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JULY - SEPT. 1943

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Message to 20%.

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Information on
Costumes

✓ Sindace

Information on Commerce &

indaci

8/2008/3. Information in German.

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KEEP TO
THE TOP

ROUTING SLIP.

C.C.A.O.
D.C.C.A.O.
C.S.O.
A.C.S.O.
Lt. Col. Clough
Major Smith
Major McDougall
Major Pearey
Captain Talbot
Captain Parzer
Captain Sherwood
Captain Graham
Lieut. Van Houselom
Lieut. Krige
P.R.O.
Advisor P.A. & M.
Education Officer.

Maj Pearey

REMARKS.

Pl note my instructions on

(16)

Def
24.7.

21/9
Date

8.9.
Registry
2306

M. J. T. H.
24/9/55

5 Returns
awaited.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE

PROVINCE OF TRAPANI

13 Via Regina Margherita

TRAPANI (Sicily)



Ref. SCAO/210/TP
Hq. letter of 24 Aug.

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19 Sept. 43

Subject: Information on Communes and Sindaci
To: Chief Staff Officer, Hq. AMGOT, Palermo.

1. Supplementing previous information in the above matter already forwarded, herewith enclosed find returns from three more communes.
2. Marsala report previously submitted can now be changed to show removal of old Fascist mayor and non-fascist installed.
3. There are 18 communes in the Province (not counting Lampedusa).

Flayd E. Thomas,
Lt Col. Inf.
SCAO. Trapani.

Jan 21
2/19/43

See 29

0-32
17 September 1943
Favignana.

Subject. Removal of Fascistes from Public Office.

To LT.CCL.F.E.Thomas, SCAO. Trapani.

I have had the Fascist Sindaco removed from office by the Prefettura of Trapani Provincia.

There has been appointed in his place as Sindaco Federico Spadafora; He is a non-fascist and I believe will make a good man for the place.

He has promised to remove the Fascist from office as quickly as he can locate men to fill their places

William C Boyd
William C Boyd
Captain CMP;
CAO. Favignana. 2302

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7^E September 1943Subject: Information on Communes & Sindaci

To S.C.A.O.

TRAPANI Province

Reference AMGOT/210/H.G. SIC dtd 24 Aug-1943.

The following is the requested information for the
Communes of ALCAIO & CAMPORALE.

ALCAIO. CAMPORALE

(b) How many Sindaci have been removed

None - present
Mayor in office
since 1937removed at
beginning of
Sept 1943
at present
population
None

(c) How many Sindaci have been arrested

None

(d) How many Sindaci who were in office before the
occupation have kept their position. - Mayor
of Alcaio
as at (f)
above.(e) How many vacant seats were there at the moment
of occupation None None(f) How many of those now in office are now members
of the P.N.F.Mayor of Alcaio
was formerly
a member of
P.N.F. but
has been
removed

Communes of ALCAMO & CAMPORALE.

ALCAMO. CAMPORALE

(b) How many Sindaci have been removed
None - present
Mayor in office
Since 1937
removed at
beginning of
1937
at present
population
None

(c) How many Sindaci have been arrested
None

(d) How many Sindaci who were in office before the
occupation have kept their position.
Mayor of ALCAMO
as at (b)
above.

(e) How many vacant seats were there at the moment
of occupation
None

(f) How many of those now in office are now members
of the P.N.F.
Mayor of ALCAMO
was formerly
a member of
P.N.F. but
stated that
he resigned
3 times
He is not now
a member
of P.N.F.
P.N.F. is not supposed
to be functioning now

V.D. Kelaart, Apt R.A

V.D. KELAART.

C.A.O

ALCAMO

INFORMATION ON COMMUNES AND SINDACI

HQRs. AMGOT



Calt Prov/3
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Reference AMGOT/210/HQ Sicily dated 24th of August, 1943.
The following is the information called for:-

- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| (a) 22 including Resuttano | (d) 3, of whom one is in course of substitution |
| (b) 17 | (e) nil |
| (c) nil | (f) 7 - 8 |

Caltanissetta
15 Sept. 1943

M. J. J. J. J.
Lt. Col.,
S.C.A.O. Caltanissetta Province;
absent on duty

1/14
18/9

See note by Lt V H. on
folder 29 2302

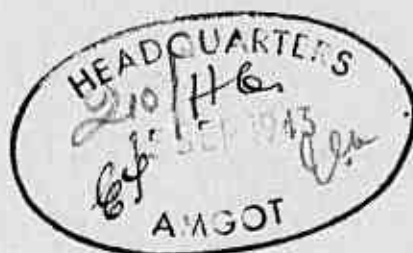
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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE

PROVINCE OF TRAPANI

13 Via Regina Margherita

TRAPANI (Sicily)



Ref. AMGOT/210/Hq. Sic.

12 Sept. 1943

SUBJECT: Information on Communes and Sindaci.

TO : Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Hq. AMGOT, Palermo.

1. Partial returns on above matter herewith submitted.

Others will follow shortly.

2301

See 33
Floyd E. Thomas

Floyd E. Thomas,

Lt. Col. Inf.,

S.C.A.O. - Trapani.

3 W
24 Sept. 1943
Cont.

Noted 18/9
EJ

P/A
18/9
EJ

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COMMUNE OF SALEMI.

PROVINCE OF TRAPANI.

3rd. Sept. 1943.

RE T/210/HQ.SIC.

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INFORMATION ON COMMUNES AND SINDACT.

To S.C.A.C., Trapani,

The Sindaco, who was in office at the time of the Occupation, was arrested, and is now in custody at Trapani pending further investigation by the C.I.C.

The new Sindaco is not a member of the P.M.F.

B.W.H. Dyer Captain. C.A.C.
(B.W.H. Dyer)

2300

COMMUNE OF CALATAFIMI PROVINCE OF TRAPANI. 3rd. Sept. 1943.

AMGOT/210/HQ.SIC.

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INFORMATION ON COMMUNES AND SINDACI.

To S.C.A.O., Trapani,

The Sindaco who was in office at Calatafimi at the time of the Occupation, has been removed.

The present Sindaco is not a member of the P.N.F.

B.W.H. Dyer Captain. S.A.O.
(B.W.H. Dyer)

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COMUNE OF (VITA)

PROVINCE OF TRAPANI.

3rd. Sept. 1943.

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MGOT/210/HQ.SIC.

INFORMATION ON COMMUNES AND SINDACI.

To S.C.A.O., Trapani,

The Sindaco, who was in office at Vita at the time of the Occupation, has been removed.

The present Sindaco is not a member of the P.N.F.

B.W.H. Dyer

Captain. C.A.O.
(B.W.H. Dyer)

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COMMUNE OF SANTA NINFA. PROVINCE OF TRAPANI. 3rd. Sept. 1943.

AMGOT/210/HQ.SIC.

INFORMATION ON COMMUNES AND SINDACI.

To S.C.A.O., Trapani,

The Sindaco who was in office at Calatafimi at the time of the Occupation, has been removed.

The present Sindaco is not a member of the P.N.F.

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B.W.H. Dyer

Captain. C.A.O.
(B.W.H. Dyer)

Mazara De l Vallo.

Information on Sindaci at Mazara.

I- 9-43. 23

To Lieut. Col. Spofford, Chief Staff Officer. Palermo, through Trapani.

With reference to attached memorandum. (Amgot/2IO/HQ Sic.

The following is the situation respecting Sindaci at
Mazara Del Vallo.

- (a) -----
- (b) None have been removed.
- (c) None have been arrested.
- (d) At the time of Allied Occupation Mr F. Barraco was
in office . He resigned in August 1943, and was
succeeded by Giovanni Raia.
- (e) None.
- (f) The new Sindaci was a member of the P.N.F.

T. P. HUNTER LIEUT.
Civil Affairs Officer.
Mazara Del Vallo.

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Salafuta

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W.C.A.Os.

1 -

Information on the following points is requested by H.Q.
at you earliest convenience

- a) Number of communes in your province
- b) How many Sindaci (Podestas) have been removed
- c) How many Sindaci (Podestas) have been arrested
- d) How many Sindaci (Podestas) who were in office before
the occupation have kept their positions
- e) How many vacant seats were there at the moment of
occupation

f) How many of those now in office are members of the

P.N.F.

- (b) Syndaco was removed and replaced with
man of my choice
- (c) none directed
- (e) none
- (f) none

Panel L. Bates
L. C.F.O.

- b) How many Sindaci (Podestas) have been removed
- c) How many Sindaci (Podestas) have been arrested
- d) How many Sindaci (Podestas) who were in office before the occupation have kept their positions
- e) How many vacant seats were there at the moment of occupation
- f) How many of those now in office are members of the

P.N.F.

(b) Syndaco was removed and replaced with

man of my choice

(c) none desired

(e) none

(f) none

Paul L. Bates
Lt C.H.O.

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PROVINCIA DI TRAPANI

MUNICIPIO DI GIBELLINA

CERTIFICATO D'ISCRIZIONE NELLA LISTA DI LEVA

SUI GIOVANI NATI NELL'ANNO 19

IL PODESTÀ

Vista la lista di leva dei giovani nati nel 19 esistenti in
questo Ufficio Comunale

CERTIFICA

essere iscritto nella lista al Numero d'ordine il giovane

figlio di e di
nato in il giorno
del mese di

nell'anno millenovecento

In fede rilascia il presente a richiesta del

in carta libera, da servire per solo

SUI GIOVANI NATI NELL'ANNO 19

IL PODESTÀ

Vista la lista di leva dei giovani nati nel 19 esistenti in questo Ufficio Comunale

CERTIFICA

essere iscritto nella lista al Numero d'ordine il giovane

figlio di

e di

nato in

il giorno

del mese di

nell'anno millenovecento

In fede rilascia il presente a richiesta del

in carta libera, da servire per solo uso di leva militare.

Gibellina,

19 - anno VI

IL SEGRETARIO

IL PODESTÀ

Gibellina

C.C.A.Os.

1 -

Information on the following points is requested by H.Q.
at your earliest convenience

- a) Number of communes in your province
- b) How many Sindaci (Podestas) have been removed
- c) How many Sindaci (Podestas) have been arrested
- d) How many Sindaci (Podestas) who were in office before
the occupation have kept their positions
- e) How many vacant seats were there at the moment of
occupation
- f) How many of those now in office are members of the
P.N.F.

- (a) 3 Communes
- (c) none arrested
- (d) Gibellina Syndaco has been kept in position
- (f) none

Samuel L. Bates
Lt. C. 76.

- a) Number of communes in your province
- b) How many Sindaci (Podestas) have been removed
- c) How many Sindaci (Podestas) have been arrested
- d) How many Sindaci (Podestas) who were in office before the occupation have kept their positions
- e) How many vacant seats were there at the moment of occupation
- f) How many of those now in office are members of the P.N.F.

(a) 3 Communes
(c) none arrested
(d) Gbellia Syndaco has been kept in position
(f) none

Samuel L. Bates
for e.t.c.

PROVINCIA DI TRAPANI

MUNICIPIO DI GIBELLINA

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In fede rilascia il presente a richiesta del
in carta libera, da servire per solo

SUI GIOVANI NATI NELL'ANNO 19

IL PODESTÀ

Vista la lista di leva dei giovani nati nel 19 esistenti in questo Ufficio Comunale

CERTIFICA

essere iscritto nella lista al Numero d'ordine il giovane

figlio di e di il giorno
nato in del mese di
nell'anno millenovecento

In fede rilascia il presente a richiesta del
in carta libera, da servire per solo
uso di leva militare.

Gibellina, 19 - anno VI

IL SEGRETARIO

IL PODESTÀ

Pagioneale

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S.C.A.O.S.

1 - Information on the following points is requested by H.Q.

at you earliest convenience

- a) Number of communes in your province
- b) How many Sindaci (Podestas) have been removed
- c) How many Sindaci (Podestas) have been arrested
- d) How many Sindaci (Podestas) who were in office before the occupation have kept their positions
- e) How many vacant seats were there at the moment of occupation

f) How many of those now in office are members of the

P.N.F.

(b) Sindaco was removed and replaced with
man of my choice

(c) none

(e) none

(f) none

Samuel L. Bates

- a) Number of communes in your province
- b) How many Sindaci (Podestas) have been removed
- c) How many Sindaci (Podestas) have been arrested
- d) How many Sindaci (Podestas) who were in office before the occupation have kept their positions
- e) How many vacant seats were there at the moment of occupation
- f) How many of those now in office are members of the

P.N.F.

(b) Sydac was removed and replaced with
man of my choice

(c) none

(e) none

(f) none

Samuel L. Bates
Lt C.F.O.

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PROVINCIA DI TRAPANI

MUNICIPIO DI GIBELLINA

CERTIFICATO D'ISCRIZIONE NELLA LISTA DI LEVA

SUI GIOVANI NATI NELL'ANNO 19

IL PODESTÀ

Vista la lista di leva dei giovani nati nel 19 esistenti in
questo Ufficio Comunale

CERTIFICA

essere iscritto nella lista al Numero d'ordine il giovane

figlio di e di
nato in il giorno
del mese di

nell'anno millenovecento

In fede rilascia il presente a richiesta del

in carta libera, da servire per solo

SUI GIOVANI NATI NELL'ANNO 19

IL PODESTÀ

Vista la lista di leva dei giovani nati nel 19 esistenti in questo Ufficio Comunale

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figlio di e di
nato in il giorno
del mese di
nell'anno millenovecento

In fede rilascia il presente a richiesta del
in carta libera, da servire per solo
uso di leva militare.

Gibellina, 19 - anno VI

IL SEGRETARIO

IL PODESTÀ

MUNICIFIO DI ERICO

19

- (1) Dottor Renato Mazzi- Commissario Prefettizio *Removed*
(2) Fontana Carlo- Vice Commissario *Removed*

Delegati:-

Napola-Milazzo Giovanni- Sostituto *Removed*
Paparella- Genovese Antonino
Casa Santa- Mantia Salvatore - sostituto *Removed*
Ballata- Corso Francesco
Buseto Palizzolo - Bica Vito
Cartonaci- Cardella Leonardo
Castelluzzo- La Sala Paolo - sostituto. *Removed*
S. Vito lo Capo- Venza Pietro - sostituto. *Removed.*

1 and 2. acted as Sindaco and Vice Sindaco.
respectively. All offices were occupied at time of
occupation. All in office were members of the
P.N.F.

J. Taylor
C.A.O.

PARTANNA
CASTELVETRAVO
CAMPABELLO

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Subject: Information on Communes and Sindaci.

AMMOT/210/HQ SIG

24th Aug. 1943.

To : S.C.A. 68.

1. Information on the following points is requested by H.Q.
at you earliest convenience.

- (a) Number of communes in your ^{territory} province. 3
- (b) How many Sindaci (Podestats) have been removed. 4
- (c) How many Sindaci (Podestats) have been arrested. —
- (d) How many Sindaci (Podestats) who were in office before the occupation have kept their positions. None
- (e) How many vacant seats were there at the moment of occupation. None
- (f) How many of those now in office are members of the F.N.F. None

AMMOT H.Q.
25 ARMY GROUP.

CHARLES M. STOFFORD
Lieut. Colonel C.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

- (e) How many vacant seats were there at the moment of occupation. *None*
- (f) How many of those now in office are members of the F.M.P. *None*

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

ANGOT H.Q.
25 Army Group.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE

PROVINCE OF TRAPANI

13 Via Regina Margherita

TRAPANI (Sicily)

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MARSA/HA

13 Sep + 1963

Subject: Information on Sindaco.

To SC AO, TRAPANI

Ref. AM 607/210/HA/51
24 August,

1. (b) The present Sindaco is being replaced by the Prefect and soon this week.

2 (c) No Sindaco has been named
(a) The present Sindaco has been in office 11 years.

MARSA/A

13 Sept 1963

Subject: Information on Sindaco.

To : SCNO, TRAPANI

Ref. AMGOT/210/HO/S
24 August,

1. (b) The present Sindaco is being replaced by the Prefect and soon this week.

2 (c) No Sindaco has been arrested

(d) The present Sindaco has been in office 11 years.

(e) No VACANCIES AT TIME OF OCCUPATION. 2297

(f) All in office are members of R.F.

R. D. Hildebrand

R. D. HILDEBRAND
MAGN. CL. P. CHA

Subject :- Information on Communes and Sindaci.

POS/405.

H.Q.,
AMGOT,
PALERMO.



Reference your AMGOT/210/HQ dated 21 August 1943, herewith answers to questions as listed in this letter :-

- (a) 19 communes.
- (b) 12 Sindaci have been removed.
- (c) 10 Sindaci have been arrested (2 since released).
- (d) 5 Sindaci have kept their positions.
- (e) 3 vacant seats at the moment of occupation.
- (f) 14 Sindaci now in office are members of the P.N.F.

Syracuse,
11 Sept. 43.

JW.

Amkharman
for Lt. Col.
S.C.A.O.
A.M.G.O.T.

B.U. 10/19/43 ✓ Noted 10/19.

*B.U. to C.C.A.O. when
all returns received & then
in tabulated form.*
[Signature]
6.6.

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Subject:- Information on Communes and Sindaci. AMGOT/210/HQ SICILY

24th August 1943

To:- S.C.A.Os.

1. Information on the following points is requested by H.Q.
at your earliest convenience.

- (a) Number of communes in your province.
- (b) How many Sindaci (Podestas) have been removed.
- (c) How many Sindaci (Podestas) have been arrested.
- (d) How many Sindaci (Podestas) who were in office before the occupation have kept their positions.
- (e) How many vacant seats were there at the moment of occupation.
- (f) How many of those now in office are members of the P.N.F.

AMGOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

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

Agrigento - 15
Syracuse - 16
Trapani - 29 + 33
Catania - 30

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO)
PROVINCE OF AGRIGENTO



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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE
(UFFICIO DEGLI AFFARI CIVILI)

1 September 1943

SUBJECT: Communes and Sindaci

TO : AMGOT HQ., 15th ARMY GROUP, PALERMO

Your AMGOT/210/HQ Sicily of 24th August refers.

1. (a) 40. Normally 41 with Lampedusa and Linosa
- (b) 14.
- (c) 2.
- (d) 24. Includes Commissarios acting as Podestas
- (e) 12. All filled by Commissarios
- (f) Two are supposedly genuine Anti-Fascists. I do not think present holders are active Fascists, but all have been members of the P.N.F.

G. H. McCaffrey
G. H. McCARTHY
Lt. Col., Inf.
SCAO

GHMcC/cd

So This information is required
by CCAO
Rush 6/9

B.V. for further info

16/9

(115)

Noted 2287

PA meaning
10/9

L. J.
C80.

Done

Pl. sendent an Immediate
instruction to S.C.P.S. to report
showing

(a) No. of ~~Administrative~~ Communes in
province.

(b) How many Sindaci (Podestà)
have been removed or arrested

(c) How many preoccupazioni
Sindaci remain

(d) How many vacant seats
were there at the moment of
occupation

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(e)

AMGOT/210/HQ.

H.Q. 30. Corps.

29.7.43.

CB/26.

To Advance AMGOT H.Q.
FORTBASE.

1. Your 401/L of 27/7. I consider that Italian Courts of the first instance should be opened in ENNA to deal with that portion of the province which is now in our hands (the majority) and also in CALTAGIRONE to deal with Southern Catania. In Caltagirone there are several first class judges.
2. It would be appreciated if any communications to this H.Q. which necessitate onward transmission to ENNA be sent with sufficient copies for that Province as there are no facilities here for typing.
3. It is also suggested that CALTAGIRONE-VIZZINI be communicated with direct as they are on the D.R.L.S. route from Syracuse & a great delay takes place if communications have to be relayed from here.
4. Enclosed is a communication from G.I. Malta Command. The name of the officer was given me the day I left Malta & I had no time to interview him. I would suggest he be sent for & interviewed at your headquarters.
5. For your information my present disposition are as follows:-

(a) In PALLAGONIA now

CAPT CRIVON
" CANBY
" BAKER

(b) Arriving PALLAGONIA tomorrow

LIEUT CRITCHLEY
" COX
" BARTLETT

(c) In CALTAGIRONE now.

MAJOR EBSWORTH
CAPT WRAY
" GRAM
LIEUT KRUPSKI

(d) Arriving CALTAGIRONE tomorrow

MAJOR RADICE
CAPT CUNNINGHAM
" HAMBURY
" MATHIS
LIEUT SIMPSON

The above officers are for Messina Province and in view of the imminence of the advance of 7th Army, I have concentrated them in readiness.

6. I have sent Capt Boettiger to contact Col POLETTI and/or GEN BRADLEY (American Corps) to ascertain the position of CIVIL AFFAIRS officers with the Corps advancing down the coast road & the VIGOSIA - RANDAZZO road. I presume there are none in which case I propose subject to agreement with Am. Corps to move up with them. At the present moment it is the intention of 30 Corps to stop at RANDAZZO and let the Americans enter Messina. It is a long route round from here and if any further transport arrives I should appreciate it up to 200 tons and 3 m/cs.
7. May Col GERRY be sent here as soon as he has handed over in SYRACUSE.

8. As 30 Corps will be attacking on the Western side of M. Etna I have drawn in the following officers from Lt. Col. Wellisley.

CAPT SCHAUFFLER
" REYNOLDS
" BRETT
" CAPT RUSSELL.

Of the above who will arrive in RAMACCA Lomorro, CAPT. SCHAUFFLER and CAPT BRETT will be attached to 78 DIV. and will be responsible for BIANCAVILLA & ADRANO district and CAPT REYNOLDS & CAPT RUSSELL will be attached CAN. DIV & will be responsible for the BRONTE & RANDAZZO district.

9. The reason for the above move is because the places mentioned will in all probability fall before CATANIA & PATERNO. The officers concerned will of course still be under Lt. Col. WELLISLEY.

10. Could a doctor be sent to SCORDIA where there are 20 cases of typhoid & no medical supplies. This has probably been reported already through S.O.A.O. CATANIA, but I consider it urgent.

Jefferson S/C.

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
APO 758

15 July 1943

Subject: Civil Affairs Report

To : Chief Civil Affairs Officer, AMGOT, 15th Army Group

1. I submit an interim report on the activities of Civil Affairs officers since the landing, and certain problems of an immediate nature which may require attention before a full and detailed report can be rendered.
2. It will be appreciated that a communication of this kind must necessarily assume the form of a catalogue of difficulties, criticisms and complaints, and I therefore feel it essential to state at the outset, in the most emphatic manner possible, that the Civil Affairs section in their various fields have done admirable work, that the system is working smoothly and that the objective, the prompt restoration of orderly conditions in the civil population, has been achieved at a rate which has exceeded all my expectations.
3. It will perhaps be easier to appreciate the conditions with which Civil Affairs officers are faced if a brief narrative summary of the activities of each section is given, since there are important differences not only in the territory and population with which they each had to deal, but also in their relation and subordination to tactical commanders.
4. The section attached to 45th Division landed at Scoglitti on D + 1 and included four officers, Lt. Col. Storey, Capt. Pino, Capt. Jecquier and Lt. Petersen. There was relatively little opposition to the landing and the Division made rapid progress to Vittoria, Comiso aerodrome being captured on D + 2. The General commanding 45th Division from the first realized the value of keeping a Civil Affairs detachment with his advanced Headquarters to take over the towns immediately after capture. Consequently Lt. Col. Storey and Capt. Pino have become an integral part of the tactical machine. This arrangement, while it is gratifying as a recognition of the value of their achievement, has its disadvantages. It makes it difficult in view of the lack of Civil Affairs transport to contact the rear areas.
5. Lt. Col. Storey's detachment had not up to the time of writing been reinforced. His other two officers Capt. Jecquier and Lt. Petersen remain in the Vittoria Comiso area working in liaison with Headquarters II Corps who have taken over the rear area of 45th Division. From a civil affairs point of view I consider this arrangement far from satisfactory.
6. II Corps Headquarters are not equipped with an adequate civil affairs staff, the two officers attached, Majors Ames and Giffen, being in the main charged with liaison duties and such relations with the civil population as might arise out of the presence of Corps Headquarters in any given area. Moreover,

the Commanding General of II Corps has subordinated the civil affairs officers attached, to his J.A.G. with the result that a substantial part of Ragusa province is now in fact administered by the J.A.G. with the assistance of the two officers originally attached and the two left behind by 45th Division. I have not thought it advisable to make any representations on this state of affairs pending your consideration of proposals which I shall make later in these notes for the reorganization of AMGOT with the Western Task Force on a territorial as opposed to a tactical basis.

7. Lt. Col. Story's detachment and the two officers attached to II Corps Headquarters have now established allied military government in the following centres; Scoglitti, Scigli, Sta. Croce, Vittoria, Comiso, Biscari and Chiomante Gulfi. I am satisfied from personal inspection that they have gained the confidence of the local population and are carrying out in every respect the spirit as well as the letter of their instructions.

8. Lt. Col. McCaffrey's detachment landed on D day with the 3d Division at or near Licata. There was only light opposition to the landing though during the next two days there was a certain amount of bombing and the beaches were under fire from enemy guns as the result of which there were civilian casualties. After a pause for the landing of supplies the 3d Division advanced rapidly and a number of populous centres were occupied.

9. The General commanding 3d Division adopted a procedure somewhat different from that obtaining in the 45th Division area. He was not embarrassed by the presence of a Corps Headquarters in his rear and retained control of his L of C from the beaches to his advanced troops. Consequently he took the view that Lt. Col. McCaffrey's responsibilities extended over the whole area in his rear and did not require his presence at his own Headquarters. Lt. Col. McCaffrey established his own Headquarters at Licata and dispatched members of his detachment to establish military government on receipt of notification from the Divisional Commander that an occupation was imminent.

10. It should be noted that Lt. Col. McCaffrey's full detachment was landed by D + 2, an arrangement which enabled him to cover his early extensive commitments. The centres administered by this detachment include Licata, Palma, Naro Canicatti, Campobello, Ravanusa, Delia, Sommatino and Riesi. The last mentioned has now been taken over by two officers from Lt. Col. Irish's detachment who will for the time being act under orders of Lt. Col. McCaffrey, as being inside the 3d Division area. I propose in the near future to relieve Lt. Col. McCaffrey's detachment of responsibility for Delia and Sommatino which are both in the Province of Caltanissetta in order to release staff for the administration of Agrigento and Porto Empedocle whose occupation is imminent.

11. Lt. Col. McCaffrey's detachment was inspected by Lt. Col. Rodd on D + 3. He reports all the arrangements to be working smoothly, and the relations between Civil Affairs officers and the Commanding General and the rest of his staff to be on an extremely satisfactory basis. In this area, as in the 45th Division area, the local authorities, the Carabinieri and particularly the clergy have shown an almost embarrassing readiness to cooperate.

12. Summary courts are already functioning in the Licata area, mainly to deal with cases of looting which though petty has been rife.

13. Lt. Col. Irish's detachment had a less happy record. Lt. Col. Irish landed at Gela on D day with the headquarters of the 1st Division. There was rather more resistance to this landing than to the other two and bombing while not heavy was fairly continuous with the result that civilian casualties were relatively heavy. 1st Division headquarters were set up to the east of the town in the neighborhood of the main landing beaches, but Lt. Col. Irish felt it his duty to remain in the town and prepare for the establishment of military government. When I inspected him and Lt. Asquini on the afternoon of D day, he had made contact with the essential local authorities and had begun the work. In the evening however bombing was resumed and the town and beaches came under artillery fire which somewhat interrupted the proceedings.

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15. A very large number of different authorities laid claim to buildings and facilities and incidentally evicted the Civil Affairs officers from the premises which they occupied so that urgent problems like the burial of the civilian dead, hampered by lack of transport, and the restoration of the water supply had to be deferred.

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20. So much for the individual detachments. The following are notes on the occupied territory generally under the following heads, (a) Law and order and attitude of population, (b) Food supplies, (c) Transport, (d) Refugees and destitution, (e) Water, (f) Light, (g) Other supplies, (h) Communications and transport in AMGOT. In conclusion I shall submit a proposal for the reorganization of Civil Affairs on a territorial basis.

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(a) Law and Order and Attitude of the Population

21. Generally speaking the invading troops have been met with cooperation and friendliness. The more intransigent elements of course left the coast when the invasion became imminent. The people are profoundly defeatist and the sentiments, which are frequently expressed, can be summarized: "Thank God you are here, it means that it will soon all be over." The attitude of the Germans has also contributed to this development. They have been at no pains to conceal their contempt for the Italians and it is safe to say that there is more marked dislike of the German than the American invaders. The attitude towards Fascism is lukewarm. For most of these largely illiterate people it was a regime like another. All government is evil to the peasant and the worst feature of Fascism is that there was such a lot of it.

22. It is not yet possible to assess the increased incidence, if any, of crime among the population. Certainly except for a few cases of sniping where advances have been rapid, there has been no resistance or violence against the occupying forces. Looting, particularly of foodstuffs, has been going on in the countryside where police measures are difficult to organize. In many cases the loot was probably illegally hoarded, but it will probably be necessary to organize the distribution of seed wheat to victims who have duly reported robberies.

23. The Carabinieri have in all cases shown their readiness to cooperate usually under the orders of a senior N.C.O. The only officer who is functioning is the lieutenant in Gela. Except in Gela the Carabinieri are in uniform and in one or two places it has been thought advisable to allow them to patrol armed. Wherever they possess them they are encouraged to wear the dark blue peacetime uniform to distinguish them from the other troops, from whom they are further distinguished by an armband.

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26. There is probably enough wheat in the districts so far occupied to feed the population for two months, but milling and distribution present acute problems. The eastern part of the territory normally drew its wheat from the Catania plain and itself cultivated mainly vines and orchards, while the western half between here and Agrigento is wheat land whose market was in Marsala and Trapani. Army communications are perpendicular to the front over the beaches and there is as yet little inducement to hasten the opening of the railway from a purely military point of view. From a civil affairs point of view this lateral artery is of paramount importance as there is virtually no road transport available.

27. Milling and baking are hampered by lack of power. In some cases this is due to the dependence of the mills on power supplied by the grid generators outside the occupied territory, in others to lack of suitable fuel which in most cases is dieselene. This fuel is also indispensable for a number of other small plants including generators and ice machines.

28. As the result of transport and milling difficulties all the towns are on a two or three days' margin of flour. Hidden stocks will doubtless reappear and help to tide over but the enemy cleaned the district out fairly thoroughly before his retreat.

29. The situation as regards other foodstuffs is less critical. There is of course little or no meat but there are plenty of vegetables. Oil is scarce. There is a lack of infant and invalid foods as has been indicated in my signal.

30. Rationing has in all cases been continued on the old basis though representations for an increase have been received and in my opinion should be granted as soon as the supply position permits as the ration is inadequate.

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35. Destitution is wide spread and aggravated by the stoppage in the transport, fishing and other industries. It has not yet been possible to check the distribution of relief which has been carried on by the local authorities on a day to day basis. Though there are not many visible signs of undernourishment among the population, a certain listlessness is apparent and the shortage of textiles and soap obtrudes itself on the casual observer.

(e) Water

36. Except in Gela where the conduits were damaged in the course of hostilities but have since been repaired by the local authorities, there are no acute water problems in the territory. The water is in all cases potable by Sicilian standards.

(f) Light

37. Electric light is lacking in all the occupied towns but may shortly be restored in those which possess their own generating plants provided fuel is forthcoming. The lack of light is the more noticeable because the inhabitants have become so accustomed to it that lamps and candles are unobtainable. Even if lamps were more widely distributed there is no kerosene available. The supply which was requested by signal is in the first place intended for the hospitals who have no lighting for emergency operations and no fuel for sterilizing. In this connection I would suggest that a small supply of Petromax or similar lamps would be welcomed by the Civil Affairs officers themselves.

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42. In the case of Galtanissetta and Agrigento the parcelling of the province is inevitable for the moment but in the case of Ragusa there would seem to be a strong case for its unification on a provincial basis as soon as possible.

43. Civil Affairs Officers in this territory are subject to a large number of authorities. Some belong to 3d Division, some to 1st Division, some to 45th Division, some belong directly to II Corps Headquarters, some belong to 2d Armored Division while others belong to 7th Army Headquarters but are assisting the detachment of the 1st Division group and the 3d Division group.

44. The existence in at least a portion of the territory of an AMGOT administration functioning on a routine basis would assist civil affairs. Such an administration would establish a Headquarters which could form the nucleus of the Headquarters required for the government of a more extended territory and prepare the way for later additions, and direct access to C.C.A.O.

45. It is not of course suggested that the system of providing tactical units with occupation teams be dropped, but the proposed AMGOT administration would give the teams with tactical units a parent organization from which they could be detached and to which they could be recalled as circumstances required.

46. Before concluding this report, I should like once again to bring to your notice the admirable way in which all Civil Affairs Officers have conducted themselves in difficult and often delicate situations.

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NOTES ON TRIP TO CALTANISSETTA AND ENNA - 26 - 28 JULY

CALTANISSETTA - Interview with Capt. Benton Jones and Major Spencer:

Damage - City had considerable bomb damage and dead have now been removed and rubble cleaned up. Electricity is not functioning. Three quarters of the water supply is in commission and other quarter being bombed out.

Supply - Plenty of grain in province. Farmers not friendly to ammassi and hesitate to bring wheat in. Three 7-ton trucks have been put together from abandoned Italian vehicles.

Health - One civil doctor. Civil hospital, 200 beds now being operated by Italian military personnel, in good shape. Urgent need for medical supplies of all sort for Caltagirone and emergency hospital at Grammichele.

Police - Carabinieri working satisfactorily.

Finance - Three banks, 11,500,000 lire. Major Medfazzan working on finance instructions.

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Damage - Bombing severe in all sections of town. Rubble not yet cleaned up and streets and alleys generally dirty. No forced labor as yet but adequate labor supply recruited for work in clean up. Water in half town only; no electric power. One to two thousand refugees from Agrigento and Palermo.

Supply - Good stock of wheat in country. Mills require coal and transport extremely short. Stock of raw cotton on hand in Amassi warehouse. Farmers have asked for fertilizer. Sr. S. Labagia, director of Amassi for all Sicily, lives in town and has discussed grain collection with SOAO, including draft of proposed decree for prefect calling for payments for grain deliveries.

Health - Two civilian hospitals - medical supplies sufficient for time being.

Finance - Bank of Italy said to have 265 million lire on deposit. Local dissatisfaction at stopping pensions. Proposal to continue under "assistenza generale" payments through post office. Number of bank drafts back salaries and circulation - question on payment.

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Political - Prefect has been removed and replaced by one Camarata, a non-political banker and lawyer who has been recommended by the Bishop and other responsible elements. There have been five or six arrests other than the prefect.

NOTE: While in Caltanissetta had a talk with Capt. Abel, CAO of Mazzerino (population 18,000). He reported the Carabinieri were not up to scratch and had been working in the black market. The podesta refused to cooperate and left the city. He believes certain arrests are required but has no person to arrest or guard any internees. The farmers will not sell their grain to the ammassi because of distrust of the officers and its methods. They also want spot cash for all their produce.

ENNA - Population 26,000

Damage - Relative little bomb damage at one side of town. No water in the city but service restores to the foot of the hill. Fire engine and one pump have been used to bring water up for ration purposes.

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VI2IMI - Population 16,000, including 2,000 refugees

Damage - Moderate light bombing damage. Are working at cleaning up rubble. Streets dirty and town has general run-down appearance.

Supply - 400 bags of flour and large quantity macaroni found in warehouse. This has been used for civil supply and some sent to Polazzolo. Bread ration 200 grams. City and surrounding country will require 2,000 quintals of flour per month. Not a producing area. Ammassi very unpopular. Prices suggested are 590 to 600 lire. 15,000 army blankets taken over from army stock. Some issued to needy, balance being held for later requirements.

Health - No. hospital. 56 P.O.W. with Italian military doctors have set up temporary hospital. Supplies required, including bandages and antiseptics, etc.

Police - Carabinieri very cooperative. Under order of CAO have recovered large amount of property which was taken in looting prior to our occupation. Pretore courts ready to operate

Finance - Banks closed. No substantial stock of lire. Relief payments currently at 10 lire per head of family.

Political - Population cooperative. No arrests

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