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7 Sep 1943

Subject: - Prisoners in Provincial Goals

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

This memorandum sets out the action to be taken in respect of prisoners in provincial goals. It is based on experience gained in Palermo.

1. Prisoners duly charged and convicted by Italian Criminal Courts.

AMGOT will ensure that no political bias affects or has affected the case. Any suspect cases are to be reported.

2. Prisoners charged with an offence and awaiting trial.

This class has been found to be numerous. The list will be scrutinised carefully in conjunction with the Italian authorities and in any case where it is found that a prisoner charged with any offence has already been in goal for a period equal to the full sentence if found guilty, the prisoner will be released immediately. In other cases every effort will be made to expedite the hearing by the appropriate Italian Tribunal.

3. Prisoners held at the disposition of the Questor "Motivo Publica Sicurezza".

This class was numerous in Palermo, the former occupants of USTICA having been brought here. Each prisoner of this category was interviewed by a legal officer. It was found that they nearly all had criminal records, varying in gravity. They had been sentenced to "Confino", normally for three or five years, by a Questor or Provincial Commission, without trial or for no particular offence; in some cases it was admitted because of their previous records.

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- (i) An entry to that effect to be made on their identity card,
- (ii) Registration with Police,
- (iii) Weekly reporting to the Police,
- (iv) Limit of travel to be 10 km.

Those with a really bad record are being held pending further consideration. If it is determined that the safety of the Allied Forces or the order and tranquility of the Occupied Territory require their further detention, they will be transferred to an internment camp; otherwise they will be released.

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4. Prisoners held at the disposition of the former Italian Military Tribunal

The Italian Military Tribunal was occupied by cases such as improper use of Italian Government patrol for private gain and printing and selling forged travelling warrants.

An "ad hoc" tribunal was set up to investigate and to give directions in appropriate cases for speedy trial by the normal Italian Courts and in other cases (e.g. where the offence alleged was not serious and the prisoner had already been held in prison for a long time, or where, owing to absence of witnesses or other reasons a speedy trial was not possible) to give directions for the release of the prisoner.

A copy of the order served on the Questor is attached at Appendix "B".

5. Prisoners detained by the Military or M.G.O.T as dangerous Fascists.

Instructions covering the arrest and detention of this class will be (con'd.,...A review...)

Appendix B

To: Al Signor Questore
Questura di Palermo

Take notice that a Tribunal constituted for that purpose by the Allied Military Government will sit at 9.0 o'clock on Friday, the 27th of August, 1943, at the Ball Room, The Prefecture, Palermo, and on such later days as the Tribunal may direct to consider the cases of the prisoners whose names are set out in Annexure A hereto being prisoners held in Palermo gaols at the disposition of the former Italian Tribunale Militare, and all other, if any, the prisoners there held on the like grounds and that you are required to bring before the Tribunal on the said day or days all the said prisoners.

And also take further notice that you or a pro or representative will attend at all sittings of the Tribunal and will be prepared to inform the Tribunal in respect to each prisoner (a) whether any lawful charge has been made against him, and (b) whether it is wished to make any, or any additional, lawful charges against him, and if so, to state the charges and the facts on which it is proposed to found them.

The Tribunal is authorized to give all necessary directions for obtaining a speedy trial or release of all the said prisoners.

COPI TO:-

Il Direttore Delle Carceri Giudiziarie
Centrali, Palermo

Il Direttore Del Carcere Penale
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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COUNCIL HELD ON
7TH SEPTEMBER 1943.

PRESENT

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Lt. Comdr.	F. S. SOUTHARD.	(Vice-Chairman)
Lt. Col.	C. J. HAYES.	
Capt.	BOVARD.	
Capt.	MORSE.	(Not a member of the Council)

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1000 hrs.

1. The Chairman stated that the meeting was for the purpose of considering Capt. MORSE's Labour Plan.
2. Capt. MORSE emphasized that his plan was basic and general and that there were many problems, to which no reference was made in his plan, and which would have to be solved by the Provincial Labour Offices.
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Secretary to I.F.C.O.

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- Major C.G. HAINWORTH.
- Major E.F. WIMEL.
- Capt. BOWARD.
- Capt. MORSE.
- Secretary.
- File.
- Squires.

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AMGCE/5108/CE
AMGCE HQ PUGLY
7 Septem. 1943

To: Enrico Duorot
Mondello
Palermo

Dear Sir:

The possibility of using your factory for repairs, etc. to aeroplanes has been put forward to the American Air Corps, and we understand that they are not interested.

At the moment it is occupied by the Ordnance, and parts of the machinery are being used at various airports.

Should we hear of it being required to function in the future we shall not fail to let you know immediately.

[Signature]
MAJOR

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SUBJECT: Ecclesiastical Matters.

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

AMCOE/19/HQ.

AMCOE H.A. SIOILIA.

7. Sept. 43.

The Archbishop of Messina Monsignore Angelo Pairo has sent his secretary Monsignore Antonio Barbero to Palermo with a letter for the C.C.A.O.

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The reconstruction of all churches, schools, and other religious institutions after their destruction by the 1908 earthquake were made possible by his personal contact with the "Capo del Governo" in 1923, the year in which Pairo became Archbishop of Messina. The obtaining of funds from the Fascist Government was necessary to accomplish his programme of giving Messina "all that was necessary to a Catholic and Italian population for the development of its spiritual life".

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I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as any action has been taken in this respect.

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AMGOT/5092/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY

7 September 1943

Minutes of the Preliminary Meeting of the
Western Sicily Resources Board

Held at AMGOT HQ, Palermo at 1400 hrs. 1 Sept 43

Present

Lt. Col. J.F.R. Seitz, AMGOT, Chairman	
Lt. Col. C.J. Hayes	"
Major H.C. Nolan	"
Capt. R.S. Trevelyan	" Secretary
Col. C. Massey, GIC, 7 Army	
Major E.D.K. Jackson	"
Major S.G. Battisior	"
Lt. Lt. L. Boyer	"
Lt. Comdr. J.W. Rowe, Naval Operating Base	
Lt. Col. F.W. Reuter, Base Area Group	

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8. The chairman proposed that the Board meet weekly on Saturdays at 1.00 hrs. This was carried.
9. Sub-Committee business for the Board meeting is to be handed in for inclusion in the agenda by Thursday of each week.

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10. Matters for Sub-Committee discussion will be brought up at one Saturday Board meeting, discussed during the week by the Sub-Committee and the results given on the following Saturday.
11. When other business was discussed, the chairman asked Col. Massey if 7 Army transport could be provided to fetch fruit and vegetables from the wholesalers, the cost of the transport to be deducted from the price. Col. Massey for 7 Army and Lt. Comdr. Rowe for the Navy, both agreed to this.
12. The chairman then stated that wholesalers were to be controlled and divisions would be allotted wholesalers.
13. Some examples of over payment were then given.
14. Lt. Comdr. Rowe said that at present the Naval representatives buying from wholesalers were too numerous. This is to be adjusted.
15. The chairman asked Col. Massey if 7 Army had any objection to a Scrap Drive to clear up all the scrap still to be found in the late battle areas. Col. Massey had no objection and the chairman is to write to the Commanding General, 7 Army.
16. The meeting closed with some informal discussion about the coal situation.

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Lt. Colonel,
Director Civilian Supply &
Resources.

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AMGOT HEADQUARTERS,
SICILY.

7th September, 1943.

Dear Colonel,

Now that the spate of admissions of Amgot personnel to the American Military Hospitals in Palermo seems to be dwindling I should like to thank you, and through you, the Officers Commanding and the Medical and Nursing Staffs of the 59th and 91st Evacuation Hospitals for their very great kindness to the sick of the American and British Contingents of Amgot. I should like them to know how much this has been appreciated by the personnel concerned and by this Headquarters.

Yours



Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

Colonel Franklin,
Surgeon,
7th Army.



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SUBJECT: Air Passage.AMGOT/318/HQ.AMGOT H.O. SICILY.7. Sept. 43.

Reference this H.Q. letter AMGOT/318/HQ dated 25. Aug. 43.

1. Daily passenger services are now operating at the following times :-

(a) American.

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(b) British.

PALERMO	Dep.	1700 hrs.
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(SYRACUSE)

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- British Camp Commandant.
- Transport Dispatch Office.
- File.
- Spares (10)

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SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FINANCE No. 18.

MEMORANDUM TO:

All S.C.A.O.'s, F.C.'s, and C.A.O.'s.

SUBJECT:

Payment of Salaries and Pensions to State Recipients.

1. The following information is given as to the Italian State method of paying salaries, pensions etc:

The Ufficio Provinciale del Tesoro receives orders from Rome for these payments, that such a person is entitled to certain salaries or pensions. Particulars of the salaries or pensions authorized by Rome are entered on cards or in large books from which each month the Ufficio Provinciale issued either:

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2. The following types of payments are made by the Ufficio del R. Tesoro and should be continued to the extent approved for the past month:

- (a) Basic wages or salaries, with exception of:

Salaries or other expenses of any corporation, confederation or syndicate previously maintained by contributi sindacali (Note: useful and necessary local duties formerly undertaken by any Fascist organisations may be carried on by a reformed non-Fascist organisation or other local arrangements made, financed where necessary from communal or Provincial funds.

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- (d) The following additional or supplementary payments beyond wages and salaries, such as **127**

- (i) Assegni Familiari (family allowances)
- (ii) Indennita Giornaliera (bonus for being at work (Pronto di Presenza).
- (iii) Pronto di Operosita (bonus for efficiency)
- (iv) Lavoro Straordinario (overtime work beyond minimum hours)
- (v) Possibly other bonuses or pay adjustments.

Future revision of this class of payments may be made but until such time, they will be continued, with the exceptions noted above.

3. In order to standardize procedure, advances made for the purpose of making these payments should be deposited in the Banca Tesoreria Provinciale (Bank of Italy) to the credit of the Ufficio Provinciale del R. Tesoro for the province.

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local. This Ufficio will then make the salary and other payments as in the past, using Ufficio Registro, Post Offices, etc., or such channels as are customary or immediately available, in some cases the Bank of Italy.

In the early stages, on account of inadequate communication and other interferences, State and Provincial employees may have to be paid directly by C.A.O.'s and F.O.'s, in areas for which they are responsible, employing the customary agencies, i.e., post offices, Ufficio Registro, etc., or through communal pay rolls. If such agencies appear too numerous for efficient handling in any particular area, the F.O. or C.A.O. may appoint the Ufficio Registro as the one agency which shall distribute the sums due to the other payment agencies. In this connection it may be noted that pensions and teachers' salaries are customarily paid to the individual involved. Salaries of Gendamerie and other organized bodies are frequently made to the chief official of such bodies, who then makes the individual payments. In order to avoid duplication of payments that might arise at a later date when the provincial Ufficio del R. Tesoro may make direct payments to the local payment agencies as mentioned in paragraph 1 above, the F.O. and C.A.O. should instruct these agencies, i.e., branches of post offices, Ufficio Registro, etc., that they must not duplicate any earlier payments which have been made in early stages by F.O.'s or C.A.O.'s, under penalty of drastic action, and that credit established with them by the Ufficio del R. Tesoro must be returned if duplications occur.

4. The following classes of employees or benefits are paid by the Ufficio del R. Tesoro.

- (a) Impiegati di ruolo statali (roll of state employees)
- (b) Fondo per il Culto (religious pensions and incumbents etc)
- (c) Maestri elementari
- (d) Pensione ordinari
- (e) Pensione ferrovie
- (f) Pensione di Guerra)
- (g) Istituto Previdenza

In addition, certain other payments including the following, were made direct from Rome, and should now be handled as stated in paragraph 3 above. Credits should be established in the R. Provinciale Tesoreria (Bank of Italy) for the benefit of the Ufficio del R. Tesoro for the province, who will then make, under your instructions, payments through the customary channels:

- (a) Carabinieri (Formerly direct from Ministry of Interior to the Commandants through the Bank of Italy).
- (b) La Guardia di Finanza (formerly direct from Ministry of Finance to Legion Commandants through Bank of Italy)
- (c) Prison Staff (formerly direct from Ministro di Giustizia to Director of each Prison through Bank of Italy)
- (d) Others. Other similar bodies should be handled

C.A.O.'s and F.O.'s, in areas for which they are responsible, employing the customary agencies, i.e., post offices, Ufficio Registro, etc., or through communal pay rolls. If such agencies appear too numerous for efficient handling in any particular area, the F.O. or C.A.O. may appoint the Ufficio Registro as the one agency which shall distribute the sums due to the other payment agencies. In this connection it may be noted that pensions and teachers' salaries are customarily paid to the individual involved. Salaries of Gendamerie and other organized bodies are frequently made to the chief official of such bodies, who then makes the individual payments. In order to avoid duplication of payments that might arise at a later date when the provincial Ufficio del R. Tesoro may make direct payments to the local payment agencies as mentioned in paragraph 1 above, the F.O. and C.A.O. should instruct these agencies, i.e., branches of post offices, Ufficio Registro, etc., that they must not duplicate any earlier payments which have been made in early stages by F.O.'s or C.A.O.'s, under penalty of drastic action, and that credit established with them by the Ufficio del R. Tesoro must be returned if duplications occur.

4. The following classes of employees or benefits are paid by the Ufficio del R. Tesoro.

- (a) Impiegati di ruolo statali (roll of state employees)
- (b) Fondo per il Culto (religious pensions and incumbents etc)
- (c) Maestri elementari
- (d) Pensione ordinari
- (e) Pensione ferrovie
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AMEOT/5013/08
AMEOT HQ SICILY
7 September 43.

Subject: Sulphur Mining, Materials Requirements.

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

1. In order to estimate materials requirements for the sulphur industry, it is desired that the enclosed questionnaire forms be filled out and returned to this office.
2. These forms are grouped according to Communes. It is suggested that they be handed to your C.A.Os in the various communes, who are no doubt in touch with most of the producers.
3. While it is not imperative that every mine be reported immediately, such forms as can be prepared promptly should be forwarded without delay.

JHP/EDG.

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

Seitz

AMECE/5013/03
AMECE HQ SIBLY
7 September 43.

Subject: Sulphur Mines, Materials Requirements.

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

1. In order to estimate materials requirements for the sulphur industry, it is desired the enclosed questionnaire forms be filled out and returned to this office.

2. As the only sulphur mines in your Province are in the Comune at Iaroara, it is suggested you place the questionnaires in the hands of your C.A.O. there. The managers of the mines are undoubtedly in touch with him and may be requested to fill in the questionnaires and return thru him to us via your office.

JRP/EDC.

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

Requirements + Specifications
Questionnaire for Saltpur Producers

CONDIZIONI E SPECIFICAZIONI

QUESTIONARIO PER PRODUTTORI DI ZOLFO

NOMINATIVO..... *Place Mine* DATA..... *Date* 194.

DE DENOMINAZIONE..... *Province* PROVINCIA.....
DELLA MINIERA-COMUNE..... *Province* PROVINCE.....
Note If more specific specifications is required, use a separate sheet
(N.B. OCCORRENDO PIU SPAZIO PER SPECIFICHE, SI USINO ALTRI FOGLI)

CAPO. DESCRIZIONE. PRESENTE AMMONTARE ALMONTARE RICHIESTO
(DARE SPECIFICHE AFFERNO NECESSARIO DA OGGI AL
PER ORDINAZIONI) PER RIAPRIRE LA MINIERA
Item *Describe Item* *Quantity* *Amount* *Amount required*
(Give full specifications on hand from new until
trans for ordering) *on hand* *Amount necessary to recommence mining*
Explosives *July 31, 1944*
ESFLOSIVI

- 300
- 11000
- 365000
- FUSI Fuse
- Dynomite caps
- Coal CARBONE
- Diesel fuel GASOLIO
- Lubricants LUBRICANTI
- Timber + timber LEGNAMI
- DA COSTRUZIONE
- Cable CAVI
- Other materials

Other materials

2405

AMMOE/5013/CS
AMMOE HQ STOLIE
7 September 45.

Subject: Sulphur Mines, Materials Requirements.

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

1. In order to estimate materials requirements for the sulphur industry, it is desired that the enclosed questionnaire forms be filled out and returned to this office.

2. These forms are grouped according to Comanes, but it is probable that many of the mines have representatives in Ems. It is suggested that your Civilian Supply Officer can probably have most of the blanks filled by merely letting it be known to local people that he has them. The remainder could be taken to the proper Comanes by your C.A.Os.

3. It is not imperative that every mine be reported immediately, but such forms as can be prepared promptly should be forwarded without delay.

JRP/EDG.

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

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AMMOT/5043/CS
AMMOT HQ SUTLEY
7 September 43.

Subject: Sulphur Mining, Materials Requirements.

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

1. In order to estimate materials requirements for the sulphur industry, it is desired that the enclosed questionnaire forms be filled out and returned to this office.
2. These forms are grouped according to Communes. It is suggested that they be handed to your C.A.Os in the various Communes, who are no doubt in touch with most of the producers.
3. While it is not imperative that every mine be reported immediately, such forms as can be prepared promptly should be forwarded without delay.

JRP/EDG.

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



Float

2405

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

Memorandum

To : Lt. Dario Berizzi,
Civilian Supply Division Representative
c/o Major Monk,
AMCOT - CATANIA

1. Whenever transport becomes available, will you arrange for the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons of soap at DADCS 6 Base Sub-Area to be picked up and stored in our Catania Warehouse.
2. I am putting in the attached formal request to 15 Army Group for replacement of remaining 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons.

For Director Civilian Supply and Resources:

WLB/EDG.

1 Incl.

WILLIAM L. BAFF
1st Lt., Infantry
Civilian Supply Division.

2801-02

Subject: Soap at T.B. Dispensaries.

AMGOT/5012/09
AMGOT HQ SICILY
7 September 43.

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

1. Reference your letter dated 4 Sept on the above subject. On the request of DPH this Division is releasing 80 kg soap to you.
2. Will you please arrange to collect from this office.
3. The price is 30 lire per kg.

GJV/EDG.

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

Distribution: DPH

Hoat

SUBJECT: Petitions.

Hoat

Public Safety Division,

AMGOT/1022/PS.,

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.

6 September 1943.

TO ; Public Health Division.

Papers concerning the petition of LAMBERTO ROSARIO confined in NOTO Prison are passed to you for any remarks you may be prepared to make.

A number of petitions may be expected from convicted prisoners and if you have any suggestions to offer concerning those where there is illness I should be glad to receive them.

LEMUEL L. BOLLES
Col. Inf.,
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY

SUBJECT: Petition : LEONE CARMELO. *Roat*

AMGOT/1022/PS

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.

7 September 1943.

TO : Chief Legal Officer, AMGOT.

The attached papers are passed to you. This is the first of a possible number of Petitions which will constantly come in from convicted prisoners. There will be some genuine ones.

Policy as to procedure is necessary and your view as to handling such cases is requested.

The possible line might be to obtain your report and then for me to submit with any recommendations to the C.C.A.O.

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

SUBJECT: Prison Officials and Discipline.

Float

AMGOT/1049/P3

AMGOT II. I., Sicily.

7 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. Province of Catania.

With reference to your CAT/61 of 30 August, received here on 5 Sept., the general policy governing the appointments of Directors and Commandants of Prisons is now under review and it is probable that the number of Directors in a province will be reduced to one with responsibility in respect of all prisons in the province, to a Chief Director for the whole Island.

It is preferable that the removal of Directors of Prisons should be referred to this office for action, but this would not preclude Senior Civil Affairs Officers suspending them pending a decision.

The general arrangements for disciplining prison officers below the grade of Director will be discussed at tomorrow's conference of C.A.P.Os.

[Handwritten signature]

LEWEL BOLLER,
Col. Inf.,
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Subject:- E.O.'s Reports.

AMCOB/2040/E.

AMCOB H.Q. SICILY

7 September, 43.

Edward O'Connor,
2/Lieut. A.U.S.
Finance Officer,
Agrigento Province.

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

Have your note of September 1st, regarding increases in income tax rates, and am making an investigation of this subject.

Thank you very much for this information.

B.D. WASH.
Major.
Deputy Chief Revenue Officer.

Wash

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Subject:- Passes - Tax Collecting Officials.

AMGOT/2037/R.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

7 September, 43.

Col. Bolles - Commissioner of Public Safety.
Lt-Col. Martin - Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety.

As requested by you yesterday, I enclose a request from the bureau of Indirect taxes, Ispettore Compartimentale of the State Tax Agency.

This office supervises the collection of State indirect taxes throughout the island, and as such is very important to us at this time, as we are anxious to stimulate tax payments to the utmost degree. This office requests that the 13 officials described on the accompanied letter will be issued passes to permit their travel in every province, except Catania and Messina (these are handled from a separate office), all these officials have their head office at Palermo, and visit officially every other province.

We would appreciate compliance with their request.

Heat

B.D. NASH.
Major,
Deputy Chief Revenue Officer.

Subject:- Sentence of Italian Court - Petition for Clemency.
Case of Patagonia Salvatore.

Hook

ARGOS/4040/1.

Copy S.C.A.C. Agrigento for attention of S.L.O.

7th Sept. 1943.

This request for clemency has been approved by the Chief Legal Officer and you may instruct the Italian Court Officials to take the necessary steps to suspend Patagonia's sentence and set him free.

S.L.O.'s letter dated 2 Sept. 1943 refers.

AMRO H.O.
SICILY.

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

GCH/117.

(Two copies to be sent to S.C.A.C.)

Flout

Prisoners in Provincial Goals

ALGOT/4018/L.

7 Sep 1943

Subject:-

to: All S.C.A.O.s
All S.L.C.s

This memorandum sets out the action to be taken in respect of prisoners in provincial goals. It is based on experience gained in Palermo.

1. Prisoners duly charged and convicted by Italian Criminal Courts.

ALGOT will ensure that no political bias affects or has affected the case. Any suspect cases are to be reported.

2. Prisoners charged with an offence and awaiting trial.

This class has been found to be numerous. The list will be scrutinised carefully in conjunction with the Italian authorities and in any case where it is found that a prisoner charged with any offence has already been in goal for a period equal to the full sentence if found guilty, the prisoner will be released immediately. In other cases every effort will be made to expedite the hearing by the appropriate Italian Tribunal.

3. Prisoners held at the disposition of the Questor "motivo Publica Sicurezza".

This class was numerous in Palermo, the former occupants of USTICA having been brought here. Each prisoner of this category was interviewed by a legal officer. It was found that they nearly all had criminal records, varying in gravity. They had been sentenced to "Confino", normally for three or five years, by a Questor or Provincial Commission, without trial or for no particular offence; in some cases it was admittedly because of their previous records.

Those without too bad a record have been freed on the following conditions:-

- (i) An entry to that effect to be made on their identity card,
- (ii) Registration with Police,
- (iii) Weekly reporting to the Police,
- (iv) Limit of travel to be 10 km.

Those with a really bad record are being held pending further consideration. If it is determined that the safety of the Allied Forces or the order and tranquility of the Occupied Territory require their further detention, they will be transferred to an internment camp; otherwise they will be released.

A copy of the Form filled in by the interviewing officer in respect of each case is attached at Appendix "I".

4. Prisoners held at the disposition of the former Italian Military Tribunal

This class has been found to be numerous. The list will be scrutinised carefully in conjunction with the Italian authorities and in any case where it is found that a prisoner charged with any offence has already been in jail for a period equal to the full sentence if found guilty, the prisoner will be released immediately. In other cases every effort will be made to expedite the hearing by the appropriate Italian Tribunal.

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4. Prisoners held at the disposition of the former Italian Military Tribunal

The Italian Military Tribunal was occupied by cases such as improper use of Italian Government patrol for private gain and printing and selling forged travelling warrants.

An "ad hoc" tribunal was set up to investigate and to give directions in appropriate cases for speedy trial by the normal Italian Courts and in other cases (e.g. where the offence alleged was not serious and the prisoner had already been held in prison for a long time, or where, owing to absence of witnesses or other reasons a speedy trial was not possible) to give directions for the release of the prisoner.

A copy of the order served on the Questor is attached at Appendix "B".

5. Prisoners detained by the Military or MGO as dangerous Fascists.

Instructions covering the arrest and detention of this class will be (con'd....A review...)

issued separately.

A review of the prisoners held in the gaols of your province will be made on the above lines and action taken as indicated.

In some gaols there are a number of Arabs who were sent to Sicily from North Africa. S.C.A.O.s will take steps to return these Arabs to North Africa as soon as possible and inform this H.Q. of the action taken. If it is not found possible to arrange their return, this will be reported to this H.Q. with a statement showing:-

- (a) Their numbers,
- (b) In what gaol they are,
- (c) Names and place of origin, and,
- (d) Copies of any available records.

W. J. Marshall

MGOT HQ
15 Army Group.

Major-General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Appendix B

To: Al Signor Questore
Questura di Palermo

Take notice that a Tribunal constituted for that purpose by the Allied Military Government will sit at 9.0 o'clock on Friday, the 27th of August, 1943, at the Ball Room, The Prefecture, Palermo, and on such later days as the Tribunal may direct to consider the cases of the prisoners whose names are set out in Annexure A hereto being prisoners held in Palermo Gaols at the disposition of the former Italian Tribunale Militare, and all other, if any, the prisoners there held on the like grounds and that you are required to bring before the Tribunal on the said day or days all the said prisoners.

And also take further notice that you or a pro or representative will attend at all sittings of the Tribunal and will be prepared to inform the Tribunal in respect to each prisoner (a) whether any lawful charge has been made against him, and (b) whether it is wished to ~~make any~~, or any additional, lawful charges against him, and if so, to state the charges and the facts on which it is proposed to found them.

The Tribunal is authorized to give all necessary directions for obtaining a speedy trial or release of all the said prisoners.

COPY TO:-

Il Direttore Delle Carceri Giudiziarie
Centrali, Palermo

Il Direttore Del Carcere Penale
Palermo.

Sen. Ldr. A.H.M. Diotie; Prefettura

Chief Legal Officer, A.M.G.O.T.

ROUTING SLIP

C. G. A. O. _____
D. C. G. A. O. _____
D. C. S. O. _____
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 _____

REMARKS

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6/9/43
DATE

Reg
C. G. A. O.

URGENT.

PLANT

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SUBJECT: Civil Defence - Palermo.

AMGOT /100/PS
AMGOT H.Q., Sicily
6 Sept. 1943.

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

I have just been informed that Lt. Colonel Elsh who is P. A. D. officer to Base H.Q. is calling here at 09.30 hrs. to-day to go with me to G. O. R. and to discuss co-ordination of the Military and Civil A.R.P. schemes. As Major Hickenbotham is now dealing with this subject for this Province it is considered that he should be present.

Could this be arranged please?

G.H.L. Mason,
Major,
Fire, S.C.A.O. Section

FL001

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AMGOT/5004/GS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
6 September 43.

Subject: Tuna Fish Prices in Trapani Province.

To : Lt. Col. F. C. Thomas, S.C.A.O., Trapani.

1. A wire received by Seventh Army from 3rd Infantry Division
Ref. 2220 N/C 113 - B, A G 22250 B, states that

1. The following wire received by 7th Army from 3rd Inf. Division
calls for your attention.

2220 N/C 113 - B A G 22250 B N R 28

"Apparent discrepancy is in price of tuna fish as quoted in
commodity price at 38 lire and price list as published by AMGOT
at 30 lire Trapani AMGOT have requested clarification". Truscott.

2. Will you take this matter up with the 3rd Division.

REN/EDG.

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

Heat

FL007

2918

SUBJECT: - Return of Mail.

AMGOT/308/HQ.

AMGOT HQ SICILY.

6 Sept 43.

Capt. N. Williams,
MI(T),
G.H.Q. H.E.F.

The enclosed letter is
returned for the reason stated on
the envelope.



Captain,
Staff Captain "A"
AMGOT.

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AMGOT/5097/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
6 September 43

Subject: AMGOT Requirements Program D+90 to D+270 for Sicily

To : The Commanding General, AFHQ
ATTENTION: G-4, Section
(Through Commanding General, 15 Army Group.)

1. The attached three copies of the requisitions for the civilian supplies to be imported for AMGOT in Sicily for the period D+90 to D+270 is submitted in accordance with the 1st Indorsement AFHQ AGAOO-1 (AMGOT) GDS-AGM, August 1, 1943 and in accordance with verbal instructions Brigadier General A. Hamblen, 15 Army Group. For your information the original requirements program dated 16 July with indorsements is also attached.

2. This program does not include supplies which may be needed for the operation of the sulphur mines. The latter requirements have been held pending the completion of a survey now under way.

HON/jzl

FRANK J. MCGIBERNY,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

AMSC/5107/CS
AMCOF HQ SICILY
6 September 43

Subject: Salvaging lumber

To : Provost Marshal, 7th Army HQ.

1. This Division has no objection to LUIGI COSTA's salvaging lumber from his property buried as a result of air raids.
2. There being in that neighborhood, Via Paolo Amato, No. 15 Palermo, Army depots and warehouses, his property is also subject to Army vigilance.
3. Ultimate dispositions will be subject to his rendering inventory property, prior to eventual sales.

JFL

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

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SUBJECT:- Translation.

AMGOT/208/HQ.

AMGOT HQ, SICILY.

6 Sept 43.

In order to relieve pressure on Divisional and Branch translators, a Translation Team has now been established at this H.Q.

These translators are under the control of Lt. Panelli, (Room 7 this H.Q.) to whom all documents for translation should be submitted.

[Signature]
Lieut-Col.,
Chief Staff Officer.

Distribution:- C.C.A.O.
D.C.C.A.O.
C.S.O.
A.C.S.O.
Financial Div.
Legal Div.
Public Safety Div.
Public Health Div.
Property Div.
Civilian Supply Div.
Camp Commandant.
Lt. Panelli.
AMFA.

2063

AMGOT/5036/CS

AMGOT HQ SICILY

6 September 1943

SUBJECT: Trapani Electric Plant

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

1. The Engineer, Island Base Section, has requested that the materials listed herein be released by AMGOT for use by the Soc. Generale Elettrica della Sicilia in rehabilitating the subject plant.

2. You are authorized to take such steps as may be necessary in the accomplishment of Para No. 1, keeping an accurate record of quantities and descriptions for pricing by the Civilian Supply Division:

(a) Water supply from the municipal system, estimated at 100 cu. metres per day - existing agreement is 50 cu. metres per day.

(b) Approximately 20 metres of leather strapping in possession of a local firm in Trapani (Signor Pusiteri S.G.E.S. will supply details).

(c) Window glass (if procurable) for plant building and sub-station.

(d) Miscellaneous material located at the old Italian Submarine Base:

(i) Metering equipment and connections formerly owned by S.G.E.S.

(ii) Fire oil circuit breakers.

(iii) Fire distribution transformers.

(iv) Two air compressors with meters.

(v) Miscellaneous copper bus-bar and switches.

(e) Cement in amount of approximately 5½ tons.

3. You are further authorized to order the local ice company to operate the smaller of its two compressor units only, producing approximately 5 tons of ice daily plus refrigeration, all of which will be used by the Army.

4. Upon completion of the plant repairs, the output of the larger unit will be fed in to the transmission network while the output of the smaller unit will be available for Trapani and the smaller

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4. Upon completion of the plant repairs, the output of the larger unit will be fed in to the transmission network while the output of the smaller unit will be available for Trapani and surrounding territory. In authorizing uses of this service you should be guided by the general provisions of directive dated 14 August 1943 to the end that no fuel will be used unnecessarily.

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



Howat.

Subject: AMGOT Courier Service

2958-59

AMGOT/237/H

AMGOT HQ SICILY

6 September 1943

To: O.C. 2 Coy.
15 L of C Sigs
Syracuse

Reference your signal message Y 41 dated 25
August 1943:

1. There is enclosed herewith a copy of this HQ
letter numbered as above dated 24 August 1943 dealing with
the Courier Service and giving details of the time table at
present operating.

2. If you wish to make use of this service at any
time it is suggested that you contact AMGOT in Syracuse and
arrange for them to call at your office for any mails you
may have for delivery by the Courier Service.

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

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

Encl.

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RE AMGOT

CONTROLLER OF PROPERTY DIVISION

6052/OP.

AMGOT HQ SICILY.

6 September 1943.

Subject: Picone family - Property in Via Giardinaccio and Vicolo Guascone.

To: Assistant Controller Property
through SCAG Palermo Province.

The copy of Power of Attorney enclosed with your letter dated 2 Sep 43 has been submitted to the C.L.O., who advises that it appears valid in form, but he doubts whether Italian notaries would accept it as enabling the attorney to sell or even lease the properties referred to in your letter. To enable him to give a more definite opinion can you please let us have information on the following points:-

1. Were the properties in question acquired before or after the Power of Attorney was executed (April 1934)? If after, were they purchased by the Attorney under the Power?
2. Has the attorney been acting under the power ever since 1934? Evidence on this point might be obtained by asking him to produce his accounts. As the Power appears to have been registered with the Palermo branch of the Bank of Italy, that Bank might be asked whether it still accepts the Power as valid and subsisting, and if not, whether any later Power has been registered with them.
3. What evidence has the Attorney that all the persons who granted the Power are still alive? This question is very material to the present validity or otherwise of the Power.

On the general question whether these properties should be taken into custody or not, can you let me know what evidence you have to prove that the owners are of American nationality. In this connection it is pointed out that their properties were not sequestered by the Italian Government, whilst in the Power they are described as of Palermo, but resident in New York. Would you also indicate the approximate value of the properties, and if let, what income they are producing.

Lieut-Colonel,
Controller of Property **U3**

FRONT

2945

AMCOT/19/BI
AMCOT HQ SICILY
6 September 1943

SUBJECT: Mail for Vatican

TO: Military Government Section, AMHQ

Attached is a letter to the Vatican from the Bishop of Trapani for favour of transmission through the appropriate channels.

A. E. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.,
CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

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Subject:- Payment of Officials

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AMCOT/2031/E.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY

6 September, 1943

Lieut-Colonel Charles Polotti,
S.C.A.O.
Palermo Province.

Re your memo of 31st August to G.C.A.O.

1. Consideration is now being given to a plan to adjust compensation for salaries or wages on a basis which will more nearly reflect present conditions and eliminate as far as possible numerous bonuses and supplementary payments now in force.

2. Until such time as an overall policy can be adopted, it is the programme of this office to recommend the continuation of most of such payments, these include:

- (i) Assegni Familiari (family allowances)
- (ii) Indennita Giornaliera (bonus for being at work)
- (iii) Premio di Operosita (bonus for efficiency)
- (iv) Lavoro Straordinario (labor beyond minimum legal hours)
- (v) Possibly other bonuses or pay adjustments

"Indennita' di sfollamento" would not appear to be necessary at this time.

3. Certain exceptions are made and the following should no longer be paid:

- (a) family allowances to dependants of:
 - (i) those engaged in military service
 - (ii) unparoled prisoners of war
 - (iii) Italian workers in Germany or other Axis territories
- (b) salaries or wages of employees of a Corporation, Federation, or Syndicate previously maintained by Contributi Sindacali (Note: certain of these agencies must be constituted by reformed bodies when they perform useful and necessary local duties.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer,

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

Flow 2933-30

SUBJECT: Malaria Control.

SECRET/NO5/HL
ARMY H.Q. SICILY.

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

6 Sept 43.

It has been suggested by the Surgeon 7 Army that the Malaria Control Units of the 7 Army should exercise a general supervision of all anti-malaria work now being carried out in the area under 7 Army administration.

The Public Health Division of Army H.Q. has welcomed this suggestion.

In order to carry it into effect it is recommended that anti-malaria work now in progress under the direction of your S.A.P.H.O. (Senior Army Provincial Health Officer) should be coordinated by the Army Malaria Officers.

If you agree will you kindly cooperate in this matter to the fullest extent possible.

In this way it is hoped that continuity of effort will be maintained to the advantage of the Military and Civilian population.

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

Copy to:- Surgeon, 7th Army.

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SUBJECT: Medical Supplies.

Heath 2932
AMGOT/7002/HI.
AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

TO: Major W.V. Sandford, M.C.
(Through S.C.A.O. Catania).

6 Sept 43.

Reference your letter of 1 Sept under the subject "quinine at Randazzo" the supplies mentioned therein should be retained for use in Catania.

D. Gordon Cheyne

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

SUBJECT: Civil Telephone.

Public Safety Division,

6 September 1945.

TO : Captain Trevelan.

Would you be good enough to try to persuade the telephone people to put into order the telephone number 166367

The subscriber's name and address are :-

AMANI, CRISTINE,
VIA GOETHE 3.

She is an interpreter and translator to U.S. Forces and the daughter is interpreter and translator to this section.

As our work includes Air Raid Precautions and Civil Defence generally the need for quick emergency communication day or night will be appreciated.



Major,
FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICES,
Public Safety Division.

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AMGOT/266/HQ.

AMGOT HQ. - SICILY.

6 September, 1943.

Subject: Memorandum to Headquarters.

To : All S.C.A.Os.

1. Further to memorandum 266/HQ dated 23rd August, 1943 issued by this Headquarters.
2. Correspondence is being received from the provinces which bears no reference number, and where reference is made to a communication from this Headquarters the reference has not been quoted. In future all correspondence must include:
 - (a) Originator's ref no. and date.
 - (b) The reference number and date of any memorandum to which a reply is being made.
3. Correspondence will be addressed to AMGOT H.Q., and NOT to individual officers unless it is of a private nature.

Charles M. Spofford

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

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AMCOT/5077/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
6 September 43

Subject: Telephones
To : All Divisions

1. With effect from date all requests for, and comments on, telephones will be submitted in writing to: Communications Engineer, Industries and Resources Section, Room 43.
2. In order to facilitate directory amendments, etc., divisions will notify the Communications Engineer of all changes in rooms.
3. External calls in several directions will be faulty for a short time as the cables suffered damage in the late rains.

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

AMDOT/5027/CS
AMDOT HQ, SICILY
September '53

Memorandum

To: Legal Division

1. Request opinion on present legal status of Ispettorato Corporativo.
2. Attached is list of laws which they are alleged to function under.
3. Organization has one office Palermo, another in Catania and was under jurisdiction of Ministry Corp. in Rome. It sought compliance by employers with health and hygiene laws, etc.

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

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Subject: Grain Collection

AMCOT/5005/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
6 September 43

To: SCAO Catania Province

1. Reference is made to your memorandum file number OAT/21/CSD dated 29 August 43 in which you report the collection of grain in your province by agencies of the Province of Messina. I believe that this matter has now been cleared up, as Messina is to obtain all grain from the Province of Enna.

2. For your information, the attached copy of a memorandum from Enna Province is forwarded for the necessary action. It would seem that several provinces are engaged in crossing provincial lines for collection of grain without prior arrangements by the SCAO's.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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

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AMGOT/5104/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
6 September 43.

To: Col. Clayburn

Could we put General Orders 4 and 5, destined for
all provincial capitals except Catania and Messina,
on your truck leaving tomorrow with currency.

For Director Civilian Supply and Resources:

WLB/EDG.+

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

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No. 18

DAILY ROUTINE ORDERS
by
Captain R.W. Harriman, R.A.
Camp Commandant, AMGOT, 15 Army Group.

In the Field. ----- 6 Sept 43.

68. ROUTINE.
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| Reveille | ... | 0600 hours. |
| Breakfast | ... | 0700 - 0730 hours. |
| Dinner | ... | 1200 - 1300 hours. |
| Supper | ... | 1800 - 1830 hours. |

69. VIRGILLI PROPHECY STATIONS.
The following is published for the information of all ranks.
- Venerocol Prophylactic Stations are being operated by the Seventh Army at the following locations in Palermo:-
 - Via Covour, next to Bank of Italy, for all army personnel 24 hours a day.
 - Via Iungarini, for white troops, 1300 to 1900 hours daily.
 - 113 Via Gagini, for white troops, 1300 to 1900 hours daily.
 - Via Del Monte, for white troops, 1300 to 1900 hours daily.
 - Via Paterno for colored troops, 1300 to 1900 hours daily.

70. TRANSFERS-C.M.P.(P).
General Routing Order No.417 dated 27 Aug 43. is re-published for information.
- There are vacancies for other ranks in the Provost Wing of the C.M.P.
 - Candidates should have the following qualifications:-
 - Medical category A.1. to B.1.
 - Height minimum 5ft. 6 ins.
 - (a) Able to ride a m/c or willing to learn.
OR
(b) able to drive a motor vehicle.
 - Satisfactory A.F.D.122.
 - Not require to wear glasses (except for reading).
 - Follow the rank of Corporal.

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- Candidates will receive Corps pay at the rate of - 6d. per day during their preliminary training - which will last about 14 days. On successful completion of this training they will be transferred to the Corps, promoted U/Lance Corporals and granted Corps pay at 1/- per day.
- Applications should be forwarded through the usual channels to D.A.G., G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon, together with Appendix 'B' to A.C.I.399 of 1940 completed and signed by Commanding Officers."

71. GENERAL ROUTINE ORDERS.
The attention of the respective W/m officers is drawn to the following General Routine Orders dated 27 Aug 43:-
- G.M. ... Nos. 424 & 425.
M.T.O. ... No. 427.

Sheet ... 100 - 1930 hours.

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- G.M. ... Nos.424 & 425.
- M.T.O.... No.427.

Copies of the a/m Orders can be seen on application to the Camp Commandant's Office.

(Sgd) R.W. Harriman, Captain,
Camp Commandant, AMGOT. 15 Army Group. C.M.F.

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AMGOT HQ SICILY

6 September 1943

SUBJECT: Ente di Colonizzazione del Latifondo
Siciliano


TO : Mrs. Beatrice Fatta Salamone
Collesano
Province of Palermo

Madam:

General Rennell has directed me to acknowledge your letter in which you reviewed the position of your properties in Feudo Garistoppa. The General has given consideration to your case and wishes you to know that the matter has been put in the hands of Lt. Col. Harris, head of the AMGOT Property Control Division who is handling all questions connected with the Ente di Colonizzazione del Latifondo Siciliano.

Your case will be given full consideration and this Headquarters will in due course be communicating with you.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:


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


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AMGOT/ VHQ
AMGOT HQ SICILY
6 September 1943

SUBJECT: AMGOT Bible

TO: E. C. A. C., Ragusa

1. The request in your reference FR 15/21 has been noted.
2. This Headquarters regrets that at the moment there are no AMGOT Bibles available.
3. New ones are being printed and a copy will be issued to your Headquarters as soon as they are available.


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

AMGOT/5005/6

AMGOT HQ SICILY

6 September 1943

Subject: Wheat and Grain
Memorandum to: Col. Seitz

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AMGOT/51/HQ

AMGOT HQ SICILY

6 September 1943

SUBJECT: Indirect Control of Civil Government

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

1. As the second month of occupation nears completion, there are unmistakable signs that our administration is not as well advanced as it should be at this time. Supply problems remain unsolved except on a hard-to-mouth basis and there is an unevenness in administration between the provinces. Efforts are being made to correct the difficulties by contact between HQ personnel and the field.

2. It is my view that such difficulties are dependent or attributable to the failure in most localities of the S.C.A.O.s and their subordinates to rely sufficiently on the Italian administration. Ours is a military government of indirect control and it is essential, not only to conserve our personnel but to get the job properly done, that the most competent Italian personnel available be drawn in to the administration and put to work. At this time there should be no vacancies in the office of Sindaco in any important commune and candidates for the office of prefect should have been found in most provinces, and submitted to this HQ for approval.

3. Italian personnel must, of course, be carefully chosen. However on the basis of the investigation that has already been completed you should be pretty well aware of the reliable elements in your province. A political check of civil servants and office holders by means of a questionnaire is to be commenced shortly of which you will be further advised.

4. A number of names of individuals who could be of assistance to our administration have been suggested and include the following former ex-deputies and others:

- Guido Airoidi, Palermo
- Guarino Amellia, Agrigento
- Costa, Trapani
- Cigna, Caltanissetta
- De Giovanni, Siracusa
- Rindone, Catania
- Faranda and Stancanelli, Messina

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5. It will be necessary in the near future to make further substantial reductions in the administrative personnel in the provinces and possibly to combine the AMGOT personnel for one or more of the provinces in a single group. It is imperative that the responsibility for administrative routine be shifted to the most capable Italian personnel at the earliest possible moment.

Distribution:

Agrigento
 Caltanissetta
 Catania
 Enna
 Messina
 Palermo
 Ragusa
 Siracusa
 Trapani

AMGOT Liaison
 AMGOT 8th Army
 Col. Hume
 M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.
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MAJOR GENERAL
 Chief Civil Affairs Officer

Subject:- Senor R. lo

AMGOT/2039/E.

AMGOT H.O. SICILY.

6 September, 43.

S.C.A.O.
Palermo Province.

I enclose an extract from a letter addressed to me by the Finance Officer Messina province, and shall be most grateful if you could give me any information of the whereabouts of Senor Rotolo.

Personally I have no means of discovering his whereabouts, and feel that some of your local officials may be able to assist.

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

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Subject:- Distribution of food in LETOJAMI.

AMGOT/5038/CS.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

6 September, 43.

Finance Officer
Messina Province (through S.C.A.O. Messina)

I enclose copy of a letter from the Commanding Officer, 6 Green Howards, and also copy of my letter to him of today's date.

It appears that the village of Letojami is in the Province of Messina, although I notice that the village of Piumefreddo is in Catania Province. You will see that I have instructed O.C. 6 Green Howards to draw the amount of 4,500 lire from you, which should be charged as relief against the Commune concerned.

Will you kindly let me know when the necessary transactions have been completed.

ap
A.P. GRAFFLEY-SMITH,
Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

Subject:- Pre. Hons - Finance Division.

AMGOT/2023/F.

AMGOT H. Q. SIGILY.

6 September, 43.

C.S.O.

(Through Staff Captain 'A')

1. Lt-Col. Gunston arrived at Chrea on 26th May. As an instructor at the Civil Affairs School Wimbledon, he had the local rank of Lieut Colonel.

2. A signal from F.5. (94498, 30 June 1943) stated that Mideast had been informed that Gunston was posted to their establishment, but that he was on loan to AMGOT. We have subsequently been informed that his services may be retained in AMGOT.

3. Since his arrival he has fulfilled the functions of a Lieut Colonel and has served as Acting Chief of AMFA - a Lieut Colonel's position for over 3 months. I strongly recommend that he should be promoted Acting Lieut Colonel from the date of his arrival; and confirmed in his temporary rank three months later.

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

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Subject:- Distribution of food in LETOJANI,

AMOE/503/CR.

AMOE H.Q. MALTA

6 September 1942

Officer Commanding,
6 Green Howards,
Bellefleur

With reference to your letter H.I of 27th August, I write to thank you for the action taken in supplying food for the needy people in the village of Letojani.

I am assuming that the sum expended by you in purchase of potatoes, was paid either out of public funds at your disposal, or from your P.R.I. account.

I am authorising the Senior Civil Affairs Officer of the Province of Messina to refund to you the sum of 4,500 lire, and to charge it as a relief item against the Comamo concerned.

Unfortunately, I am not aware of your present location, but hope that you will be able to make the necessary contact with the S.C.A.O.

ap
A.P. GRAFFY-SMITH,
Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer

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SUBJECT:- Road Reports - ITALY.

Florent

AMCOT/TI/HQ.

AMCOT H.Q., SICILY.

6th September 1943.

TO:-
M.G.S.
A.F.H.Q.

Reference your memo of 1st September 1943, forwarding an I.S.I.S. Road Report on Italy and paragraph 2 of memo B. 339.231 OI(Lib) of 17th August 1943 from G-2 Section OI(Lib) forwarding the report to you.

As further copies are said to be available on demand it would be appreciated if two copies of this and similar reports could be forwarded - one for reference in this H.Q., and one for forwarding to the Region concerned.

For The Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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

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AF 7/5064/03
6 September 43.

This truck is being used by AMSCOT IP to remove diesel oil being salvaged from the sunken ships Guza and Anna Maria Gualdi. Authorization has been given for this work by the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base. By virtue of that authorization, this truck is entitled to access to the Melo Ford.

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

AMGOT/5036/OS

AMGOT HQ SICILY

6 September 1943

To: Camp Commandant
AMGOT 15 Army Group, C.M.F.
Attn: Capt. R. W. Harriman

REF YOUR E/S/ DATED 31 AUG 43

1. There are no plans for discontinuing electric service to military installations.

2. However, all non-essential civilian use will be discontinued and in so doing some military establishments may be disconnected through inadvertence. Should this occur, the matter should be referred to this office for action.

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

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Subject: - Employment of Paroled Soldiers as members of the Carabinieri.

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AMSOI/1014/ES.

To: - Commissioner of Public Safety.
(through C.C.A.C.)

6th Sept. 1943.

I have your request dated 2nd September, 1943 for an opinion on the following points:-

- (a) May paroled soldiers be used as members of the Carabinieri on a temporary basis?
- (b) May the Allied Military Government authorize the employment of such members of the Carabinieri?

In my opinion we have ample power to appoint new members to the Carabinieri police force. The fact that the organization is, under Italian law, appointed by the Minister of War and is in a technical sense deemed a part of the Italian Army, does not in my opinion affect our rights at all. It may affect the tenure of the members when we appoint after the occupation is over, the Minister of War may refuse to recognize our appointments and remove them, on the ground that they were not appointed in accordance with Italian law. But as long as we are in occupation and the Carabinieri are functioning as a police force under the direction of the Allied Military Government, it is their duty to take orders from us and it is clearly within our power to direct them as to whom they may and may not employ.

Under International Law we could compel anyone we select to wear the Carabinieri uniform and to serve under the existing Officers of the Carabinieri in such position, and perform such duties as we may think fit, just as we can requisition the services of residents for any non-military purposes and just as we can appoint and remove other public officials who were previously appointed by Rome.

So far as the oath is concerned, if we do not approve of the existing prescribed form, we may disagree with it and prescribe such other form, except an oath of allegiance to the Allied Powers, as we think appropriate and they are willing to subscribe to.

I see no objection to using paroled soldiers as members of the Carabinieri if they are satisfactory to you.

AMSOI, HQ.
15 Army Group.

Wm. C. CHAMBER, Lt. Col. (A. U. S.)
Chief Legal Officer.

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ALSGOT, HQ.
15 Army Group.

Wm. C. CHAFFER, Lt. Col. (A. U. S.)
Chief Legal Officer.

g. out

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MEMO
ANDY W. BISHOP
4 September 1943

Subject: Economic and Financial Council

To : Chief Finance Officer
Chief Legal Officer
Director Civilian Supply & Resources
Controller of Property
Chief Staff Officer

1. The following named officers, designated by Division, are announced as members of EFC:

Finance Division	Lt. Col. F. B. Southard
Legal Division	Maj. G. C. Mansford
Civilian Supply & Resources Division	Lt. Col. Hayes
Property Division	Capt. J. S. Howard
Administrative Staff	Lt. Col. R. L. Clough

2. The following are named as additional members to be called into council on questions affecting their respective fields:

Public Health Division	Maj. R. F. White
Public Safety Division	Lt. Col. R. H. J. Martin

3. The C.S.C. has directed me to call a meeting of the entire Council, those named above, in the Council Room, ANST B, at 1000 Saturday, 4 September, 1943. The above named will please attend.

B. L. CLARK
Lt. Col., A.S.C.
Administrative Officer

AMCOT/5061/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
6 September 43

TO WHICH IT MAY REFER:

Permission is hereby granted for truck No. PA95, owned by the
Arenella Chemical Company and engaged in handling supplies for AMCOT
Warehouses, to circulate at any time within the Provinces of Sicily.

H. C. ROSEN
Major, C. M. P.
Civilian Supply Division

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION
Report for August 1943

It was not until the main body of Officers arrived from North Africa on 9 August that the Division had any staff with which to operate. Circumstances had made it impossible to carry out the duties allocated to the C.A.P.Os, in the Field in the AMGO plan, and it was well past the middle of the month before the Division was represented in the Field by more than a dozen or so Officers acting as C.A.P.Os, the remainder being required as C.A.Os.

The main difficulty was therefore to obtain a reasonably clear picture of the public safety situation on the island. Only two or three general reports of C.A.Os, have been seen in the Division and for reasons with which this report is not concerned it was not until the end of the month that a few reports were received from Provincial C.A.P.Os.

Officers were sent out from HQ. to obtain as much information as possible on the spot and brought back useful reports, although much remains to be done.

On the police side, our efforts have been concentrated on establishing a close understanding with the Carabinieri Reali, a move which met with a ready response from Gen. Sannino. The latter fully realises the dependence of the C.C.R.R. upon the Allied Military Government and the objective of giving the C.C.R.R. the maximum support and at the same time making no secret of the fact that AMGO intended to direct the C.C.R.R.'s, general policy was always kept well in view. The Civil Police Section is now established in a suite of Offices at the Carabinieri barracks in PALERMO.

Contact was also established and maintained with the Palermo Questore and the Colonel in command of the Guardia di Finanza. Progress has been made with the survey of the latter's organisation and, in consultation with Legal and Financial Divisions we are now in a position to exercise the necessary control over this police agency.

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Inspection visits have been made by officers of the Fire and Civil Defense section to most of the towns in Sicily. The Fire Fighting organizations had a good reputation for devotion to duty prior to the invasion and this reputation has been generally maintained, although it has been found necessary to remove some of the senior officials for incompetency. A number of appliances were seized by the troops in the early stages and, while some have been recovered, others are still untraced. In view of the existing organizations both for Fire Fighting and Civil Defense have been overhauled and strengthened and arrangements are in hand for obtaining additional equipment and appliances for both services throughout the island.

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SUBJECT: "Sicilia Liberata".

Scott
AMGOT/4001/L

AMGOT HQ.
Sicily.

TO: C.C.A.C.

6th September, 1943.

Regarding the three matters in today's "Sicilia Liberata" to which you called my attention:

(1) The articles regarding the opening of the civil courts and the notification of the Codice di Procedura Penale were inserted after discussion with and with the approval of Major Darnford.

(2) As to the references to the changes in the Penal Code I am not quite clear as to your objection. The first paragraph says that the Committee has proposed "and the Chief Legal Officer of the Allied Military Government has approved the following temporary modifications". This is the fact and is in accordance with our plan to put the onus of the change on them so as to avoid the question of our changing local laws improperly.

(3) I have referred the War penalties announcement to Public Safety for their comment.

Wm. C. CHANLER.
Lieut. Col. (AMB).
Chief Legal Officer.

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

Subject: Opening of Italian Civil Courts and Temporary
Modification of Code of Penal Procedure.

To: All S.C.A.Os. (except S.C.A.O. Palermo) AMGOT/4001/L.
for the attention of S.L.Os. 6th Sept. 43.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the issue No. 31 dated 6 Sept. 1943 of the "Sicilia Liberata" with the notices relating to the above subjects marked in red pencil.

You should ensure that these notices are republished in your local press (if any) or are printed and posted in the appropriate places in your Province, so that their contents can be brought to the attention of all concerned.

AMGOT H.Q.
15 Army Group.

W.C.Chanler, Lt.Col.(AUS)
Chief Legal Officer

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Subject: Political Activities.

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AMCOT/1019/L.

To: Avv. Prof. Gr. UT Andrea Finocchiaro Aprile,
via Lincoln 97, PALERMO.

5th Sept. 1943.

1. The C.C.A.O. has directed us to return the enclosed letters unopened.
2. No political activity of any kind will be tolerated in Sicily during the Allied occupation and the use of this notepaper is forbidden.

AMCOT H.Q.

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

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AMSO/4:023 /1
AMSO/ HQ STONY
4 September 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief Staff Officer re Proposed TO/WE for Regions 1 and 2

1. The TO/WE for Region 1 was prepared after careful consideration and study. Under it, the Legal Division was allowed originally 32 officers which was later cut to 30. Actually the Legal Division has never had more than 24 officers at its disposal.
2. Experience in Sicily has shown that this number has been insufficient to properly fulfill the functions of the Legal Division to date. There are continual requests from various provinces asking for help and a number of matters are piling up because of inability to dispose of them with the personnel at hand.
3. On the other hand it is probable that in another two or three weeks the present staff could be reduced materially. But it does not seem possible that it could be reduced to the total number of eight as now proposed. In three provinces alone, Palermo, Agrigento, and Siracusa, 640 cases tried by Allied Military Courts to date. Reports from other provinces are still incomplete. It would seem that there should be at least one Legal Officer per province and three officers in Regional Headquarters to supervise the work in the province, review cases, give legal advice and guidance on policy. The volume of legal work in Palermo, Catania, and Messina alone is sufficient to take the full time of two legal officers if they are to do their own work and maintain any supervision at all over the Italian Courts. *By assigning two more lawyers to a single C.O. this division could be worked out.*
4. This would mean a total of 12 officers for Region 1. Assuming the same number could handle Region 2, and that the Headquarters staff were confined to six as proposed, this would make a total of 30 officers for Regions 1 and 2 plus AMSO/ Headquarters - or exactly the same number as were allocated to Region 1 alone under the original plan. It seems to me both unreasonable and unnecessary to cut the staff below this minimum. Presumably an additional 12 legal officers should be added for Region 3.
5. I most strongly urge, therefore, that the original TO/WE be kept in tact in numbers, and made applicable to Regions 1 and 2 and AMSO/ Headquarters, instead of only to Region 1. I believe there are sufficient officers with legal training now in AMSO/ or in North Africa, exclusive of those now being prepared by Region 3, to make this possible provided some officers in AMSO/ now used as C.A.O.s were restored to the Legal Division or replaced by new officers from elsewhere.
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7. I cannot be responsible for carrying out the duties of the Legal Division, as proposed in the AMOFT Plan if the staff were cut below this minimum.

W.C.
WILLIAM C. CHANLER,
Lt. Colonel, F.A.,
Chief Legal Officer

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SUBJECT: Civil Police.

AMGOT/1014/ES

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

5th September, 1943.

TO : The Commanding General,
Seventh Army.

1. The Carabinieri Reali have been designated by the Military Governor as the principal arm for the enforcement of the Civil Laws and for aiding in the enforcement of the Proclamations of the Military Governor in Sicily. It is contemplated that similar action will be taken by the Military Governor in such additional areas as may be occupied in the immediate future.

2. It will be very helpful in maintaining that condition of public order most conducive to the requirements of the Military Commanders, as well as to the various officials of the Military Government, if suitable instructions may be issued by The Commanding General, Seventh Army, to all unit commanders stressing the foregoing points and, in addition, emphasizing the desirability of maintaining the prestige and effectiveness of the officers and men of the Carabinieri Reali who have been retained by Civil Affairs Officers in the provinces and communes.

The Carabinieri Reali have an exceedingly difficult task under existing circumstances, and any indication that they are not fully supported by the local Allied Military Commanders may easily result in rendering them ineffective in the performance of their duties.

This matter has been the subject of informal conversations between Lt. Col. Russell A. Snook, Superintendent of Civil Police, and Chief of Staff, Seventh Army.

Your cooperation will be very helpful.

Major-General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

MEMORANDUM:

Subject: Methodist Church

1. Prior to the signing of the Concordat between the Holy See and the Italian Government (11 Feb. 1929) all Churches were treated "pari passu" and as there existed no State Church, it could be said that all Cults were tolerated provided they did not interfere in any way with the social or political activity of the nation.
2. By the signing of the Concordat, the Roman Catholic Church became the State Religion. Articles 55 to 67 of the Civil Code were either amended or abrogated, thus placing the celebration of weddings under the nominal control of the Roman Catholic Church. Marriages before a Catholic Priest became valid as soon as they were registered at the local Municipio. Civil wedding ceremonies (equivalent to marriage at the Registry) were not any longer ruled to be compulsory to insure the validity of the union between spouses.

Furthermore decisions by the Ecclesiastical Courts on nullity of marriages became final as soon as they were approved by the Corte d' Appello, sitting in Camera.
3. Other Cults became known as "ammessi" (accepted) and though Article 406 of the Penal sets out the penalties to which any person revising any of the "Culti ammessi" is liable, it also states that these penalties will be inferior to those which would be inflicted if the offence was committed against the State Religion (art. 402-404-405 of the CP)
4. It appears therefore that if the Methodist Church is an accepted cult in the Kingdom of Italy, it should be granted similar facilities to exercise its religious activities as those enjoyed by other non statal cults.

However, as a matter of policy, and in view of the fact that

- (a) The great majority of Sicilians are Roman Catholics and the influence of the clergy is very strong.
- (b) That the programme set out in Rev. Barnari's letter is rather ambitious and may lead to serious clashes with the existing educational institutions in Sicily.
- (c) That such a state of affairs may be very detrimental to the good administration in Sicily.

Great caution should be exercised if it is contemplated to grant some or all his requests.

On the other hand some action should be taken to restore the freedom of belief, and Rev. Barnari given adequate facilities if his allegations are not exaggerated.

G. G. H.

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REMARKS

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SUBJECT: Issue of Medical Supplies.

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AMCOT/3007/33.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

To: Officer-in-Charge,
Amcot H.Q. Medical Supply Depot,
Caltanissetta.

5 Sept 43.

1. Attached is a copy of memorandum to S.C.A.Os and S.A.P.H.Os defining new policy on distribution of medical stores. This makes it urgent that supplies be prepared in bricks for the provinces. Provinces have been urged to collect their initial basic bricks at once.
2. Major Prisolle, R.A.M.C. is now en route to this H.Q. and will be in charge of Medical Supplies distribution vice Lt.-col. MacDonald who is ill. Major Prisolle will communicate with you upon arrival.
3. Do you have access to a truck or trucks which can transport medical supplies now arriving in Palermo from U.S.A. to your Depot?

RC

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

1 encl. Memo to S.C.A.Os and S.A.P.H.Os - Issue of Medical Supplies.

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SUBJECT: Issue of Medical Supplies.

AMCOT/5007/PH.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

TO: S.C.A.Os (Attention S.A.P.H.Os).

5 Sept 43.

1. The situation regarding supplies of drugs while definitely improving is still very difficult and there is little evidence that conditions will become anything like normal for a very long time. It has to be borne in mind that the Italians have always been very "drug store" minded. There will be no attempt by Angot to recreate an organisation at once unnecessarily extravagant and out of harmony with a world shortage of many drugs as well as the position prevailing in many friendly countries.
2. Angot policy will be to provide the essential drugs and dressings for the civil population by which genuine cases of sickness may be adequately treated. The policy therefore will be to issue on payment from stores actually available or expected as many of the essential drugs or dressings as are required by Hospitals maintained for the civil population and run as communal or provincial institutions. It will not be possible for the present to issue supplies to private clinics.
 When the immediate needs of hospitals are met the next project will be to furnish to a few selected "pharmacia" supplies of drugs and dressings which he will sell only on a prescription from medical men.
3. In view of the growth of Angot responsibilities in this connection it has been decided to modify Special Administrative Instruction No 4 under which requisitions for drugs had to be forwarded to H.Q. Angot for approval of the Director of Public Health. This will now become the responsibility of the S.A.P.H.O (Senior Angot Provincial Health Officer). It will be necessary for these officers to maintain stores of drugs and dressings on a scale larger than at present and to account for the issue in the provincial medical budget.
4. H.Q. Angot will arrange for the apportioning of medical stores to the provinces as a primary issue and the periodic replenishment will similarly be effected on the demands of the S.A.P.H.Os.
5. Records of all drugs received and disbursed and of charges and receipts must be kept by S.A.P.H.Os. Forms and price schedules will be sent by this H.Q. in the near future. Meanwhile improvised records should be kept.
6. All provinces which have not collected the initial brick prepared for them at the Angot H.Q. Medical Supply Depot at Caltaicetta should send a truck to that place at once to collect their supplies. Additional bricks will be prepared in the future and S.C.A.Os will be notified when these are ready for collection.
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7. While the above organisation will apply to curative sera and vaccines it will not apply to prophylactic vaccines such as T.A.B., Typhus, and the like whose issue will be governed by local conditions and under the general control of Amgot H.Q. (Public Health Division).

By order of the Chief Staff Officer.

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[Signature]

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

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SPECIAL MEETING OF EFCCO.

In view of the urgency of the situation, it has been decided that the Economic and Financial Council should hold its special meeting to consider Captain Morse's Labour Plan on Tuesday, 7th September 1943, at 1000 hrs., instead of on Wednesday, 8th September 1943, at 1600 hrs.

5th September 1943.

E. Talbot
E. TALBOT.
Captain,
Secretary to EFCCO.

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SUBJECT:- SCAO's Reports - Erna - Visits of H.Q. Officers.


AMREP/3/HQ.

AMREP H.Q. SICILY.

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

5. Sept. 43.

1. Reference is made to your letter 31 Aug. 43 file 7/4/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, SCAO'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 SCAO'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 SCAO 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 SCAO's in advance that visits will be made.


CHARLES H. SPOFFORD.
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer. 67

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AMCOT/5028/CS
AMCOT II, SICILY
5. September 43

Subject: Proposed Wage Scale for Armed Forces for Island of Sicily
and Regions 2 & 3

To : S.C.A.O., 5th Army
(Col. Hume)

1. Enclosed minutes are self explanatory.
2. Final draft will be transmitted.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
CONTROLLER OF PROPERTY

5 September 43.

Subject: U.S. Army Requisition - Villa Sofia, Palermo

To: AMGOT Liaison, 15 Army Group


1. The following memorandum has been submitted by the Controller of Property:
 - "1. 7th Army has requisitioned above property located near City of Palermo, on behalf of U.S. Navy, which is now occupying it.
 - "2. This is valuable property, and is owned jointly by a British national and an American citizen. It was sequestered by Italian Government at the outbreak of war, and was managed by Italian sequestrator.
 - "3. Proclamation No. 6, Allied Military Government, abrogated all such sequestration decrees, and authorized Controller of Property, AMGOT, to take custody and control thereof on behalf of Allied owners. Controller of Property is in process of taking formal custody.
 - "4. It is necessary to incur certain expenses to protect property and maintain this property, but inasmuch as it has been requisitioned by U.S. Army, no income is available at this time.
 - "5. It is suggested that since this property is owned by Allied interests, proper compensation should be paid forthwith for its use and occupancy, at least to the extent necessary to meet expenses of proper care and maintenance.
 - "6. Information is requested whether compensation will be paid in this and similar cases.
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T. FARLEY SMITH,
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Subject:- Collection of State, Provincial and Communal Revenues.

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AVGOT HC. SICILY

5 September 43

To:- All Financial Officers
(through S.C.A.O.'s)

1. Action has been taken in various localities to meet war difficulties of the revenue producing machine, and it is necessary now to obtain uniformity throughout the country and this memorandum summarizes the existing instructions and gives instructions on this unification and on miscellaneous similar matters.
2. The general principles are that all Italian Taxes enforced at the date of occupation should be continued (except the Contributi Sindacali specially abrogated under General Order No. 2), and that the Italian method of collecting taxes should also be continued.

It is realized that many of the taxes are cumbersome, some produce a badly arranged burden, and some are collected through organizations which have apparently an unnecessary large "rake-off" and could be replaced. It is undesirable, however, to abrogate any particular taxes or to disturb the existing machinery, purely on the local data obtainable in the Island of Sicily, and the above general principles will accordingly be followed.

3. It is important that dislocations in the Italian revenue services should be obviated as soon as possible. This will include the re-centralization of dispersed staffs and the occupation of buildings to replace those permanently damaged. The Intendente and the Ufficio Provinciale del Tesoro should make the best economical arrangements possible. In difficult cases buildings may be requisitioned through the proper channels. "(see AVGOT/2020/F dated 22nd Aug.)." Similarly every assistance should be given to Esattori and other revenue collecting agents in bringing in their moneys to the banks or post offices.

Generally the minimum delay must occur in the stages which precede the arrival of the physical cash at the State, Provincial, or Communal treasury, as it is only when it has reached such a treasury that P.O.'s and C.A.O.'s can regard it as cash available to meet the approved expenses of these authorities and so reduce the advances which otherwise would have to be from AVGOT funds.

4. Accordingly:

- (i) All possible steps must be taken to repair and restore the revenue collecting machinery in all its branches.
- (ii) No taxes will be abrogated by local decree (G.O. 2 has abrogated contributi sindacali - future contributions being dealt with as per AVGOT/2037/F of 25 August).
- (iii) No revenue collecting or assessing body will be closed down or suspended by local decree.

It is realized that many of the taxes are cumbersome, some produce a badly arranged burden, and some are collected through organizations which have apparently an unnecessary large "rake-off" and could be replaced. It is undesirable, however, to abrogate any particular taxes or to disturb the existing machinery, purely on the local data obtainable in the Island of Sicily, and the above general principles will accordingly be followed.

3. It is important that dislocations in the Italian revenue services should be obviated as soon as possible. This will include the re-centralization of dispersed staffs and the occupation of buildings to replace those permanently damaged. The Intendente and the Ufficio Provinciale del Tesoro should make the best economical arrangements possible. In difficult cases buildings may be requisitioned through the proper channels. "(see AMGOT/2020/F dated 22nd Aug.)." Similarly every assistance should be given to Esattori and other revenue collecting agents in bringing in their moneys to the banks or post offices.

Generally the minimum delay must occur in the stages which precede the arrival of the physical cash at the State, Provincial, or Communal treasury, as it is only when it has reached such a treasury that P.O.'s and C.A.O.'s can regard it as cash available to meet the approved expenses of these authorities and so reduce the advances which otherwise would have to be from AMGOT funds.

4. Accordingly:

(i) All possible steps must be taken to repair and restore the revenue collecting machinery in all its branches.

(ii) No taxes will be abrogated by local decree (G.O. 2 has abrogated contributi sindacali - future contributions being dealt with as per AMGOT/2037/F of 25 August).

(iii) No revenue collecting or assessing body will be closed down or suspended by local decree.

(iv) C.A.O.'s and P.O.'s will form the reports rendered in accordance with the letter in Italian enclosed in AMGOT 2037/F dated 25 August, closely watch the collection of revenues.

(v) No revision will be made of the guarantees given by Esattori even where they were made by the deposit of Government bonds on which interest is not at present being paid.

5. The Italian laws provide for claims for war damage compensation and adjustment to assessments being made to the Intendente di Finanza and examined by the Ufficio Distrettuale Imposte Dirette, the Nucleo della Polizia Tributaria and Ufficio Tecnico Erariale. Small claims are settled by these officials and large claims by certain courts. Claims for adjustment of tax assessments on the rolls are made to the Ufficio Tecnico Erariale. These officials concerned must press on with the utmost speed with these cases.

6. The scheme of giving tolleranza to a collector (see AMGOT/266 dated 16th August 43), is based on existing Italian practice, and is designed to provide flexibility in the present rigid accounting date scheme, so that the collector can collect the full tax from those present and able to pay it, and give dispensation to those whose properties have been destroyed or who are absent.

The tolleranza is accordingly, only a postponement and the F.O. will arrange with the Intendente:

- (a) for the Esattore to bank each week (or monthly for small communes) the total actual amounts collected by each Saturday in the week distinguishing in their reports the bi-monthly instalments to which the collections relate.
- (b) for the Esattore to pay over the corresponding amounts each week on the Tuesday or Wednesday following to the Ricevitore.
- (c) for the Ricevitore to pay over the corresponding amounts on the Saturday to the sums they received from Esattori on the Wednesday.
- (d) to review the tolleranza allowed monthly in the light of the above facts so as to keep the pressure on Esattore to collect; and yet meet the general local difficulties. The days in the week may be modified to meet local transport or market arrangements.

7. Multe and fines may be levied by Esattore on taxpayers but these will not be enforced without the approval of the Intendente who must understand the general principles. General postponement of multo dates may be made by S.C.A.O.'s during the first three months of allied occupation where the facts made such postponement desirable.

Multo and fines will not be levied on Esattori or Ricevitore who bank in accordance with the tolleranza agreements and subsequently pay over the additional amounts collected in accordance with paragraph 6 above.

8. With regard to organisations which form part of the collection machinery the general principles for their treatment are given in AMGOT/2020/F dated 22 August.

The facts and figures obtained should be reported to the C.R.O. of the Finance Division. The following summarised information can be given about some of these organisations as examples.

(a) Istituto Naz. Gestione Imposte di Consumo

Generally collects consumer taxes and other small items for communes who do not wish to establish their own machinery. The Istituto usually has a 5 years 'concordat' and receives either a fixed sum, in the case of small communes, or a percentage. These commissions are deducted before banking by the Istituto and the surpluses

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(b) Ente Italiano Audizioni Radiofoniche

This Ente has collectors in communes who remit through post offices, collect a tax on radio sets at rate of 84 Lire per annum, about 85% of which, apparently goes directly to Rome, being recorded at the Ufficio Registro at Provincial capital. The tax is collected in June and December. Currently proposing to utilise local Ufficio Registros as receivers until post offices re-open.

(c) Ente Italiano Diritti Autori

Agents throughout Sicily, these collect theater, cinema and similar taxes, and deposit them in Bank of Sicily for transmission directly to Rome, after payment of Ente expenses.

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(d) Reale Automobili circolo d'Italia

Issues private car licenses, drivers' permits and bicycle licenses and collects fees therefor.

9. The organisations mentioned in para. 8 will be required to bank all their receipts and pay over the usual fixed amount to the State, Provincial or Communal Treasury, and to obtain specific approval for withdrawals from the bank account for the salaries and necessary running expenses approved by the F.O.

Other organisations which receive from the official collecting agencies or out of the budget, subsidies or percentages on taxes levied, or the whole of certain levies, will be required to credit the whole of such transfer to their bank accounts and will similarly obtain specific approval for withdrawals for salaries and necessary running expenses. These advances will not be made unless the organisation is carrying out some useful and necessary function.

10. The following reports will be made by F.O.'s (or R.O.'s where available) to the C.R.O. of the Finance Division as soon as possible after the last day of each month.

- (a) Particulars of the actual State, Provincial and Communal receipts as detailed in AMGOT/2020/F dated 22 August para. 10.
- (b) Particulars of the advances made to State, Provincial or Communal authorities for:
 - (i) Salaries and normal recurrent expenditure.
 - (ii) Extraordinary expenditure - with summarised details as to type such as, reconstruction and repairs to damaged property, relief etc.
- (c) Particulars for each organisation referred to in para. 8 and 9 showing:
 - (a) income or receipts for the month.
 - (b) amount transferred to treasury (where applicable)
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A.P. Graffey-Smith

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Chief Finance Officer.

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DAILY ROUTINE ORDERS

No. 17

by

Captain R.W. Harriman, R.A.
Camp Commandant, AMGOT. 15 Army Group.

In the Field.

4 Sept 43.

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Reveille ... 0600 hours.
Breakfast ... 0700 - 0750 hours.
Dinner ... 1200 - 1300 hours.
Supper ... 1800 - 1830 hours.

63. COMMUNICATIONS.

It is notified for all concerned that the Camp Commandant's Office is now on the telephone, the telephone number being ... 18550.

64. CLOTHING EXCHANGES.

British O.Rs. with articles of clothing for exchange, will hand in the same to the Q.M. stores on Wednesday, 3 Sept 43. between the hours of 0900 and 1900. All such articles of clothing for handing-in WILL BE clean and laundered.

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British O.Rs. who handed in boots for repair will withdraw the same on Tuesday, 7 Sept 43. between 0900 and 1900 hours.

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The following articles are obtainable from the Q.M. Stores on repayment, by British O.Rs:-

Brushes Tooth	Razors Safety.
" Hair.	Boots Lace.
" Shaving.	

67. SOAP.

It is published for the information of all British ranks that the soap issue for laundry purposes has been reduced to $\frac{1}{2}$ Bar (3 oss) per man per month. Care, therefore, should be taken in the use of soap by all ranks.

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AMGOT/5004/CS

AMGOT HQ SICILY

4 September 1943


SUBJECT: Price Control in Region 2

TO : Group Captain E. C. Benson

1. All C.A.O.s should be informed that they are to post Proclamation 8 and General Orders 3, 4, and 5 as soon after their arrival as possible. It is only by an immediate and strict enforcement of these price regulations that a general and precipitous increase in prices can be prevented.

2. The enclosed list of maximum prices are the prices which AMGOT HQ have set for Sicily and Italian Region 2. These prices are for your guidance and should not be exceeded. It is suggested that these prices be revised by the S.C.A.O. of each province and the list be printed in Italian and posted.

3. It is suggested that you supply the 8th Army with copies of the price lists for their guidance.


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

Encl.

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AMGOT/5401/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
4 September 43

Subject: Price Control in Italian Regions II and III

To : 15 Army Group

1. It is suggested that the prices for either military or civilian purchases in Italian Regions II and III do not exceed the prices contained in the enclosed price list.

2. If 15 Army Group concurs in this matter of prices, it is suggested that the price list be communicated to the 8th and 9th Armies.

HCW/jfl


Major General
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

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AMGOT/5004/CS

AMGOT HQ SICILY

4 September 1943

SUBJECT: Price Control in Region 3

TO : Col. Edgar Erskine Hume

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2. The enclosed list of maximum prices are the prices which AMGOT HQ have set for Sicily and Italian Region 2. Until further information is secured, it is suggested that they be tentatively used in Region 3. The prices are for the guidance of C.A.O.s and the military forces. It is suggested that the enclosed list be used as a basis for a price list to be printed in Italian and posted in each province. A separate price list should be printed for each province after the Civilian Supply Officer of the province has had an opportunity to make adjustments for local conditions. However, the prices on the enclosed price list should not be exceeded.

3. It is suggested that you supply the military forces with copies of the price lists for their guidance.

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

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCE COUNCIL, 14TH SEPTEMBER 1943.

PRESENT

Lt. Col. C.H. SPOFFORD.
Lt. Col. E.L. CLOUGH.
Lt. Comdr F.S. SOUTHWELL.
Lt. Col. C.J. HAYES.
Lt. Col. R.M.J. MARTIN.
Major BUNN.

(Not a member of the Council)

Major C.G. HANNAFORD.
Major E.F. WITTE.
Capt. MORSE

(Not a member of the Council,
Standing for Capt. BOVARD,
reported sick).

(not a member of the Council).

Opening Remarks.

Lt. Col. SPOFFORD said he was present only to launch the Council on its way, and he described briefly its functions. He stressed that the Council was advisory and not executive, and would find itself dealing with problems raised at the Executive Council Meetings which cut across divisional lines and required detailed study. The C.C.A.O., he said, was anxious to try out the inclusion of Italian members, who would attend meetings of the Council as and when the Council thought fit. It was suggested and recommended that the Council should select not more than 3 Italian persons of important standing and of intelligence who could assist the Council, in a general way, as required, and that these persons be charged with submitting the names of other Italians who would be available to assist the Committee in its deliberations on particular subjects from time to time.

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2. It was agreed to appoint Capt. E. TALBOT as Secretary to the Council.
3. It was agreed to meet for the next three weeks on Sundays; the next meeting to be at 1000 hrs on Sunday, 12th September 1943.
4. The names of 4 Italian persons were submitted, from which not more than three could be selected by C.C.A.O. to act as temporary members of the Council when called upon. The names, with their qualifications, are as follows:-

GUIDO JUNG.

Ex-Minister of Finance of Italy. It is understood that this person is well known to the C.C.A.O.

LUCIO BORDOMARO.

An influential landowner. Recommended by Bank of Sicily to be in charge of ENTE COLONIZAZIONE LATIFONDO.

COUNT GIACCHIO TAGLIOLIA.

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BARON LAVITRANO. A cousin of the Cardinal, and business manager for church properties. Has a very keen mind, wide interests, and wide acquaintance with problems in Sicily. Was anti-fascist in his attitude ~~I have been informed~~. He does not understand or speak English. (Action C.C.A.O.)

5. Capt. MORSE, of the Civilian Supply Division, read to the Council his plan for labour in the island. He said the matter was one of great urgency. Existing Labour bureaux and Syndicates were riddled with fascism and were not functioning in any of the 9 Provinces. His plan proposed widespread changes. It was agreed that the plan be circulated to members and be considered by the Council at a special meeting to be held at the earliest possible moment.
- M.B. It was later agreed to hold this Special Meeting at 1000 hrs Tuesday, 7th September 1943. (Action Capt. MORSE).

6. Lt. Col. HAYES referred briefly to the plan prepared by Civilian Supply Division for the reorganization of Agricultural Control. It was agreed that no useful purpose could be gained by discussion of the plan before members had had time to digest it. Moreover, there were various points in the plan as prepared to which it was felt **the C.O.A.O.** might not agree. It was agreed that the plan be distributed to members and be discussed at the next regular meeting of the Council. (Action Lt. Col. HAYES).

7. It was agreed that discussion on Lt. Comdr **SOUTHARD's** Inflation Study should be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Council, and that copies of a paper by Lt. Comdr **SOUTHARD** be circulated to members before the meeting. (Action Vice-Chairman).

8. The meeting adjourned at 1720 hrs.

E. Talbot Capt
E. TALBOT, Captain,
Secretary to EFCO

DISTRIBUTION:-

- C.C.A.O.
- D.C.C.A.O.
- C.S.O.
- D.C.S.O.
- All members of EFCO
- Major BUNDY
- Capt MORSE
- Secretary
- File
- Spares

N.E. The following memorandum was received after the above minutes were prepared and should be read as part of Minute 4.

I suggest that the name of Professor Catinello be added to the list of Sicilians to be considered for membership on the Council. Professor Catinello speaks English fluently, he has studied in England (London School of Economics), he is a lawyer and a noted professor of constitutional law at the University. His wife is an American. He served time in jail and in a concentration camp for his anti-Fascist and pro-Allied attitudes.

F.A. Southard
(Mech. C.A.O.)

Subject:- ^{Hint} Persons sentenced to death by the Corte di Assise at
Caltanissetta. 2716

To:- Capt. German, S.L.O., Caltanissetta.

4 Sept. 1943.
AMGOT/4011/L.

Could you ascertain forthwith whether Sensatexra Cateno and Rosina Orefice, sentenced to the death penalty by the "Corte di Assise" of Caltanissetta on 30th June, 1943 for a number of murders in the first degree, are still in the prison of Caltanissetta or whether they have been released by error when military operations started.

Many thanks for your report.

AMGOT H.Q.
15 Army Group.
GCH/HV.

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

How:

2862

AMCOT/5043/C


AMCOT HQ SICILY

5 September 1943

SUBJECT: Scope of responsibility of local
Supplies Officers

TO : S.C.A.O. - Catania Province

1. Reference is made to your letter of 28 August, file number CAT/1/2, subject, "Scope of responsibility of local Supplies Officers."
2. The letter dated 20 August, file AMCOT/263/HQ, subject, "Responsibility of S.C.A.O.s for AMCOT Operations in Provinces," under paragraph 6 certain activities were, by reason of their special character, to be handled directly by AMCOT HQ. Among these was listed Electric Power.
3. The "Sulphur expert" was making an island-wide survey of the industry. He is assigned to Eastern Sicily to be of help to S.C.A.O.s and G.A.O.s on call.
4. All these men should have reported directly to your office to make their presence known, acquaint you with their mission and receive from you a statement of local conditions and restrictions. Any misunderstanding that may have arisen through the failure of any HQ personnel to do so is regretted. The attention of HQ personnel has again been directed to the letter referred to in paragraph 2 above.


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

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SUBJECT: Allied Forces - Admission to Prisons.

AMGOT/1029/PS

AMGOT H.Q. Sicily.

4. September, 1943.

TO : C.A.P.O's, All Provinces
(through S.C.A.O's)

Printed notices herewith for use at prison gates. Will you
please have these issued to prisons. You may find them useful.

Major

Major Lt.-Col.
Supt. Prisons.

Copy to:- AMGOT Sta Main
AMGOT Id.ison.
Col. Hunc.

NOTICE

No Member of Allied forces is admitted to the prison without an order signed by an officer of Public Safety division, HQ, AMGOT or C. A. P. O. for the Province.

**ALAN B. MICHELL, Lieut. Colonel,
Supt. Prison Section,**

AMGOT

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A. P. O. for the

B. MICHELL, Lieut. Colonel,
Supt. Prison Section,

AMGOT

AVVISO

Nessun membro delle Forze Al-
leate è permesso di entrare nel
carcere senza avere un ordine
firmato da un ufficiale della Se-
zione di Pubblica Sicurezza, HQ.
AMGOT, o da un Ufficiale di
Polizia di Affari Civili per la
Provincia.

ALAN B. MICHELL, Tenente Colonnello,
Capo del Carcere,

AMGOT.

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6029/CE.

AMCOE HQ SIMPLY.

5 September 1943.

Subject: Reports.

To: Assistant Controller Property
through SDAO Catania Province.

Re: your preliminary report dated 28 Aug 43, please let me have the following information, etc, at the earliest possible moment:-

1. Detailed reports in accordance with para 4 of the "Special Administrative Instructions to A.G.Ps, NS.1", dated 12 August 43.
2. List of properties already taken into custody, together with copies of the relative Declarations of Custody and Records.
3. A statement showing, as at its date, all receipts and expenditure in respect of each property taken into custody, and the disposition of the balance of such account, i.e., whether it has been paid over to A.P.A., or how otherwise and where it is held.
4. Copy of any report you may have been required to submit to your S.O.A.S.
5. Details of the return you have taken in regard to State property occupied by the Allied Forces, or other branches of A.P.A.
6. The names, salaries and duties of such Italian Staff as you may have engaged.

Any further information or particulars material to the report I am required to make to the S.O.A.S. on the work of the G.P. Division to date.

Major-General,
Controller of Property.

Ref your preliminary report dated 28 Aug 43, please let me have the following information, etc, at the earliest possible moment:-

1. Detailed reports in accordance with para 4 of the "Special Administrative Instructions to A.C.Ps, #8.1", dated 12 August 43.
2. List of properties already taken into custody, together with copies of the relative Declarations of Custody and Records.
3. A statement showing, as at its date, all receipts and expenditures in respect of each property taken into custody, and the disposition of the balance of such account, i.e, whether it has been paid over to AMGA, or how otherwise and where it is held.
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Major-General,
Controller of Property.

Stout 2816

AMGOT/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
5. September 43.

To: S. O. A. O., Enna.

Reference your letter 1/2/L dated 3 September 43.

General Orders Nos. 4 and 5 will be mailed from
this Headquarters, 6 September 43.

JFRS/EDG.

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

Stout

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SUBJECT: - Property of G.I.L. and Dopolavoro.

AMGOT/303A/PH.
AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.
5. Sept. 43.

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

1. The G.I.L. (Gioventu Italiana del Littoria) and the Opera Nazionale Dopolavoro have been abolished. These organizations were national in scope and carried on extensive welfare and recreational activities and owned considerable property, including bank accounts.
2. The property of these organizations should be preserved and their bank accounts impounded. You are asked to take such action as may be necessary to protect the physical properties. You are also asked to report to the Public Health Division (Public Welfare Section) a general description of all such property and equipment, together with the amount of their bank balances, as promptly as possible. If any of the property belonging to these organizations has been stolen or borrowed, this should be reported, as should any of their property being used by either of the Armies.
3. As soon as plans are completed for a provisional successor organization, it is contemplated that the property and equipment of these organizations will be made available to it.

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

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Agrigento	(6)
Caltanissetta	(6)
Catania	(6)
Enna	(4)
Palermo	(35)
Ragusa	(6)
Siracusa	(14)
Trapani	(6)
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AMGOT 8th Main	(1)

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AMC /5095/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
5 September 43

Subject: Potash Mines, Villapriolo, Enna

To : SCAO, Province of Enna

1. Reference your letter 1 Sept. 43 above subject, your file 2/4/SR.
2. It is agreed that the operators be encouraged to resume operations.
3. We should not commit ourselves by assuring him of materials and supplies at present. In order that it may be known just what is required, enclosed is a material requirements questionnaire which please have the operator fill out and return to this office through you with your recommendations.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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1 Incl.: Questionnaire

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

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AMCOT HQ SICELY

4 September 1943

Subject: Inspection Trips
To : Heads of Divisions

1. S.C.A.O.s in several provinces have complained of the volume of inspection trips by officers from this HQ. In one province 13 officers and 2 civilians visited the S.C.A.O. within one week.

2. It is recognized that it is necessary in the initial stage for inspection trips. From now on the necessity for these trips should diminish.

3. The S.C.A.O. has directed that every effort be made by Division heads to keep the touring of the provinces to a minimum, both to avoid interruption in the work of the S.C.A.O.s and to prevent the heavy drain on H. transport which is involved.

[Signature]
C. S. C.

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- Legal
- Finance
- Civil Supply
- Public Safety
- Public Health
- Controller Property

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AMCOT/5060/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
3 September 43.

Subject: Alcohol

To : All S. G. A. Os.

1. Approximately 50,000 litres of alcohol are required monthly for medical purposes in Sicily.
2. Will you please inform this Division as quickly as possible.
 - a. What stocks you now have, in litres.
 - b. What is your estimated monthly production.
 - c. What raw materials, if any, are needed.

JFRS/EDG.

Distribution:

DPH (your 3002/PH dated
3 Sept. 43 refers)

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

Subject: Re-opening of Italian Courts - Progress Reports.

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AMGOT/MCO1/L

To: W.C.A.O.

Reference your note of 3rd September, there are enclosed herewith three copies of Major Hannaford's reports on his visit to the Provinces, three copies of the Notes concerning the meeting of the Italian Legal Committee on 26 Aug. 1943 and concerning the meeting of the Italian Section and the Legal Committee on 9, 10, and 12, Aug. and three copies of the circulars concerning the Italian Legal Advisory Committee, the Opening of Italian Civil Courts, Temporary Amendments to Italian Penal Procedure and Opening of Italian Courts.

SSA

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

AMGOT H.Q.
5 Sept. 1943.

Subject: Appeal for Clemency in the case of Green Salvatore.
Capt. Avv. P. Giuseppe Callari, 33, Via Volturmo, Palermo.

Flout

AMGOT/1040/1.
5 Sept. 1943.

The record of this case has been requested from the Tribunals of Agrigento and the appeal for clemency will be given due consideration by the Chief Legal Officer on receipt of the record.

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

AMGOT H.Q.
CGH/104.

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SUBJECT: Proclamations.

ANGOT/1022/1.

5th Sept. 1943.

TO: Transport Officer.

There have been prepared the following proclamations for immediate shipment to the Eighth and Fifth Armies; 100 bundles containing 24 copies each of proclamations Nos. 4, 5, 6, 11, 13 and General Orders Nos. 1 and 2.

(1) 50 of these bundles should be shipped immediately to: Gp. Capt. Benson, Angot, 8th Army Main. I understand Gp. Capt. Benson is located between Taormina and Catania so these should be shipped via Catania.

(2) The remaining 50 should be sent to Lt. Col. Charles Fairman, M.C.S. A.F.R.A. Algiers. Colonel Fairman will attend to further distribution to the 5th Army.

In addition to the above proclamations there have been prepared for distribution throughout Sicily 5,000 copies each of General Orders Nos. 4, 5 and 6. These should be distributed throughout Sicily by the first available transportation. They are done up in bundles of 200 orders each and should be distributed as follows:-

	General Order			to the S.C.A.C. Palermo.			
5	bundles	of	each	proclamation	to	the	S.C.A.C. Palermo.
4	"	"	"	"	"	"	Catania.
3	"	"	"	"	"	"	Messina.
2	"	"	"	"	"	"	Agrigento.
2	"	"	"	"	"	"	Trapani.
2	"	"	"	"	"	"	Syracuse.
2	"	"	"	"	"	"	Caltanissetta.
1	"	"	"	"	"	"	Ragusa.
1	"	"	"	"	"	"	Enna.

ANGOT HQ.
15 Army Group.
FW.

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

Subject: Sentences of Italian Court - Petition for Clemency. *Flora*

To: S.I.O., Agrigento.

AMCOT/1040/1.
5th Sept. 1943.

1. The attached petition for clemency was submitted by the Palermo lawyer of a man sentenced by the Tribunale of Agrigento to 26 months' reclusion for breaking the then existing regulations concerning the export of gold, platinum and precious stones. The date of judgment was 30th October, 1942.

2. Could the record of this case please be requested from the Cancelliere of the Tribunale and forwarded to this H.Q. together with the enclosed petition at your early convenience?

AMCOT H.Q.
15 Army Group.

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

SUBJECT: Ass. ment of Officers.

AMGOT/1023/L.

5th Sept. 1943.

TO: Major Mark de Wolfe Howe,
S.I.O. Catania.
(Through S.C.A.O. Catania)

1. Captain Pety has been relieved from duty at H.Q. and assigned to Catania under orders to report to the Senior Legal Officer for duty.
2. Syracuse province has been formally placed under the jurisdiction of Major Howe together with Catania Province by order issued this date. Major Howe is to determine the proper distribution of the four officers now assigned to Catania and Syracuse Provinces. It will be his first duty to get the legal situation at Catania Province organised at the earliest opportunity as it may be necessary to reduce the legal staff of these two provinces to two officers in the next two or three weeks.

W. C. C.

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

AMGOT HQ.
15 Army Group.

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Subject: Merchant Seamen

AMCOT/4022/L

5th September 1943

To: C.C.A.O.

Reference your memo of 2 September, 1943.

1. I think there is no question as to the jurisdiction of Allied Military Courts over British merchant seamen, for offenses committed within the occupied territory, including acts done on board ship located in a harbor within the occupied territory.

Proclamation No.4, Article II, Section 2, provides as follows :-

"Jurisdiction of every Allied Military Court shall extend to all persons in the territory, except (a) members of the Allied Forces and (b) persons who are treated as Prisoners of War under the Geneva Convention July 27, 1929".

I understand from Col. Rowe that it has been held that British merchant seamen are not members of the Armed Forces and are not subject to Courts Martial. They are, therefore, "persons in the territory" who are not exempted from the jurisdiction of Allied Military Courts.

2. The situation as to American merchant seamen is a little more complicated. It was held last March that an American merchant seaman on board a government owned cargo vessel carrying war materials and operating under the Army Transport Service, was subject to "military jurisdiction" under the Articles of War and could be tried by Courts Martial for an offense committed on board ship in the harbour of Casablanca. It was held that this merchant seaman was a persons "serving with the Armies of the United States in the Field" within the meaning of the Second Article of War. Casablanca was at that time in a theater of operations. The defendant was found guilty by a General Court Martial on a charge of assault against the master of his vessel.

3. I do not believe, however, that this decision deprives Allied Military Courts of jurisdiction. In my opinion Courts Martial and Military Courts have concurrent jurisdiction in such cases, but I am seeking to get a confirmation of this view from the American J.A.G.

4. Regarding the sentence in the OLSEN case, that "he forfeit 50 dollars of his pay", I do not believe the court is necessarily without power to give such a sentence, and as it was agreed to by the master of the vessel, the only one having any reason to object, I recommend it be allowed to stand. However, I think a better practice in such cases is that adopted in the five cases emanating from Syracuse, referred to in document

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I should add, in regard to British merchant seamen, that Colonel Rowe was disturbed because of the rights of British merchant seamen to trial in special courts under British law. American merchant seamen have similar rights under American law. My recollection is that they must be taken to the nearest "Consular Court" for trial.

This point was raised in the American case above referred to, but it was held that in a theater of operations in war time, the military commander of the theater had jurisdiction over all persons within the territory. I am quite sure that the same view would be taken by British Courts, but in any event, in an Allied undertaking, it must be that all persons within the occupied territory are under the jurisdiction of the Military Governor. He is charged by the Combined Chiefs of Staff with the duty of maintaining law and order within the territory, and it is

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unthinkable that any person or class of persons could be permitted to claim to be beyond his jurisdiction, because of a particular statute, whether, British or American, giving them extraterritorial rights under normal conditions.

I do not think it is necessary to bring these cases first in the local Italian Courts. As you point out, merchant seamen can be tried before a local court if they have violated the laws of the country in which they are. The law of the occupied territory is the law of the Military Government, and they are amenable to its courts, just as any other person not excepted by the Proclamation. I propose to send a directive on this subject as soon as I have consulted with the U.S. J.A.G.

A new file on Merchant Seamen Cases has been opened.

W. C. Chandler

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

AMGOT HQ.
15 Army Group.

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Lieut. Col. (AUS),
Chief Legal Officer.

AMSGT HQ.
15 Army Group.

Fleet

SUBJECT: ANGOE Gazette.

ANGOT/4025/L.

21st Sept. 1943.

TO: Major Mark de Wolfe Howe,
S.I.O. Catania,
(Through S.G.A.O. Catania.)

1. 5,000 copies of the ANGOE Gazette and 2,000 copies of "Rules of Procedure" and "Instructions to Legal Officers" are reported to have arrived at Catania via S.S. Cracksnot ex Algiers on 31st August.
2. The "Rules of Procedure" and "Instructions to Legal Officers" will not be distributed. It is planned to issue a new booklet entitled "Allied Military Courts Manual" covering these subjects within the next week. When that is received, the 2,000 copies arriving from Algiers should be destroyed.

3. The 5,000 copies of "Sicily Gazette" should be distributed as follows:-

2,000 to be sent to this H.Q. at Palermo addressed to the S.I.O.

The remaining 3,000 should be packed and distributed either via ANGOE courier service or otherwise as follows:-

Catania Province	800 copies.
Messina "	600 "
Agrigento "	400 "
Syracuse "	400 "
Caltanissetta "	300 "
Ragusa "	250 "
Enna "	250 "

4. They should be addressed to the S.G.A.O. for the S.I.O.

5. Instructions regarding the distribution of the "Gazette" will be issued together with instructions for the posting of proclamation No. 9 at a later date.

6. It is to be noted that General Order No. 2, as printed in the "Gazette" is considerably different from General Order No. 2, as posted. The changes were made after the "Gazette" had gone to print. "Gazette No. 2" will be issued in the next few days containing the correct General Order No. 2, and cancelling the one contained in the existing "Gazette". This will also contain proclamations No. 13 and General Orders 3, 4, 5, and 6.

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The remaining 3,000 should be packed and distributed either via AMSC courier service or otherwise as follows:-

Location	Copies
Catania Province	800
Messina	600
Agrigento	400
Syracuse	400
Caltanissetta	300
Ragusa	200
Trapani	250

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7. It is proposed in "Gazette No. 2" to make amendments to proclamations Nos. 2 and 4 so as to conform them with proclamations prepared for future use at least in so far as they affect the jurisdiction of the Summary Courts.

ASPECT NO.
15 Army Group.
IV.

Wm. C. CHAFFER,
Lieut. Col. (ASG),
Chief Legal Officer.

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AMGOT/302/ HQ.

AMGOT HQ. - SICILY.

4 September, 1943.

Subject: Addressing of Correspondence.

To : S.C.A.Os.

1. The addressing of correspondence to Italian civilians in Sicily shows such wide divergencies that the following notes are forwarded for your guidance:

Archbishops will be addressed as "Your Eminence"
Bishops will be addressed as "Your Grace"
All other Italian civilians, irrespective of titles of nobility, will be addressed as "Sir" or "Madam" as the case may be.

2. All the above will end "Yours truly".

3. In addition the third person form of address may be used if desired.

T. Riley Smith

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

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Distribution:

S.C.A.O.	Agrigento	6
"	Caltanissetta	6
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A.M.C.T.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.,
5. Sept. 45.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of 28 July requesting Italian Newspapers has just reached us. Please forgive the slowness in replying.

Upon inquiry at the Censorship Office we have found that it is against the rules to send newspapers out of the country at the present time.

Otherwise we should have been happy to have sent them.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Charles Poore,
Captain,
Public Relations Officer.

Mrs. R. Johnstone,
2 Cleveland Hill,
St. Jules,
Plymouth, Devon.

AMCOT/5016/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
5 September 43.

Subject: Proposed T.O./W.E.

Memorandum For G. S. O.

1. Reference is made to our conversation relative to the above subject, during which you indicated a general statement of my ideas would be acceptable rather than the report called for.
2. I would like to point out at first that all the various activities now charged to the Civilian Supply Division are inter-related and, therefore, should have a coordinating head. Therefore, when the various functions are separated, I would suggest a deputy chief staff officer to handle this coordination for you. He would be, in American terminology, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4. I suggest consideration be given my deputy for that job.
3. Under the proposed T.O./W.E. for Region I, I note an allocation of four officers. I believe that this may be safely cut to three men headed by a Lt. Col. especially after the initial stages when the Agricultural Reorganization has become effective. This would allow one or even two on tour and always one in HQ.
4. Under Transportation, Communications and Utilities, Region I, there are 10 officers listed, two of whom are to be Lt. Cols. This is not considered excessive.
5. Under Economics and Supply, I note 6 officers. I assume that this branch will be responsible for requirements, price control, rationing, imports, exports and Industry and Resources. I believe that the one lesson that may have been learned from Sicily is the vital necessity of Supply and yet no provision has been made for a supply officer in each province. I recommend that the six officers here be retained as Regional H.Q.s staff to handle the activities enumerated above, and that in addition, the T.O. include 9 supply officers (1 per province) and two Imports and Warehousing officers (1 east side - 1 west side). To my mind this is vital. Their rank should be Captaincy. I note also that all other Divisions are headed by a full Colonel. While it is not my business to decide this matter, it would appear that such will cause dis-satisfaction, for unless Supply is considered unimportant, this branch should rate a full Colonel.

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6. I have no other comments to make and believe the remainder
workable.

JFRS/EDG.

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

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ADJUTANT GENERAL
4 September 43

Subject: Coal for Essential Civil Needs--Dayton

To : 15 Army Group
ATTENTION: G-4, G-4aint.

Ref: Letter 2/y/7 from The (Brit.) AFHQ to G-4,
AFHQ, 22 Aug. 43 on Coal Requirements Dayton

1. It is stated in letter under reference that 3,000 tons of coal will be imported into DAYTON from D-15 to D-35, and 50,000 tons from D-45 to D-95.

2. Request that allocation be made by 15 Army Group, or requested from AFHQ, and necessary directive issued to 8 Army if such allocation is approved, releasing the following amounts to AFHQ for essential civil use in DAYTON:

D-15 to D-35	500 tons
D-45 to D-95	5,000 "

WLB/JFL

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

Distribution:

8 Army (Civil Affairs for Benson)

[Handwritten notes]
5/9
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SUBJECT: Promotion of C.A.P.Os.

AMGOT/1081/PS

AMGOT, Ha.Q.

Sicily.

4 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.OS. All Provinces.

It would be much appreciated if you would send to this office by the hand of your C.A.P.O. when he attends the conference of Provincial C.A.P.Os. on 8th Sept your recommendations on the work of C.A.P.Os. since their arrival in Sicily indicating those you consider:-

- A. Suitable for promotion now.
- B. Suitable for promotion at a later date.
- C. Not suitable for promotion.

It is realised that many have not been or are not employed as C.A.P.Os. but this should not affect your recommendations.

Lemuel Bolles

Lemuel Bolles,
Colonel Inf.
Commissioner of Public Safety

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SUBJECT: Transfer of Prisoners.

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AMGOT/1076/PS

AMGOT HQ. Sicily.

4. September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. AGRIGENTO.

Reference your letter of 28 Aug concerning the transfer of two prisoners to PALERMO.

Transfer will be carried out, but transport is difficult. If you could please have them moved from FAVARA to AGRIGENTO there might possibly be a vehicle returning to PALERMO and this could be used. Guards sent with the prisoners would be returned to AGRIGENTO as soon as a vehicle could be obtained.

Supt. of Prisons has this matter in mind to discuss with you on Sunday 5 September.

M.H. Major
for - Colonel,
C.P.S.

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SUBJECT:- ○ Miscellaneous Visits to Messina. ○ AMCOT/15/HQ.

AMCOT H.Q., SICILY

5th September 1943

TO:- S.C.A.O. Province of Messina.

1. Contents of your letter dated 31st August 1943 have been noted.

2. This H.Q. fully appreciates the conditions under which you are operating, and has consequently directed all Division Heads to instruct their representatives accordingly.

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

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AMGOT/5056/CS
AMGOT HQ SICOT
5 September 43.

Subject: Bread Rationing.

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

1. Reference your memo of 3 Sept 43 alleging that bread and paste are being sold freely in Galtanissetta, and that wheat and oil are not rationed in Agrigento.

2. Before taking up a report which implies that two S.C.A.Os are not doing their duty, it is necessary for this Division to have reliable evidence.

3. In view of the well-known habit of Sicilians of spreading false rumors, will you please state what your evidence is, and assure this Division that you are satisfied of its reliability.

CJH/EDG.

J. F. R. Smith
J. F. R. SMITZ,
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
And Resources.

J. F. R. Smith

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AMGOT/5046/CS
AMC T HQ SICILY
5 September 43

To: Domenico Andronaco
Via Cappuccini 327,
Palermo

E' pregata voler favorire in questo ufficio al più presto
possibile.

GA/AM

GH.
Lt. Col., P.A.S.C.
Deputy Director
Civilian Supply &
Resources

Via Bari, 8, stanza 40

floor

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Head

SUBJECT: Public Health Reports.

AMGOT/5012/PH.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

TO: S.C.A.Os.

4 Sept 43.

Reference Public Health Administrative Instructions No 5 and AMGOT/266/HQ dated 31 Aug 43.

1. The medical reports required under Public Health Special Administrative Instructions No. 5 will in future be submitted monthly as soon after the first of each month as possible.
2. If there are no changes in personnel etc. an entry "No change" will suffice.
3. A list of communicable diseases on the Italian Form Mod. 16 (Sanita) is required weekly.

D. Gordon Cheyne

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

FLOAT

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AMST No. - SIXTY

3 Sept. 45.

SUBJECT: Reports on Civil Affairs.


To: S.G.A.O. Palermo.

The following information has been received by this H.Q. regarding incidents at the undermentioned villages. Please investigate and report.

Vicari. It has been reported to AMST H.Q. that there is trouble at the Balerias, and that curfews are threatened if the profit is not increased. Your commands will be appreciated.

Reocaneluabe. It has been reported that no Civil Affairs officer has visited this town since Aug. 15th, and that his presence is required there. Report was dated 25 Aug.

Gulliana. Shootings and light signals have been reported, particularly on the night of the 20th Aug., when patrols of 2nd Amst. Div. attempted to round up offenders, but were given away by a woman who gave the alarm. Particular attention should be paid to the enforcing of curfew in this District.


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

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REC'D 12/10/48

MSGT H. S. SUTHER

3 Sept. 48.

Subject: Reports on Civil Affairs.

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

The following information has been received by this H. Q. regarding incidents at the uncommissioned village. Please investigate and report.

Summary. A shortage of bread has been reported in this area.

Chas. N. Simpson
CHARLES N. SIMPSON,
Lt. Col. U. S. G.
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMCOT/1.9/110.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.


3 Sept. 43.

Subject: Reports on Civil Affairs.

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

The following information has been received by this H.Q. regarding incidents at the undermentioned village. Please investigate and report.

Salaparuta. The Commander of the Fire Dept. Mr. Mancosa, has been reported as being a Fascist. Informer is Mr. Tony Pisciotta. The above has been reported to AMCOT H.Q. and is passed to you for your comments.


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

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MGOT/266/113
MGOT HQ SIG. 113
4 September 1943

SUBJECT: Memorandum to Headquarters

TO: S.O.A.C. for Province of Baguio

1. Your PR 183 dated 31 August 1943.
2. The reference being queried should be interpreted as "in the field."
3. The term "in the field" was used to designate those spheres of activity other than that of operations within MGOT H.Q.

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CHARLES M. STOFFORD,
Lt. Colonel, C.S.O.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMCOT/266/11
AMCOT HQ SICILY
4 September 1943

SUBJECT: Newspaper Articles

TO: The Editor, The Stars and Stripes, Sicily

1. This Headquarters is directed to inform you that General Remnell, C.G.A.O., has read the Editorial in your issue of 31 August 1943.

2. General Remnell considers your idea that AMCOT should do more to post official prices is a good one and steps are being taken to do this.

By order of the Commanding General:

[Signature]
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer

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AMGCT/217/HQ

AMGCT HQ SICILY

4 September 1943


To: Director of Salesiani, Vincenzo
Istituto Salesiano "D. Basco."
Ginnasio Parificato
Palermo

1. I am directed to reply to your letter of August 30 to General Alexander. While we appreciate the urgency of your visit to the schools of your order throughout Sicily, the shortage of transport, both military and civilian, makes it impossible to place a vehicle at your disposal.

2. In order to commence essential civilian travel our administration is organizing a bus service which will run bi-weekly beginning next week. If you are interested in using this to go to the various provinces, we will be glad to arrange transport on it for you.

3. It is our hope that a more suitable transport facility will shortly be available, but at the moment we regret that this is the most that we can offer.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:


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

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AMCOT/1001/ES

AMCOT HQ SICILY

4 September 1943

SUBJECT: Looting

TO : Col. Homer Jones,
J.A.G., 7th Army

1. Reference your conversation with General McSherry of 20 August in which he told you of Col. Story's report of looting by the 3rd Division platoon on guard at the Capuchin Seminary, Messina and your inquiry as to whether Col. Story had brought the matter to the attention of the Officer Commanding the unit concerned. I am just advised by Col. Story that he reported the matter to Col. Sherman, C.O. 7th Inf., the unit concerned.

2. According to Col. Story he and Major Deutsch made the report verbally. Col. Story told General McSherry that so far as he knows nothing has been done about the matter.

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

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Root
AMGOT/1074/ES

AMGOT H. Q. Sicily.

4 September, 1943

TO : C.A.O. Agrigento.

In view of attached report by visiting officers of this H.Q., it is felt that the recommendations in the report should be approved and the officer i/o Fire Service should supervise the C.D. Scheme.

G. W. Hanson

Major,
Fire & C.D. Sec.

Copy to: C.A.O. Licata.

SUBJECT : Fire Services - LICATA 2718

Head

AMCOT/1073/FS

AMCOT H. Q. Sicily.

4 September, 1943

TO : S.C.A.O. Agrigento

In view of the report of the visiting officers from this H.Q. (copy enclosed), it is felt that the recommendations of the officers should be considered by you and we advise their adoption.

The same general remarks apply here as at Agrigento regarding the conditions, pay, etc. of the Service.

G. Johnson.
Major,
Fire & C.D. Sec.

Copy to: C.A.O. Licata.

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SUBJECT : Fire Services - Agrigento Province.

Root
MGOT/1073/IS

AMKOT H.Q. Sicily

4 September, 1943

TO : S.C.A.G. Agrigento.

The visiting officers of this Division having expressed satisfaction with the Fire Service of the Province of Agrigento, it is felt that you might consider the following points :-

- (a) It may be possible under present conditions to reduce the personnel. This should only be done if the Comandante and yourself deem it safe.
- (b) The rates of pay, etc. should remain as at present pending a decision by higher authority. The personnel should be paid promptly.
- (c) A complete list of spare parts, tyres, etc. required should be submitted to your Civil Supply Section and a copy sent to this H.Q.
- (d) The Comandante of the Palermo Brigade is the senior Fire Officer in Sicily and he will probably visit your Brigade either on request or on instructions from this H.Q. The official Fire Brigade returns etc. are sent back herewith as requested.

Copy to: C.A.G. Agrigento.

[Signature]
Major

Major A. C. D. ...

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AMGOT/1074/PS

AMGOT H.Q. Sicily
4 September 1943

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

In view of the report by the
visiting officers of this H.Q. (copy attached)
the following recommendations are made :-

- (1) That air raid shelters be
cleaned up and earth closets installed.
Arrangements should be made for emptying
same.
- (2) That the "pill boxes" be
utilised as shelters where possible.
- (3) That an air raid warning system
by church bells or whistles be organised
and run by Chief of Carabinieri.

G. Johnson
Major,
Fire & C.D. Sec.

Copy to : C.A.O. PORTO EMPEDOCLE.

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SUBJECT:- Duty Officers.

AMGOT/313/HQ.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

4. Sept. 43.

Reference this H.Q. letter of even number dated 4. Sept. 43.

The following amendments are made :-

Mon. 6. Sept. 43 - Delete "Capt. E.A.C. Talbot"
Insert "Lieut. W.L. Batt".

Wed. 8. Sept. 43 - Delete "Lieut. W.L. Batt"
Insert "Capt. E.A.C. Talbot".

For Javis Capt
Lieut. Col.
Chief Staff Officer.

Copy to:- C.C.A.O.
D.C.C.A.O.
C.S.O.
A.C.S.O.
Financial Div.
Legal Div.
Public Safety Div.
Public Health Div.
Property Div.
Civilian Supply Div.
Camp Commandant.
American Personnel Section.
P.M.C. - for favour of posting.

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AMCOT/1053/78.

AMCOT H. - Sicily.

4 September, 1943.

Subject: Possible employment of
Italians in AMCOT.

To : AMCOT Liaison
15 Army Group H.Q.

1. Reference attached copy of letter No. 1053/78 of
1 Sept. 43, G.C.A.C. requests that you discuss with D.A.G.
15 Army Group the terms and conditions on which these men
could be engaged.

(Handwritten initials)

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

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 OFFICE OF THE
 ADJUTANT GENERAL
 1 September 1943

SUBJECT: Possible Employment of Maltese in AMCMV

TO : C.P.S.

1. In accordance with the S.S.O.'s instructions I made preliminary enquiries during a visit to Malta last week into the possibility of securing a number of Maltese who could be enlisted in the Army for duty as interpreters and/or general assistants to C.A.F.Os in the field.
2. Col. Thomas Thomas himself noticed the need for some such personnel at the sitting of an Allied Military Court where the duties generally carried out by court ushers or orderlies were performed by C.A.F.Os. This is only one instance: it has been felt for some time that there was a real need for M.C.Os who could work with C.A.F.Os, conduct minor investigations and generally assist them. There would be an added advantage in that Maltese with a knowledge of Italian could be used as interpreters of which there is generally a shortage.
3. The A.A.C., War Headquarters, was doubtful whether suitable men would be found as Maltese have already combed the Island pretty thoroughly for interpreters.
4. However, he made an appointment for me to see the Director of National Services Mr. J.F.R. Bain, a Ministry of Labor Official seconded to the Malta Government, who was more helpful. There was general agreement that the Malta Police would not prove a suitable source, but considerable cuts are being made in the A.P.F. Services and the A.P.F. Controller was confident of being able to find some 50 eligible men for the job.
5. I explained that my enquiry was only exploratory but a few of the suggested terms of engagement are given below:

British Army Rates of Pay and Allowances
 Rank: W.O.II or Sergeant
 Engagement subject to vetting by Security Service.
6. It would probably be desirable for the Interpretational abilities of the men selected to be checked before enlistment.
7. Pending consideration of the scheme Mr. Bain is proceeding with the selection of suitable candidates. In view of the admitted shortage of Italian speaking British subjects, I suggest that it receives careful consideration.

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Copy to S.S.C.

To C.O.A.O.

Approval recommended.

R. M. J. MARTIN,
Lt. Colonel
R. C. F. S.

LAMUEL BOLLES
Col., Inf., C.F.S.

Fluor

4 Settembre 1943

Cav. Castiglia, Pietro,
80 Piazza Leoni,

AMGOT/4038/L

Avv. Andrea, Cocilivo,
73 Via R. Settimo,

Avv. Orlando, Francesco,
15 Via Dante,

Avv. Anzon, Ernesto,
25 Via Divisi,

Comm. Avv. Biuso, Giuseppe,
21 Dis Giudici,

Comm. Avv. Santoro, Vincenzo,
84 Via Napoli,

PALERMO

Vi si fa invito di intervenire ad una riunione presieduta dal Reppresentante della Divisione Legal dell' AMGOT, che si terra presso l'Ufficia del signor Presidente della Corte di Appello, all'Istituto Maria Adelaide, 11 Corso Calatafimi, Palermo, alle 10 a.m., Martedi, 7 Settembre, 1943.

G. G. H

Capo Reparto per la
Giustizia,

AMGOT

AMGOT Hq.
GGH/JJD

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ANGOT/5025/CS
ANGOT HQ SICILY
4 September 43

Subject: Water Supply
To : SCAO Palermo Province

1. Reference is made to your letter of 2 Sept. 43, subject, file number CP/DAB and to my letter file number ANGOT/5025/CS, dated 21 August 43.

2. In view of the apparent urgency of the water supply in question, it is suggested that inquiries be made to determine whether or not concrete pipe may be used for this purpose. If so, this Headquarters can furnish the necessary cement needed.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer,

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

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SUBJECT:- Civil Defence, Agrigento.

70/1074/FS
ANGOT/1074/FS

ANGOT H.Q. Sicily.

4 September, 1943.

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

In view of the report by the visiting officers of this H.Q., the following recommendations are made :-

- (1) That air raid shelters be cleaned and earth closets be installed.
- (2) That the question of housing and feeding the homeless be pursued and a scheme be formulated by the Comune.
- (3) That U.S. Army A.A. Units be approached regarding warnings and that such warnings be given by siren, church bells or whistles.
- (4) That the Comandante of the Fire Brigade be Controller of Civil Defence and responsible for actuating warning, etc.

Johnson
Major,
Fire & C.D. Sec.

Copy to: C.A.O. Agrigento.

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SUBJECT: Accountant, FAVIGNANA Prison.

AMGOT/1027/PS

AMGOT, Sicily

4 September 1943

TO : S.C.A.O. TRAPANI.

Please cause the accountant of the prison at FAVIGNANA to return to Palermo at an early date. It would be appreciated if you could arrange for him to be transported in any empty vehicle returning to Palermo, and order him to report at the Central Prison with all the books and papers. He himself with the accounts to report in due course to Supt. Prisons at AMGOT HQ.

Allen P. Mitchell
Lt. Col.
for Colonel,
C.P.S.

7055
AMCOT/250/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
4 September 43

Memorandum

To: Lt. Berisid
Lt. Lofaso
c/o Civil Supply Dept. (Major Monk)
AMCOT, Catania

1. This will authorize the release of 26 tons of flour from Civil Supply Division Warehouse, Catania, to AMCOT, Catania.
2. Flour will be sold through regular channels for the price in force at Catania, and the proceeds will be credited to the Civil Supply account, ANPA.

WLB/JFL

Distribution:

c/o ANPA Major Monk (Civil Supply Dept. AMCOT, Catania)
Through: SCAC Catania

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

flour

AMCO, 5036/CS
AMDOT HQ SICILY
4 September 43

Memorandum

To: Falognameria Scaglione
Via Pietro Ranzano
Palermo

We are advised that you have in your possession certain articles necessary for the operation of the General Electric plants. This is to advise you that unless you are willing to sell these goods to General Electric at the price at which you were prepared to sell them on 9 July 1943 they will be requisitioned by the Allied Military Government. In that event the price that you will eventually receive will be determined at the conclusion of the war. As you can see, it is to your advantage to be sure that the asking price is actually a reasonable one. If there is any question as to the prices asked requisitioning will be used rather than purchase.

FB/JFL

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

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Subject:- Inquiries R. Civilians

AMMOT/241/HC

AMMOT HC. SICILY

4 Sept. 43

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

1. This H.Q. has had an urgent enquiry regarding a special case, from the Red Cross at Geneva regarding the families D'ACCIONI and FERRARA normally living 94 Via Rome, PALERMO, but believed to have moved to SPERANDEPAICO, CALTANISSETTA PROVINCE, in care of a family named DI FORD.
2. Any information you can furnish will be appreciated.
3. Please expedite reply.

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

Distribution:-
Copy to S.C.A.C. Palermo

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ANGOT/5035/PH

ANGOT HC. SICILY

AUGUST 31, 1942.

Personnel Division,
The State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:


Our attention has been called to the present situation of Francis Pontani one of your previous employees in the Consular Service. He claims 15 years of service here in Palermo, from March 1927 to March 1941 and that he was dismissed only because the Consulate was ordered closed.

His home and much of his personal effects were destroyed by bombing and he and his wife and two children are in dire circumstances.

Mr. Pontani made a declaration of intention to become a citizen at Hartford, Conn., in 1919. Before acquiring his citizenship, however, he was employed by and American concern for work in Sicily and subsequently was employed in the Consular Service.

We should like to inquire as to whether the State Department might have any interest in this former employe and whether any fund exists out of which he might be helped to reestablish himself.

For the Commanding General.


CHARLES W. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col. GSC.
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMEOT/5054/CS
AMEOT HQ SICILY
4 September 43.

Capt. Hugh Farrar,
AMEOT, 15 Army Group

Please obtain and send us a copy of Administrative
Instruction No. 60 from A.F.H.Q.

WLB/EDG.

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

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4 September 1943

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Subject:- Enquiries Re Civilians

ANGOT/241/HQ

ANGOT HQ., SICILY

4. Sept. 43

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

1. This H.Q. has had an enquiry on the present whereabouts and welfare of Mrs. BERTHA BATES SUCCARO, wife of DON CARLO SUCCARO, whose last known address was TAORMINA.
2. Any information you can furnish will be appreciated.

Charles M. Spofford
by: *ESB*
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer

Subject:- La Guardia di Finanza

1039/PS

MAGOT HQ, SICILY

3 Sep 45

To:- ALL SCAOs

(With copies sufficient for distribution to CAOs, CAPOs, FOs and ROs.)

1. La Regia Guardia di Finanza is constituted under Italian Law for the performance of the following duties:-

(a) Supervision at source of yield of the following revenues:-

- Customs Duties
- Production Taxes.
- Taxes on beer, wines, and spirits
- State Monopolies
- Direct Taxation and taxes on affairs

(b) Guarding and patrolling, in the Revenue interest, the coast-line and adjacent territorial waters; frontiers, lakes, lagoons and ports, including airports, and all points at which revenues are charged or liable to be charged.

(c) Special Investigation of Revenue offences, prevention, detection and repression of smuggling and tax evasion.

2. The Corps is organised in Zones, Legions, Circuits (Circolo), Companies, Platoons, Sections, and Brigades, to which are assigned certain areas of territory for supervision and executive duties. In addition to, but under the administrative control of the higher of these formations are two specialised sub-divisions, viz,

(a) Squadrons, normally provided with sea-craft, for Revenue service afloat, wearing naval uniform.

(b) Nuclei di Polizia Tributaria, specially selected personnel for observation, investigation, research, and verification in all cases of suspected Revenue offences, a plain-clothes force

3. In the general dislocation of services and communications since the occupation of Sicily, the Corps may have been employed on duties other than those set forth above. This is provided for, in a state of emergency, in the Regulations of the Corps. It should be borne in mind, however, that the primary function of the Corps is a Revenue one.

4. In existing circumstances, concealment of liability and evasion of tax-paying on the part of the population may be anticipated on an abnormal scale.

5. You will therefore ensure that the activities of the Corps in your area are especially directed towards the tightening of the Law in so far as Revenue charges and collection are concerned also.

State Monopolies

Direct Taxation and taxes on affairs

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5. You will therefore ensure that the activities of the Corps in your area are especially directed towards the tightening of the Law in so far as Revenue charge and collection are concerned also "Black Market" and control of merchandize, and that no laxity is permitted. Please contact the senior officer of the Corps in your district and impress this matter upon him, and satisfy yourself by visit and test-check, if necessary, that he and his subordinates are in fact carrying out their Revenue duties to the utmost.

6. Any instance of neglect of duty or lack of zeal by units or members of the Corps should be reported to this H.Q. without delay. Similarly all offences by members of the public brought to notice by the Corps should be prosecuted by either Allied Military Court procedure or Civil Authority according to the nature of the offence.

A.P. Graffey-Smith

A.P. GRAFFEY-SMITH,
Colonel,
Chief Financial Officer.

File # 2000-04

ANGOT/21/HQ
ANGOT HQ SICILY
1 September 1943

Subject: Civilian Prisons

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

Upon examination of the report on the Island of Ustica, A.I.O., C.S.D.I.C., 15 A.G., C.M.F., 23 August 1943, the S.C.A.O. has directed me to pass on to you the following suggestions as to personalities mentioned in the report for your information and action:

1. The following named persons at Ustica should be arrested and sent to Palermo for disposal, subject to a Court of Inquiry being held by the S.C.A.O. Ustica on Di Mauro's activities in connection with feeding internees:

Gaetano Di Mauro.
Cav. Luigi Foresta, Commissario di Pubblica Sicurezza.
Podesta Lauricella.

2. Roberto Onori should be sent to Palermo and there released.

3. Paolina Rocchetti should be sent to Palermo pending disposal, unless she prefers to stay in Ustica until other arrangements have been made. If she stays in Ustica she should make the request in writing to the local S.C.A.O.

4. Local action should be taken regarding the following named. If necessary, they are to be arrested:

Alfiero Fasanti, Guardia Scelta di P.S.
Antonino Nava, Guardia di P.S.
Matteo Roberti, Guardia di P.S.

5. In addition to the above the 14 internees, including:

Guglielmo Micheli,
Lino Ferlini,

and 12 others should be sent to Palermo and either released or kept, pending charges, in Palermo jail. If there are others who have not been released the same procedure should apply to them.

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

Copies to: D.P.S.
C.L.O.

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SUBJECT:- Personnel - Returns.

AMGOT/201/HQ.

AMGOT HQ SICILY.

4 Sept 43.

SCAO. Ragusa.
" Caltanissetta.
" Palermo.
" Trapani.
" Catania.
" Agrigento.
" Syracuse.
" Enna.

Ref. this H.Q. letter of even number dated
14 Aug 43.

The weekly return called for therein is not
in all cases being forwarded in accordance with the
instructions.

It is essential that this return is rendered
punctually in order that records held at this H.Q. can
be checked.

Long
Lieut-Col.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMBT HQ. SICILY

31 August 1943

TO: S.C.A.O.

Pantelleria

Will you please communicate the following message to Mrs Maria Riondi Serafini which is from her husband who is a Colonel Commanding the Finance Legion in Palermo.

"Text of message Dearest: I am very well in health; our home has not been damaged; I want our children to study; if possible; send me news of yourself; notify my brother Vincenzo.

Love and kisses to all."

Raffaele.

She may send him a reply through your Office to us if she wishes, attention.

Public Health Division (Public Welfare Section).

Charles M. Spotford Lt. Col.

Charles M. Spotford
Lt. Col, CSC
Chief Staff Officer

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SUBJECT: Fire and Civil Defence - CASTELVETRANO.

AMGOT/1073/FS,

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.

5 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. TRAPANI.

In view of the report of the visiting Officer (copy enclosed) the following recommendations are made :-

FIRE.

There seems to be no need for a Fire Brigade and the situation might well be left as it is.

CIVIL DEFENCE.

The one public air raid shelter might possibly be improved and cleaned and provided with earth closets. The private shelters should be cleaned by the owners.

A simple air raid warning system should be set up - the use of church bells or whistles is advised.

The chief of the local Carabinieri should be responsible for the maintenance of this warning system. The Comune should also be prepared to rescue people from damaged buildings and to rehouse the homeless.

Emergency feeding should also be envisaged as well as the preparation of casualty lists etc..

Copy to:-
C.A.O. Castelvetro.

G. H. Mason
G. H. Mason,
Major,
FIRE & CIVIL DEFENCE.
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REPORT OF THE AND CIVIL DEFENSE
COMMITTEE CASTELVETRANO, PROVINCE OF
TRAPANI

The Comune of Castelvetro has no Fire Brigade and as near as can be determined they have never had one according to Captain Lewis, C.A.O. There has been no fires since Allied Occupation and evidently none for years before.

Recommendations: That the Comune continue to operate as it has in past without a Fire Brigade. There is no appreciable fire risk, they city being an agriculture center with no manufacturing.

CIVIL DEFENSE

The U.S.R.A. has been disbanded since Allied Occupation and at the present time there is no organization working on Civil Defense.

The one air shelter, available is in the center of town it would give protection against everything except a direct hit. There are other private shelters throughout the town. All are in a very dirty condition.

There are four ambulances available and one hospital of 50 beds.

There is a large Allied Airport under construction near the town which presents the possibility of Air Raids in the future.

Recommendations: That the one public shelter be closed and in the event of an Air Raid that the population be instructed to remain in their home or private shelters.

That Civil Defense be organized on a volunteer basis similar to that recommended for Palermo.

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