) The Podestà at Comiso has been removed, mainly for slackness and replaced by a man of energy and intelligence. Some minor officials have been dismissed.

(d) There is very little crime in the Province. A number of offences against Proclamations, mostly of a light nature have been tried. Summary Courts are often crowded and the people are satisfied with the justice. A considerable amount of parts of deserted vehicles and

equipment

of German and Italian Army have been stolen, without trace as yet of offenders.

(e) Many of the Carabinieri have proved to be most unreliable. I think this is largely due to many Reservists being useless, N.C.O.'s. and men being left too long at one station and lack of supervision. I think men from the Reserve should be returned who are found to be useless. I have had a large turn round of N.C.O.'s. and men throughout the Province and I have stationed an officer in each District instead of concentrating them at H.Q. as has been the custom.

Now that I am able to have a C.A.P.C. in each District I expect that the work and the morale of the Carabinieri will improve tremendously. They certainly require supervision and in addition backing up.

(f) The prolonged closure of the banks has led to more than inconvenience. Employers have been unable to pay the wages of their employees. As advances to the Province and the Communes during the month for various purposes have been in the neighbourhood of I.15,000,000 there has been a fair amount of new currency put into circulation.

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A marauding party with Carabinieri and under instructions of the C.A.C. Pachino were caught at Modica, having ~~bracket~~ grain and having taken cheeses without payment. The Caraba bean harvest has been gathered. Current prices are naturally very low compared with last year and it is difficult to know how it can all be disposed of.

The prospects for the vine and olive crops are excellent. Unless electric power is available shortly, a large part of the olives will go to waste. *(See folio 139)*

(i) There is a large amount of unemployment. At Comiso there are many men who worked at the Airfields. At Pozzallo there are over 200 merchant seamen. At Ragusa the asphalt mines will employ many. At present shortage of explosives which have been asked for from Eighth Army may affect numbers employed. *4838*

Road repair and the repair of bombed buildings will absorb a number of unemployed but the number of released soldiers will aggravate matters.

/(k) A.E.F.

(1) A.R.P. personnel have been reduced to a minimum. Blackout is good.

(2) The only monuments in the Province are the churches, which have suffered little damage.

(3) A telephone service is working within the town but the lack of inter-town communication is a great handicap.

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Lt-Col.
S.C.A.O. ANGOT,
Province of Ragusa.

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Lt-Col.
S.C.A.O. AGOT,
Province of Ragusa.

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SUBJECT: Isaiga C.A.O's Report.S.C.A.O. PACUSA.

AMOT/239/HQ.

29. Aug. 43.

With reference to Isaiga C.A.O's report dated 11. Aug. 43, a copy of which was sent to you, please note as follows:

1. Food for Mothers and Babies.

Public Health Division wish to know full details of the deficiency complained of. The Division can take no action on a report merely stating that the rations are insufficient.

2. Petty amounts of cash in Banks and Post Office Savings Bank.

The Financial Division state that they hope to be opening the larger Banks at the beginning of September and the smaller and Post Office Savings Banks some weeks later.

3. Means of Communication.

It will be some months before Postal or telephone communication is available in the outlying districts.

4. Electricity.

Lieut. Peoples of the Civil Supply Division is ^{on tour} to make a report on this subject, and will be visiting your province in the near future. The whole question of radios, street broadcasting, and Cinema Shows is under consideration at this H.Q. and the help of the American Red Cross is being enlisted.

AMOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

L. T. Allen
h CHARLES H. SPENCER.
Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Subject: Complaints

To: AMGOT Headquarters Fort Base

From: AMGOT C A O Isfiga August 11, 1943

Complaints from people interviewed are very persistent on following subjects:

(5) 1. Rations insufficient for mothers and babies and small children.

FW 2 2. Petty amounts of cash frozen in banks and Post Offices which are urgently needed for expenses

Copy to
Head
AMGOT
also
Signal
3. No means of communication. Distress about relatives even in other parts of Sicily from whom no word received (In this connection one should consider the emotionalism of the Latin and probably his suffering is greater than that which an Anglo-Saxon would experience under the same circumstances)

(5) 4. No electricity - hence no radios or shows. It is dangerous not to have minds of people occupied. If we could have even one cinema a week with allied news and a play it would be most helpful.

Relatives

Copy to SC AO
Ragusa.



Robert L. Guthrie
Captain AMGOT 4835
C A O, Isfiga

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ANGOT H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

19. Aug. 43.

Your letter dated 11 August, 1943, to General Lord Rennell of Rodd has been passed on to me, and I understand that the first paragraph has been attended to.

As regards the "three weak members" of your team, I shall do what I can as soon as possible. In the meantime I am sending Major Sheehan of the U.S. Army to fill your request for Police Officers. He has had considerable experience.

Your comments on the grain deal have been noted with interest - also your comments on the team system as well as the progress you are making on the roads and with the Asphalt producers.

Sincerely,

S.C.A.O.,
Ragusa Province.

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 Part of letter from Col. V. Sturges S.C.A.O. Ragusa
 to Gen. Rumbell says:

I have 3 work members on my team -

Chas. T. Dwyer & G. J. G. G. G.

The former is superior to them and the
 I should like at higher levels.

In addition things are not satisfactory at this
 Commission, Vittoria.

I have decided to send young men as
 C.A.O. & he will make a report.

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I hadly need another police officer or two

I have had to use one of my two
 Metropolitan Inspectors as C.A.O. of Ragusa.

End of 6 from Sturges

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Command, Vittoria.

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CFO & he will make a report

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✓ I have met another plain officer or two

✓ I have been to see one of my two
Metropolitan Inspectors as CFO of Ragusa.

Best of luck to you

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C.S.O. Ref (4).

I dealt with para A myself at
Napua. I instructed S.C.A.O. to take
matters up directly with SSO August
Liaison, to put 15th Army papers on
notice. This was done before time.
No further action in Para A needed.

Ref. other paras action is with
you & not liaison should come up
done with minutes or diff. reply
to show what has been done.

Please do so.

7/8. P.

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Ragusa

Aug 11th 1943

Dear General

I have had one talk at Montebello. I started
 by the reading up ^{to} what is discharged soldiers by some
 unknown British ~~soldiers~~ at the price of the bargain and this
 would be long. Rumors said they were going to be shot! and
 this will be considered if the entire house of other
 Sicilian soldiers. The theme was put on the Podesta and
 his secretary and they have been threatened. I am going to
 change them both. Some men have been arrested and I think now
 matters shall settle down. Once I have understood it is
 possible when of Sicilians. I met to the meeting of the
 Rumors Board at Syracuse today and took the opportunity
 of talking to Claude Turner (I think this is him) A. &
 Fred Boser who appeared most sympathetic with help.
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 by the FSS - in that appears to have been false information. He is
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 the meeting. He thought I like to be released
 I can then work matters of my time - short, briefs
 and further. The prison has been reported to be the doctor

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 in the 7-55 - in that appears to have been false information. He is
 a first class doctor, spoken with by all the town and involved for
 the meeting. He stated he will be released
 I have been with members of my team - Chest, Burgess
 and Guthrie. The former has been reported in the the doctor
 as suffering from asthma and should be at a higher level.
 In addition things are not satisfactory as his name, Valtair. I
 have decided to send young ^{CAO} there and he will be the best representative. Another
 can take on the job of supply. Miss was his name in the war
 can be contacted the advice to ^{CAO} in the matter.
 I have been with other police officers in the. Am I not ⁵⁸⁷
 visiting Metropolitan Inspector I have had to see CAO Regan.

I went to Williams on Saturday and saw with the President and
 some members of the staff, I provided him with my copy of the
 and checked. Then appeared to be the delay - my temporary
 hope. I have spoken about this to Hays today and he is going
 to be with Williams tomorrow in his way back to Palermo, Slope
 he will be able to design the situation. He has been with the
 main to keep in going this month.

I am starting to hear system going in the Middle - Middle - Middle
 district at HQ at Middle.

Now again we have arrived at the same as the change of.
 the road network and then other that you spoke about when I spoke
 at Roskins in the same province.

He has been having some meetings about the production and
 things are at last coming. There are two 2 Resident RE here in the
 lot and electric power are being for the first time today. You
 better to discuss how the demand would

Yours sincerely

to the President.

Ref 5 set to
may noted
journals &
add particular
point as per my
notes.

Dec 10 1950
with repl.

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Long, Henry H. Jr.

Blair

Draft reply -

~~Life~~
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~~Life~~

J. C. C.

C. S. O.

Reply was

Secret on

General Remains

in character for

Sydney

is attached

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Subject - Administration - Province of Ragusa

To: - Adv. AMGOT H.Q.
Fortbase, Syracuse.

From: - AMGOT, Province of Ragusa.

30 July 43.

When Col. Gerry was at Ragusa for a conference about a week ago, he agreed that ROSOLINI and PALAZZOLO which are both in Syracuse Province should come under the administration of SYRACUSE.

I told him that I had no C.A.O. at ROSOLINI but that at PALAZZOLO there was Malatesta, and I agreed that he should remain at PALAZZOLO.

CALTIGARONE was placed under me until CATANIA was captured but it is a long way away from this H.Q. and off any army line of communication. Although CATANIA is not yet captured, cannot any towns in CATANIA Province be now administered by Lt-Col Iord G Wellesley?

Ragusa

It-Col,
S.C.A.G. AMGOT
Province of Ragusa.

*Arranged by
Col. and B.C.R.
Wellesley*

To SEE
D.E.S.O.

any further action? *10/8*

Copy on 'SCAG Reports - Catania'.

Subject:- Report on Ragusa Province

To:- AMGOT HQ. (Syracuse).

From:- AMGOT, Province of Ragusa.

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28 July 43.

AMGOT

For the Attention of Group Capt. Benson.

I am now able to give you a fuller report of conditions in this province.

Copy of this para on 'Angot Staff - RAGUSA province'

PERSONNEL.

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26 July 43.

SUPPLIES.

The most urgent need is to get wheat in from the Farmers and to distribute it in the Province. Col. Matthews was in the middle of working out a scheme when he was suddenly ordered away to CALTAGIRONE. I was told by ~~Matthews~~ that this was simply a Supply Conference but Matthews himself thought he would be away indefinitely. This has been a most serious handicap. Some towns are living from hand to mouth, others have perhaps a fortnight's supply. I am as yet unable to say how much wheat will be brought in by the Farmers, but Ragusa is not a wheat producing Province and has always depended on neighbouring provinces and the Mainland. Distribution will also be a difficulty owing to a complete lack of lorries.

The working of those mills which rely only on electricity depends entirely on when current can be supplied by SIRACUSA.

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Diesel oil is available.

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SECURITY. To my knowledge there has been no subversive action against AMGOT in the Allied Forces. I had the Podestà of Comiso removed and sent to the beach as it appeared he was not co-operating. Certain arrests in the early stages may not have been necessary and the MODICA asks for the return of the former Podestà.

The news yesterday of the resignation of Mussolini

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has had a profound effect.

PUBLIC OPINION.

I have been told that the people cannot understand why they still see many of the old faces at the head of the Administration when the Allied Governments state they are going to free them from Fascism. Perhaps the leading Anti-Fascists feel that they should be now having the plums of office.

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San Pietro Garibaldi

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The opening of the asphalt mines will be of great benefit but additional power is required for working them. There are 800 men unemployed at COMISO and VITTOLO who worked at the aerodrome near COMISO. Their employment here is not possible, and I ask that endeavour be made to employ them at the docks at SIRACUSE or at any aerodromes that require labour.

12th Nov 1943

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W. H. H.

RAGUSA.

Lt-Col. R.A.
A.M.S.O.T.
Province of Ragusa.

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8 AUG 1943

MINUTES OF MEETING No. 1 SYRACUSE PROVINCES RESOURCES BOARD, HELD AT EX CASIA PASCIO (Phone 1540), SYRACUSE AT 1000 HRS., 5 AUG. '43.

1. PRESENT.

ANGOT - (1) Major French - SCAG SYRACUSE - Chairman.
(2) Major Starpe - Financial Officer, SYRACUSE.
(4) Lt. Clay - Supply Officer, SYRACUSE.

FORTEBASE - (5) Col. Turner - Col. A/O.

IN ATTENDANCE.

Capt. Pearson CAO FLORIDIA.

ABSENT.

(2) Lt.-col. Murnum SCAG RAGUSA.
Capt. Fraser - Secretary.

2. CONSTITUTION AND POWERS OF BOARD.(a) OBJECT.

To provide a clearing house for settling local matters and for advising the CAO on the best use of local resources where Service interests conflict with civil requirements.

(b) CCAG wishes RAGUSA Province represented as well as SYRACUSE and stated to Col. Turner some days ago that, in his opinion, the Board should be small and consist of five members, as numbered in para. 1 above, and a Secretary.

(c) When FORTEBASE leaves SYRACUSE a rep. of Cord., 3 Base Sub Area will be appointed as the Army representative.

(d) The meeting recommended that the Board be responsible to CCAG direct, pending the appointment of a Resources Board for the whole island.

(e) In view of sub-para. (b) above, representatives of Services other than AFCE and the British Army will not serve as permanent members on the Board, but can be invited to meetings when their business concerns them.

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Capt. Fraser - Secretary.

2. CONSTITUTION AND POWERS OF C.O.R.

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(f) The Board to decentralise its activities to Committees on Engineering, Supply and Labour, who will be given limited executive authority. Further committees may be necessary later.

(g) These Committees can co-opt representatives of other Services as members or in attendance, where necessary.

(h) The Board will co-ordinate the activities of its Committees, receive minutes of their meetings and limit their authority as considered best, from time to time.

(i) Minutes of meetings held by Committees will not normally be circulated, unless considered necessary by the Board.

(j) Committees will have no authority to allow resources to be exported outside the two Provinces of SYRACUSE and RAGUSA, without reference to the Board, who may have to refer the matter to higher authority.

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A. ENGINEER COMMITTEE.**(a) CONSTITUTION.**

Chairman - Lt.-col. Heath, R.E. - O.H.Q. S.O. (E. & M).
 Lt. Clay - AMGOT.

NOTE:- P.H.D. rep., when appointed by AMGOT, would probably be the Chairman.

(b) Committee to cover following activities :-

Water supply.
 Electricity.
 Asphalt production and allocation.
 Roads.
 Quarries.
 Cold storage.
 Printing machinery.
 and, possibly, later Sulphur.

(c) In view of the small size of the Committee and the existing co-operation between its two members and C.R.E.77, a formal meeting will not be convened for the present.

(d) SCAG SYRACUSE said that he had been approached on 4 Aug., by Comd., 6 Base Sub area, with a view to reducing the consumption of water by the civil population in SYRACUSE. SCAG is informing 3 D.S.A. direct what steps he can take.

A. SUPPLY COMMITTEE. (a) CONSTITUTION. Chairman - Lt. Clay, AMGOT.

Rep. DDST FORTRASE
 Rep. R.N. (see sub-para. (j))

(b) AGRI/FIELD.

Foodstuffs and, in particular, the supply of meat on the hoof, fresh meat and vegetables for the Services.
 Ice.
 Coal.

(c) First meeting to be at 0900 hrs. on 7 Aug. and thereafter weekly.

(d) A tariff has been prepared by Lt. Clay and would be available for circulation on 7 Aug. The distribution of the necessary Proclamations was a difficulty. See para. 8 below. As regards prices of fruit and vegetables this tariff for the present will only be applicable to the area and commune in the immediate vicinity. Prices outside vary considerably, but tariff rates would be promulgated as soon as possible.

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- (e) It was unlikely that the Army's demand for 50 tons each of fruit and vegetables could be met in full straight away. The recent water shortage, resulting in lack of irrigation, was to blame. There was also the difficulty of transporting stocks from country districts.

- (f) 8,000 lbs. weekly, half beef and half mutton could be made available without affecting civil supplies and a contract can be made on this basis. This will be arranged by the Supply Committee.

- (g) The cleaning of the Public Abattoir will be completed by P.M., 6 Aug.

- (h) S.T. supplies from civil resources for the Services in FORTBASE Area will be arranged by DDST FORTBASE, thus relieving DDST EIGHTH ARMY (Brig. KILGALL) of any such responsibility. 4827

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- (j) Chairman would write to FOSY, asking whether he wished to appoint a permanent member to the Supply Committee.

5. LABOUR.

(a) CONSTITUTION.

Chairman .. Capt. Fraser - AIGOT Supply Officer (Labour).
Lt. Clay (note in former's absence).
Lt.-Col. Lyde - rep. of FORTBASE.

- (b) As Lt.-col. Lyde and Lt. Clay see each other every day, no formal meetings need be convened at present.
- (c) Registration of Labour is proceeding.
- (d) By the end of the week steps will be taken by AIGOT to penalise civilians who absent themselves from work without leave from their unit, either by withdrawal of ration cards or imprisonment. ^{compulsory work}
The question of / on Sunday remains to be settled.
Col. W. & Lt. Col. Lyde's decision the effect of what appears to be inevitable.
- (e) An addition of 100 members of bread or pasta was being issued in SYRACUSE to all labour employed by the Services, in addition to the basic ration of 500 grams. Until the transport position has been improved it is not possible to introduce this addition outside SYRACUSE or to railway employees.
- (f) Wages had been settled.

- (g) A Labour Camp may be necessary in AUGUSTA, where conditions were deteriorating and might even lead to compulsory evacuation of the southern population from the ruined city now residing in the open country. There is a suggestion to report some of the population to FORTBASE. Arrangements must come through FORTBASE.

6. TRANSPORT.

- (a) 15 Army Group have issued orders under signal Q0001 of 2 Aug. to Seventh and Eighth Armies and FORTBASE, to hand in all civilian transport in their possession to the nearest MAO.
- (b) SCMO SYRACUSE is enquiring whether this refers to R.N. and R.A.F.
- (c) Col. W. & FORTBASE will follow this up as far as FORTBASE Tps. are concerned. 285
- (d) Release of this transport will enable both resources being

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Col. 173 to call forward the officer of/what appears to be inventing

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(f) Wages and hours worked.

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6. TRANSFORM

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(b) SCAG SYNDICATE is organizing labor this refers to R.N. and Reale F.

(c) Col. .../2 FORTRESS will follow this up as far as FORTRESS tps. are concerned.

(d) Release of this transport will enable both resources being moved more freely and information badly needed for corporate records being more readily obtained

7. PRINTING.

(a) It was agreed that, for the present, military requirements had priority on the limited resources at present under the direction of Capt. Dudd.

(b) Ultimately, SACCT / wished to take over the Printing Press in STRAUSSE, using civilians. Staff had not arrived to supervise.

(e) There is a need to conserve pulp supplies.
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8. Reloading

Col. V. C. FORTBESSE promised to provide AMCOM with details of reloading services in FORTBESSE and EIGHTH ARMY areas, in order to facilitate the delivery of AMGOT mail more expeditiously than at present.

9. CUSTODIAN OF RAIL PROPERTY.

- (a) A C.E.L. for SYRACUSE Province, who would later have to look after RAILCO. also, had been appointed, but had not yet arrived.
- (b) It is understood that he will have no responsibilities for the railways.
- (c) S. C. L. will send Col. A/Q a copy of the C.E.L.'s terms of reference.

10. Exports

The report of the D + 30 stock pile asked for by Lt. Batt appeared to be a matter outside the scope of this Board.

11. Exports

It is understood there will be a demand for rail and shipping space for the export of almonds, alcohol and fruit, shortly, followed later by sulphur, to the U.K.

This, also, will probably be outside the scope of the SYRACUSE and RAILCO. Resources Board.

Col. A/Q pointed out that FORTBESSE would be the medium for arranging rail and shipping for such produce.

12. STATUS AND MOVE OF FORTBESSE.

- (a) Col. A/Q explained the position of FORTBESSE which at present, with a skeleton staff, combines the functions of an Executive Base and L.O. C. area under EIGHTH ARMY with that of an administrative staff for implementing the decisions of 15 Army Group as regards shipments for and General maintenance of Air Forces, such as C.E.L. outside the command of EIGHTH ARMY.

As Base & L.O. C. area, it had under command the following EIGHTH ARMY units:-

6 Base sub area.	-	H.Q. SYRACUSE.
105 Sub area	-	H.Q. RAILCO.
151 Sub area	-	H.Q. AUGUST.

- (b) The Heads of the FORTBESSE Supply Services alone were empowered to requisition local stores for the Army and the RAILCO. with their area, which at present

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Col. A/Q stated he had not heard of any firm arrangements made by AFHQ to ship this requirement.

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105 Sub area	-	H.Q.	PACHINO.
151 Sub area	-	H.Q.	AUGUSTA.

(b) The Heads of the FORTLASE Supply Services alone were empowered to requisition local stores for the Army and the R.A.F. within their area, which at present extended as far North as exel. C.A.RMINI - LEBRINI, and as far West as exel. the road 482, running North from GELA.

(c) It was probable that FORTLASE would move to the neighbourhood of CATANIA fairly soon, leaving 3 Base Sub area in charge of the whole present FORTLASE area.
103 and 151 Sub areas would probably move to MESSINA and CATANIA respectively.

(d) SYRACUSE would continue as the principal port of entry for Army and R.A.F. stores for some time to come.
AUGUSTA was already dwindling in importance. In this connection, the railway would be required to the maximum for the move of military stores and personnel for some weeks to come.

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13. REQUISITIONING.

H.Q., TRIPOLITANIA. Pamphlet 1058Q of 10 Jul., giving instructions with regard to requisitioning procedure in occupied enemy territory was issued to members of the meeting. This pamphlet is being issued to those responsible for requisitioning in the PORTBASE area, as a guide.

It is suggested that this be adopted as the agreed handbook for the British occupied part of SICILY.

14. THE NEXT MEETING.

1000 hours, Wednesday, 22 AUG.

6 Aug. 143.

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1. FORSY.
2. 16a, 15 Army Group.
3. Service Area Command.
4. HQ. TAF.
5. PORTBASE (6)
6. AGOT SYRHOUSE (4)
7. HQ. AGOT (2)
8. 3 Base Sub Area.
9. 103 Sub Area.
10. 151 Sub Area.
11. "4" Royal Engineer Army (2)
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Subject: Report RAGUSA Province of 28 Jul.

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To: S.O.A. Ragusa.

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1. I am directed by C.C.A.O. to state that he has seen a copy of your report to Group Captain Benson and that in general the points you raise have been noted.

2. Reference the request of C.A.O. Modica for the return of former Podesta, and your verbal request to me for release of D.I. Martino. The C.C.A.O. considers that this is not immediately possible.

3. The question of re-opening post between U.S. and Sicily will not be possible for some time.

4. Reference the 800 unemployed at Comiso and Vittoria. The C.C.A.O. directs that they be put on to road-work.

5. Reference cases of discreditable behaviour by Allied troops. The C.C.A.O. is anxious to obtain reports on each case with full details, ~~for the staff officer.~~

6. Reference your visit yesterday:-

(a) General Military Courts -

C.C.A.O. has now been given authority to convene.

(b) Imprest -

Suggested that you ask Major French at Syracuse to draw for you at intervals convenient to you.

(c) Taxes -

All taxes continue in existence and will be collected. Eventually a general survey will be made and necessary decisions then taken. If you have representations to make on any particular taxes, please forward them.

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ADV ANGOT HEADQUARTERS,
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Major,
D. MORLEY-FLETCHER,
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