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PERSONAL MAIL, AMGOT PERSONNEL
AUG.-OCT. 1943

Sl. No.	Date	Ref	Whom To / From	Subject
1	21 Aug	7/12/AQ	To C.E.A.O.	Personal Mail
2	3 Sept	P12.	To ADAPS Rear 8 th Army	do
3	7 Sep.	PR/245	Fr. SCAO. Ragusa	Personal Mail
4	9 Sep.	M/7/2	Fr. Camp	Cancel Post
5	13 Sept	338 HQ	To Base Censor	Personal Mail
6	-	-	From F/Lt. G. Stott & Lt. R.N.K. Beningford - personal mail	
7	14 Sept	338 HQ	To " " AMQOT 8 th Army C.M.F.	
8	-	-	To SCAO, Trapani	
9	13 Sep	-	To The Mail Office N.E.S. from Capt. Alden	
10	17 Sep	-	From 52 W.I. Section, Intelligence Corps.	
11	19 Sep	CEN/S. 1007/1	" Chief RAF Base Censor	
12	27 Sep	AL/4/220	To HQ AM.Q.O.T. Palermo.	
13	27	338/HQ.	To: Ofc 896 AMES, RAF.	Disposal of Mail
14	30	338/HQ.	From: Capt. Ballance	
15	25	P.M.I.	" : Civ. Affairs. M.E.F.	
16	9 Oct	338/HQ	To Camp Commandant	
17	26 Sep.	CA/7	From: SCAO Pantelleria	
18	14 Oct	338/HQ	To SCAO	
19	17 Oct	AME/18	From: Capt Graham	

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SUBJECT: Personal Mail.

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AMG/18/

17. Oct. 43.

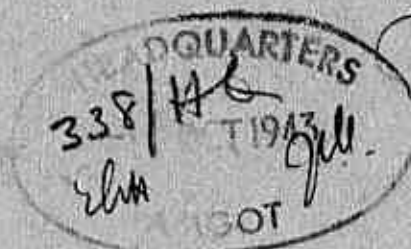
TO: Mail N.C.O., (A),
H.Q. AMGOT, Palermo.

Bari, 15 Army Group, ~~BARI~~:

Lieut. Ernest O'Kahn.
Lieut. Charles Adams.
Lieut. Bernard.

Please may personal mail for the above-mentioned officers be forwarded to this H.Q.

AMGOT,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.



Frederick C. Graham
FREDERICK GRAHAM,
Captain.

*Shown to
Postal Section 498
EhM
19/10*

P.A.

Person Mail.

S.O.S.O. - Pantelleria.

410 20
AMCOT/338/HQ.

14 Oct. 3.

1. Reference your CM/7 dated 26/9/43.
2. Mail should be addressed as follows:-

19
Major E.C. Potter,
AMCOT
15 Air Group,
C.M.F.

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3. Mail has been delayed and steps are being taken to ensure prompt delivery.

ad4
Captain,
Staff Captain.

Subject: Personal Mail

To: Amgot Headquarters,
Palermo, Sicily.

As I have not received any mail since I left Lantini
On August 19th. and as I am the only member of the British
forces on the island, I would be grateful if it could be
ascertained that my mail is being forwarded.

Could I also be informed what address I am to use
on my personal mail. At the moment I am using the following -

Major E. G. Petter
Amgot,
Pantelleria.



Pantelleria,
26 Sept. 43.



E.G. Petter
S.C.K.O.
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Private Mail

Camp Commandant

338/HQ

October 9

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Civil Affairs Branch, G.H.Q., M.E.F., have called for a Nominal Roll of Officers and N.C.O.'s at this H.Q.

It is suggested that a list of Officers and ORs who were posted from Mideast and East Africa should be forwarded.

Al Farrah
Captain
Staff Captain

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SUBJECT: Private Mail

No. P.M.1

A.M.G.O.T
HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
B.N.A.F

Civil Affairs Branch,
G.H.Q., M.E.F.

25th September, 1943.

Will you kindly send to the Mail Dept
weekly a complete Nominal Roll of Officers and
N.C.O's of your establishment.



1/c Private Mail

Please reply with a copy to this office.
MC

Action at 18

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AMGOT Liaison

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 Farran
Captain Sherwood
Captain Graham
Lieut. Van Heukelom
Lieut. Krupa
P.R.O.
Advisor F.A. & M.
Education Officer.

REMARKS.

Folio 16.

2/10
Date

ES
Registry.

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Public Safety Division
(Registration & Licensing).
30 September, 1943.

338/HQ

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To:

Subject: Incoming (private) mails.

1. Some of the incoming private mail addressed to the undermentioned officers attached to Public Safety Division, AMGOT. HQ., is sent to Trapani, and then from Trapani to this HQ. The receipt of this mail is of course considerably delayed.

The officers concerned are:

Captain W.C. Ballance, P/279396, General List.
Captain H.J. Brown

2. It would be appreciated if arrangements can be made for the mail in question to come direct to this H.Q.

W.C. Ballance.
Captain.

Noted

3/10

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Disposal of Mail.

AMGOT/338/HQ.

Officer Commanding,
896 A.M.E.S.
R.A.F. - B.N.A.F.

27 Sep. 3.

1. It is understood that censors stamp No. R.A.F. 156 is held by the formation under your command.
2. The Postal Dept. at this H.Q. is in possession of 3 parcels addressed as follows, bearing the above quoted censors stamp, which require postage to be paid by the senders before dispatch:

Mrs. F.H. Lancelley,
18, Marmaduke Street, Totterdown, Bristol 3. (England)

11/2d.

Mrs. H. Attwood,
70, Selhurst New Road, South Norwood, London, S.E. 25 (England)

4d.

Mrs. Williams,
10, Lee Grove, Salford 5, Lancs.

9d.

3. Will you please arrange to forward the required postage in order that these parcels can be dispatched?

Total Postage due. 2/3 1/2.

Alf
CHAS. M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Subject: Personal Mail.

Headquarters,
A.M.G.O.T.,
PALERMO.



AL/4/120
27. Sep. 43.

14 (21)

The enclosed personal mail for Lt.Col.Borg is returned to you as it is understood that this officer will be reporting to PALERMO on his return from MALTA.

AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group,
C. M. F.
JG.

A. Tamm.

Captain,
Staff Captain,
AMGOT Liaison.

POSTAL
SECTION

*Received 4 letters for the
apn. officers. Held for the
pending his arrival
Y. H. H.*

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From: - Chief R.A.F. Base Censor.
To : - AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.
Date: - 19th. September, 1943.
Ref : - CEN/S.1001/1.

PERSONAL MAIL.

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Reference your AMGOT/338/H.Q. of
13th September, 1943, the Unit is as
under, provided the stamp is B.N.A.F.
issue and not M.E.:-

896 A.M.E.S.,
R.A.F.

Quinn J. H.
for Squadron Leader,
Chief R.A.F. Base Censor.



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To:- The Officer in Charge,
Room 18,
A.M.G.O.T. Headquarters,
Palermo.

From:- O.C.,
52 W.I. Section,
Intelligence Corps.



You have been good enough to allow this unit to use your
censor's stamp.

This note authorises the bearer to bring mail to you for
stamping.

R.C. Easterbrook.

Capt.,
commanding 52 W.I. Section.

Field,
17 Sep 43.
RCE/CS.

W.H. 18/9
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To The Mail Office N.C.



Please take steps to
mail. The enclosed letter is
explanatory.

H.W. Adams Cash

13/9/43

Post Section informed 15/9/43

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To The S.C.A.D.
TRAPANI.

Capt Amint ³⁰
Forward any
mail for Capt
Alden to Agrigento
727

Mail for me was sent
to 46th U.S.A. Divn at Trapani.

I am now at Agrigento. Can this
mail please be forwarded.

J. W. Aasen Capt.
SCAD - ~~Trapani~~

Capt Alden

The 45th Division is not in this
area. However, any mail sent to this Hqs
will be forwarded to you



Capt Siemasz 4986

SUBJECT:- Personal Mail.

ANGOT/338/HQ.

ANGOT HQ STOTT.

14 Sept 43.

87852 P/Lt. G. Stott,
ANGOT HQ. 8th Army. C.M.F.

In reply to your undated letter on the subject of personal mail, the Mail Section at this H.Q. state that a number of letters have been correctly forwarded to you and Lt. Beresford during the last four weeks.

Captain,
Staff Captain "A".

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P.A.
14/9



P. PREFETTURA DI REGGIO CALABRIA

A.M.G.O.T. H.Q.

15 Army Group

M.F.

N.C. 1/c Mail



Neither of the below mentioned officers have had any mail for 4 weeks; we think either you have not been informed of our movements or there ^{are} some other persons of the same name.

We are with 8 Army and at present at H.Q. of W/cdr. Beer. I know there is another "STOTT" - AMGOT: will you kindly see that our mail is not mixed up.

- 1) F/Lt. G. STOTT (RAF. 87852)
- 2) Lt. R.N.K. BERESFORD (R.T.C.)

G. Stott. F/Lt.

SUBJECT:- Personal Mail.

File 7
ANGOT/338/H

ANGOT H.Q., SICILY

13th September 1943.

TO:- The Base Censor.

I am writing you in order to trace the whereabouts of an R.A.F. Unit that uses Censor-Stamp "R.A.F. 156".

This H.Q. Postage Despatch Centre requires to know the unit and location to get in touch with the sender of certain parcels retained here until same are furnished with the requisite number of postage stamps.

A.S.
A. S. FARRAR
Captain
Staff Captain

P/A 14/9
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SUBJECT: Parcel Post O

From: Camp Commandant.

338/HQ
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The attached are forwarded for information.

- (1) Copy of G.R.O. 197, as amended by G.R.O. 226.
- (2) Copy of paras 4, 5 and 6 of G.R.O. 151

This is the most up to date information regarding the posting of parcels to U.K.

In the Field,
9 Sep 43.

[Signature]
Captain,
Camp Commandant,
ALGOI 15 Army Group, C.M.F.

2 enolos.

DISTRIBUTION:-

S.C.A.O.	AGRIGENTO
"	CALAMISSETTA
"	CATANIA
"	ENNA
"	MESSINA
"	PALERMO
"	RACUSA
"	SYRACUSE
"	TRAPANI

C.S.O.
Staff Capt. "A"
A.O. (Admin.)

P/H
A/Y
11/9

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5.2.0.17. Parcel Post - Customs Duty Free

1. Four parcels a year may be sent to the United Kingdom free of customs duty by all ranks of Allied Forces serving overseas

This concession which permits the despatch of duty free parcels in no way affects the position with regard to ordinary gift parcels which may continue to be sent subject to the conditions of G.R.O. 151 paras 4, 5 and 6.

The concession applies to all ranks of Allied Forces including U.S. and French Forces, Women's Auxiliary and Nursing Services. It does not apply to Merchant Navy and employed civilian personnel or the personnel of Red Cross and Philanthropic bodies.

2. Duty Free parcels may not weigh more than 5 lbs. including packing, must not exceed 30/- in value, nor may any parcel contain:-

- (a) drinkable spirits.
- (b) more than 1 lb total weight of tobacco, cigars or cigarettes (200 cigarettes equal $\frac{1}{2}$ lb). Tobacco, cigars, or cigarettes marked "H.M. Ships Only" or "U.A.A.F.I. Stores for H.M. Forces" may NOT be sent.
- (c) more than 2 lbs of any one commodity of foodstuffs.
- (d) any article, purchased directly or indirectly from a N.A.A.F.I. or other canteen, which originated in U.K. or North America.
- (e) any foodstuffs, tobacco, cigarettes, or chocolate issued as rations.
- (f) more than $\frac{1}{2}$ pint scent.

3. Each concession parcel will bear a Customs Declaration label (A.F.F. 5192). Units will obtain supplies of the label by indent on 13 Advance Stationery Depot, ALGERS Area. The labels are not gummed and Units will make arrangements for fixing them to parcels by means of adhesive paste or gum arabic, supplies of which may be obtained from the same source.

4. (a) The labels will be held in the custody of an officer. They will be issued on demand to officers and other ranks, or as laid down by the Unit, but not more than one will be issued to each officer and other rank in any one period of three months.

(b) The issue will be recorded by the issuing officer in A.B. 439 for officers and A.B. 64 Part I for other ranks, on a blank page if available, or on a guided slip inserted in the books.

(c) The officer recording the issue will sign the customs label and insert

- (b) more than $\frac{1}{2}$ lb total weight of tobacco, cigars or cigarettes (200 cigarettes equal $\frac{1}{2}$ lb). Tobacco, cigars, or cigarettes marked "H.M. Ships Only" or "U.S.A.F.I. Stores for H.M. Forces" may NOT be sent.
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- (c) The officer recording the issue will sign the customs label and insert the name of the individual to whom issued. The name of the Unit will not be put on the label or on the outside of the parcel either in writing or with the unit stamp. The label will be signed and dated by the sender and the contents of the parcel and value declared.
- (d) A simple record of receipts and issues of the customs labels will be maintained by each unit.
5. Normal censorship regulations will apply and the unit censor stamp impression will be made in the space indicated on the label. Units unable to obtain use of a censor stamp will furnish a certificate to that effect when the concession parcels are posted at an Army Post Office in the same way as for letters and "non concession" parcels.
6. Though "concession" parcels will be admitted into the United Kingdom free of duty and without import license, they are subject to customs examinations. Full duty will be charged on contents of parcels contravening the conditions detailed in para 2 above.
7. Concession parcels are subject to the Parcel Post Regulations and postage Rates quoted in G.R.O. 151.

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4. Parcel Post.

(a) Parcel Post Rates.

Destination	Weight not exceeding		
	3 lbs.	7 lbs.	11 lbs.
United Kingdom, (In- cluding Northern Ire- land); H.M. Ships and Troops in the Force	9d.	1/6	2/-
			3/6

(b) Despatch notes and Customs Declarations are not required but the contents must be clearly stated on the cover.

(c) No private postal packet will be accepted as a parcel without prepayment in the ordinary way.

(d) Conditions. The conditions laid down by the Ministry of Food for the despatch of parcels to the United Kingdom are as follows:-

(i) "Gift" parcels not exceeding 5 lbs gross weight may be accepted. They will be clearly marked "GIFT PARCEL" and particulars of the contents will be shown. If a "Gift" parcel contains foodstuffs, not more than 2 lbs. of any one commodity may be included.

(ii) "Gift" Parcels above 5 lbs gross weight and non-gift parcels of any weight will only be accepted under Import Licence, obtained by the addressee in the United Kingdom. As licences are issued sparingly, these regulations will, in practice, limit the gross weight of parcels for the U.K. to 5 lbs.

(iii) Parcels containing "Personal Effects" only, may be posted without Import Licence. Such parcels must not contain anything other than "Personal Effects". The limit of weight is 22 lbs.

(e) The transmission of any article likely to injure the mails or personnel of the Army Post Office is strictly prohibited. No perishable articles may be sent and soldiers are advised that fruit, other than dried fruit, should not be sent by post owing to the risk of decomposition. Parcels which are inadequately packed run great risk of damage to or loss of contents and a higher standard of packing is necessary than in the Inland Parcel Post.

5. Customs Duty

(a) Parcels received in U.K. from abroad are subject to examination by the British Customs and those containing dutiable articles are liable to charges calculated in accordance with the British Customs tariff for the time being. Parcels from members of H.M. Forces abroad are not exempt from Customs examination. Jewellery, Leather goods, Cosmetics (Lipstick, Rouge, Powders), Perfume, Toys, Chemicals, Dyestuffs, Playing Cards, Tobacco and Cigarettes are a few of the most common commodities liable to Customs duty.

The Army Post Office cannot give detailed advice in this matter.

(b) For the time being Customs duty is not being levied on parcels addressed to H.M. Forces in North Africa.

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6. Registration

(a) Parcels cannot be accepted for registration, insurance, express delivery or C.O.D. service.

(b) Letters and letter packets at the rates quoted in para 3 and up to a limit of weight of 4 lbs. for private letters and 22 lbs. for official letters will be accepted for registration.

(c) A registration fee of threepence, in addition to postage, must be paid on private letters. There are no higher registration or insurance facilities.

(d) Payment of compensation up to a limit of two pounds will be considered in respect of loss of or damage to contents of a registered letter or packet. No compensation is payable in respect of losses due to enemy action.

Subject:- Personal Mail.

To:- AMGOT Liaison H.Q. 15 Army AMGOT
Postal Department H.Q. AMGOT Palermo

PR/245

From:- AMGOT Province of Ragusa

7 Sep 43

The following is a list of Officers and OR's
in this Province, for your information.-

OFFICERS

Lt-Col J.O. Thurburn
Major Young.
" W.H. Ousely
" J.C.D. Scarlett.
" C.L.P. Gilshenan
Capt. W.I.R. Wilkins
" L.E.P. Parker
" Kitson-Harris
" Dreyfus
" E. Chart
" Hebb
Major Sheehan (U.S.)
Capt Galthrie "
Lieut.A.Loewy "
" Maki "

OTHER RANKS

S/204582 Cpl F.R. Starkiss
S/I453I649 Pte L. Birley
S/I4534432 " J. Taylor
S/I5I794 " F. Howell
T/ I4345932 Dmr W. Adams
T/ 79489 L/ Cpl.H. Barnett
T/ 4698724 Dmr.C. Robinson
T/I4408I42 " F.J. Howard
T/65933 " J. Innes
T/64440 " D.H. Baker
40309I7 P.te Slocombe

Ragusa

Lt-Col
S.C.AO. AMGOT
Province of Ragusa

CAMP COMMANDANT
(FOR YOUR INFORMATION)

copy sent
to Camp

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copy.



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3 Sept 43

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Subject:- Locations.

To:- A.D.A.P.S., Rear Eighth Army

Ref P/430 Para 1(c) dated 26 Aug 43.

1. The arrangements for the disposal of mail addressed to A.M.G.O.T. officers in the provinces has been discussed with the A.M.G.O.T. representative this Headquarters.
2. A.M.G.O.T. officers stationed at Messina, Catania, Augusta and Syracuse or in any towns where static A.P.Os are established will be instructed to collect mail in the ordinary way. Pachino, Palagonia have not been included in the list of "S" offices furnished to A.M.G.O.T. because these offices may close down in the near future.
3. Correspondence addressed to A.M.G.O.T. officers in isolated towns will circulate to Base 6 for forwarding to A.M.G.O.T. 15 Army Group H.Q. who will arrange for distribution under their own arrangements.
4. If A.M.G.O.T. at a later date wishes arrangements to be made for any of their officers in isolated towns to pick up their correspondence at the A.P.O. in a neighbouring town application will be made to this Branch and arrangements made for the address to be put on location.

(Sgd) R.N. ROSKELL.
Lt.Col. R.E.,
A.D.A.P.S.

Field.

Copy to: O.C. Base A.P.O. 6.
O.C. 1204 L of C Postal Unit.
A.M.G.O.T. 15 Army Group H.Q.
File.

P.A.

W.D.

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A. M. G. O. T.
PROVINCE OF ENNA

Your ref.

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

my ref. 7/12/AQ

Enna, 31 Aug 43

Subject: Personal Mail.

G.C.A.O.,
AMGOT HQ,
15 Army Group



Capt E.W. HANBURY (A)
Lt R.E. LOEB (A)
Capt E.J. SCICLUNA (B)

None of the above named officers have been receiving any personal mail.

May their location at this H.Q. please be noted and arrangements made for their mail to be forwarded here?

ECM.

[Signature]
Lt Col.,
S.C.A.O.

New file - "Personal Mail - AMGOT Personal"

*Mail Sect. informed &
all mail forwarded.*

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