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JULY - OCT. 1943

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SUBJECT:- Garbage in town of Catania.

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Our Ref:- 042/19/L.

To:-
AMCOT H.Q.
PALERMO. ✓



From:-
Lt. Col. Welledley,
S.O.A.O.
Province of Catania.

31/11

Ref. your letter AMCOT/220/HQ dated Oct 1st.

A concerted drive on the garbage collection through the centre of the town of Catania has been made with 8 lorries belonging to a contractor. An occasional Army lorry has also helped. Two contractor lorries are now maintaining the work in the centre of the town plus 25 carts, while the remaining 6 contractor's lorries are attaching the outskirts. One military lorry now appears daily and is being used for light debris. 5 more contractor lorries will shortly come to work on light debris or garbage as circumstances require.

In the course of the last week there has been a great improvement in the cleanliness of the town.

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J. Welledley

Catania.
6 Oct 43.

Lt. Col.
S.O.A.O.

Copy to:-

H.Q. 56 Area.

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J. Wellster

Catania.
6 Oct 43.

Lt. Col.
A.C.A.O.

Copy to:-

H.Q. 5th Area.
H.Q. No. 1 District.

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Catania Antiquities.

S.C.A.O. - Catania.

2 Oct. 3.

1. The following is an extract from S.C.A.O.'s report dated 28 Sep. 43.
"I have authorized Wellesley to make temporary repairs to Museum and to weatherproof it. It is in the Swabian Castle".

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CHARLES M. SPOTLAND,
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

Catania P.A.O.

B.C.A.O., Catania

October 2, 3

The following extract from C.C.A.O.'s report dated 28.9.43 is passed to you for your information:

"Wellesley has with much difficulty closed and closed the Air Raid Shelters. He seems now to have had an order from H.Q. Palermo P.A.O. to re-open the shelters. I have told him to disregard the order. In no circumstances are these shelters to be made available again to vagrants as would occur if they were re-opened."

E. Fullerton
CHARLES E. SPOTFORD,
Colonel, C.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

*See
Sent PAD dept
extract
2-10-43*

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Refugees Crossing Straits of Messina.

General Officer Commanding
No. 1 District.33 19
AMCOT/220/HQ

1 Oct.

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1. The following is an extract from a report by G.C.A.O. dated 26 September, 1943.

"Refugees etc. crossing the Straits. These are crossing into Sicily and are allegedly returned Italian P.O.W. But I suspect they are of all sorts. There is some traffic in the reverse direction, notably two Agents di P.S. who have deserted from Palermo. They have been arrested and are being sent back for trial.

This indiscriminate traffic without control, most of it in fishing boats but some in the ferries, must stop. We shall have an infiltration of Germans before long. Warn Security 15 A.C. and No. 1 Area and tell them that this traffic must cease. Tell Storey also. If people use small boats and are caught the boats should be confiscated and all concerned charged under Proc. 2 Art. 2, Para. 25. I have given orders accordingly to our people in Reggio, but the Navy and the Sub Areas must be hooked up. The Navy say - having refused to allow fishing that they are powerless now that fishing is permitted though they themselves won't allow fishing in the Straits and do nothing to prevent it.

We have also to guard against the entrance of epidemic diseases over the Straits if there is an outbreak of cholera or typhus in the north."

2. This H.Q. will appreciate any assistance you can give which will stop this uncontrolled traffic and contact with F.C.S.I. is suggested as a first step.

CHARLES H. STORREY,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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Copy to: AMCOT Liaison.
S.C.A.O. Messina.

FURTHER ACTION HEREIN
AT FILE 399/HQ.

9/10/43.

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Enna Antiquities.

ANGOT/220/HQ

S.C.A.O. Enna.

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1. Oct.

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1. The following extract from C.C.A.Os. report dated 28th Sept. is passed to you for information and action as necessary.

" Tell Hammond that I authorize the immediate structural repairs of ASSORO Church; Scaffolding to prop the main arches. NO restoration or decoration. This is to be done at once. There is timber available in the form of telegraph poles stacked in the railway station yard on the rail to CATANIA at the next station E. of DITTAINO. "

2. Capt. Hammond has been informed.

Charles M. Spottford

CHARLES M. SPOTTFORD.
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Catania Town

S.C.A.O., Catania

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AMC/220/HQ

16/30 October 1, 3

1. The following is an extract from a report by C.C.A.O. dated 28 September 1943.

"S.C.A.O. (Catania) and G.O.C. of No. 1 Area must make a concerted drive to clean up Catania town. Unless military trucks can be provided for an initial clean up, I cannot be responsible for the health of the place and troops. All S.C.A.O.s fleet is engaged in carrying wheat."

immediate
2. Please take ~~immediate~~ steps to comply with C.C.A.O.s instructions.

3. If you require any assistance in regard to procuring trucks from the Army, please let this H.Q. know.

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CHARLES H. STOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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Reggio Calabria ~~14~~
28th Sept. 1943.

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Learn not sure whether DeCetto is back yet
or not. If not, please deal with these matters
for me. Have as yet no news about devel-
-opments but I presume Gov. C. will
move as arranged and I am going on to
Bari according to plan.

2. Lencore's letter for Major Gen. G. Clarke²⁵³⁸
which speaks for itself: make a copy and
pass on.

3. ENNA. Nothing in particular. SCATO
says he is sending 40 tons to Messina,
10 tons to Syracuse and 10 tons to Catania
daily - or as often as trucks come to fetch
the wheat or flour. But I haven't yet seen
SCATO. Messina what he is receiving. Then
seems to be a bit of a confusion which may well
be in Messina because Storey did not seem
to be very happy about how his own machinery

Extracted & sent to Maj Chayton 11/10/43

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has working as yet. He admits it has taken him quite a time to get going.

4. Enna antiquities. Tell Hammond that I authorize the immediate structural repair of ASSORO church: scaffolding to prop the main arches. No restoration or decoration. This is to be done at once. There is timber available in the form of telegraph poles stacked in the railway station yard on the rail to Catania at the next station E. of DITTAINO.

5. Catania. SCATO and Coe of No. 1 Area must make a concerted drive to clean up the town. When Military trucks can be provided for an initial clean up I cannot be responsible for the health of the place and troops. All SCATO's fleet is engaged in carrying wheat. They have got up to 150 tons. Except for the Cloakline

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Capt Hammond informed and SCATO
Enna file 18

Action 17

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of Catania City, the province is shaping well.
Wellesley may have to go home for good.
The Duke of Wellington has almost certainly
been killed in action and Wellesley is heir
to the dukedom and estates and I have
recommended to Gen. Alexander his
permanent release from the Army on
comparative grounds. He is 58.

6. Personnel. Should Wellesley go home
I want French appointed to Catania
in his place. Thurburn should then
go to Syracuse and any of the following
can be appointed to Naples :-

Keigwin	Fricker
Croft	Corbyn.
Elwes	? Americans.

The vacancy created by Wellesley and
consequent promotion to (B) W.E. are
to be held up pending my consideration.
But if there is a Major's vacancy now,

attached to File
233/42 - 13/10/52

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11 Keigwin is to be promoted first with. This in any event to have the first vacancy available.

notes
and
action
being
taken
at once
W.S.

7. I don't want to amalgamate any SCAs members - as yet - pending development.

8. Catania antiquities. I have authorised Wellerby to make temporary repairs to the Museum roof to weather proof it. This is in the Swabian castle.

9. Catania P.A.D. Wellerby has with much difficulty cleared and closed the air raid shelters. He seems now to have had an order from Hqs. Palermo P.A.D. to reopen the shelters. I have told him to disregard the order. In no circumstances are these shelters to be made available again to anyone as would occur if they were reopened. P.A.D. seem behind the times as working on their own!!

Action - 21 Sept 1943
Capt. H. M. J. J. J.

Action - 20

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10. Mennia. As I was leaving a ship with food came in: I don't know what was in it. But don't let them stop getting flour, what for Emma and try to build up a reserve and at the same time increase the ration to 150 grs. Many people were only getting 80 grs. But I couldn't get from Story the whole story. He didn't seem to know very accurately. My 80 gr. story came from direct interrogation at one center en route. Moreover I don't understand Story's figures. He claims there are 180,000 ind. in Mennia who at 100 grs. is 18 tons a day. But he says he wants 40 and Emma says he is getting 40. But his only feeding 80 grs. No doubt. Some additional is wanted for the center, but I couldn't find out which wanted or got how much.

Extracts and Sent to Major Clayton 1.10.43

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I suspect they are of all sorts. There is
some traffic in the reverse direction, notably
two Agenti di P.S. who have deserted from
Palermo. They have been arrested and
are being sent back for trial.

This is discriminate traffic without²⁵⁵³
control, most of it in fishing boats but
some in the ferries must stop. We shall
have an infiltration of German agents.
Have Security 15 A.C. and No. 1 Area
and tell them that this traffic must
cease. Tell Story also. If people
in small boats and are caught the
boats should be confiscated and all
concerned charged under Prop. 2
Art. 2 § 25. Have given orders according
to our people in Reggio, but the Navy and

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for letter 14

The Sub Anas must be looked up. The Navy
Say - having refused to allow ~~the~~ fishing that
they are powerless now that fishing is permitted
though they themselves won't allow fishing in the
Strait and do nothing to prevent it.

13. We have also to guard against the
entrance of epidemic diseases over 552
the Strait if there is an outbreak of Cholera
or Typhus in the north.

14. Colabria is working really pretty well.
Benton Jones is ill with Jaundice.
Pollock S.C.A.P.O. Regia 2 is acting
(very well) as S.C.A.O. Reggio Province pending
Benton Jones' recovery - in a few days.
Fizzard is C.A.O. Reggio City.

15. There is food - ex Miriam till 25 Oct.
when more must arrive. Reggio is in
a bad way for food men especially

para 14, 15, 16 sent to P.S.D. 28
C.S.D., Legal, P.M.O. 1.10.43 22 8

because all the roads connecting the town
with the rest of Calabria are in a shocking
state. Therefore the main problem is
Reggio's City & surrounding villages where
there is nothing. Region 2 Itys. have bid
for cars forward but you must help
with A.F.H.A. Another whole coaster 2551
load must arrive by 20th Oct.

16. Health is good. Public Safety good.
There is some water (low pressure and
little supply not damage is the cause of the
deficiency. There is current. The
population is returning fast. Pollock and
Jizzard have everything well in hand.
There are C.A.O.s at Gioiosa, Paleri,
& Cinquefrondi where the provincial M.O.
moved on 28th July and whence they are
not yet returning. The Carabinieri are

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a balance pretty long. Two bad Pro-
 fences (enclosing areas of two gangs
 in two villages). No brigandage, a
 yet. Political sentiment once, Amintore
 is distinctly uprish and away from difficult.

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James Jewell 2550

P.S. Today to Catanzaro: tomorrow
 to Cosenza via Crotona. Then to
 P. Army near the German etc.

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COPY OF HANDWRITTEN LETTER.

SECRET

REGGIO,
CALABRIA.

28th September 1943.

My dear Clarke,

I am sorry to have missed you in Catania. I had a look round Catania and Messina provinces which are working pretty well, except for certain things. In both bases I find the area staff are far too prone to ask my local staff to do odd jobs. Caldwell at Messina realises this very well and is trying to protect my officers who are not numerous enough to do their own work and every sort of odd job, from finding a car for Gracie Fields to getting office furniture for a graves registration unit. I have told my officers that they must never refuse help to any formation, but I think their compliance with these orders is being abused. In Catania Province Headquarters two officers spend all their time on such work. Caldwell asked me if I could increase Messina staff. I told him I was going to cut down. He said they were all grossly overworked and added that throughout Sicily he had never met a more overworked lot of people - flattering, but a confession.

There seem to be good local relations in Catania and Messina except between individual officers, yours and mine. The last straw came to an overworked S.C.A.O. in Messina when Caldwell's M.C. told him to order the Civil population to boil all their water!!

The housing problem in Messina and Catania with the advent of rains is critical. There seems to me to be only one solution. If 50 and 51 Divisions remain on for more than a fortnight, I think they must be moved out of the two most congested and damaged areas in the island. It does not seem sensible to billet troops in these two areas when others are available. The two alternative areas which are, one entirely, and one substantially undamaged areas, Noto - Ragusa, and Vizzini - Caltagirone - Enna. They are both healthy and have water and some produce. The roads are good and there are no blown bridges. Both areas are in Eighth Army area and accessible from Syracuse.

If I can get you to move 51 Division away from Messina, I can rehouse all my population. And if you can thin out Catania, there is some chance of cleaning up. I would like you to take this up very seriously.

I cannot stop civilian refugees drifting back to Messina and Catania. The Carabinieri are useless when it comes to this. Even our troops get kind-hearted and let refugees pass. Moreover, the more troops there are in these congested areas the less water is available for cleaning and the more of my officers' time is spent in dealing with units instead of getting on with their own work.

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Catania is a disaster as far as cleanliness is concerned, but without an initial drive with Army lorries I see no hope of cleaning up. Would you consider with Wellesley having a fortnight's clean up campaign and use Army troops and lorries?

I agree we may have an epidemic in Catania or Messina. The presence of troops adds to the danger by the fact that they use so much water (in Messina) and cause overcrowding by taking all the large billets where I can put bombed out families who otherwise overcrowded the remaining hovels. The best way to guard against an epidemic affecting the troops is not to cut the water supply and ask the population to boil the water they have to queue up to get, but to remove the troops.

Yours sincerely,

FRANCIS RENNELL.

ANGOT HQ. - SICILY.

13 Sept. 1943.

Subject: Correspondence to Headquarters.

To : All S.C.A.Os.

1. Communications from officers of special divisions in the provinces to Headquarters have not been handled uniformly by all S.C.A.Os.
2. Your attention is drawn to Par 3 of the SCAD's directive of 12 August 1943. (ANGOT/24/HQ)
3. In addition to compliance with this directive officers of Special divisions are to sign their reports themselves before submitting them to the SCAD's for dispatch to H.Q.

CELESTES M. SPOTORD
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer

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SUBJECT :- Inspection Notes.

S.C.A.O.
Palermo Province.

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ALICOT/2314/RP.

ALICOT H.Q. SICILY.

26. Aug. 42.

In accordance with a short inspection yesterday in the direction of Termini, I have made the following notes :

(i) I observed that you have disposed your provincial C.A.Os. and A.C.A.Os. to be in charge, as single officers, of small Districts or Groups of towns, notably Termini has one officer in charge of the commune of Termini only, which is nothing more than a town. I wish to point out to you, as I have to other S.C.A.Os., that I do not consider the policy of District officers being used singly in provinces, it is neither sound or economical. I like C.A.Os. to live in groups of 3 or 4, together with police belonging to the district and to have charge from one centre, by periodical tours, of larger districts. Not only is this better for their moral, in that they can discuss matters and live in a mesa, but the use of personnel in this way is also more economical; three officers living together can in practice do much more than three officers living in three different places. The system also allows one officer always to remain at District Headquarters office to deal with correspondence and visitors.

(ii) Arising out of the regrouping into larger districts, I suggest you combine in one district with headquarters at Termini, the locality comprised in the communes of Trabia, Ventimiglia, Baucina, Cinimmo, Caccamo, Montebello, Alimusa, Caltavuturo, Sclafani, Cerda, Sciarra; to this district may be added places on the main road around Alia. This eastern district of your province would then be run from Cefalu or Petralia. Considering the number of officers now engaged in dealing severally with small districts, I have come to the conclusion that you could save on this redistribution alone, about 3 officers. Will you please let me have your proposals on the division of Palermo province into districts on these lines.

(iii) I visited Montebello where I found I had just missed Capt. Bond. On examining the local situation I discovered that no less than 600 people are on relief in a commune of 6,000. Furthermore, I found out from the Communal Treasurer that the distinction was being preserved of separation allowances for soldiers' families, poor relief, and refugee relief. Capt. Bond does not appear to have had the instruction or does not appear to have passed them on to the effect that all relief for whatever purpose is to be based on necessity as public assistance, and is not to take the form of separation allowances etc. Will you please call for a report from Capt. Bond immediately, and let me have his comments.

(iv) The new Podesta appears to me to be lazy, talkative and probably incompetent. I suggest that his books should be audited, especially in regard to relief payments. I investigated the local situation which was empty, and found it

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(iv) The new Podesta appears to me to be lazy, talkative and probably incompetent. I suggest that his books should be audited, especially in regard to relief payments. I inspected the local prison which was empty, and found it in a much better state than I had expected. One cell used as a storehouse should be cleaned out and all the cells whitewashed.

(v) There is a bridge blown between Alimimusa and Cerdà. I told the Sindaco of Montemaggiore that he should arrange with the commune of Alimimusa to metal the by-pass with local labour. This is not a bridge of first priority for repair; the by-pass in wet weather will certainly disappear unless metalled.

Major-General.
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Subject: Notes on Tour of CCAO.
12 - 15 Aug 43

AMGOT/234/HQ

16 Aug 43

To:- Public Safety Division

The following extracts from CCAO's Tour Notes are forwarded for information and action as necessary.

"ENNA - LT-COL RODD.

C.C.A.O. gave instructions that all looting and robbery with violence was to be reported forthwith with all details. He suggested that mixed patrols of Carabinieri and C.M.P. should be instituted. S.C.A.O. reported that there had been no disorders in the town, except from Canadian L of C troops."

Passed to 4th for information

E. T. M. A. p.
/ CHIEF STAFF OFFICER

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AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group.

Subject Notes on Tour of CGAO
12 - 15 Aug 43

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ANGOT/234/HQ

16 Aug 43

To:- 'Q'

The following extract from CGAO's
Tour Notes is forwarded for information
and action as necessary.

"For Action C.S.O.

Arrange for ENNA Province to draw
rations from 2nd Corps at LEONFORTE."

S. T. Galt
CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

ANGOT HQ.
15 Army Group.

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Subject:- Notes on T of CCAO 12 - 15 Aug 43

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16 Aug 43

To:- Civil Supply Division

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The following extracts from CCAO's Tour Notes are forwarded for information and action as necessary.

"ENNA

Labour

3,000 unemployed at sulphur mine."

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Roads

CCAO gave instructions that estimates be submitted forthwith for repairing two bridges on the ENNA/LEONFORTE road at ST. DI PIRATO, and another bridge on the ENNA/S. CATERINA road at 5 Archi. The first two mentioned bridges to be mended at once in stone."

"NOTO

DCCAO then left the party and CCAO proceeded by CELA, BUTERA, RIESI to DELIA. At RIESI, CCAO inspected mine pumping station, 3 diesel, only one working. Sulphur mines not working since 8 Jul 43.

On 15 Aug 43, CCAO called on Major JOHNWICK and Captain MAUDE at CANICATTI. C.A.C. reported that there were 5,000 tons fuel stored & less from CANICATTI, to be taken up with CCAO CANICATTI.

Coal

Only one week's supply at CANICATTI, DELIA and SOMMATINO and RIESI for use by flour mills."

AKGOT HQ.
15 Army Group.

2044
J. T. New
CHIEF STAFF OFFICER

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AMGOT/234/HQ

12 August 1943

Subject: C.C.A.O.'s and D.C.C.A.O.'s Touring Notes

To : All S.C.A.O.s

In the course of tours of Sicily hitherto made by the D.C.C.A.O. and myself, a certain number of points have come to my notice on which I should like to comment.

1. S.C.A.O.s and detached C.A.O.s in districts must, at the earliest possible stage, arrange for themselves adequate housing and office accommodation. Offices should be located where most suitable, but in general, a C.A.O. in charge of a district or town must have an office to himself where he can receive visitors without any other person being present. The office should not contain permanent inhabitants, i.e. Italian personnel or other AMGOT personnel, except one other officer or a confidential clerk where necessary. The offices should, consistent with local circumstances, have such dignity and surroundings as will ensure in the eyes of the local population the status of the C.A.O. as the effective controlling authority in the town or district. The offices which C.A.O.s occupy are not to be used as places of congregation for masses of petitioners, and doors and ways of access to these offices are to be kept clear. It is neither becoming nor hygienic for senior officers to have to push their way through local crowds in order to get in to the C.A.O.'s offices.

2. S.C.A.O.s and C.A.O.s are to house themselves properly in the best and most comfortable billets they can find. They are to regard themselves as permanent residents and they must therefore be conveniently and comfortably housed with proper food and service, so that their health and morale will be maintained during perhaps many weeks of solitary or semi-solitary detachment. Where several officers are in the same town, I should like them to mess together in the surroundings I have indicated, but at Provincial HQ the S.C.A.O. may desire to live by himself, at any rate after things have settled down. This I would consider quite proper, since the authority of the head of the Province must be maintained not only vis-a-vis the local population but also vis-a-vis his subordinate officers. I do not wish officers and O.Rs/E/Ms to mess together.

S.C.A.O.s and C.A.O.s on detachment in districts should, as soon as circumstances permit, arrange for permanent reservation of one or more suitable billets where visiting officers can be housed who have to stay the night in the course of tours. This is especially important with the advent of the rainy and cold weather, when visiting officers are more likely to be affected.

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3. A general instruction will be sent out regarding relations of visiting officers, especially from the special divisions, with S.C.A.Os and C.A.Os. Generally speaking, officers from the special divisions will confine their activities to subjects with which they normally deal. They should not issue instructions to officers of their own divisions in the provinces except through the S.C.A.O. of the province. The same procedure will be followed in towns. Detached officers of special divisions are, for the purposes of administration in the province, under the S.C.A.O. It is particularly important therefore that officers of special divisions going into the field should always ensure that the policies of the division, as adopted under general instructions from myself, are known by S.C.A.Os and C.A.Os of districts. It follows conversely that officers from special divisions assigned to provinces will report to divisions at AMGOT Headquarters through, and only through, S.C.A.Os or C.A.Os concerned. Their reports can properly be transmitted to HQ in original, but must go either under a covering note from the S.C.A.O. or with the intimation that the report has been submitted to the S.C.A.O. before despatch.

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4. S.C.A.Os will make their own arrangements for calling for reports from district C.A.Os and at their discretion will either send on the reports as received or extracts from them, or use the material for compilation of their general reports on the province as called for from time to time by the C.S.O.

5. Though it is essential in the early stages for specialist officers to do any work which may be required of them, S.C.A.Os should gradually from now on let specialist officers get on with their work and not, except in emergency, use them for miscellaneous duties.

6. The attention of S.C.A.Os and C.A.Os is called to the circular instructions which will be received by them in due course on the subject of nomenclature. S.C.A.Os and C.A.Os will not describe themselves or allow themselves to be described as Military Governors. There is only one Military Governor who is General Sir Harold Alexander.

7. S.C.A.Os and C.A.Os attention is also drawn to the fact that there is considerable discrepancy not only between province and province, but between district and district within provinces, in the handling of such matters as summary courts and the punishing of offenders. This will be dealt with in detail under special instructions but I have observed in certain districts considerable zeal in punishing offenders by fines, etc., whereas in other districts no attempt has been made to do more than admonish miscreants. Under present arrangements all district C.A.Os should be dealing with offenders and sitting as magistrates of lower courts in accordance with instructions.

8. C.A.Os are warned not to become involved in too much administrative detailed work. Under standing instructions they are there for supervision of the Italian administration and not to replace the Italian administration by themselves. If they attempt to do the detail themselves, they will become involved, and neglect their primary functions of supervision. Moreover, they will fail to educate the local people to manage their own affairs.

9. It is unnecessary, I trust, to add that C.A.Os and S.C.A.Os should make early contact with all the notable people in their provinces and districts. I have noticed in a certain number of cases that C.A.Os have referred to the existence of notable people such as large landowners, ecclesiastics, etc., with whom they have not as yet made contact. Where they have not the time to go on tour and see such people, they should send out and ask them to come in to the local HQ. It is very important that district officers make this contact as soon as possible and report on them to their immediate superiors.

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11. As you have been notified, General Alexander, on 31 July, ordered that the AMGOT organization in the provinces of Agrigento, Trapani, Siracusa, Ragusa, the western portion of the province of Palermo, and the southern portion of the province of Catania should be responsible directly to him through the C.C.A.O. This means that all reports and communications from these provinces should be addressed directly to this Headquarters.

AMGOT HEADQUARTERS

Sicily

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Agrigento - 6 copies
 Caltanissetta - 6 copies
 Catania - 6 copies
 Enna - 6 copies

Palermo - 6 copies All heads of Divisions
 Ragusa - 6 copies AMGOT, Liaison, Main 15 AG HQ
 Siracusa - 6 copies Gp Capt. Benson - 4 copies
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MAJOR GENERAL

Chief Civil Affairs Officer

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C.C.A.C. ON TOUR - 12-15 AUGUST, 1963.

On 12 Aug 63, C.C.A.C. accompanied by Brigadier-General Holmes of R.G.S., Colonel Arthur Sutherland of 5 U.S. Div. and Major Powell of School of Instruction Tind Canyon proceeded to Syracuse via Bata and Galtanissette.

NOTE - 10-00L BOMB.

C.C.A.C. gave instructions that all looting and robbery with violence was to be reported forthwith with all details. He suggested that mixed patrols of Carabinieri and C.M.F. should be instituted. S.C.A.C. reported that there had been no disorders in the town, except from Canadian L. of C. troops.

Health.

Two hospitals in good condition. 7 to 8 cases typhoid. Water supply at present poor as grid not functioning.

Labour.

3,000 unemployed at sulphur mine.

Infrastructure.

C.C.A.C. gave instructions that estimates be submitted forthwith for replacing two bridges on the Bata/Isouforte road at St. di Pietro, and another bridge on the S. Galtanissette road at 5 Archi. The first two mentioned bridges to be sealed at once in stone.

Enns:

C.C.A.C. stated that he had made suggestions, notably one concerning approvisionnement, secondly provisional engineering, thirdly insurance requests. S.C.A.C. is submitting memorandum regarding the last mentioned.

For action by M.T. Officer - Item taken away by Major Shields to be returned to Rom. P.U. at Bata to be exchanged for one of S.C.A.C. Galtanissette's 15 cars.

For action C.S.C. - arrange for Bata Province to draw ration 2nd Corps at Isouforte.

Capt. H. H. H.

For action Captain H. H. H. - Report in church at Bata.

C.C.A.C. suggested that Prefetto be replaced by Vice-Prefetto.

CAUTION - 10-00L BOMB.

C.C.A.C. spent the night with him.

Like Bata - 10-00L BOMB.

Min. to Civ. Supp.

Off. to follow up.

to be done by S.C.A.C.

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3,000 unemployed at various times.

Lybourn.

— *White*

Expenditure

Enns

C.O.D.O. gave instructions that estimates be submitted for each lot for repaving two 12' lanes on the Main/Tempo road at St. 81 Drive, and another bridge on the La Corona road at 5 Ave. The first two sections are to be repaved 24' lanes in stage.

MAX *penda* - For action by M. D. Officer - Was taken away by Major Shields
 to be returned to Sum. S. U. at same to be exchanged for one of S. J. A. C.
 Cebu's 15 criss.

For Action 3, 5, 6.
Green and Orange 2nd Experiments.
- Average for Total Experiments for both experiments

Capt HARRISON
for action during the - 1200 ft on 12/10/40 at 120000.
See

OUTPATIENTS - IN-CDL, THIR.

Dear - Love to all
S. M. M.

09-11-2015, 08:46, 007 D.O.B.E.A. 1-25 15 April 2015.

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C.A.C. reported that at Rosellini there were 75 boxes typoid notified, is using S.M.C. Powder. 24. Asghar Ali, B.A. is moving S.A.O. to Rosellini. C.A.D. emphasized that he had had 7 charges of S.S.E. in 5 weeks. C.A.O. to write to Colonel Dixon. C.A.C. has very limited quantity of Methyl Quaterl and has received them for 1942.

A Set ~~not~~ has been
submitted on P.H.
submitted J.C.C. 1916

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Party has promised to resign before C.C. & O. can elect a National Board and on to Garfield, Graham Clark.

✓ 2.0.7.4.0. Wm. left the party early 7.3.4.0. proceeded by rail; Eutaw, close to Delin. At 7.3.4.0. observed in pumping station, 3 diesel's, only one running. Building under construction since 4 July 43.

On 15 April, C.I.O. called on Major Jounick and Captain Hando at Cantonville. C.I.O. reported that there were 5,000 tons of coal stored at this place. Cantonville is located on the C.I.O. Delta system.

Captain Keville reported that at Birmingham there had been a Communist/anti-fascist conference amongst pulitzer prize winning authors and the departure of W. E. B. Dubois, at which a decision was made to organize a 1942 anti-fascist plot, and that the 6 ring leaders had been assigned to North America. The situation was grave.

Only one more supply at Caledonia, Dells and combining one
 please for use by Flourville.

C.I.A.O. then proceeded by Reel m to, Angora, Postdam to Massachusetts (Mr. G. L. and Mr. Smith C.I.A.O.). C.I.A.O. instructed C.I.A.O. to install himself in their Palace. C.I.A.O. reported one use of observing at Camouflage, otherwise health good, but water supplies bad. Good situation in hull. One class in charge of immediate operative.

C.D.A.C. then proceeded to Guatemala, saw Poesta and Head of C.D.A.C., also met in charge daily American patrol who reported situation good, and that only complaint he had received was at Miraba - Guatemala. Would not be contacted by locals. C.D.A.C. concluded that Poesta at Jamsaktu should be charged.

S.C.A.C. then returned to Pelagios by Larissa and Thessalonika.

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MOST SECRET.

AMCOT/2070/HQ.

29 Jul. 43.

To: Captain Barrett.

1. Please note that S.C.A.O. wishes this vehicle to get to RAGBRA at earliest possible hour as the driver has urgent and important messages for Rogers and intervening C.A.Os affecting movement of S.C.A.O. and D. C. in C. today, 29 Jul.

2. You will do what you can to ensure this.

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Major,
General Staff.

AMCOT HEADQUARTERS,
PORTLAND.

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Subject:- Tour of Inspection.

MOST SECRET.

AMCOT/207B/HQ.

28 July. 43.

S.C.A.O.
Refusa.

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Further to AMCOT/207/HQ of 28

Please also arrange for Dr. Moy
to be available during the afternoon to meet
D. C. in C. and C.C.A.O.

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ADV. AMCOT HEADQUARTERS,
PORTBASE.

Major.
General Staff.

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MOST SECRET

Subject:- Tour of Inspection.

AMGOT/207A/HQ.

28 July. 43.

C.A.O.
Nota.

Further to AMGOT/207/HQ of 28
July.

1. Please warn the Bishop and Podesta to be available, as General Sir Harold Alexander will probably wish to meet them specially, in addition to any others local notables you select.

2. D. C. in C. and C.C.A.O. will be coming to you from Palazzuolo. Please have luncheon available, though it is regretted that no guarantee can be given of the party's (4 Officers) arrival for luncheon. No guests should be present at luncheon.

Major.
General Staff.

ADV. AMGOT HEADQUARTERS,
FORT ASE.

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Subject: Four of Inspection - B. C. in G. and C.S.A.O.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL

1000 July 43

- C.S.A.O. Regime.
- C.S.A.O. Avails.
- C.S.A.O. Boto.
- C.S.A.O. Russellini.
- C.S.A.O. Logica.
- C.S.A.O. Rodica.

Copy to Adm.

1. B. C. in G. and C.S.A.O. will tomorrow Thursday 29 Jul be on tour of inspection of the Region.
2. They will hope to visit your B.C. during the afternoon.
3. Will you please ensure your availability at your B.C. and also have at call

Prefect.
Podesta.
Other local Notables.

2. x

Major.
General Staff.

ADV. ADJUT GENERAL,
FIRESTAFF.

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NOTES ON C.C.A.O.s VISIT TO VITTORIA, COMISO & RAGUSA ON 23.7.43.

VITTORIA.

Saw Capt. Chart who had taken over from Major Giffen on 22 July 43. C.C.A.O. instructed that Prodesta and Staff appear daily from 9 to 12 until further orders.

Telephone is not worth re-opening at present.

C.C.R.R. Archives at Biscari to be taken over, present Prodesta appears to collaborate though idle.

COMISO.

Capt. Dreyfus desires to do legal work, is ascertaining numbers of refugees from North Africa.

C.C.A.O. instructed him to sit as magistrate at Courts of the first instance and try minor offences forthwith.

C.A.O. raised question of civil service pensions, informed that decision would be notified to him later.

RAGUSA. - Lt. Col. Thurnburn

C.C.A.O. met in addition to Thurnburn, Colonel Matthews, Major Scollit, Captains Parker and Wilkins, Major Frizelle, and 2/Lt. Maki.

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- (3) Returning Major Ousley to Ragusa from 30 Corps. for payment of Railway employees by 7th and 8th Armies.
- (4) Obtaining grain from Gela in exchange for 150 tons Bitumen at present stored in Ragusa. Major Choate and Colonel Matthews are dealing with this.

Prefetto Ludovico Moroni has been interned and Vice Prefetto is acting - appears co-operative.

Question of interning Francisco Tobia in charge of Consorzio Ragusa is under discussion.

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DCCAO on Tour. 31.7.43. 3

C-in-C accompanied by Gneral Mc Sherry visited ;-

AVOLA. Capt Moody.

Podesta has been interned and new Podesta to be appointed shortly. ex-Podesta's wife had just turned in 20,000 lire which were funds which the Podesta had with him on our arrival.

Of total population of 22,000 only 5000 at present sleep in the town.

Situation rapidly returning to normal. A small number of troops have been lent to Capt Moody to keep order.

There are 14 cases of typhoid in hospital.

PACHINO. Lt Poppalardo and Lt Hunold CAPO.

New Podesta installed. Situation satisfactory. Main problem is food as district is mainly vineyards.

C-in-C promised to ask Naval C-in-C for permission to be given for fishing to be restarted. Pachino is centre for tunny fishing the season is nearly over.

Has only received Proclamations 1,2,3,5,6,7.

Beach at Bark East was then visited and then on to ISPICA. Capt Guthrie was away. C-in-C then returned to his camp.

Spence
Major.

Col Spofford

Public Health

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to see S. J. C. P.

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C.C.A.O. on tour 29 Jul. 43.

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C. in C. accompanied by C.C.A.O. visited Capt. Keigwin at Floridia and then proceeded to Palazzolo, where C. in C. visited the Grottos and Orphanage, whilst C.C.A.O. addressed Consiglio. At Floridia C.A.O. is trying to find new Podesta, as present official is generally unpopular and appears to have found jobs in Local Government for most of his own family.

C. in C. then proceeded to Noto and Ragusa which was reached after lunch. He saw Colonel Thurburn and other AMGOT personnel. He then visited Asphalt Mines in company with Major Ousley. Before leaving C. in C. was introduced to Colonel Francisco Polanno, local head of C.G.R.R. and Commandante Adolphe Vasco of C.C.R.R.

C. in C. returned to his headquarters by way of Noto where tea was taken with Major Elwes.

C. in C. discussed possibility of allocating two Transport Companies to AMGOT once hostilities were over on the island.

C.C.A.O. requested that Colonel Thurburn be instructed to make an inventory of repair shops in Ragusa, and also of Electric and Telephone stores.

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C.C.A.O. on tour 26th and 27th July, 43.

To: C.S.O.

26th July.

C.C.A.O. and C.S.O. left H.Q. 09.30 hrs. and proceeded by Floridia, Palazzolo, Vizzini, to Caltagirone. At Vizzini, C.C.A.O. saw G.S.I.B. Officer, Lieut. Verdirame being away on tour. At Caltagirone, C.C.A.O. saw Major Benton-Jones and Capt. Corbin. After lunch Colonel Spofford proceeded by himself whilst C.C.A.O. driving by Francofonte arrived at Main 8 Army by 16.30 hrs, saw General Montgomery and General DeGuigan. Thence Lentini where he spent the night with Colonel Wellesley. Met inter-alia John Gunter of the U.S. Press.

27th July.

C.C.A.O. interviewed Major Petter, C.A.O. Lentini then proceeded to visit prospective C.A.O.s for Catania and instructed that they be temporarily allocated to various towns in the neighbourhood.

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C.C.A.O. visited Grottoes where orphans and numerous families are living, also orphanage to which he gave 1,000 lire. C.A.O. convinced that sugar, tobacco and coffee would act as great stimulants for getting Sicilians to work.

Major Noto C.A.O. Major Elves. New head of C.C.R.R. appears good. C.A.O. has not received Proclamation No. 7. Lieut. Jones has arrived as C.A.P.O. Noto. Obtaining particulars of Libyan P.O.W. C.C.A.O. instructed that streets of Avola be cleared of rubble, forthwith and that notice to inhabitants to register for work be posted and registration completed by 31.7.43.

Typhoid. Approximately 40 Cases at Avola and 40 at Rossolini. C.A.O. is advising Major Norman of equipment required for hospital at Nono on 28.7.43.

② Looting. C.A.O. advised that large house 4 km. out of Pachino had been looted by Australian Air Force. This was reported by Lt-Col. Cranfield of 31 Brick. C.C.A.O. left instructions at Pachino for Lieut. Foppalardo to investigate and report to C.A.O. Noto. *C/A WMA*

Pachino. Lieut Poppalardo C.A.O. C.O.A.O. visited but was unable to see C.A.O. as he was away on duty.

28.7.43.

Major.

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DCSO:

Ref 7-16.

1. Action taken shown in
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Captain Talbot
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