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AMGOT/30/HQ

19 August 1943

Subject: Armistice Terms

To : Military Government Section

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1. The attached file is returned. It appears from the latest draft of the Armistice Terms, which we have in our possession (fifth draft of 5 June), that the preservation of meteorological stations is generally covered by paragraph 12.

2. The paragraphs reserving general powers to the United Nations (e.g. paragraph 23) are broad enough to authorize orders of the sort contemplated by paragraph 4 of the memorandum of 3 August, but a greater particularity may be desired.

3. It is assumed that later drafts of the Armistice Terms have been prepared. Accordingly, these comments are probably academic.

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

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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AMGOT/256/HQ

19 August 1943

Subject: Passes for AMGOT personnel

To : C.S. O.

1. It has come to the attention of this office that some of the Military Police of the VII Army have stopped AMGOT personnel and asked to see copies of orders authorizing their presence in the VII Army Area. In the absence of such specific authorization, Military Police have stated that they are required to refuse permission for personnel to pass.

2. Recently 1st Lieut. R. H. Major, Jr., MA.C. of the office of the Chief Surgeon, MATOUSA, came to Palermo, upon written orders issued in General Eisenhower's name, to perform certain duties required by his Commanding Officer. He stated in this office that the VII Army authorities had refused to permit him to remain in Sicily so that he returned to Algiers on the following day. The reason given was that he possessed no authority from the VII Army to be in that unit's zone.

3. It is difficult to reconcile this with paragraph 2 of the attached memorandum. It is believed worth while to furnish AMGOT officers, whose duties may require travel about Sicily, with written authorization so to do, and thereby avoid possible delays.

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D. GORDON CHEYNE
Colonel
Director Public Health

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

Encl.

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SUBJECT: Trials for II Corps

TO: *Senin Civil Affairs Officer, Caltanissetta Sicily*
 At: Major Edwin Mercer
 Legal Officer, Caltanissetta

There are two case involving five defendants to be tried at Nicosia, which it is desired you would assign to one of your staff to prosecute before a General Military Court to be appointed.

One case involves Battistio Cataldo and the other Tamburo, Lomaseo. They are charged with looting the bodies of dead Americans. There is a great quantity of clothing held as an exhibit at the Carabeneri station in Nicosia. Major Gorman heard the case as a Summary Military Court for the II Army Corps and committed the two cases for trial before a General Military Court. The two men are now held in the Nicosia jail.

The two witnesses were unavailable, but the report to the Provost Marshal is as follows:

Provost Marshal, II Corps

Two Italian civilians apprehended about 4 miles south Troina stripping clothing from American dead. Soldiers acting as guards are witnesses - Pvt Mike O Leach ASN 18024406, 77th FA 2 IN Hq Co; Pvt Joseph Keating 35355616 77th FA 2 IN Hq.

CO, 2nd Bn 77th FA (Signed)
 G.F. Brown, Lt. Col.

The other case involves Sutera, Giovanni, Sutera Sebastiano and Colo Giuseppe. We are enclosing a copy of the report made by Major Gorman.

The statement of Corporal Perry is at Speedy Rear (II Corps) headquarters and can be obtained from Col Damon Dan J.A.G.

The difficulty is that in both cases all of the witnesses went forward. It is suggested one of your legal staff visit Colonel Gurn and obtain the records. Inform him that Amgot will, if he desires, appoint a General Military Court to try the case.

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The person assigned should then ascertain where the witnesses are, and make arrangements for them to be present at a definite time at the Nicosia Municipio or Carabeneri Building. A General Military Court can then be appointed and the cases tried. The one making the investigation shall act as prosecutor, and a defense counsel can be named.

In the Battistio and Tamburo cases charges have been served on them. In the Sutera, Sutera and Colo cases the charges were read and explained to them, but not served. This will only require translating the Summary Court charge into

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In the Zattinato and Tamburo cases charges have been served on them. In the Sutera, Suterri and Colo cases the charges were read and explained to them, but not served. This will only require translating the Summary Court charge into Italian, and in the absence of the witnesses would be signed by the one to act as prosecutor.

Since II Corps may be moved and the officers may not be available, it is suggested prompt action be taken.

Please advise this office of the action as soon as possible.

For the Chief Legal Officer:

Lt Col. C.A.C. Hattr, Angot.

AMXOT/5617/1.S.
19 August 49

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Subject:- Cement Stock.

To:- S.O.A.O., Messina Province.

1. Cement is a very scarce commodity in Sicily, and there is said to be a cement plant in Messina. This plant should be inspected to see if it has coal, mail, equipment, etc., for possible operation.
2. You are directed to send to the Civilian Supply Division of AMXOT H.Q., an inventory of this firm's cement, coal, and bag stocks.
3. There are approximately 3000 tons of unmixed cement in Palermo, and if the Messina plant has an ample stock of cement bags, it may be possible to direct some to Palermo.
4. All stocks of cement and coal should be frozen for military and essential civilian use.

AMXOT HQ
13 Army Group

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C.M. STOFFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT:-- Bisho

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ANGOT/19/HQ.

19. Aug. 43.

S.C.A.O. NOTO.

Monsignore ANGELO CALABRITTA, Bishop of Noto, is one of four Bishops recommended to General Alexander by the Bishop of Gibraltar.

ANGOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

8. T. M. 6734
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD.
Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

SUBJECT:- Bishop.

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S.C.A.O. SYRACUSE.

19. Aug. 43.

Monsignore PARANZINI, Archbishop of Syracuse, is one of four Bishops recommended to General Alexander by the Bishop of Gibraltar.

AMGOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

S. Taylor
CHARLES M. SPOTFORD 6732
Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

SUBJECT:- Bishop.

AMCOT/19/HQ.

19. Aug. 43.

S.C.A.O. FNIA.

Monsignore Fr. ADDEO, Bishop of Nicosia, is one of four Bishops recommended to General Alexander by the Bishop of Gibraltar.

AMCOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

E. T. ...
CHARLES M. SPOTTON
Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT:- Bishops.

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19. Aug. 43.

S.C.A.O. CATANIA.

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Monsignore Fr. LEANZA S.Y., Bishop of Catania, is one of four Bishops recommended to General Alexander by the Bishop of Gibraltar.

AMCOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

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CHARLES M. SPOTTORD,
Lt. Col. C.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

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ALCOT/5034/CS
19 August 43

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Subject: Requisitioning of Warehouse for ALCOT

To : Lt. Col. Spofford
Attention: Lt. Rocca

Flora

1. Request is made that a requisition be filed immediately with G-4, 7 Army for the warehouse at the Aranello Chemical Company in the City of Palermo. A copy of the map of Palermo is not available, so I cannot supply you with one, but the warehouse is located on the coast road to Mondello one inch north of the point where the standard Palermo city map ends. It is 200 by 250 by 20 feet in dimension and about 5,000 tons in capacity.

2. This is fairly urgent because we have already put a shipment of flour in the warehouse.

ALCOT HQ
15 Army Group
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J. P. R. WHITE
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
D. C. S. R.

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AMCOT/5009/CS
19 August 43

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Subject: Electric Supply--Syrac

To : 1st Lt. Frank Posbles, Utility Engineer C.S.R. Div. AMCOT
c/o S.C.A.C. Syracuse and Catania

1. Reference copy of memorandum from C.O.A.C. AMCOT H.Q., 16 August 43, subject "Electric Supply".
2. Careful consideration should be given information contained in the memorandum. Report progress with respect to directive contained therein.

AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group
Jfl

J. F. R. SMITH
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
D. C. S. R.

Distribution: c/o SCAC Catania

Civil Supply Division.

C O P Y

In the course of my last tour I stopped at the Trabia sulphur mines between Riesi and Scusato, because I heard some machinery working. I discovered that under instructions from the C.A.O. (Captain Amico) the mine engineers had restarted a diesel generator to pump at least part of the mine. This led me to inspect the generating plant which I discovered consisted of 3 Franco Tosi diesel motors and three generators of which one set only was working. The total output of the three sets generating is 900 kw at 5000 volts (i.e., 300 kw per set).

It appears that the mine was formerly equipped with six generating sets before the plant was linked by high tension line to the grid at Caltanissetta. This high tension line is a spur from the main grid at Caltanissetta and supplies only the mine. When this spur was built, three of the motors of the six generating sets were removed for use elsewhere, and the three spare generators were left. These three spare generators and the spare parts of the three motors which survived it are enough to keep the plant going, and, according to the engineer can keep the installation running for the present. Diesel oil or naphtha is available from the big dump of which you are doubtless aware near Canicatti.

As you know Caltanissetta has no electricity owing to the interruption of the grid connection. Since as you know depends precariously on a mine generating set at Grottoaldo sulphur mine about half way between Enna and Piazza Armerina. This installation is in somewhat precarious condition and in any event it is only powerful enough to maintain the water level at the mine and give current for two hours a day to meet requirements at Enna.

The position at Enna is extremely serious and needs to be dealt with immediately. There were rumours current which the C.A.O. Enna had heard that it was proposed to divert the Grottoaldo current elsewhere, which would leave Enna with no electricity. Enna as you know is situated on the top of the hill and typhoid epidemic is likely if an adequate water supply is not restored.

Having regard to the three generating sets at the Trabia mine it would seem to be good policy to restore the high tension cable link between that of the mine and Caltanissetta as soon as possible. The distance is not great and the amount of material required to restore the line should not be enormous. I believe the line is a 20000 volt installation. ^{672.8} If an electrical connection between Enna and Caltanissetta could be restored we might find at least some temporary solution by the course indicated for relieving the Enna situation.

C. in C. 15 Army Group has given instructions to both Armies to report priority for the repairing of electrical power lines.

C O P Y

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Please take up the question of the Trabia Power Station and the repairing of the Caltanissetta line as soon as possible, and report progress. You should at the same time consider in the view of the precarious situation at Enna whether the generating plants should not cease pumping at the mine and devote its output to supplying water and light. I understand this may mean considerable impairing of the generator property and I should like to have as early as possible a minute on this matter.

(Signed)
Major-General
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

AKOT:HQ
15 ARMY GROUP
16 August, 43.

COPY

SUBJECT:- Ispiga C.A.O.'s Report.

S.C.A.O., RAGUSA.

Float AMGOT/289/HQ.

19. Aug. 43.

With reference to Ispiga C.A.O.'s report dated 11. Aug. 43, a copy of which was sent to you, please note as follows :

1. Food for Mothers and babies.
Public Health Division wish to know full details of the deficiency complained of. The Division can take no action on a report merely stating that the rations are insufficient.
2. Letty amounts of cash in Banks and Post Office Savings Bank.
The Financial Division state that they hope to be opening the larger Banks at the beginning of September and the smaller and Post Office Savings Banks some weeks later.
3. Means of Communication.
It will be some months before Postal or telephone communication is available in the outlying districts.
4. Electricity.
Licut. Peoples of the Civil Supply Division is ^{on tour} ~~in town~~ to make a report on this subject, and will be visiting your province in the near future. The whole question of radios, street broadcasting, and Cinema Shows is under consideration at this H.Q. and the help of the American Red Cross is being enlisted.

AMGOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

E. Talbot C. M.

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

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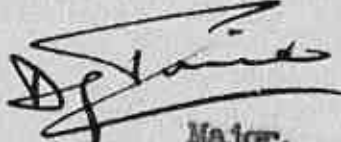
19th August 1943

Subject:- Yugo Slavs in Sicily.

To:- S.C.A.O.
PALERMO District.

1. Dr. Berislav Angjelinovic saw the C.C.A.O. this morning and attached telegram is being sent at his request.
2. C.C.A.O. requests that you make necessary provision for looking after Yugo Slav refugees that may be in the Province.
3. Dr. Angjelinovic will be calling on you to-morrow to discuss arrangements.

AMGOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.


Major,
Military Assistant C.C.A.O.

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Sp 5 B. for Holmes
~~Copy~~ MBS
HARR

Sent 19 Aug.

You will remember that I mentioned at our last meeting in Syracuse the importance of AMGOT personnel for Avalanche including 2 Officers, for A and Q branches respectively.

I have since given this matter further thought as a result of which I am the more convinced that these two branches should be represented. Further as the operation is largely American, I think that the "Q" officer should be an American. He should, however, familiarise himself with British "Q" organisation and arrange to draw, prior to departure, sufficient stocks of such things as Air Mail letter cards^{etc} as are required by British personnel. The British Officer to do likewise as regards U.S. "A" matters.

You will no doubt discuss details with Terence.

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Put Copy in file 102

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FOUR/FR

AMCOT HQ.

Subject: Medical Supplies.

19 August, 43.

To: S.O.A.O.
RAGUSA.

1. Re your letter 11 Aug. 43. See AMCOT, Public Health Division, Special Administrative Instructions 4 (29 July, 43) and 6 (19 Aug. 43.)

2. Also see memo to you dated 19 Aug. 43, re issue emergency supplies for Rosolini. Same procedure can be used to fill acute demands from other commands.

HEP

D. GORDON CHITZEL
Colonel, D. 6.724

2001
Subject: - Temporary Amendments to Italian Penal Procedure.

To: - The President of the Court of Appeal, Palermo. AMGOT/4001/L.

From: - The Chief Legal Officer, AMGOT, H.Q. 19th Aug. 1943.

1. I have studied with interest your memorandum of 13th August, and as a result of your recommendations, I agree that notwithstanding the provisions of the Italian Penal Code and Code of Penal Procedure, the following forms of procedure will be adopted to meet present emergencies:-

(a) The legal delay between date of service and date of trial to be reduced to 5 days.

(b) Articles 462 and 463 of the Code of Penal Procedure to be modified so that whenever witnesses or injured parties are absent or cannot be served by reason of the state of war, the Court may have power to dispense with their presence and to order that the evidence given by them before the examining magistrate should be read instead.

(c) Article 439 (requiring joint trial of joint defendants) and Article 414 (permitting separation during trial) to be amended to permit separate trial of joint defendants now in custody when it is impossible to produce all the joint defendants.

(d) The Court and Prosecution to have the right to grant provisional liberty even in cases set forth in Article 253 of the Code of Penal Procedure, whenever the offence is not serious or the circumstances in which the act has been committed do not justify the continuous detention of the accused.

(e) If in any case before it the Court is of the opinion that the minimum sentence for the offence charged is excessive under the circumstances of the particular case, it will forward the record to the Chief Legal Officer of AMGOT with its recommendations.

Please have prepared forthwith and submit to me as soon as possible a draft of the amendments required to carry out the above.

2. It is also agreed that Italian Civil Courts may proceed with the following urgent procedures:-

- "Appointment of receivers 'pendente lite' (deceased persons and creditors)."
- "Declaration of absence or of presumed death."
- "Judicial Separation of Spouses."
- "Measures to protect the interests of minors."

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(b) Articles 462 and 463 of the Code of Penal Procedure to be modified so that whenever witnesses or injured parties are absent or cannot be served by reason of the state of war, the Court may have power to dispense with their presence and to order that the evidence given by them before the examining magistrate should be read instead.

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- "Measures to protect the interests of minors."
- "Rights of Married Women."
- "Internment or release of Lunatics."
- "Orders concerning shares and bonds destroyed or lost."

Will you also submit in draft your proposals as to the Orders to be issued by the Allied Military Government to carry this into effect.

3. In future all judgments will be given "in the name of the Law". Please issue the necessary instructions to that effect to all judges throughout the Occupied Territory.

4. In conclusion, I wish to draw your attention to the fact that in regards to both criminal and civil courts, the following powers are reserved to the Allied Military Government:-

- (a) The right of attendance by a Civil Affairs Officer or Legal Officer at any court session:

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- (b) The right to revise any sentence or verdict;
 - (c) The right of recourse to the Military Governor by all defendants under petition by any party, when the claim is made that the judgment was affected by hostility towards the Allied Forces or was prejudicial to their interests;
 - (d) The confirmation of death sentences and the power of clemency being vested in the Military Governor.

I agree with you in regard to the opening of Civil Courts and hope to be able to give the necessary instructions to that effect shortly.

AMGOT, H.Q.

W. C. Anderson
Lieut. Col.,
Chief Legal Officer,
AMGOT.

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AMOT/201/12

19 AUGUST 1945

Flora

SUBJECT: Paroled Prisoners

TO: S.C.A.O.s

1. Pursuant to 7th Army instructions it was decided at a recent meeting of the Executive Council that S.C.A.O.s would be charged with the responsibility of paroled prisoners in their Provinces.
2. Accordingly there are attached hereto several copies of H.Q. 7th Army instructions concerning Parole of Prisoners of War (enlisted men) for distribution to C.A.O.s.
3. While it is recognized that C.A.O.s are probably familiar with the procedure outlined in the memorandum, attention is specifically directed to instructions contained in paragraphs (h) and (j).
4. Copies of forms referred to in paragraph (d) have already been forwarded for distribution to C.A.O.s. Additional forms are available at this Headquarters on request.

HQ AMOT
15 Army Group

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

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Copies to S.C.A.O.s
Agrigento
Caltanissetta
Catania
Enna
Messina (2)
 Capt. Benson
 Lt. Col. Storay
Palermo
Ragusa
Siracusa
Trapani
Piles (2)

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY

AFO # 758

27 July 1945.

Instructions for the Provost Marshal and Civil Affairs Officer.

Subject: Parole of Prisoners of War.

1. Prisoners of War in the custody of units of the Seventh Army may be released on parole subject to the following conditions:

(a) Only Italian soldiers (enlisted men), prisoners of war, whose permanent home and residence is in that part of Sicily now or later occupied by forces of the Seventh Army will be paroled.

(b) No prisoner will be forced to accept a release on parole. Enlisted men will submit their applications through a commissioned officer of the Italian Army.

(c) Where a prisoner desires a parole to a place other than his permanent home, he will be required to give reasons therefor, satisfactory to the Provost Marshal.

(d) The prisoner will be required to submit his application for parole on the form prescribed (copy enclosed) and the conditions enumerated therein will be carefully explained in the Italian language. The Provost Marshal is responsible that all paroled prisoners fully understand the conditions under which the parole is granted and the penalties for violation thereof.

(e) German prisoners will not be paroled.

(f) Prisoners needed for intelligence purposes will ⁶⁷²¹ be paroled.

(g) Military prisoners only will be paroled. Civilian internees will not be released from custody without the prior approval of G-2 in each case, after consultation with civil affairs.

(h) Applications will be submitted in triplicate; one copy when approved will be given to parolee, one copy will be transmitted to G-1 and one copy to the Civil Affairs Officer, Headquarters, Seventh Army. The Civil Affairs Officer will immediately transmit his copy to the appropriate Civil Affairs Officer in the vicinity of the parolee's designated residence or destination. The local Civil Affairs Officer may terminate any parole at any time.

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(i) G-2 agencies will furnish lists of individuals operationally dangerous who will not be paroled. Parolees on such lists will have their paroles immediately cancelled and will forthwith be taken into custody.

(j) The procedure for reporting is a direct responsibility of the appropriate field Civil Affairs Officer, who, within his means, will cause parolees to report to his office, or will have periodic inspections made of parolees by personnel under his supervision. Where deemed necessary, inspection of parolees may be made through G-2 agencies in cooperation with the local Civil Affairs Officer.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

ROBERT R. GAY
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

W.G. Caldwell,
Lt. Colonel, AGD.
Adjutant General.

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"A" plus:

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5 ea Division
5 ea Spec Brig.
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AMST/B.H.C.
18 August 43.

Float

Subject:- Restoration of Civil Telephone and Telegraph services in Sicily.

To:- Chief Signals Officer - 15 Army Group

1. Reference is made to Operation Instructions No. 15, 2 Aug 43 from your office, above subject.
2. In accordance with verbal instructions, Signal Officer AMST conferred with C.S.O. Portofino. Attached is copy of minutes of such conference together with letter of transmittal for same from C.S.O. Portofino.
3. Conference was had 12 Aug 43 by S.O. AMST with C.S.O. Eighth British Army. C.S.O. Eighth Army agreed that local and intra-urban telephone service be restored to civil use, subject to provisions of O.I. No. 15 under the supervision of AMST at all places south of a line Lombrata, Centuripe both inclusive, Paternò and Catania both exclusive.
4. It is understood your office will make necessary compliance with paragraph 2 of O.I. No. 15.
5. Attention is directed to the fact that co-ordination with respect to this matter has not been had with C.S.O., Air Formation Signals, T. A. F.
6. It is recommended ~~and agreed~~ that agreement made at 13 Aug 43 conference with C.S.O. Portofino, subject to provisions of covering letter of 15 Aug 43 be approved, and AMST be authorized to restore services as indicated.

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7. Agreement with respect to areas not in the sphere of direct interest of the Eighth U.S. Army is being worked on and will be submitted for approval.

For the C.S.A.O.:

H.C. AMICK
15 Army Group.

ds
CHARLES H. SPOTFORD.
Lt. Col., C.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

Distribution: C.S.O. - Eighth Army.

COPY

Subject:- Communications - Line - Policy.

HQ. PORTHAGE
Ext. 110
2596 X
15/5043

To:- H.Q., A.N.C.O.T.
PAINTER (for Signal Advisor)

Copies:- O.S.O., Main 15 Army Group.
"G" Portbase.

1. The attached Minutes of a meeting held in my office on 13 Aug 43 to discuss Civil Telephone and Telegraph communications have been submitted to the C.O.C. Portbase, who instructs me to say that he agrees to the minutes, that para 2 of 15 Army Group Operation Instruction No. 13 is to be strictly observed, and that the situation at Catania is to be reviewed with local A.G.C. officials before para 1(c) of the minutes is implemented.

2. Reference para (c) of the minutes. It has subsequently become necessary to operate in situ in the Central Telegraph Office, Syracuse, certain submarine cable terminal equipment.

/s/ D. CHAP
Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer,
Portbase.

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COPY

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT H.A. PORTBASE ON 13 AUG 45. 478

President:-

Col. C.D. GIAPP, C.S.O., Portbase.
Lt. Col. L.D. DUNN, US Sig. Corps, Signal Advisor to
AMCOT.
Lt. Col. D.J. CALIXTA, Liaison Officer, 15 Army Group -
AMCOT.
Capt. J.E. DAVIS, US Sig. Corps.

Reference Main 15 Army Group Op. Instruction No. 15.

1. The Civil telephone system in Portbase Area was discussed, and it was agreed, subject to C.O.C. Portbase Agreement:-

- (a) AMCOT is to take over, as soon as they wish, the maintenance and operation of the Civil auto switchboard STRAUSS, with its connected cabling.
- (b) The switchboard shall be split into two portions. The Military portion will have dialling facilities, to Trunks. The Civil portion will not have trunk facilities.
- (c) When CATANIA comes under command of Portbase, similar arrangements will be made.
- (d) All the existing Civil switchboards in Portbase Area shall be put back into service by AMCOT as soon as they require them, but no trunk facilities can be released at present.
- (e) No Civil telegraph equipment is required by the Army unless specially requisitioned. The equipment in Telegraph offices shall be put under care and maintenance by AMCOT until such time as they are in a position to restore Civil telegraph facilities.
- (f) Where lines are not required for Military use, AMCOT will be free to instal local telephone and telegraph intra-urban connections.

6717

AMCOT/5017/CS
18 August 43

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Subject: Copper wire

To : B.C.A.O. Caltanissetta

1. The attached authorization for withdrawal of copper wire from a captured Italian army dump at Rocca Palumba is in reply to your request to S.C.A.O. Palermo, which was referred to this Headquarters for action.

2. In the future all such requests should be referred to AMCOT Headquarters and the necessary authorization will be obtained from Seventh Army.

AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group
jfl

[Signature]
CHARLES H. SPOTFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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[Signature]

Subject: Billeting

AMCOT/209/110

Subject: Billeting

Florat

AMCOT/209/110

18 Aug. 43

To: S.G.A.O. Palermo.
C.A.O. Palermo City.
All H.Q. Officers (the latter in turn)

1. The billeting officer 7th Army has requested that all billeting for AMCOT be handled by one officer.
2. Lt. Rocklark, H.Q. AMCOT has been designated billeting officer and will make every effort to accommodate officers seeking billets.
3. Any officer who finds his own billet or needs a billet will requisition same through Lt. Rocklark.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer,

(RB)

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

AMCOT H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

Seen by Lt Rocklark 6715
and copy given to him
27/8. 67

ALLOT/5001/50
18 August 43

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Loat

Subject: Black Market

To : S.C.A.C. Palermo

The attached statement of a case of black market activity is referred to you for appropriate action.

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

ALLOT HQ
15 Army Group
JEL

6713

AMEOT/3004/CS
18 August 43

792

Subject: Black Market

Benedetto Marciano, 54 years of age, of Via Giovanni Verga No. 6, Monreale, by trade a barber, accosted me, Lt. W. L. Batt, Jr., in Via Roma this morning and offered to sell me a bottle of wine (marsala), worth an estimated 15 lire, for 100 Lire, in direct violation of Proclamation No. 8, Article 2. The bottle is in my possession. I turned Benedetto Marciano over to the Carabinieri, and he is now being held in the Questura in Piazza Vittoria, Palermo.

352

WILLIAM L. BATT, JR.
1st Lt., Infantry
Civilian Supply Division

6714

Subject:- 7 and 8 Army Boundary in
INDIA.

686.

Flatt

207/HQ

AMGOT HQ

18 Aug 43

To: AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group.

Reference your AI/6 of 11 Aug 43.

The CCAD agrees with the Boundary proposed in 15AG memo 8632/DCS of 12 Aug and most strongly supports the suggestion put forward in that letter that civil administrative boundaries be followed even if certain "island sites" on one or other side of the boundary have to be treated as exceptions.

T.B

CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

6712

Subject: Special Administrative Instructions
C.P. Division.

To: C.S.C.

Herewith special administrative instruction to A.C.Ps.
No.1 with supplement.

I shall be grateful if you would approve and distribute
to all S.C.A.Cs. and A.C.Ps.

6711

Lt. Colonel,
Controller of Property.

Flora
AMGOT/266/HQ

18 August 1943

Subject: Reports of Field Officers

To : S.C.A.O.s

1. It is requested that all C.A.O.s and specialist field officers be instructed to submit reports, through S.C.A.O.s to this Headquarters, emphasizing "lessons learned" in practical field experience.

2. It is believed that such reports, when consolidated, edited and published will be of considerable value to all field officers in the future. It is with this object in view that they should be written and they should contain any suggestions which it is believed would be helpful.

3. All reports should be collected by the S.C.A.O.s. The C.A.O. reports should be forwarded to C.S.O. and those of the specialist officers to the Head of the Division concerned.

CS
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., C.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

Distribution:
Agrigento
Galtanissetta
Catania
Enna
Palermo
Siracusa
Ragusa
Trapani

RHC
6719

BY AIR COURIER.

URGENT:-- POSTAL SERVICES.

SECRET.

AMCOT/2001/P.

1B. Aug. 43.

M.C.S., A.F.H.Q.,

ALGERIA.

For onward transmission to C.C.S. for ACWAR.

Reference your Fortune 343 of June 19 re AMCOT postage stamps.

Stamps so far advised as despatched total twenty eight million eight hundred thousand in nine denominations. Require that balance of first forty million be made up equally between fifteen and thirty centesimal denominations.

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AMCOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

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

6709

S.S.O.

Ref fol 6. No indent for medical supplies has been received in this office from the station in question.

The organisation for the issue of these is that all indents are supposed to come up here for scrutiny and are then passed for issue. There have been great difficulties but these are gradually being overcome.

A medical brick is to be issued to each Province to be broken up and issued as necessary under the orders of the Public Health representative of the Province all of which are now covered.

A signal will be sent today to S.C.A.O. authorising him to draw from Syracuse emergency medical stores to meet his immediate requirements and the officer in charge medical stores at Syracuse will be ordered to issue.

Lt. Col. MacDonald of this Division is proceeding to-day to Galtanassetta to organise the distribution of the medical bricks. A vehicle has been obtained to-day as a temporary to cart these round. These plans will it is certain effect a great improvement.

A circular on the whole subject will be issued to all S.C.A.Os and C.A.Os immediately.

6708

AMCOT/5025/CS
13 August 43

766

Subject: Water Supply--Modica Alta, Ragusa Province

To : 1st Lieut. Frank Peebles, Utility Engineer, C.S.R. Div. AMCOT
c/o S.C.A.C. Siracusa and Catania

1. Reference attached copy letter from S.C.A.C. Province of Ragusa, above subject dated 13 August 43.
2. Direct that you take necessary steps to relieve the water situation at Modica Alta.

AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group
JFL

J. F. R. WHITE
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

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6707

ANGOT/5002/03
18 August 43

768/9

Subject: Solid Fuel

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

1. C.C.A.O. reports that there is only one week's supply of coal for use by flour mills at CANICATTI, MELA, SOSSATEO, and RISSI.
2. C.C.A.O.'s at those towns should have applied to you if they are out of fuel. Nothing can be done by this HQ to assist until S.C.A.O.'s report the quantity and exact nature of fuel which is on hand in their provinces, and similar details of fuel required.
3. This matter will be discussed at S.C.A.O.'s conference on 21 August.

ANGOT HQ
15 Army Group
JFI

Lt. Col., R.A.S.C.
Deputy Director Civilian
Supply and Resources

Slout

6706

SUBJECT:- Prisoners War.

AMGOT/231/HQ.

18. Aug. 43.

FREEDOM for G. in C.

Reference your No.3(4) PHIGS of 11.Aug. Folio 00499.

Cannot handle P/W correspondence in either direction for two or three weeks at earliest owing lack of communications in Sicily.

Will advise further as soon as possible.

Flour

A.P. Brassley Smith
Col.
CFO.

AMGOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

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

6705

SUBJECT: Information Files.

File *Float* *682*
A T/246/HQ.

S.C.A.O.
Agrigento Province.

1. Reference your memorandum of 14 August 43.

280 copies of the information file were mimeographed in Algeria. All these have been issued except for five copies. As amendments and additions were issued by Divisions these were sent out in bulk to the best addresses known in order to bring up to date the copies issued. From many reports received they have obviously been lost or held up.

2. A revised edition is being printed, but this will take time.

3. In the circumstances the best that this H.Q. can do is to forward an endorsed copy and ask you to indicate what essential reprints you require in order to provide at least one complete copy for Provincial H.Q. and each District. Copies will then be made here and forwarded to you.

4. *The copies sent by mail can be returned by you.*

ANGOT HQ.
15 Army Group.
18 Aug. 43.

C.B.
jr CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

HEADQUARTERS AMCOT
15 Army Group
APO 777

AMCOT/2030/F

18 August 1943

Subject: Claims

To : Col. Thorne-Thorne, S.S.O.
AMCOT Liaison Officer,
15 Army Group HQ.

1. A question has arisen as to the final agreed policies in the settlement of claims.
2. It is understood that AMCOT is to submit all claims presented to the Army for settlement.
3. Information as to the manner in which 15 Army HQ Group, 7th Army and 8th Army have arranged to handle such claims is requested.


CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

6703

HEADQUARTERS AMGOE
15 Army Group
APO 777.

AMGOE/290/HQ.

18 August 1943

Subject: Report of C.A.O. of Rivona on
Italian Military Hospital.

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

1. The recommendation of the S.C.A.O. of the Province of Agrigento that action be taken to return the E/M of 30th Inf. to their unit is approved.
2. The recommendation that Italian military wounded be evacuated and that Italian doctors are left to care for the civilian population is approved.
3. The C.A.O. of the town of Rivona is directed to take necessary action with regard to all approved recommendations.

CS
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., U.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

6702

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AMCOT/43/1

18 August 1943

Subject: Provincial Circulars, Trapani

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

1. This will acknowledge receipt of Provincial Circulars Nos 1 and 2.

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

AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group

6701

Subject:-

Financial Proclamations

Float

667

AMCOT/22/19

17 Aug 1943

To:- AFHQ.

For Assistant Financial Advisor.

Herewith are enclosed Proclamations #3, #5, #10 #12, and General Orders #1 and #2, being all Financial Proclamations and Orders issued to date, as requested by Assistant Financial Advisor, AFHQ., through main HQ 15 Army Group.

[Signature]
for C.M. SPENCER,
Lt. Col.
Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

AMCOT HQ.
15 Army Group.

6700

float file

ASST/SG/11
12 JANUARY 1944

656

SUBJECT: P.O.W.s in Civilian Hospitals

TO: S.C.A.C.s

It is requested that an immediate check of all civilian hospitals in your Province be made in order to determine

- (a) Number of registered Italian and German Prisoners of War held in such hospitals.
- (b) Whether the hospitals contain any patients, who, while not registered as Prisoners of War, should be considered as Prisoners.

ASST HQ
15 Army Group

Copies to all S.C.A.C.s

Charles H. Spafford
CHARLES H. SPAFFORD,
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

6699

SUBJECT:- Italian Language Newspaper.

Float 681
AMCOT/7001/PR.

To : 2nd Lieutenant John W. Atkinson, C.M.P.

37 August 43.

I have read your plan for an Italian language newspaper to be published by AMCOT with considerable interest and admiration for the thoroughness with which you worked it out. But since, in the division of labor, the matter has fallen into the province of PWB, who are publishing "Sicilia Liberata", I think you will agree that we will be unable to enter the field.

The plan is returned herewith.

AMCOT HQ.
15 Army Group.

C.B.
CHARLES E. HIGHTON,
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

6693

General Officer Commanding in Chief,
12th Army Group

225/HQ.

Since my arrival in Sicily, I have to report a substantial change in public sentiment. From being, and adopting the attitude of, whipped dogs or fleeing yuppies immediately after the landing of the Allied troops, the Sicilians, of all classes, have reacted. They seem to me again to be becoming thinking, emotional and definite human beings.

As a whole they accepted the Allies as liberators. They have not ceased to do. As a whole they are still friendly and anti-Fascist. They have been perhaps somewhat disillusioned by the behaviour of the Allied troops, and this is more marked as I judge in the 8th Army than in the 7th Army area: but they have not as yet displayed resentment. Superficially they are no doubt aware that the advent of the Allied troops has not meant a reign of plenty; and I should say that they generally accepted so long an active operations in the island were in progress, that the needs of the troops came before civil requirements. They have been disappointed and impatient at the delay in completing the conquest of the island. But while this is attributed to the German troops in the island, there is probably an undercurrent of feeling that with the numerical preponderance of the Allied troops and their vastly superior equipment, they might have driven the Germans out before. Of what happens in Italy, or hereafter there seems to be little heed. The successful landings of July meant peace and liberation for Sicily.

The "liberation" propaganda and the intense anti-Fascism of the Sicilian has led him to regard himself almost as a good ally. The consequences of not so being treated may be more serious. From an attitude of fearing the Sicilian has begun to ask, and in the larger centres to demand.

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From the first moment of landing and the publication of the first proclamation, political activity, so long repressed outwardly under the Fascist regime, began to manifest itself in the formation of Communist, Socialist, Democratic - Liberal and Separatist groups. The official ban on political activities has probably done little to prevent discussion or the cohesion of groups which probably pre-existed the landing and in certain cases had survived underground since pre-Fascist days. Of these groups, all of which are ^{extremely} Anti-Fascist, the Communist and Separatist movements seem to be the most vocal.

The Communist and extreme Socialist elements fall into two classes

the intellectual or middle class group, and the true proletarian group. The former is not now of any but passing interest; it seems rather stronger in the east than in the north or North-East which is, and seems for a long time to have been rather more monarchial and feudal. The rivalry between Palermo, with its ancient associations as the capital of Sicily and Catania with its commercial activity may accentuate this regionalism, just as there is a surviving liberal-clericalism in the centre of the island perhaps because Don Sturzo the founder of the clerical Partito Popolare Italiano of the '20s was born at Caltagirone which remained to the end, dyed-in-the-wool anti-fascist. The proletarian Communism lives in some urban elements but mainly in the sulphur mining communities of the centre and south. Here during the period of the few days between the landing and the establishment of an Army administration some demonstration of violence to private property and justice attempts to set up Soviets or communist town councils occurred.

Of far greater importance than any Communist movement is the Sicilian Separatist or Independence Movement. I had tried before Operation Husky to obtain some data on the Sicilian Separatist movement from special sources. I had suspected its existence from previous knowledge of Italy. But I obtained no sort of insight or hint of such a movement, which however has since given proof of definite existence.

From the first moment of our landing when my officers took charge, they have been assailed by Sicilian Separatism and expressions of the hope of people of all classes and all over the island that the liberating mission of the Allies involved the separation of Sicily from Italy. It is difficult to say how far the Sicilian Independence movement is associated with the political views of the groups I have mentioned. Probably all the groups are

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The Sicilian Separatist movement is of course not a new element in Italian politics. Sicily was, after all, not 100 years ago independent of the rest of Italy as part of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies. And as the Bourbon rule had been, there remained in Sicily something of the glamour of at any rate nominal independence. During some 10 years, at the turn of the 17th and 18th Centuries, Sicily was in fact a British Protectorate against

3. From the mainland and during this period the island was given its own constitution drawn up by the British Representatives in Palermo. For the first fifty years of Italian Independence since 1870, Sicily in common with Southern Italy generally was grossly neglected by the Government of Rome and all the expenditure of the new Kingdom went to the North. During this period there was a veritable absence of education under less than some of which are still alive and in Sicily today. Theatricals, never popular in Southern Italy, was at a discount in Sicily. In consequence freedom not only did nothing to weld Sicily into a homogeneous Italy but indeed provided another, if underground, element of opposition to mainland Italy where the doctrine was more acceptable than on the island. It is therefore not surprising that the advent of the Allied Armies with a whirl of propaganda announcing that they were liberating the people of Sicily should have given impetus to the Separatist idea which now claims Allied support from these provisions of liberation and from the terms of these Allied announcements which specifically refer to the freedom of people to choose their own form of government.

Within a few days of the occupation of Palermo a Committee for Sicilian Independence was formed. A manifesto was printed as a handbill and posters were put up in the streets. This was stopped and the persons concerned warned that all forms of political activity were forbidden. There is no reason to suppose that the activity of these people has ceased or that they are not still meeting covertly. Among the leaders of the movement are, as might be expected, members of the Decca family who have always been associated with Sicilian Separatism and have equally always been Anti-Theodist. Pinocchio Aprile a pro-Theodist under Secretary of State and a Sicilian by

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Phaedon-Apple is a pro-Banadist under Secretary of State and a Sicilian pro-origin is also in the forefront of the movement. He served in Italian pro-Banadist governments in the departments of War and Finance. He is somewhat glib and not very outstanding in ability. In addition to these a number of land owners, and the normal type of doctor and lawyer are associated with the movement. I have owned all these of whom I have knowledge ⁶⁶⁹⁵ warned that under Military Government political activities of this nature are not permitted. I have personally warned Alessandro Tapan and Phaedon-Apple. But I do not flatter myself that these warnings will have much effect; from the point of view of the leaders, the movement is clearly not one to be lost if they are to achieve anything.

I have reason to believe that the leaders of the movement in Palermo meet frequently in private. They have had one and probably ^{two} several less formal meetings attended by representatives from other parts of the island. They have drawn up a programme for creating a Sicilian Republican Government with the high floor and exhibition programs which one might have expected, including the creation of armed naval, military and air forces, and a seat at the Peace Conference. No reference is of course made to the assumption of any part of the Italian State debt. I have informed Finocchiaro-Avile from whom I received this document under a covering letter addressed to me personally that the activities of the committee were highly improper and must cease on pain of retributive action.

The other element which may be of considerable importance is the Mafia. This organization is less a secret society than an attitude of mind which no Italian Government has yet succeeded in stamping out completely though Mussolini made a strenuous effort to do so when he sent Mori as prefect to Palermo in the '25-'30 period. The movement was then brought under control and suffered a decline. But many of the long sentences which were awarded in the trials which followed Mori's campaign have recently come to an end and many of the prisoners are probably now at large. Those who have not been liberated are probably still in convict stations or in compulsory *lavori* in the islands. Generally speaking these men will be rebellious, and really, anti-Nazist, but they are not people to whom clannishness can safely be extended on the grounds that they are political prisoners who have suffered at the hands of the Fascists. While the Mafia is primarily a "robber" organization for blackmail, extortion, and robbery, it formerly also played a role in the

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There is some evidence of Mafia activity increasing. There ⁶⁵⁹² are one number of a kind over which looks like Mafia work. The aftermath of war and the breakdown of central and provincial authority provide a good culture ground for the virus. The only formation capable of dealing with the Mafia with proper support is the Corps of Carabinieri. These with Civil Affairs Police Officers and military police may be able to check a ⁶⁵⁹³ growing

of activity. I say deliberately "may", because with the "Quarta", or Sicilian code of honor, which precludes recourse of the injured parties even in cases of murder to the Government, it has been notoriously difficult to secure evidence of guilt, of even willingness to make changes.

I conclude this somewhat superficial review of the political situation with a repetition of the warning that the first fine flash of enthusiasm and friendly reception of the Allied troops is over. The Sicilian has remained friendly and generally has accepted the consequences of invasion with fair grace. But he is already complaining that food is not available, that railways and telecommunications do not work, and that a new administration has not replaced the old one. The delay in carrying the massive remainder reposed on public opinion. The moral effect of the wealth and preponderance of the Allied war machine with its, to the local population, stupendous equipment was to some extent impaired by the continued resistance of German troops in the Island, when all resistance seemed to have collapsed in the first 10 days of the campaign.

The gamble of sending single Civil Affairs officers to take charge of large districts with no escorts and little or no transport from the very first moment of occupation without regard to their personal safety was successful. I am not aware of any case of hostility or discourtesy to an Allied Civil Affairs Officer since the landing. I am sorely aware of my own anxiety whether the experiment would succeed without some incident or even attack on my officers by stray Italian soldiers or by hostile local element or angry mobs when in the first days food was really very precarious and scarce. The risk is not one which can be taken as a precedent in other countries or necessarily all other

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While I do not anticipate that public opinion in the near future in which we now are living will bring about any fundamental change in the attitude

of the population to the Allied occupation and Military Government, I consider it necessary to state that local conditions will become more, rather than less, difficult for the offshoots under my command. It may be necessary, where troops are not normally quartered after the occupation is complete, to provide guard companies for reasons of prestige and openly to display the authority of the Military Government. But at any rate, so far, no combat troops have had to be used to preserve authority of public order, though patrols of troops in rest areas have been useless and valuable.

The local political situation will need watching because political conditions cannot be supposed nor should they be. But they do not add to the ease of administering districts where local factions have already made the choice of a new mayor almost impossible. The main difficulty will reside in finding enough offshoots with knowledge of Italian and experience to guide political activity. For this purpose AMOT is not particularly well equipped.

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Float

AMCOT/266/HQ

14 August 1943

SUBJECT: Housing Survey

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

1. Herewith a supply of Housing Survey forms which are self-explanatory.
2. Please submit to this office in duplicate within three weeks.
3. This data is urgently needed to enable this office to formulate rehousing policy prior to beginning of Fall rains and cold.

By direction of S.C.A.O.

AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group

Charles M. Spafford
CHARLES M. SPAFFORD, 6691
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer

ANGOT/266/HQ

24 August 1943

SUBJECT: Housing Survey

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

1. Herewith a supply of Housing Survey forms which are self-explanatory.
2. Please submit to this office in duplicate within three weeks.
3. This data is urgently needed to enable this office to formulate rehousing policy prior to beginning of Fall rains and cold.

By direction of S.C.A.O.

ANGOT HQ
15 Army Group

Charles M. Spafford
CHARLES M. SPAFFORD,
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer

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AMEOT/46/HQ.

20 Aug 43.

S.C.A.O.
Palawan Province.

1. Reference by AMEOT/46/HQ dated 11 August.
2. The attached handbill has been brought to the attention of the S.C.A.O.
3. He desires you to ascertain the printer of this handbill and to warn him formally to read Proclamation No. 11 Art. IV (about printing and circulating papers) and the penalties attaching to the breach of Military Government Proclamations.

AMEOT H.Q.
15 Army Group.

Major,
Military Assistant,
to Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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AMGOT/2631/34
20 August 1943

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For: S.C.A.O. Meeting - 20 August 1943
(Minute received too late to be included in Agenda)

Subject: Responsibility of S.C.A.O.s for AMGOT operations in Provinces

1. S.C.A.O.s will be responsible for all AMGOT activities in their respective provinces, subject to certain exceptions as to island-wide activities specified below.
2. All AMGOT personnel, including personnel of special divisions assigned to the provinces, will be responsible to S.C.A.O.s in all matters affecting AMGOT operations. Matters of breach of discipline will be handled by the senior officer (A) or (B), as the case may be, assigned to the province.
3. S.C.A.O.s will be responsible for assignments of personnel within the provinces. However, except in case of emergency, personnel will not be assigned to duty other than that for which they have been regularly assigned to the province without the consent of AMGOT HQ.
4. Communication by AMGOT HQ with personnel assigned to the provinces including specialist personnel, will be through the S.C.A.O. Communications to specialist personnel should be addressed as follows:

_____ through S.C.A.O. _____ Province

5. Except where impracticable, by reason of distance, time, or communication, AMGOT HQ personnel on inspection trips or on special missions will report to the S.C.A.O. in the first instance. Orders or instructions, except on technical matters, will not be given directly to personnel in the field by HQ officers.

6. The following agencies and activities, by reason of their special character, will be handled directly by AMGOT HQ:

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| (a) | AMFL, |
| (b) | Trunk line railways and other railways crossing provincial lines, |
| (c) | Post offices and postal systems, |
| (d) | Telephones, |
| (e) | Telegraphs, |
| (f) | Electric utilities, except local utilities not inter-connected with island grid, |
| (g) | Sicily reformatory, |
| (h) | State prisons, |
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- (h) State prisons,
- (i) Social insurance systems,
- (j) Courts of appeal,
- (k) Courts of assize.

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AMGOT HQ personnel handling any of the foregoing may be temporarily or regularly stationed in the provinces. They will be responsible to AMGOT HQ directly and will communicate directly with AMGOT HQ. They should, however, make known their presence and the nature of their duty to the S.C.A.O. in the first instance.

7. When certain activities, which are local in character, assume interprovincial or island-wide aspects, they may also be handled directly by AMGOT HQ. Examples of such activities are:

- (a) Interprovincial supply and transport
- (b) Interprovincial movement of labor

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- (c) Evacuation of refugees
- (d) Registration and evacuation of lost and refugee children
- (e) Apprehension of criminals or suspects who have crossed provincial boundaries.

The organization of the activities such as the foregoing on interprovincial basis will be the responsibility of the special divisions. Each of these activities will be coordinated with local arrangements of S.C.A.O.s in the same field. Where the local arrangements are in conflict with and operate to obstruct the interprovincial or island-wide arrangements, the latter will prevail.

Subject:- Medical Stores for MESSINA

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ANGOT/3002/H

20 Aug 43

Officer in Charge, ANGOT Medical Stores GALTANISSETTA.
(Through S.C.A.O. GALTANISSETTA)

1. Urgent need for medical and surgical supplies in MESSINA.
Prepare list of bricks for MESSINA Province.
2. ANGOT MESSINA advised that brick will be ready for collection
by them at GALTANISSETTA on 21 Aug 43.



D. GORDON CHETNE,
Colonel,
Director of Public Health.

ANGOT HQ
15 Army Group.

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Subject:- Medical Supplies.

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ANGOT/3002/PA

20 Aug 43

Memorandum to: Capt Anthony Pino, Medical Officer, MENMINA.
(Through Civil Affairs Officer)

1. Request for drugs and surgical supplies received.
2. Officer in Charge, ANGOT Medical Stores, CAITANISSETTA advised to have truck ready for collection by you on 21 Aug 43.
3. This Division has no canned milk and cereals for distribution. Request was referred to Civilian Supply Division.
4. Suggest future requests be more specific.

ANGOT HQ
15 Army Group.

R. CEDON CHODOS,
Colonel,
Director of Public Health.

Subject: - SCAO's Meeting

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ALGOT/263/HQ

20 AUG 43

To: ALL SCAOs

From: CCAO

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I know that all Headquarters divisions want more information and written work than can be achieved. But SCAGs must realize that Headquarters want uniformity. We are now a government and not a collection of parishes.

I will tell SCAGs what we know, want and fear. They will decide how we can help them and what we just don't understand.

ALBON HQ
15 Army Group.

Major-General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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MOST SENSITIVEAGENDA FOR SOAO MEETING

20 Aug. 1943

AFTERNOON SESSION 13.00 hours

1. Introductory Remarks by C.C.A.O.
2. Report from S.C.A.O.s -
 - (a) Political
 - (b) Welfare and Health
 - (c) Financial
 - (d) Civilian Supply
 - (e) Civilian and Military Courts, other legal reports and security
 - (f) Italian personnel.

MORNING SESSION 09.00 hours

3. Matters to be brought up by Headquarters
 - (a) Headquarters Staff
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 - (2) Extension of 10 kilometre restriction on circulation of individuals.
 - (3) Authority to grant arms permits under certain restrictions (Appendix 'C').
 - (4) Permission to authorize real estate sales up to L.500,000.00 (Appendix 'A').
 - (5) Desirability of eliminating the title "Podestà".
 - (6) Material to be included in S.C.A.O. reports (Appendix 'A').
 - (7) Instructions re parole of Prisoners of War (Appendix 'B'). and reporting of same.
 - (b) Public Health Division.

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(b) Public Health Division.

- (1) Available Medical Supplies.
- (2) Weekly reports re hospital situation, medical personnel and communicable disease.

(c) Public Safety Division.

- (1) Police personnel.
- (2) Mafia and lawlessness.

(d) Property Control Division.

- (1) Records and Inventory of State Property.

(e) Public Relations Officer.

- (1) Reception of P.L.M. radio broadcasts in the field.
- (2) Possibility of re-installing town-wide loudspeakers.
- (3) Distribution of papers and news.

(F) Financial Division

(1) Scale of wages and relief now being paid in Provinces.

(G) Civilian Supply Division

(1) Grain - collection and control.

(2) Rationing - winter 43-44, clothing and leather.

(3) General Orders Nos. 4 and 5.

(4) Fuel - requirements, stocks, conservation.

(5) Reconstruction of agriculture administration.

(6) Labor - proposed re-organization and present wage levels.

(7) Transportation - Proposal of inter-island plan; restriction to essential uses.

(8) Power - restrictions on use.

(9) Industry - starting of essential industry.

(10) Imports and Exports - Policy and control.

(11) Fishing - Latest information.

CHARLES K. SPORFORD
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer

Subject:- S.C.A.O. Reports.

Appendix "A"

To: S.C.A.Os. All Provinces.

The C.C.A.O. directs that S.C.A.Os will submit reports as follows :-

1. Public Health. To be prepared by the representative of the Public Health Department in accordance with Public Health Special Administrative Instructions No.5.

This report to be sent direct to Public Health Department to arrive on Monday of each week. N.B. It is realised that until conditions generally are more settled, the punctual arrival of this report may be difficult to achieve.

2. Legal. To include the following information :

- (a) Summary court cases disposed of during period.

Acquitted
Convicted.

- (b) Cases pending.

- (c) Cases committed for trial.

This report to be sent direct to Legal Division to arrive on third day of each month.

3. Public Safety. To include the following information.

- (a) Arrests during the period for offences against -

(i) Italian Penal Code.
(ii) Local ordinances.
(iii) Military Government Proclamations.

- (b) Prison (other than State)

(i) Awaiting trial and on remand.
(ii) Committed to prison during period.
(iii) Released from prison during period.

This report to be sent direct to Public Safety Division to arrive on third day of each month.

4. General Report. This report to be sent to Chief Staff Officer to arrive on third day of each month.

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4. General Report. This report to be sent to Chief Staff Officer to arrive on third day of each month.

To assist in the preparation of this General Report the following headings are brought to your notice:

- (a) Morale of Population.
- (b) Political tendencies.
- (c) Removal of Officials.
- (d) General state of crime.
- (e) Discipline and reliability of Carabinieri and other Police Agencies.
- (f) Currency, Social Insurance, Taxes etc.
- (g) Wages and prices.
- (h) Raw materials and crops.
- (i) Labour.
- (j) Education.
- (k) Air Raid Precautions.
- (l) Fine Arts and Monuments.

It is emphasized that these headings are listed for your guidance and it is not intended that you should necessarily limit yourself to these subjects when preparing your report.

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
APO # 758

Appendix B

27 July 1943.

Instructions for the Provost Marshal and Civil
Affairs Officer.

Subject: Parole of Prisoners of War.

1. Prisoners of War in the custody of units of the Seventh Army may be released on parole subject to the following conditions:

(a) Only Italian soldiers (enlisted men), prisoners of war, whose permanent home and residence is in that part of Sicily now or later occupied by forces of the Seventh Army will be paroled.

(b) No prisoner will be forced to accept a release on parole. Enlisted men will submit their applications through a commissioned officer of the Italian Army.

(c) Where a prisoner desires a parole to a place other than his permanent home, he will be required to give reasons therefor, satisfactory to the Provost Marshal.

(d) The prisoner will be required to submit his application for parole on the form prescribed (copy enclosed) and the conditions enumerated therein will be carefully explained in the Italian language. The Provost Marshal is responsible that all paroled prisoners fully understand the conditions under which the parole is granted and the penalties for violation thereof.

(e) German prisoners will not be paroled.

(f) Prisoners needed for intelligence purposes will not be paroled.

(g) Military prisoners only will be paroled. Civilian internees will not be released from custody without the prior approval of G-2 if **6582** case, after consultation with civil affairs.

(h) Applications will be submitted in triplicate; one copy when approved will be given to parolee, one copy will be transmitted to G-1 and one copy to the Civil Affairs Officer, Headquarters, Seventh Army. The Civil Affairs Officer will immediately transmit his copy to the appropriate Civil Affairs Officer in the vicinity of the parolee's designated residence or destination. The local Civil Affairs Officer may terminate any parole at any time.

(i) G-2 agencies will furnish lists of individuals operationally dangerous who will not be paroled. Parolees on such lists will have their paroles immediately cancelled.

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(i) G-2 agencies will furnish lists of individuals operationally dangerous who will not be paroled. Parolees on such lists will have their paroles immediately cancelled and will forthwith be taken into custody.

(j) The procedure for reporting is a direct responsibility of the appropriate field Civil Affairs Officer, who, within his means, will cause parolees to report to his office, or will have periodic inspections made of parolees by personnel under his supervision. Where deemed necessary, inspection of parolees may be made through G-2 agencies in cooperation with the local Civil Affairs Officer.

To command of Lieutenant General Patton:

ROBERT R. GAY
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

W.G. Caldwell,
Lt. Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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SECRET.Appendix "C".

Subject:-- Authorising private watchmen and agents of Isolated Farmers.

AMCOT/1011/FS.

19. Aug. 43.

S.C.A.Os. AGRIGENTO PALESTINO
CALTANISSETTA RAGUSA
CATANIA SYRACUSE
ENNA TRAPANI
MESSINA (2)

1. In certain sections local chiefs of the Carabinieri, Finance Guards and Agents of Public Security have recommended that authority be granted to reappoint private watchmen of large landed estates in order to assist them in the maintenance of order in rural areas.
2. If after consultation with your Provincial C.A.P.Os such action appears necessary, authority is hereby given to permit the above organisations to reappoint the necessary number of private watchmen. They should be engaged as "special police" and a strength report should be submitted to the S.C.A.Os by the organisations employing them at least once a week. The "special police" will be permitted to carry shotguns and not in excess of ten cartridges.
3. In some other isolated areas farmers have felt obliged to maintain watchmen to protect their crops from thieves.
4. Discretionary authority is hereby given to permit limited numbers of residents of such areas to have firearms and a limited amount of ammunition for the purpose of protecting their properties and crops. Persons so authorised will not be permitted to bear arms or carry ammunition off their own property except for the purpose of guarding the properties of other residents in their own immediate locality. The local police will be instructed to keep a strength report of persons so deputised together with a report of arms and ammunition held, and to submit it to the local C.A.P.O. for transmission to S.C.A.O.

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AMCOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

CHARLES M. STOFFORD
Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

Subject:- SCAO's Meeting

GOT/263/HQ

20 Aug 43

Memorandum to Division Heads

1. In as much as all SCAOs have reported in this morning, they will be available for discussion with Division Heads to-day.
2. The SCAO's meeting originally scheduled for 0900 hours 21 Aug 43 will convene at 1800 hours 20 Aug 43.

AMEOT HQ
15 Army Group.

Charles M. Sportford
CHARLES M. SPORTFORD,
Lt-Col., G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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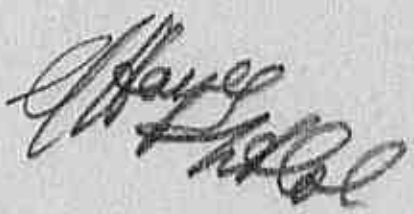
Memorandum

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

1. Reference is made to your memorandum 17 August 43 in which you request information concerning inter-provincial transportation of grain and island wide scale of rations.
2. Based on ^{available} statistics Palermo Province should this year raise sufficient grain to feed the population as per the prescribed rations for a period of seven months. While it is realized that the figures may not be accurate, still, even though this year's production is lower than the average of the past three years, grain in this province should not as yet be exhausted; and I am sure that when your reports are completed by your C.A.O.'s, you will find that you have enough grain for at least two additional months.
3. For your information, this Headquarters is considering inter-provincial transfer of wheat to wheat-deficient provinces; however, this will not be done until S.C.A.O.'s of these wheat-deficient provinces have scraped the bottom of the barrel within their own provinces.

ALSCOT HQ
15 Army Group
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CHARLES H. SPOTTED
Lt. Col., C. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer



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ANGOT/266/111

30 August 1943

Subject: Marking Location of Offices
To : S.C.A.O.s

1. It has been brought to the attention of this headquarters that some difficulty has been experienced in locating the office of C.A.O.s in a number of towns.
2. All C.A.O.s should be instructed to mark clearly their offices, to fly flags in front of the building and to post ANGOT signs with arrows pointing the direction at important cross roads in the town.

ANGOT HQ
15 Army Group

Distribution:
Galtanissetta
Agrigento
Catania
Enna
Messina - 2
Palermo
Ragusa
Siracusa
Trapani

Rue

CHARLES H. SPOTFORD
Lt. Col., C.A.O.
Chief Staff Officer

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A.M.G.O.T. PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION. 29 July, 1943SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 4.Attention S.C.A.O's, C.A.O.s and Medical Officers.Emergency Medical Supplies.

A supply of drugs and dressings for issue to civil populations is now available in Siracusa. The quantities are limited at this time and must suffice for the needs of the whole occupied territory until additional supplies on order arrive. Requisitions for medical stores will be prepared in accordance with the pro form below, and will be submitted to H.Q., AMGOT for approval by the Public Health Division and arrangement for issue by that Division.

It will facilitate the issue of stores if items of the same nature are grouped together in sections, for example: liquids, solids, surgical dressings, instruments, vaccines, etc.

Requisition for Medical Stores - AMGOT.

1. Name of Commune and Province.
2. Population:
 - a. Normal
 - b. Present old inhabitants.
 - c. Refugees in Commune.
3. Name of hospital or hospitals with number of beds in each.
4. Proposed method of distribution and use of requisitioned drugs and dressings in the community.
5. Nature and number of existing cases of communicable disease in the:
 - a. Commune.
 - b. Province.
6. Remarks on the health organization of the Commune and Province.

7. Item	Quantity	
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		Required.
(Submit in triplicate)		

8. Has possibility of use of captured medical stores or redistribution of supplies in Communes and Provinces been investigated?

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(Submit in triplicate)

8. Has possibility of use of captured medical stores or redistribution of supplies in Communes and Provinces been investigated?
9. What captured stores and large civilian supplies have been located (including those which Army Units have taken control of) (Give locations and inventories when possible).

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SUBJECT:- Roundup of Sicilian Prisoners.

AMCOT/201/HQ.

20. Aug. 43.

S.C.A.O. RAGUSA.

1. H.Q. have noted that during the invasion Sicilian prisoners were retaken.

2. It is suggested that if the names of the 25 recaptured men be furnished this H.Q. their release might be expedited.

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AMCOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

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

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SUBJECT:- Request for release of Italian Officer.

S.C.A.O. PALERMO.

AMGOT/204/HQ.

20. Aug. 43.

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1. Reference is made to H.Q. letter to S.C.A.Os. dated 16. Aug. 43 on subject of request for release of Italian Officers.
2. Enclosed is a request from the family of prisoner.
3. This case should be handled as per above referred to letter.

AMGOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

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

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AMGOT/005/CS

20 August 1943

Subject: Flour - Messina

To : Col. Seitz

Following our conversation earlier this afternoon, both the C.C.A.O. and D.C.C.A.O. say that shipment of flour to Messina has first priority and should start either by road or by sea tomorrow. The C.C.A.O. suggests arrangements be made with the Navy to coast 100 tons of the flour which has arrived here to Messina. Please coordinate this shipment with Col. Cheyne who will wish to send medical supplies.

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

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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AMGOT PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 6

ISSUE MEDICAL STORES.

In Special Administrative Instruction No. 4 AMGOT Public Health Div. dated 29 July, 43 (copy attached for easy reference), the machinery for the issue of drugs, dressings, etc. was explained.

2. There have been inevitable delays for many reasons and as a temporary measure it has been decided slightly to modify these instructions.

3. In cases of extreme emergency where the treatment of sick is likely to be affected adversely by delay in carrying out the procedure laid down in the above quoted instruction, the issue of the minimum amount of drugs, dressings etc. necessary to tide over the critical period will be made by the AMGOT medical store depots at SIRACUSA, CALITANISSETTA or PALERMO on the authority of any S.C.A.O. supported by a written recommendation from the

Provincial Medical Officer of the staff of the DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AMGOT.

4. All S.C.A.O.s and C.A.O.s are asked to bear in mind that medical supplies are available only in limited amounts and medical officers of AMGOT must scrutinise these requests for medical aid most carefully for it has been found that demands from one area if not would absorb all available supplies and were clearly out of proportion to reasonable requirements.

5. The squeezability of the medical orange has very definite

Div. dated 29 July, 43 (copy attached for easy reference), the machinery for the issue of drugs, dressings, etc. was explained.

2. There have been inevitable delays for many reasons and as a temporary measure it has been decided slightly to modify these instructions.

3. In cases of extreme emergency where the treatment of sick is likely to be affected adversely by delay in carrying out the procedure laid down in the above quoted instruction, the issue of the minimum amount of drugs, dressings etc. necessary to tide over the critical period will be made by the AMGOT medical store depots at SIRACUSA, CALIENISSETTA or PALERMO on the authority of any S.C.A.O. supported by a written recommendation from the

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Provincial Medical Officer of the staff of the DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AMGOT.

4. All S.C.A.O.s and C.A.O.s are asked to bear in mind that medical supplies are available only in limited amounts and medical officers of AMGOT must scrutinise these requests for medical aid most carefully for it has been found that demands from one area if not would absorb all available supplies and were clearly out of proportion to reasonable requirements.

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AMCOT/5016/C
20 August 43

Subject: Promotion for O.R.'s assigned to Civilian
Supply Division

To : Chief Staff Officer
Attention: Capt. Davis

1. Can vacancies be found in the British W/E for
the following ranks? This is roughly comparable to the
T/O allowance for U.S. Enlisted Men for this Division.

1 Staff Sergeant
6 Sergeants
2 Corporals

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AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group
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J. F. R. SMITZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
D. C. S. P.

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AMECF/5030/03
18 August 43

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Subject: Fresh fruit and vegetables

To : HQ Fortbase
AQ Branch

1. With reference to an inquiry made today by Lt. Col. Shipley whether fresh fruit and vegetables would be available for Eighth Army in Western Sicily, an approach has been made to GH Seventh Army, who states that he requires all fruit and vegetables available in this area except lemons.

2. It is therefore not considered worth while pursuing the matter.

AMECF HQ
15 Army Group

J. Hayes
Lt. Col., R.A.S.C.
Deputy Director Civilian
Supply & Resources

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TOOL/PRALGOT HQ.18 August 43.Subject: Press and Radio in Sicily.

To : SCAO - Agrigento
 Caltanissetta
 Catania
 Enna
 Palermo
 Ragusa
 Siracusa
 Trapani
 Messina - 2

The following information on press and radio in your province is requested. Replies should reach this headquarters before August 28:

1. Press.

- (a) Papers (daily, weekly, etc.) published in province before July 10.
- (b) Amount of newsprint paper on hand.
- (c) Difficulties such as war damage, shortage of supplies, and personnel that would be encountered if it were decided to reopen one or more of the papers.

2. Radio:

- (a) Please report whether the programs broadcast by the Palermo station nightly are heard in your province. (The hours are from 2000 to 2400; the frequency is 530 millimeters, 565 kilocycles.)
- (b) If "jamming" by the enemy makes programs unintelligible, please state time such interference occurs.
- (c) Loud-speaker systems were set up in many towns by the Mussolini government. Please report on possibility of putting them back into use again for broadcasting news, proclamations, orders, and announcements.

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Palermo
Ragusa
Siracusa
Trapani
Messina - 2

CONFIDENTIAL

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19 Aug 43

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AGENDA

Seventh Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hours
20 Aug 43, in the Conference Room.

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. Statement by C.C.A.O. on the powers and use of the Executive Council.
3. Relation between AMGOT Headquarters and the Provinces.
4. Forthcoming meeting with S.C.A.Os.

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Richard G. Crott
RICHARD G. CROTT,
Major, A.U.S.
Secretary Executive Council
AMGOT.

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group.

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Subject:- Restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services in SICILY.

M O S T S E C R E T

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AMGOT HQ

19 Aug 43

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 CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
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ALGOT.MOST SECRET.

Comm. No. _____

2 Aug. 43.

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 15POLICY - RESTORATION OF CIVIL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH SERVICES IN SICILY.

1. The rapid occupation of the greater part of SICILY and the co-operative attitude of the civil administration and population make it necessary to review the present policy regarding the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services. At present all such services are suspended.

It is essential to make the maximum use of these services, not only for the normal civil administration of the country, but for military purposes, in order to free military signal resources for other operations.

2. In order that the security aspect of this matter may be kept under view GS(I) and G2 at all army headquarters concerned will be kept informed of action which has been taken.

3. Within the general policy laid down in this letter Commanders 7th and 8th Armies will take every opportunity to facilitate the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services, detailed action being co-ordinated by their Chief Signal Officers and Civil Affairs Officers.

In areas not in the sphere of direct interest of armies such matters will be dealt with by the Signal Officer on the Staff of ALGOT.

4. All local, intra urban, telephone services will be restored to civil use, as far as possible having regard to essential military requirements, and will wherever possible be operated by civil personnel.

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8. As civil operated systems become stabilised and give satisfactory service, military personnel will be withdrawn wherever possible.

9. Responsibility for maintenance will be defined by Chief Signal Officers. The general policy will be to keep under military control all main routes, test points and switching centres carrying operational circuits. Within the policy of retention of military control civil operators and labour, skilled and unskilled should be employed as far as possible.

10. It is necessary that the policy set out in this letter should be put into effect with all speed in order to secure the early release from static employment of military signal resources.

(Sgd.) ????

Major General
C.C.S.

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AMGOT/2026/F

18 August 1943

Subject: Postal Censorship

To : S.S.O.
AMGOT Liaison
15 Army Group Main
FIELD

Slant

1. Ref. your AL/6/30 of 14 Aug. (2 letters):
2. It is confirmed that the points detailed in the Memorandum returned herewith have been approved by the G.C.A.^U.
3. The first delivery (item 1 (a) of Agreement) will be made at Palermo on and from Aug. 24th, and other towns (item 1 (b)) will follow as quickly as possible. It is understood that only a "spot" censorship will be made of this "town only" correspondence, but I suggest that at outset censors be stationed at Palermo and Syracuse. Position will be further discussed with ING Liaison before arrangements for item 1 (c) are set up. Copies of instructions relating to items 1 (a) and (b) will be forwarded in the course of a day or two.

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Colonel
AMGOT

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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AMC-4/2020/P
18 August 43

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Memorandum

To: S.O.A.G. Syracuse
(Attention Major Stamps)

Reference year SF/1 August 13

AMC-4 unable to provide personnel to supervise Syracuse-Vincini
railway at this time.

AMC-4
15 Army Group

J. F. D. SMITH
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

Distribution: Finance Officer ✓

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AMCOT/3011/08
17 August 43

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Subject: AMCOT requirements of P.O.L.
To : HQ 15 Army Group
ATTENTION: Brig.-General Hamblen

1. Urgent requests have been made by ST Portbase to this HQ. for detailed breakdown of AMCOT requirements of petroleum fuels. No similar request has been made by US VII Army, but petrol is in fact being drawn from them by SCAD's. In order to clarify the situation it is requested that instructions be given to both VII and VIII Armies to release petrol and lubricants to AMCOT as suggested below.

2. The following figures are estimates only, owing to lack of communications in the island and to the impossibility of estimating the number of vehicles, mills, etc. which will be operated by AMCOT; the figures are based on the number of vehicles, plants, etc. which it is hoped to operate in order to ensure the reasonable economic life of the island, and may be taken as maxima.

3. Total requirements:

Nafta	100 tons per month
Petrol	400 tons per month
Diesel (DMIV)	200 " " "
Kerosene	100 " " "
Lubricants	50 " " "

4. Large stocks of nafta exist on the island (2,000 tons) and have already been offered to AMCOT by Col. Craig, ST 15 Army Group. Since this fuel was intended for static plants on the island it is urged that all stocks should be handed over to AMCOT (teleprinter message Q 314 dated 13 Aug. from rear Eighth Army to 15 Army Group refers).

5. It is requested that other requirements be split territorially between US VII Army and Eighth Army, and that SCAD's be allocated monthly quantities initially as follows:

(a) Eighth Army

SCAD's Messina, Catania, Syracuse, Ragusa	
each Petrol	40 tons
DMIV	20 "
Kerosene	10 "
Lubricants	5 "

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HQ 15 Army Group

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17 August 43

1) VII ARMY

33AD's Palermo, Trapani, Mazza, Galtanisi, Agrigento

each Petrol	40 tons
DMV	20 "
Kerosene	10 "
Lubricants	5 "

6. Lubricants are based on slightly more than the British scale of 6% of the petrol requirement, owing to the age and previous disuse of vehicles and plants. Lubricants required are probably (British) Oil M160, Oil 6600, and Grease G3; (American) SAE 30, SAE 90, and Chassis Lub. No. 1.

For the C.C.A.O.

AMMOT HQ
15 Army Group

C. E. Spofford
C. E. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., C. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

Distribution: Col. Thorne-Thorne, HQ 15 Army Group
DDST Fortbase ref. 4677/322 dated 13 Aug 43

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[Signature]

COPY.

Subject:- S.C.A.Os Reports.

AMGOT/L/HQ

19 Aug. 43.

Lieut-Colonel Gerry,
H.Q. 8 Army Main.

1. I have received your closing report on the administration of Syracuse province covering the period of your administration until you handed over to Major C.H.A. French. I wish to take the opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the work you have done in Syracuse province in very difficult circumstances and to congratulate you, not only on the results achieved, but on the good relations maintained with the Area Authority.
2. I approve the arrangements made for the division of the province into six districts. The process of rehabilitating the Italian Administration to save Allied personnel is noted and should continue.
3. I have nothing more to say about your report on particular matters which show the progress I had expected.
4. The last three paragraphs of your report will form the subject of a separate communication from these Headquarters. Suffice it here to say that the establishment of Superior and General Courts has already been taken up. I would like to emphasise the necessity when cases are tried by Allied Military Court of severe sentences: prima facie a sentence of six months for stealing military stores seems to me to be insufficient.

(signed)

Major-General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

AMGOT H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

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Copy to: S.C.A.O. Syracuse Province.

AL F/5005/CS
18 August 43

Flock

Subject: Replacement of 50 tons of grain at Lentini

To : S.C.A.O. Catania

Reference your CB 33, 8 August

1. The Acting S.C.A.O. at Syracuse advises this Headquarters that there is no grain in his province by which to replace the 50 tons which was taken into Catania from Lentini.

2. It is understood that substantial supplies over and above requirements are available in South Catania Province. You are requested to replace the 50 tons from South Catania sources.

3. In view of supply problems which you undoubtedly will have in Messina Province, you may wish to stock this flour further north than Lentini.

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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

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ANGOT 3036/03
20 August 43.

Memorandum for S.C.A.O., Catania.

1. Reference is made to your radio RCA/1 August 16, 1943 requesting additional trucks.
2. Three (3), 3 ton trucks and five (5), 15 hundred weights were dispatched for Catania this morning.
3. In as much as resistance on the Island has now collapsed, it is suggested that you again contact Eighth Army, and ask for captured trucks to fill out this pressing need.

ANGOT HQ
15 Army Group

CS
CHARLES H. SPOTFORD
Lt. Col., C. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMGOT Headquarters,
PALERMO.

18th. August, 1943.

Major General C. Miller, C.B.,
Headquarters,
15th Army Group.

Short

I would be very grateful if you would send an order and an advice, as may be appropriate, to 7th and 8th Armies and related services, and to A.F.H.Q. and War Office, about touring officers and local accommodation in Sicily in terms with which you will have been familiar in the W. Desert.

Touring officers must come to Sicily in the areas at any rate where my officers reside and preside over local affairs, with bedding, mosquito nets, rations and drink, if they need it. My Civil Affairs Officers are, I hope, as hospitable as any others but they are being eaten and drunk out of hearth and home. One of my Senior Civil Affairs Officers had, in one week, three Generals (assorted), two full Colonels and five other field officers to entertain. His is not a wine-growing area but they all seemed to like wine. Two officers who could not be accommodated and fed in the Civil Affairs mess were accommodated in the local hotel (very dim and not under AMGOT management - as yet), and left without paying. This group of Civil Affairs Officers in a place which obviously must be nameless, had recently been refused rations by a British (8th Army) D.I.D. with the observation "Who the Hell is AMGOT anyway" and has been living precariously on an American unit some way away which said, "Sure, we'll let you have what we have anyway".

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One place is an exception to my foregoing remarks. That is my house in Palermo which, when G.O.C. in C. is not in residence, is always open to all senior officers of 15th Army Group, and some others. It is my principal pleasure and relaxation to have people staying with me personally and here, none of you need bring rations or bedding. There is always plenty of wine, but whiskey is short in the 7th Army area, and my O.Rs. like beer. I hope you will all use this house and what it can offer and send your friends here. I shall be very upset if anyone from 15th Army Group attempts to go to the local hotel and I am doing my best to ensure that they don't get any accommodation there whilst there is a bed vacant here. And I would have you tell everyone so.

[Signature]
Major.
M.A. for Major General.

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AMCOT/5027/CS

18 August 1943

Subject: Wage Scales

To : S.C.A.O. - Enna Province

1. With reference to your memorandum CA/18 of 11 Aug. 43, the wage scale in force for your province is in variance with the wage scale in force in other parts of the territory. As provided in Article II of Proclamation No. 8 rates of wages are to remain fixed until changed by order of the Allied Military Government.

2. While a study of the question of wage scales by the Civilian Supply Division is now under way, no deviation from the scale has been authorized. In order to avoid two changes the scale promulgated by you may remain in effect until the new scale is reached, at which time you will conform to the scale adopted by this HQ.

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

AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group

AMCOT '29/HQ

18 August 1943

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Subject: Assignment of Officers

To : Major McDougall

Please arrange for the following assignments:

1. Lt. Loeb (A) - To this HQ
2. Major Sheehan (A) - To Catania for Civil Affairs Police duty.

AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
C. S. O.

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SUBJECT: C.A.O. RIVONA.

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AMBOT/266/19.

S.C.A.O. AGRIGENTO.

18. Aug. 43.

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

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

AMBOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

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

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SUBJECT: - Podestà at CAMBRATA.

ANGOT/266/10.

18. AUG. 43.

S.C.A.O. - AGRICULTO.

S.C.A.O. was informed by the Carabinieri at CAMBRATA that the Podestà at CAMBRATA was a Fascist and very unpopular, and that on 14. Aug. they had had to stop an incipient strike in protest at his continuation in office.

Will you please investigate and report to me stating your opinion as to whether this Podestà should not be interned.

ANGOT H.Q.,
15 Army Group.

E. Talbot
CHARLES M. SPOTTS
Lt. Col., U.S.A.
Chief Staff Officer.
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Copy to: - P.S. Division.

ALICE/3027/03
16 August 43

Subject:- Payment of July Salaries to State Railway Employees.

To:- Director Civilian Supply and Resources

1. Attached is a statement presented by Director Tuccio of the State Railways showing the amount necessary to complete payments of July salaries to employees. The first column (Stipendi) shows wages unpaid. The second column (Gratificazioni) is a bonus to which employees are entitled at the end of the fiscal year which ended with June. The third column (Diversi) are some incidental payments, chiefly lump sums paid to widows of employees who are killed while at work.

2. The monthly payroll approximates \$21,000,000. There were some \$13,000,000 on hand at the time of the occupation. Another \$1,000,000 have been realized from traffic carried previously. \$1,000,000 were advanced by Allied Military forces for payments in California. In previous. All of these sums have been paid on July salaries. In addition \$472,899 was on hand in the Bank of Italy in Linate which have been paid there, leaving a balance of \$300,000 to be paid. \$1,000,000 have been advanced by P.O. ALICE for payment in Syracuse.

3. I advised Tuccio that it was against our policy to pay things such as the bonuses he has listed. He points out that a large number of employees have already been paid the bonus and that we will be creating a difficult situation if the remainder are not paid. The payments to widows falls into a different classification. This is apparently apart from the Social Security and Pension plan, but is a method whereby the Railways pay a lump sum and are absolved from further liabilities. I have no recommendation to make on such payments other than to point out that the Railways have not been a self supporting institution, and any further payments of this kind at a time when their earnings will be extremely curtailed will only add to the deficit with which we will be faced.

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4. Provision should be made to provide \$3, 000, 352 to clear the balance of July salaries as soon as possible.

AMDOT HQ
15 Army Group
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Claude R. Minard
Claude R. Minard
Capt., C.M.P.
Transportation Officer, C.S.R.

ARGOT/5043/03
17 Oct 43

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Subject: Sulphur

To : S.C.A.O. Palermo

It is requested that the Office of Ente Solfi Italiani, located at Via Principe Belmonte, No. 80, be closed by ARGOT and that a guard be placed on the premises.

ARGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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

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SUBJECT: Public Relations Personnel.

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AMGOT Liaison.

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AMGOT/7002/FR.

Reference AMGOT Cite FHEPO Signal No. 214 of 10 Aug 43.

1. The C.C.A.O. considers it essential that at any rate until public interest in AMGOT Sicily abates we have one American and one British PIO attached to us. Capt. Poore has been doing most important work and there is a great deal more for him to do. Lieut. James was also urgently needed here and it was not until today that this H.Q. heard that he had already flown back to N.A.
2. The C.C.A.O. requests that the matter be referred to 15 A.G. as he feels certain that he will receive support there in replying to this signal by a strong request for the retention of Capt. Poore's services and the early return of Lieut. James.
3. A copy of the signal which is sent should be forwarded to this H.Q.

AMGOT HQ.
15 Army Group.
17 Aug. 43.

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L.H.S.

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

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SECRET/201/72

17 August 1945

SUBJECT: Maintenance of British personnel in American Areas

TO: S.C.A.C., Syracuse

Reference recent conversation Lt. Col. French - Major Peery.

1. The present strength of British personnel stationed in the American half of the island is 15 officers and 300 GIs all of whom are deprived of certain postal and RAAF facilities which are not provided from American sources.

2. The supplies which are required are listed below in order of importance:

- (a) Air Mail Letter Cards
- (b) 3d Stamps
- (c) Airgraph Forms
- (d) Whisky
- (e) Free Issues of Cigarettes, Chocolate and Matches.

3. Can you please arrange to draw these supplies regularly for the personnel specified in paragraph 1 above and advise this H.Q. when the supplies are available at your H.Q. for collection from here.

4. It is suggested that with each consignment of stores you include a bill for these items you have purchased so as to enable the Camp Commandant to arrange repayment.

Copy to: AHSOT Liaison 15

Army Group

Camp Commandant

Staff Capt "A" who will

notify S.C.A.C. Syracuse by

Monday of each week the strength of British personnel affected.

ALH
CHARLES M. STOPPARD,
Lt. Colonel, S.C.A.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

6651

Heat
AMGOT/8/HQ

17 August 1943

Subject: Release of Signal Equipment

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

1. The release of signal equipment now in custody of the C.A.O., Corleone, consisting of 8 or 10 radio sets, 15 telephones and approximately 6 key boxes with accessories is granted. This is military equipment which should be delivered to 7th Army Signal Supply Officer.


CHARLES H. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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AMCOT/203/HQ.

15 AUG. 43.

S.C.A.O.
Bma Province.

Reference your private letter to S.C.A.O. (undated) which was received in this office on 11 Aug 43.

1. Guido Juz is not available.
2. We will try and get you an interpreter and a translator.
3. Your suggestion that visitors should be told to ask for a Mess Bill is being adopted. In addition, arrangements are being made for rations to be taken by visitors touring the island.

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

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AMCOT H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

Heat

HEADQUARTERS A. M. G. O. T.
Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section

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AMGOT/248/HQ.

17 August, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: G-4, Seventh Army Hq.

SUBJECT : Arms and War Material

(1) A quantity of Italian Army uniforms are located at the Hqrs of the Guardia di Finanza. Can you advise as to the disposition of them?

(2) Can you also supply this office with a record of personal firearms confiscated.

R. M. J. MARTIN
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Commissioner of
Public Safety

RMJM/jaf

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HEADQUARTERS A. M. S. O. T.
Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section

17 August, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Lt. Col. Shy
Provost Marshal, Seventh Army Hq.

SUBJECT : Cooperation between Civil and Military Police.

(1) As agreed in our original interview the following specific matters respecting cooperation between Military and Civil Police should be arranged by joint conference.

(a) Policing of military personnel on leave. I would like to recommend that the civil police be authorized to make arrests for certain serious criminal offenses in violation of civil law. In such cases the personnel must, of course, be immediately turned over to the M.P. In addition I would like to give you reports of other offenses in which military personnel are involved for your information. In order to accomplish this strict orders must be issued by the military. Can you secure such support?

(b) Another matter I would like to include in our plans is the use of military police in any breakdown of the civil police.

(c) The police procedure necessary to bring civilians before military courts is a matter we must also discuss in detail.

(2) This office is concerned with civil police in all of the occupied territory; therefore, we are in a position to discuss plans covering your whole area. Our provincial and city representatives have jurisdiction in their respective provinces and cities.

RUSSELL A. SNOK
Lt. Colonel
Division Public Safety
Supt. of Civil Police

RAS/jar.

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107/5019/CS
18 August 43

Flood
Subject: Travel Orders

To : Lt. Col Charles M. Spefford
Chief Staff Officer

1. Correspondence indicates a certain amount of confusion with regard to future shipments into the 8 Army area. Lt. Col. Logan Gray, AGM, Portbase, has requested the presence of a Headquarters officer thoroughly familiar with the shipments picture. In addition, we have had word from Col. Thorne Thorne that our shipment of 87 tons of soap from the Middle East has arrived, and immediate attention is required concerning warehousing and release from ordnance.

2. Request is made that orders be issued for Lt. Batt, who is in charge of shipping for this Division, to proceed by air to Syracuse and return on or about Wednesday, 18 August.

AMROT HQ
15 Army Group

J. F. R. SEITZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
D. C. S. R.

6646

SUBJECT: - Movement - P. H. Div. Personnel.

float 608
AMCOT/3006/PH.

Chief Staff Officer.

1. In view of our conversation on future moves for Captain Ball, it is requested that Major H.M. Brown, R.A.M.C. be given orders assigning him as regular Medical Officer for Siracusa Province. (He is temporary M.O. now.) Capt. Ball should remain in Siracusa to assist him until his services are required elsewhere.

2. It is requested further that orders be issued immediately relieving Capt. Wm. Mankensie, R.A.M.C. from duty at this H.Q. and assigning him as Medical Officer for Caltanissetta, Enna and Agrigento Provinces, with principal residence at Caltanissetta.

AMCOT HQ.
15 Army Group.
17 Aug. 43.

[Signature]
D. CORCORAN CHESTER,
Colonel
D.P.M.

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HEADQUARTERS A. M. G. O. T.
Public Safety Division
Civil Police Section

607

Threat

1017/PS

17 August, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Lt. Col. Sky
Provost Marshal, Seventh Army Hq.

SUBJECT : Report of Theft.

(1) The attached complaint indicates that soldiers are involved. As this complaint comes from the consul of Guatemala it is thought that you will want to conduct an investigation.

(2) Copy of your report will be appreciated.

R. J. MARTIN
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Commissioner of
Public Safety

RJM/jaf
Inc: 1

6644

Subjects- Printing

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AMGOT/24

13 Aug 43

To- S. C. A. C.
SYRACUSE

Reference your SS/3 of 5 Aug.
investigations in PALMER show that
there are sufficient printing facilities
and stocks of paper available to satisfy
the needs of AMGOT HQ for a long time.
It is therefore unlikely that HQ will
have to give work to the printing presses
in SYRACUSE.

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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

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ALGOT/5011/CS
17 Aug 43

Krat
Subject: Captured Stocks--Petroleum

To : HQ 15 Army Group
ATTENTION: Col. Thorne Thorne, ALGOT

Dated 13 Aug
1. Reference teleprinter message 0314 from Rear Eighth Army to 15 Army Group on which you asked Col. Seitz if any further action is required.

2. It is understood that the 500,000 gallons of captured "petroleum" are really a form of diesel oil known locally as "Nafta" (Col. Craig, S & T, 15 Army Group, will confirm). This is used locally in static plants such as mills, ice factories, etc., and as such can be used only by ALGOT and to a lesser extent by RE. There would therefore appear to be no need for "thorough chemical analysis" by Eighth Army, and this 2,000 tons of nafta have already been offered to ALGOT by Col. Craig.

3. The needs of ALGOT are hardly infinitesimal since it is estimated that we shall require up to 100 tons a month for essential flour mills and other plants.

ALGOT HQ
15 Army Group

Off Hayes Lt Col Rice
J. L. Col., G. S. C.
D. C. S. R.

6642

Subject:- Forwarding of Suggestions for G.M.P.

Float 586

H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

ANGOT/204/HQ.

17 AUG 43.

1. The enclosed letter has been addressed to ANGOT H.Q.
2. It is suggested that the action to be taken is not the responsibility of ANGOT but rather of the Provost Marshal General's Dept.

ANGOT H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

[Signature]
CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,
Lieut-Colonel, C.S.G.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMGOT/31/HQ

17 August 1943

SUBJECT: Agenda for meeting with S.C.A.O.s
TO: Heads of All Divisions

1. All Division Heads are requested to submit any items to the C.S.O. for the Agenda of the H.Q. Staff and S.C.A.O. meeting to be held at 0900 hours Saturday, 21 August 1943 by 1800 hours Thursday, 19 August 1943.

Pres. M. Spottford
for
CHARLES M. SPOTTFORD,
Lt. Colonel, C.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

Amgot/5007/CS

17 Aug.

To all SCAOs (571)

agenda for Civ. Supply
part of SCAO's
conference on 21 Aug.

Extracted to
file 266.

DCSR.

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ALDOT/5019/03
16 August 53

Subject: Imports

To : Capt. Joseph N. Smith

1. Your report of 16 August received. In the future please indicate your location. I suggest that you report to S.C.A.O. Syracuse or S.C.A.O. Catania at least once every two days, leaving information as to your whereabouts with the Provincial Supply Officer.
2. Lt. Batt will be in Syracuse on Wednesday or Thursday of this week. Will you make arrangements to check in at ALDOT Headquarters, Syracuse, at noon on both these days to make contact with him?
3. An urgent letter has just been received from Col. Thorne Thorne, Senior Staff Officer for ALDOT at Headquarters, 15 Army Group, stating that the 87 tons of soap about which I wrote you on 10 August at Syracuse has arrived, unloaded, and is being held by the D.A.D.O.S., 6 Base sub-area, Syracuse. You will take steps immediately to secure this soap and warehouse it under ALDOT Headquarters control. If any has been issued by Ordnance 8 Army, take the necessary steps to have it replaced. Lt. Batt will have the Voucher for Stores when he comes to Syracuse.
4. The coaster, Miriam, is now loading in North Africa, but there is some misunderstanding as to its port of destination. This is 1500 of the 5500 tons which Fortbase called forward, and we are anxious that it come forward to Mustian. However, it has been generally mixed up with our D-15 stockpile which was called forward by 7 Army and which is coming to Malicious. Lt. Col. Logan Gray, A&E, Fortbase, should be explained this situation and requested to dispatch a telegram.

ALDOT HQ
15 Army GroupJ. P. R. SMITH
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
D. C. S. R.

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5012
AMDOT/5049/OS
16 August 43

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Subject: Soap

○ : Senior Staff Officer, AMDOT
15 Army Group

Reference your AI-6-91, 15 Aug. 43

1. The Civilian Supply Imports and Exports Representative for the eastern side of the Island is Captain Joseph N. Smith who can be reached either through the S.C.A.O. Syracuse or the S.C.A.O. Catania.
2. A letter was sent him on 10 August concerning the arrival of the 87 tons of soap at Syracuse, but he apparently never received it. He is now being directed to take charge of this shipment and to contact you.

AMDOT HQ+
15 Army Group

J. F. R. SEITZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
D. C. S. R.

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AMCOT/5001/03
16 August 43

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Subject: Coaster Miriam

To : 15 Army Group
ATTENTION: G-4 Q (Maint) and AMCOT

1. 1500 tons of AMCOT supplies on the coaster Miriam loaded at Elms is part of the 3500 ton D+30 stockpile which was called forward by 15 Army Group Bear in telegram No. 20 August 1. This 1500 tons is not part of the D+15 stockpile of 1900 tons which was called forward by the 7 Army in telegram No. 580 cite D 2008.
2. All of the 3500 ton D+30 stockpile bid forward by 8 Army and 15 Army Group is desired on the east coast, preferably Fustian. This was stated in the original telegram quoted above and still holds. The 1900 tons for 7 Army is wanted at Malicieux. This is apparently not clear to Natpusa and Afng.
3. Concerning the breakdown of commodities loading on the coaster Miriam, reference your telegram No. P-19 August 12, we have not yet been advised. We do know, however, that the breakdown of the D+30 stockpile which is as follows:

ITEM	SHORT TONS
Flour	2332
Potatoes (or substitute)	583
Evaporated Milk	301
Meat and Vegetables	146
Sugar	117
Soap	25
TOTAL	3504

AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group

J. P. R. SMITH
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
D. O. S. R.

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Heath *526*
AMCOT/201/HQ

16 August 1943

Subject: Conduct of Officer

To : Major Michie

1. General McSherry, C.G. U. S. Contingent, would like a statement of the circumstances surrounding the refusal of Major Martin to accept assignment while serving under you.
2. We would appreciate having this statement as soon as possible.

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

AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group

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AMTGT/10/HQ

17 August 1943

MESSAGE TO GO BY AIR COURIER

From: AMTGT FILPOT

To : Freedom for M.G.S.

Send Capt. Todd by Air immediately Palermo Bring Kit.

RSE

RICHARD G. CROFT
Major, A.U.S.
Administrative Officer

AMTGT HQ
15 Army Group

Approved by:

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

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AMOT/208/HQ

16 August 1943

Subject: Creation of Economic Committee

To: C. C. A. C.

1. There are a number of questions coming up on the economic side which cut across divisional lines. For example, Col. Seitz raised the matter of subsidies to private industry at the Executive Council meeting yesterday. Price Control and Wage Costs are others. These are forerunners of other like problems which arise from our undertaking to back up the financial and supply systems of the territory.

2. I believe that before questions which have the implications of the one presented yesterday are raised for decision by the Executive Council, a thorough study should be made of the underlying facts and recommendations presented by a committee or board, to consist of one representative each of Civilian Supply and Finance Divisions, the Legal Division, and where pertinent questions are presented, the Public Health Division. If the staff permits, one of the administrative officers might also sit on this committee. The Executive Council will refer to this committee economic and financial questions not clearly falling in the jurisdiction of a single Division or on which a broad study or analysis is thought to be required.

3. I dislike a multiplicity of boards and committees as much as anyone, but I feel that decisions on economic policy would be materially helped by the joint group proposed.

[Signature]
CHARLES H. SPOTFORD,
Lt. Colonel, U.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

AMOT HQ
15 Army Group

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Amgot/1012/PS.

16 Aug.

Subject: Release of Italian
Reserve officers

To: all SCAGs.

C S O.

Extracted to File
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AMCOT/226/TP

16 August 1943

Subject: Assignment of Officer

To : Colonel Poletti

Reference the attached:

1. Where is Lt. Pecora? If he is in Palermo could you arrange to have him stop by this HQ.
2. We are in need of good officers.

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

AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group
Encl.

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Float 550

AMGOT/208/HQ

16 August 1943

Subject: Flags

To : Major Pearey

1. We have received requests from the S.C.A.O.s of Catania and Siracusa provinces for 8 pairs of flags each. I believe that all other provinces are likewise short. What is the position on flags at the moment?.

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

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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Subject: - Passes

Float 561
2/HQ.

AMCOT HQ. SICILY

16 Aug. 43.

To: S.C.A.O. Caltanissetta Province.

Reference attached memorandum
No. GAT/13/1 of 9 Aug 43 (in duplicate),
please investigate and report on the
action taken by you.

2. The remarks made by S.C.A.O. Catania
are thoroughly endorsed by this H.Q.

3. The "passes" are forwarded to you
in original.

(Sgd) T. Farley Smith,
Lieut-Colonel,
for CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

Copy to: - S.C.A.O. Catania.

For information with reference to your
above quoted memo.

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ADME/263/10

16 August 1943

Subject: S.C.A.O. meeting

TO: All S.C.A.O.'s

1. All S.C.A.O.s are directed to be in Palermo on Friday evening August 20, 1943 for the purpose of attending a meeting with Headquarters Staff at 0900 Saturday, August 21, 1943.

CHARLES E. SPOTFORD,
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer

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AMGOT/226/HQ

16 August 1943

Subject: Transfer of Officer

To : Major Howe

1. Reference your memorandum of 9 August, we are definitely interested in competent officers, particularly with language qualifications. If, after working with the officers in question, you are satisfied that they are competent and reliable and would be useful to AMGOT, I suggest you request them to apply for assignment to AMGOT through their C.O., obtaining the consent of the C.O., of course, to such reassignment. Our TO will probably be enlarged before this occurs.

2. Let me know of the action you are taking.

[Signature]

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

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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Subject: Captured Medical Stores

Float 547
AMCOT/3032/EE

16 August 1943

H.Q. 7th Army
8th Army

It would be appreciated if you would advise this H.Q. of particulars including location of captured medical stores not required by medical units of the 7th and 8th Armies and which can be placed at the disposal of AMCOT, for distribution to civil medical authorities who are in urgent need of them.

JS
Major General
Chief Civil Affairs Officer
AMCOT

HQ AMCOT
15 Army Group

Copy to H.Q. 15 Army Group

[Handwritten signature]
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AMCER/9007/03
16 August 43

Subject: Supply Report

To : S. C. A. O., Catania
ATTENTION: Major Benton Jones

1. The civilian supply report for South Catania has been received by HQ and note made of your requirements and available stocks.

2. Your report included a mention of only one ton of coal. Does that mean that you are short of this commodity?

AMCER 151
15 Army Group

J. F. R. BRUCE
Lt. Col., S. C. A.
D. C. S. R.

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Hoat

AMDOT/5004/03
16 August 43

Memorandum

To: S. C. A. C., Agrigento

1. It is understood that you have asked for a man to be sent to you to discuss the working out of grain prices. A meeting of all S.C.A.C.'s is being called for (probably) Sunday, 22 August, and it is suggested that you raise the question there.

2. Prices for wine and olive oil are covered by Proclamation 3, articles II and III.

3. The plan for movement of grain to Palermo is being considered by this HQ now.

AMDOT HQ
15 Army Group

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CHARLES H. SHOFORD
Lt. Col., U. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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AMNOT/500 JS
16 August 43

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Subject: Electric Supply

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

1. Reference is made to directive entitled "Electric Supply" dated 14 August, 1943.

2. In the execution of above directive the premises described below will continue to receive electric service.

Villa Tasca
442 Corso Calatafimi
Property of Conte Alessandro Tasca

3. This exception is made based on the fact that the water supply is electrically operated.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

AMNOT HQ

15 Army Group

[Signature]
CHARLES W. SPOTFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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AMHOP/5011/03
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Subject: Naphtha

To : E. G. A. O., Galtanissetta

1. Attached is the authorization requested by you for release of 50 drums of naphtha for essential civil uses in the province of Galtanissetta.

2. Your request for the release of copper wire from the same dump has been forwarded to 7 Army and you will be advised of action taken.

AMHOP HQ
15 Army Group

CHARLES E. SPENCER
Lt. Col., U. S. A.
Chief Staff Officer

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Coat

ABCT/5000/17
15 August 45

Restoration

For The Director of Labor
15 Army Group

Reference: T102, 15 August from PW10000

1. In reply to the above request from PW10000, a labor conference will be held at 1000 hours Saturday, 12 August at the Civilian Supply Division, ABCT Headquarters, Box 8 Via Bari, Salerno. It has been suggested that the Directors of Labor and Transport and the General Quartermaster, PW10000, and the appropriate officers from Seventh Army attend this conference.

2. Do you wish to send a representative or are minutes desired?

ABCT HQ
15 Army Group

CHARLES H. HUTTON
Lt. Col., C. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

NOTE: SECRET.

Subject:- Discipline of Allied Troops.

Roat

AMGOT/1017 RS.

14 August 43.

Chief Staff Officer.

The report of the S.C.A.O. Enna Province, raises important questions which can only be decided at the highest level.

The adequate control of non indigenous troops is one which invariably causes a host of difficulties from the civil police angle. It is obvious that the Italian police cannot be allowed to arrest Allied troops and, in the absence of any AMGOT personnel, the responsibility lies on the various Military Commanders to maintain adequate number of Military and Regimental Police to enforce discipline amongst the troops in their Commands.

It is possible that the assignment of a few E/M from the Headquarters Company might be of assistance to S.C.A.Os but this would only be a palliative, and might lead to clashes with the Military Police.

Duffy

Ident-Colonel.
Deputy Commissioner Public Safe

AMGOT H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

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Subject:-

~~Passes~~

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AMCOE HL. STULIX

16 Aug 43

To:

SIAD Caltanissetta Province

Reference attached memorandum
No. OAT/13/1 of 9 Aug 43 (in duplicate),
please investigate and report on the
action taken by you.

2. The remarks made by SIAD Catania are
thoroughly endorsed by this HQ.

3. The "passes" are forwarded to you
in original.

CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

Copy to:- SIAD Catania.

For information with reference to your
above quoted.

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HEADQUARTERS A. M. G. O. T.
Division of Public Safety
Civil Police Section

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1013/140

16 August, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company,
Headquarters AMCGT, 15th Army Group

In addition to Sgt. Trotta, Pvt. Wardi, and Pvt. Piscopo, who have been working in the Civil Police Section for the past few days, S/Sgt. Flores, Pvt. Mendola, Pvt. Russo, and Pvt. Strigata, whose services we urgently require, had been previously assigned to the Division of Public Safety.

Until official orders are accomplished, it would be appreciated if all the aforementioned enlisted men were released temporarily for special duty with the Division of Public Safety.


R. M. J. MARTIN
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Commissioner of
Public Safety

RAS/pk

1 copy to Capt. Mac Dougal
Pers Adj

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7th *527*
Outgoing Cable

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ARMY # 105

CLIP PAGE 812 REFERENCE RADIO 6 AUGUST 63. REQUESTED THAT
JOSEPH J. KING, PRIVATE, BORN TWO SIX FIVE FOUR SEVEN FOUR TWO BE
COMMISSIONED SECOND LIEUTENANT AND ASSIGNED TO ARMY.

John

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Amgot, 204/H.Q.

15 Aug.

Subject: Parole Forms -
Prisoners of War

To: all SCADs

Lt. Col.

Pub. Safety Div

Entered to
File 266

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Subject- DRILL Unit

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The following officers are stated to be on U.S.S.:-

	<u>No. of officers</u>
HQ 45 (a)	1
Civilian Supply	
D3	1
D4	1
D7	1
D12	1
Public Safety	
D5	1
D9	1
D1(B)	2
Public Health	
D6	1
D7	1
D15	1
D19	1
D20	1
D25	1
D26	1
D28	1
D33 being fixed by Troopers from Midway.	

ARCTIC HQ
15 Army Group

C. J. P. 6619
CLARENCE M. SPOTFORD,
Lt-Col., G. S. C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMDOT/5008/08
16 August 43

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Subject: Tonnage

To : Col. Thorne Thorne
AMDOT 15 Army Group

Please advise date of next Fortbase tonnage conference.
I am sending Lt. Butt to state AMDOT requirements. He will also
come to Hq., 15 Army Group to talk with Q Maint. G-4 on AMDOT
shipping.

AMDOT HQ
15 Army Group

J. F. R. SMITH
JA. Col., G. S. C.
D. C. S. R.

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AMCOT/2013/E

15 August 1943

From: C.F.C. AMCOT, 15 Army Group

To: Military Government Section, AFHQ

1. Please refer to Key's letter of 21 July to Stadium, Troopers' signal 53416 P 5 of 27 July and to cable 2305 from AGWAR of 11 July.

2. AMFA has no instructions to receive the BMA Notes and British coin mentioned under (a), (b), (c) and (d) of para 2 of Key's letter. Para 11 of cable 2305 says that British Treasury will make BMA Notes available to British forces but not to AMFA. Particularly in view of limited staff and storage facilities AMFA does not wish to receive these at present.

3. Am informed that Rooney now holds at Siracusa the BMA Notes and coin referred to under (b) and (c) less one box of coin which is missing. He wishes to retain \$1 Million BMA and ship remainder to North Africa or elsewhere if they can be used there.

4. Ref. para 3 of Key's letter, no directive so far received here from CCS Washington provides that AMFA is to take on to its books either Yellow Seal Dollars or BMA pounds supplied by War Dept. or War Office to armed forces. Would much prefer that AMFA be not asked to take BMA pounds on to its books in manner proposed by Key.

5. Para 6 of Key's letter conflicts with para 8 of cable 2305, which states that "British Military Authorities will report such lire as are turned over to their forces to AMFA, which will consider the amount as an augmentation of its currency reserve, and immediately record it as an advance to the British Military Forces." Understand that British Army and RAF have brought into Sicily and adjacent islands Italian lire 51,624,200 of which 7,480,000 to Pantelleria and Lampedusa. Request you ask War Office to confirm (a) that this amount is correct; (b) that they will in fact carry out procedure here quoted from cable 2305.

6. Amount of cash so far made available by AMFA to Rooney for needs of British Army is Lire 112,064,000, entirely in Allied Military Lire. AMFA provided this mainly through S.C.A.O. Siracusa. Request you inform War Office of this amount so that they can carry out procedure outlined in para 9 of cable 2305. Ref. last sentence para 13 do you consider that this refers to AMFA? If so, how often should financial reports be submitted?

7. Request you take any action required to inform CCS of foregoing so far as they are concerned.

Chapter Smith

signal 53416 P 5 of 27 July and to cable 2305 from AGMAR of 11 July.

2. AMFA has no instructions to receive the RMA Notes and British coin mentioned under (a), (b), (c) and (d) of para 2 of Key's letter. Para 11 of cable 2305 says that British Treasury will make RMA Notes available to British forces but not to AMFA. Particularly in view of limited staff and storage facilities AMFA does not wish to receive these at present.

3. Am informed that Rooney now holds at Siracusa the RMA Notes and coin referred to under (b) and (c) less one box of coin which is missing. He wishes to retain 21 Million RMA and ship remainder to North Africa or elsewhere if they can be used there.

4. Ref. para 3 of Key's letter, no directive so far received here from OCS Washington provides that AMFA is to take on to its books either Yellow Seal Dollars or RMA pounds supplied by War Dept. or War Office to armed forces. Would much prefer that AMFA be not asked to take RMA pounds on to its books in manner proposed by Key.

5. Para 6 of Key's letter conflicts with para 8 of cable 2305, which states that "British Military Authorities will report such lire as are turned over to their forces to AMFA, which will consider the amount as an augmentation of its currency reserve, and immediately record it as an advance to the British Military Forces." Understand that British Army and RAF have brought into Sicily and adjacent islands Italian lire 51,684,200 of which 7,480,000 to Pantelleria and Lampedusa. Request you ask War Office to confirm (a) that this amount is correct; (b) that they will in fact carry out procedure here quoted from cable 2305.

6. Amount of cash so far made available by AMFA to Rooney for needs of British Army is lire 112,064,000, entirely in Allied Military Lire. AMFA provided this mainly through S.O.A.O. Siracusa. Request you inform War Office of this amount so that they can carry out procedure outlined in para 9 of cable 2305. Ref. last sentence para 13 do you consider that this refers to AMFA? If so, how often should financial reports be submitted?

W.O.

7. Request you take any action required to inform OCS of foregoing so far as they are concerned.

AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group

A. P. Grafton-Smith

A. P. GRAFTON SMITH
Colonel
Chief Finance Officer

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Amgot/22/H.Q

15 Aug.

Subject: Proclamation
No 6 Amgot-

To: all SCAs

C. S. O.

Extracted to
File 266

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Roat

445
ANGOT/5023/CS

15 August 1943

Subject: P.O.W. Ration Scale

To : HQ FORTBASE

Reference your 1122Q 9 Aug. 43, above subject:

1. The flow of flour is not yet adequate to meet minimum civil needs, due to extensive hoarding, shortage of transportation and shortage of power to run the flour mills.
2. However, ANGOT has flour stockpiled in Algiers which could be made available on a loan basis if you can allocate necessary tonnage.

ANGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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

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15 August 43

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Cuyot/5025/63

Memorandum: Labor Conference

Xoat

: Capt. Robert Presler
c/o AMDOT, Catania

It is requested that you attend a conference at Headquarters,
Palermo on 21 August at 1000 hours on labor wage scale. Bring all
pertinent available data concerning your area.

AMDOT 120
15th Army Group

J. F. R. SMITH
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

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Mont file 424
AMEOT/5026/GS
14 August 43

Subject: Clothing

To : Senior Civil Affairs Officer
Galtanissetta

1. The Director of Public Health reports that quantities of clothing have been captured at an Italian Army QM dump at San Cataldo.

2. You are directed to freeze these supplies and allow none to be distributed without prior approval of the Civil Supply Division, this Headquarters.

3. The following estimates were supplied by the Director of Public Health. Will you confirm that these amounts are accurate and specify what the meat rations consist of?

Shirts	150,000
Leggings	23,000
Goggles	9,000
Underwear	100,000
Blankets	11,000
Meat Rations	130,000

AMEOT HQ
15th Army Group

Charles M. Spottford
CHARLES M. SPOTTFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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Subjekt: **Verfahren:**

The : Operating General
A. P. 112

The following is suggested cable to ACUW for the Combined Chiefs of Staff:

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Major General
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

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Subject:- Message to AMGOT.

Float 425
AMGOT/206/HR.

14 August 43.

Commanding General,
7th Army.

Request that all messages for
AMGOT be delivered to AMGOT Headquarters,
8 Via Bari, Palermo.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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

AMGOT H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

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Amgot/217/H.Q.

14 Aug.

Subject: Commandeered
Civilian Transport

To: all SCAOs.

C.S.O.

Extracted to
File 266.

SUBJECT: Casualties.

Heat 401

AMGOT/24/11.

G.H.Q.
2nd Echelon.

Please note that the correct name of this H.Q. is "AMGOT" and
not "AMGOT School of Instruction".

AMGOT HQ,
15 Army Group,
14 Aug. 43.

Charles M. Stoddard
CHARLES M. STODDARD,
Lt. Col. G. S. C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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Sheet 395

Subject:- Local Staff - Public Safety Division.

AMCOT/253/HQ.

14 August 43.

Staff Captain 'A'

The undermentioned Italian subjects have performed duty with this Division from the dates stated. Their services have been satisfactory and payment of salary according to scale is recommended.

Benedetto Guccio	- Interpreter Translator	30 July.
Salvatore Notici	- " "	4 August.
Mrs. Elvira Russo	- Clerk and Translator	7 August.

Duffy

Ident-Colonel,
Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety.

AMCOT H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

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AMGOT/204/HQ

13 August 1943

Subject: Prisoners of War

To : S.G.A.O., Trapani Province

1. Reference is made to para 2 of memorandum dated 5 August 43 from A.C. of S., G-2, HQ 7th Army, the text of which is as follows:

"2. AMGOT has appointed two Italian Army officers as Prefect and Assistant Prefect of TRAPANI and have refused to evacuate them from SICILY as Prisoners of War, by a C.I.C. report. According to regulations as they are now known to me, other than for intelligence purposes, these authorities being Army officers, must be treated as Prisoners of War, and evacuated. Recommend that AMGOT be so informed, unless operating instructions have changed."

2. It is requested that a brief report be submitted to this Headquarters on the above subject at the earliest opportunity so that we may advise HQ 7th Army of the facts of the case.

3. Any extenuating circumstances, not mentioned in the above quotation, should also be included in your report.

[Signature]
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

RCG:rl

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float 388
AMGOT/B/HQ

13 August 1943

Subject: Post Office at Termini Imerese

To : Lt. Col. S. B. Story, 45th Division, APO 45

1. Reference is made to para 3 of memorandum dated 5 August 43 from A. C. of S., G-2, HQ 7th Army, the text of which is as follows:

"3. Main Censorship Section reports post office at TERMINI IMERESE is held locked and inaccessible, by Colonel Storey, AMGOT. Unless instructions have been changed in the meantime, mail censorship will seize and all mail, military and civilian, found in captured territory will be delivered to proper military authorities. Request that necessary instructions be given to AMGOT to enforce regulations as they are believed to exist at this time."

2. It is requested that a brief report be submitted to this Headquarters on the above subject at the earliest opportunity so that we may advise HQ 7th Army of the facts of the case.

3. Any extenuating circumstances, not mentioned in the above quotation, should also be included in your report.

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

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

RGC:rl

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Subject:

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Amgot/223/H.Q.

13 Aug.

Listing of Detained Persons &
Internees.

To: all SCAOs.

C.S.O.

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1000/72

13 August 1943

Subject: Anti-Gas Measures in Sicily

To : Lt. Col. E. M. J. Martin - Deputy C.I.B.

In reply to request 15 Army Group of 7 August 1943 the following information is submitted:

(a) Q: Are any civilians in possession of respirators or other protective equipment.

A: A few civilians possess masks which were on sale at first for 40 lire and then for 60 lire. The supply failed almost at once and since then none has been available. Few people could afford to buy these masks in any case and the vast majority of the population has no form of protection whatever.

(b) Q: If so, what state of repair are these in and of what type.

A: The state of repair varies with the care taken of the masks but as they are so few it is difficult to obtain much information and the details would be of little value. A specimen of the mask is forwarded herewith.

(c) Q: Are there any signs of gas proof shelters for civilians.

A: None of the shelters is of the gas proof type and there is no trace of any having been constructed of this type; many of the present shelters could be adapted however.

(d) Q: Was there any gas warning system for the civil population.

A: There was no gas warning system.

Ref. There was no anti-gas instruction given to the civil population except if they captured of the Fire Brigade how the gas-masks should be worn.

The Firemen are equipped with gas-masks in most cases and are instructed in their use.

There is no protective clothing except for specimens sent for information purposes.

There are no neutralizing agents supplied for use in case of gas attack.

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- (b) Q: If so, what state of repair are there in and of what type.
- A: The state of repair varies with the care taken of the masks but as they are so few it is difficult to obtain such information and the details would be of little value. A specimen of the mask is forwarded herewith.
- (c) Q: Are there any signs of gas proof shelters for civilians.
- A: None of the shelters is of the gas proof type and there is no trace of any having been constructed of this type; many of the present shelters could be adapted however.
- (d) Q: Was there any gas warning system for the civil population.
- A: There was no gas warning system.
- Ref. There was no anti-gas instruction given to the civil population except if they acquired of the Fire Brigade how the gas-masks should be worn. The Firemen are equipped with gas-masks in most cases and are instructed in their use.
- There is no protective clothing except for specimens sent for information purposes.
- There are no neutralizing agents supplied for use in case of gas attack.
- The same conditions are believed to exist in Italy as do in Sicily.

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Russ P. McDonald
 Major, A.S.S.
 Public Safety Division

AMCOT HQ
 15 Army Group

COBY: 15 Army Group
 8 Army (Rear)

Headquarters, Rear HQ Eighth Army.

The above report together with specimen regulator referred to in (b) is forwarded (in duplicate) as requested in your R 15722/pt of 7 Aug. 43.

For Chief Staff Officer:

AMCOT HQ
 15 Army Group
 14 Aug. 43

Shirley
 Lieut. Colonel
 Deputy Commissioner Public Safety

Heat 3/6

AMGOT/7005/03

13 August 1943

Subject: Food Distribution - Palermo

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

1. In order that this Headquarters may be kept abreast of the food situation in the City of Palermo and environs, a daily report covering the activities of the local food distribution office and containing the following information is desired:

- (1) Number of trucks dispatched for grain on preceding day.
- (2) Number of grain trucks returning empty.
- (3) Amount of grain collected and hauled to mills.
- (4) Amount of flour delivered from mills to distribution points:
 - (a) Palermo City
 - (b) Other points
- (5) Amount of grain located but not yet collected.

[Signature]
CHARLES H. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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Amgot/4001/L
13 Aug.

Subject:- Reopening of
Italian Courts

To: All SCAOs.

C.S.O.

Extracted to
File 266

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Amgot/253/HQ

Subject: Offers of work of
Italian Aviators

S.C.A.O.

C. S. O.

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File 266.

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AMGOT/229/HQ

13 August 1943

Subject: Promotion of Officer

To : Brigadier General Julius C. Holmes, M.G.S.
(Through 15 Army Group)

1. On or about the first of July General McSherry addressed a letter to Admiral Hewitt recommending promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Commander of Lieut. Frank Southard (SG), USNR. The recommendation was sent through to General Huebner, Force 141, to whom I delivered it personally. General Huebner stated that he would forward it forthwith with approval.

2. No word has been received of the disposition of the recommendation. It is now important since it may be decided to increase Lt. Southard's responsibilities in AMFA which cannot be done with his present rank.

3. Can you ascertain the status of Lieut. Southard's papers and advise us.

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

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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AMGOT/101A/ES

12 August 1943

Subject: Carabinieri

To : C.C.A.O.

1. Attached is the reply to General Alexander's message to the Carabinieri from General Samino, together with the memorandum of Col. Snook and enclosures which are self-explanatory.

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

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group
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AMCOT/5017/CS

12 August 1943

Memorandum to: Col. Seitz, Director Civilian Supply & Resources

1. Have you considered provision of coverings for dwellings damaged in the metropolitan center? This will become a serious question when the rainy season comes. The D.C.C.A.C. suggested that oil paper or tar paper or paper of some heavy kraft could be supplied ex U.S. for the purpose. Very large quantities obviously will be involved and a survey should be made if one is not already under way.

2. Captain Hammond, Advisor on Fine Arts and Monuments, is interested in obtaining roofing or covering material for roof damage to churches and other monuments. Material similar to those mentioned above might be utilized for this as well.

AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group
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CHARLES A. SPENCER
Lt. Col. U.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer

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Subject:- Fishing off Sicilian Coast

AMCOT/5015/CS

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15 Aug 43

To:- Officer Commanding
Harbour Entrance Control Post.

Could you please arrange to have the following signal transmitted to the Senior Officer afloat:-

"AMCOT desire issue general instruction fishing your coasts which are measured SOUTH coast WEST of GELA WEST and NORTH COASTS (.). Suggest with exception of specific areas stipulated by you fishing may be permitted subject following conditions (.). All boats registered (.). No fishing more than five miles out and more than five miles each side of boats port (.). No boats to be afloat between sunset and sunrise (.). No explosives to be used (.). Should you agree general permission subject conditions AMCOT officers will be instructed contact your local officers prior issue fishing licenses."

AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group.

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

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HEADQUARTERS, A. M. S. O. T.
CIVIL POLICE SECTION

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AMCOT/1014/PS

12 August, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: G.S.I. (b) 15 Army Group
For the Attention of, Lt. Col. Young.

In the course of enquiries into the conduct of the Carabinieri of the Palermo District information was received that prior to the Allied occupation of the Island, the following Captains of Carabinieri had been engaged in Counter-Espionage activities:

Capitano SALAMONE, ALFREDO
Capitano TRIPOLI, EUGENIO
Capitano SUARA, FELICE

These individuals were brought to AMCOT Headquarters on 11th. August and interviewed. As a result they were handed over to Capt. Jentsen for disposal by the appropriate Military Authority.

All the arrangements were made by this office through General Sonnino.

R. M. J. MARTIN (for)
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Commissioner of
Public Safety

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Amgot / 22 / H.Q.

11 Aug.

Subject: Posting Amgot
Proclamation No. 6.

To: all SCAOs.

C.S.O.

Extracted to File
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SUBJECT: Postings & Appointments.

Maj. Matthews,
Caltagirone.

Reference your letter to Maj. Pirie of the 31 Jul 43.

C.G.A.O. has decided that you are to remain in the Civilian Supply Division at any rate for the present:

The contents of your letter will, however, be borne in mind.

AMCOT HQ.
15 Army Group,
12 Aug. 43.

Charles M. Mofford
CHARLES M. MOFFORD,
Lt. Col. C.G.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMCOT/270/HQ

13 August 1945

SUBJECT: Brassards for Police Organizations

TO: Brigadier General McPherson

In accordance with your instructions consideration has been given to the desirability of securing uniformity throughout SICILY in the type of brassard or armband worn by the various police organizations.

It is recommended that a standard white armband 4 inches in width be sanctioned and that the various organizations be indicated by embroidered initials 2 inches in height in different colors as follows:

Carabinieri Reali	Letters C.C. R.R. in Coriase
Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza	" P.S. in Dark Blue
Guardia Finanze	" G.F. in Yellow
Guardia Municipale	" G.M. in Black

Each armband could, in addition, be stamped with the AMCOT stamp.

I think the embroidery work could be carried out under provincial arrangements through the agency of contractors or by convent labor the job being handled by the respective police agencies.

I presume the respective agencies will be expected to pay for the brassards.

AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group

Rudimentary
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Commissioner of
Public Safety

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HEADQUARTERS, A. M. S. D. T.
CIVIL POLICE SECTION

1517/70

13 August, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Lt. Colonel Gibson, G-2 13, 1st Army Group

1. A central record is being established at these headquarters of all persons known to be fascists, suspected of being connected with that organization, or engaged in any form of subversive activity.

2. Contact has already been established with the 7th Army, as a result of which this office is provided with lists of such persons arrested or investigated as suspects.

3. To complete our record it is essential that we should establish personal contact with one of your officers and obtain lists of such persons dealt with by the 6th Army. It would be appreciated if you could have arrangements made accordingly.

MURRAY A. SPARK
Lt. Colonel
Division of Public Safety
Capt. Civil Police

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AMCOT/5017/03
13 August 43

Subject: Building materials for War Rehabilitation

To : The Commanding General
Eighth Army
ATTENTION: Q (Maint)

Information available indicates that tar or roofing paper and other stocks of building materials may have been captured by the Eighth Army. It is requested that all such material above and beyond immediate military needs be released to AMCOT for war re-habilitation work.

AMCOT HQ
15th Army Group

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FRANK J. MOSHERRY
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.
Deputy Chief Civil
Affairs Officer

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AMGOT/5009/CS
13 August 43

Memorandum For: The Commanding General
7th Army
ATTENTION: G-4

Subject: Release of captured Italian stocks of
copper wire

Request is made for the release of 5,000 pounds of
copper wire from a captured Italian Army dump at Rocca-
palumba. This is required by Lt. Col. Irish, Senior Civil
Affairs Officer for the Province of Caltanissetta for the
repair of electrical utilities in the City of Caltanissetta.

AMGOT HQ
15th Army Group

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

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HEADQUARTERS, A. E. C. Q. T.
CIVIL POLICE SECTION

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12 August, 1943

ASDOT 26315

MEMORANDUM TO: Officer in Charge of Civil Affairs
Province of Galtanissetta

1. The CCAG has conveyed to the Comando Superiore Dei Carabinieri Reali della Sicilia the appreciation of General Sir Harold Alexander for the cooperation of the Carabinieri.

2. Pursuant to the instructions of the CCAG, General Samino has prepared a personal message to the members of his command. Copies of this message are being forwarded herewith for delivery to Carabinieri commanders under ASDOT control in your province. Will you please deliver them in accordance with the directions of the CCAG.

R. M. J. MARTIN
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Commissioner of
Public Safety

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Subject: Ass. Asst. P.H. Division Personnel.

float 259.
ASST/PH/PH.

12 Aug. 43.

Re: G.S.O.

1. Your attention is invited to the conversation which we held several days ago at which it was agreed that Major R.P. Drake would be relieved from his duties as C.A.O. of Corleone within a few days and would be available for assignment as a Welfare Officer. In view of the fact that Captain Savin is acting as mess officer and cannot be given the assignment planned for him in Catania Province, it is requested that Major Drake be appointed for temporary duty as Welfare Officer of Catania Province and of Messina Province when the latter falls under AMGOT control. Residence should be in Catania.

2. It is pointed out further that it was agreed that Major E.B. Johnson would return to duty in this Division where he is urgently needed. It was agreed also that he would continue to act as C.A.O. for a period of approximately two weeks while a successor is being trained. It is requested that appropriate instructions be given to the S.C.A.O. Agrigento Province re this matter, and that appropriate orders relieving Major Johnson from his assignment in Agrigento Province and assigning him to this Headquarters be issued.

3. It is requested that Major W.V. Sanford M.C., be relieved from his duties with the 9th Division and be assigned as Medical Officer, Catania Province. This cancels the request that Capt. MacKenzie be assigned to Catania for temporary duty.

4. Captain Anthony Pino, M.C. is acting as assistant to the C.A.O. of the Third Division. Capt. A.E. O'Hara, P.C.A.M.C., is currently serving as C.A.O. in Gela. No change in their status is requested at this time.

[Signature]

D. GORDON CHERRY, 6593
Colonel,
Director Public Health.

AMGOT H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

IMPORTANT

AMGOT FILIPOT from BRIDGELL.

8th ARMY MAIN for AMGOT for BRIDGELL

AMGOT/92

Please see that all necessary steps to protect the Nelson ^{rober} properties
at Bronte are taken. (.)

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IMPORTANT

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Subject: I. T. Signal Stores.

AMCOT/232/10.

12 Aug. 43.

S.C.A.C.
Palermo.

1. It is desired that the Signal Corps Stores on the attached list be safely warehoused and held pending further instructions from this H.Q.

2. In addition, it is desired that a more detailed list of this material be submitted when warehoused - i.e., size of wire, etc., etc.,

[Signature]
CHARLES M. SPONFORD,
Lieut-Colonel, C.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

AMCOT H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

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Subject: Release of Prisoners.

AMSC/223/10.

12 AUG. 43.

S.C.A. Co. All Provinces.

1. A report is required on the release of prisoners from civil jails in each Province.
2. Please state briefly what formalities were gone through before prisoners were released, and forward lists (in duplicate) of released prisoners under the following categories:-
 - (a) those that were held for political reasons.
 - (b) those held on suspicion.
 - (c) those held pending trial and who were released owing to the inordinate length of time they were awaiting trial.
3. Very brief particulars of each prisoner are required.

AMSC H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

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

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SCAOs AGRIGENTO
CAITANISSETTA
CATANIA
ENNA
PALERMO
RAGUSA
SIRACUSA
TRAPANI

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Float
ANGOT/6004/EG

12 August 1943

Memorandum to: Capt. Hammond, Advisor on Fine Arts
and Monuments.

1. I have discussed with the G.C.A.O. the question of financial aid to local governments in restoring monuments. It is agreed that your function will be to survey the existing monuments, their condition and the amount of damage. You should then make recommendations covering those repairs which you deem essential to the preservation of monuments of real importance.

2. The recommendations should be made to this headquarters of the estimated amounts involved. For large expenditures specific authorization will be required. For other items a lump sum might be granted to a commune to cover several minor projects.


CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer

ANGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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Float

AMCOT/31/HQ

12 August 1943

Memorandum to: Major Croft

1. Please put on the Agenda for the Executive Council Meeting the following:

- (a) Policy on lifting of restrictions by S.C.A.O.s on circulation.
- (b) Policy on letting curfew by S.C.A.O.s.

AMCOT HQ
15 Army Group

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
C. S. O.

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SUBJECT: Casualties.

B.C.A.C.
Syracuse Province.

Float

10003/207/HQ.

Reference your ME/4 of 1 Aug. 43.

- (1) Please report all casualties to this H.Q. for submission to 2nd Echelon. Please also inform this H.Q. to what unit all personnel in your province are attached for pay and rations.
- (2) Establishment - (a). There is no fixed establishment laid down for a provincial H.Q. However, your recommendation in regard to Ident. Clay will be borne in mind. An American officer is not automatically promoted to the rank of the appointment he occupies.
(b) and (c) If there are spare men personnel these will be sent to you as soon as the administrative personnel arrive here from Africa.
(d) and (e) If possible an orderly (untrained) will be sent to you for use as a telephonist and one for office duty.
- (3) Discipline. You are hereby granted the powers of a detachment commander.
- (4) You are not an accounting unit and you should arrange for the attachment of all personnel to the nearest unit for pay and rations. It is suggested that replacements of kit should be arranged through the local unit. If satisfaction cannot be obtained on the equipment question, please apply again to this H.Q.
- (5) Written travel orders are now issued to cover the movement of all personnel.

ANGOT HQ.
15 Army Group,
13 Aug. 43.

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

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Subject: Medical Supplies

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12 APR 53S.C.A.O. All Provinces.12 APR 53

Kindly forward an estimate of the monthly requirements of Galf lymph diphtheria, typhoid, typhus and other vaccines and sera for the civil population in your province.

This should be worked out in collaboration with the civil Provincial Health Officer.

Considerable quantities of Galf lymph are on order from N. Africa as none is produced in Sicily and for many reasons it may be necessary to modify the quantity of smallpox lymph and other vaccines as far demanded from North Africa and the U.S.A.

Charles H. Spofford
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CHARLES H. SPOFFORD,
Lieut-Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

AMHE H.Q.
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Float

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SUBJECT: Sick Call.

AMST/208/10.
12 Aug. 1943.

Chief Administrative Officer.

1. Arrangements have been made for AMST Officers and other ranks to report to the Army Dispensary, 7th Army Headquarters for sick call.

2. Pending the arrival of Lt. Price and his medical equipment and beginning Friday 15th August, 1943, compulsory sick officers should report at the dispensary at 9 a.m. All other ranks should report at 8.30 a.m. Appropriate transport should be arranged for the A.M. and P.M.

3. Personnel requiring hospitalization will be admitted to the 91st Evacuation Hospital (An Polyclinic Hospital; one block North of Via dei Vespri and West of the S.M. crossing).

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AMST 84.
15 Army Group.
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G. GORDON CURRIE.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

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SUBJECT: Office Machinery.

AMEOT/228/10.
12 AUG. 1943.

S.C.A.O. SYACUSE Province.

Reference your memorandum of 9 August on the above subject will you please hold these machines for the time being until a satisfactory distribution has been worked out. It is noted that AMEOT LIAISON with 15 Army Group has taken one leaving 21 with you.

LS
CHARLES E. SPOTFORD,
Lt. Col., G.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

AMEOT HQ.
15 Army Group.

SUBJECT: Naptha.

Float
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AMCOT/1/HQ.

12 Aug. 43.

S.A.O. B.H.

The report of Major Shields dated 25th July requested information on the location of Naptha.

Naptha is available at Syracuse and Caltanissetta. You may arrange directly with them to obtain needed supplies.

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CHARLES M. SPOTFORD
Lt. Colonel, GSC
Chief Staff Officer

AMCOT HQ.
15 Army Group.

Subject:- Air Raids Warning System for PALERMO City

X File
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AMCOT/1004/PS.

12 Aug. 43.

S.C.A.O.
Palermo Province.

The attached report on the arrangements made by the Supt (Fire and Civil Defence) of this Division is forwarded for your information. A second copy is attached in case you wish to pass it to C.A.O. Palermo City.

Copy is being sent to Capt. Power (Public Relations Officer) to enable him to arrange for the necessary warning to the public.

AMCOT H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

for *Amstrong*
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD.
Lieut-Colonel, C.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

Subject:- Air Raid Warning for Command of PALERMO

AMGOT/1004/FS

10 Aug 43

To: Lt. Col Martin,
Acting Commissioner of Public Safety.

1. There are now 11 sirens connected to central switch and ready for use.
2. The telephone is installed between G.O.R. and main fire station and the signals "Siren" and "Cease" arranged with G.O.R. and fire station.
3. The telephone is installed between the fire station and control switch. A fireman is posted on duty at the switch.
4. The warning signal will be 3 blasts of 15 seconds and the all clear will be 1 blast of 30 seconds.
5. These sirens will be available only from 2000 and 700 each night.
6. Recommend that Capt Power (P.R.O.) be informed of the above and asked to have it published in press and possibly on the radio.
7. Lt. Col. Poletti and Maj. Haley should be informed of action taken and arrangements made.
8. Rigi has requested that these sirens be tested; recommend that Maj. Haley and Commandanti Rigi arrange for this after due notice to public.

AMGOT
15 Army Group.

Russ A. McDonald
ROBERT R. MCDONALD.
Maj., A.E.F.,
Public Safety Division
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Subject:- Passes - Officers.

AMCOT/256/100

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12 Aug. 43.

C.S.O.

Reference attached, I suggest that every Officer on AMCOT establishment be provided with a Pass (specimen attached) and that 15 Army Group be asked to approve the issue of such passes and to notify Seventh and Eighth Armies that such passes are in existence and have the approval of 15 Army Group.

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AMCOT H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

Lieut-Colonel,
Deputy Commissioner Public Safety

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AMGOT/1013/PS

11 August 1943

Subject: Employment Officers - Prison Section

To: C.P.S. - AMGOT

Captain Batteraly - British Army - is on the establishment of the Prison Section, but as there is no information of his services being made available I should be obliged if application can now be made for a British officer to replace him at an early date.

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

M. J. Luthman
Lieut. Colonel 6581

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Amgot/22/Hc
11 Aug.
Subject: Posting Amgot
Proclamation No. 6
To: all SCAOs

C. S. O.
Extracted to file
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AMGOT/44/HQ

12 August 1943

Subject: Report on SAMBUCA

To : S.C.A.O., Agrigento Province, Agrigento

It has been reported that the town of Sambuca, Agrigento Province, has not been visited by a C.A.O. since 7 August. It is requested that you investigate the coverage of this town and make a report to this Headquarters.


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

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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11 August 1963

HEADQUARTERS ANGOT

SUBJECT: Assignment of Officers.

TO : All concerned.

1. The following named officers are relieved of assignment and duty in the Trapani Province and will report without delay to this Headquarters for duty:

MAJOR STEPHEN D. MARTIN, (A), 0303512, CLP
MAJOR MATTHEW P. SHEEHAN, (A), 0289978, Inf
MAJOR R. G. A. SUTTON, (B),

2. The following named officers are assigned to the Trapani Province and will proceed thereto, reporting on arrival to the Senior Civil Affairs Officer for duty:

LT COL FLOYD E. THOMAS, (A), 0120717, Inf
CAPT THOMAS G. BRENNAN, (A), 0166421, CLP
CAPT HENRY E. GLENN, (A), 0162411, JAGD
*CAPT E. J. W. HELLMUTH, (B)
CAPT ARTHUR E. FUCINELLI, (A), 0919782, FD
CAPT H. C. READ, (B)
2ND LT DANIEL J. BATES, 01795847, CLP
*2ND LT MARIO CUECIA, (A), 01588614, QLC
2ND LT CHARLES A. SMYTH, (A), 01797195, CLP

* Denotes P.C. for Trapani and Palermo with billets in Palermo.

3. The travel directed is essential in the military service and will be performed by Govt motor transportation.

By command of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

[Signature]
CHARLES M. SPOTFORD
Lt Colonel, GSC
Chief Staff Officer

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File on 7 Sept
AMGOT/263/HQ

AMGOT HQ SICILY

7 September 1943

SUBJECT: Responsibility of S.C.A.O.s for AMGOT
Operations in Provinces

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

Reference letter dated 20 August 1943, file number AMGOT/263/HQ,
on above subject, the following amendments are made effective immediately:

1. Add to Paragraph 6 the following new subsections:
 - (1) Allocation and distribution of coal and petroleum products.
 - (m) Production, transport and distribution of sulphur and its bi-products and cement.
2. Add to Paragraph 7 the following new subsection:
 - (f) Importation to and exportation from Sicily of all products.

Distribution:

Agrigento	AMGOT Liaison
Caltanissetta	8th Army
Catania	Col. Hume
Enna	M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.
Messina	File
Palermo	
Ragusa	
Siracusa	
Trapani	

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

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AMGOT/263/HQ

20 August 1943

C O N F I D E N T I A L

For: S.C.A.O. Meeting - 20 August 1943

(Minute received too late to be included in Agenda)

Subject: Responsibility of S.C.A.O.s for AMGOT operations in Provinces

1. S.C.A.O.s will be responsible for all AMGOT activities in their respective provinces, subject to certain exceptions as to island-wide activities specified below.
2. All AMGOT personnel, including personnel of special divisions assigned to the provinces, will be responsible to S.C.A.O.s in all matters affecting AMGOT operations. Matters of breach of discipline will be handled by the senior officer (A) or (B), as the case may be, assigned to the province.
3. S.C.A.O.s will be responsible for assignments of personnel within the provinces. However, except in case of emergency, personnel will not be assigned to duty other than that for which they have been regularly assigned to the province without the consent of AMGOT HQ.
4. Communication by AMGOT HQ with personnel assigned to the provinces, including specialist personnel, will be through the S.C.A.O. Communications to specialist personnel should be addressed as follows:

_____ through S.C.A.O. _____ Province

5. Except where impracticable, by reason of distance, time, or communication, AMGOT HQ personnel on inspection trips or on special missions will report to the S.C.A.O. in the first instance. Orders or instructions, except on technical matters, will not be given directly to personnel in the field by HQ officers.

6. The following agencies and activities, by reason of their special character, will be handled directly by AMGOT HQ:

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| (a) | AMFA, |
| (b) | Trunk line railways and other railways crossing provincial lines, |
| (c) | Post offices and postal systems, |
| (d) | Telephones, |
| (e) | Telegraphs, |
| (f) | Electric utilities, except local utilities not interconnected with island grid, |
| (g) | Sicily reformatory, |
| (h) | State prisons, |
| (i) | Social insurance systems, |

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affecting normal operations. Matters of breach of discipline will be handled by the senior officer (A) or (B), as the case may be, assigned to the province.

3. S.C.A.O.s will be responsible for assignments of personnel within the provinces. However, except in case of emergency, personnel will not be assigned to duty other than that for which they have been regularly assigned to the province without the consent of AIGOT HQ.

4. Communication by AIGOT HQ with personnel assigned to the provinces including specialist personnel, will be through the S.C.A.O. Communications to specialist personnel should be addressed as follows:

through S.C.A.O. _____ Province

5. Except where impracticable, by reason of distance, time, or communication, AIGOT HQ personnel on inspection trips or on special missions will report to the S.C.A.O. in the first instance. Orders or instructions, except on technical matters, will not be given directly to personnel in the field by HQ officers.

6. The following agencies and activities, by reason of their special character, will be handled directly by AIGOT HQ:

- (a) AIFA,
- (b) Trunk line railways and other railways crossing provincial lines,
- (c) Post offices and postal systems,
- (d) Telephones,
- (e) Telegraphs,
- (f) Electric utilities, except local utilities not interconnected with island grid,
- (g) Sicily reformatory,
- (h) State prisons,
- (i) Social insurance systems,
- (j) Courts of appeal,
- (k) Courts of assize.

AIGOT HQ personnel handling any of the foregoing may be temporarily or regularly stationed in the provinces. They will be responsible to AIGOT HQ directly and will communicate directly with AIGOT HQ. They should, however, make known their presence and the nature of their duty to the S.C.A.O. in the first instance.

7. When certain activities, which are local in character, assume interprovincial or island-wide aspects, they may also be handled directly by AIGOT HQ. Examples of such activities are:

- (a) Interprovincial supply and transport
- (b) Interprovincial movement of labor

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- (c) Evacuation of refugees
- (d) Registration and evacuation of lost and refugee children
- (e) Apprehension of criminals or suspects who have crossed provincial boundaries.

The organization of the activities such as the foregoing on interprovincial basis will be the responsibility of the special divisions. Each of these activities will be coordinated with local arrangements of S.C.A.O.s in the same field. Where the local arrangements are in conflict with and operate to obstruct the interprovincial or island-wide arrangements, the latter will prevail.

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