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ARAB PRISONERS
AUG. - OCT. 1943

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FOLIO	DATE	REF.	TO/FROM
1	25 July	377 HQ	To SCAO Syracuse
2	7 th Aug	SP/11	From Amgot Syracuse
3	9 Sept	PR/S/1	" " Ragusa
4	17 Sept	AMQOT 257	To Midcast
5	17 Sept	377 HQ	To Amgot Liaison, 15 A.G.
6	17 Sept	-	To C.S.P.S.
7	18 Sept	1123/P.S.	To SCAO, at Callanishella + Ragusa
8	19 "	AL/23/44	From: Amgot Liaison 15 AG
9	21 "	309/13/A2	" DA G HQ. 15 AG.
10	23 "	AL/23/55	" Amgot Liaison "
11	25 "	Note from ACSO to	EPS.
12	24 "	OET/14065	From: Midcast
13	27 "	-	From D. Sept. Prisoners to DEB. Ref. 12.
14	7 Oct.	1123/PS.	From: Capt. al den
15	7 "	"	" : Maj. martin

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AMT/1123/PS.

AMGOT HQ. - SICILY.

7 Oct. 43.

Subject: Arab Prisoners.

To : C.S.O.

1. All Arab prisoners have now been removed from civil prisons.
2. Those at Caltanissetta, removed on 1 Oct. 43 to No. 55 Base Area on orders from "Staff Officer" Base Area.
3. 50 at Modica removed about 29 Sep. 43, and 129 from Noto removed 7 Aug. 43, were located at 222 P.O.W. Camp, Siracusa. See report by Prison Inspecting Officer who also collected the information that those from Caltanissetta would be returned to that prison.
4. No lists as required by AMGOT/1123/PS dated 18 Sep. 43 (page 7 File 377/HQ) have been received.

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St. Martin

St. COLONEL.

St. Martin Commissioner of Public Safety.

Spide *Raj. Lohini*

P.M.B.

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SUBJECT : Arab Prisoners.

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AMOT/1123/PS

AMOT H.Q. SICILY

7 October, 1943.

From:- Capt. H.W. ALLEN,
Prison Section Inspecting Officer.

I visited 222 P.O.W. Camp, SIRACUSA on 3 October, 1943 and obtained information that 118 Arab Prisoners had been despatched to TRIPOLI on 1 October. Further, that 154 from CALTANISSETTA arrived early morning of 2 October, but were too late to sail and have therefore been confined in 222 P.O.W. Camp.

Staff Captain, Sub-Area H.Q. Siracusa, informed me that 129 had sailed, not 118 from MODICA and ^{NOTO} ~~RAJOTA~~. He further informed me that the 154 prisoners would be returned to CALTANISSETTA.

H.W. Allen
Captain.

Ref. page 12. 13

The return called for see page 7 will produce the particulars required. Supt. has telephoned asking for the returns to come in quickly.

27/9/43. M.B.L.

noted

Spoke Mr. Lohman B.U.

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Noted by

Noted by

B.U.

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SECRET

IMPORTANT
CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

FOLIO NO 09334

24 SEP 43

21 SEP 1943

FROM: MIDEAST FROM CIVAFFAIRS
TO : AMGOT 15 ARMY GP CMF
RPTD: BEMA TRIPDIST BEMA CYRDIST
ORIG NO: OET/14065

TOO ~~XXX~~ 1905
THI NIL
TOR 0437B/25

YOUR CITE AMGOT 257 OF 17 SEP.

NOMINAL ROLLS REQUIRED IN DUPLICATE FOR TRIPOLITANIANS AND CYRENAICANS
SHOWING ONE NAME TWO PLACE ORIGIN THREE CABILA FOUR OFFENCE FIVE
SENTENCE SIX DATE OF COMMITTAL TO PRISON. WHEN THESE ARE RECEIVED
PRISONERS CAN BE ACCEPTED IF SENT UNDER GUARD. SIGNAL ETA AND PLACE
OF ARRIVAL.

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AMGOT 4 ACTION



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C.P.S.

To see above.

ACTION

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We shall not get all the info. but that cannot be helped.

26/9.

C. P. S.

- To see 9 is reply to 5 .
I was afraid we would not succeed .
2. Have any memorial rolls arrived ?

T.B. 25/9.

DCSO

1. Fortbarr will now pass to
No 1 District but Capt Farrer is
not without hope .
2. Not yet.

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Bu to Riv.

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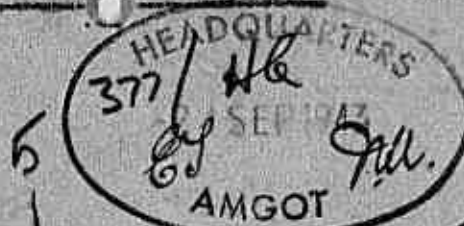
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SUBJECT: - Arab Prisoners of War in Sicily.

A Branch,
H.Q. FORTHASE.



AL/23/55
23 Sep 43.

(10)

Reference AMGOT/204/HQ of 17 Sep, 3091/3/A.2 of 21 Sep and
AL/23/44 of 19 Sep.

8 May the necessary action please be taken for the return of
these Arabs to North Africa.

H. Pauer.

AMGOT Liaison.
15 Army Group.

Captain,
Staff Captain.

Copy HQ Palermo. 5711

COPY.

SUBJECT:-- Arab P.W. in SICAN.

H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.I.P.

3091/3/A.2.

ALGOT Liaison,
H.Q. 15 Army Group.

21 Sep 43.

1. Ref your AL/23/14 dated 19 Sep 43.
2. It is not considered advisable that Arab P.W. should be accommodated in P.W. cages pending the arrival of disposal instructions, and there would seem no alternative but for them to remain in their present location.

Lt.Col. Ragnall
Colonel.
D.A.G.

Copy to:-- ALGOT H.Q. Palermo. Your ALGOT/204/HQ dated 17 Sep 43 Fortbase now deals with this and we are approaching them.

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Subject: Arab Prisoners of War in Sicily.

"A" Branch,
Headquarters,
15 Army Group Main.

AL/E3/44
19. Sep. 43.



Reference conversation, Col. Bagnall - Colonel Thorne
Thorne.

I attach copy of AMGOT/204/HQ dated 17. Sep. 43 as we
arranged. Please let me know in due course what action you have
been able to take.

RJPT/JG.

Copy to: AMGOT H.Q. PALERMO. ✓

Colonel,
S. S. O.,
AMGOT Liaison.

B.U. to 12.11
26/9

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SUBJ: Arab Prisoners

TO: S.C.A.C., Caltanissetta, Ragusa

2. Copy of letter AMCOR/304/HQ dated 17 September 1943 is forwarded for information.

2. It is now necessary to have rolls of the web prierees in greater detail giving

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|----|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. | Name | |
| 2. | Parent's Name | |
| 3. | Tribe | |
| 4. | Home of nearest living relative | |
| 5. | Regiment | |
| 6. | If native of | INDONESIA |
| | | ORIGIN |
| | | OR |

7. Reason for arrest and date.
8. If sentenced - offence and date.

No. 6 may be very difficult to obtain.

3. In order to obtain this information you are requested to obtain the services of a prisoner from among the Arabs who speaks Italian, feeling this you might be able to obtain the services of an Italian who can speak Arabic, as we have no person in MCGOT at present available.

4. You are then requested to forward the rolls in duplicate with as little delay as possible to this H. Q. marked Rolls of each Arab Prisoner.

5. The information available here is that 50 prisoners are at MONICA Prison, BAHIA, and 154 at Central Prison, CAIRATINSIMA. The particulars from NAFESA are fairly complete but the further detail asked for is necessary for the authorities in Africa.

6. It is advisable that these prisoners be concentrated in one locality pending transfer and it is proposed to have the 50 at MOBITA moved to CAMP BIRNIA and be ready for dispatch as soon as we know reception in Africa has been arranged. Further orders on this will be issued on receipt of rolls referred to in paragraph 3 and 4.

7. Plans for completion in accordance with paragraph 2, are forwarded.

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C. P.S.

I spoke reg. ⁴⁻⁵ ~~1-1~~ with Col. Martin.

I suggest that a copy of ⁵ ~~1-1~~ be sent to Ragusa with a request to both Ragusa & Caltanissetta that they forward immediately complete nominal rolls of all Arab prisoners in their hands.

2. I know a bit about the Arabs and to get his "name & number" so as to be recognizable at the other end is pretty difficult. I suggest that you will require (i) name (ii) father's name (iii) tribe (iv) name of nearest big town to which he normally resides (many of them are nomadic) (v) his regiment (if any) (vi) (and you will be looking to get it) whether he is a native of Tripolitania, Cyrenaica or Tunisia. Tunisia should be easy because they can be asked whether they were under French or Italians. Cyrenaica may be known to ~~the~~ ^{the} Barqua. I think it will be best to ask him for cause of arrest ^{Libyan} for inclusion in nominal roll because I am

pretty sure that M.B. will ask for it.

3. I understand that we can fly the command rolls to Cairo
once we get there.

17 Sep. 63

P.A.
for C-20.

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O ~~SECRET~~
17 September, 1943.

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Subject: Arab Prisoners of War in Sicily.

To : AMICE Liaison,
15 Army Group.

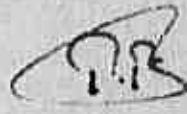
1. There are in the custody of the Italian prison authorities some 211 Arab natives of Libya who were brought to Sicily as P.O.W. by the Italians. Of these 166 are at Caltanissetta and 45 at Modica.

2. The U.S.A.O. wishes these Arabs to be returned to North Africa at earliest possible moment. A message has been sent to MILAN regarding their reception there and instructions have also been issued for the making out of nominal rolls by territories.

3. Meanwhile the men are an embarrassment to the prison Dept. apart from the fact that they would seem to merit better treatment than it is possible to give them in a prison. To liberate them in the island before repatriation is obviously out of the question. In the circumstances you are requested to approach 15 A.G. to see whether these men could not be accommodated in a P.O.W. cage until such time as they can be repatriated.

4. I may well be that Security may wish to process these men before they are repatriated and this could be done more ~~conveniently~~ ^{conveniently} from a cage.

5. It will be necessary to ask you to take steps to obtain transport for these men as soon as numbers and destinations are known.


CHARLES M. STOPPARD,
Colonel, U.S.A.
Chief Staff *Libya*

file.
AMGOT 15 ARMY GROUP.

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17 SEPTEMBER 1943.
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Routine

MIDEAST

ABOUT TWO ZERO ZERO NATIVES LIBYA IN PRISONS SICILY MOSTLY SENTENCED FOR
DESERPTION FROM ITALIAN ARMY PAREN FOR MIDEAST FOR CIVAFFAIRS CITE AMGOT
257 PAREN NOMINAL ROLLS FOR TRIFOLITANIA AND CYRENAICA BEING PREPARED(.)
HOW SOON CAN YOU ACCEPT AFTER RECEIPT NOMINAL ROLLS AND DO YOU REQUIRE
OTHER FORMALITIES.

5705

Subject:- Prisoners of War.

To:- AMGOT H.Q. Palermo.

From:- AMGOT, Province of Ragusa.



PR/S/1.

9 Sep 43.

43 At the beginning of Aug I spoke to C.C.A.O. about Arabs who are in jail at Modica.

He told me to get Syracuse to arrange with Fort Base for their repatriation, and I wrote to this effect.

I have since spoken to many of AMGOT H.Q. on the matter but nothing has been done.

I spoke to several of these men yesterday and it appears that the majority have received sentences from an Italian Military Court for desertion. They have no papers. There are 19 Sentenced to death, for life or long term imprisonment of whose offences the Italian authorities are ignorant completely. I request that steps be taken as soon as possible to repatriate these men.

See 7
14/9/43

See 7

W. H. H. H.

Ragusa.

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

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ARMY FORM 2133. (Pads of 100).

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUC- TIONS	IN	HEADQUARTERS 9 AUG 1943 204 Hq (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)	No. of Groups GR.	Serial No. OFFICE DATA STAMP PQ
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TO FIL POT FOR AMGOT

FROM AMGOT SYRACUSE Originator's Number SP 11 Date 6 In Reply to Number

129	Libyan	POW	will	move	by
rail	7	AUG	from	MOTO	to
SYRACUSE	and	embark	for	TRIPOLI	under
instructions	Mor	Fortbase			

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY

THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS.

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRECISE

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* Originator may delete "except" and insert "including."

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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AMGOT/264/HQ

25 July 1943

Memorandum for: S.C.A.O. - Siracusa

1. The C.C.A.O. has reported that there are 140 Libyan prisoners - all Arabs - in the jail at Noto. All are said to be political prisoners evacuated from Libya by the Italians with the exception of 3 common criminals. The prisoners are demanding their release and causing some disturbance in Noto. Arrangements should be made immediately for their evacuation to Tripoli.

2. Col. Thurburn and Major Elwes have asked that permission be obtained for fishermen to fish during daylight hours at Polzallo and Scigli. This permission will have to be obtained from the R.N. For your information the U.S.N. has given such permission at Gela and Licata.

3. The above matters were brought to the attention of the C.C.A.O. on his recent trip to Ragusa. Will you see that the proper action is taken.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief of Staff

ADVANCE AMGOT HQ
FORT BASE

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