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REPORTS ON CIVIL AFFAIRS BY COMBAT UNITS
AUG. - OCT. 1943

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Amgot/49/HQ.

Folio	Date	Reference	To/From
1-3	2 Aug		10: Ant Affair
4-7	12 Aug	CP/PM	From: AFNA
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26	26 "		From: SCAD Palermo
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28	23 "	287/HQ	Trapani
29-30	25 "	APC 252	from Brig. Gen. Rose U.S. Army
31-33	1 Sept		from Ady. Gen. HQ. 3rd Inf Div.
34-35	2 Sept		from S.C.A.O.
36-37	2 Sept	CP/8do.	do
38	2 Sept	CP/8do.	do
39	18 Aug	266 HQ	To SCAD Agrigento
40	Sept	49 HQ	To " Trapani
41	"	"	" Palermo
42	"	"	" Agrigento
43-44	7 Sept	CP/MFN/inf.	from S.C.A.O.
45-46	7 Sept	do.	To SCAD, Palermo
47	12 Sept	1238 B.	From 3rd Inf. Div.
48	12 "	1st Ind.	" SCAD Trapani
49	14 "		" ACSD
50	16 Sept		" Major Ruffa
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50	16	"	" ACSO
51	5	"	" Major Raffa
52	3	"	" Col. Zallans

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

3 Oct. 43

1. About 10 a.m. this date I walked into the office of the Aide to General McSherry, this Headquarters, to inquire if and when General McSherry was expected to return to this Headquarters. While making this inquiry, the telephone rang. It was a request from General Gaffey, Commanding the 2nd Armored Division, to speak to General McSherry. The Aide, therefore, passed the telephone to me in the capacity of Chief of Staff, U. S. Contingent. I accepted the call for this Headquarters from General Gaffey, in person, which was in substance as follows:

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a. General Gaffey stated that many carts hauling grapes, household goods and other items were out on the roads at night after 7 p.m. That a proclamation issued by this Headquarters prevented this procedure. That these carts were somewhat of a nuisance and a danger to themselves and to troop movements within his Divisional area. That he had not interfered with the movement of these carts nor did he intend to do so except in cases where they did interfere with movements of his supply trains or the troop movements; and then he would take whatever action was necessary to meet such military contingencies. That, in connection with this activity, he desired to know if proclamation had been changed which will allow the movement of these carts after 7 p.m., or just what the orders were with respect to them.

b. The second question dealt with prostitutes. General Gaffey stated prostitutes were infesting the troop bivouac areas, that is, in the woods and ditches adjacent to bivouac areas. That, on several occasions, prostitutes had been arrested by the civilian people--they would be fined and turned loose, and would reappear in the same vicinity, and that he, General Gaffey, desired very much to see if some arrangements could be made to control such nefarious women and to curb this activity.

2. Action taken: I told General Gaffey that we would contact him and give him an answer on these two questions.

3. I went immediately to Lt. Col. Farley-Smith, the Deputy Chief Staff Officer, of this Headquarters, in the absence of the Chief Staff Officer, Col. Spofford, and also in the absence of the C.C.A.O. and D.C.C.A.O., and reported to him in substance as above and asked him if he, as Deputy Chief Staff Officer, would take up these matters and see that General Gaffey was informed. Lt. Col. Farley-Smith said that he would, as a part of his duties as Deputy Chief Staff Officer.

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JOHN T. WILLIAMS

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JOHN T. WILLIAMS
Col., Inf.
Acting Director, Economics
and Supply Division

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Folios 49 to 51
extracted and passed
to Major Kaffa for
attention.

49. - Reply from SC40
Trapani to folio 40.

50 - Manuscript Memo 46
to Maj Kaffa

51 - Memo by Maj Kaffa.

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OF ONE ONE OF AN ITALIAN ANTI SUBMARINE NAVAL CRAFT FLYING THE ITALIAN
FLAG AND A BLACK FLAG SURRENDERED TO AMGOT OFFICERS AT TRAPINA HARBOUR
NOW UNDER GUARD OF THIRD INF DIV. EXPEDITE DIRECTIONS SIGNED AMGOT

FROM 3RD INF DIV 111805B

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Subject Military Stocks Roccapalumba

AMGOT/19/10
AMGOT HQ SICILY
10 September 43

To: S.C.A.C. Palermo

1. Lt. John Atkinson, GAO Lercara Friddi reports that the Italian Army stocks of butter, etc. stored in the warehouse at Roccapalumba were sold by and for the Germans.

2. All captured enemy stocks are Allied property, and if sold the proceeds must be turned over to the Allied Forces, in this instance, AMGOT. The money received from the sale of these products should be turned over to ASFA through the civilian Supply Division at AMGOT HQ.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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CHARLES M. SPOTFORD
Lt. Col., C. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

CP/MFN/mr



7 September 1943

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SUBJECT: Vicari (AMGOT/287/HQ, August 23, 1943)

TO : Chief Staff Officer, AMGOT Headquarters

Report of Civil Affairs Officer, Vicari enclosed.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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Report

Major General _____
Capt. Butler _____

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Lercara Friddi
September 4, 1943

SUBJECT: Reply to report of H.Q. Combat Command "A" on VICARI.
Report attached.

TO: Lt. Col. Charles Poletti, S.C.A.O., Palermo

1. The whereabouts of the former Fascist Deputy, Luigi Maggi, are unknown to anyone I have questioned thus far, including his mother. Signora Maggi gave the impression that she believes her son to be back in the hands of our police in Palermo who, she stated, apprehended him in Vicari again on Aug. 21 after his return from confinement on Aug. 12. So far as can be determined, Luigi Maggi did not engage in political activity in Vicari between Aug. 12 and Aug. 21. His mother reports that he is suffering severely from stomach ulcers and expressed concern for his welfare.

2. Contrary to the army's report, the flour mill in Vicari does not need a generator. The mill was not functioning normally at the time the army made its report (August 15) because of an insufficient supply of electricity from Palermo. By carefully rationing the total amount of electricity used in Vicari for lighting, etc., the present rate of supply is sufficient to meet the mill's minimum operational requirements.

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(S) JOHN ATKINSON
JOHN ATKINSON
2nd Lt., CMP
CAO - Lercara Friddi

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AMGOT H. Q. SICILY.

5 Sept. 43.

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Subject: Reports on Civil Affairs.

To : S.C.A.O. - Agrigento.

The following information has been received by this H.Q. regarding incidents at the undermentioned village. Please investigate and report.

Sanluca. A shortage of bread has been reported in this area.

[Signature]
CHARLES M. STOFFORD,
Lt. Col. G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMGOT HQ. - SICILY.

3 Sept. 43.

SUBJECT: Reports on Civil Affairs.

To: S.C.A.O. Palermo.

The following information has been received by this H.Q. regarding incidents at the undermentioned villages. Please investigate and report.

Vicari It has been reported to AMGOT H.Q. that there is trouble at the Palmaria, and that strikes are threatened if the profit is not increased. Your comments will be appreciated.

Roccapalumba. It has been reported that no Civil Affairs officer has visited this town since Aug. 13th, and that his presence is required there. Report was dated 25 Aug.

Giuliana. Shootings and light signals have been reported, particularly on the night of the 20th Aug., when patrols of 2nd Armv. Div. attempted to round up offenders, but were given away by a woman who gave the alarm. Particular attention should be paid to the enforcing of curfew in this District.

Charles M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD.
Lt. Col. G. S. C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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SECRET R. G. - NOFORN

3 Sept. 44.

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Subject: Reports on Civil Affairs.

To : S.O.A.C. - Expend.

The following information has been received by this H.Q. regarding incidents at the undermentioned village. Please investigate and report.

Salapamuta. The Commander of the Fire Dept. Mr. Sarcosa, has been reported as being a Fascist. Informer is Mr. Tony Pisciotto. The above has been reported to ASST H.Q. and is passed to you for your comments.

[Signature]
for
JAMES H. SPENCER,
Lt. Col. G. S. C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT: C.A.O. DIVONA.

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S.C.A.O. AGRIGENTO.

18. Aug. 43.

A U.S. Patrol reported to the C.C.A.O. that the population of DIVONA had complained to the O.C. Patrol that they could not get access to the C.A.O. who only visited the town rarely and then only saw the officials.

The C.A.O. in question, Capt. MINARD, has, as you know, been transferred to this H.Q. but if, after investigation, you find the report to be true his successor must be told of it and be warned to contact the people as well as the officials of the area for which he is responsible.

AMGOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

J. Talbot Carn
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

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2 September 1943

SUBJECT: Report of Headquarters Combat Command "A" on
Campo Felice 23/8/43

TO : Chief Staff Officer - AMGOT Headquarters.

The C.A.O., Villafrati, reports that an audit and
investigation of the records of the Armasso is now being
made.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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See folio 16



ANGOT MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

CP/gds

2 September 1943

SUBJECT: Report of Headquarters Combat Command "A" on
Mezzoiuso 23/8/43

TO : Chief Staff Officer - ANGOT Headquarters

Attached is copy of report from C.A.O., Villafrati,
for your attention.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Poletti".

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
S.C.A.O.

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Subject: Report of H.Q. Combat Command "A" on Mezzoiuso, (August 23rd)

To : Charles M. Spofford, Lt.Col., G.S.C. - Chief Staff Officer
(Through Channels) Palermo, Sicily. AMGOT, Headquarters.

1. Receipt acknowledged with reference to electrical shortage at Mezzoiuso.
2. Request is here made for increase in hours of electric current for this city as the present supply of current is not sufficient to operate the mills for the production of needed flour.
3. Mayor of this city has been advised about the installation of Electric transformer which they now have in possession.

WILLIAM R. FERGUSON
1st Lt. C.M.P., C.A.O.

PA
7/29/43

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

CP/gds

2 September 1943

SUBJECT: Report of Headquarters Combat Command "A" on
Villafrati 28/8/1943

TO : Chief Staff Officer - AMGOT Headquarters

Attached copy of report from C.A.O., Villafrati,
for your attention.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
S.C.A.O.

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Villafrati, Sicily
August 27th, 1943

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SUBJECT: Report of Ho. Combat Command "44" on Villafrati of August 23rd., 1943.

TO : Charles M. Spofford, Lt. Col., G.S.C., Chief of Staff,
AMGOT Headquarters, Palermo, Sicily. (Through Channels).

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1. Receipt acknowledged of the above report.
2. There is no general unrest over the paying of taxes throughout this district.
3. On August 12th there was a riot at Codrano over the paying of taxes. A report of this was made by P. F. Nimmer, 2nd Lt., C.A.O. of this district at that time. There was no blood-shed or injury as a result of the riot. Several arrests were made and three persons are being held for trial.

W.A. P.C. 279/43.

WILLIAM R. FERGUSON
1st Lt. C.M.F., C.A.O.

AMGOT (FORWARDED FROM PROV CORPS)

HEADQUARTERS THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION
APO #3

HEADQUARTERS
HQ
1 SEP 1943
AMGOT

1 September 1943

SUBJECT: Report on Area of Responsibility.

TO : Commanding General, Provisional Corps.

1. In compliance with unnumbered directive, your headquarters, dated 20 August 1943, the following report is submitted:

2. Administrative Conditions:

a. TRAPANI: Captain Brennan, AMGOT, Official in charge.

(1) Food situation is a problem, but not an acute one.
(2) Medical care is sufficient according to Sicilian standards, although there exists a shortage of drugs. Typhoid Fever epidemic exists on Favignana Island which lies just off Trapani.

(3) There has been an abortive resumption of Mafia activities in a few suburban districts, but reliable farmers are being re-armed by AMGOT and Division motorized patrols are cooperating with local police officials.

(4) Affairs in the immediate Trapani area are under control. All officials contacted both AMGOT and local appear to be competent and sincere although they are at present harrassed by the difficulties of organization and its attendant red tape.

b. ERICE: Lt Taylor, AMGOT, Official in charge.

(1) Although the normal population of 3500 has been augmented by an influx of 6500 refugees, this small town is operating well and has no problems. Particularly impressive is the cooperation and efficiency exhibited by the local officials.

c. PACECO: No Civil Affairs Official.

No starvation nor disorder. Medical supplies are adequate. Local officials are competent and industrious.

d. SAN VITA LO CAPO and CUSTOACI: No Civil Affairs Officials.

Situation appears normal in all respects, but usual shortages of food and medical supplies exists as in smaller communities visited in this sub-sector.

e. PAPARELLA: No Civil Affairs Official.

Town presents no apparent problems. Food and medical supplies appear adequate. Several smaller towns in this area are supplied with grain from here.

f. CASTELLAMARE: Capt Kelaaro, AMGOT, Official in charge.

(1) Town has sufficient grain but the city of Alcamo, source of its power, does not allow sufficient current to mill it into flour, although the mayor claims the power can be spared. This situation has been reported to AMGOT. Medical supplies are adequate.

(2) The police are not competent and there has been some slight civil disorder and disobedience of the orders concerning curfew, travel and control of fishing craft.

g. CALATIFIMI: Capt Dyer, AMGOT, Official in charge.

(1) Conditions are unsatisfactory here. The mayor and chief of police are at cross purposes and conversation with townspeople indicates extreme dissatisfaction. Some of the people voiced opinions that the mayor was hoarding

food; others stated that he maintains a retinue of some fifty persons in the courthouse. When Captain Dyer (AMGOT) makes his periodic visits, these officials detour him from would-be plaintiffs and deceive him about conditions. This situation has been reported to AMGOT.

(2) Local officials of both this town and Castellamare appear to be evading many issues. Conditions in this town and Castellamare require more careful supervision by AMGOT.

h. NINFA: Capt Dyer, AMGOT, Official in charge.

(1) Police efficient.

(2) State of Health: 1 Typhoid case; 12 Malaria. No indications of epidemic.

(3) Food is rationed by Civil Sanitary Medics. Food is scarce, only staple being bread. There is no spaghetti, olive oil, or potatoes.

(4) Biggest problem: Water supply has dried up.

(5) Food and clothing much in demand.

i. PARTANNA: Capt Lewis, AMGOT, Official in charge.

There are no apparent difficulties with either the medical situation or the food supply, and no subversive activities noted. Local residents claim the police are Fascists, but to visiting patrols they appear efficient.

j. MENFI, MONTEVAGO, MARGHERITO, SAMBUCI, CALTABELLOTTA: No Civil Affairs Officials.

(1) Conditions as follows:

(a) Medical situation is apparently normal.

(b) Food supplies apparently plentiful. Reports of Black Market activities (Quoted).

(c) Municipal police reported crooked in Montevago, inefficient in Margherito and competent in Sambuci.

(d) Fascists reported as active and meddlesome.

k. SCIACCA: Lt Noble and Lt Charles, AMGOT, Officials in charge.

(1) Medical situation good.

(2) Food supply good.

(3) Conduct of police excellent.

(4) No confirmation of Black Market activities.

l. MAZZARA DEL VALLO: Lt T.P. Hunter, AMGOT, Official in charge.

(1) Medical situation: Five Italian doctors caring for sick. Several cases of Typhus Fever have been reported. What extra medical supplies that are needed are being distributed by AMGOT officials.

(2) Food Supply: Situation below normal because of grain shortage. Grain is being shipped from Agrigento whenever it is available. The people are well satisfied when issued their normal ration of grain. A shortage also exists in "pasta" and benzine.

(3) Conduct of Municipal Police: Improving. Initially, some were accepting bribes from civilians for letting them smuggle grain into town. This practice is being controlled and offenders dealt with.

(4) Mafia activities: No subversive activities or meetings reported.

(5) No disturbances have been encountered.

m. MARSALA: Lt Henry R. Hanbury, AMGOT, Official in charge.

(1) Medical situation: Four civilian doctors working under direction of AMGOT. Malaria is prevalent and there is an insufficient quantity of Atebrine and Quinine for general distribution. Three cases of Typhus Fever have been reported to officials. A dispensary is now in operation. There is a shortage of medical supplies as the last two monthly requisitions have not arrived.

(2) Food supplies: Sufficient grain is available for a short period. Grain is being procured near Agrigento at infrequent intervals. There is no oil

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or grease available for cooking purposes, but an abundance of fruits and vegetables exists.

(3) Conduct of Municipal Police: Satisfactory. Carabinieri still accepting bribes, but situation being cleared up.

n. CAMPOBELLO: Capt Philip H. Lewis, AMGOT, Official in charge.

(1) Medical situation: Very few medical supplies are available. A free maternity clinic is in operation. Sanitary conditions are considered average. No epidemics reported.

(2) Food Supply: A shortage of grain exists. Situation similar to that in Marsala.

(3) Conduct of Municipal Police is satisfactory.

o. VITA: Capt W. H. Dyer, AMGOT, Official in charge.

(1) Medical situation: Small hospital is operating. Two doctors are available to AMGOT officials. No epidemics reported.

(2) Food Supply: Enough grain available for issue for several days.

(3) Conduct of Municipal Police is satisfactory. No subversive activities are reported.

p. SALEMI: Capt W. H. Dyer, AMGOT, Official in charge.

(1) Medical situation: A small hospital is in operation. Six doctors are employed under supervision of AMGOT. Few medical supplies are available. Dispensary is in operation. No epidemic reported.

(2) Food supply: Situation identical with that of Vita.

(3) Conduct of Municipal Police is satisfactory.

3. Security Conditions:

a. The security of area assigned Third Infantry Division is provided by three reinforced battalions which are assigned sub-sectors. Details of security provisions are indicated by Memorandum No. 72, this headquarters, dated 25 Aug 1943, copy furnished your Headquarters.

b. Within each Sub-sector, serviceable abandoned munitions and other abandoned serviceable military equipment are being assembled at dumps, and placed under guard.

c. Daily railway trains run from Trapani and Castelvetro to Palermo. Critical points on these lines within Division Sector are under guard.

d. Military guards on railroads and enemy supply installations will be replaced by civilian guards provided by AMGOT as soon as they become available.

For the Commanding General:

B. C. Price
B. C. PRICE,
Lt Col, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS COMBAT CO. AND "A"
2ND ARMORED DIVISION



APO 252
25 August 1943

SUBJECT: Report Concerning Activities.

TO : Commanding General, 2d Armored Division.
(Att: Asst. Chief of Staff, G-3)

Action at
followed 42-42

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1. In compliance with letter dated 31 July, 1943, Hqs 2d Armored Division Subject: Report Concerning Activities, the following report on activities and changes for this Command during the period 19 to 24th August, 1943 inclusive is submitted.

b. Unusual Activity:

(7) Mr. Mamcosa, commander of the fire department in Salapruta is reported to be a Fascist by a Mr. Tony Pisciotto.

c. AMGOT Affairs:

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(2) VICARI

Podesta states that the bakers have threatened to cease baking if their profit is not increased.

(3) ROCCAPALUMBA (Not in our area).

The presence of an AMGOT was needed here. The AMGOT had not visited the town since August 13, 1943. AMGOT officer responsible was notified.

(4) GUILIANA

Shooting reported in this vicinity followed with light signals. The night of the 20th several rounds were fired; these shots were estimated to be something larger than a rifle, possible a 20mm. Details were sent to town under the cover of darkness to capture persons involved; however, a woman, when seeing the soldiers, started yelling, causing the patrol to be a failure. Woman disappeared in crowd, which gathered quickly.

PC: 5/9/43

The patrol enforced curfew. Close watch will continue to be made. AMGOT has been notified of violation of curfew.

d. The only change in the food report within the past five days is a reported shortage of bread in Sambuca.

/s/ Maurice Rose

MAURICE ROSE,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

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Two further copies in
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23 August, 43.

Subject: Report From H.Q. Combat Command "A." on Partanna.
To : S.C.A.O.
Province of Trapani.

1. A report has been received that there is no U.A.O. coverage in Partanna.
2. This for your information and comments.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Lt/ Col. G.S.C. **28**
Chief Staff Officer.

Ist Ind.

26 August 1943.

Capt Godbold (B) formerly covered Partanna, but because of shortage of officers he was withdrawn and the commune added to territory of Capt. Lewis (A) with HQ. at Castelvetro.

I will check to see if he is giving it adequate attention.

Floyd E. Thomas

FLOYD E. THOMAS Lt. Col. Inf.

S.C.A.O. Trapani.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

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27 August 1943

SUBJECT: Need for Civil Affairs Officer in Godrano (AMGOT/287/Hq)
TO : Chief Staff Officer, AMGOT Headquarters, Palermo

1. 1st Lt. W.R. Ferguson is the Civil Affairs Officer of Godrano. It is impossible for him to be in Godrano at all times, because due to a shortage of Civil Affairs Officers, Lt. Ferguson must cover Villafrate, Mezzoiuso, Campofelice and Cefaldiana as well.

2. The information in your letter of 23 August 1943 will be sent to Lt. Ferguson.

Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel, AUS
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Province of Palermo

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26 August 1943.

SUBJECT: Paroling Prisoners of War, Bisacquino, (AMGOT/287/HQ.)

TO : Chief Staff Officer, AMGOT Hq.

The following report has been sent to me by the
Civil Affairs Officer of Bisacquino:

'This Capt. Bertelli is an Englishman who appeared
in my Bisacquino office (occupying it, by the way),
saying he was authorized by C2, 7th Army to visit towns
and parole prisoners. He wanted to continue using my
office. I shunted him to another, and he cleaned up
all parolees in Bisacquino. Never did he ask for or re-
ceive any "order" from me to do this work, nor would I
have given him any such authority had he asked. It was
not within my sphere, as you are aware.

I did, however, speak with the P.M. (Capt. Smith) at
Prizzi P.W. Camp, and reported what Bertelli was doing.
Capt. Smith's signature is on most of the paroles."

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel, AUS
Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

*PA.
5/19/43*

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Subject:- Report to Commanding General 2nd
Armoured Division from Command
General Combat Command "A" 2nd
Armoured Division.

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ANGOT/25/HQ BIGLY

24th August 1943

To:- Commanding General 2nd Armoured Division
(att: Asst Chief of Staff, G-3).

1. This Headquarters has received a copy of report to the
Commanding General, 2nd Armoured Division, dated 15th August 1943.

2. All possible steps are being taken to assign ANGOT
personnel where they still seem required. Personnel is also
being changed in order to strengthen individual weak spots.

3. The S.C.A.C. for Province of Palermo has been
advised of the individual reports contained in the report from
the Commanding General of Combat Command "A".

4. ANGOT Headquarters have given consideration to the
views expressed in this report and appreciate the co-operation
shown. The forwarding of further reports of similar nature
would be appreciated.

ANGOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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25 August, 43.

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My Dear General,

I am very grateful to you for sending me a copy of "Report Concerning Activities" for the period 9-14 August. These reports are of particular ²⁴use to me.

I was able to see and talk to the Officer Commanding one such patrol recently and was much impressed by the value of the work the patrol was doing.

While I agree with much of what is reported especially on the competence, honesty, and character of the Italian mayors and officials, I want you to realise that when one of these is fired it is extremely difficult to find another who is any better or who can even read or write. Illiteracy runs as high as 10% among adults and the number of men who have a secondary education can frequently be counted on the fingers of one hand.

I take with a grain of salt, however, the stories about rioting. What would seem to most officers a riot or a disorderly mob, is to a Sicilian only a quiet debating society. Grain is short in the markets but not short in the country and I am not going to use imported foodstuffs. Actually the food situation is generally much better everywhere than it was a month ago. The difference is that whereas a month ago the Sicilian was behaving like a whipped puppy or fawning dog, he has now begun to complain and his complaints are going to get louder and louder, largely because London and Washington have on the radio been promising the Sicilian paradise as soon as we had taken over, and there ain't no paradise in sight.

The policy laid down is to make the Italian govern himself. Allied military personnel will be in a controlling and supervising capacity but not in direct charge. To do this I would want 2,000 officers in Sicily alone. You can do the sum yourself of what I should need in Italy! Therefore, I cannot afford, nor ever shall be able to do so, to have an ANGOT officer in every town. Nor is it right: we don't want to own Sicily as a Colony - at any rate I don't!!

Your patrols are very valuable but the suggestion that your formation should take over government is not only contrary to policy but not desirable. Your combat formations are here today and gone somewhere else tomorrow. When you go you would leave a vacuum which no other formation will fill, because I do not contemplate Sicily being garrisoned by 7-8 Allied divisions. And ANGOT goes on whether you are there or not. It may not be a very good administration, yet; but it does provide continuity which you cannot.

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Brigadier-General Rose,
2nd Armoured Division.

1. Rep. 19.

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23rd August 1943

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Subject:-

Report of H.Q. Combat Command "A" on VICARI.

To:-

S.C.A.G., Province of Palermo.

1. AMCOT H.Q. have received a report that the Fascist Deputy, Luigi Maggi, who has recently returned from confinement, has given no trouble but there is some question of his status in the community.
2. The town is reported to need a generator for its mill. (Report dated 15th August 1943).
3. This is for your information and your comments are invited.

AMCOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

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CHARLES H. SPURFORD
Lieut Colonel G.S.G.
Chief Staff Officer.

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23 August 1943

Subject: Report from H.Q. Combat Command "A"
on FRIZZI.

To : S.C.A.O. - Province of Palermo.

1. ANGOT HQ received report that on August 12th the grain situation became so acute that a patrol of three inf. squads and two assault guns were sent to disperse a crowd. The situation was brought about when civilians hired by ANGOT to move grain from Frizzi to Palermo started to load their trucks without any ANGOT or other U.S. officers present. The civilians distrusted these men, fearing they would convert the grain to their own use. Order was quickly restored. One rifle squad remained there. "To date no ANGOT Official has shown up to handle the situation" (Dated 15 Aug. 1943.)

2. This is for your information and comments.

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CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,
Lt. Col. G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMCOT/287/HQ.

AMCOT/HQ.

23 August, 43.

Subject: Report from H. I. Combat Command "A" on PARTANNA.

To : S.C.A.O.
Province of Trapani.

1. A report has been received that there is no C.A.O. coverage in Partanna.
2. This for your information and comments.

CHASLES M. SHOFFORD,
Lt. Col. G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMCOT HQ.

23rd August 1943.

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Subject:- Report of H.Q. Combat Command "A" on VILLA FRATELLI.

To:- S.G.A.O. Province of Palermo.

1. AMCOT H.Q. have received a report that there is local unrest among civilian population and that the Major says the people object to paying taxes. (Report dated 15th August 1943).
2. This is for your information and your comments are awaited.

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AMCOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

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Lieut Colonel G.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

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23rd August 1943 (18)

Subject:- Report of Combat Command "A" 2nd Armored Division
on ROO APALABBA.

To:- S.G.A.O., Province of Palermo.

1. AMGOT H.Q. have received a report to the effect that this town is dirty and neglected. Weapons have not been collected.
2. The presence of soldiers in town has apparently helped to maintain order when riots were threatening.
3. In the storehouse there are 2000 lbs of butter and about 150 steel hospital beds in crates. (Report dated 15th August 1943).
4. Your attention is brought to this report and comments awaited.

AMGOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

CHARLES M. SPICERD,
Lieut Colonel G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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23rd August 1943

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Subject:- Report from H.Q. Combat Command "A" on GORRANO.

To:- S.B.A.O. Province of Palermo.

1. AMGOT H.Q. have received report that the local tax collector's sister, substituting for him during his illness, has been extorting livestock, produce and furniture in the name of the U.S. Government. She is now in jail. Three soldiers are now stationed there.

An AMGOT Officer is needed there, the report states. The Sergeant in charge reports that the Mayor, Secretary, in fact, all officials are inefficient and cowardly. They have stated they will leave town when the guard goes. "Facts regarding officials believed to be true and should be relieved by AMGOT and new officials." (Report dated 15th August 1943).

2. This is for your information and your comments are awaited.

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AMGOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

CHARLES W. SPORFORD
Lieut Colonel G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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ANGOT/267/HQ.

ANGOT HQ

23rd August 1943

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Subject:- Report of H.Q. Combat Command "A" on Campo Felice.

To:- S.C.A.C. Province of Palermo.

1. This H.Q. has received the following report:

"It is claimed that the Amasso is short changing the people and that they do not trust him."

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2. ANGOT H.Q.'s assumption is that the official in charge of the Amasso is being referred to.

3. Your attention is brought to this report and comments awaited.

ANGOT H.Q.
15 Army Group.


CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lieut Colonel G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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23 August 43

Subject: Report from HQ. Combat Command "A"
on BLASQUAD.

1. ANGOT HQ. received a report that a British Officer by name
of BARNHILL, rank unknown, has been in BLASQUAD paroling Sicilian
P.Ws. without their being sent to the Prison P.W. enclosure. (The
authority seems to be in order according to Ident. Party, ANGOT. 24
15 August, 43.)

2. This is for your information and your comments.

[Signature]
CHARLES L. STONE, JR.,
1st. Col. C. S. C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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23 August 44.

Subject: Report of H.C. Combat Command "A"
2nd Armoured Division, on Santa
Martha.

To : S.C.A.C. - Agrianto.

1. A report has been received that Santa Martha has no C.A.C. and
apparently not been visited by an AMCOT Officer.
2. This is for your information and comments.

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CHARLES W. STOFFORD,
Lt. Col. U. S. A.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMCOT/207/HQ.

AMCOT HQ

23rd August 1943

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Subject:- Report of H.Q. Combat Command "A" on MESSICOUSO.

To:- S.C.A.C. Province of Palermo.

1. AMCOT H.Q. have received a report that the local grain mill requires a piece of machinery which is much needed and unavailable. The report also says that electrical shortage is the only outstanding complaint.

2. Your attention is brought to this report and comments omitted.

AMCOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

CHARLES M. SPENCER
Lieut Colonel G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS COMBAT COMMAND
2D ARMORED DIVISION

44 AUG 1943

AMGOI

APO 252,
15 AUG. 1943.

SUBJECT: Report Concerning Activities, August 9-14, 1943 Inclusive.

TO : Commanding General, 2d Armored Division.
(Att: Asst. Chief of Staff, G-3)

1. In compliance with letter dated 31 July 1943, HQ, 2d Arm'd. Division, "Report Concerning Activities," the following report on activities are pertinent changes for the period 9-14 August, 1943, is submitted.

A. Patrols and installation guards as designated on overlay. No change in patrols during this period.

B. Incidents and activities in the area of Combat Command #1 for the period include the following:

1. In Campo Felice it is claimed that the area is in short changing the people and that they do not trust him.

2. At Measione the local gr in mill needs a piece of machinery but town officials have no means available to get the much needed piece. AMGOI appointed a new Mayor, Giuseppe Sirogusa. Electrical shortage seems to be the only outstanding complaint.

3. At Rezzanella (not in area of responsibility). A request by AMGOI to send a patrol to this town 13 August 1943 to quell a pending riot was granted by having contact patrol to 4th Division make special trip to that point, and a riot was prevented. The town is dirty and neglected. Weapons have not been collected. Town Officials: Podesta - Schillaci, Antonio; Marshal - Peratli, Giacomo; Amman - Levantino, Antonio; Doctor - Ciardello, Venio.

The presence of soldiers in the town backing up the officials has maintained order. Everything is now quiet. Thursday night 12 August 1943, there was some shooting but so far as could be determined no one was hurt. In the storehouse there is about 2,000 pounds of butter and approximately 15 steel hospital beds in crates. The 4th Division H. P. patrol was in town 13 August and stated that they go by town about every six (6) hours.

4. At Villa Puntelli there is local unrest among civilian population. The Mayor stated that the village is in a state of

1. Patrols and installation guards as designated on overlay. No change in patrols during this period.

2. Incidents and activities in the area of Combat Command "A" for the period include the following:

1. In Campo Felice it is claimed that the armory is short changing the people and that they do not trust him.

2. At Monteprincipe the local gr in mill needs a piece of machinery but town officials have no means available to get the much needed piece. AMMOT appointed a new Mayor, Giuseppe Siragusa. Electrical shortage seems to be the only outstanding complaint.

3. At Locorotondo (Not in area of responsibility). A request by AMMOT to send a patrol to this town 13 August 1515B to quell a pending riot was granted by having contact patrol to 45th Division make special trip to that point, and a riot was prevented. The town is dirty and neglected. Persons have not been collected. Town Officials: Potenza - Schillaci, Antonio; Marcelli - Perelli, Giordano; Amasina - Lavatino, Antonio; Doctor - Giordano, Vito.

The presence of soldiers in the town backing up the officials has maintained order. Everything is now quiet. Thursday night 12 August 1943, there was some shooting but so far as could be determined no one was hurt. In the storehouse there is about 2,000 pounds of butter and approximately 15' steel hospital beds in crates. The 45th Division M. P. unit of was in town 13 August and stated that they go by town about every six (6) hours.

4. At Villa Frattola there is local unrest among civilian population. The Mayor states that the people object to paying taxes.

5. At Vignola the Fascist Deputy, Luigi Maggi, who has recently been released from confinement has returned. He has not given any trouble but there is some question concerning his status in the community. Town needs a generator for its mill.

6. Castelluccio: Reports are excellent on this town and its officials.

7. Lecore: Lt. Adkins (AMMOT) requested one man to assist him in the city hall. This request was granted for 12 August. (See paragraph 8. 6, for more detail).

8. Castelluccio: Our patrol quelled a riot 12 August. (See paragraph 8.3) Patrol (4 men) remains in town. Everything reported quiet.

9. Giuliano: New Mayor - Masso Ignazio in Ferdinando; New Police Chief - Parameo Virginio.

10. Contact made with "H" Company, 45th Engineers at San Carlo, 14 August, 1943. Contact will be maintained by daily patrol.

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11. The 3rd Battalion, 41st Infantry (less Company "I") prepared for movement to G 207770; This move will be made 15th August in order to enable this battalion to move rapidly take over the new area of responsibility to the West when orders are received from higher Headquarters.

12. Guard on Benzine dump at Larvura Priddi relieved by 255th G. M. 12 August.

C. A large amount of captured ration d rations have been received from Priddi captured ration dump by Division CM. Remaining rations are estimated at 50 truck loads. The 255th CM. has not contacted any of our units about taking over the dump at the Priddi Prison Camp. "I" Company of the 41st Infantry is remaining at the installation for the present time.

D. Progress report on clearing of ammunition and captured material. Each 2nd Battalion Company now has two details which collect loose ammunition, abandoned and captured vehicles, and guns. Another detail clears the right of way of roads. (See paragraph "E" for more details on consolidation and disposition of enemy material).

E. Information pertaining to captured enemy material.

1. Following are new locations of enemy material;

B570017 23 truck loads ammunition PJ.
B570228 200 cases 105 at 11 yard.
B618013 Scattered ammunition.

2. All scattered and captured ammunition, mines, weapons, vehicles, etc. are being consolidated at the following seven (7) dumps;

B336302 Italian Ordnance Magazine.
B449232 Vehicle Park.
B612023 Italian Ordnance Magazine.
B496015 Vehicle Park.
B463998 Vehicle Park.

3. The present area of responsibility is approximately 700 consolidated into the seven dumps mentioned above and consist of the following.

49 truck loads of different ammunition.

40 weapons.

40 field pieces.

50 Vehicles.

4. Guard is still present at dump B370234, pending instructions regarding inventory, although G.M. "I" guard has taken over.

F. PW Report.

DATE	ITALIANS	GERMANS	PRISONERS	TOTAL
Aug. 10	5203 & 102	0	582	5716 (9 lost.)
Aug. 11	3326 & 244	0	1265	4591
				3328

way of roads. (See paragraph 8g for more details on consolidation and disposition of enemy material).

F. Information pertaining to captured enemy material.

1. Following are new locations of enemy material:
B50917 23 truck loads ammunition BJ.
B53026 20 cases 105 at H yard.
B61813 Scattered ammunition.
2. All scattered and captured ammunition, mines, weapons, vehicles, etc. are being consolidated at the following seven (7) dumps:
B33822 Italian Ordnance Magazine.
B49232 Vehicle Park.
B60203 Italian Ordnance Magazine.
B496015 Vehicle Park.
G46398 Vehicle park.
3. The present area of responsibility is approximately 75% consolidated into the seven dumps mentioned above and consist of the following:
49 truck loads of different ammunition.
40 weapons.
40 field pieces.
30 Vehicles.
4. Guard is still present at dump B370324, pending instructions regarding inventory, although C.C. "B" guard has been over.

F. PW Report.

DATE	ITALIANS	GERMANS	SECTIONS	PRISONERS	TOTAL
AUG. 10	5203 & 102	0	552	1416 (9 hosp.)	3328
AUG. 11	3338 & 244	0	1365	1225 (1 died)	987
AUG. 12	981 & 31	0	612	0	450
AUG. 13	1289 & 9	0	879	0	889
AUG. 14	419 & 9	0	9	419	419

* 889 error in original report by 3rd Infantry Division at time of turnover.

6. 1. There are not enough AMBULANCE OFFICES in this area to adequately take care of all the towns and all requests for their assistance.

2. As information is received by our patrols from local informers officers in charge of the patrols have been instructed to make a cursory investigation where the AMGT is not present. This report is then given to the AMGT official, when he is located. Investigations being made to assist AMGT officials and to determine necessity of CIC assistance.

3. In the city of Godrano the local tax collector's sister, who was substituted for him while he was ill, has been extorting livestock, produce and furniture from the local inhabitants in the name of the U. S. Government. The woman is now in jail at Villafraia. Official report of this has been made through channels. Three (3) soldiers temporarily stationed in Godrano in view of disorder mentioned above. AMGT officer is needed to make investigations into local affairs. Sergeant in charge of guard reports that Mayor, secretary, and, in fact, all town officials are inefficient and cowardly. They have openly stated that they will leave town when the guard goes. Facts regarding officials believed to be true and should be relayed by AMGT and new officials appointed.

4. On Thursday night, 12 August, the grain situation at Prizai became so acute that a patrol of three rifle squads and two assault guns were sent to disarm a crowd. The situation was brought about when civilians, hired by AMGT to move grain from Prizai to Palumbo, started to load their trucks without any AMGT, or other American officers present. The civilians did not trust these men doing the hauling, being afraid that they would convert the grain to their own use. Order was quickly restored. At present, one rifle squad remains at Prizai. To date no AMGT official has shown up to handle the situation.

5. Lt. Nimor, AMGT officer in town of Villafraia, Godrano, and Pionera has been replaced by Lt. Ferguson.

6. A British AMGT officer from the 7th Army, by the name of Bartolletti, rank unknown, has been in Blacorno traveling Sicilian RV's without their being sent to the Prizai enclosure. His authority appears to be in order, according to Lt. Perry, AMGT.

7. Patrol operating through Comarata was given poster by

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been used through channels. The situation in Gormano in view of disorder mentioned above. AMBOT officer is needed to make investigations into local affairs. Sergeant in charge of guard reports that Mayor, secretary, and, in fact, all town officials are inefficient and cowardly. They have openly stated that they will leave town when the guard goes. Facts regarding officials believed to be true and should be relayed by AMBOT and new officials appointed.

4. On Thursday night, 12 August, the grain situation at Primi became so acute that a patrol of three rifle squads and two assault guns were sent to clear a crowd. The situation was brought about when civilians, hired by AMBOT to move grain from Primi to Palarua, started to load their trucks without any AMBOT, or other American officers present. The civilians did not trust these men doing the hauling, being afraid that they would convert the grain to their own use. Order was quickly restored. At present, one rifle squad remains at Primi. To date no AMBOT official has shown up to handle the situation.

5. Lt. Nimmer, AMBOT officer in town of Villafrati, Gormano, and Palarua has been replaced by Lt. Ferguson.

6. A British AMBOT officer from the 7th Army, by the name of Bartolletti, rank unknown, has been in Biscionea receiving Sicilian PW's without their being sent to the British W enclosure. His authority appears to be in order, according to Lt. Perry, AMBOT.

7. Patrol operating through Camerata was given poster by Carabinieri which had been posted during the night of 12 - 13 August, pertaining to removal of local PW's. Party of parties which posted poster, unknown. Further investigation being made to find party.

8. Lt. Addins, a new AMBOT officer, relieved Capt. Staples at Larcara. Capt. Staples left Larcara almost immediately, giving Lt. Addins only a brief summary of the situation. He also took his clerk and transportation, leaving Lt. Addins stranded and without clerical assistance. Lt. Addins contacted W's Company patrol and went to W's Company CP to request personnel to aid him in performing his duties.

The commanding officer of W's Company gave him one man to temporarily assist him. Lt. Addins later reported trouble in Roccapalumbo, which is outside our area, and requested assistance. W's Company sent Lt. Haggerty, who remained overnight to prevent looting of food warehouses.

→ Capt. Starles had done nothing to restore situation to normal before he was relieved. It is recommended that present status pertaining to Lt. Adkins and the three (3) towns under his control remain as at present until Monday night, at which time the AAGOT clerk and transportation are expected from Palermo.

→ H. I have personally visited these towns investigating disorders and have noted that unrest exists among the civilian population. I feel that there should be an AAGOT officer in each town and until such time as there is an AAGOT officer in each town, that AAGOT supervision should be turned over to this Command. In a number of cases and in absence of AAGOT officers, action has been taken by the undersigned. It is felt, however, unless there is constant supervision, serious trouble will result.

→ A/ MAURICE ROSS,

→ A/ MAURICE ROSS,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

C.S.O.

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I agree with para. 2 of G-4's endorsement.

Injunct S.C.A.O. Callanville accordingly?

Yes. G-4 was shown a copy of the letter before the original and the document was received. Original should be returned for action.

(P.B.) 16/8.

Done see PA.

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Pls confirm above

HEADQUARTERS
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PROVINCE
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12 August, 1943

To : Chief of Staff - ANJOT Headquarters

1. Attached is copy of report by 82nd Airborne Division which has been handed to me by Seventh Army.
2. The communities are in Trapani and Agrigento Provinces.
3. We have arranged it so that the Medical Section of Seventh Army will help procure medical supplies and also help distribute such supplies with Army Medical unit trucks. The Senior Civil Affairs Officer of the Provinces concerned should contact Major Rudley who is an assistant of Colonel Franklin of Seventh Army.

CHARLES POLITTI
Lt. Colonel, AUS
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

Please file into ^{Secret} a file called "Reports on Civil Affairs by Communist Units" New file

Then have copies of above letter + attachment (less those parts bracketed) made for distribution as follows:

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"For information and necessary action on para 3 above
 to S.C.O. Aguinaldo Paper."

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HEADQUARTERS 504TH COMBAT TEAM
APO 469 U S ARMY

8 August 1943.

SUBJECT: Report on Administration and Security of Area of Responsibility.

TO : Commanding General, 82d Airborne Division.

1. In compliance with letter dated 6 August 1943, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, Par 1b, the following report is submitted:

A. CASTELVETRANO.

1. The civil government appears to be working, but local police, while cooperative, are unable to control some of the merchants in dealings with soldiers. The populace appear friendly and have good morale. The food situation is definitely inadequate and should have outside help. Medical Personnel is present but are not helping the civilians. There are no medical supplies and this is their excuse. Medical supplies are needed badly.
- (2. CAO Officer Capt. Lewis.)
2. A Mr Puziano assisted in the organization of this town.

B. CAMPOBELLO.

1. Civil government working out fairly well. An acute food shortage that needs immediate attention. Great need for medical personnel and supplies. Doctors absolutely indifferent need of civil population, and need coordination.
- (2. CAO Officer Captain Lewis.)

C. Coastal Towns: MARINELLA, SELIMUNTE, GRANITOLA.

1. All have the same situation. The above named towns are fishing towns and the food situation is not as acute because of supplementation of fish catches. Civil Government very good and morale high. A great need for medical attention and supplies.
2. No CAO Officer in any town.

3. Great need for removal of mines from beaches.

D. SALEMI.

1. Populace friendly, local government good. Civilian police on the job. A great need for medical supplies. Doctors are cooperative but hampered by lack of supplies.

(2. CAO Officer Captain Dyer.)

E. PARTANNA.

1. Civil population friendly. Civil Government good. Civil police patrolling. A great need for medical supplies and Doctors are hampered because of supply shortages. Food situation is bad and needs remedy.

(2. CAO Officer Capt. Kennedy.)

2 3. Mayor is very cooperative.

F. SANTA NINFA.

1. Population friendly and easy to control. Civil government and police excellent. The population is prone to run to U S Army personnel to help them in many matters, especially medical supplies. A great need for medical supplies; doctors cooperative.

(2. CAO Officer Captain Kennedy.)

G. SANTA MARGHERITA.

1. Population friendly and quiet. Local government and civilian police excellent. A great need for Medical supplies and a doctor. Food situation is bad but is said to be improving.

(2. CAO Officer Mayor Ashworth. Citizens complain that CAO officer does not spend enough time in town and in consequence harass the U S Army MP's with all problems, large and small.)

2 3. Local Mayor and Chief of Police are doing an excellent job.

H. GIBELLINA - SALAPARUTA.

1. Populace quiet and very friendly. Local government and police are doing an excellent job. An acute medical and doctor shortage. Local

U S Army MP's appear to do all medical aid work. Food shortage is slowly improving.

(2. CAO Officer Captain Godbolt and is on the job.)

I. MONTEVAGO.

1. Populace friendly and with police under U S Army troops. Acute medical supply shortage and U S Army MP's appear to do all medical aid work. Local food shortage is improving.
- (2. CAO Officer Major Ashworth, seldom visits town and has shown no interest in welfare of population. As a result the people rely completely on U S Army MP's for all decisions on all matters.)

J. MAZZARA.

1. Population friendly and quiet. Civil government good with a working civil police. An acute medical supply shortage but doctors are cooperative. The town has a fishing fleet and the food shortage is not as acute as inland; and is improving very steadily.
- (2. CAO Officer Major Hildebrand is doing excellent work.)
2. Beach needs to be cleared of mines so more boats can operate. Wharves need repair and cleared of mines.

R. H/. TUCKER
Colonel, 504th Frcht Inf/.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST ENGINEER SIGNAL BRIGADE
AIO # 758

RCM:hw
2 August 1943

SUBJECT: Disposition of Captured Material

TO : Civil Affairs Officer (Thru: Commanding General, Seventh Army)

1. The attached memorandum is forwarded for your information.
2. The events reported occurred during a period of critical gasoline shortage in the Galtanissetta area caused by unusually heavy withdrawal. Emergency use of the captured gasoline was required to insure operation of combat vehicles during a period of about 18 hours.

For the Commanding Officer:

E. G. MACOMBER
Major, A. G. D.
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS, SEVENTH ARMY, Office of A. C. of S., G-4, AIO # 758,
U. S. Army, 16 August, 1943.

TO: Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Allied Military Government, Palermo Province.

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For the A. C. of S., G-4:

E. M. CLARK,
Lt. Col., C.S.C.
Asst. G-4.

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HEADQUARTERS, SEVENTH ARMY, Office of A. C. of S., G-4, APO # 758,
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Lt. Col., C.S.C.
Ass't. G-4.

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AVCOT HQ, 15 ARMY GROUP - To S.C.A.O., Palermo - Original passed to you for
action. 19 August 1943.

E. T. Caldwell
CHARLES H. SPENCER,
1st Lt. Col., C. S. C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

TRANSPORTATION SECTION
1ST ENGINEER SPECIAL BRIGADE A.P.O. 778

1 AUGUST 1943

MEMORANDUM:

TO : C.O. 1ST ENGINEER SPECIAL BRIGADE.

1. At or about 11.00 a.m. on 29 July 1943, while on a scheduled inspection trip to the Caltanissetta Area, I stopped at the captured gasoline dump located roughly four miles south west of S. Cataldo.
2. I found approximately twelve or fifteen 2½ ton cargo trucks from the 46th A.M. Bn. lined up at the dump. Five trucks had been loaded with captured gas by the truck drivers themselves, and the drivers on their own initiative were proceeding to complete the loading of their remaining vehicles. They reported that the convoy had been at the dump in excess of three hours.
3. These drivers were on a mission to haul captured gasoline from this dump to the Class III dump just North of Caltanissetta by orders of this Headquarters. By previous agreement, loading details were supposed to load vehicles at all dumps and allow drivers to rest if at all possible, inasmuch as many were driving twelve or more hours out of each twenty-four in view of the emergency then existing.
4. A second lieutenant wearing the insignia of the military police, who stated that he represented the Military Civil Affairs in the area, was at the dump with a number of civilians under his employ. These civilians were loading civilian wagons and carts with gasoline, but were not assisting in the loading of the army vehicles.
5. On speaking to this lieutenant, he stated that Civil Affairs was supposed to be in charge of the captured gasoline dump, and that they intended to distribute it to civilians and civilian mills. He further stated that he would raise no objections to the army using this gasoline, but felt it should be conserved for the civilians.
6. I requested that his civilians assist in loading the army vehicles. He stated to me in effect that he was sorry, but could not do so, for his civilians were hired by Civil Affairs appropriations intended by Washington for civilians. He suggested that inasmuch as he had his orders to use these civilians as he was using them that I should contact the Civil Affairs Headquarters in Caltanissetta and appeal to them for my aid.
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