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TO: General Officer Commanding in Chief,
25th Army Group.

FROM: G.O.C.A.D. AMGE 15th Army Group.

REPORT FROM THE AMGE 15th Army Group ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF SAGHA.

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4. The political situation in Sicily has produced no startling developments. The Sicilian Independence movement has not made progress of the active discouragement it received from its personally and from officers. I have heard lots of deputations, propaganda and meetings, still latent. The fall of the Fascist regime in Italy produced no strong reaction on the Independence movement. The effect has rather been a relative rather than a stimulant to the movement.
5. For S.C.A.O.s report some Communist stirrings, the formation of a cell here and there, and a fair amount of propaganda. There have been no further disturbances among unemployed suburban miners, but I have no doubt that there is considerable potential element of proletarian Communism or anarchism in these communities which could flare up into disorder and violence.
6. I have nothing to report on any other political groups or formations, nor of the appearance of any political leaders, other than those self-appointed leaders of pre-Fascist days associated with the Separatist Party. At least one of those, Pinocchio - Aprile, nevertheless appears to be trying to establish a position for himself by taking up a number of economic and quasi-political issues with me with a view to securing recognition as a local leader. The Isera family associated with the Separatist Party for many years before Fascism is, on the other hand, considerably expediting on straightforward administrative subjects without obscuring the view they unshakably still hold.
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9. The morale of the population has certainly declined and there is dissatisfaction in the country. The failure of the Allies to secure a surplus of plenty, the absence of coal and fertilizers, broken communications, and lack of postal facilities form the subject of a growing volume of complaint at headquarters and in the provinces. Not a week passes without my receiving letters of complaint that the provisions made by ratio of food and goods for the occupied countries have not been carried out. One of the latest forms of complaint is that whereas Italy has been awarded on the ratio 100,000 tons of coal a month, no coal has yet been made available in Sicily after two months of occupation. This complaint is justified. In the present situation I am unable to hold out any hope of fertilizers arriving in time for the autumn sowing and no chemicals or manufacturing requisites will be available to make Marsala wine or start up the sulphur mines within any reasonable time. I understand a growing volume of justifiable complaint for many months - 6932

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justifiable, that is, inasmuch as we have not lived up to our propaganda.

10. On the other hand, both external supplies and municipal organizations have done little or nothing to help themselves or us. There is an almost complete absence of any local initiative. The historical reason lies in the centralization of every activity ultimately in Rome. The consequence is that every local matter is referred to the nearest Civil Affairs Officer for action. For instance, in one group of communities a diversion road a highway bridge or a secondary road of no military importance will lead to the isolation of those villages when the rains come merely because there is no tolling on the diversion. Nothing has been or will be done by the three villages to effect even an early repair. The larger landowners have been reluctant to come forward as a whole to help locally or centrally; it has been found difficult to replace positions by local men with enough public spirit or education to accept office.

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14. S.C.A.O.s reports on the Carabinieri and local public security organizations vary considerably. They are colored by the experience of the officers in their own countries and in Italy if they have been there. My own

conclusion is that the service rendered by the Carabinieri has been of inestimable value to Milan, without, by that suggesting that the Carabinieri are a really efficient force by American or British standards. Whether they are the other police forces here my experience in handling crowds, or even of forming queues. Their morale was severely shaken as I have already written. Generally speaking the officers and men are too old owing to the loss of younger men to the fighting units as military police, owing to the absence of retraining for three years, and owing to the result of removal or reserve personnel, to still less. Some of this personnel had, however, been left too long without training in carrying out their duties and certainly has been a good deal of waste. Nevertheless there has been no riot, armed burglary, or even, except in the past province, more than an occasional case of robbery under arms. When properly backed and controlled the Carabinieri have displayed real in arresting black market offenders and fascists in hiding. They have occupied well in dealing with prostitution offenses, including the arrest of hidden prisoners of war. But unless by C.A.P.O.s and G.A.P.O.s are constantly behind them they are almost and soon a quiet time. Where the best results have been obtained it has been mainly due to the good handling of the Carabinieri by C.A.P.O.s. The least satisfactory results are reported from those districts where I as myself least satisfied with my own administration. A reorganization of the cadres and postings of the personnel is being undertaken by the Commandant of the Carabinieri in Sicily under the supervision of my Public Safety Division. I expect to see considerable improvement and I have a good opinion of the zeal and loyalty of the Carabinieri. The Civil Police Section of my Public Safety Division is established at the Carabinieri's request in the Carabinieri headquarters. The metropolitan (borough) police have and the minor police personnel is definitely less good. But in spite of all I have said against the efficiency of the Carabinieri I have no doubt that the balance is very much to their credit in maintaining law and order in difficult circumstances. And I know of no alternative which would have worked as well, if at all.

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17. Much difficulty has been experienced in obtaining recruits from the Allied Military Security organizations (AMC and MRC) of various units. A recent conference attended by AMC, MRC and the senior officers of G.I.I.(b) 15 Army Group has, I trust, straightened out a most unsatisfactory state of affairs. But I still have no complete figures for Seventh Army.

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12. The removal and internment of *bandits* proceeds. Some cases have reviewed and people of no importance released. There are now no prospects of prosecution days; the last of these in them was an old civil servant without pronounced leanings towards fascism; he was removed for incompetence. Replacements have been offered as interim firm vice prefects, or local *persegues*. There, as in the replacements of mayors, local opinion has been consulted, including church authorities. The Federal title of *Polenta* has been abolished and replaced by that of *Sindaco*. A limited number of better class *Sindacos* is being accepted for administrative work in counties, financial and management posts.
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	Guilty on all charges	Not Guilty on all charges	Guilty on all charges	Not Guilty on all charges	Guilty on all charges	Not Guilty on all charges	
VALERIO	1	-	46	2	342	42	432
CALVITA	-	-	-	-	88	40	128
MESECHIA	-	-	-	7	4	2	13
ANTONIO	5	-	16	4	831	21	307
FRANCO	-	-	-	-	46	-	46
STANISLA	1	-	-	-	216	28	256
RAVESA	-	-	-	-	40	3	43
CALVINDESSA	-	-	7	1	7	-	15
NEGA	-	-	-	-	52	1	53
ALL CASES (103)	-	-	-	12	5	1	18
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CAMPANIA	1	-	-	-	88	10	178
ABRUZZO	-	-	-	7	4	2	13
APULIA	5	-	16	4	261	21	327
EMILIA	-	-	-	-	146	-	146
VENETIA	2	1	-	-	246	19	256
PIEMONTE	-	-	-	-	40	3	43
LOMBARDY	-	-	7	1	7	-	18
LAZIO	-	-	-	-	52	1	53
LIIGIA	-	-	-	-	5	1	18
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As a result of the landing of the first Allied troops on July 10, most of the Italian courts had ceased to function. However, in certain parts of the territory not directly affected by the operations, a few remained open, and in spite of general instructions to the contrary, some C.A.O.s decided that considering the local conditions it was advisable to let them function or even to open them. However, the fact that most of the judicial personnel had fled to the country made it often impossible for the C.A.O.s to achieve their purpose. By August 4 the situation was rather obscure and the lack of communications prevented the legal Division at Headquarters from ascertaining the exact position of these courts in the provinces. It was agreed that before contemplating a general re-opening, it would be necessary to coordinate the activities of all Italian courts and make sure they were

Rules of Procedure are still in all provinces and that persons would not be charged in regions which would not be one in Italy. In the course of the conference, several directives were agreed on the procedure for re-opening of courts, as well as on the temporary modifications to procedure required to meet present contingencies and the reorganization of the law Association. As the result of conference with the Italian Judicial Committee, official directives were published on August 10th for the A.S. to the effect that the Criminal Chambers of all Italian Courts could be re-opened forthwith. Detailed instructions in regard to procedure, the function of the Italian Chambers and the rules which were to be achieved, being issued at the same time. In August with the Legal Officer in charge of Italian Courts received his tour of the provinces. In each capital he had meetings with the A.S., and the higher Italian judges, explaining to them the general policy to be pursued and fixing an early date for the re-opening of the local Courts. The situation in Calabria (where the Court of Appeal exists) was especially acute in view of the fact that the lawyers were still in the town and most damage done to public buildings. A local committee on the lines of the Polaris one was formed. Returning on the 26th August by C.T., strongly recommended the re-opening of all Civil Courts and on August 31, further instructions were given opening all Italian Courts throughout the island. In September 1st all Italian Courts have functioning in spite of some extremely serious difficulties, such as reduction of personnel, wages, transport, postal communications, appointment of Italian officials, congestion of jails, organization of circuits for the Courts of Justice and, finally, the transfer from hotel premises to new ones. These problems will be solved gradually as usual conditions of life are restored.

At another meeting of the Italian Committee on August 24th, the action 1/4 Italian Courts decided with the body that a small journal of "Veronica" should be organized at once to prepare the statistics of a new, independent and democratic law Association.

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measures are beginning to have some effect, as in the policy of paying hard cash at the collection centers instead of issuing payment or dues in accordance with Italian practice.

The standard ration was raised to 300 grams of bread a day plus 40 grams of meat. It was, however, not possible to achieve this level in the large towns like Palermo and Catania. In Palermo in particular the ration remained at 150 grams throughout August. The principal difficulty in the towns has been to move grain in to the mills and bakeries in the absence of trucks and trains. In spite of orders issued by Seventh and Eighth Armies little of the needed transport has been released by Seventh and Eighth Armies to assist for Civil Supply. Palermo and Catania have literally been on a starvation bread ration owing to the inability in which my officers found themselves of handling the wheat they had available outside. In Palermo the situation has now improved by securing a quota of rail freight to bring in grain and the ration of 300 grams is now available to all ration book holders with virtually no waiting up. There are a number of light ration book holders who cannot be administered till 1st October, when the new books will be issued.

Some 6,000 tons of unadulterated foodstuffs from North Africa, mainly flour, called forward on the 1st and 2nd convoys was now delayed in arrival and instead of providing a small reserve at Palermo and Catania has had to be converted and diverted to Messina and Calabria. I am satisfied that with a reserve of grain or flour as much as 10,000 tons in the island, I can break the black market and make the population starve again. I am equally sure that without such a reserve no small go on living from hand to mouth. The situation is not a satisfactory one when large urban centers like Palermo have to live as they have lived for weeks with not even 24 hours reserve of breadstuffs in the town. But the case, which requires studying and action, is not an urban one but applied as my note so long as the call forward of shipping is in the hands of the Italian and Eighth Armies, who naturally fill their own requirements first, and so long as virtually all land transportation remains in the hands of military formations. The food situation at Messina and in Sicilian provinces remains extremely serious. Lack of some provisions for grain pressure and road/rail communications between Sicily and the mainland supply area, bygone provisions, remain seriously interrupted. I am sure that whether it is possible for a civil administration to depend entirely on fighting formations for the services necessary to maintain civil supply.

Continued fishing has been reported during daylight hours on the coast. Fish is plentiful in the coastal areas and has provided a very welcome addition to local resources. The U.S. Navy on the coast for which it was responsible served meat helpful in granting permission and helping to organize the necessary control. The U.S. Navy certainly also allowed fishing on the coast and fisherman boats of the island.

Vegetables, fruit, shrimp, etc. have been plentiful. The

Seventy and eighty per cent have been estimated but and an inland resources found in places. These include, among other subjects, food with various types for military labor and local production of vegetables etc. for the two halves. The two sides are related in locally before the operation, proved satisfactory. There have been various studies between various cities between the two cities and cooperation between them and military operations of labor. These looked at the current like causing considerable trouble, but were removed by the work of the resources people, which were agreed that they will determine ways across for the whole island.

5. The problem of conducting with coal and power lines communications remains as much as ever, though many programs has at least been made in regulatory and technical. Going to fairly adequate equipped plants of petroleum products there has been enough to supply connected civil needs by to the present. The coal situation in cities. Coal supplies for civil use are under re-examination and arrangements a "warrior" supply. But no coal has been made available for civil use by the Seventh Army and very little by the Eighth Army. The coal which was used in situations in various circumstances military services and equipment was usually never unloaded and dependent on this source of supply is substantial. It has been having greatly necessary to depend on coal by civilians for civil use since not only do many small plants, including mills, depend on the war non-existent stocks of coal in the area, but with the reduction of stocks of charcoal the gas made in the larger plant and be substituted for cooking and domestic uses.

6. The reports of the Department of the Interior are very interesting and about the quality of administration in their own province, so that unconsciously so. Their reports are too detailed and of too local and irrelevant interest to warrant reproduction in full.

7. The administration in this province is considerably more democratic and "lighter" than elsewhere. A perfect still not exist in Japan, and the U.S.A. and other have to look at it as perfect and unique. But Indians are being converted into administrative posts which I hope will lead to a distribution of local staff. The result of the province is good but under foreign control has been worse. The town is being well dressed but within in being severely the city is becoming a more or less normal operation with several streets and open areas. A number of manufacturing small-scale operations in the first few weeks have been removed, as have several important factories and had chambers in very crowded blocks of townships. There seems to be a revival. There seems too much direct administration, but a considerable amount of program has been made. Relief rates have been reduced.

8. The administration and economic situation in not satisfactory. There is an increase in demand of various and a good deal of economic situation. The province is a little food, but such as this year there will be little surplus rice. The economic position is likely to deteriorate further.

reformed abolition prisoners of war by a military commission pending without authority. There was a minor disturbance in this connection at Monterey and the major and secondary have been resolved. The minor and active inmates provide well but electric power is lacking to power the ovens. The case of harvest has been reduced, but prices are low. Cattle and milk farms have been well attended. High prices have been paid for horses. The horses' hospital cases have been partially restarted to provide food and shelter satisfactory.

Calicut. Nothing to report except that crime is increasing and the Government are providing satisfactory. Six more soldiers have been arrested and released. There was one disturbance in Calicut which was not against any form of authority. The meeting was broken up without trouble.

Calicut. This province has been used for administrative purposes in maintaining order and reducing the Indian Government's activities. The management of prisoners labor and food requirements has proved satisfactory and the resultant labor and food offices in the province are likely to have a model for a similar new administrative body. There is no interest in the Indian Government and the situation is satisfactory for the U.S.A. to offer to reduce his Chief staff. Grain collection is good, but the volume of the harvest is poor disappointing.

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Calicut. All that need be said here is that the food situation is very bad and the refugees situation serious. There has been a further decrease in food. The refugees' housing and clothing have increased and improvement should begin.

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Subject: Report on Activities of the Financial Division
(10 July - 31 August 43)

AMGOT/2051/F
AMGOT HQ SICILY
13 September 1943

To : G.C.A.O.

INTERCOMMITTEE:

1. The members of the Finance Division into Sicily was represented by five officers, two with 8th Army and three with 7th Army. Through chronic shortage of personnel, the latter group were employed for some time as Civil Affairs Officers.

2. In initial stages, the instructions prepared at CMMA for both P.O.'s and G.A.O.'s worked adequately. On 20th July, a meeting was held at RACUSA to discuss current problems in the light of experience. This resulted in the issue of G.A.I. No. 14, laying down the method of treating State salaries, pensions, and military family allowances. Staff continued to arrive sporadically at different ends of the Island; and it was not until 9th August that the majority reported for duty. By the end of the month, 22 officers were assigned to the provinces and 26 to Headquarters. This latter amount includes 13 Accountants and 5 on the staff of AMFA; both of which sections must be centralized for reasons of efficiency.

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7. Unless large stocks of fiscal stamps or the original printing plates become available by next month, shortages are likely to cause us trouble. 322

8. Under General Order No. 2, the moratorium was lifted to provide for all taxation payments; and persons could pay direct in cash or, having funds on deposit in a local bank, were allowed to authorize the bank to pay in cash, all taxation due. Up to the present time, little revenue has reached provincial or State treasuries and become available to reduce the cash required for advances. It should be remembered that a large amount of people are on relief, many are

living far from their homes; and the banks have not been opened. Considerable improvement is anticipated in September when a large portion of the August tax installment, deferred by local orders to relieve hardship and avoid the seizure by the exaction of personal chattels, should flow into the coffers.

BANKING:

9. In late July a rough estimate of the cash position of the banks disclosed that the sum involved, excluding the provinces not then occupied, was about L. 350,000,000 of which the bulk was in Caltanissetta, used a central store by the Banca d'Italia. Only in Ragusa and Palermo did the Banca d'Italia obey their orders from Rome to burn currency and securities. In the former, the amount of currency destroyed amounted to L. 20,000,000 and in Palermo only L. 70,000. These cases of ingained incineration, provided a useful stick with which to beat the Banca d'Italia when necessary.

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15. Another difficult problem is that of handling assegni circolari and similar types of paper. They are not being treated as deposits under General Order No. 6; and we are considering their registration in order to ascertain scope of our problem. No new paper is to be issued by banks without our express authorization; and existing holders cannot dispose of such paper. There is no doubt that the amount in the pockets of the people is very large.

SOCIAL INSURANCE:

16. Of all problems concerning the Financial Division, this is the most complex. The field of Social Insurance embraces a number of complicated systems with accretions of a non-insurance nature, imposed by the Fascist Regime for

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political motives. Of the many concerns the Istituto di Previdenza Sociale is the oldest and most efficient, and its continued operation is comparatively simple. The Cassa Mutue Malattie which cover sickness were in some part under the aegis of the workers' and employers' syndicates. By implication the life of the syndicates has been terminated by the abolition of Contributi Sindacali under General Order No. 2; and this question is inter-related to the labour proposals now under consideration. There is no reason why the Cassa Mutue Malattie should suffer from the abolition of the syndicates, but it is considered necessary that their multifarious branches should be combined, for the sake of economy and efficiency into fewer institutions. Social Insurance is obligatory on employers. Only in the case of Contributi Unificati were premiums collected by the Isattori on rolls which combined:-

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- (b) Premiums for Previdenza Sociale.
- (c) Cassa Mutue Malattie Lavature Agricoli.

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Stage I. Delivery of postcards in Palermo.

Stage II. A similar delivery in other towns.

Stage III. Introduction of an inter-communication service between towns for postcards.

Stage IV. Inclusion of sealed letters in Stage III.

20. Agreement was reached with the 7th Army that the sorting office in the main post office might be made available, a concession which enabled the delivery of postcards in Palermo to begin on 24th August. ANACOT postage stamps, of which a considerable stock has arrived, were on sale to the public at five branch post-offices in the City. Only the 15 centesimi denomination for postcards was issued. At the moment of writing this report, ANACOT postage stamps and covering instructions, are being distributed through C.A.O.'s to Postmasters with a view to initiating similar deliveries about 100 towns. Within the next month will follow the

gradual introduction of a service between towns of both letters and postcards on an island-wide basis. It may then be possible to accept the large amount of letters from prisoners of war, which we are being pressed to deliver by Mideast.

AMEPA AND CURRENCY:

21. During the first 12 days of occupation, AMPA's activities were carried out in Algeria and Tunisia, and confined to completing arrangements both for receipt of the first air shipment of A.M. lire, and with appropriate Finance Officers and Paymasters of the two Armies for proper accounting of A.M. lire transfers to the Armies by AMPA; and for preparation by the Armies of monthly statistical reports of their cash receipts and expenditures in Sicily.

22. Thereafter AMPA was engaged in transporting its first receipt of A.M. Lire to Sicily, carrying the currency into its accounts, making the first bulk transfers of A.M. lire to the Armies and to the Provincial S.C.A.O.'s acquiring the necessary vault and office facilities in Palermo, and establishing a bank account in the Banca di Sicilia. At the end of this period the first balance sheet of AMPA was prepared, dated 9 August 1943, and attached as Exhibit A. This balance sheet serves to recapitulate AMPA's principal activities during this period:

- a) A.M. Lire notes received by air amounted, as of this date, to Lire 2,163.2 million. The full amount of these notes was carried into the balance sheet as a liability.
- b) The sum of about 1,000 million lire was paid out to the Chief Finance Officer of the 7th Army, primarily for the purpose of meeting his 31 August payroll. A portion of this sum was, however, used to make exchange for North African francs and yellow seal dollars still possessed by officers and men. Small amounts of R.F. pounds were also presented for exchange.
- c) The sum of 532 million lire was advanced to Provincial S.C.A.O.'s as working balances. The entire amount was charged to Occupation Costs. When any part of this is used to make advances to provinces, communes, or to various organizations and enterprises, these accounts will appear under "Advances" (presumed to be recoverable), with a consequent reduction in the amount charged to Occupation Costs.
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23. In the remainder of the month of August, AMPA's concern has been primarily with the following two groups of activities: (a) Participation in further development of policy and planning; (b) continued banking transactions, as reflected in the balance sheet of August 31, attached as Exhibit B.
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a) In the field of policy and planning the principal matters have been:

- 1) Arrangements for the reopening of the banks, dependent on receipt of additional supplies of currency and now planned for the 6 September in Palermo Province. AMFA drew up the form of credit agreement to put the banks in funds (in collaboration with the Legal Division) and AMFA officers participated in island-wide surveys of the banking situation.

- 2) Estimating currency needs, and scheduling arrivals. With additional shipments delayed, arrangements were made for the two Armies to continue to use of dollars and RMA's, and to provide such currencies for AMG use in emergency.

- 3) The accounting procedures and the allocation of accounting responsibility within AMG continued to occupy the attention of AMFA; a 'modus operandi' has been agreed and the C.C.S. requested to approve our interpretation of their accounting instructions.

b) The balance sheet of 31 August, attached as Exhibit B, indicates, by comparison with Exhibit A, that AMFA's cash reserve has declined to 238 million lire. This decline was due chiefly to outpayments of an additional 230 million to Provincial S.C.A.O.s between 10 and 31 August. At the same time, 112 million lire held by the S.C.A.O. at Brindisi were transferred to the Command Paymaster

of the 8th Army. These are being held by him as a reserve until enough lire can be supplied to permit the British forces to shift from BM's to lire. Arrangements were also completed to provide funds to the U.S. Navy through the disbursing officer at the Naval Operating Base in Palermo. By the end of August 30 million lire had been turned over to him. The Royal Navy is able to obtain funds, when necessary, from British Army Paymasters. Funds needed by the American merchant fleet are being provided by the U.S. Naval Disbursing Officer. British-flag merchant ships or ships under British charter are currently being provided with funds by the Royal Navy, but other arrangements are under discussion with British Army Paymasters.

24. The balance sheet, form of which has since been amended, also shows a further development of AMFA's activities in other directions. Advances to the State Railways increased to 30 million, principally for salaries. This represents the first advance made by AMFA to an Italian State institution on an Island-wide basis. Toward the end of August the Civilian Supplies Division arranged its first export transaction - citric and tartaric acids - and came to AMFA for an advance of 2 million to cover a partial payment to the supplier.

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27. Now that more centralized control is possible, we are considering limiting the sub-accountary machinery to Finance Officers except where the volume of work of a C.A.O. and inaccessibility to Provincial H.Q. justifies the appointment of a sub-accountant. To assist the Provincial Financial Officer, it was hoped to post an accountant to handle this increase in his work. But

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A. P. CRAWFORD
Colonel
Chief Finance Officer

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EXHIBIT "A"Allied Military Government
Allied Military Financial Agency

Balance Sheet as of 9 August 1943

Assets

(All amounts in lire)

Cash.

Current	743,319
On deposit in Banco di Sicilia	574,936,000 ^o
In reserve	53,952,000

Total cash

629,631,319^oExpenditures on account of occupation costs.

U. S. Army	1,000,384,000
Provincial S.C.A.Gs	532,160,000
A.M.C. Administrative expenses:	
Civilian Supply Division	4,000
AMPA	20,681

Total expenditures on account
of occupation costs.

1,532,568,681

Advances.

Railroads of the State	1,000,000
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Total advances

1,000,000

TOTAL ASSETS.2,163,200,000^oLiabilities

New A.M. lire notes received.

2,163,200,000^oTOTAL LIABILITIES.2,163,200,000^o^oFigures adjusted to show correct amounts on basis of check subsequent to 9 August.

EXHIBIT 'B'

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ALLIED MILITARY FINANCIAL AGENCY
Balance Sheet as of 31 August 1943

Assets.

(All amounts in Lire)

Cash.

Current Lire	356,982	
U.S. Dollars	319,200	
BMA pounds	58,180	734,362
On deposit in Banco di Sicilia		183,417,264
In Reserve		<u>53,952,000</u>

238,103,626

1,705

90,000

Total Cash

Mutilated currency.

AMGOT stamps charged to Postal Section

Expenditures on account of occupation costs

British Army	112,064,000	
U.S. Army	1,141,184,000	
U. S. Navy	30,266,000	1,283,514,000
Provincial S.C.A.Os		610,096,000
AMG HQ administrative expenses		<u>267,643</u>

Total expenses on account of occupation costs.

1,893,967,643

Export account, Civilian Supply Division

Purchase of goods for export

2,000,000

Advances:

Railroads of the State	30,000,000	
Industries and individuals	<u>5,000</u>	
Total Advances		<u>30,005,000</u>

2,164,077,974TOTAL ASSETSLiabilities

New A.M. Lire notes received

2,163,200,000

AMGOT postage stamps issued

90,000

Deposits:

Civilian Supply Division, sale of goods	214,384	
Property Controller, revenue from films	<u>63,100</u>	

277,484

TOTAL DEPOSITS

Suspense account (deposit by CPO pending clearing of his imprest account)

510,490TOTAL LIABILITIES2,164,077,974

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Monthly Reports.

General Officer Commanding in Chief,
15th Army Group.

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NSCOT/225/HQ

23rd September 3

I enclose an interim report from the Property
Division of NSCOT which may be of interest to H.Q.S.,
A.F.H.Q. The subject is too technical to deal with
in my monthly progress report.


Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer 6915

3 copies sent; 3 spares retained.

REPORT ON THE CONTROLLER OF PROPERTY DIVISION DURING AUGUST, 1943.1. Period covered by Report.

The period covered by this Report dates from July 29 to September 10, 1943.

2. Preliminary Remarks.

I arrived at AMGOT forward HQ Siracusa on July 29 and proceeded to Palermo on August 3, arriving the following day, where I made contact with Capt. Bovard, D.C.P., who had preceded me by several days. The other members of my staff reported for duty at varying dates between August 6 and 25.

I have divided the work at HQ into two sections, dealing respectively with (i) land and buildings, and (ii) industrial and commercial undertakings, the former being under the control of Major Purdy (B), and the latter under that of Major Meader (A). Field officers have been posted in the provinces as follows:-

Palermo and Trapani.	Capt. Hellmuth (B).	2/Lt. Guccio (transferred)
Agrigento, Caltanissetta and Ragusa.	2/Lt. Shaine. (A)	
Catania and Siracusa.	Capt. Russi. (B) and 2/Lt. Sbrolla (A)	
Messina and Enna.	Lieut. Beeson. (B)	

3. Real Estate.Allied Property.

It was found on our arrival in Sicily that the Italian Government had appointed the Bank of Sicily to manage all lands and buildings of allied nationals which had been sequestrated by such government. At my request, the Bank of Sicily promptly supplied detailed particulars of all sequestrated real estate throughout the island, and was instructed to continue to manage the properties in accordance with Proclamation No. 6, Art iv, Sec 3, until such time as I could take formal custody.

Such investigation as it has so far been possible to make into the accounts, etc, of the bank indicate that it has managed the properties in a very correct and efficient manner, and it is my intention, as and when formal custody is taken of the various properties, to leave the actual management in the hands of the Bank.

The more important estates in the provinces of Palermo, Trapani, Agrigento, Syracuse and Catania have been inspected, and certain of them, including the Whitaker property in Palermo known as the Villa Sofia, have been taken into formal custody, the Bank of Sicily being left in charge as manager subject to my control. The Orleans estate in Palermo, which belongs to the heirs of the late Duc de Guise, and other Whitaker properties also in Palermo, are in course of being taken into custody, but as will be appreciated, the preparation or checking of inventories and the checking of the Bank of Sicily's accounts as sequesterators take a considerable time, particularly having regard to the limited staff allotted to the C.P. Division. In this connection it should

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The Bronte Estate in the province of Catania, which was originally given to Lord Nelson by the King of Naples, and was the property of Viscount Bridport when Italy came into the war, has presented certain difficulties owing to the fact that subsequently to its sequestration, it was expropriated under Italian laws enacted prior to the date of sequestration and transferred to the Ente di Colonizzazione del Latifondo Siciliano, a semi-statal undertaking. The actual expropriation was not opposed by E.G.E.L.I. (the Italian department responsible for the custody of enemy property), and the C.L.O. is of the opinion, as at present advised, that it was perfectly legal, and cannot be annulled by the Allied Military Government, as was originally proposed before the full facts of the case were known. Objection was, however, taken by E.G.E.L.I. to the inadequate indemnity offered for the expropriation, and litigation in regard to the amount of such indemnity is still pending.

The estate is at present in the hands of Viscount Bridport's representative, Luigi Modica, the Ente di Colonizzazione having vacated or been turned out of it.

This was done without my knowledge or consent, and as the estate must be either

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enemy state property or allied property, according to whether the expropriation in favour of the E.C.L.S. was good in law or bad, I propose, subject to the C.C.A.O.'s approval, to take formal custody of the estate as soon as possible, but without prejudice to the rights and liabilities of the parties in regard to it.

4. Enemy State Property.

As stated above, the E.C.L.S. is a semi-statal undertaking, and in accordance with the C.C.A.O.'s instructions, I have taken formal custody of its assets and undertaking, and have appointed Cav. Tasca Berdonaro, a wealthy Sicilian landowner, and Dr. Vincenzo Favreano, a director of the Bank of Sicily, to act as Special Commissioner and Vice-Commissioner respectively to manage and re-organize this Ente.

Cav. Tasca is of the opinion, with which I agree, that if shorn of its superfluous and Fascist elements, both functional and personal, it can serve a very useful purpose in the agricultural economy of the island.

Where Fascist institutions have been abolished, e.g., in the province of Palermo, I am in course of taking custody of their properties. In Agrigento formal custody was taken in a number of cases, the properties being subsequently occupied by the Armed Forces.

Particulars have been obtained of enemy state lands and buildings (as opposed to semi-statal) in the provinces of Palermo and Agrigento. Except in a few cases in the latter province, formal custody has not been taken owing to the premises being in the occupation of other branches of the Allied Forces. As regards the other provinces, the respective S.C.A.O.s have been asked to furnish me with full particulars.

5. Other Real Estate.

Time has not so far permitted any action in regard to abandoned properties, though present indications are that in the case of most of such properties which are still habitable, they have been requisitioned by the Armed Forces.

6. General.

(a) It transpires that in the case of the larger Allied properties, e.g., the Whitaker estates and the Orleans estate, necessary expenses considerably exceed the available income. Unless therefore the U.S. Army, which has requisitioned both of these estates, agrees to pay rent for them immediately, substantial advances will have to be made by A.M.F.A. The question of the payment of rent has been raised with 15 Army Group, but no reply has yet been received.

(b) Cases have occurred where allied or enemy state properties occupied by the Armed Forces have been seriously damaged or pillaged. This was particularly evident in the case of the Botanical Gardens and Museum, Palermo, where rare varieties of plants and trees were damaged beyond recovery. Damage has also occurred to some buildings on the Orleans Estate, but the evidence does not show whether this was done by military or civilian personnel. What is evident is that the damage was done to obtain access to the premises for the

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(c) The recording and accounting in respect of properties taken into custody in accordance with annex B to the General Administrative Instruction No. 15, is working satisfactorily.

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7. Blocked Accounts.

Blocked accounts and securities to a value exceeding L.2,500,000, held by banks in Palermo at the outbreak of war for the account of Allied Nationals, but in many cases subsequently transferred to the Bank of Italy for the account of Istambul, have been formally taken into custody.

8. Sale of Booty.

In the province of Agrigento the 7th Army abandoned booty consisting of mules, horses and coal captured from the Italian Army, for which no military use could be

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found. These articles have been sold by the A.G.P. by public auction, and the amount realized was L.634,450.

Industrial and Commercial Undertakings.

9. Allied Property.

(a) Oil installations owned by Standard, Shell and Vacuum Oil Companies were first sequestered and then expropriated by the Italian Government, which appears to have sold them to the Azienda Generale Italiana Petroli (A.G.I.P.) which also owns certain installations of its own in various towns throughout the island. This company, which though technically a limited liability company, is controlled and partly owned by the Italian Government, in accordance with the instructions issued by the C.C.A.O. I have taken into my control. Major Meador of this Division has made a tour of inspection of all oil installations throughout the island, and has submitted a report thereon which will be transmitted to you shortly.

(b) Apart from these oil installations comparatively few commercial undertakings owned by allied citizens have so far come to light. A substantial lace and embroidery business in Palermo belongs to James Borab, a U.S. citizen, has been investigated and inventories have been made preparatory to taking formal custody.

(c) In the province of Trapani, a wine factory in Marsala owned by a British citizen Giacomo Hopps, now resident in Mazara del Vallo, has been investigated. This business was sequestered by the Italian Government, but the buildings were sequestered by the Banca di Sicilia, and the commercial business sequestered and carried on under the custody of the Banca d'Italia. The owner has expressed himself as completely satisfied with the way in which the business has been carried on, and I propose after verification of his title to hand the property back to its owner.

(d) Two asphalt mining concerns of British ownership, in the province of Ragusa, the United Limmer and Vorwöhle Rock Asphalt Company and the Val de Travers Asphalt Company, were sequestered by the Italian Government, and their custody entrusted to Soc. Asfalt-Bitumi Catrami e Derivati (A.B.S.D.) which had closed them down. The A.B.S.D. is being operated by its manager, Signor Moy, under the control of the 7th Army, and the two British companies have recommenced working under the management of Signor Moy, who appears to be a very capable business man. I propose to take formal custody of these British concerns and to appoint Signor Moy to manage them under my control.

10. Semi-statal and Government controlled Enterprises.

Of concerns of this nature falling within the scope of this Division, the following have so far been found to exist in Sicily, in addition to A.G.I.P. referred to in para 9 above, namely:-

(a) The Ente Nazionale Industrie Cinematografiche (E.N.I.C.). This concern owns cinema theatres in Palermo, Catania and Giarrè. I have assumed control of this institution. Of the 9 theatres in Palermo only two are in a position to operate, the remainder having been either requisitioned or destroyed. One (the Teatro Massimo) is now open to the public, the films being supplied by P.W.B. and a second, the Teatro Savoina, which suffered some bomb damage, should be opened at no very distant date, the repairs having already been taken in hand. No information has yet been received concerning the condition of the cinema in Catania, Messina and Palermo.

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(b) Societa Grandi Alberghi di Sicilia. This concern, which was a private company, fell into difficulties as the result of the war, and was taken into control by the Italian Government Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which now owns three-quarters of the share capital. The company owns 3 hotels in Palermo, all of which have been requisitioned by the 7th Army, but one of them, the Hotel Excelsior, is being run by the former manager, Signor Marinelli, on his own account. As this use of state property appears to be highly irregular, I propose to arrange with the 7th Army that this Division should take control of Signor Marinelli's activities, and make him accountable to me for his management. This step seems all the more desirable as Signor Marinelli is supposed to purchase his supplies in the black market, and is charging exorbitant prices.

The company also owns hotels in Taormina, concerning which no precise information has yet reached me.

(signed) C. A. S. HARRIS.
Lieut-Colonel,
Controller of Property.

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Banks - Agrigento Province.
Finance Officer,
through S.O.A.O. Agrigento Province.

AMST/201.3/P.

24 Sep. 3.

Reference your letter AG/P/1100-1000-14 of 21st September.

1. Thank you for your report on the Banks of your Province following reopening.
2. Banks may now borrow from A.M.F.A. to meet credit advances to customers for necessary operations such as millers, wine merchants, etc., if such loans are approved by the C.F.I.
3. Your recommendations are appreciated. We are now considering the elimination of withdrawal restrictions effective in the early part of October. A General Order will be issued at that time. This information will not be passed on to the public.
4. Offset of deposits against loans to customers should be deferred until withdrawal restrictions lifted.
5. "Assegni Circolari" and similar bank obligations will probably be included in the elimination of withdrawal restrictions and to be covered in the General Order.
6. The "net" of above is that we are now moving in the direction of restoring normal banking business in Sicily.

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A.P. GRAFFI-SARIN,
Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

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ANTONIO MONACO, Late Commander
of TRAPANI Fire Service.
S.C.A.P.O. (through S.C.A.O.) TRAPANI.

ALBCT/1003/PS

24 September 3

The above mentioned man having been dismissed from his post as Commandante by S.C.A.O. following his arrest by C.I.C. has now made application to the Senior Fire Officer for re-consideration of his case.

It is felt that under no circumstances could he be retained at TRAPANI but consideration is being given to his employment elsewhere.

The Senior Fire Officer wishes the enclosed letter to be handed to MONACO please.

In the letter he requires certain information and also instructs MONACO that he may not wear Fire Brigade uniform. You might care to impress the latter point on MONACO and see that he in no way interferes with the Fire Service.


G.H.L. MASON,
Major,
For Commissioner of Public Safety.

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Host

Fire Service - AGRIGENTO

ALCOT/1154/PS

S.C.A.P.O. (through S.C.A.O.) AGRIGENTO

24 September 3

A copy of the report of the H.Q. Officers who visited AGRIGENTO recently is enclosed for your information and assistance.

It is suggested that the Comandante be informed that unless he acts promptly and to your satisfaction that he will be recommended for instant dismissal.

In the meantime it will be arranged for the Senior Italian Fire Officer - Col. LUIGI RIGI to visit your Brigade as soon as possible and handle the Comandante from the Italian Fire Service point of view. One of our Officers will come with the Senior Fire Officer and they will report to you on arrival.

G.H.L. MASCH,
Major,
for Commissioner of Public Safety.

Publications.

AMCOT/246/HQ.

M.G.S.
A.F.H.Q.

24. Sept. 3.

Reference your Cable 6161 dated 18. Sept. 43.

1. This H.Q. is sending by Col. Young, one copy of Annuario Generale d'Italia 1929. So far, no copies of the 1939 issue have been found.

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2. We will make a further search.

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

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

Transfers of Land.

D.C.L.O.

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6013/CP.

25 Sept 3.

Reference your letter No. AMOT/4053/L, dated 23 Sept 43. I
have no comments to make on this proposal.

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Lieut-Colonel,
Controller of Property.

HEADQUARTERS AMGOT
15th Army Group
APO 777

AMGOT/241/HQ

Flaw
24 September 1943

SUBJECT: Enquiries re Civilians.

TO : CG, A.F.H.Q., APO 512, U. S. Army.

1. In reference to your inquiry concerning the Marchese family, the following information is submitted.

2. Carmelo Marchese and his wife Santa Marchese are now living at Misterbianco, Via Archimede 12 & 14, Catania. Signor Marchese is in good health but his wife is in poor health and shows symptoms of Neurasthenia. Their son Filippo is under arms at Biella and their other son Antonino is believed to be a prisoner in Sicily.

[Signature]
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Col, GSC
Chief Staff Officer

HEADQUARTERS AMGOT
15th Army Group
APO 777

AMGOT/241/HQ

24 September 1943

SUBJECT: Enquiries re Civilians.

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

1. In reference to your cable OET/10700, dated 16 September 1943, the following information is submitted.

2. The families of D'Antoni and Ferrara have been found to be living at Serradifalco, Via Crucillo, N. 9. Husband of D'Antoni, Major Ferraro is now a prisoner. Signora D'Antoni is now at Serradifalco with her son.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Col, GSC
Chief Staff Officer

Subject: Summary Military Courts Records.Float
NEXT/4026/L

NEXT HQ. STOLY

To: All S.C.A.Os.
(Attis Senior Legal Officers)10th Sept. 1943

There are being sent to you under separate cover books of Summary Military Courts Records as in the distribution list below.

They are to be used in accordance with the instructions therein contained, and will constitute the permanent Court Record of all Summary Court cases.

Wm. C. CHADDER.
Lieut. Col. (AUS).
Chief Legal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS AMGOT
15th Army Group
APO 777

AMGOT/241/H

Slant

24 September 1943

Ref: 6308

SUBJECT: Enquiries re Civilians.

TO : CG, A.F.H.Q., APO 512, U. S. Army.

1. In reference to your enquiry on the present whereabouts and health of Elizabeth and Placido Mancuso and children, the following information is submitted.

2. Elizabeth, Placido Mancuso and children are all in good health and living in their home which is quite alright, Villino Checchina, 26, Via Notar Bartolo, Palermo. Signora Mancuso would like if possible to have news of her brother, George Hardy, whom she thinks may be with the 8th Army in this theater.

[Signature]
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Col, GSC
Chief Staff Officer

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Flat

Major Shapland.

AMEOT/226/HQ

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

24th September 3

Enclosed please find application for appointment in
AMEOT forwarded on behalf of Major L. Shapland, R.A.S.C.

Lord Rennell has asked me to let you know that he
knows Major Shapland and considers him suitable for employment
in the Organization.

Would you please take up the matter direct with
Civil Affairs Branch, G.H.Q., Middle East.

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Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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Float
ALDO/225/HQ

24th September 5

Lord Rennell has asked me to reply to your letter of the 14th September, AA/GHI/24, regarding Major Shapland. An application for him to join the Organisation has already been received at this Office, but owing to the fact that we cannot deal with applications from persons outside Sicily, this has been forwarded to M.G.S., A.P.H.Q., who have been requested to take it up direct with Civil Affairs Branch, C.H.Q., Middle East.

Major,
Military Assistant to Chief Civil Affairs Officer
Brigadier I.E. Clayton,
Office of the Minister of State,
10, Sherin Tolushah. CATRO. 6902

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Vehicles.

ABOV/217/10.

British Transport Officer.

1. There is forwarded herewith for your records a statement dated 24 Sep. 3. 23 Aug. 43 from Maj. T. Matthews regarding Redford Lorry L.218520, which you have taken on your strength.
2. S.O.A.O. Rigdon has reported that he holds a Lorry 3-ton, L.472645 in charge of T/611/45 Dr. Baker. This is presumably the Redd Lorry referred to in Maj. Matthews letter.

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

Copy to British Camp Commandant -- Ref. para 2 above.

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Petition for Release.

AMGOT/1022/PJ

S.C.A.F.O. (Through S.C.A.O.) SIRACUSA.

Copy to DIRECTOR - Casa S. Reclusione NOTO. ✓

24 September 5

The petition of LAURENTO ROSSARIO for early release on medical grounds has been disapproved.

Applications for release by prisoners sentenced by Italian Tribunals should be brought to the Court's attention for necessary review and action.

Allen B. Mitchell
St. Col. C. M. P.

for LEWEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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SUBJECT : Summary Court of Florida, Syracuse.
Case of Quartarone, Giovanni.

AMCOT/4009/L.
AMCOT HQ SICILY.
24 September 1943.

TO : Senior Legal Officer, Syracuse (Thru: SCAG).

1. The above entitled case tried at Florida on August 31, 1943 by Captain J. H. Pearson, Summary Court, has been duly submitted to the SCAG for review.

2. The case and sentence have been confirmed in the following language:

"Sentence confirmed. - (signed) Kennell, Major-General, SCAG."

3. It is requested that the Senior Legal Officer inform the accused and his counsel the result of the review.

WILLIAM R. JORDAN,
Lt. Col., SCAG,
Chief Judicial Officer.

Memorandum

AMGOT/5016/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
/0 September 43

To: Camp Commandant.

Can we have five men or any part thereof--for special details--to help in running our warehouse--hauling oil up from Roccapalumba--locating and requisitioning dumps and various other jobs that are coming up all the time. They should be boys who can go out and take responsibility.

WLB/sr

WILLIAM L. BATT, Jr.
1st. Lt., Infantry
Civilian Supply Divisio.

WLB

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Memorandum

ANGOT/5111/CS
ANGOT HQ SICILY
10 September 43

To: all SCAO's

Reference is made to paragraph 4, ANGOT/5111/CS, dated 7 Sept. 43. The enclosed forms, which, through an error, we failed to mail, are being forwarded to you.

For the chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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

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SUBJECT:-

Allotment of Transport to Provinces.

AMST/217/19

AMST H.Q., SICILY.

2th September 1943

TO:-

S.C.A.O. AGRIGENTO.
S.C.A.O. CALTANISSETTA.

1. In order to increase the transport in CALTANISSETTA Province it has been decided to transfer 3 Trucks $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton from AGRIGENTO Province.
2. S.C.A.O. AGRIGENTO will therefore please move 3 Trucks $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton with drivers to report to S.C.A.O. CALTANISSETTA for duty in that Province. This transfer will be completed by 16th September 1943 and S.C.A.O. AGRIGENTO will report to this H.Q. the Army Nos. of the trucks transferred and the names and numbers of the drivers.
3. S.C.A.O. CALTANISSETTA will report to this H.Q. the receipt of these vehicles and drivers.
4. With regard to the other transport referred to in the letter from S.C.A.O. CALTANISSETTA reference Calt Prov/19 dated 7th September 1943 the position is as follows:-
 - (a) 3 Motor Cycles can be allotted from this H.Q., but drivers are NOT available. Will S.C.A.O. please say whether he wishes to have these Motor Cycles.
 - (b) It is regretted that Army load carrying transport is NOT available. One or two civilian lorries can, however, be found by this H.Q., if suitable civilian drivers can be provided from CALTANISSETTA. Will S.C.A.O. please say whether he wishes these lorries to be earmarked.

Copy to:

W. H. H. H.
CHIEF H. STAFF
1st Army H.Q. S.C.O.

Quartier Generale del Governo Militare Alleato

Divisione Controllore Beni

87 via Bari - P A L E R M O

Palermo, 8 Settembre 1943

All'Ente di Colonizzazione del Latifondo Siciliano

P a l e r m o

1) Con la presente siete informati che, in dipendenza delle istruzioni dell'Ufficiale Capo degli Affari Civili del Governo Militare Alleato, date in conformità del Proclama n. 6 del Governatore Militare, ho posto sotto il mio controllo tutte le proprietà, le attività, le organizzazioni e gli affari dell'Ente di Colonizzazione del Latifondo Siciliano.

2) Voi dovete quindi entro il termine più breve fornirmi le seguenti indicazioni in duplice copia:

- a) Inventario che indichi le valutazioni di tutti i beni immobili (terreni, fabbricati ecc.) di proprietà o sotto il controllo dell'E.C.L.S. fornendo anche i numeri di Catasto e di Mappa nonché la superficie di ciascuna proprietà.
- b) Inventario con le valutazioni contabili di tutte le attività e beni mobili (attrezzi, equipaggiamenti, bestiame ecc.) di proprietà o sotto il controllo dell'E.C.L.S.
- c) Particolari di tutte le altre attività come canoni, debiti dovuti all'Ente, reclami contro terzi, ecc.
- d) Particolari su tutte le passività pendenti dell'Ente, compresi canoni, debiti, tasse ecc.
- e) Un bilancio che mostri la posizione finanziaria dell'Ente alla data del 31 Agosto 1943.
- f) Particolari su tutti i contratti individuali dell'Ente con gli affittuari delle sue proprietà e di ogni contratto collettivo che possa essere stato applicato.
- g) Particolari su tutti gli altri contratti impiegati dall'Ente dei quali sussiste ancora qualche cosa o qualche pendenza.
- h) Una lista di tutte le persone impiegate presso l'Ente che indichi i salari e gli stipendi di ciascuna persona e la data sino a quando questi verranno pagati.

3) Pertanto, dalla data della presente, l'E.C.L.S. è soggetto al mio controllo ed ai miei ordini sotto tutti i riguardi e tutte le persone collegate in qualunque modo con l'Ente, sia come direttori, impiegati o qualunque altro saranno tenuti pienamente responsabili per il mantenimento delle loro proprietà o attività riguardanti l'Ente e per prendere i passi necessari per proteggere e preservare le stesse proprietà.

4) Ulteriori istruzioni in merito all'amministrazione dell'E.C.L.S. verranno inviate, col mezzo più opportuno, in seguito.

5) Si prega accusare ricezione.

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5) Si prega accusare ricezione.

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Tenente Colonnello
Controllore Beni

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AMGOT/1025/PS

AMGOT HQ SICILY

10 September 1943

SUBJECT: C.A.P.O.s

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

1. Public safety is a matter of increasing importance. Reports indicate that C.A.P.O.s are in some instances being hampered by a multiplicity of additional duties.

2. You are directed to take, as soon as practicable, action to relieve C.A.P.O.s of additional duties. This policy will apply in the future.

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

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AMGOT, 15 ARMY GROUP

10 Sept. 43

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SUBJECT:- AMDOT All Distribution.

AMDOT/51/HD.

AMDOT R.Q. SACILE.

10. Sept. 43.

To: AMDOT Liaison,
15 Army Group Main.

Reference paras. 3 and 6 of AMDOT 8th Army memorandum of 6. Sept. 43, will you please explain at 15 Army Group that though the appointment of a R.Q.A.O. is contemplated, no such appointment has yet been made.

All correspondence on island-wide matters should continue to be addressed to AMDOT R.Q., Palermo, until this R.Q. has notified a change.

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

Copy to: AMDOT 8 Army, C/o S.C.A.O. Catania.
(For information v.r.t. your memorandum referred to above)

S.C.A.O. Palermo.

(In consequence of the issue of AMDOT 8 Army memorandum referred to above it is possible that you may receive correspondence addressed to S.C.A.O. Palermo. All such correspondence should be forwarded to this R.Q.)

ANGOT H. Q.

AGENDA.

Ordinary
2nd Meeting of Economic & Financial Council
to be held in the Conference Room
1000 hours, Sunday, 12th Sept. 43.

1. Minutes of the previous Meeting.
2. Plan for reorganization of Agricultural Control (Lt. Col. Hayes).
3. "Confinati" at USTICA. (Major Harnford)
4. Inflation. (Lt. Col. Southard)
5. Policy on Salaries and Indemnity of State Personnel in Sicily. (Major Harnford).
6. Formation of a plan for island-wide public works. (Chairman)
7. Italian members of the Council.

10. Sept. 43.

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Captain,
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Agenda

2nd meeting, advisory meeting, 9th
Economic & Financial Council
to be held at the Conference Room
8:00 on Wed. Sunday 12.5.63

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

2. Plan for 'Kaspeny' 2 Agreements
Control. (LA CO HAYES) 6884

3. "CONFINATI" at VSTICH (Major Ham-ford)
"Confidential"

4. Inflation: (Lt. Cmdr. Sandford)
SALARIE and DOLLARITY

5. Policy on
98th Personnel in Sicily
(Major Ham-ford)

6. Formation of a plan to Island -
Public work (Chamman)

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Plan for Compensation of Agricultural
Contractors. (Lt Col HAYES) 6884
3. "CONFIRMATION" at VST, est (Major Hammond)
4. "Deflation" (Lt. Col. Southard)
5. Policy on SALARIES and ALLOWANCES
of Staff Personnel in Society
(Major Hammond)
6. Formation of a plan for Island-
wide Public Works (Thammanien)
7. Italian members of the Council.

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Section 1. E. F. F. F.

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LT COL SOUTHARD

LT COL HAYES

MAJOR H. HAMMOND

MAJOR E. F. WHITE, CAPT.

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AMGOT/5036/CS

AMGOT HQ SICILY

6 September 1943

SUBJECT: Soc. Generale Ellettrico della Sicilia
TO : S.C.A.O. - Messina

1. Ing. B. Saro Tricomi - Messina, is the ranking official of the subject Soc. and should be issued an island-wide pass permitting unrestricted travel, in the interest of adequate operations of the Soc.

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

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AMGOT/5036/CS

AMGOT HQ SICILY

6 September 1943

SUBJECT: Electricity Supply, City of Palermo

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

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 1 Sept., 1943, above subject, the following details are requested:

- (a) Complete street addresses.
- (b) Details of operation of "Disposal Station and Disinfection Stove."
- (c) Statement of essential importance in light of extreme shortage of electricity.

2. Suggest reconsideration by you of all fire uses, looking to possible deferment until 15 Oct., 1943.

[Signature]
CHARLES M. SPOTFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer 87

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Subject: Electricity for Irrigation.

AMGOT/5036/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
9 September 43.

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

1. This HQ is advised (a) that electricity is needed to save vegetable crops being purchased by the Army (b) that irrigation requirements amount to approximately 2 hours of operation daily.
2. Should application be made to you for the above, the service will be limited to Sundays only.
3. Any additional use of electricity in this instance will be a military requirement and must be authorized by the proper Army authority.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

FDP/EDG.


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

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

SUBJECT: Application for Promotion.

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AMCOT/1081/PS

AMCOT HQ., Sicily.

9 September 1943.

TO : C.C.A.O.

The attached application from
Lieut (J.M.) A.E. Warner with comments
by LT. COLS. Martin and Francis is for-
warded for consideration.

LEONARD L. BOLLES,
Colonel Inf.,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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0 *Roat*
SUBJECT: Recommendation of Major Bartlett.

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AMCOT/1081/P3

AMCOT H. J., Sicily.

10 September 1943.

TO : C.S.O.

The conduct of Major Bartlett upon this occasion was especially meritorious.

While not coming within the scope of his regular duties Major Bartlett voluntarily undertook this mission involving a considerable degree of hazard.

It is recommended that this officer receive official recognition for especially meritorious conduct.

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LEWIS L. BOLLES,
Colonel Inf.,
Commissioner of Public Safety

Thont

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A LOT HIGHLY
3 September 1943

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Subject: Transcript in case against Thont.

TO : Col. Richard Thont - Thont, President General Court Simonsen,
Sicily.

1. Herewith enclosed the transcript in the case against Thont, Sebastian
tried by the General Court on August 24, 1943 at Simonsen.

2. If you will return the transcript, if approved and signed by you, it will
be submitted to the C.G.A.C. for review.

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WILLIAM C. GORLER,
Lt. Col. AUS,
Chief Legal Officer.

SUBJECT:- Reorganization of Italian Red Cross in Sicily.

AMGOT/3033/PH.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

To: All S.C.A.Os.

10. Sept. 43.

The Italian Red Cross in Sicily is now being reorganized. It is being financed on an island-wide basis as it serves the whole island, and will be supervised by the Public Health Division at Headquarters. No further grants should be made by the Provinces to this organization.

The new president is, Giovanni Sorce, M.D., and he has been given authority to direct the work of the organization. All inquiries concerning services should be addressed to him at Via Piazza Santa Oliva, Circolo ufficiale, Palermo. Until the Post Offices open communications can be addressed to the Italian Red Cross in care of this office.

Information concerning our AMGOT relations to the organization should be addressed to the attention of the Public Health Division (Public Welfare Section).

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

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AMCOT HQ SICILY.

10 September 43.

Subject: Blocked Accounts - Trapani.

To: Assistant Controller Property, Trapani Province.

Herewith list in duplicate of blocked accounts held
by Cassa Centrale di Risparmio, Trapani.

Particulars of blocked accounts held by other banks
in Trapani are not available here and should be obtained
by you.

Through SOAO, Trapani.

Copy to: Captain Hellmuth,
Prefettura, Palermo.

Lieut-Colonel,
Controller of Property.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

SUBJECT:- Paper Economy.

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ASCE E.O., SECRET

TO:- All Heads of Divisions.

10th September 1944

OFFICE ORDER NO. 5.

Paper is in short supply and when the existing stocks are exhausted it will be very difficult to replenish them. It is essential therefore that all correspondence be typed on the smallest suitable size sheets and that care be taken not to type more than the number of copies actually required.

TS
CHARLES H. SPORFORD,
Lieut-Colonel C.B.E.
Chief Staff Officer

DISTRIBUTION:-

Legal Division.
Finance Division.
Civil Supply Division.

Property Control.
Public Health.
Public Safety.

SUBJECT : Allegation against Allied Troops

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AMCOT H.Q. Sicily.

9 September, 1943.

TO : Provost Marshal,
Seventh Army.

The attached copy of a report by the Civil Affairs Officer, Terradifalco, Galtanissetta Province, is forwarded for such action as is considered necessary. No action has been taken on the last paragraph.

ISAAC L. DILLON,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

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Subject - Removal of Property from Shops, without consent,
by Allied Troops.
S.C.A.O.

CAL / 3 10 14.

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3 Radio Bulbs;
quantity of Mellons; and
50 Eggs.

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I have assured the Sindaco that I am taking what steps are possible to obtain a redress, and I trust you will forward these particulars to the proper quarters. Meanwhile may I have your authority to pay from AMGOT funds the cost price of these articles, although admittedly there is no sure proof, other than the shopkeeper's words that the articles were taken.

(T.C.Shanks)

for D. Morley-Fletcher,
Major, The Rifle Brigade.
Civil Affairs Officer,
District 3 Galtanissetta.

SERRADIFALCO.

Dictated by D.M-F.

Moat
Subject:- Payment of Pilots.

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AMGOT/2031/E.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

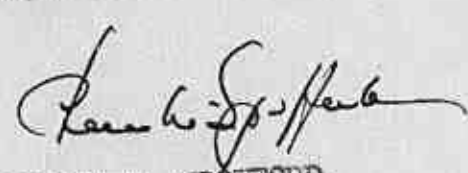
8 September, 43.

Commandant,
U.S. Naval Operating Base,
Palermo.

With reference to your memo of 27th August on the above subject,
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beginning 1 September, 43.

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DIBARTOLO, Andrea

\$ 150.00 per mo.
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\$ 125.00 per mo.


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

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Moat
Subject: - Payment of Pilots.

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AMGOT/2034/F.

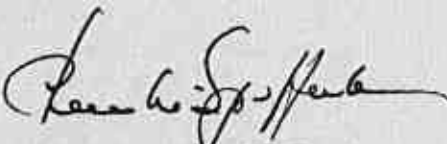
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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Lieut-Colonel., G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT: Personnel O.Rs.

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AMCOT/29/HQ.

AMCOT H.Q. STRICTLY.

AMCOT LIAISON,
15 Army Group Main.

9. Sept. 43.

Reference following message from 24 Gds.Bde. :

"No reply yet received this message A/440 requesting return to 5 Gren Gds of Bdam. ATKINS servant to Capt. E.A.C. Talbot, Gren Gds. Please treat as urgent."

1. Will you please reply as follows :-

"Your A/499 Gdsm. ATKINS (.) Batmen urgently required this unit (.) Grateful you post ATKINS to AMCOT (.) Your A/440 replied to by letter."

2. This message is being sent to you for onward transmission as the address seems vague and it is not thought that 7 Army would get it through.


CHARLES M. SPOTTFORD.
Lt. Col. C.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Final

Subject:- Financial responsibility for Pantelleria and Lampedusa.

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AMCOT H.Q. SIOUX

AMCOT H.Q. SIOUX

2 Sep 43.

Lt-Col. Bernstein

I have raised the question with you on ascertaining from M.C.S. of the procedure to be followed by AMCOT H.Q., particularly the Financial Division regarding Pantelleria and Lampedusa.

We certainly cannot spare either Finance officers or Accountants from our existing establishment; and in general terms I have no knowledge except from casual conversation with Lieut-Colonel Montforte, and Oglethorpe, of the financial and economic condition in the Islands.

I attach a request from the Military Governor which raises the question of :

- (a) The export of dried fruit
- (b) Financial arrangements connected with the same.

You will see that the question asked by D.C.S.R. cannot be answered on my present information.

I also attach papers dealing with the accounting of L. 230,000 said to have been paid by Lieut-Colonel Pariso to Colonel Montforte when he was in Pantelleria. Colonel Montforte stated that he had never handled this sum and that "A/Q" 1st Division should be asked for an explanation. It is also possible that Major Pepper would throw some light on the matter.

I shall be grateful if you will state these two problems to the M.C.S. who are able to handle the matter direct.

A.P. GRAPPEY-SUTEL.
Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

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Memorandum

AMGOT/5049/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
10 September 43

To: Baronessa Enid Benfratello
di Torremuzza

1. Unfortunately, the extreme shortage of electricity, makes mandatory the restriction of its non-military uses to the processing of foods, drinking water supply, hospitals, etc. It is expected that this condition will prevail until arrival of the seasonal rains.

2. However, provisions have been made in some instances for irrigation supply, restricted to Sundays only. If this limited service will be of any value to you, arrangements can be made. We shall need to know the number and capacity in HP of the irrigation motors you wish to operate.

FDP/sr

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

Heat

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3431

Subject: Minutes of Wage Scale Committee
Meeting for Allied Armed Forces

AMGOT/5115/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
10 September 43

To: Capt. Robert Frazier,
AMGOT Hq., Catania

1. On 1 Sept. 43 minutes of wage scale committee meeting were transmitted to Col. Strother, 8th Army with request that he submit his comments regarding same to this Hq. on or before 12 September.
2. In view of your advice that Col. Strother has been ordered forward request that you contact his successor so that We may be assured that the comments of 8th Army be received by the date fore-mentioned.

DAM/sr

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

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Subject: Report on Civil Supplies for Sicily

ASGOT/5001/CS
ASGOT HQ SICILY
9 September 45

To: U.S.A., 15 Army Group

1. For your information, I have set forth below a chronological sketch of the planning for and imports of food-stuffs into Sicily for the feeding of the civilian population.

2. During the planning stage, ASGOT requested the following, in addition to a 32,000 ton, emergency stock pile:

Flour	8960 short tons
Potatoes	2210 " "
Milk	1321 " "
Meat & Vegetables	560 " "
Sugar	148 " "
Total	13552 " "

Request was made that 50% of these stock piles be delivered at Catania six days after its occupation and 50% be delivered at Palermo six days after its occupation.

3. This request was forwarded by 1st Force to ASHQ on 11 June with the amendment that 13,707 tons be stockpiled in North Africa and called forward only on demand of the Task Force Commanders. This was broken down into four stock piles as follows:

(Short Tons)

Date to be ready
for loading:

	D-15	D-30	D-45	D-60
	FUSTIAN	FUSTIAN	CHIBETAL	CHIBETAL
	FUSTIAN	FUSTIAN	CHIBETAL	CHIBETAL
Flour	1525	1525	307	306
Potatoes	381	381	202	201
Milk (evap.)	180	180	121	121
Meat & Vegetables	95	95	51	50
Sugar	76	76	41	40
Soap	16	16	9	8
Medical Supplies	26	25	11	13
Sub Total	2299	2298	1245	1249
Totals	2299	3545	4559	5306

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1. On 1 August, 15 Army Group called forward the D+30 stockpile (G-4 Number 20), totaling 3543 tons. The coaster Nirvan arrived at Catania on 30 August. Movements cable from CG Natoua (NATH 257 No. 619, 24 Aug.) indicated it carried 2695 tons of AMOT supplies. However, Natoua letter AG 400/395, 17 August directed 3200 tons to be loaded as follows:

	2679 short tons
Flour	304 " "
Milk	75 " "
Meat & Vegetables	3 " "
Medical	117 " "
Sugar	25 " "
Soap	
Total	3200

2. 500 tons of these supplies have been unloaded and are warehoused at Catania under control of this Headquarters. The rest has been held on the Nirvan for the supply of Region II, and will be called forward by Col. Hanson of PORTBASS to Reggio as soon as port capacity allows.

3. On 8 August, 7 Army called forward the AMOT D+15 stockpile totalling 1892 tons less potatoes, which AMH had advised were unobtainable.

4. On 15 August, the Tivives arrived at Palermo with 114 tons of flour in response to this request. On 25 August, the Almanara arrived with 38 tons of civil supplies. On 5 September, the Tintern Abbey arrived with 1,004 tons of civil supplies. Total receipts from 7 Army request to date, 1,203 tons.

5. PORTBASS agreed on 2 September to call forward the D+5 stockpile to Catania.

6. Coal and petroleum products were treated as common items. All AMOT supplies of these items to date have come from civilian stocks seized by AMOT and enemy stocks captured by the Allies. Coal is, in particular, in short supply and, although AMOT was to have received 1,500 tons per month from that brought in by the Army, we are, in the interests of operational requirements, striving to help the Army with the meager stocks we have been able to find.

7. From the above summary, it may be seen there is a one month's time lag between the demand for previously stockpiled supplies and their actual delivery. Although I am not fully acquainted with the shipping picture, it would seem that this time interval is too great for coaster shipments from North Africa to Sicily.

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JPHS/jxl

Major General
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

Copy to: Capt. J. A. Todd

2411
SUBJECT : Allegation against Allied Troops

AMGOT/1004/PS

AMGOT H.Q. Sicily.

9 September, 1943.

TO : Provost Marshal,
Seventh Army.

The attached copy of a report by the Civil Affairs Officer, Geranidaleo, Galtanissetta Province, is forwarded for such action as is considered necessary. No action has been taken on the last paragraph.

WILLIAM L. BOLLES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

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SUBJECT: Petitions.

AMCOT/1022/PS

AMCOT HQ., EIGHTLY.

7 September 1943.

TO : HQ., Seventh Army.

The attached petition is
forwarded ~~for information~~, please.

For the Commanding General,

LEMMUEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel Inf.,
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

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Copy

Subject - Removal of Property from Shops, without payment,
by Allied Troops.
S.C.A.O.

CAL / 3.10 PS.

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Quantity of Mellons; and
50 Eggs.

Non. of Vehicles :- 7 A - 16 AA - G.23.
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I have assured the Sindaco that I am taking what steps are possible to obtain a redress, and I trust you will forward these particulars to the proper quarters. Meanwhile may I have your authority to pay from AMGOT funds the cost price of these articles, although admittedly there is no sure proof, other than the shopkeeper's words that the articles were taken.

(T.O.Shanks)

for D. Morley-Fletcher,
Major, The Rifle Brigade.
Civil Affairs Officer,
District 3 Caltanissetta.

SERRADIFALCO.

Dictated by D.M-F.

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SUBJECT: Employment of W.A.Cs.

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AMCOT/1030/EE

AMCOT HQ. Sicily.

9 September 1943.

TO : C.S.O.

With the reduced number of Officers contemplated under proposed new TO/WE it is important that ordinary office routine be facilitated in every way.

There will be of course a certain number of RM and OM's assigned to AMCOT and each Regional Headquarters.

It is the opinion of this Division that if W.A.Cs. can be made available for stenographic, filing, telephone and other routine administrative duties that there will be a material speeding up in these phases of office work. As a result the amount of work which can be turned out by each officer will be increased and to a degree offset some of the results of reduced officer personnel.

It is therefore recommended that a material proportion of the clerical personnel assigned to this Division be drawn from the W.A.Cs.

LEWEL L. BULLER,
Colonel Inf.,
Commissioner of Public Safety. 68,9

Float

SUBJECT:- Educational Adviser.

AMGOT/301/HQ

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

2th September 1943.

Major GAYRE, British, has been assigned to AMGOT Headquarters as Adviser on Education. He will hereafter deal with all questions affecting educational policy, educational institutions, etc., including salaries, maintenance expenses, and extraordinary expenses for the repair of war damages. He has an office in Room 64 (fourth floor), 8, Via Bari, PALERMO.

Captain HAMMOND will be glad to help in any matters with which he dealt previously to the arrival of Major GAYRE.

Il Maggiore Inglese GAYRE è stato assegnato al Quartiere Generale dell'AMGOT, come Consigliere per quanto riguarda l'Educazione. Egli tratterà inoltre tutti i problemi riguardanti il sistema educativo, le istituzioni scolastiche, etc., compresi i salari, le spese di manutenzione, e le spese straordinarie per riparazione dei danni di guerra. Il suo ufficio è situato in Via Bari no. 8, nella stanza no. 64 (terzo piano).

Il Capitano HAMMOND sarà contento di dare il suo contributo in ogni affare che egli trattava prima che giungesse il Maggiore GAYRE.

HASON HAMMOND

Capt., AC

Adviser on Fine Arts and Monuments.

Consigliere per le Belle Arti e per i Monumenti.

DISTRIBUTION:-

S. C. A. O.	Aggrigento	6	AMGOT Liaison	1
"	Caltanissetta	6	AMGOT 8th MAIN	1
"	Catania	6	Col. Hume	1
"	Enna	4	File 266	(2)
"	Palermo	35	Float	1
"	Ragusa	6	Division	6
"	Siracusa	14	M. C. S., A. F. H. Q.	2
"	Trapani	6	Spares	10
"	Messina	8	Heads of Educational Institutions	

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785015

SUBJECT : Appointment of a Medical Commission for Examination of
TRIESTE, Maragliano.

AMGOT/4010/L.

AMGOT HQ SICILY

9 September 1943

TO : S.C.A.O.,
Agrigento, Sicily.

1. On the 20th of August, 1943 a General Military Court was held at Licata, Province of Agrigento in which a number of defendants were charged with looting.

2. It was claimed by the defense that one of these defendants, TRIESTE, Maragliano, was an imbecile.

3. Conference with the medical section of AMGOT Headquarters has established that it is extremely difficult, because of the very limited personnel, for them to furnish the medical officer to make this examination.

4. The General Court therefore requests that you, through the GAO at Licata, arrange to have two local Italian doctors with any medical officer attached to units in your vicinity that could be available for such service on your appointment, to make an examination of Trieste, Maragliano who, I believe, is incarcerated in the jail at Licata, and report their findings as to the sanity or mental condition to this office.

5. If an American Army Medical Officer is not available but such a commission of Italian doctors can be secured, I believe the Court will follow their recommendation.

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WILLIAM R. JORDAN,
Lt. Col., GAO,
President, General Court.

785015

SUBJECT: Blocking of Ente Accounts.

AMCOT/2057/E.

To: Ident. King,
A.M.F.A.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

8. Sept. 45.

Regarding our conversation this morning on blocking of Ente Accounts.

1. There are a number of Enti which perform tax collecting functions and whom we have instructed to proceed, with the exception of the now abrogated Contributi Sindicali. In order for these people to proceed they must be able to pay office expenses. I can mention to you the following as an example:

(a) Unione dei Professionisti e degli artisti. - Declared to put 15 million lire to the credit of Rome each year.

(b) Ente Italiano audizioni Radiofoniche. 10 million lire to Rome p.a.

2. We have not a complete list of Enti and would be glad to have the list which you received from the Banks. It is our further thought that such list will not be very accurate, since it depends upon the interpretation by the Bank of what is an "Ente". The definition which would help us most would be "that all accounts which receive payments for account of Rome, or which make disbursements for the account of Rome" shall I think be immediately unblocked, or else given earliest priority of consideration. Only in this way can this function of tax system continue with all the important ramifications there implied, including inflation etc. etc.

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A.D. Naldi.
Major.
D.C.F.O.

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AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

8. Sept. 43.

To: Lt. Hiram S. Gans,
F.O. AGRICULTO.

Dear Lieut.,

I return to you as requested draft prepared by you in connection with payment ~~in~~ of pensions and salaries.

This office has attempted to standardize this procedure, as described in S.A.I. Finance No. 18 dated 7. Sept. 43, a copy of which should now be in your hands. We believe this will be of assistance to you on this particular subject.

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[Signature]
Major.
D.C.B.O.

Subject: Cassa Rurale ed Artigiana "Rinascenza" Valguarnera (Enna)

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ANGOT/2050/E.

ANGOT H.Q. SICILY

9 Sept 43.

Scollo Giuseppe,
President,
Cassa Rurale ed Artigiana "Rinascenza"
Valguarnera, Enna. (through Finance Officer - Enna Province)

1. Acknowledge receipt of letter dated 28th August 1943, enclosing two copies bank return as of 30 April, 1943, and two copies of same as of 18 July, 1943.
2. Regarding "Fertilizers", I wish to advise that Sulphate of Ammonia can be supplied in the spring. Provincial "Consorzi" may be able to supply Perfosfato and Nitrate of Calcium from possible available stocks.
3. We realize need for fertilizer for production purposes, and efforts are being made to obtain supplies.

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J.R. KIMMET.
Major.
Controller of Financial Institutions.

Lt. Col.

7401

Subject: Enquiry about P.O.W.

AMCOT /

AMCOT H. SICILIA

9 Sept. 1943

Italian Red Cross, Palermo.

1. Attached is a letter of enquiry from an inhabitant of Comiso.
2. This pertains to a Prisoner of War and we are submitting it to you so that you may send the reply direct to the writer.

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

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Final 3401

Subject: Mail for forwarding to U.S.

1008/2025/E

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

2 Sept., 1943

A.F.H.Q.

1. Request is made that A.F.H.Q. forward attached letter thru channels to Col. Andrews, School of Military Government, Charlottesville, Virginia.

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

Encl: - 1 letter

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AMGOT/1013/BS

JACOB H. Q. SICILY.

9 September 1943.

TO : Staff Captain 'A'.

Ref., your memos ANCOY/216/HQ, dated 5th, and 8th.
September 1943.

Attached is a nominal roll of Public Safety Division Officers assigned to this H.Q..

LEWIS L. BOLLES,
Colonel Inf.,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

Villa Stefano, Piazzio 3, Virgilio.

These Officers can be reached at
Villa Stefano on Via Dante and
Via Malaspina.
No Telephone Numbers available.

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING.
Capt. W.C. Ballance)

29, Via Libertà. No. Telephone number.

FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE SECTION.

Major G. H. L. Mason	CASERMA VIGILI DEL FUOCO (Central Fire
Capt. Wallace	Station) Via Scarlatti, PALERMO.
Lieutenant Bellerson	TELEPHONE Nos. 13747-8-9.

PRISON'S SECTION.

Dr. G. L. Johnson

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2 September 1943.

TO : Staff Captain 'A'.

Ref.: your memo NIGOT/216/HQ dated 5th. and 8th.
September 1943.

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Officers assigned to this H.Q..

Col. Lemuel L. BOLLERS
Lt.-Col. R.M.J. MARTIN

CIVIL POLICE SECTION.

Lt. Col R.A. Snook
Major B.J. Hefford
Major E. Aust
Major G. Richardson
Captain J. Manuel
Lieutenant V. Gale

LEMUEL L. BOLLERS,
Colonel Inf.,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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~~Capt. Mallico.~~

~~Lieutenant Ballerone~~

CASERMA VIGILI DEL FUOCO (Central Fire
Station) Via Scarlatti, PALERMO.
TELEPHONE Nos. 13717-8-9.

PRISONS SECTION.

Lt. Col., Mitchell

Major M.P. Lothian

Capt H.J. Brown

Capt H.W. Alden

30 Via Viglio.
Villa Stefano, Via Viglio. No Telephone.
30 Via Viglio.
No address in PALERMO.

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SUBJECT: (Investigation of reported Malaria)
Outbreak at S. Teresa de Riva, Sicily.

AMGOT/3005/HI.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

TO: H.Q. 8th Army (MAIN).

9 Sep 45.

Herewith report by a member of the Public Health
Division, AMGOT H.Q. staff on the reported severe outbreak of
malaria at S. Teresa de Riva, Province of Messina, Sicily.

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R. J. ...
Caccone
Maj. General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

SUBJECT: Investigation of reported Malarial
outbreak at S. Teresa de Riva.

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ANGOT H.Q. BUREAU.

TO: S.C.A.O. Catania.
S.C.A.O. Messina.

2 Sep 43.

Herewith report by a member of the Public Health
Division Angot H.Q. Staff on the reported severe outbreak
of malaria at S. Teresa de Riva.

By order of Chief Staff Officer.



D. GORDON OGDEN.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

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SUBJECT: Investigation of reported Malarial
Outbreak at S. Teresa de Riva, Sicily

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ANGOT/3005/PH.

ANGOT H.Q. SICILY.

TO: A.F.H.Q. (H.C.S.)
(Attention P.H.D.)

9 Sep 43.

Herewith report by a member of the Public Health
Division, Angot H.Q., staff on a reported severe outbreak of
malaria at S. Teresa de Riva, Sicily.

[Signature] 6857
Col
Maj. General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

SUBJECT: - Taxi charges incurred
by Lt. Bateman.

AMGOT/271/HQ

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

2 Sept. 43

S.C.A.O. CATANIA

1. A letter written by the above named officer on 27 Aug to "C.A.O. PAFED" regarding certain taxi fares has been delivered to this H.Q. There has also been received here two letters from the Command Paymaster reference CP/Bills/PC/10 dated 30 Aug and 3 Sep 43 together with a statement from the taxi driver.
2. The correspondence mentioned in para 1 above is forwarded herewith to you as this would seem to be a matter for settlement by you direct with the Command Paymaster after you have made enquiries as to the circumstances.
3. Please instruct Lieut Bateman that in future he should refer to you for your authority and orders in matters of this kind.

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

Copy to Command Paymaster S.C.P.O., CMF

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AMGOT/6029/EG.

AMGOT HQ. - SICILY.

9 September, 1943.

Subject: Immediate payment for repairs to the Regia Università

To : Lt.Col. Poletti, for attention of
Lt. Becker, Provincial F.O.

Reference Palermo, Regia Università.

The attached correspondence initiated by Capt. Mason Hammond, Advisor on Fine Arts and Monuments, is for your information.

You will observe that approval has been granted that funds be made available for the sum of 200,000 lire.

I have informed the Rector of the University of the approval which has been given for this expenditure. I shall be glad if you will take action in this matter.

Please return the attached correspondence and file.

[Signature]
G. R. Gayle,
Major, A.E.C.
Educational Advisor.

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ROUTING SLIP

S.C.A.O.
D.O.O.A.O. CSO *See*
D.C.S.O. *TS*
COL. CLOUGH
MAJOR SMITH
MAJOR McDOUGALL
LT. VAN HEUKELOM
CAPT. GRAHAM
P. R. O.
ADVISOR F. A. & M.
CAPT. DAVIS
CAPT. TALBOT
LEGAL DIV.
FINANCE DIV.
CIVIL SUPPLY
PUBLIC SAFETY
PUBLIC HEALTH
CONTROLLER PROPERTY
REGISTRY
Maj. Pearson

REMARKS

Maj. Pearson

Have you seen 2 flagged
memos? *(TS)*

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9/9
DATE

C. S. O.

Final

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SUBJECT:- Quarters for the Conservatorio
di Musica.

MEET/DOCL/M & AADOT H.Q., SICILY

TO:- S.C.A.O., PALERMO Province.

9th September 1943.

Capt. MASON HARMOND informs me that authority has been given for the Director of the Conservatorio to find suitable accommodation for his institution, and, having done so, for the Province, through the office of the S.C.A.O., to requisition this for him.

I have been with the Director (Dr. TUZZO) to see the proposed building which is in Piazza Principe di Camporeale No. 6 piano primo. This appears to be in every way suitable. I understand from the owner that it has already been marked by you. If you have no other purpose for this house, may it be requisitioned for this purpose?

As soon as I know whether they can have these quarters, I will ask them for estimates for moving their property and obtain sanction for the expenditure.

G. R. C. C.
G. R. C. C.
Major A.E.C.
Educational Adviser.

6853

Subject:- Proclamations

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A T/4022/L

ANGOT H.Q. SICILY

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

9th September 1943

Reference your letter of 7th Sept. 1943 and request for copies of Proclamation No. 13, 400 copies of this Proclamation were forwarded to you on 20th August 1943. Please let this H.Q. know if these can be found.

I note that in your letter of 17 Aug 1943 (Subject: Proclamation No. 6 Angot), you state :-

"As requested in letter on the above subject dated Aug 15, 1943 you are advised that instructions to post Proclamation No. 6, as well as Proclamations No 9 and General Orders No. 1 were received at Trapani a day or two beforeAug 8th 1943."

The letter above quoted (ANGOT/22/HQ of 15/8/43) and ANGOT/22/HQ of 11th August 1943 refers to Proclamation No. 6 only, and we assume your reference to Proclamation No. 9 was inadvertent. You will receive separate instructions when that Proclamation is to be posted. As the Gazette has not yet been received from Algiers any posting of Proclamation No. 9 was clearly premature.

Wm. C. CHANLER.
Lieut.Col.(AUS),
Chief Legal Officer.

6852

Copy to File ANGOT/4006/L

Subject: Sentence of Italian Court - Petition For Review.
Re: Lucia Camelo.

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AMCOT/AMCOT/1.
AMCOT H.Q., SICRY.
8 Sept. 1943.

To: S.C.A.C. Agilante (for attention of S.L.O.)

1. The attached papers referring to the Petition of Lucia Camelo are forwarded to you.
2. Would you ask the Procuratore and his to investigate this matter and let you know if the circumstances of the trial would justify an act of clemency.
3. Please return those attached papers with your observations at your early convenience.

GH/RS.

W.C. CRANSH, Lt. Col. (A.U.S.)
Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to: Commissioner of Public Safety, AMCOT, H.Q. Ref. your
AMCOT/1022/16 dated 7 Sept. 1943.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

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SUBJECT:- Public ion:- "Who's Who in Fascist Italy"

AMGOT/92/HQ

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY

9th September, 1943.

To:- AMGOT, Eighth Army.

30 Copies of the above publication, numbered 256 to 285 inclusive, are forwarded herewith.

Please acknowledge receipt.

JB
CHARLES M. SPORFORD,
Lieut Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Float

AMCOT/78/HQ

AMCOT HQ SICILY

2 September 1943

Memorandum for: Heads of Divisions

Attached is a revised TO for Regions I and II and AMCOT HQ which has been somewhat revised in the light of comments received on the first draft.

Where a change in the staff of special divisions is involved will the division concerned submit additions to the lists of officers.

C. S. O.

Distribution

Legal
Finance
Civilian Supply
Public Health
Public Safety
Allied & Enemy Property

Encl.

6849

MEMORANDUMSubject:- Distribution of General Order No. 6.

AMMOT/1007/L

To: Lt. Col. Claiborne.
AMFA.

9th Sept, 1943

When General Order No. 6 was posted I issued the usual instruction for its distribution providing the 5,000 copies on the following basis :-

PALERMO	-	1000
CATANIA	-	800
MESSINA	-	600
AGRIGENTO	-	400
TRAPANI	-	400
SYRACUSE	-	400
CALTANISSETTA	-	400
RAGUSA	-	200
ENNA	-	200
Retain at H.Q.	-	600

I had my staff write the addresses on all packets so as to effect distribution.

I have just been called to the telephone by Palermo Province who have apparently ~~has~~ received only 200 instead of 1000 copies. Upon investigation I find that 10 packets of Proclamations consisting of 2000 copies were, for some reason, taken over to the office of A.M.F.A. and distributed on a basis of 1 packet of 200 to each province. As the remaining 2400 copies were distributed as addressed, the result is that some provinces have received considerably more than their share and others less. I have straightened out the situation in Palermo by using extra copies available but do not know the total number of copies received by Agrigento, Trapani, Syracuse and Caltanissetta.

I suggest that you take steps to ascertain the number actually received in these provinces and direct redistribution of them on a correct basis.

No additional copies of this General Order are now available.

Wm. G. CHAMBER.
Lieut. Col. (AMS).
Chief Legal Officer.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

SUBJECT:- Flags.

ANGOT/257/HQ.

ANGOT H.Q. SIOTLY.

9. Sept. 43.

To: American Supply Officer.

Please dispatch 5 Flag Stars and Stripes by first available Courier Service to S.C.A.O. CALTANISSETTA.

W. Spafford
CHARLES M. SPAFFORD. 6847
Lt. Col. G.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

Copy to: S.C.A.O. CALTANISSETTA - It is regretted that all Union Jacks have been issued. Further supplies have been asked for and will be sent to you when available. (Your letter Calt. Prov/20 dated Sept. 43 refers).

Float
AMGOT/38/HQAMGOT HQ SICILY9 September 1943

SUBJECT: Effect of Armistice

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

1. The Armistice concluded with the Italian Government does not immediately effect the position of AMGOT in occupied Italian territories. Until further notice, you will continue to carry out your duties in accordance with existing instructions.

By order of Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

Distribution:

Agrigento	6
Caltanissetta	6
Catania	6
Enna	4
Palermo	35
Ragusa	6
Siracusa	14
Trapani	6
Nessina	8
AMGOT Liaison	1
AMGOT 8th Main	1
Col. Hume	1
File	2
Float	1
Divisions	6
M.G.S., AFHQ	2

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

File
Memorandum for: S.C.A.O., Syracuse

NRGOT/286/HQ
WRGOT HQ SICILY
9 September 1943

KEPT BY Col Spofford

In accordance with your letter of Sept. 5 and your verbal message by Major Rowellerson, I have arranged with the D.P.S. that Capt. Rutherford remain on duty with you until a satisfactory officer can be found to relieve him.

Therefore, until further notice, you may continue to have the services of Capt. Rutherford.

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

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

SUBJECT: Civil Defence - CATANIA.

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AMCOT/1074/PS

AMCOT H.Q., Sicily.

2 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. CATANIA.

Following report of the Inspecting Officers of this H.Q., it is felt that at present the only point to which consideration might be given is the setting up of some simple form of Air Raid warning such as Church Bells or whistles.

L. L. Bolles
Major

f LEWEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel Inf.,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

Copies to :-

C.A.O.
Civil Defence File.

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Host
SUBJECT: Fire Service - CATTAGIRONE.

AMGOT/1073/PS

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.

2 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. CATANIA.

Following the report of Inspecting Officers of this H.Q., - copy enclosed - it is felt that the following action should be taken.

1. A complete extra hose and any other spare parts, required should be handed to your Civil Supplies Section (copy to this Hq).
2. The question of the provision of static tanks might be considered.
3. The nominal roll might be examined with a view of possible reduction under present conditions.

Copies to :-
S.C.A.O.
Fire File.

L. L. Bolles
LEMMUEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel Inf.,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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DAM

Subject: Public utility wage rates

ANGOT/5119/CS
ANGOT HQ SICILY
9 September 43

To: Capt. Robert Frazier,
ANGOT HQ, (Catania)

Inclosed is self explanatory and is transmitted for
your information and possible assistance to P. & L. 8th Army.

DAM/sr

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

Heat Copy

6842

Subject: Cinemas

5730 CS
AMGOT/~~323/43~~
AMGOT HQ SICILY
9 September 43

To: SCAO Caltanissetta

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 25 Aug. 43 in which you request a decision on the opening of cinemas in your province.
2. The question of opening cinemas is entirely dependent on two things: (a) The psychological factor, which must be determined by FWB, and (b) Supplies of materials, which are determined by this Headquarters.
3. At this time it is felt that, due to the urgent need of critical and essential materials that would be required for such opening, the necessary supplies to operate the theater may not be furnished.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

JFRS/jfl

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

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AMCOT/5011/03
AMCOT HQ. SICILY
9 September 1943

SUBJECT: Captured Petrol Stocks
TO: S.C.A.O., Caltanissetta

1. On 28 August 1943 the Quartermaster H.Q. 7th Army turned over to AMCOT the captured enemy petrol dump at Caltanissetta. You are directed to supply AMCOT H.Q. with an inventory of the dump when you took possession and the inventory at the present time.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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

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Subject: Grain and Flour Supplies

AMCOT/5005/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
9 September 43

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

1. Reference is made to letter file no. CSD/Messina/2 dated 6 Sept. 43, same subject as above, from Supply Officer, Messina Province to SCAO Messina Province, copy of which was furnished this Headquarters.

2. It is noted that your daily requirements, including safety factor, are 50 tons per day. Presently, Enna is being instructed to furnish you 20 tons per day.

3. In order to bring the ration of the province to 200 grams per person per day. It is believed that an additional 20 tons is needed. Should I be able to make such arrangements with Enna Province, it is desired to know whether Messina Province can furnish the necessary transport.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

JFRS/jfl

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

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AMGOT FILPOT.

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CAPTAIN T.B. CARR, WORKS ON YOUR W.E. ATTACHED THIS H.Q. SINCE
8 JUNE STATES HE HAS RECEIVED NO PAY SINCE JUNE PAY. PAREN FROM
AMGOT SEVENTH ARMY TO MID EAST FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS CITE AMGOT
225 PAREN. PLEASE INVESTIGATE AND CORRECT IMMEDIATELY AND INFORM
THIS H.Q.

9 Sept 43.

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Subject:- E.O's Pa sta

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AMCOT H.Q. SICILY

2 Sep 43

Finance Officer,
Syracuse Province,
(through S.C.A.O. Syracuse)

Many thanks for your letter of 3rd and 5th September. I will deal with the points in the order raised therein.

(a) If there is no other suitable accommodation for the British Paymaster, I suggest that the B.C.I. could be allotted a section of the Banca d'Italia building. Many banks in Palermo have had to arrange for alternative accommodation through similar reasons.

(b) As long as a Finance officer accompanies the B.C.I. representative, examines the contents of the safe deposit boxes, and ensures that no documents are withdrawn which could in any way conflict with our orders or infringes security, I see no reason why the two safe deposit boxes should not be withdrawn.

(c) As regards your shortage of staff, I notice that you make no mention of Lieut Dryburgh, who was assigned to Syracuse to deal principally with the questions of Revenue, Customs and Monopolies, he should, however, adapt himself to be able to deal with any financial problem. In company with many other Accountants, Lieut Tipping is engaged in assisting financial officers in sorting out the accounts for the province, and from the various Sub-accountants. It is not intended that he should remain with you permanently. Lieut Baingo is in fact on the staff of the Chief Accountant not in Social Insurance; he is fully engaged in similar work to Lieut Tipping. Your request for Junior Finance officer seems to me to be met by the allocation of Lieut Dryburgh.

(d) You state that you have to supply and receive small amounts of cash daily, and are keeping L.50,000 in the office safe. This sounds to me as if you are doing the accounting work for the C.A.O. Syracuse. Provincial Finance officers are not supposed to do this type of work, and if my supposition is correct I will be glad if you will inform the C.A.O. Syracuse that he is the sub-accountant for that town.

I am sorry to hear that your health has not wholly improved, and hope that with the cooler weather you will shortly be fully recovered.

I am sorry to hear of your difficulties in arranging storage accommodation for the B.M.A. notes and coin, in fact the delay is most welcome, as circumstances have now arisen which make it desirable that this transaction should be completed, so take no further action in the matter. For your private eye, I enclose copy of a personal letter that I have written to Colonel Rooney on this subject.

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A.P. CRAWFORD-SMITH.
Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

SUBJECT: Meeting of Provincial Supply Officers.

AMCOT/5111/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
7 September 43

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

1. A meeting will be held at this HQ on Sunday, 26 September, 1943 at 1030 hours of all provincial supply officers, i.e. those officers dealing with food and civilian requirements.
2. It is felt that the time has come when a full discussion of supply problems throughout the Island will be of use both in enabling officers to deal with those problems and in providing information for other territories to be occupied.
3. Will you please arrange for your supply officer(s) to attend this meeting. Accommodation overnight will be arranged if required. This does not, of course, exclude you yourself if you wish to attend.
4. Will you also please have your supply officer bring with him (a) the attached proforma completed with all the information available up to the date of the meeting; (b) a consolidated account of the stocks declared under General Order No. 5. Exact figures are required of important items (wheat, olive oil, soap, fuel, vehicles, etc.) if it is not possible to produce them for all items.

CJH/jfl

Distribution:

S.C.A.O.	Acragento	1
"	Caltanissetta	1
"	Catania	1
"	Enna	1
"	Messina	1
"	Palermo	1
"	Ragusa	1
"	Siracusa	1
"	Trapani	1
All Heads of Divisions		
AMCOT Liaison	15 A.G.	1
AMCOT 8 Main Army		1
Col. Hume c/o M.G.S.A.HQ		1
Floet		1

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CJH/jhl

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S.O.A.O. Agrigento	1
" Caltanissetta	1
" Catania	1
" Enna	1
" Messina	1
" Palermo	1
" Ragusa	1
" Siracusa	1
" Trapani	1
All Heads of Divisions	
ANGOT Liaison 15 A.G.	1
ANGOT 8 Main Army	1
Col. Hume c/o M.C.S.ATHQ	1
Float	1
File	1

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

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SUBJECT: - Publicat is.

AMCOT LIAISON,
15 Army Group Main.

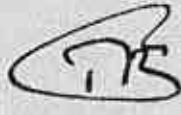
AMCOT/246/HQ.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

9. Sept. 43.

Reference your AI/4/368 of 6. Sept. 43, a receipt is acknowledged of Copy No. 264 of the document forwarded by you.

Up to 10 copies of these Zone Handbooks are required at this H.Q., and AMCOT 8 Army, or other Regional organizations will require the same number for each compartment.


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

6835

Subject:- Special Admin Instructions.

C. Fleck
ARX/3011/11

ARX/11/11/11.

To:- Capt Royton
(Through SCAO Tharai)

2 Sep 43

Ref your letter dated 23 Aug with regard to Medical Directives.
Herewith Admin. Inst. Nos 1 - 6. Spare copies of Admin Inst
"Medical Supplies" and "Weekly Medical Reports" dated 4 Aug are not
available and should be in the hands of your SCAO.

It is hoped that in the near future printed copies of all Admin Inst
will be available for general distribution to Provincial Officers.

DGC

D GORDON CROMBIE
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

6834

Subject: - Officer Delinquency

3470
ANGOT/25-113

ANGOT H. STAFF

2 September 1943

C.O. 3rd S.A.C. By runner

1. Enclosed record of evidence forwarded as a matter thought to pertain to your command.
2. Request notification of action taken in this case.

7/6
CHARLES M. STOFFORD
Lt. Col., C.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer

SUBJECT:- Requisition of Buildings for Clinics.

TO:- S.C.A.O. Caltanissetta

Copy to Capt. MacKenzie Caltanissetta

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ANGOT/3017/PH.

ANGOT HQ. SICILY.

9 Sep. 43.

Reference Capt. MacKenzie's letter BK/P/14 dated 5 Sep. 43, repeated this HQ.
The buildings in question should be put at the disposal of ANGOT Public Health
as soon as possible. *Will you kindly help?*

D. GORDON CHEYNE
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

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Memorandum:

AMCOT/5047/OS
AMCOT HQ SMITH
9 September 43.

To: AMCOT Idelson, 15 Army Group
Attention: Col. Thorne-Thorne.

1. Reference is made to my memorandum of 24 August 43, requesting the release to AMCOT of 100 motor vehicles, and to your memorandum on the same subject dated 5 September.

2. Your request for the turn-over of the 100 trucks on 30 September is perfectly satisfactory. However, I wish to emphasize that in my original request, I also asked for the necessary drivers, mechanics, overhead and spare parts. Please press for these also.

JTRS/IDC.

[Signature]
Major General
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

6832

Subject: Marsala Wine Industry.

AMCOT/2043/E
AMCOT HQ SICILY
9 September 43.

To: C. S. O.

1. The Marsala Wine Industry is based on the growing of particular varieties of grapes and on the availability of the special processing. The chief districts where these conditions are found are Marsala, Mazara and Trapani.

2. The wine making industry employed on full time, about 7,000 persons, but the number of persons involved in the growing of the special varieties of grapes is not known. The degree of dependence of these growers on the Marsala industry cannot be definitely determined. The pre-war figures give a maximum output of about 400,000 hectolitres of marsala wine per annum, about half of which was exported.

JO/EDG.

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

Copy To: AMCOT/5100/CS.

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Subject: Frozen Funds of Ente Zolfi Italiani

AMCOT/5013/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
September 13.

To: Chief Finance Officer.

1. Ente Zolfi Italiani has on deposit in the Bank of Sicily, Lire 97,654.10

2. As we have taken control of this organization under the name Ente Zolfi Siciliani, it is requested that the frozen funds be released to the Ente.

JRP/EDG.

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

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AMCOT/5011/CS
AMCOT IN SICILY
8 September 1943

SUBJECT: Captured Italian Petrol Stocks

TO: G.O.A.O., Trapani

1. The Quartermaster of H.Q. Inland Base Section, Palermo has turned over to the Civilian Supply Division of AMGOT H.Q., six railroad tank cars which were located in the Trapani railroad yards on 25 August 1943. The car numbers are as follows:

23946
931138
9580070
914726
943550
941153

The cars contain petroleum and each of the above cars is believed to contain approximately 150 barrels of diesel oil.

2. You are directed to take possession of these cars for AMGOT and hold for disposition by the Civilian Supply Division.

3. It is the intention of the Civilian Supply Division to transfer to Palermo the cars not needed in Trapani. Will you please submit immediately to H.Q., your petroleum requirements by type of consumption for the next 90 days so that a decision may be reached. The supply situation for petroleum products is critical and no request should be made except for petrol needed for the most urgent requirements.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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J. F. R. KEITZ,
Lt. Col. G.O.A.O.,
Director Civilian Supply
& Resources.

AMGOT/5061/1
AMGOT HQ SICILY
9 September 1943

SUBJECT: Piscola - Mats for Pressing Olive Oil

TO: S.C.A.O., Catania

1. Reference GAT/30/CSD, 2 September 1943.

2. The "fiscola" pieces with a diameter of 54 m.m. are available here in Palermo. The price quoted was

750 Piscola at 250 lire each = 187,500 lire
Discount = 16,500 "

Net Price 171,000 lire

3. If you desire these "fiscola", it will be necessary for you to send trucks for them or to arrange other transport as none is available here. It will also be necessary to arrange payment, probably through MIFA.

4. The total weight of the 750 fiscola is about 7½ tons.

5. The name of the manufacturing firm is listed below:

Ditta Bruno Magliocco Industria e Commercio Fiscoli
di Cocco ed Affini VILLABATE (Palermo)

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

J. F. R. SEITZ,
Lt. Col. G.S.C.,
Director Civilian Supply
& Resources.

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Subject: Sale of Army Vehicles

ASDOT/5079/CJ
ASDOT HQ SICILY
9 September 43

To: SCAO Caltanissetta Province

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 26 Aug. 43 in which you request permission to sell certain motor vehicles in warehouses in the vicinity of Caltanissetta. To date, this Headquarters has neither received information from CG 7 Army nor from your Headquarters releasing these captured vehicles to ASDOT. However, it is requested that you, by indorsement hereon, notify this Headquarters of the locations, types, and makes of vehicles in the various warehouses concerned, so that the necessary request may be made to the Army.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

JMB/jrl

J. P. R. BRITZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
D. C. S. R.

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AMGOT/5013/HQ.

AMGOT HQ. - SICILY.

9 September, 1943.

Subject: Grottacalda Sulphur Mine.

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

1. Refer to letter from A. Weible to S.C.A.O. Enna Province, 26 Aug. 1943, copy of which is enclosed.
2. According to Weible's letter, his main difficulties are (a) the need of more pumping time, i.e., the use of power from his own generator for 12 hours instead of 10 hours per day; (b) the lack of cash to meet his immediate needs; (c) the fear that his generating plant may break down and cause the complete flooding of his mine.
3. Our mining engineer reports that this is the largest sulphur producing mine in the Island and that the possibility of serious damage from flooding is a real danger.
4. Weible's estimate of monthly cash needs appears high, inasmuch as he is not paying his workers full wages during this interim. However, our information is that he is practically out of cash.
5. In view of the above, efforts should be made to:
 - (a) Take steps to allow Weible to use power for a period of 12 hours daily.
 - (b) Provide a means either by direct loan or thru your local bank to compensate the Mining Company for power furnished to the Electric Company, using receipts for power as security.
 - (c) Have Weible advise us thru you whether he has a generator, pulleys, belts and jack shaft fittings with which he could hook up an auxiliary generator if we could lend him a 300 H.P. high speed Diesel engine.
6. With further regard to finances, arrangements are being made for the reopening of credits to sulphur mines thru the Bank of Sicily. As Weible has some 1100 tons of crude sulphur on hand, he should be able to negotiate his own financing as soon as arrangements are complete.
7. If you are unable to arrange relief for this mine thru the above mentioned channels, advise this HQ. and the possibility of a direct loan thru AMFA will be considered.

For Chief Civil Affairs Officer

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 - (c) Have Weible advise us thru you whether he has a generator, pulleys, belts and jack shaft fittings with which he could hook up an auxiliary generator if we could lend him a 300 H.P. high speed Diesel engine.
6. With further regard to finances, arrangements are being made for the reopening of credits to sulphur mines thru the Bank of Sicily. As Weible has some 1100 tons of crude sulphur on hand, he should be able to negotiate his own financing as soon as arrangements are complete.
7. If you are unable to arrange relief for this mine thru the above mentioned channels, advise this HQ. and the possibility of a direct loan thru AMFA will be considered.

For Chief Civil Affairs Officer

J.F.P. SEITZ,
Lt. Col.
Director Civilian Supply & Resources.

Encl. 1.

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9 Sept. 1943.

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PARA 1. DATA SUBMITTED FOR JULY 9th IN INFORMATION & SECTION
 2 IS DIFFERENT 1st PAGE FROM AUGUST 7th ARMY TO A.F.H.Q. M.C.B.
 FOR PAYMENT CITE ARMY 222 PAGES. PARA 2 1800 COPIES INFORMATION
 4, 5, 8, 11 AND 13 AND GENERAL, CITE 1 AND 2 SENT YOU BY AIR
 YESTERDAY 7th SEP. OTHER REQUIREMENTS NOW BEING PRINTED AND
 WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU WHEN READY. PARA. 3. NOTE YOU ARE FIGHTING
 ITALIAN CASUALTY.

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9 SEPT. 1943

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WAR DEPARTMENT
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
ARMY WAR BOND OFFICE
366 WEST ADAMS ST.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

DISCONTINUE CLASS "B" ALLOTMENT OF 2ND LT JAMES A. DAVIS, 01585335, PAPER
FROM AMST 7TH AMST TO WAR DEPARTMENT, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, ARMY WAR BOND
OFFICE, 366 WEST ADAMS ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, CITY AMST 226 PAPER, BOND
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SUBJECT:- Repatriation to Home Establishment on Long
Service Grounds - 1944.

GHQ O2E MEF.
O2E/1377/A
Abbassia 189

TO: All Units, Formations, Establishments, 25 Aug 43.
etc. Military Hospitals, Detention Barracks etc.

1. Further to this GHQ letter of even number dated 10 Aug 43.
Please forward to this GHQ as early as possible a nominal roll of all officers and O.Rs on the strength of the Unit or Establishment under your command on 1 Sept 43 who embarked for service overseas before 1 Nov 1939 and have served overseas continuously ever since. Periods of leave or duty in U.K. not exceeding six months not to count as a break. Date of embarkation to be shown.
2. It is pointed out that these rolls are required in order that dates of embarkation may be verified where necessary and to provide information for the Branches responsible for movement and provision of shipping space.
3. The existing procedure whereby the proportion of those eligible for posting is selected by the O.C. Unit and names forwarded through the normal staff channels to Commands who order personnel into Base Depots when shipping space is available, is in no way affected.
4. All personnel covered by para 1 must be included on rolls unless they elect to relinquish their right to repatriation for a period of not less than one year. In which case a certificate to that effect should be attached. Failure on the part of O.C. to render rolls promptly or the omission of names may seriously prejudice the prospects of repatriation of those concerned.
5. In the case of Training Establishments, Hospitals, Con Depots, Transit Camps and Detention Barracks, students, patients and personnel in transit will be included but shown separately from posted personnel.

FEH.

(3gd) ? ? ? ? Lt-Col.AAG.
for Brigadier i/c GHQ O2E MEF.

6823

7800 File

SUBJECT:- Repatriation to Home Establishment on
Long Service Grounds - 1944.

AMGOT/354/HQ.

U R G E N T.

AMGOT HQ SICILY.

9 Sept 43.

1. Reference the reverse copy of GHQ O2E MTF O2E/1377/A dated 25 Aug 43, Para 1.

2. Please forward to this Branch a nominal roll of all British personnel affected.

W. J. ...
Lieut-Col,
Chief Staff Officer.

Distribution:- Financial Div.
Legal Div.
Public Safety Div.
Public Health Div.
Property Div.
Civilian Supply.
Camp Commandant.
S.C.A.O. Regusa.
" Caltanissetta.
" Palermo.
" Trapani.
" Catania.
" Agrigento.
" Messina.
" Syracuse.
" Enna.
AMGOT 8th Army.

Hoat
SUBJECT : Fire Service - PALAZZOLO.

AMCOT/107W/P3

AMCOT H.Q., Sicily.

7 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. SIRACUSA.

In view of the report of the Inspecting Officers of this H.Q., copy of which is enclosed, it is felt that the appliances from PALAZZOLO which is at present at SIRACUSA should be returned to its proper station as soon as the SIRACUSA vehicle is returned from PALAZZOLO.

for *Signature*
Colonel Inf.,
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Copies to :-

C.A.O.
Fire File.

6822

Hand
SUBJECT: Fire Service - MODICA

AMGOT/1073/PE

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.

6 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. RAGUSA.

The enclosed report is based on the visit of the
Inspecting Officer of this H.Q..

It would appear that no action is called for at
this Commune for the present.

G. Phelan
Major

Col. Inf.
Commissioner of Public Safety.

Copies to:-

C.A.O.
Fire File.

6821

6 September 1943.

Report of the Commune of Modica.

There has never been a Fire Brigade in Modica and the possibility of fire seems remote. The town has depended on RAGUSA for its fire protection in the past and should be able to continue as before.


G. H. L. Mason,
Major,
FIRE & CIVIL DEFENCE.

6829

Hand
SUBJECT: Fire Service - SIRAGUSA.

AGOT/1073/13

AGOT R.S., Sicily.

7 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. SIRAGUSA.

In view of the report by the visiting Officers of this R.S., a copy of which is enclosed, it is felt that you may wish to remove the present Comandante and promote the Vice-Comandante in his place. Steps will be taken as soon as possible to return the appliances which is at PALERMO and then the Pallaggola truck should be also returned.

G. H. H. H.
for Colonel Inf.,
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Copies to :-

C.A.O.
Fire File.

6819

Flout
SUBJECT; Fire Service - CALTANISSETTA

AMCOT/1073/PS

AMCOT H.Q., Sicily.

7 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O.

In view of report from the Inspecting Officers of this H.Q., copy of which is enclosed, it is recommended that the following matters receive attention.

1. The static tanks be repaired.
2. The list of spare parts, tyres, etc., required be submitted to your Civil Supply Section with the exception of items marked x on enclosed copy.

The provision of pumps will be considered later.

With regard to the small car needed it may be possible for you to provide one.
3. The list of personnel might be examined with a view of possible reduction in light of present circumstances.
4. The rates of pay should be kept as heretofore pending a decision of higher Authorities.

Copies to :-

C.A.O.
C.A.P.O.
Fire File.

G.A. Mason
Colonel Inf.
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC
SAFETY. **5818**

SUBJECT: Fire Service - AGRIGENTO

AMGOT/1073/FS

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.

7 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O.

Enclosed are :-

1. Report of turn-outs for 1942, 1943 of the 73 CORPO DEL VIGILI DEL FUOCO.
2. List of spare parts, tyres, oil, etc., and repairs needed to put the appliances into order.

The complete list of spares, tyres, etc., with details should be passed to your Civil Supply Section (copy to this H.Q.,) for action.

Copy to:-

C.A.O.
Fire File.

G. H. M. M. M.
Colonel Inf.
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

6817

Hout

ARGOT H.Q., Sicily.

7 September 1943.

TO : S.G.A.O. CALTANISSETTA.

In view of attached report from Inspecting Officers from this H.Q., it is felt that some simple form of warning might well be improvised such as the use of Church Bells or whistles.

The pill boxes referred to could be utilised as shelters as far as is possible.

for  
Colonel Inf.,
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Copies to :-

U.A.O. GELA.
Civil Defence File.

6810

SUBJECT : Civil Defence - RAGUSA. *Hoat*

AMGOT/1074/PS

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.

7 September 1943.

TO : B.C.A.O.

Following the report of the Inspecting Officers of this H.Q., it is felt that beyond the possible organisation of a simple Air Raid warning system (Church Bells or whistles) no further action is necessary at present.

G. Johnson
Colonel Inf.
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Copies to :-

C.A.O.
Civil Defence File.

6815

How

SUBJECT: Civil Defence - PALAZZOLO.

AMST/1074/20

AMST H.Q., Sicily.

September 7, 1943

TO : S.G.A.C. STRAGUS.

In view of report from the Inspecting Officers of this H.Q., - ~~copy of which is enclosed~~ - it is felt that the only action needed is the organisation of a simple form of air raid warning - Church Bells or whistles.

G. H. Hanson

for Colonel Inf.,
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Copies to :-

G.A.C.
Civil Defence File.

6814

Hout
SUBJECT: Fire Service - CELA.

AMGOT/1073/P8

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.

7 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. CALTANISSETTA.

In view of attached report from Inspecting Officers from this H.Q., it is felt that no action is called for at present.

G. H. H. H.
Colonel Inf.,
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Copies to :-

C.A.O.
Fire File.

6813

Float
SUBJECT: Fire Service - NCTO.

AMCOT/1073/PG

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.

7 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. SYRACUSA.

In view of the report of the visiting Officers of this H.Q., copy of which is enclosed, it is felt that no further action is necessary.

[Signature]
Colonel Inf.,
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Copies to :-

C.A.O. NCTO.
Fire File.

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SUBJECT: Civil Defence - MODICA.

NR302/1074/PS

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.

6 September 1945.

TO : S.C.A.O. RAGUSA.

The enclosed report from the inspecting officer of this H.Q., indicates that the problems of Civil Defence in this Commune are simple.

It might be considered advisable to organise some simple system of Air Raid warning such as Church Bells or whistles in case of emergency.

for *Major* *6811*
Colonel Inf.
Commissioner of Public Safety.

Copies to:-

C.A.O.
Civil Defence File.

6 September 1943

CIVIL DEFENSE.

None existing - the town has never been bombed in fact, due to its location, it is extremely difficult to see from the air. The possibility of an Air Raid is very remote.



G. H. J. Mason,
Major,
FIRE & CIVIL
DEFENSE.

6819

SUBJECT: Fire Service - RAGUSA

AMGOT/1073/FS

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily,

7 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O.

Enclosed are the following documents :-

1. Report of Inspecting Officers of this H.Q..
2. List of Appliances.
3. Appliances taken by tactical units of our forces.
4. List of spare parts, tyres, etc., needed.
5. Nominal Roll of Firemen.

Arising out of :-

1. The pay of the personnel should be left as heretofore pending a decision by higher Authority.
3. Efforts might be made to trace these appliances and have them returned to the Brigade.
4. Full list of spares etc., should be passed to your Civil Supply Section for action with a copy to this H.Q..
5. Situation as at present be considered to see if any reduction could safely be made.

6809

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Colonel Inf.
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Copies to :-

C.A.O.
Fire File.

Subject: Supply of Diesel Fuel Oil

AMCOT/5011/GS
AMCOT HQ SICHY
September 43

To: SCMO Appigento

1. In response to Col. Hayes' telephone request, the Petroleum Division of the American Navy was contacted yesterday and agreed at 1600 hours to give instructions for the release to you of 50 drums of diesel fuel oil from their depot at Porto Hopedocle. Attempts made to contact you by telephone to inform you of this decision have so far been unsuccessful but are being continued. In the meantime, it was considered advisable to dispatch this written intimation.

2. Details of the stocks held in the Navy depot should be forwarded to this Division and steps will be taken with a view to having them turned over to us.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

CJ/342

J. F. R. SEITE
Lt. Col., C. S. C.
D. C. S. E.

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FLORIDA

AMCOT 15 ARMY GROUP

8 SEPTEMBER 1943

SECRET

Rel. to
~~SECRET~~ ROUTINE

A.F.H.Q.

HOTEL DES TRAVAILERS SUSTAINED NO DIRECT WAR DAMAGE. EVACUATED FROM AMCOT
SEVENTH ARMY TO AMHQ CITY AMCOT 220 PARAS. OCCUPIED BY GERMAN PRISONER
INVASION. OCCUPIED ONE WEEK BY SEVENTH ARMY. NOW OCCUPIED THIRD SERVICE COMMAND
US AIR FORCE. BUILDINGS AND FURNITURE FAIR CONDITION. GARDENS NOT MAINTAINED.
SOME TABLE ARTICLES REMOVED MISSING. INVENTORY BEING PREPARED.

6807

Ref.
C. Palermo
Sopr. Gall

AMGOT Hq.
8 Sept. 1943.

Memorandum to: Lt. Col. Thomas, SOAO Palermo Province
Attention: CAO Marsala.
Subject: Tapestries of Cathedral.

1. It is reported to me by the Superintendent of Galleries and Works of Art for Sicily that there are 8 valuable and important Flemish tapestries which belonged to a Church, presumably the Cathedral, in Marsala. These are reported to be still there and to be safe.

2. It is requested that an enquiry be made into their present place and condition and that a report be sent to me for transmission to the Superintendent. Any measures necessary to protect the tapestries should be taken.

Mason Hammond
Capt. AC
FAAM

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Ref.
~~Transmit~~ Sicily
Private Monuments

3104
MIGOT Hq.
8 Sep. 1943.

Memorandum to: Lt. Col. Thomas, CCAO Trapani Province
Attention CAO Marsala.
Subject : excavations and museum at San Pantaleo.

1. The CCAO has received an enquiry from the War Office, London, with respect to Whitaker properties, among which is listed "on the island of San Pantaleo near Marsala, there are excavations carried out by Joseph Whitaker on the site of the Athenian city (strong, Phoenician) of Motya. He also built himself a house there. The excavations may be of interest archaeologically."
2. When Capt. Jacquier returned from Marsala to Palermo, he reported that he had himself visited the site and that it was in excellent condition.
3. It is requested that an investigation be made of the present condition and that measures be taken to ensure the proper care of the site and that a report be made to me for transmission to the CCAO.

Mason Hammond
Capt. AC
FM&M

6805

Memorandum

AMGOT/5122/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
9 September 43

To: Capt. Robert Frazier, AMGOT Hq. Catania -

1. Thanks for your report of 4 September
2. Would you contact Col. Fearman to ascertain whether or not he received my notes on proposed Island Army wage scale. Would appreciate his comments. The notes were sent to Col. Strother and I assume he left them behind with Col. Fearman when he moved forward.
3. Sent you some urgent matters today.

Regards.

DAM/er

DAVID A. MORSE
Capt. A. C.
Civilian Supply Division



6834

Subject: Supplies of Superphosphate.

MINOR/5080/33
MINOR TO SUPPLY
9 September 43.To: Supply Officers - Messina, Palermo, Trapani
Catania, Syracuse, Agrigento, Caltanissetta.
Through S. G. A. Co.

Figures now supplied by the firm of Montecchini show that the stocks of superphosphate in the island amount to 8,200 tons. Transport problems and the absolute inefficiency of the quantities available preclude the possibility of an equitable distribution, and the table below gives the quantities available and the suggested proposed allocation. Montecchini has been instructed to hand over the quantities detailed below to your distributing organization on application being made by you in writing. You should inform your organization of the position and assist as far as possible in the provision of transport for collection and distribution. To effect a next season's crop it is advisable to have this fertilizer in the hands of the farmer by the end of October. The price will be lire 95 per quintal loaded in truck or rail, and the price charged should, of course, include in addition, costs of distribution.

Depot.	Quantity Available, Tons.	Allocation, Tons
Torre di Stabia (Palermo)	1500	{ 2,000 Palermo 500 Trapani
Riace (Catania)	3500	{ 2,000 Catania 1,000 Syracuse
Campofranco (Caltanissetta)	2,000	{ 1,000 Caltanissetta 1,000 Agrigento
Milazzo (Messina)	200	500 Messina.
	8,200	8,200

Per Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

JC/MDG.

J. E. A. SMITH
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources.


6805

SUBJECT:- Fish & Sponge Industry, Lampedusa.

AMCOW/5015/GS.

AMCOW H.Q. SICILY.

To: G.A.O. Lampedusa.

8. Sept. 43.

1. A request has been received from Francesco Ajello fu Antonino to visit Lampedusa in order to look after his private property, and also to inspect his warehouses and stocks there. He is normally resident on the island but left in May 1942.
2. It is not proposed to authorize his visits unless his presence is of value to the war effort or to you in your administration.
3. Will you please report briefly on the state of his business premises, and say what stocks of sponges there are suitable for export. Will you also say if you wish this man to return to Lampedusa.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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6802

J.F.R. Seitz.
Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Director of Civilian
Supply & Resources.

Memorandum

AMGOT/5018/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
8 September 43

To: SCAO Palermo Province

1. Reference is made to memorandum for the Supply Officer, Palermo Province, file no. AMGOT/5018/CS, dated 24 August 43, in which certain reports were requested, and to memorandum for Supply Officer, Palermo Province, AMGOT/5018/CS, dated 31 August 43, in which an additional request was made for the same information.

2. This report will be submitted to this Headquarters within forty-eight hours.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

JFRS/jfl

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

6801

float
SUBJECT: Release of Prisoner of War.

CONFIDENTIAL.
AMCOT/1012/PS
AMCOT HQ., Sicily
Public Safety Division
Comando Legione CC. RR.

7, September, 1943.

TO : Provost Marshall General, A.F. Hq.

Doctor Giacomo Spadafora is a Director of the museum Peopi at Trapani and until recently was a prisoner of war in a concentration camp at Porto Empedocle.

He formerly served as a 2nd. Lieutenant in the Italian Army (Infantry) - further particulars are not known.

His release is sought by Doctor Di Pietro, Superintendent of Galleries and works of art for the Province of Palermo, Trapani, Agrigento and Caltanissetta, and his application is worthy of recommendation.

Will you please cause enquiries to be made and if there are no political or military objections endeavour to secure the release of the prisoner on parole in order that he can assume his special duties.

For the Commanding 58091.

[Signature]
Charles M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.
CHIEF STAFF OFFICER

CMS/ce
C.C. - P.M. Seventh Army.

Subject: Cotton

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AMGOT/5126/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
8 September 43

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

Please note that cotton is not required at present by the Military Government, and that therefore no purchases or collection of locally-grown cotton should be made by the ammassi or other central organizations.

Paul van der Meer, HQS.
CHARLES E. SPOTFORD
Lt. Col., G.S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

CSN/jfl

Distribution:
S.C.A.O. Agrigento 1
" Caltanissetta 1
" Catania 1
" Enna 1
" Palermo 1
" Ragusa 1
" Siracusa 1
" Trapani 1
" Messina 1
AMGOT Liaison 1
AMGOT Bth Main 1
Col. Hume 1
File 1
Fleet 1

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CAPT. TALBOT _____
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FINANCE DIV. _____
CIVIL SUPPLY _____
PUBLIC SAFETY _____
PUBLIC HEALTH _____
CONTROLLER PROPERTY _____
REGISTRY _____

REMARKS

R/A

DATE

6798
C.S.O.

Subject: Memorandum in connection with the re-opening of Italian
Courts in the Province of Messina.

26007
AMCOT/2001/L
1. IT N.O. SICILY.
2. Sect. 1235.

To: S.L.O. through S.C.A.O., Messina.

1. In the G.S.O.'s instructions of 31st August (ref. AMCOT/2001/L) concerning the re-opening of the Italian Courts, the Province of Messina was excluded because it did not come under the jurisdiction of AMCOT.
2. Will you therefore inform the G.O.C. 30 Corps, the Area Commander, that it was not intended to forbid the opening of these Courts in Messina Province and that it is an order to open the following Courts, provided he thinks fit:-
 - (a) Corte d'Appello di Messina;
 - (b) Tribunali di Messina e Patti;
 - (c) All Preture;
 - (d) All Conciliatori.

3. If the G.O.C. is in agreement, steps should be taken to communicate the above to all Italian Judicial Officials and to see that all Courts are reopened at the earliest possible date.

CCM/HM.

6797
W.C. CHAMBERLAIN, Lt. Col. (A.U.S.)
Chief of Staff, 30 Corps

SUBJECT: Duty Officer.

ABEOT/313/ED.

ABEOT ED. SICILY.

TO: C.S.O.

8th September, 1943.

1. I have read the memo in which Staff Captain "A" complains that Lieut. S.M. McGraw violated his orders by failing to find a substitute "Duty Officer" when he was ill and that Capt. Pety likewise failed to obtain a substitute when he was ordered to another station.
2. My comment is that when officers are either ill or ordered to duty elsewhere it will probably always be impossible for them to obtain a substitute. This has happened before on several occasions to my knowledge.
3. I suggest that the division in "Duty Officers' Instructions" requiring officers to find substitutes is ill considered and recommend that it be changed.

Wm. C. CHAMBER.
Lieut. Col. (AUS).
Chief Legal Officer.

6796

Subject:- Proclamations and General Orders

Flout
AMOR/4522/L

ALCOT II, SICILY

To: Major Halsey.
Municipio. PALERMO.

8th September 1943

Reference your request for 500 copies of General Order No. 6.

This H.Q. distributes Proclamations and General Orders only to provincial H.Q.s. 1000 copies of General Order No. 6 were sent from this H.Q. to the provincial H.Q. Palermo on the 5th Sept. 1943.

It is suggested that you direct your request to that H.Q.

Wm. C. CHAMBERLAIN.
Lieut. Col. (AM3),
Chief Legal Officer.

Float
SUBJECT: Hospitals - Supplies of Soap.

AMGOT/3011/FH.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

TO: All Senior Amgot Provincial Health Officers.
(Through S.C.A.Os).

8 Sep 43.

Ref this office AMGOT/3011/FH dated 29 Aug 43 requests
for soap forwarded to this office will be accompanied by a certificate
stating that no soap is obtainable from local resources.

D. Gordon Cheyne

D. GORDON CHEYNE.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

<u>DISTRIBUTION:</u>	S.C.A.O. Agrigento	(6)
	Caltanissetta	(6)
	Catania	(6)
	Enna	(1)
	Palermo	(35)
	Ragusa	(6)
	Siracusa	(14)
	Trapani	(6)
	Messina	(8)
	AMGOT Liaison	(1)
	AMGOT 8th Main	(1)
	Col. Humo	(1)
	File	(1)
	Float	(1)
	Division	(6)
	Spares	(10)

SUBJECT:- Direzione Generale della Elettrica di Siracusa.

AMCOT/5119/CS.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

To: S.C.A.O. SYRACUSE.

8. Sept. 43.

Reference your letter 3. Sept. 43, same subject, Capt. Robert Frazier labor representative this division has been instructed to confer with you and other interested persons immediately and submit report to this H.Q. with recommendations.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

J.F.R. Scits.
Lt. Col. C.S.C.
Director Civilian Supply
& Resources.

6793

3211

SUBJECT: Wages - Civilian Employees

AMCOT/5119/CS

AMCOT HQ SICILY

To: S.C.A.C. Ragusa

8 Sept. 43.

Reference your letter dated 6 Sept. 43 same subject, Capt. Robert Frazier, labor representative this division, has been instructed to proceed to RAGUSA to settle labor case in question.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

J. E. R. SMITH,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
Director Civilian
Supply & Resources.

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Subject: Supply of grain for Messina

AMCOT/5005/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
8 September 43

To: SCAO Messina Province

1. It is desired to compliment you on your splendid cooperation in furnishing the necessary deficiency of flour to Messina Province. Particularly do I appreciate your setting aside a mill in order that flour rather than grain may be taken over the roads.

2. Despite grain that is now furnished by you, Messina is still a deficient province and it is necessary that its daily supply be increased. I have written a letter to the SCAO Messina asking him that should you be able to furnish an additional 20 tons per day--total 40 tons per day--could he furnish the necessary transport to take it to his province.

3. Inasmuch as you are the largest producer of grain within the Island, can you let me know whether it is possible to furnish this total of 40 tons for Messina? Thank you.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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

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ANGOT/356/10
ANGOT HQ SICILY
8 September 1943

SUBJECT: Rewards for Services Rendered

TO: S.C.A.O., Trapani

1. The following telegram has been received by H.Q.
from A.F.H.Q.

"It is reported that on 23 July assistance was given near Erice, Sicily by four Sicilian boys 16-18 years and two adults about 35 years of age to American fighter pilot who was rescued from the sea. Request that local ANGOT representative trace if possible those responsible in order that rewards of 500 lire each be given for services rendered. State if possible to trace with names."

2. Your report on this request is awaited.


CHARLES M. SPONTFORD,
Lt. Colonel, C.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT:- Prisoners of War.

AMGOT/204/HQ.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

To: S.I.A.O. GALTANISSETTA.

8. Sept. 43.

1. Replying to your letter dated 30.Aug.43, reference Galt/Prov/11, this H.Q. has given the question of Red Cross enquiries further consideration.
2. Owing firstly to the non-permanent nature of the Allied Red Cross organisations on the island, and secondly to the severe strain that would be imposed on them and this H.Q. if we were to permit enquiries concerning approximately 500,000 P.O.W. to be channelled through us and the Allied Red Cross organisations, the original decision of 25.Aug.43 will remain in force.
3. As regards the letter forwarded by you from the Provincial Red Cross, it is recommended that, in order to develop some order and unified action, the local Red Cross in Galtanissetta pass on all their requests and suggestions to the Head of the Italian Red Cross in Sicily so that eventually one responsible Italian Red Cross official can come to discuss policy on behalf of all Sicilians with an AMGOT official.

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CHARGES H. SPOTFORD.
Lt.Col. C.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT:- Direzione Generale della Elettica di Sir Yuse.

AMGOT/5119/C9.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

To: Capt. Robert Frazier, AMGOT H.Q.,
CATANIA.

8. Sept. 43.

1. Copy of enclosed letter from S.C.A.O. Syracuse is self-explanatory.
2. Request you proceed to Syracuse immediately and confer S.C.A.O. and other interested persons and submit detailed report this H.Q. with recommendations.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Encl.

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J.F.R. Seitz,
Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Director Civilian Supply
& Resources. 6783

Subject: Refractory Cement for Boilers of Palermo Pwr. Plant

AMEOT/5017/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
8 September 43.

To: 15 Army Group

Ref. your HQ Fortbase - 11720 dated 31 Aug.

Palermo boiler repairs are now complete and plant has been placed in operation. Necessary materials were found locally subsequent to our inquiry of you. Many thanks.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

FDP/EDG.

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

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

SUBJECT: Medical Supplies.

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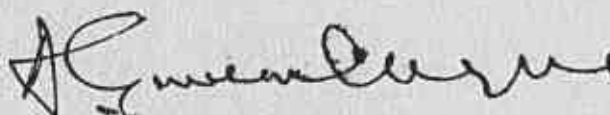
AMCOT H.C. SICILY.

TO: S.A.P.H.O. CATANIA.
(Through S.C.A.O. Catania).

8 Sep 63.

Ref your GME/19 dated 5 Sep.

The stores referred to should be sent to the Central
Medical Store, Galtanisetta.



D. GORDON GREENE.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

Copy to:- Officer IC Central Medical Store, Galtanisetta.

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Handwritten: 3205
Handwritten: Floak
SUBJECT: Payment of ex PW Medical Officers'
Salaries.

AMCOT/3018/PH.

AMCOT H.O. SICILY.

TO: S.C.A.O. Trapani.

8 Sep 45.

Reference communication from S.A.P.H.O. via Major Witte
on the subject of payment of ex PW Military Medical Officers.

If these physicians are being employed to take the
place of former physicians in the employ of Provincial
Government Trapani then they should be paid at the same rate
out of the provincial budget. For this purpose they are
to be considered as ordinary civilians.

Handwritten signature: D. Gordon Cheyne

D. GORDON CHEYNE.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

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No. 6007/CP.
Quartier Generale del Governo Militare Alleato
Divisione Controllo Beni
S. via Bari - Palermo

Palermo, 8 Settembre 1943

R. S. E. Direttore Generale del Banco di Sicilia

Palermo

Con riferimento al contenuto della pregiata Vostra lettera in data 8 corrente Vi ringrazio della Vostra segnalazione che riguarda la eventuale nomina del Vostro Direttore Centrale Dott. Vincenzo Faravino, della quale ho preso buona nota e che non mancherò di valorizzare in caso di necessità.

Ho preso anche nota dei recapiti del sopra menzionato funzionario nonché dell'altro Vostro funzionario Dott. Caruso Lancellotto, e frattanto distintamente Vi saluto.

Tenente Colonnello
Controllore Beni

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OTHER

MILITARY FORWARDING OFFICE (MFO) TUES

ON 23 JUNE 1945 THE PERSONAL BAGGAGE OF CAPTAIN J. EDWARD DAVIS
AND C-263023 WAS RECEIVED FROM AIRCRAFT TO THIS BUREAU FROM ARCTIC 7TH
ARCTIC TO MFO TUES OFFICE ARCTIC 223 BUREAU THIS BAGGAGE CONSISTED OF TWO
BAGGAGES BARS PROMINENTLY MARKED WITH TAGS AND OTHER IDENTIFICATION FOR
CAPT DAVIS WITH ARCTIC AND APO 777 (.)

STANDARD PURCHASE IN THE COURSE OF THE TRANSMISSION OF THIS BAGGAGE

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SUBJECT: Provincial and Communal Budgets.

AMCOT/2037/F

AMCOT H. Q. SICILY.

8. Sept. 43.

To: Capt. Read, Revenue Officer,
Through S. U. A. O. TRAPANI.

1. This will acknowledge your communication of 6th Sept. 43 with enclosures of 8 communal budgets.
2. While we have been glad in the past to have such budgets for information purposes, we no longer require them and therefore it will be unnecessary to send ~~them~~ any more.
3. As regards your last paragraph only the most limited information is required, such as that shown in Riepunto Generale delle Entrate e delle Spese, customarily found on pages 78 and 79 of the Bilancio.

B. D. Nash,
Major,
D. C. R. O.

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AMCOT/266/111
AMCOT/266/111
8 September 1943

SUBJECT: P/w in Civilian Hospitals

TO : All S.C.A.C.s (Except Syracuse, Palermo, Agrigento)

- Report*
1. A reply is ~~required~~ to this HQ Memorandum AMCOT/266/111 of 17/8/43.

L. E. Palmer Cap.
CHARLES H. SPENCER
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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AMGOT/329/HQ

AMGOT HQ SICILY

8 September 1943

Memorandum to: C.C.A.O.

1. Col. Borg will deliver this to you and will explain the mission on which Group Captain Benson sent him to Palermo.
2. I think the plan of enlisting clerks in Malta is a good one, although there are obvious difficulties of procedure involved.
3. I told Col. Borg that the plan should be discussed with 15 Army Group and that if it appears generally feasible a wire might be addressed by you or the GOC-in-C to Lord Gort which would permit Col. Borg to go to Malta to work out the details.

C. S. O.

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ANGOT/329/HQ

ANGOT HQ SICILY

8 September 1943

Memorandum for: S.S.O.

1. Col. Borg will deliver this to you and explain in more detail his mission. Briefly, he wishes to obtain a group of clerks from Malta for Group Captain Benson's Region II organization. I think the idea is an excellent one, but I can see a certain amount of procedural difficulty.

2. I told him that General Rennell would undoubtedly wish to hear about the plan and suggested that he go to Siracusa in the hope of seeing the General before he got away. If the General is gone when this reaches you, I suggest that you discuss the plan with Col. Borg and with whatever officers of 15 Army Group might be interested and if the plan seems feasible that you enlist whatever support you can at your HQ.

3. Col. Borg is willing to go to Malta but I think he should have something in the way of a telegram from 15 Army Group to help his mission.

C. S. O.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

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AMGOT/ 17/HQ

AMGOT HQ SICILY

8 September 1943

Memorandum to: C.C.A.O.

1. Attached is a copy of a report from Col. Harvey Gerry which Col. Borg brought with him. I have retained the original here.

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C. S. O.

Encl.

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

Subject: Nominal Rolls

AMGOT/5054/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
September 43

To: Staff Captain "A"

Reference your 216/HQ dated 5 Sept. 43 the following nominal roll
is submitted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>
Seitz, J.F.R., Lt. Col.	48 Via La Mamora	---
Hayes, C. J., Lt. Col.	48 Via La Mamora	---
Densmore, L.D., Lt. Col.	Niccolo, Carilli	H52 Apt. 5
Bolick, C.P., Lt. Col.	26 Via Liberta'	---
Nolen, C. H., Major	48 Via La Mamora	---
Chayton, J., Major	14 Via Catania	---
Minard, Claude R., Capt.	50 Via La Mamora	---
Peebles, Frank D., Capt.	Niccolo Carilli	H52 Apt. 5
Davis, J. E., Capt.	26 Via Liberta'	---
Trevelyan, R.S., Capt.	(Sick) /Gentile	---
Morse, D. A., Capt.	3 Via Piazza Alberico	---
Batt, W. L., Jr., 1st Lt.	48 Via La Mamora	---
Pollard, J. H., Lt. (USNR)	Niccolo' Carilli	H52 Apt. 5
Lefevre, Lt.	(Sick)	---

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

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Subject: Employment of persons under 14.

AMCOT/5123/OS
AMCOT HQ STUTTG
8 September 43.

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

1. Reference your inquiry of 1 Sep 43 (Ref. 1/2/1) advise that Italian law regarding prohibition of employment of children under 14 years of age in all trades except agriculture is still in existence this Island.
2. Attached memorandum with pertinent legal citation for your information.

DAM/EDG.

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

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COPY

WOMEN AND CHILDREN WORK

Legge 26 aprile 1934 No. 653.

Limite generale di età : 14 anni.

Limiti speciali : 16 anni per i seguenti lavori.

- 1) Cave, miniere e gallerie dove non esiste trazione meccanica.
- 2) Sollevamento e trasporto di carichi pesanti, compreso il carico e scarico dei forni delle solfate della Sicilia.
- 3) Sale di cinematografi, varietà, tabarin etc.
- 3) mestieri girovaghi.

18 anni per i seguenti lavori:

- 1) Vendita di bevande alcoliche al minuto.
- 2) Manovra e traino di vagonetti.

LAVORO NOTTURNO: e in generale vietato alle donne e ai minori di anni 18.

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Subject: Repayment of Soap

AMCOT/5012/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
7 September 43.

R. C.

To: 15 Army Group
Attention: G-4 Maint.

1. A shipment of 87 tons of soap arrived in Syracuse on 11 August on ships Ocean Glory, Ocean Vision, and Ocean Vulcan. This soap was packed in bags of 80 - 84 lbs. each, stencilled AMCOT, dated 27/7/43, numbered 1 to 2436, 812 bags to each ship. This shipment is covered by attached Voucher for Stores. These stores were never delivered to AMCOT, but to some unauthorized recipient whose identity has not yet been discovered. Extended investigation as per attached correspondence has been undertaken, and only 2½ tons located.
2. Requests for soap to combat scabies and other disease among the civil population are reaching this headquarters in increasing numbers.
3. Request that FORTBASE be directed to replace the missing 84½ tons with a similar amount of Army Issue soap, to be delivered to the AMCOT Civilian Supply Warehouse, Catania.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Inclosures:

1. Voucher for Stores(duplicate)
2. Letter from HQ Fortbase (25 Aug 43)
3. " " SCAO Syracuse (19 Aug 43)
4. " " HQ Fortbase (22 Aug 43)

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

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Subject: Soc. la Anonima Imprese Elettriche Mezzazzo
(Agrigento Province)

AMEOT/5072/CS
AMEOT HQ SICILY
6 September 43.

To: S. G. A. O. - Agrigento Province.

1. Reference is made to letter from this office to you dated 30 Aug 43, above subject.
2. It was suggested in that letter that Prof. Giovacchino Carotenuto of Termini Imerese, former manager of the property would be a proper person to manager the above electric property under the Controller of Property.
3. Carotenuto is now in Palermo. We have interviewed him. He is ready to take over the job. We believe he will do a good job in running the system until such time as the stock-holders can establish their right in Court.
4. Upon receipt of approval from you of the proposed action, we are ready to move.

IDD/EDG.

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

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Subject: Captured German Rations

AMGOT/5023/CS ✓
AMGOT HQ SICILY
8 September 43

To: Commanding Officer
6625th B. A. G. (Prov.)

1. Reference is made to your letter file no. SBAQM-430 dated 3 Sept. 43, same subject as above.
2. This organization can use the remainder of the meat referred to in your basic communication. Some of these rations have already been turned over to us by Q.M. 7 Army and are now stored in our warehouses.
3. It is requested that the quantities available and their location, together with the necessary release, be furnished this Headquarters in order that they may be drawn by this organization.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

JFRS/jfl

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

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*Float.*Subject: Nominal RollsAMCOT/2023/FAMCOT HQ SIXTY

To : Chief Finance Officer

7 September 43

As requested in your letter of September 5, 1943, reference 216/Hq, subject as above, submitted below is a resume of the Nominal Rolls received from the various Finance Sections:

<u>G.F.O.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel. No.</u>
Col. A. P. Grafton-Smith	Villa di Conte Tasca (left on Monreale Rd)	34284
<u>D.C.F.O.</u>		
Lt. Col. R. B. Monapace	20 Piazza Giuseppe Verdi (rear Teatro Massimo), Palermo	
<u>C.R.O.</u>		
Lt. Col. A. F. Cross	Piazza G. Verde, 20, Palermo	
Major B. D. Nanh	" " " " "	
<u>C.F.I.</u>		
Lt. Col. C. C. Hayes	Via Dante 165, Palermo	19296
Major J. R. Knight	Via Salvatore Muccio, 22, Palermo	Cadet 18550
Major J. R. Osmon	Via Nicolo Garsilli 52 Apartment No. 1, Palermo	
Capt. L. Frempton	" " " "	
Capt. F. A. Baer, A.V.S.	Via Nicolo Garsilli 52	
2nd Lt. J. I. King	Apt. No. 3, Palermo Via Libertà 29, Palermo	
<u>A.M.F.A.</u>		
Lt. Col. G. A. Gunston) Capt. W. F. Cook)	Via Nicolo Garsilli 52 Flat No. 2	
Lt. Col. G. V. Claiborne	Hotel Sole, Via V.E. 291	17-672 - 11-748
Lt. Col. F. A. Southard	30 Piazza Virgilio	6773
Capt. R. H. Bennett	94 Via Pignitelli	
Mr. F. A. Racco	Hq Billet No. 1 Via Malaspina	

ACCOUNTS:

Lt. Col. A. G. Tubb	Via Brunetto Latini 11, Palermo	
Capt. A. B. Hecker	" " " " "	
Capt. E. H. Wright	Via Catania 14, Palermo	
Capt. R. J. Stubbs	59th Gen. Evac. Hospital	
Capt. M. I. Meltzer	Via Pignatelli Aragona 94 59th Gen. Evac. Hospital	
Capt. A. H. Damrosch	c/o P.O., Agrigento	
1st Lt. M. B. Scott	Via Emanuele Notarbartolo 24	
1st Lt. J. F. Baingo	Via Brunetto Latini 11 c/o P.O. Trapani	
1st Lt. J. F. Gradinski	Hotel Central, Via Vittorio Emanuele, Room 112.	11/409
1st Lt. C. Lefevre		
1st Lt. C. Lofaso		
1st Lt. S. M. McGraw		
1st Lt. C. H. Tipping	Via Emanuele Notarbartolo 24 c/o Siracusa	
2nd Lt. E. A. Suben	Via Regina Margherita 11, Palermo	

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Capt. S. H. Head	Via Catania 14, Palermo
Lt. G. Alasia	Via Pignatelli Aragona 94 Palermo

Staff Captain A.
Forwarded.

(Sgt) C.F.O.

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ARGOT HQ

CONTROLLER OF PROPERTY

6028/02.

ARGOT HQ, SIRIKY.

8 September 43.

Subject: Proceeds Sale of Animals, etc.

To: Assistant Controller Property
through SCAG Agrigento Province.

1. Acknowledge copy of receipt of proceeds of above sales by A.P.C. Initiative in proceedings commanded.
2. Advise how and where proceeds are deposited, and exact amount.
3. Were the horse, mule, and cow sold between 21 and 31 August (total proceeds, including hire of trucks, L 24,500) the property of the Italian Military Forces? If not, what was your authority for their sale?

JAMES H. DOWARD,
Capt. A.C.
Acting Deputy Controller of Property.

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
APO 758 US ARMY

27 August 1943

MEMORANDUM:

TO : All Units, Seventh Army

1. Several instances have been reported where Carabinieri and local police have been disarmed by improper authority. The unnumbered Memorandum Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 26 July 1943, is quoted for the information and guidance of all concerned:

Quote:

"3. Commanding Generals of Corps and Divisions only, with the exception of Headquarters Seventh Army, have authority to disarm Carabinieri and local police, except in cases of emergency. Individuals guilty of disarming for any other than extreme emergency, except as indicated above, will be charged with looting."

2. Attention is further invited to instructions contained in unnumbered Memorandum, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 4 August 1943, as pertains to looting.

3. All firearms, weapons, ammunition and any other form of souvenirs, which have been taken without authority, will be returned to the Carabinieri without delay.

4. A report has been made to this headquarters that the following listed articles of private property were taken from Italian civilians by American Troops:

1 Motorcycle - Serial No. A 161 - P.A.S.
1 Motorcycle - License 142 V.F.

It is directed that a thorough search be made of the vehicles of all units Seventh Army and if the above listed vehicles are found, they will be reported to this headquarters immediately.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

ALBERT A. LINDBLUST
Major, MED
Asst Adjutant General

DISTRIBUTION: "B"

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SUBJECT:- Requisition 2a.

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AMCOT/236/HQ.

AMCOT H.Q. SIXTY.

7. Sept. 43.

15 Army Group.

1. The enclosed proposed memorandum is submitted for approval, or correction.
2. Because of administrative difficulties encountered in requisitioning, it is imperative that a permanent policy be evolved for AMCOT.

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

Subject: Resource Board.

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AMGOT/5029/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
September 43.

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

1. Reference your POC/324 dated 30 Aug 43, which has unfortunately been delayed in this office.

2. It is considered that, for ease of working and for ready co-ordination of effort, only one Resources Board for Eastern Sicily should exist. In view of the comparatively short distance between Catania and Syracuse, it would not appear that this is impracticable, while for the purpose of an Island Resources Board it is better to have only one group of representatives in each half of the island.

3. For all practical purposes Messina may be omitted from this Board for the present. It is considered, however, that S.C.A.O., Enna should be invited to send a representative.

4. Will you please submit this view to G.O.C. Fortbase, and ascertain if he feels strongly on the subject of two Eastern Boards? For convenience, the single Board, if agreed to, might meet at Catania instead of Syracuse.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

CJH/EDG.


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

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Subject: Release of Filippo Giganti a Prisoner of War.

AMEOT/5123/CS
AMEOT HQ STOLLY
8 September 43.

To: Commanding General, Seventh Army
Attention: G-2

1. Filippo Giganti, a Lieutenant in the Italian Army, is a prisoner of war and is held in Military Hospital No. 1, Palermo.
2. We are advised he will be released on 7 Sept. 43 for a convalescent period.
3. In civilian life he was head bookkeeper of Soc. An. Industria Autobus. They are running necessary bus services under AMEOT direction.
4. They need his services badly if it is possible for him to be discharged.

For Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

CRM/EDG.

CLAUDE R. MITARD
Capt., C. M. P.
Transportation Officer,
Civilian Supply Division.

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SUBJECT: The power to suspend sentences.

AMOR/1008/1.

AMOR M. CHOLLY

TO: Senior Legal Officer, Bagima.
(through S.O.A.O.)

8th September 1963

1. Your letter of September 2nd 1963 received in which you state :-

"All Summary Courts have now been informed that the power to suspend sentences can now be exercised only by the S.O.A.O."

2. Section 6, Art V, Proclamation No. 4 provides that a Military Court may suspend the whole or any part of a sentence.

3. Section 3, Art. VII, Proclamation No. 4 provides for review by the S.O.A.O. and gives him the power to set aside any conviction, to suspend, reduce or commute the sentence or to order a new trial.

4. It does not appear that the S.O.A.O. of a Province has the power of suspension of sentences.

5. All Summary Courts in your Province will be notified that they have the responsibility for the decision and the power to suspend the sentence in whole or in part.

6. All cases will be forwarded to this office for review in accordance with Article VII, Proclamation No. 2.

Wm. G. CHAMBER
Ident. Col. (AM),
Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to file AMOR/1008/1.

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AMCOT HQ SICILY

8 September 1943

SUBJECT: Transfer of Land

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

1. Your letter reference CP/HMD/js dated 4 Sept. 1943 has been noted.

2. The applications submitted are approved.


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

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Subject: Flour

AMCOT/3055/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
8 September 43

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

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 4 September 43 in which you request an allotment of flour from imports into Palermo.

2. None of this flour is being made available to any province except for emergency conditions. Arrangements were made between you and the SCAO Agrigento Province for Agrigento to furnish you with the wheat necessary to bring your ration to the minimum standard prescribed by GO-3. Lt. Col. Hayes, my deputy, left today for Agrigento in order to straighten out an apparent difficulty existing between your province and that of Agrigento on delivery of wheat.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

JFRS/jfl

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

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SUBJECT:- Messina Province.

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AMGOT/5005/CS

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

+ 6th September 1943.

TO:- D.C.C.A.O.

1. Reference is made to your instructions to me to send a staff officer to Messina Province to investigate the alleged failure of grain deliveries from Enna Province.

2. Attached is the report of Major Chayton who made the inspection trip. It would seem that the S.C.A.O. of Messina is not being kept informed by his staff of the true situation.

3. You specifically asked about the turning away of one wheat party into ENNA. This occurred as follows, and in my judgment was entirely justified.

Lt. Col. Storey called all C.A.O.s into his headquarters for the purpose of re-assignment and general explanation of their duties. This, unfortunately, including travel time, took about 5 days, during which time the towns were without officers. It was during this period that local podestas sent their own parties out to hunt. These parties, since there had been an arrangement made between S.C.A.O.s, were turned away.

4. It is recommended that the attached letter be forwarded to S.C.A.O. - Messina Province.


J.F.R. SEITZ,
Colonel,
Civil Supply Division.

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Subject: Sulphur Warehouse Report

AMCOT/5013/03
AMCOT HQ SICILY
8 September 43

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

1. Enclosed are four letters of inquiry and instruction from the Director of the Consorzio of General warehouses of Sicily to his Porto Empedocle and Licata Agents.

2. It is requested these letters be delivered to these Agents and an immediate reply required for transmission through this office.

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J. P. R. SEITZ
Lt. Col., C. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

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Memorandum

AMGOT HQ SICILY
September 43

To: Lt. Col. Poletti

1. Attached should be referred to your labor officer for action.
2. Attention invited reference to Aloschi Sebastian, alleged Squadrista.

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DAVID A. MORSE
Capt., A. C.
Labor Officer
C. S. D.

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Subject: Duty Officer's Report, Sept. 6 - 7.

ANGOT/5016/CS
ANGOT HQ SICILY
8 September 43.

To: D. C. S. O.

1. A number of officers reported in tonight having just arrived from Africa. They had been wandering around town for hours trying to find this Headquarters, billets and food. Their baggage had been left at the airport, and there was no way of obtaining same without transport, and no transport was available to the Duty Officer. ~~No outside phone was available to the Duty Officer to make arrangements for billeting, and these officers had been unable to contact this Headquarters by phone.~~

2. It is recommended that transport with driver be made available to the Duty Officer from 1800 to 0830 hours. A Duty Driver might be appointed and a cot provided in the Duty Clerk's Office.

3. Further recommended that the Duty Officer's phone be registered with the Chief Operator at CADET, with the British and U. S. Air Force Operations Rooms at the Airport, and with the Duty Officer, Seventh Army.

4. Further recommended that maps of Palermo City be obtained from Seventh Army Engineers (IBS) and made available to Duty Officer for assisting officers arriving.

5. Further recommended that signs be placed in the British and U. S. Air Force Operations Rooms at the Airport, giving the Duty Officer's number for arriving ANGOT Officers.

6. Tour of Duty completed 1300 hours, 7 Sept. 43. Nothing further to report.

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

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Subject: Labor

ANGOT/5111/CS
ANGOT HQ SICILY
8 September 43

To: Lt. Col. J. W. Rowe
MOB (Palermo)

1. Suggest conference this office for discussion and disposition issues contained in your memorandum 4 September 43.
2. Confer your convenience.

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DAVID A. MORSE
Capt., A. C.
Labor Section
C. S. D.

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AKA /5064/US
ANDOT HQ SIBIR
8 September 43

Dr. MARENO is authorized to take 85 bags of ground sulphur
weighing 50 kg each from the Railway Station Palermo - Iolli.

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H. O. NOHEN
Major, C. M. P.
Civilian Supply Division.

7/601 6758

Subject: Sicilian Warehouse Reports

AMDOT/5043/CS
AMDOT HQ SICILY
8 September 43

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

1. Enclosed are two letters of inquiry and instructions from the Director of the Consorzio of General Warehouses of Sicily to his Catania Agent written at our request.
2. Your Civilian Supply Officer has already been in touch with this Agent.
3. It is requested that this letter be delivered to the Agent and an immediate reply required for transmission through this office.

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

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

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Subject:- E.O.'s Repd. Taxes & other Financial matters.

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AMCOT H.Q. SICILY

7 September, 43.

C. Norman Ramsey,
Major, A.U.S.
Finance Officer,
Messina Province.

(through S.C.A.O. Messina)

1. Referring to your note of 5th September, regarding taxes and other financial matters, I note your proposal in paragraph I, in regard to a moratorium of 60 days on certain taxes. Since this is your judgement and that of the S.C.A.O. at Messina, you have our approval to so proceed. Further, I would suggest that two points be particularly emphasized.

- (i) that the moratorium of 60 days refers only to a postponement, not a cancellation; and
- (ii) that the postponed taxes shall be due upon the cessation of moratorium.

I will refer you further to memo to all Finance Officers dated 5th September, 43, which proposes the collection of State, Provincial and Communal Revenues.

2. I also believe it advisable that you should very definitely arrange with the Intendente, that he will continue to receive all taxes which the public is willing to pay, and that further the Intendente should insist that all Bastieri shall immediately collect when due without regard to the moratorium, those taxes which you believe are collectable at this time; in fact the Intendente should give you a list of the specific taxes which must be delayed, with the idea that he will press for in full, all other taxes.

3. Re note in paragraphs 2 and 5, that you are arranging for certain payments in the provinces and communes, and are in accord with your proposed procedure. The centralized payment of Carabinieri seems sensible and is approved.

I will refer you to Special Administrative Instruction No. 18 (Finance) dated 7th September, 1943.

4. I note the information mentioned in your paragraphs 3, 4 and 6, have no comment. I was particularly interested in the statement of Commune and Province deficits.

P.S.

I have asked S.C.A.O. Palermo to comb out ROTOLO, and will let you know about him as soon as possible.

af
A.P. CHAFFIN-SUTH.
Colonel.,
Chief Finance Officer.

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Subject: Marsala Wine Industry

AMGOT/5100/03
AMGOT HQ SICILY
September 43

To: S.C.A.O. Trapani

1. Will you please convey the following to the representatives of the Marsala wine industry.
2. The Allied Military Government is anxious to encourage industry when possible, but it must be realized that at present military considerations are paramount.
3. The requirements of the industry are such that, for the present season, they cannot be provided. Power is required entirely for military purposes, and coal or nafta are in very short supply even for essential industries such as milling. Moreover, the anhydride of sulphur required in the wine process is not available in North Africa.
4. It would also be impossible at present to advance money for the operation of this industry, since other industries are not being assisted in the same way.
5. It is therefore regretted that no direct help can be given to the Marsala industry this season. It is suggested that, if possible, the grapes should be made into ordinary wine or dried and made into raisins.
6. If shipping permits, it is hoped that assistance may be given in furthering the export of present stocks of wine, but no information is yet available on the shipping situation.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

CJH/jfl

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

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AMGOT HQ. STRICTLY.

8 September, 1943.

Subject: Employment of Civilians.

To : Military Government Section,
A. F. H. Q.

1. Reference your message No. 9920 of 3 Sept. 43, concerning a civilian by the name of J. R. Barnsley.
2. This man was recommended to AMGOT as an interpreter and was asked to present himself whilst AMGOT HQ. was still in North Africa. Nothing had been heard of him since then.
3. In view of the advice from G2, it is no longer proposed to offer him employment. It would be appreciated if you will cause him to be informed of this decision in suitable terms.

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

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SUBJECT: Issue of Medical Supplies.

Book
MEMO/3537/11

ANDER H.O. SMITH,

TO: S.C.A.O. BIRACUA.

7.12.43.

It has been decided to distribute the contents of the Dump of Medical Stores at BIRACUA equally among three provinces- viz- BIRACUA, CAHABIA and RAGUA. Please instruct your Medical Officer to carry this out as quickly as possible. On completion the British H.C.O 1/o will proceed forthwith to report for duty to O 1/o Medical Depot, CAHABIBERIA.

By order of the Chief Staff Officer.

A. G. M. S. S. S.

B. GORDON SMITH.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

COPIES TO:- S.C.A.O. BIRACUA. } Please arrange transport
S.C.A.O. CAHABIA. } to collect.
O 1/o Central Medical Supply Depot CAHABIBERIA --(Distribution)

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AMGOT/3001/PH

AMGOT HQ SICILY

7 September 1943

SUBJECT: House Repair Lottery

TO : S.C.A.O., Messina

1. Reference letter 30 August 1943 5/15/PA:
While the proposal for a house repair lottery impresses
everyone as ingenious, both the C.C.A.O. and D.C.C.A.O.
feel that for reasons which you will probably understand
the scheme must be disapproved.


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

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AMGOT HQ SICILY

7 September 1943

SUBJECT: Inspection by Col. Zellars

TO : S.C.A.O., Trapani

As a result of the report by Col. Zellars on his inspection trip to your province, the D.C.A.O. has directed that you take the following action:

- (a) Instruct Major Hildebrand that he is to re-arrange his household affairs so as to replace his female servants with male servants; also that civilians on household or personnel business are not to use government transport.
- (b) Further instruct Major Hildebrand that the accounts of the City of Marsala are to be examined and an accounting by the Sindaco made of the funds left on deposit with him by the previous C.A.O. This accounting should be under the supervision of Captain Puccinelli.

Col. Zellars has reported that the house of prostitution which was formerly located in the hospital has been removed in accordance with your demand. It is the understanding of this HQ that any supervision or inspection of this resort is being conducted by civilians or authorities other than AMGOT.


CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G. 6751
Chief Staff Officer

SUBJECT:- Printing of Forms.

AMNOT/342/HQ.

AMNOT H.Q. STOLLY.

To: All Heads of Divisions.

7. Sept. 43.

OFFICE ORDER NO. 4.

1. For reasons of economy and uniformity all forms evolved in this H.Q. for the rendition of reports and returns will be printed in Palermo and distributed to S.C.A.Os., or other officers whose duty it is to use them.
2. Divisions can arrange their own printing and distribution, or forward specimen forms with details of numbers required to Lt. Panelli, Officer i/c Printing (Room 7).



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

DISTRIBUTION: Legal Division. Public Health.
Finance " Public Safety.
Civil Supply Div. C.i/c Printing.
Property Control. File 226/HQ.

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SUBJECT: - Printing of Forms.

AMICE/302/12.

AMICE H.Q. SICILY.

To: All Heads of Divisions.

7. Sept. 43.

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DISTRIBUTION: Legal Division, Public Health,
Finance " Public Safety,
Civil Supply Div. O.i/c Printing,
Property Control. File 228/HQ.


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

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SUBJECT: Recommendation of Lt.Col. R.M.J.Martin.

AMGOT HQ., SICILY
CONFIDENTIAL
Sept. 3, 1943

TO : C.C.A.O.

During my recent illness the entire responsibility of the Public Safety Division devolved upon my Deputy, Lt Col. R.M.J.Martin G.L. British Army.

The excellent manner in which this officer performed his duties, not only in this emergency, but at all other times since he has been serving in this capacity, prompts me to request that this commendation with such remarks as the General may see fit to add, be placed in the official record of Lt. Col. Martin.

LEMMUEL L. HOLLES, Col. Inf.
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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Subject: ARKOT D-45 and D-56 Stockpiles.

ARKOT/5011/CS
ARKOT 15, SIC112
September 43

To: GINC, AMH (Through 15 Army Group)

Reference: ARKOT/157 TH - 0 20 Aug 43.

1. Request was made through PORTMAN on 2 Sept. 43 (before receipt of the reference directive) for the bidding forward of the ARKOT D-45 stockpile to Catania. It was understood by this Headquarters that PORTMAN would put in the bid through 15 Army Group to AMH. Breakdown is as follows:

Flour	2956	Tons
Milk	144	"
Potatoes (or substitute)	739	"
Meat & Vegetables	105	"
Sugar	145	"
Soap	21	"
Total	4,500	

2. Request is now made to GINC, AMH, through 15 Army Group as outlined in directive, for the forward shipment to Palermo of the D-50 stockpile, made up as follows:

Flour	2150	Tons
Milk	322	"
Potatoes (or substitute)	557	"
Meat & Vegetables	154	"
Sugar	105	"
Soap	22	"
Total	3870	

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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CHARLES A. BROWN
Lt. Col., G.I.C.
Chief Staff Officer

Distributions:

Seventh Army
PORTMAN
H.Q.A., AMH (Capt. J. A. Todd)

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AMCOT/342/18
AMCO TO SICILY
7 September 1943

Memorandum to: S.C.A.O., Agrigento

Reference your letter 31 August, subject, "Antonio Pancamo", the C.C.A.O. is favorably impressed with his record which indicates, however, that he is getting on in years.

He wishes me to inquire if you have considered the ex-deputy Guarino Amella, who is reported to live in Agrigento.

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

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SUBJECT:- Printing.

AMEOT/228/HQ.

AMEOT H.Q. SIDIJ.

To: S.C.A.O. Catania.

7. Sept. 43.

Reference your CME/41/1 of 28. Aug. 43.

1. It is regretted that this H.Q. has no copy of a "Receivable Order" and cannot trace such a form in any reference book available. As we are not in a British Area it will be quicker for you to make enquiries on the Eastern side of the island.
2. The forms referred to in the last para. of your memorandum are being printed in Palermo and will be distributed to S.C.A.O.s as soon as possible.
3. It is suggested that any provincial forms required by you be printed locally in Catania and paid for from AMEOT funds. If no printing facilities remain in your Province the work can be done here.


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

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SUBJECT:-- SCAO's Rep. 3 -- Emma --
Visits of H.C. Officers.

AMGOT/3/HQ.

AMGOT H.C. STAFF.

To: S.C.A.O. Province of Emma.

7. Sept. 43.

1. Reference is made to your letter 31 Aug. 43 file 7/1/AQ above subject.
2. The officer who made the inspection with respect to the sulphur mining industry had the mission of determining what would be required to start operations and the amount of production that could be expected in the near future. He reports that he did not issue any instructions to the producers, but that he gave them the same information that he gave to you, which was to the effect that there would be a market for the sulphur and that we would want to start production as soon as transport and operating conditions at the mines would permit.
3. We now have received information that the Allied forces will be able to take all the sulphur that can be produced for a considerable period of time. A report and recommendations with respect to price and method of operation has been submitted for approval. When a plan has been adopted, S.C.A.O.'s concerned will be informed. In the meantime, it would appear that activities on the part of the producers to facilitate operations are proper.
4. It is true that visits of various officers from this office consume time of the S.C.A.O.s. However, information with respect to the conditions in the Provinces is most necessary, and ultimately, if not immediately, their visits should prove of benefit to you. Much of the work is new to all of us and a great deal of cooperation and patience is required. It is our policy to reduce these visits to a minimum, and now that the initial stage of investigation is passing the volume should fall off. Visiting officers have been ordered to inform the S.C.A.O. relative to their activities in his Province.
5. Due to lack of communications, it has not been possible, and doubtless will be impossible in the future, to inform S.C.A.O.s. in advance that visits will be made.

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CHARLES H. SPOTFORD.
Lt. Col. G.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMGOT/301/HQ
AMGOT HQ SICILY
7 September 1943

SUBJECT: Lipari Islands

TO: S.C.A.O., Messina

1. Col. Yoo and Lt. Emery are the two AMGOT officers now on duty in the Lipari Islands.

2. This Headquarters is aware of any arrangements made by them to communicate with or have transportation to Sicily.

3. Prior to D day there was a water boat doing service from Messina to the Lipari Islands and in the event of this having been put in service, it is requested that a communication be sent by S.C.A.O., Messina to Col. Yoo asking him what communication and transportation arrangements he has made or plans to make. His reply to be forwarded to Headquarters.

4. In the event of the water boat not being in service, Headquarters requests information as to whether or not the S.C.A.O. considers it necessary to re-establish that service.

5. If the water boat is not in service and if it is not going to be put on the Lipari run this Headquarters requests that a report be furnished on what means of communication and transportation between the Lipari Islands and Messina are contemplated by the S.C.A.O.

[Signature]
CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,
LT. COLONEL, G.S.C., 3
CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

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AMGOT HQ SICILY

7 September 1943

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

Enclosed is a roll of prisoners awaiting trial at BAGHERIA and at MONTEALE. These men have been transferred to PALERMO Prison.

BAGHERIA prison was closed and reduction at MONTEALE considered necessary.

Further rolls of untried prisoners are enclosed of men at PARTINICO and at CASTELBUONO prisons soon to be transferred to PALERMO as they were originally sent from there.

PARTINICO prison will be closed down this week.

CASTELBUONO is overcrowded.

LEWEL BOLLES
Colonel, Inf.
Commissioner Public Safety

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S/ AT:- Completion of transfer of property.

AMOT/343/11.

AMOT H.Q. SICILY.

7. Sept. 43.

To: S.C.A.O. AGENTINO.

1. Your letter of 26. Aug. 43, regarding transfer of property from Signore Mangione Pietro to Signore Cigia Pietro, and indorsement thereon, is not entirely clear.
2. Basic communication requests that a panel be set up to determine the merits of the seller's request for relief. 1st Ind. requests a ruling as to whether or not the sale should be allowed.
3. Clarification of your letter is requested.
4. Pending your reply the matter of real estate transfers throughout the island is under study and will be the subject of further instructions.
5. Your attention is invited to Para. 6 u 4, Minutes of Meeting of S.C.A.O. and AMOT H.Q. held at AMOT, Palermo, 20-21. Aug. 43.

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CHARLES M. BLOOMFIELD
Lt. Col. C.S.C. 6741
Chief Staff Officer.

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MAJOR McDOUGALL _____
LT. VAN HEUKELOM ASSENT _____
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AMGOT HQ SICILY.

7 September 1943.

Subject: Allied Property - Villa Sofia.

To: Assistant Controller Property
through SGAO Palermo Province.

Ref your letter dated 5 Sept 43.

1. As you have raised the question of the payment of staff wages with the Requisitioning Officer of the 743 Army, and this H.Q. has also raised with 15 Army Group the general question of the payment of compensation for requisitioned property, with particular reference to Villa Sofia, payment of the expenses to which you refer should be deferred until replies to these questions are received. It is presumed that at present there is no cash available to meet the expenses, but as some may be available shortly from U.S. Army sources it would be premature to arrange finance through A.M.F.A.
2. If, however, any of the servants are in financial straits through non-payment of their wages, will you please submit particulars, when the question of some interim payment will be considered.
3. The lists enclosed with your letter do not show what duties the various servants perform. Please specify these and let me have your recommendations in regard to reducing the staff, bearing in mind that the property is at present occupied by the U.S. Navy.

Lieut-Colonel,
Controller of Property.

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EXHIBITS FOR THE PROSECUTION

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