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DateRegistry.

SUBJECT: Civil Defence CATANIA.

Heat

AMCOT/1074/PS

AMCOT H.Q., SICILY.

14 September 1945.

TO : S.C.A.O.

The attached report of the visiting officers from this H.Q., indicates that a better Civil Defence system might be organised. The recommendation might receive your consideration.

It might well be possible to put the Commandante of the Fire Service in charge of all Civil Defence operations. The sirens should be put into order as soon as possible.

Any damaged shelters which could be reasonably repaired might have attention, and some consideration given to the provision of Rest Centres, emergency feeding and housing of bombed people.

G.H.L. Mason

G.H.L. Mason,
Major,
for LIEUTENANT L. BOLLES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

Copies to:-

S.C.A.O. CATANIA.

CATANIA.

CIVIL DEFENSE.

The U.N.P.A. is still employed and at present assisting the Fire Brigade in clearing debris.

On talking to the civilian head of U.N.P.A. Mario Largaiolli, a complete reorganization plan was outlined to him and he was given the task of organizing it. However, the men will need close supervision and an occasional prod to keep him going. He has not carried out his responsibilities for sometime. When a suitable person is found to assume the responsibility it is recommended that the present Captain be relieved from duty.

In any case after the completion of cleaning debris and cleaning of shelters it is recommended that the U.N.P.A. be disbanded and a volunteer organization set up with a paid chief on full time duty.

PROFORMA FOR FIRE REPORT BY C.A.P.O.

(To be submitted in duplicate - 1 Copy for S.C.A.O. - 1 Copy for HQ AMGOT:)

NAME OF CUMMUNE.....CATANIA.....
.....PROVINCE.....CATANIA.....

FIRE FIGHTING.

IS THERE AN EXISTING FIRE BRIGADE?.....YES.....

STRENGTH OF FIRE BRIGADE.....1. OFFICERS.....246.....MEN.

IS THE FIRE BRIGADE FUNCTIONING?.....YES.....

NAME AND RANK OF CHIEF OFFICER.....TENENTE SANTORO SAVERIO.....

NUMBER OF AUXILIARY FIREMEN AVAILABLE.....NONE.....

ARE THEY UNIFORMED AND EQUIPPED?.....-.....

WHAT FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES ARE IN WORKING ORDER?.....

1) MOTOR PUMPS (Self propelling - State capacity if known).....

.....SEE COMMANDANTE'S REPORTS.....

2) MOTOR PUMPS carrying escape ladders.....

3) Motor Turntable EXTENSION LADDERS.....

4) MOTOR ESCAPE CARRYING VEHICLES (non-pumping).....

5) MOTOR FIRE TENDERS, RESCUE VANS, CANNONS, etc.....

.....

6) HORSE DRAWN STEAM OR MANUAL PUMPS.....

7) TRAILER PUMPS (state capacity - if known).....

8) TOWING VEHICLES AVAILABLE.....

9) MANUAL PUMPS CAPABLE OF BEING TOWED.....

WHAT IS THE WATER SUPPLY?.....

1) SUFFICIENT.....OR INSUFFICIENT.....

NAME AND RANK OF CHIEF OFFICER..... TENEVTE SANTORO SAVERIO.....

NUMBER OF AUXILIARY FIREFMEN AVAILABLE..... NONE.....

ARE THEY UNIFORMED AND EQUIPPED?..... YES.....

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7) TRAILER PUMPS (state capacity - if known).....

8) TOWING VEHICLES AVAILABLE.....

9) MANUAL PUMPS CAPABLE OF BEING TOWED.....

WHAT IS THE WATER SUPPLY?

1) SUFFICIENT..... OR INSUFFICIENT.....

2) HYDRANTS IN STREETS?..... YES.....

3) DISTANCE BETWEEN HYDRANTS..... NO. STANDARD DISTANCE.....

4) APPROXIMATE PRESSURE IN HYDRANT & OUTPUT IN GALLONS PER MINUTE:
..... UNKNOWN..... 463.....

5) IS WATER MAINS SYSTEM FUNCTIONING?..... NO.....

6) NUMBER OF STATIC TANKS IF ANY..... NONE.....

7) NUMBER OF STATIC TANKS under construction or recommended..... NONE.....
..... COMMANDANTE CLAIMS WATER MAIN SYSTEM IS SUFFICIENT WHEN REPAIRED.....

8) CAPACITY OF (6) & (7).....

WATER SUPPLY - continued

9) OTHER MEANS OF SUPPLY (RIVER, SEA, WELLS, etc.).....SEA.....

10) WATER CARRYING VEHICLES & CAPACITY.....SEE COMMANDANT'S REPORTS.....

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE with neighbouring Communes.....NONE.....

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE (Amplics, etc.).....-

NUMBER OF PRIVATE FIRE BRIGADES IN COMMUNE.....NONE.....

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PRIVATE BRIGADES.....-

GENERAL APPRECIATION OF FIRE RISK.....NO SPECIAL RISK OTHER THAN PORT AREA.
WHICH IS COVERED BY MILITARY FIREFIGHTERS...BUILDINGS GENERALLY FIRE RESISTIVE.

ANY SPECIAL FIRE RISKS.....-

HAS ARMY FIRE SERVICE OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION...NO.....

IS ARMY FIRE SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL.....CONTROLS PORT AREA ONLY.....

RECOMMENDATIONS...COOPERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN BRIGADE IN LOCATING SUITABLE
QUARTERS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNE...ARMY HAS TAKEN OVER THEIR MAIN STATION.

GENERAL REMARKS...SUFFICIENT EQUIPMENT ON HAND BUT A GREAT DEAL OF REPAIRS.
ARE NECESSARY.

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EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE (Appliances, etc.).....

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IF FIRE WATCHING CARRIED OUT AND TO WHAT EXTENT... CARABINIERI TELEPHONE.....

.....
COMMUNICATIONS ARE STILL NOT FUNCTIONING.....

.....
DATE... 7 September 1943.....

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SIGNED... *Joseph A. DeBellevue*.....

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N.B. COPIES OF FIRE BRIGADE ANNUAL REPORTS SHOULD BE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

MAJOR BATTERSLEY. C.A.P.O.

PROFORMA FOR CIVIL DEFENCE REPORT BY C.A.P.O.

(To be submitted in duplicate - 1 Copy for S.C.A.O. - 1 Copy for H.Q. AMGOT:)

NAME OF COMMUNE.....CATANIA.....PROVINCE.....CATANIA.....

ARE THE FOLLOWING C.D. SERVICES FUNCTIONING & TO WHAT EXTENT?

1) CONTROL.....U.N.P.A.....

2) WARDENS.....5 OFFICERS.....180 MEN.....In Provinces 38 and 2 OFFICERS

NUMBER OF WARDENAS POSTS & FREQUENCY.....

3) RESCUE (With description of Service & Numbers:)

18 RESCUE SQUADS ORGANIZED WITH EQUIPMENT.....5 MEN IN SQUADS WERE

SPECIALISTS, SUCH AS ELECTRICIANS, CARPENTERS ETC.....

4) PUBLIC SHELTERS (Numbers and Capacity).....ORIGINALLY HAD..60 SHELTERS

SOME DESTROYED BY BOMBS.....5000 to 6000 people could assemble in

LARGE - 150 PEOPLE IN SMALLER.....

5) SANITATION IN PUBLIC SHELTERS.....MAJORITY HAD RUNNING WATER AND..

TOILETS. ALSO MEDICAL KITS, HOWEVER THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLEANING ARE RATHER POOR - NO ONE TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY.

6) GENERAL POSITION REGARDING PRIVATE SHELTERS.....

7) REST CENTRES FOR HOMELESS.....NONE FURNISHED BY U.N.P.A. ONLY WHAT THE

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PRIESTS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS WERE ABLE TO FIND. USUALLY LEFT UP
TO THE UNFORTUNATES THEMSELVES. 462
8) FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS AT REST CENTRES NONE
.....
.....
9) AMBULANCE SERVICE (Including Number of Ambulances) 5
.....
.....

10) HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION YES, SEVERAL HOSPITALS HAD BEDS REMOVED

FOR AIR RAID VICTIMS

MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND SIGHT OF AIR RAID WARNING..... 20 SIRENS

ORIGINALLY WORKED WITH THE ITALIAN WEMY WARNING NET. DUE TO DAMAGE,
WOULD TAKE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS TO REPAIR AND PLACE ALL SIRENS IN OPERATION.

METHOD OF TRACING RELATIVES AFTER RAID NONE, EXCEPT THE POLICE.

ANY SPECIAL TARGETS . . . YES, AIRFIELDS, PORT AREA, AND DUMPS. . . .

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE WITH NEIGHBOURING COMMUNES...

STATION

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

ARE STIRRUP PUMPS SUPPLIED AND TO WHAT EXTENT NONE

HAS ARMY P. & D. OFFICER B.E. IN CONSULTATION

IS ARMY P. 13 D. SERVICE LINE LINING CONTROL

IT MAY BE USED TO CLEAN THE SHELTINGS. AFTER

ANY SPECIAL TARGETS ... YES, AIRFIELDS, PORT AREA, AND PUMPS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE WITH NEIGHBOURING COMMUNES ...

NONE

EXTENT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

ARE STIRRUP PUMPS SUPPLIED AND TO WHAT EXTENT ... NONE

HAS ARMY P.A.D. OFFICER BEEN IN CONSULTATION

IS ARMY P.A.D. SERVICE MAINTAINING CONTROL

RECOMMENDATIONS U.M.P.A. COULD BE USED TO CLEAN THE SHELTERS. AFTER

THIS WORK IS COMPLETED, DISBAND THE U.M.P.A. REPLACING IT WITH SUCH AN

ORGANISATION AS USED IN THE UNITED STATES AND ENGLAND.

GENERAL REMARKS (action taken, etc.)

DATE ... 7. September 1943.

SIGNED

Joseph P. Bell
1st Lt. D.C.

ELenco MATERIALE OCCORRENTE PER L'EFFICIENZA DEGLI

AUTOMEZZI DEL 22° CORPO VIGILI DEL FUOCO

---:---: CATANIA :---:---

Autopompa serbatoio n. 2 Fiat 635

- N. 1 Magnete 6 Cilindri
- " 3 Candele di accensione

Autopompa Serbatoio N. U. SPA 31000

- N. 1 Gruppo cilindri
- " 1 Serie pistoni
- " 1 Bobina e collettore per magnete
- " 4 Bielle
- " 1 Guarnitura testata

Autopompa serbatoio N. 31 SBA 31000

- n. 1 Bobina e collettore per magnete
- " 4 Candele di accensione

Autopompa Serbatoio n. 3 FIAT 603

- n. 1 Girante pompa acqua
- n. 1 Alberino "
- " 1 Boccola per albero pompa acqua
- " 2 Semialberi per differenziale

Autopompa Attrezzi "MODENA" FIAT 621

- N. 2 Bronzine per biella
- " 2 " " banco

Carro Botte N. 6 FIAT 18 B.H.

- N. 8 Bulloni per scatola differenziale
- " 1 Serie guarniture per collettore scarico
- " 1 Pompa olio

Autocarro N. 15 FIAT 525

- N. 1 Bobina per accensione
- " 1 Condensatore
- " 6 Candele di accensione

Autocarro N. 39 FIAT 1100

- n. 1 Testata gruppo cilindri
- " 8 Valvole
- " 4 Candele
- " 1 Bobina per accensione
- " 1 Condensatore

" 4 Bielle

" 1 Guarnitura testata

Autopompa serbatoio N.31 SPA 31000

n.1 Bobina e collettore per magnete

" 4 Candele di accensione

Autopompa Serbatoio n.3 FIAT 603

n.1 Girante pompa acqua

n.1 Alberino " "

" 1 Boccola per alberino pompa acqua

" 2 Semialberi per differenziale

Autopompa Attrezzi "MODENA" FIAT 621

N.2 Bronzine per biella

" 2 " " banco

Carro Botte N.8 FIAT 18 B.L.

N.8 Bulloni per scatola differenziale

" 1 Serie guarniture per collettore scarico

" 1 Pompa olio

Autocarro N.15 FIAT 525

N.1 Bobina per di accensione

" 1 Condensatore

" 5 Candele di accensione

Autocarro N.39 FIAT 1100

n.1 Testata gruppo cilindri

" 8 Valvole

" 4 Candele

" 1 Bobina per di accensione

" 1 Condensatore

Revisione e rimessa in linea della espansione anteriore con sostituzione molli.

Autocarro N.43 FIAT 1111 L.P.

N.2 Semialberi con cuscinetti

" 1 Radiatore

" 2 Coperture pilota di sessione

" 2 Camere " "

" 2 Coperture " "

" 2 Camere " "

Autocarro N.42 FIAT 1100

N.1 Testata gruppo cilindri
 " 8 Valvole
 " 1 Membrana A.C.
 " 4 Candele di accensione
 " 1 Bobina di accensione
 " 1 Condensatore

Autofurgone N.40 FIAT 500

N.1 Radiatore
 " 1 Ventilatore
 " 1 Spinterogeno
 " 1 Bobina di accensione
 " 1 Condensatore

Autovettura N.25 FIAT 508 C.

N.1 Radiatore
 " 1 Testata gruppo cilindri
 " 1 Serie guarniture motore
 " 1 Spinterogeno
 " 4 Candele di accensione
 " 1 Bobina " "
 " 1 Condensatore
 " 5 Coperture pilota di sezione 155X4.00
 " 4 Camere " " 155X4.00

Revisione e rimessa in linea sospensione anteriore con sostituzione di alcuni organi.

Autovettura N.14 FIAT 1500

N.1 Serie pistoni maggiorati 4/10 m/m
 " 1 " segmenti " "
 " 6 Candele di accensione
 " 1 Bobina di accensione
 " 1 Condensatore
 " 5 Coperture pilota di sezione 165X4.00
 " 5 Camere " " 165X4.00
 Migliorazione gruppo cilindri a 4/10 m/m

Catania 7 Settembre 1943

IL COMANDANTE
 f/to (Ten. Santoro Saverio)

IL COMANDANTE
2/to (Ten. Santoro Saverio)

P E R S O N A L E

Catania	N.246
Adrano	13
Caltagirone	57
Fuori Sede	2
Infortunati	10
	328
Comandante	1
Totale	329

A U T O M E Z Z I

In efficienza	N.5
Autopompe serbatoio	" 2
Autopompe attrezzi	" 2
Motopompe	" 1
Carri Botte	" 2
Autocarri	" 1
Vetture	" 5
Scale italiane	" 20
Ceste	" 20
Picconi	" 20
Badili	" 20
Schiuromogeno litri	500

Al servizio e per conto militari Inglesi:
Autopompa serbatoio tipo Alfa Romeo N.1
Autocarri milis " 2

A disposizione della Podesteria per trasporto cadaveri:
Autocarro Milis N.1

In riparazione

Autopompe serbatoio	N.5
Autocarri	" 5
Carri Attrezzi	" 1
Motopompe	" 1
Carri Botte	" 3
Antovetture	" 2
Scala aerea	" 1

Il distaccamento di Adrano è dotato di un'autopompa serbatoio tipo 603 e quello di Caltagirone di un'autopompa serbatoio tipo 621

Nel distaccamento di Gerbini trovasi fuori uso una 31.000 SPA e una 512, in quello di Acireale una 603 fuori uso ed a quello di Ionia una 15 TER fuori uso.

Il presente specchietto annulla i precedenti.

Catania 7 Settembre 1943

Comandante	1	
Totale	329	
Ceste	" 20	
Picconi	" 20	
Badili	" 20	
Schiunogeno litri	500	

Al servizio e per conto militari Inglesi:
 Autopompa serbatoio tipo Alfa Romeo N.1
 Autocarri milis " 2

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In riparazione

Autopompe serbatoio	N.5
Autocarri	" 5
Carri Attrezzi	" 1
Motopompe	" 1
Carri Botte	" 3
Autovetture	" 2
Scala aerea	" 1

Il distaccoamento di Adrene è dotato di un'autopompa serbatoio tipo 603 e quello di Catagirone di un'autopompa serbatoio tipo 621

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Catania 7 Settembre 1943

IL COMANDANTE
 r/to (Ten. Sg. Saverio)

PERSONALE PRESENTE AL CORPO AL 7 SETTEMBRE 1943
CASERMA FRANCESCO CRISPI

1	Tenente Santoro Severio (Comandante)	35	1 C.S.	Peppalardo Gaetano
2	1 V.S. Cacciaguerra Domenico	36	2 " "	Di Bernardo Angelo
3	2 C.S. Strano Salvatore	37	3 V.P.	Puglisi Carmelo
4	3 V.V. Abate Domenico	38	4 V.V.	Anastasi Gaetano
5	4 " " Cicerone Raffaele	39	5 " "	Casterina Giuseppe
6	5 " " Costanzo Agatino	40	6 " "	D'Arrigo Francesco
7	6 " " Crisafulli Armando	41	7 " "	Giordano Mario
8	7 " " Di Guardo Domenico	42	8 " "	Giannitto Bernardo
9	8 " " Licciardello Antonino	43	9 " "	Grillo Domenico
10	9 " " Garuffi Paolo	44	10 " "	Margano Domenico
11	10 " " Mangeri Sebastiano	45	11 " "	Mangeri Carmelo
12	11 " " Mironi Giuseppe	46	12 " "	Messina Gaetano
13	12 " " Palale Carmelo	47	13 " "	Napoli Francesco
14	13 " " Pulverenti Antonino	48	14 " "	Peppalardo Gaetano
15	14 " " Russo Michele			
16	15 " " Scandurra Michele			

49	1 V.S.	Amedeo Sarto
50	2 C.S.	Fischetti Carlo
51	3 V.P.	Teormina Alfio
52	4 V.V.	Fabiano Salvatore
53	5 " "	Gangi Agatino
54	6 " "	Garbati Giuseppe
55	7 " "	Giulio Alfio
56	8 " "	Ignato Carmelo
57	9 " "	Marino Giovanni
58	10 " "	Pavone Angelo
59	11 " "	Torto Antonino
60	12 " "	Puglisi Mario
61	13 " "	Rapisarda Mario
62	14 " "	Romano Giuseppe
63	15 " "	Scuto Salvatore

17	1 V.S.	Caserta Gaetano
18	2 C.S.	Centone Giovanni
19	3 " "	Vitaliti Salvatore
20	4 V.P.	Fenza Giuseppe
21	5 V.V.	Amadio Giuseppe
22	6 " "	Barcio Francesco
23	7 " "	Belfiore Giuseppe
24	8 " "	Bonina Francesco
25	9 " "	Caccetta Michele
26	10 " "	Caldais Carmelo
27	11 " "	Chiarante Cosimo
28	12 " "	Coco Carmelo
29	13 " "	De Franco Salvatore
30	14 " "	Litrice Giuseppe
31	15 " "	Litrice Sarto
32	16 " "	Marino Matteo
33	17 " "	Pulvicenti Girolamo
34	18 " "	Zuccaro Giuseppe di B.

35 2 " " Di Bernardo Angelo
 36 3 V.P. Puglisi Carmelo
 37 4 V.V. Anastasi Gaetano
 38 5 " " Castorina Giuseppe
 39 6 " " D'Arrigo Francesco
 40 7 " " Giordano Mario
 41 8 " " Giannitto Bernardo
 42 9 " " Grillo Domenico
 43 10 " " Mangano Domenico
 44 11 " " Maugeri Carmelo
 45 12 " " Messina Gaetano
 46 13 " " Napoli Francesco
 47 14 " " Pappalardo Gaetano

1 2 U.S. Strano Salvatore
 3 3 V.V. Abate Domenico
 4 4 " " Ciccarano Raffaele
 5 5 " " Costanzo Agatino
 6 6 " " Grissafulli Armando
 7 7 " " Di Guardo Domenico
 8 8 " " Idociardello Antonino
 9 9 " " Garufi Paolo
 10 10 " " Maugeri Sebastiano
 11 11 " " Mironi Giuseppe
 12 12 " " Papale Carmelo
 13 13 " " Pulverenti Antonino
 14 14 " " Russo Michele
 15 15 " " Scandurra Michele

49 1 V.S. Amadio Santo
 50 2 C.S. Fischetti Carlo
 51 3 V.P. Taormina Alfio
 52 4 V.V. Petiano Salvatore
 53 5 " " Gargi Agatino
 54 6 " " Garbati Giuseppe
 55 7 " " Giulio Alfio
 56 8 " " Ignato Carmelo
 57 9 " " Marino Giovanni
 58 10 " " Pavone Angelo
 59 11 " " Porto Antonino
 60 12 " " Puglisi Mario
 61 13 " " Rapisarda Mario
 62 14 " " Romano Giuseppe
 63 15 " " Scuto Salvatore

17 1 V.S. Caserta Gaetano
 18 2 C.S. Contone Giovanni
 19 3 " " Vitaliti Salvatore
 20 4 V.P. Pezza Giuseppe
 21 5 V.V. Amadio Giuseppe
 22 6 " " Barolo Francesco
 23 7 " " Belfiore Giuseppe
 24 8 " " Bonina Francesco
 25 9 " " Cacchetta Michele
 26 10 " " Caldas Carmelo
 27 11 " " Chiaravante Cosimo
 28 12 " " Coco Carmelo
 29 13 " " De Franco Salvatore
 30 14 " " Litrico Giuseppe
 31 15 " " Litrico Santo
 32 16 " " Marino Matteo
 33 17 " " Pulvienti Girolamo
 34 18 " " Zaccaro Giuseppe di B.

64	1	C.S.	Mangano Giovanni	95	1	V.S.	Spampinato Giuseppe
65	2	A.S.	Dottore Gesualdo	96	2	C.S.	Bonaccorso Salvatore
66	3	V.V.	Arena Geremia	97	3	V.V.	Coco Salvatore
67	4	"	Bertolo Giuseppe	98	4	"	Falsaperla Michele
68	5	"	Consoli Salvatore	99	5	"	Perrigno Antonino
69	6	"	Giuffrida Simili	100	6	"	Finocchiaro Paolo
70	7	"	Arena Pietro	101	7	"	Gambino Giuseppe
71	8	"	Indica Alfredo	102	8	"	Giudice Pericle
72	9	"	Lagumà Francesco	103	9	"	Giustolisi Vincenzo
73	10	"	Motta Giuseppe	104	10	"	Mannino Giovanni
74	11	"	Nicolosi Gaetano	105	11	"	Marino Pietro
75	12	"	Papale Gaetano	106	12	"	Mania Mario
76	13	"	Strano Salvatore di L.	107	13	"	Napoli Filippo
77	14	"	Spampinato Giovanni	108	14	"	Pugliesi Agostino
78	15	"	Ursino Carmelo	109	15	"	Trombetta Santo
79	16	"	Ursino Stefano				
80	1	V.S.	Samiceli Carmelo	110	1	C.S.	Liggiari Domenico
81	2	C.S.	Strazzulla Agatino	111	2	"	Vitale Carmelo
82	3	"	Volpe Corrado	112	3	V.V.	Bonaccorso Gregorio
83	4	V.V.	Di Gaudio Domenico	113	4	"	Carnera Francesco
84	5	Garozzo	Domenico	114	5	"	Cascio Angelo
85	6	"	Gandioso Vincenzo	115	6	"	Felice Giuseppe
86	7	"	Giuffrida Giuseppe	116	7	"	Finocchiaro Orazio
87	8	"	Mosito Salvatore	117	8	"	Garozzo Paolo
88	9	"	Patitucci Vincenzo	118	9	"	Garozzo Orazio
89	10	"	Pulvirenti Vincenzo	119	10	"	Giulivo Alvaro
90	11	"	Seminara Ferrigno	120	11	"	La Delfa Domenico
91	12	"	Spina Carmelo	121	12	"	La Manna Francesco
92	13	"	Scuderi Giuseppe di M.	122	13	"	Lo Presti Angelo
93	14	"	Scuderi Pietro	123	14	"	Messina Biagio
94	15	"	Teata Antonino	124	15	"	Sanà Giuseppe Milazzo
				125	16	"	Tamà Giuseppe
				126	17	"	Villardo Giovanni
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192	1 V.S.	<u>D1 Stefano Luciano</u>
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194	3 A.S.	Scuderi Mariano

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196	2	" "	Di Pietro Santo

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247 29 " Tringalli Rosario

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232 14 " Giuffrida Salvatore
233 15 " Grasso Rosario di V.
234 16 " Gullotta Giuseppe
235 17 " Intravaia Tommaso
236 18 " Longo Pasquale
237 19 " Litrico Francesco
238 20 " Lazzara Paolo
239 21 " Marzullo Giacomo

DISTAGGAMENTI

GALTAGIONE

248 1 V.S. Guiluzza Giuseppe
249 2 " Vaciroa Antonino
250 3 " Alberghina Salvatore
251 4 A.S. Battisto Nicolò
252 5 " Carobene Francesco
253 6 " Di Blasi Onofrio
254 7 " Laureanti Giacomo
255 8 CFS. Ventura Francesco
256 9 V.V. Amato Salvatore Form.
257 10 " Arrigo Calogero
258 11 " Ascone Francesco
259 12 " Bonura Francesco
260 13 " Castoro Michele
261 14 " Cinnirella Francesco
262 15 " Cappello Santo
263 16 " Colombo Luigi
264 17 " Cardillo Salvatore
265 18 " Caracci Giacomo
266 19 " Conti Ernesto
267 20 " Coniglione Salvatore
268 21 " Di Blasi Nicolò
269 22 " Di Martino Giacomo
270 23 " Di Blasi Salvatore
271 24 " Di Liberto Filippo
272 25 " Di Liberto Salvatore
273 26 " Di Beredetto Francesco
274 27 " Di Giacomo Luigi
275 28 " De Pasquale Giuseppe
276 29 " Falcone Giacomo
277 30 " Felice Antonio
278 31 " Gangemi Giacomo
279 32 " Gambino Francesco

295 48 V.V. Pennavola Salvatore
296 49 " Prezzavento Nicolò
297 50 " Pedà Antonino
298 51 " Piluso Giuseppe
299 52 " Reale Francesco
300 53 " Russo Francesco
301 54 " Scalogna Angelo
302 55 " Taccia Francesco
303 56 " Vicino Nicolò
304 57 " Vitale Gesualdo

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305 1 V.B. Lo Faro Antonino
306 2 A.S. Cipolla Antonino
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308 4 V.P. Diolosa Antonino
309 5 " Landani Giuseppe
310 6 " Nicolosi Antonino
311 7 VVV. Auteri Luigi
312 8 " Ciraldo Alfio
313 9 " Di Blasi Nicolò di A.
314 10 " Paratore Giuseppe
315 11 " Santangelo Nicolò
316 12 " Sangiorgi Pietro
317 13 " Spitaleri Gaetano

FUORI SEDE

318 1 V.S. Fichera Francesco
319 2 V.P. Acciarito Giovanni

INFORTUNATI

320 1 C.S. Condorelli Vincenzo
321 2 V.V. Birritteri Giuseppe
322 3 " Faro Simone

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323	4 " Maniscalco Giuseppe
324	5 " Mobilia Antonino
325	6 V.P. Spina G. Battista
326	7 V.V. Tortisi Concetto
327	8 " Vinciguerra Rosario

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329	2 " Sangari Filippo

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SUBJECT: Fire Service - MESSINA

AMCOT/1073/PS

AMCOT H.Q., SICILY.

14 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. MESSINA

In view of the report of the visiting Officers of this H.Q., it is felt that endeavours might be made to persuade the Army to give up the Fire Brigade Headquarters and return it to the Brigade.

It might also be possible to carry out some temporary repairs to render the place more usable. The Officers from this H.Q., will visit you again as soon as possible to assist and advise you in the reorganisation of the Service.

The Senior Italian Fire Officer will also be visiting you for the same purpose at some future date.

G.H.L. Mason
G.H.L. Mason,
Major,
for LAUREL L. BOLLES,
Colonel Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety. 454

Copy to :-

C.A.O. MESSINA.

SUBJECT: - Report Prisons in Sicily up to 10 Sept 43.

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AMCOT/1056/PS.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

15 Sept. 43.

TO: C.O.A.O.

Forwarded herewith a further and more up-to-date report on the prisons of Sicily in accordance with AMCOT/1056/PS dated 14 Sept. 43.

Lemuel Polles
LEMUEL POLLES.
Colonel, Inf.
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

Encl.

AMCIB/1056/ES.

15. Sept. 43.

REPORT ON PRISONS IN SICILY UP TO 10. Sept. 43.

All the prisons in the provinces of Trapani, Palermo, Caltanissetta and Enna have been thoroughly inspected by Prison Section Officers. Some of the prisons have also been inspected by either the Superintendent, or Deputy Superintendent, who have also been able to inspect prisons in the Provinces of Agrigento, Ragusa, Syracuse, Catania, and Messina. In addition to this a Prison Section Officer is now making a thorough inspection of the places in Agrigento and Messina.

On the whole the impression is good. Some of the prisons have been badly damaged by bombs; repairs have all been put in hand. Though the impression is good, this does not mean that these places are really well run, nor are they in a satisfactory state of cleanliness and sanitation. Improvements will be slow, but already there is a marked difference at several places where a second visit has been made. It is the intention to close a large number of small unserviceable prisons, after consultation with Senior Civil Affairs Officers of Provinces. Some prisons have already been closed as they were in too antiquated or delapidated state to improve.

A large prison on Favignana Island has been closed and all prisoners - about 200 - transferred to Palermo. The internees camp at Ustica Island has also been closed, and for the lack of accommodation the internees had unfortunately to be confined in Palermo Central Prison. A large number of these prisoners have been liberated, and it is expected that in the course of a few days all except a few will no longer be detained. Those detained will be handed over to the Provost Marshal, 7th Army, for confinement in the internee camp near Palermo.

The food issued to prisoners was not in the first instance satisfactory, but this has been greatly improved. Normally one meal a day is the routine, and is in accordance with Italian custom.

During the campaign there have been escapes, but only at Syracuse was this serious when about 200 prisoners were able to get away. At Catania Central Prison prisoners broke out of their cells and were riotous. The riot was ably handled by the Staff under the command of the Commandant who performed his duties in a degree worthy of commendation.

A large number of prisoners had been transferred to other places for safety prior to the Allied occupation. Most of these prisoners were awaiting trial at court, and they have now to be gathered in for disposal.

The lack of transport is the main consideration to be borne in mind when deciding to move prisoners, either on transfer, or on account of the closing of places. So far we have been able to get over this problem for urgent cases, and means have now been procured by which transportation of small numbers of prisoners at a time can be made without any undue difficulty.

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The prison staff appears to be loyal, and in many cases their cooperation has not been difficult to obtain. Improvements in their general appearance, smartness and efficiency is aimed at and already there is a marked improvement. The Director of the Central Prison, Palermo - Dr. Fernando Colombo - has given valuable service and is undoubtedly a man of strong personality and a good disciplinarian. He is the most efficient and able of all the directors. In order to maintain direct control and contact within the Italian sphere, he was appointed Chief Director. In this duty he has already given good service and it is hoped that his influence will be felt throughout all the prisons. Meanwhile his duties and the lack of transport have necessitated his remaining at Palermo.

The total number of prisoners found up-to-date has been over 3,000 but the numbers are constantly fluctuating. Regular monthly reports will start at the end of Sept., when a more exact state can be arrived at. 60 prisons have been inspected, 14 of which are General Prisons, one Penal Institution, 2 male and 1 female Reformatories, and 42 Local Prisons under State control.

There are in the Prison Section, Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and three Section Officers. The latter have constantly been on inspection duties, while the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent have combined administrative work and inspections.

The disconnection from Rome has meant AMOT handling the whole matter of directions without clear knowledge of the Italian system, but this has been gradually picked up. Instructions have been issued confirming certain rules and practices, and others based on principles of administration in America and Britain have been introduced.

Allen D. Mitchell

ALLEN D. MITCHELL,
Lt. Col.,
Supt. of Prisons.

Samuel L. Bolles

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

SUBJECT: Memo and Amendments to I.S.I.S. Report.

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AMCOT/72/HQ.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

16. Sept. 43.

ABICOT,
Eighth Avenue.

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Forwarded herewith are two copies of A.P.H.Q. Amendments Nos. 5 & 6 to I.S.I.S. Report C.R. 4096H(8) and ISIL/1/223.

I also forward 4 copies sheet 31, Italy 1:250,000 for promontary of Gargano.

Please acknowledge receipt.

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

SUBJECT: Fire Service C&E HIA.

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ABOT H.Q., SICILY.

14 September 1943.

TO : C.A.O. CATANIA.

In view of the reports of the visiting officers from this H.Q. it is felt that the action of the Commandante of your C&E VIGILI DEL FUOCO could be taken regarding the location of the Fire Fighting Appliances. This can be checked over by the Senior Fire Officer of SICILY when he visits your Brigade.

Endeavours might be made to persuade the Army to give up the Fire Brigade Headquarters so that the service can operate satisfactorily.

The Provincial Civilian Supplies Department should endeavour to obtain the spare parts, etc., needed to keep the appliances in running order.

G.H.L. Mason

G.H.L. Mason,
Major,
FOR. MAJ. L. BOLLES,
Colonel Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

Copy to :-

C.A.O. CATANIA.

7 September 1963

CATANIA - Fire Brigade.

The Brigade was forced to vacate its Headquarters on a very short notice and is now located in a large garage. All equipment is in this one building. For a command of this size apparatus should be located at various locations to give proper service.

The Commandante has been instructed by us to locate suitable quarters in localities where he believes apparatus is required. When this has been done to contact the C.A.F.O., for his approval and requisitioning.

From our contacts with the Commandante and the reports he submitted he appears to know his job and is reliable.

SUBJECT: Fire Service - MILAZZO.

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AMCOT/1073/PS

AMCOT H.Q., SICILY.

14. September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. MESSINA

In view of report of visiting Officers it is felt that no action can be taken at present except to pass a list of spare parts etc required by the Brigade to your Civil Supplies Branch.

The Officers of this H.Q., will visit the locality again in the near future to assist and advise the C.A.O. in reorganisation of the Service.

G.H.L. Mason
G.H.L. Mason,
Major,
for LEMUEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

Copy to :-

C.A.O. MILAZZO.

URGENT

AM02/1051/PS.

ATTN: HQ. - STOOL.

16 September, 1945.

Subject: Curfew.

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

- 1 Reference your memorandum of 6 Sep. 45 on the harvesting of grapes.
- 2 Lifting of the curfew regulations involves, as you say, serious complications from the military point of view. The whole question has been taken up with 15 A.C. and instructions will be issued as soon as agreement has been reached.
- 3 In the meantime, you are authorized to negotiate direct with the formation commanders in your province, for the greatest relaxation of curfew regulations that you can obtain. In order to avoid incidents, it is essential that agreement be reached with them and that they issue the necessary orders to units under their command.
4. Please report the results of your negotiations.
5. It is very much regretted that your memorandum remained unanswered for so long.


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

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AMGOT 15 A.G.

16th September 1943.

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URGENT

TO: H.Q.
15 Army Group.

FROM: 15 Army Group Main.

- FOR G.O.C. in C. FROM G.C.A.C. (.) HAVE TODAY RECEIVED DEPUTATION OF MEN
FASCIST AND IN OPERATIONS FROM SICILY (.) PARTIAL FROM AMGOT 7TH ARMY TO 15
ARMY GROUP WITH AMGOT 250 PARTIAL (.) STATE THEY ARE CONVINCED MANY THOUSANDS
SICILIAN VOLUNTEERS WITH FIGHT ACTIVELY WITH ALLIES AS ARMED FORMATIONS
LIBERATE ITALY FROM GERMAN (.) INCLUDE THEY REPRESENT MEN POLITICAL GROUPS
WHO BELIEVE ITALY CAN ONLY BE FREED BY ALLIES (.) THEY REQUEST IMMEDIATE
CONTACT OTHER GROUPS STRICTLY OFFICIAL PALMER WHOSE SAME SENTIMENT EXISTS (.)
2. DEPUTATION INFORMED MATTER REPORTED YOU (.) SENTIMENTS COMBINED (.)
 3. DEPUTATION STATES OTHER ITALIANS OTHER PARTS ITALY HAVE EXPRESSED SAME
VIEWS (.)
 4. GUIDANCE REQUESTED

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SUBJECT: Visits to Internees

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ASST H.Q. Sicily

16 Sept 1943

TO : S.I.C. (E), 15 Army Group.

Major Boggie-Rolfe when here last week asked for our views as to what facilities should be granted civilian internees in the matter of interviews by outsiders.

This is obviously a matter which concerns the G.C., P.O.W. Cage and the suggestions which follow depend on their carrying out on the ability of that officer to provide the necessary supervision.

Visits should be limited to 15 minutes once a fortnight and must be conducted within the sight and hearing of an Italian-speaking G.C. or private.

We feel that it would be unwise to allow unrestricted speech in such cases, in view of the security angle. On the other hand facilities might be given for the exchange of parcels through the P.O.W. Cage Guardroom or office. This would enable the changing of underclothing for laundering to be effected and would also permit the Cage officers to examine the parcels.

Copy to :-

File 223/HQ
ASST Liaison.

CHARLES H. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMDOT H.Q. BICLIN

11 Sep 43.

Colonel J.P. Tillman, P.D.,
Finance Officer,
Seventh Army.

It is a source of great satisfaction to learn, from your kind letter of 12th September, that various officers of the Finance Division of AMDOT Headquarters have been able to be of service to you during recent weeks.

I am very happy to be able to tell you that the Finance Division has at all times found you and your organisation generously cooperative in all matters in which they have had the pleasure of working together with you.

Major-General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

*Hot File*SUBJECT:-- Duty Officers.

AMGOT/313/HQ.

AMGOT H.Q. SICTLY.

16 Sept 43.

Ref. this H.Q. letter of even number dated 21 Aug 43, the following is the roster of duty officers for the week ending Saturday, 25 Sept 43.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Division.</u>
Sun. 19 Sept 43.	Capt. C.R. Minard.	Civilian Supply.
Mon. 20 Sept 43.	Capt. L. Frampton.	Finance.
Tue. 21 Sept 43.	Lieut A.J. Vlock.	Public Health.
Wed. 22 Sept 43.	Major I.G.H. Campbell.	Legal.
Thu. 23 Sept 43.	Major B.D. Nash.	Finance.
Fri. 24 Sept 43.	Capt. S.H. Head.	Finance.
Sat. 25 Sept 43.	Capt. J.E. Davies.	Civilian Supply.

Any officer who will be away from this H.Q. on his day of duty will find a substitute, notifying the name of such substitute to "A" Branch, Room 18.

[Signature]
Lieut-Col.
Chief Staff Officer.

Copy to:-
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 C.S.O.
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 Legal Div.
 Public Safety Div.
 Public Health Div.
 Property Div.
 Civilian Supply Div.
 American Personnel Section.
 Camp Commandant.
 H.Q. Notice Board.
 P.M.C. - for favour of posting.
 All Officers concerned.

Subject:- Superior Military Court - Palermo
Case of Lo Fato, Calogero.

ANGOT/4036/L

ANGOT HQ. SICILY

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

16th Sept. 1943

1. Calogero was charged before the above court on the 3rd Sept 43 with a violation of Proclamation No. 2, Art. 1, Section 5. He was found guilty and sentenced to 3 years imprisonment, sentence to be suspended after 6 months.
2. Attached is a copy of petition to C.C.A.O. by Major Wright, Defending Officer of Accused, for revision or modification of sentence.
3. The C.C.A.O. has considered the petition and Reviewed the case. He directs that the sentence shall stand. Please inform Calogero and Defending Officer.
4. With reference to Defending Officer's plea in 6th para of the Petition, the President of the Court has stated that no further time for preparation of defence was requested and the C.C.A.O. instructs that the Defending Officer be informed that a plea on the above ground cannot be accepted. Please inform Defending Officer accordingly.

Lieut. Colonel,
D.C.L.O.,
for, C.C.A.O.

Subject:- Legal Matters

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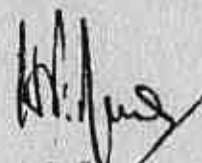
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AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

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

16th Sept. 1943

1. Ref your Report CAT/30 of 6 Sep 43, para 6, a general instruction to all S.C.A.Os is enclosed herewith.
2. Ref para 7 of the above Report, the present legal situation of Italian Law regarding War Damage and the division of responsibility between landlord and tenant is being investigated and a further communication will then be sent you.



Lt. Col.

for, Chief Legal Officer.

Subject:-

That
Summary Military Court - Alcamo
Case of Pampillone

AMGOT/4036/L

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

16th Sept. 1943

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

1. Proceedings of Summary Military Court at Alcamo in above case; in which accused was found guilty of "buying fish in the Black Market" and sentenced to one week's imprisonment and a fine of Lire 50, has been reviewed by C.C.A.O.
2. The conviction has been set aside for the following reasons :-
 - (a) There is no offence such as that charged. (If the accused was charged with buying fish in excess of the permitted price or attempting to do so, he should have been charged accordingly.)
 - (b) There was no evidence that the accused bought fish or even attempted to buy fish.
3. The sentence of imprisonment has presumably been served by now but if not the accused will be released at once. The fine, if paid, will be returned to the accused, or, if not paid, will be remitted.
4. The accused will be informed that the conviction has been set aside.
5. Copy of this letter herewith for C.A.O. Alcamo.

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Lieut. Colonel,
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for, C.C.A.O.

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SUBJECT:- Report from S.C.A.O., CATANIA Province.

AFHQ/2/18.

AFHQ H.Q., SICILY.

11th September 1943.

TO:- Military Government Section,
A.F.S.O.

I would refer to my cable 234 of 15th September 1943, in which I informed you that I did not anticipate any further difficulties arising in Catania Province on the subject of the Press, a question which was raised in your Cable 1825 cite FIRES of 7th September 1943.

S.C.A.O., Catania Province had, in my opinion, taken a somewhat too rigid view on the latitude to be allowed to the local press. I had already dealt with the subject prior to the receipt of your telegram, and, indeed, prior to the receipt of AFHQ Cable 1197, also of 7th September 1943. I regret that the subject should apparently have been taken more seriously than was warranted by the facts of the case.

In fairness to Lieut Colonel Lord Gerald Wellesley, I think it well to reproduce for your information the following extracts from this report to me dated 4th September 1943.

".... on several occasions the paper has published articles which either criticize the Administration or lead the population to believe that there will be an early restoration of public utilities, cinemas, schools etc., which is impossible of realisation...."

".... Capt. Hens has been most cooperative and has agreed to submit to me any articles which might be open to criticism...."

I have informed Lieut Colonel Lord Gerald Wellesley that I agree with Capt. Hens's views and with the line that he was taking; I am sure that Capt. Hens also has much sympathy with a hard worked S.C.A.O. in a centre like Catania if the press hold out too many rosy views about what can be done in the immediate future. Indeed, one of the principal difficulties of the whole of the administration in Sicily is to deal with the disappointments caused by undue optimism as a result of official pronouncements regarding the advent of a reign of plenty.

AFHQ telegram No. 1197 suggests a degree of misunderstanding which I wish to reiterate does not exist. Our relations with P.W.B. in Sicily have been most cordial and most pleasant. I regard the cooperation of P.W.B. with my Administration as being outstandingly happy.

Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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16th September 1943

My monthly report for August is nearly finished. Its bulk will, I hope, satisfy all your friends, but I cannot continue to send reports on that scale.

In the meanwhile, I send you the touring reports of certain legal officers to show you the type of work they are doing. It is on this material that the administration is being built. But here again, I cannot go on supplying such material because it cannot interest anyone but the specialist and I have not enough staff even to copy it all.

Anyway, no action must be taken on these documents. They are very internal material and by no means agree with all that has been done or is proposed.

Brigadier-General J. Molloy,
Military Government Section,
A.F.H.Q.

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Report on Journey to Agrigento, Altanissetta,
Siracusa, Ragusa, Siracusa and Catania.
20-26 August '43.

SUBJECT: Italian Courts.

General: S.L.Os. have to face some common problems in all provinces. Others are purely local and in some cases C.A.Os. and L.Os. through their energy and determination have brought remedies to acute situations.

(1) It can be said that all C.A.Os. and L.Os. interviewed are anxious to see local courts opened as soon as possible. They believe that it would, in most cases, relieve C.A.Os. of the tedious task of trying cases which otherwise would be within the competence of the Italian Courts. They also say that it would relieve the congestion of the prisons and in many instances prevent the unconditional release of confirmed criminals. Finally they are all desirous to see normal conditions of life restored in their district as soon as possible.

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 2. Or to supply the Legal Section in each Province with one lorry to be used whenever necessary for the above purposes.
- (3) All Provincial S.L.O.s. agreed that "Capo Carabinieri" who had been in function for more than a year should be removed to another place. Reasons given - abuse of authority, graft, undue influence and various other "combinations".

(4) Most Italian Officials advocate the return to the old Italian Civil Code of 1875 and the abrogation of the new one (March 1943).

It appears that this is due to the fact that they are either too lazy or too old to study the new Code or are afraid to blunder.

No decision can be given until the new Code has been studied carefully.

(5) C.A.Os ask whether they could be exactly informed as to the cases they should try in Summary Courts and those which should be left to the local Courts.

In cases of "furto" (theft) it is sometimes extremely delicate to qualify the offence as looting.

A fairly detailed ruling is requested for L.Os.

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CATANIA --- 24.8.43.

S.L.O. Major Mark Howe (arriving on 25), L.O. Capt. L. Van Deusen.

First President of Court of Appeals --- Comm. Alfredo Marchi.

Procuratore Generale (Acting) --- Salvatore Seloni.

President of Tribunale --- Filippo Quochiara.

Procuratore del Re --- Domenico Li Gregni.

5 Tribunale --- I Preture (Catania).

(a) AMMOT COURTS:

The situation in Catania differs from all other provinces for three reasons, it is the seat of a Court of Appeal, as it is still occupied by the Army, conditions are less normal than in any other province. The first legal officer only arrived on 23.8.43. In the absence of a C.L.O. the S.C.A.Os sat on a number of Summary Courts in Catania itself. It cannot be said that the rules of procedure were adequately applied (documents attached), there was also some discrepancy in assessing adequate sentences for same offence. In the province C.A.Os have either acted with considerable tact and initiative (Capt. Hüssingbird Landy) or have let their imagination carry them to such extremes as sentencing people to 8 months hard labour for curfew offences (Capt. Corbin) or have held informal Courts without keeping any record. Names of sentenced, the sentence itself and the prison they were sent to, being unknown at HQ.

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The points discussed at the Conference brought out that:

(1) The Courts would resume their activities immediately and that their premises, although damaged, could be put in condition for the winter at little cost.

All the Criminal Records (Casellario) however are buried and it will need five days to clear the debris.

(2) Prisons were to be reopened forthwith all over the province.

(3) A small committee (Van Deusen and Sostituto) would sit once a week to decide which cases should be tried by Allied or Italian Courts (looting and sentences).

(4) In view of the shortage of personnel, Judges from the Continent now stranded in Catania would be employed by the local courts, if passed by C II (S.C.A.O. to sign order).

CATANIA -- Conto.

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SIRACUSA.

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S.L.O. Major Mark Howe.

L.O. Lieut. Hemmendinger.

Major Howe and Lieut. Hemmendinger have sent various reports covering most problems.

From the legal point of view this province is better organized than any other as far as both Allied and Italian Courts are concerned.

Major Howe drew my attention on the case of 67 prisoners from the continent serving long sentences in Siracusa. He advised to grant them "conditional liberty" for good conduct.

All preture (10) are functioning except MUZO opening today, and the Tribunale are ready to open - S.L.O. insisting on the necessity to open Civil Courts also.

The President of the Tribunale was away from Siracusa.

Arrangements were contemplated to improve transport facilities. Motor-cycles will be made available shortly.

Major Howe has given, as much as possible, clear directions to C.A.Os. and if some of them have been unfortunate is attempting to deal adequate justice, this has been generally put right.

President Emanuele Ingris and Procuratore Pietro Crimi are active and co-operative.

liaison between our legal section and the Italian Courts is assured by the Secretary of the "Procura" Giuliano Ceccario, who has proved most helpful to Lt. Hemmendinger in explaining the intricacies of Italian Procedure, and obtaining from him all the particulars of cases pending before the Preture and Tribunale.

Urgent repairs are needed to the Courts premises, or new ones will have to be found before the winter.

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SIO-Major Gilshenan ----- L.O. Captain Dreyfus (reporting for duty 26.8.43).

President of Tribunale ----- Car Uff. Carmelo Cortese (Tribunale
Procuratore del Re ----- Andrea Scala Ragusa)

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CALTANISSETTA

S.I.O. - Major Mercer.
L.O. - Captain GERMAN.

Comm. Vincenzo, Lentini, President of Section of the Court of Appeal.
" Andrea, Reginaldi, President of "Tribunale". (Not in Directory).
" Sandi, Pistone, Avvocato Generale.
Crispino, Fusito, Procuratore del Re.
F. C. Mizzone, Pretore.

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AGRIGENTO. 20.8.43.

S.I.C., Lt. Col. Hill	-----	I.C. Capt. Frank Peyton.
Presidente del Tribunale, Comm Giuseppe Serra	}	Agrigento town.
Procuratore del Re, Alfredo Ponte.		
Procuratore, Dr. Camillo Gaglio.		
Presidente del Tribunale, Comm. Le Bianco	}	Solaccia town.
Procuratore del Re, Cav. Ferretti		

The province of Agrigento has two "Tribunale" (Agrigento and Solaccia) and 12 Pretore.

No tribunal and only a few Pretore were opened. Instructions were given to open all Pretore at once and to prepare the opening of all other Courts at a few days notice.

Over 80% of the judicial personnel has returned. Suitable premises also are available for every court and the archives are in good state; the Pretore of Agrigento has transferred his office to the "Casa del Fascio" and will be ready to start his activities in two days.

Transport position is acute, but one motorcycle is available and a D.I. also. Services of summons can be started at once. The President and Procuratore stated that they could produce two cars not yet requisitioned.

A memorandum of 12 points in regard to the opening of Italian Courts was left to the O.L.C. and a meeting was arranged for 23.8.43 when Italian officials were to report to C.I.L.O. the progress made.

In Agrigento everything had to be started from scratch as no contact whatsoever existed between the Legal Section and the Italian judicial officials prior to my visit. I was unable to ascertain the position of the Questore, but asked Capt. Peyton to look into the matter.

Presidente del Tribunale, Com. Le Busco } Solandria town,
Procuratore del Re, Cav. Fersoldi }

The province of Agrigento has two "Tribunale" (Agrigento and Solandria) and 12 Pretore.

No tribunal and only a few Pretore were opened. Instructions were given to open all Pretore at once and to prepare the opening of all other Courts at a few days notice.

Over 80% of the judicial personnel has returned. Suitable premises also are available for every court and the archives are in good state; the Pretore of Agrigento has transferred his office to the "Casa del Fascio" and will be ready to start his activities in two days.

Transport position is acute, but one motorcycle is available and a U.S. also. Services of summons can be started at once. The President and Procuratore stated that they could produce two cars not yet requisitioned.

A memorandum of 12 points in regard to the opening of Italian Courts was left to the C.I.O. and a meeting was arranged for 25.8.43 when Italian officials were to report to C.I.O. the progress made.

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NOTES ON MEETING OF ITALIAN LEGAL COMMITTEE
28 Aug 1943

Major C. Hannaford.

Presidente --- Ernesto La Gecia,
Proc. Generale --- Rosario Micelli
Presidente del Tribunale --- Giuseppe
Mirielli
Procuratore del Re --- Giuseppe Feloni

The following points were discussed :

(1) A list of Sicilian Magistrates now prisoners of war will be submitted by the Committee. Col. Martin (D.C.F.S.) has agreed to take the necessary steps with 15th Army Group for their release.

(2) It was decided that both the Tribunale and the Procura would be supervised in the future by the S.L.O. of the Province. The activities of the Court of Appeal, Court of Cassation and "Procura Generale" being controlled by C.L.O. This method renders possible a double check of the Italian judicial system.

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(6) The Committee once more requested that the firm Vincenzo Caruso be given some facilities for the transport of prisoners from gaols to Courts in accordance with the terms of his former contract with the Italian authorities. (Passed to S.L.O. Prefettura)

(7) Could a number of "agente" be detailed to effect service of summons in Palermo town. (Passed to Police Division).

(8) The Pretore of Pantellaria is in Palermo and would like to return to his post. (Action will be considered with competent department).

(9) Could workers be provided:

1. to clear the debris of the Procura and extend the Archives. (Palazzo Tasson, Via Libertà).
2. to effect small repairs to the roof of the Procura Generale, via Garibaldi. (Matter then up with Labor Section).

NOTES ON MEETING, 23 APR. 1945.
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(10) A memorandum on further amendments of the Penal Procedure will be submitted by the Committee at next meeting.

The amendments already agreed by C.L.O. to be published in *Stalla Liberatora*.

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TEAMWAVE CONFERENCE

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SEMI-ANNUAL

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Presenta Carta di Amelio

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 Dr. C. de Uff. le Giuseppe Pelosi, Procuratore del Ro.
 Com. re Proc. re Rocchi, Juvenile Courts.

MINUTES.

1. ITALIAN LEGAL COMMITTEE.
 The formation of an Italian Legal Committee was approved by C.I.O. and it will include the following Italian Officials:

Presidente Corte di Appello,
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3. JUVENILE COURTS.
 The functioning of Juvenile Courts was explained by Procuratore Rocchi, Public Prosecutor, attached to Juvenile Courts. A copy of his report is attached. The Public Welfare Section made the necessary arrangements with Proc. Rocchi to study conditions in reformatories. A list of inmates was handed and urgent cases pointed out.

4. COST OF TRANSFER OF COURTS TO TESTING APPEALS.
 An estimate is to be supplied by the President of the Court of Appeals and the Financial Section has agreed to authorize payment out of AMSCOT funds when expenses approved by C.I.O.

5. JUDICIAL STAFF AND SALARIES.
 A complete list of all Court Officials and clerks, their salaries and office expenses were presented by the various legal branches. If approved, the Finance Section will authorize the Banca d'Italia to carry on payments as per the past.
 All officials and clerks have been paid up to end of July.

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The President of the Court of Appeal will recommend this step in his report.

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General passes were issued to the members of the Committee.

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A complete list of prisoners was handed by the Italian Authorities.

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This was handed to the C.I.O. Particulars about each individual will be asked from special branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALGOT.Subject:- Italian Legal Advisory Committee.

To:- All concerned.

ALGOT/4001/L.

1. CREATION OF COMMITTEE.

A Committee to be known as the "Italian Legal Advisory Committee" (hereinafter called "the Committee") is hereby created.

2. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee will consist of not more than seven and not less than four members appointed from those who have held high positions as judges, legal officials or members of the bar in Sicily.

3. The power of appointing and removing members of the Committee is vested in the Chief Legal Officer, ALGOT.

4. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

The powers and duties of the Committee, which may be modified from time to time by the Chief Legal Officer, ALGOT, are as follows:-

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- (3) To advise ALGOT on any suggestions, complaints, claims or requests emanating from any Judge, Judicial official or legal practitioner addressed to the Legal Division of ALGOT;
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 - (a) To act as the provincial representative of the Committee;
 - (b) To advise the Senior Legal Officer of the Province on any points of Italian Law or Procedure which he may request and generally to act as intermediary between the Senior Civil Affairs Officer and the Italian Courts, judges, judicial officials, legal practitioners and other legal personnel in the province.

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- (6) Generally to perform such other functions as ALGOT may from time to time request.

By Order of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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

HEADQUARTERS AMGOT.

Subject:- Opening of Italian Civil Courts in Sicily. AMGOT/4001/L.

To:- All Senior Civil Affairs Officers. 31st August, 1943.

1. Further to my instructions of 13th and 19th instant you are now authorised to open all Italian Civil Courts in your Province (Conciliatori, Preture, Tribunali Civili), the civil Chambers of the Court of Appeal at Caltanissetta (Section of Palermo) and the Court of Appeal at Catania. The following is a list of the Courts to be re-opened:-

(a) Court of Appeal of Palermo. Court of Appeal of Catania.

(b) The following Tribunali subject to the jurisdiction of the above Court:

Agrigento	Caltagirone
Palermo	Catania
Sciacca	Modica
Terracina	Ragusa
Trapani	Siracusa

(c) All Preture subject to the jurisdiction of the above Court.

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2. Will you, therefore, communicate these instructions to the Italian Judicial Officials responsible and ensure that necessary steps are taken by them to effect their re-opening at the earliest possible date.

3. The following Courts will remain closed until further instructions:

(a) The Court of Appeal of Messina (now at Castrolibero)

(b) The following Tribunali subject to the jurisdiction of the above Court:

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If, however, any Preture or other Courts in the Province ⁶²⁴ have already been re-opened or have remained open, they should continue to function.

By order of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

MAJOR H. Q.
15 Army Group.

Charles H. Spofford
CHARLES H. SPOFFORD,
Lt. Colonel, GSC,
Chief Staff Officer.

Subject:- Temporary Amendments to Italian Penal Procedure.

To:- The President of the Court of Appeal, Palermo. AMGOT/4004/L.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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"Judicial Separation of Spouses."

"Measures to protect the interests of minors."

"Rights of Married Women."

"Internment or release of Lunatics."

"Orders concerning shares and bonds destroyed or lost."

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

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

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

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

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

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

AMGOT, H.Q.

[Handwritten signature]

Lieut. Col.,
Chief Legal Officer,
AMGOT.

August, 1943.

HEADQUARTERS AIRCOT.Subject:-- Opening of Italian Courts.

AMGOT/4001/L.

To: All Senior Civil Affairs Officers.

1. Further to the Chief Staff Officer's instructions of the 13th instant with regard to the re-opening of Italian Courts, Provincial Senior Civil Affairs Officers are now directed to re-open all "preture" wherever they have not so far been re-established. The competence of these Courts will be exclusively criminal and specific directions will be forwarded shortly in connection with Civil Procedure.
2. The opening of Tribunale Penale, being a matter now under consideration, Senior Civil Affairs Officers and Legal Officers should take steps to prepare their re-establishment at short notice. They should contact judges and judicial personnel immediately available, ascertain that they are politically suitable to undertake their functions, instruct them to collect their archives forthwith and whenever necessary new premises will have to be found to enable them to pursue their activities.
3. All judicial personnel having left the district for "reasons of war" should be made to return to their posts at the earliest possible date under penalty of dismissal. Payment of their salaries will have to be assured and amounts agreed by the Financial Section.
- As soon as these steps are taken an Provincial Senior Civil Affairs Officers are satisfied that Tribunale Penale can be re-opened without delay, an order will be issued to that effect setting forth rules and regulations under which they will be allowed to carry out their legal functions.
- Temporary assignments to the Italian Penal Procedure may also be decided upon by the Chief Legal Officer in order to speed up the hearing of trials and judicial investigations, so as to relieve the present congestion of local prisons.
4. The "Tribunale Civile" will not be re-opened until further notice but this step is also under consideration. In the meantime the "Presidente del Tribunale" will be allowed to deal with the following urgent procedures under Legal Officers' supervision:--

"Appointment of Receivers "pendente lite" (deceased persons and creditors)."

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- "Declarations of absence or of presumed death."
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- "Measures to protect the interests of minors (appointment of Guardians etc.)."
- "Rights of Married Women."
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5. Senior Civil Affairs Officers will report on the situation in their province as soon as they are in a position to do so.

By order of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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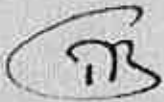
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AMOT IN SICILY
17 September 1943

SUBJECT: Political Activities

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

1. The C.C.A.O. has read with interest the documents forwarded under cover of your memo. Calt. Pro/11 of 4. September 1943.

2. You are requested to forward copies of any other documents of like nature that may appear, and to watch carefully for any developments arising from their circulation.


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

SUBJECT:- Filing Procedure.

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AMCOT/208/HO.

AMCOT H.O. SICILY.

16. Sept. 43.

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

Reference your 1001/A/AG of 13.Sept.43.

As requested copies of Office Procedure and filing instructions are enclosed herewith.

A. S. Farrar

A.S. FARRAR.
Captain,
Staff Captain.

Encls.

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SUBJECT: Fire Service - PARTINAGE.

ANGUT/ 1073/23

ANGUT H.Q., SIGHTLY.

16 September 1943.

TO : C.A.O. PALERMO.

The Acting Superintendent of Fire and Civil Defence today visited the Fire Section of the PALERMO 38 CORSO VIGILI DEL FUOCO in company with the Commandants of that Corps.

With the small quantity of appliances they have, the Section seem to be doing quite well.

The C.A.O. expressed his appreciation of the help they gave him and stated that the Fire Section was the one official body that he felt could be absolutely relied upon to do their job without pressure from him.

A detailed inspection of personnel and equipment will shortly be made by Officers of this Department and a report submitted to you.

Copies to :-

C.A.O. *Palermo*

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

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Roat

SUBJECT: Spare parts for Fire Brigade vehicles.

AMCOT/100/PS

AMCOT L. M. SICILY.

16 September 1943.

TO : Il Comandante, 53 CORPO VIGILI DEL FUOCO.

The request for spare parts as attached has been approved by Major Hickinbotham and also by Major Nolan of AMCOT Civil Supply Division.

If you present the request and this letter at the place where you are to draw the goods they should now supply them.

Should difficulty still arise please communicate with this Division and we will take the matter up.

G.H.L. Mason

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

SECRET.

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SUBJECT: Supply of Drugs and Dressings to Region I.

AMCOT/2061/PH.

TO: D of C.S. and R.

17 Jan 43.

A request has been received from Region II for an urgent delivery of drugs, dressings and biologicals for the civil population. Pending the arrival of medical stores direct to Region II from AFHQ it is proposed to meet this demand from the resources of Region I.

Instructions will be sent to the Central Medical Store, Caltanissetta, to prepare a 20 ton brick for dispatch to Reggio via Messina.

In order to expedite delivery it is suggested your Division might undertake to collect this brick and arrange for its delivery to Reggio.

If you concur, will you please issue the necessary order to all concerned.

Orders from this Division for the preparation of the brick are being issued today.

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

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SUBJECT: Civilian Drug Supplies

AMCOT/3007/PH

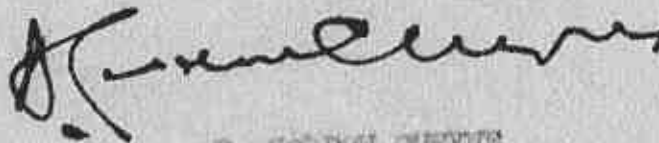
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TO: SAHED Galtanleotta (Through SCAD)

17 Sept 1943

Reference your IS/H/16 dated 13th Sept if the wholesale owner is discovered locally the goods should be returned to him. If not, the goods should be requisitioned and stored.

In either case, distribution should be effected to selected pharmacists (This office AMCOT/3007/PH. dated 7th Sept refers) The price current on July 9th (Proclamation No 8 Art. 11 refers) in selling to them and in the subsequent retail, by the pharmacists, the provisions of Proclamation No. 8 Art. 11 should be ~~to be~~ in mind.



D. GORDON MURRAY
Colonel.
Director of Public Health

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GMF/ap

SUBJECT: Malaria Control

TO: Surgeon, 7th Army
EDUS, 7th Army (2)

Handwritten: J. G. ...
REPORT/2005/PR

REPORT NO. 07011

18 Sept. 1943

A copy of a report on the present malaria situation in
Italy is forwarded with compliments.

Handwritten signature: J. G. ...

J. GORDON CHERRY
Colonel.
Director of Public Health

GIF/ap

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SUBJECT: Typhoid Fever Vaccine

TO : S. S. A. C. Gatanis
(Through S. C. A. C.)

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1945/7015/11

SHOOT RC SICILY

17 Sept. 1945

Ref. your Oct/18 dated 11 Sept., before a decision can be taken the following questions require consideration:-

- (a) What will be the cost of 10,000 cc. in 50 cc bottles?
- (b) Is everything ready to start manufacture at once?
- (c) Are all the necessary materials available or will the laboratory call upon SHOT for assistance during manufacture?

GMF/jz.

JS
D. GORDON CHRYNE,
Colonel,
Director of Public Health

SUBJECT:-

The Eolie Islands.

AMGOT/304/HQ

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY

15th September 1943

TO:-

AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group.

Please pass the attached report to Air Liaison Branch,
15 Army Group.

DeR
Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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Subject:- Tobacco Monopoly.

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GR 3/1.

MAJOR H. G. SICILLI.

17 Sep 43.

Finance Officer,
through S.G.A.O. Catania Province.

In reply to your GR/FH/21/7 of 27th August. I attach for information note of interview, which shows the state of affairs and decisions taken so far. No action will be taken to market the local stocks of cigars at the moment, pending reconsideration of prices, and if possible distribution to other towns in the island.

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A.F. CROOK,
Lieut-Colonel,
Chief Revenue Officer.

Copy to: Civilian Supply.

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Subject:- B.M.A. Currency.

AMCOT/2002/P.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

17 Sep 43.

D.C.F.O.

Most of the suggestions contained in the attached note are very sound, and to implement them will need coordination between a number of people, e.g., C.F.I. the Press, and both Armies.

AMFA's suggestions are:

- (a) To print small handbills, giving the table of comparative exchange rates, viz., Lire, Dollars, B.M.A. and distribute to all stores.
- (b) Warnings to troops that attempts to misrepresent the value of B.M.A. will be punished.

In this connection AMFA report that they have heard of a case where an officer habitually demanded a premium for payment in Yellow seal dollars, in other cases troops have represented 5s. B.M.A. to be worth £5.

Please undertake the coordination of this matter; the press will be willing to help.

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

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Subject:- Pay of Interpreters.

AMGOT/2072/E.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

17 Sep 43.

D.C.S.R.

I wish to draw your attention to Folio 8.

I have received bitter complaints from Finance Officers all over the Island, that the pay of the AMGOT interpreter staff is considerably more than the salary received by High State officials. In turn this latter group is asking loudly for an increase of Civilian Service salaries, citing AMGOT interpreters as the reason why such an increase is necessary.

The rate suggested by C.P.S. for his interpreter gives a yearly salary of about L.55,000 which appears to be more than the salary earned by any State official in the Island, including the Chief Justice.

May I be informed whether interpreters are already on different rates; what the standard rate should be, and whether you approve the increase suggested by the C.P.S.

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

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Subject: Food Situation - Messina.

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AMGOT/5070/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
16 September 43.

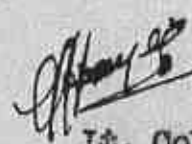
To: S.C.A.O., Messina.

1. Since Sunday, 12 Sept. about 430 tons of flour have been sent to you by 1 LST, 3 Schooners, and 20 Trucks 6 x 6.

2. None of these methods of transport is likely to be available again. There are about 500 tons flour in Palermo available to you to last until the end of this month; any available means of transport will be used to send it to you from here but this will not be much.

3. Will you therefore please send every vehicle you can spare to fetch this flour.

CJH/EDG:


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

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AMCOT/276/HQ

AMCOT HQ SICILY

16 September 1943

SUBJECT: Sale of U.S. Property

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

1. This HQ has been advised of the sale of two captured vehicles to Sicilians by the C.A.O., Castelvetro, as follows:

Gammurata Umberto - Truck - Bianchi,
Motor No. 406634986, Chassis No. 406634986.
Ulivi (unidentified) - Dealer Benz,
Motor No. 306736971, Chassis No. 306421809.

2. Certificates of Sale, dated 13 September 1943, signed by Philip C. Lewis, Capt., GEP, C.A.O. Castelvetro, issued to the above-named Sicilians have been taken up by this HQ pending further information. The two trucks are now in the Motor Pool of this HQ.

3. Full and specific information regarding the sale of these vehicles will be reported at once to this HQ, covering especially the following points:

- a. Were these in fact captured vehicles?
- b. What disposition was made of money received?
- c. Under what authority was sale made?
- d. Manner in which sale was made, i.e. private sale, public auction, etc.?

4. If these are captured vehicles they are property of U. S. Government and the sale was unauthorized.

5. No future sales will be made without authority from this HQ.

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

SUBJECT: Sale of U.S. Property

TO : S.C.A.O., Trepas Province

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Cammerata Umberto - Truck - Bland,
Motor No. 406634986, Chassis No. 406634986.
Ulul4 Guiseppid - Deimler Benz,
Motor No. 306756924, Chassis No. 306424909.

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

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AMCOR/7/HQ

AMCOR HQ SIOUX

16 September 1943

SUBJECT: Report on Organization and Operation

TO : S.G.A.O., Caltanzetta Province.

1. Subject report refers to certain problems with which you are at present concerned. The following information will be of interest to you.
2. The tire situation is being brought under control and you will be further advised when present procedures are completed.
3. No additional transportation is available now.
4. Procurement and distribution of tobacco, matches and coffee is not considered predictable as yet.
5. Disposition of surplus sulphur and reopening mines is now under way.
6. Procurement of fertilizer and plans for reopening fertilizer plants are under way.
7. Export of almonds and cotton; procurement and distribution of fuel, building materials, etc. has passed the planning stage and preliminary operations have begun.
8. You are authorized to communicate direct with Civilian Supply and Resources Division, this HQ, regarding any matters in paragraphs number 4, 5, 6 and 7.

CHARLES M. SPOTYND
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

SUBJECT: Weekly Return of Communicable Diseases

AMGOT/3045/HH

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

16 September 1943

TO: All S.A.P.H.O's
(Through S.C.A.O's)

1. Your attention is invited to communications sent by this Division on the subject: Public Health (Communicable Disease) Reports,
 - a. Public Health Special administrative Instruction Number 5, dated 4th August 1943.
 - b. Memo to S.C.A.O's dated 4th Sept 1943.
 - c. Memo to S.A.H.O's (Through S.C.A.O's) dated 13th Sept 1943.
2. Requirement that communicable diseases report be submitted weekly on Form "Mod. 16 (Sanita)" remains in effect. (This is the standard form used by the Italian Ministry of Health)
3. To date either no reports have been received from your Province or reports have been irregular. The excuse that communications are poor is not an adequate one in most instances because reports should be available from some communes in every Province therefore partial reports could be rendered. Most S.C.A.O's have a system of communication with C.A.O's, and this should serve the S.A.H.O's and the Italian Health Officials working under them.
4. Please send to this Headquarters copies of directives calling for weekly reports that have been sent by you or the Provincial Health Officer to the field. Also send this Headquarters a statement of dates and periods covered by all communicable disease reports that you have forwarded to date so that these received may be checked against your statement.
5. Early notification is the essence of all good Public Health practice. This division, has been delayed in its plan to compile a weekly communicable disease summary for transmittal to: S.A.P.H.O's, Armies, Army Group, AFHQ, and War Departments. Please bear in mind that the communicable disease reports requested are urgently needed.

Handwritten signature

D. GORDON CHENE
Colonel.

Director of Public Health

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 Colonel.
 Director of Public Health

DISTRIBUTION: S.C.A.O., Agrigento 2
 Caltanissetta 2
 Catania 2
 Enna 2
 Palermo 2
 Ragusa 2
 Siracusa 2
 Trapani 2
 Messina 2
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 Float 1
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ALGOT HEADQUARTERS.

15 ARMY GROUP.

SUPPLEMENT TO SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FINANCE
NO. 5. AND NO. 6. DATED 25 AUGUST, 43.

CONTRIBUTI UNIFICATI IN AGRICOLTURA.

1. Collection rolls for collection by the Esattori of the Contributi Unificati in Agricoltura are by Italian laws prepared in each Provincial Capital by the Ufficio Provinciale Contributi Unificati in Agricoltura. Collections on the present rolls in the hands of Esattori are supposed to be proceeding in accordance with the laws, with the exception that the abrogation of contributi sindacali by G.O. No. 2 has necessitated the modifications laid down in S.A.I. No. 6. and in the printed letter to Intendenti, Esattori, Ricevitori and Banks dated 25th August 43.

2. The collection system in force must be continued, for the reason that this has been found to be the most practicable for the continuance of the collection of contributions from Agricultural employers and employees due to Istituto di Previdenza Sociale and Cassa Mutua Malattie per i Lavoratori Agricoli. This will also be in accord with the policy of ALGOT to change as little as possible the existing Italian governmental machinery. It is recognized that the cumbersome system of handling social insurance matters pertaining to agriculture is far from ideal, but the problem of reforming the system is one which must be approached carefully and slowly, and should await arrival in Rome. The important aim is to preserve whatever social insurance protection the system affords to agricultural workers. The Social insurance bodies concerned in Palermo have been given the opportunity of recommending alternative plans of collection of premiums, but their suggestions have proven entirely inadequate.

Preparation of new collection rolls takes much time, and it is therefore important to advise the Ufficio Provinciale Contributi Unificati in Agricoltura in each provincial capital to proceed with the preparation of the new rolls, eliminating the contributi sindacali. The P.O. in each provincial capital will so advise the respective office in his provincial capital. A copy of the printed letter dated 25th August, 43, will be delivered to such office for its guidance. Salaries of official staffs and employees in such offices are to be paid by advances out of ALGOT funds through the Royal Treasurer in each province, to the extent that such offices themselves do not possess funds for this purpose. These salaries payments can be classified with payments to Italian State employees paid through the Royal State Treasury in the Province.

3. As we envisage the system, only one innovation need be introduced. As the system has operated, the Unione Provinciale Fascista dei Lavoratori dell'Agricoltura (the agricultural employees' syndicate) supplied to the Ufficio

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4. Even without the innovation described in para. 3, the preparation of rolls and the system of collection now in force can continue, however, though the number of counterclaims by farmers would in this case be much greater. As it is, these counterclaims and resultant adjustments are numerous, and this is another defect in an inefficient system.

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5. An additional reason for preserving the Ufficio Provinciale Contributi Unificati lies in the fact that the rolls for all Communes, for the current tax year and even for previous years, have not been completed and handed to the Esattori. A considerable amount of arrears remain to be collected.

Such collections of arrears of Contributi Unificati due for the period up to 10th August, 1943 (date of Gen. Order No.2) will lead to the collection and paying over by the Esattori to the Ricevitori Provinciali of amounts of Contributi Sindacali. Decision as to the disposition of such funds has not yet been reached. For the present P.O.'s will instruct the Ricevitori Provinciali (Bank of Sicily) to segregate the contributi sindacali in special earmarked blocked account subject to the order of AMGOT.

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

17th September, 1943.

DISTRIBUTION

Each Province	20
Maj Osmon	10
CFO	1
CRO	1
CPI	1
AMGA	5
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A.P. GRAFFIEN-SMITH.
Colonel.,
Chief Finance Officer.

17th September, 1943.

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Public Welfare	1
Dist. Centre	6
DOFO	3
Lt-Col Bernsteln	20
Region 2	20
Region 3	20

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SUBJECT: Position of Spennard, Civil Hospital,
Regina *AMNOT/SPIL/HA*

TO: S.A.P.H.O. Regina (Through S.C.A.O's) *AMNOT H. SPIL/HA*
(10/10/1942) 17 Sept 1942

Some weeks ago Dr. Spennard, surgeon to the Civil Hospital, Regina returned from Military Service. During his absence, his duties were being temporarily performed by Dr. Aronson and on Dr. Spennard's return, Dr. Aronson was told by the hospital committee that his temporary term of duty had ceased.

Dr. Aronson protested against this decision and Major Pringle called a meeting of the hospital staff, the Provincial Medical Officer and the Mayor to discuss the matter. While it was agreed by the professional men present that Dr. Aronson was a more skilled and better qualified surgeon than Dr. Spennard, the general opinion expressed was that in equity and according to Italian law, Dr. Spennard was to be reinstated. Major Pringle made a decision accordingly and communicated this decision verbally to the S.C.A.O. It was also agreed that if Dr. Spennard's services were not considered adequate by the hospital committee they could always have the right to reemploy Dr. Aronson.

Representations have been made to this Headquarters today that in fact Dr. Spennard was not the original surgeon to the hospital, but that he acquired that position several years ago by the expedient of having Dr. Aronson removed on political grounds, Dr. Spennard being an ardent Fascist and squadrist.

If this is so, it was not known by Major Pringle when his original decision was made. In this circumstance it is felt that careful and discreet inquiries might be made into the matter and action taken as you think fit, bearing in mind Dr. Aronson's superior professional qualifications and Dr. Spennard's (alleged) action in having Dr. Aronson displaced.

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D. GORDON CHURCH
Colonel,
Director - C. Public Health

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A. Spadimati

D. GORDON CHURCH
Colonel.
Director of Public Health

GMP/ap

BY AIR COURIER

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CORRELATION OF INFORMATION IN WHICH ONE COULD BE ASSISTED IN CARRY
 OF POWER TO GRID SYSTEM FROM WHICH CRAFT AT POINTS HEREON IS MADE FROM
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 CRAFT OPERATING SURFACE OPERATING HEIGHTS IN WHICH AIRCRAFT CAN BE
 OF 1500 FEET TO 2000 FEET OPERATING HEIGHTS OF 1500 FEET IN WHICH
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AFHQ(MCS)

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ANGOT/255

- MILDEAST ATR/09546 OF 14/9 (.) CONDITIONS AGREED (.)
2. MAJORS FIVE CAPTAINS AND LIEUTENANTS FIFTEEN (.)
 3. NUMBER OF WE WILL BE CARRIED BY AFHQ AIRCRAFT (.)
 4. DESTINATION TARANTO TO REPORT ON ARRIVAL TO LT. COL. MONTFORT
SCAO OR LT. COL. LORD GRIMTHORPE HIS DEPUTY (.)
 5. ACCEPT MAJOR MAYHE SUBJECT UPGRADING BY MCS AFHQ (.) STILL
REQUIRE LT. COL. CHILDS WHEN AVAILABLE (.)
 6. YOUR FOUR NOTED (.)
 7. YOUR FIVE SEPARATELY DEALT WITH (.)
 8. ABOVE FROM RUSSELL

IMMEDIATE

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RECEIVED
16 September 1943

SUBJECT: Report on Organization and Operation

TO: S.C.A.C., Agrigento Province

1. Subject report refers to certain problems with which you are at present concerned. The following information will be of interest to you.
2. The fire situation is being brought under control, and you will be further advised when present procedures are completed.
3. Public Health Division advised all S.C.A.C.'s recently that ample medical stores were available to them at Galtaniscotta upon sending transportation for them.
4. Wage scales are now in formulation on an island-wide basis.
5. General Order No. 5 requires merchants to declare stocks where quantities in excess of permitted quantities set out in Schedule are held. General Order No. 5 does not refer to purchases.

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

Subject: Return of Civilian Transport

2947/E

ASST HQ, SICILY17 Sep 43To: C.S.O.

Reference 355/HQ dated 12 Sep 43.

Return of civilian transport in use by this Division as at 2359 hrs 15 Sep 43, is as follows :-

(a) In use by ANFA

One car

Make - FIAT
Type - 4 seater sedan
Reg. No. - 3932-PA
Acquired by requisitioning
Condition - Running
Use - Transportation of currency and of ANFA officers in course of duty.
Driver - Civilian

(b) In use by Postal Section

One car

Make - FIAT
Type - 4 seater car
Reg. No. - PA-9737
Acquired by requisitioning
Condition - Running, but tyres very worn and steering needs some attention.
Use - Local visits to Post Office depots, collection of Stamps from ANFA, ETC.
Driver - Capt Head or Lieut Alasia.

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

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AMGOT H. Q.

17 Sept. 43

AGENDA

11th Meeting of the Executive
Council to be held at 1500 hrs.
17th Sept. 43, in the Conference
Room

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

Carl van Heukelom

CAREL VAN HEUKELOM,
1st Lt., A.C.,
Secretary, Executive Council,
AMGOT

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SUBJECT:- Control of Motor Vehicles

AMMOT/1020/ES

AMMOT HQ. Sicily

27 Sept 1942

To: S.G.A.O.,
Province of Catania

1. Reference your CAM/30/CMD of 7 Sep 42. Your plan for the control of motor vehicles is broadly the same as one on which a directive will be issued shortly from this H.Q.

2. The object of the H.Q. plan is to ban the use of all motor vehicles throughout all occupied territory except those vehicles which are engaged on central public services.

3. It is envisaged that no vehicle will use the road unless -

- (a) Such use is permitted under existing Italian law;
- (b) Motor fuel ration coupons have been issued under the authority of Civil Supply Division; and
- (c) An authorization to use the vehicle has been issued under the authority of the S.G.A.O. or AMMOT HQ.

4. It is intended that the existing Italian agencies concerned with the registration and licensing of motor vehicles will be re-established with the possible exception of the Uffici Motori Agricoli.

5. The existing Italian agencies referred to are as follows -

- (a) Real Automobile Club d'Italia (R.A.C.I.) which was fully described in the enclosure to your letter. There is a general shortage of the 'tax labels' which are mentioned, but steps are being taken to obtain new supplies. It may become necessary to make a re-print of this label, but in that event, the arrangements will be made from this H.Q. The existing tax levels for motor vehicles will be obtained.

- (b) Ispettorato Generale della Motorizzazione dei Trasporti
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 - (c) Uenti Motori Agricoli which operated on a provincial basis registered agricultural vehicles and allocated fuel supplies.
The registration of these vehicles is likely to be undertaken by the Inspectorship at (b) while the fuel supplies will be handled by the Provinciale Consorzio Agrario.
6. Further instructions will be issued in due course with regard to the H.Q. scheme, but meanwhile the strictest control should be maintained over all forms of motor vehicular transport.
7. Nothing is known at this H.Q. of any such project as is mentioned in para. 3 of your minute.

John J. Borkes
Colonel, Inf.,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

Copy to: File 1059/PS

SUBJECT: Provision of tyres
for Ambulances.

TO : S. S. P. H. S. Siracusa
(Through C. S. S.)

Ref. your pos/E45 dated 14 Sept.
There is a supply of tyres in Catania from which urgent
requirements for Siracusa may be drawn.

DGC/ja

D. GORDON CH'INE
Colonel
Director of Public Health

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SECRET.

Fleet.

SUBJECT: Medical Supplies - Region II.

AMCOT/3081/PH.

TO: D of C.S. and R.

17 Sep 43.

Will you kindly take the necessary steps to ensure that 8 Army have carried out the order of AFHQ which covered the submission by the Army of the requisite demands for drugs and dressings and other units for civil requirements in Region II. This matter is of great urgency. I have received a demand for drugs etc which will be met from Region I supplies.



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

SUBJECT: Movement of Personnel

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Fleet
ANGOT/3006/PH

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

ANGOT HC. SICILY

17 Sept. 1942

10662072 Pte. D. Grainger.

Ref. your telegram POS/201 dated 14 Sept., movement orders in respect of the s/m O.R. were not issued by the Admin. Officer owing to an oversight.

The Administrative Officer is, however, issuing the necessary order today.



D. GORDON CHEYNE
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

EMH/1a

Ref: C.1/2/14.

Office of the Chief Accountant,
AMGOT H.Q., 15 Army Group,
C. M. F.

15th September 1943.

To: All Heads of Divisions and Senior Civil Affairs Officers.

Subject: Sale or issue of Confiscated or Captured Supplies.

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4. All officers are reminded that every effort must be made to obtain copies of bills of sale in support of these transactions.

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It. Col.,
Chief Accountant.

Copies to: All F.O's and C.A.O's through S.G.A.O's.

C.F.O.

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C.G.E.

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C.R.O.

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Office of the Chief Accountant

AMGOT H.Q. 15 Army Group,

C. M. T.

17th September 43.

To: All Heads of Divisions and
Senior Civil Affairs Officers

SUBJECT: Transactions between Armies and AMGOT

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"3 Sep 43 Prepared at Meeting between Brigadiers Hamlyn and Dunlop & Lt.Col. Bernstein after discussion with Sir Eric Speed and Col. Maxwell.
(Sgt) B. Bernstein, Lt.Col.

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P. T. C.

SUBJECT: Report forms.

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AMCOT/3015/DE

AMCOT HQ. SICILY

TO: :H. Col. MacDonald, S.F.P.H.C.,
Agrigento Province.
(Through S.C.A.C.)

17 September 1943

Re your letter to Major Scheele 13 /9/43.

1. Monthly report forms are to be printed. Pending their delivery, reports may be done in narrative form. Weekly CD report should be on the Italian Form 13 (Sanita).

2. He will hold your bed, chair and water bottle here until someone goes to Agrigento on a field trip.

D. Gordon Cheyne

D. GORDON CHEYNE
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

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SUBJECT: Civilian transport

AMCOT/3022/PS

AMCOT HQ. SIGHTY

17 Sept. 1943

TO : Chief Staff Officer.

Reference AMCOT/3022/PS dated 12 Sept. herewith return
as required in respect of civilian vehicles used for personal
transport by officers of this Division.

- (1) Fiat.
- (2) 4 door sedan
- (3) Registration No.--Not shown.
- (4) Found abandoned.
- (5) In running order but needs minor repairs.
- (6) Welfare Section of Public Health Division.
- (7) Army driver.

[Signature]

D. GORDON CUNYFFE
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

ETC/ja

SUBJECT:- Capt H.F.F. Farrer.

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AMCOT/7852/6/HQ

AMCOT H.Q., SICILY.

TO:- The Director of Civil Affairs,
War Office.

17th September 1943.

Further to my letter of the 6th September, AMCOT/7852/6/HQ, regarding the application for release of Captain H.F.F. Farrer, I have now been informed that yet another of Captain Farrer's Partners has died.

I would ask you to take this into consideration in dealing with the case.


Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

SUBJECT: Reports of Field Officers.

AMCOT/58/101

AMCOT F.O., SICILY.

17th September 1943.

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

Reference your CAT/1. dated 18th August 1943, enclosing report from Major Ralph. I am directed by the S.C.A.O. to inform you that he entirely agrees with your remarks and directs that you should inform Major Ralph accordingly.

"While personal interviews with civilians who have claims, requests and the like are considered necessary they would occupy all the S.C.A.O.'s time if uncontrolled. It has been found that the best results are obtained by allowing interviews only between 1430 and 1630 hrs; since the ordinary Sicilian sleeps all afternoon only those with genuine grievances demand an interview; the 'time-wasters' prefer to sleep."

The above extract comes from Captain Barton-Jones, and it is suggested that Major Ralph try out this method.


Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

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SUBJECT:-

Capt. A.E. HOWELL,
H.Q. Malta Command.

TO:-

H.G.S.,
A.F.H.Q.

File
CONFIDENTIAL

AMCOT/226/HQ

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY

17th September 43

I am directed by C.C.A.O. to forward copy of a letter from Colonel Hunt re Capt. A. E. Howell, and to request you to take on Capt. Howell at the first opportunity.

The C.C.A.O. knows of Capt. Howell's case personally, and considers him suitable for employing in the Organisation.

FOR THE CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

dep
Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

Subject: Associazione Nazionale
Famiglie Caduti in Guerra

AMCOT 2059/P

Memorandum:

AMCOT HQ STOLLY

To: Graffey-Smith, Colonel

17 September 43

The subject was an association subscribed to by all members, largely in the armed forces, and which paid benefits to the families of those killed in the war. The association reported to no particular ministry but was headed by the president and vice-president of the council of ministries at Rome.

This information is received from the Royal Treasurer at Palermo, who also states that payments made to beneficiaries were made through his office on order from Rome.

This association would seem to fall in the category of payments "of family allowance to dependents of those engaged in military service." As such I would assume that the association would be considered void. If you think, however, that this is in the nature of social insurance, we can continue to make payments through the Royal Treasury.

B. D. NASH
Major
Deputy C. R. O.

HEADQUARTERS AMGOT
15 Army Group
Sicily

In reply
refer to: AMGOT/5036/CS - LDD

16 September 1943

SUBJECT: Sicily - Electricity

TO : Commanding Officer, Island Base Section

1. Reference is made to:

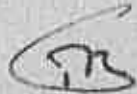
a. Letter 2611 RH HQ 15 AG, CMP, Sept. 10, 1943, above subject, copy attached as inclosure number 1.

b. Letter 15AG/2611/RH, Sept. 8, 1943, Subject, "Sicily - Electricity, Exclusive Messina Area," copy attached as inclosure number 2.

2. In connection with reference 1 a, in view of jurisdiction and operations of your command in this matter a statement as to requirements and status of rehabilitation in your area would be most helpful.

3. It is desirable to submit such information as is available along with our thoughts in the matter to CG 15 AG.

For the Commanding General:


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

Incl. No. 1 - Copy letter 10 Sept.
" " 2 - Copy letter 8 Sept.

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Subject: Sale of Distilled Water.

AMGOT/5137/CS
AMGOT HQ STOLLY
16 September 43.

To: La Societa Arenella.

1. Distilled water is necessary for the maintenance of vital communication facilities.

2. You are therefore authorized to sell distilled water to Societa Esercizi Telefonici at the quoted wholesale price of L. 1 per liter as often as it may be required..

FDP/MDG.

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

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Memorandum:

6543-45
AMGOT/5012/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
17 September 43.

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

1. At the recommendation of the Director of Public Health, following allocations of soap are made:

Agrigento	-	kg. 500
Caltanissetta	-	kg. 350
Enna	-	kg. 250

2. This memorandum will be presented at AMGOT Dump 80, Palermo, or Lt. Lofaso, Civilian Supply Division representative, Catania, and will be authority for issue of the specified quantities at the price of 30 lire per kg.

3. Distribution will be in accordance with this HQ letter of 4 Sept. 43. Above quantities are for a three months period.

WLB/EDG.

[Signature]
Lt. Col. R. A. S. C.
Deputy Director Civilian Supply
and Resources.

[Signature]

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SUBJECT:- Interview.

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AMCOT/226/HQ

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

AMCOT H.Q., SICILY

17th September 1943

I am instructed by C.C.A.O. to request you to grant an interview to Professor Giorgio Uressi fu Vissano. C.C.A.O. understands that he had previously applied for an interview, which you have not seen fit to grant, and does not doubt that you had excellent reasons for doing so, but circumstances have arisen here which prompt the above request by C.C.A.O.

Would you, in due course, forward result of the interview.

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Dep Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

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Subject: Pay of Carabinieri Salaries

ARGOT 2031/P

ARGOT HQ SICUTZ

To : The P.O.
Through the S.O.A.O., Ragusa

16 September 43

1. Tenente Colonello Michele Tetano, Commandant of the Carabinieri, eastern Region at Messina, has applied to this Headquarters for a global sum to pay salaries and supplementary payments to their Carabinieri personnel for the month of August in the Province of:

Messina
Catania
Siracusa
Ragusa
Mazara

2. We have refused this request, in the belief that in most of the Provinces listed above the salaries of Carabinieri for August have already been paid on a provincial basis, through the Royal State Treasury in each Province, as authorized in General Administration Instructions No. 14 of 21 July 43.

3. P.O.'s in the above-listed provinces are requested to confirm to the G.P.O., ARGOT Headquarters, that salaries of Carabinieri for August have been paid in their provinces. If they have not been paid, it is suggested that payment be arranged as soon as possible through the Royal State Treasurer in the Province. A report of such payment must be sent by the Royal State Treasurer to the Legione Territoriale dei Carabinieri Reali di Messina, c/o Tenente Colonello Comandante Michele Tetano, at S. Pietro Patti (Messina).

4. Payrolls of the Carabinieri for the month of September for the five Provinces mentioned in paragraph 1, will be paid in one global amount to the Comandante of the Legione Territoriale dei Carabinieri Reali, at S. Pietro Patti, Messina. The P.O. of Messina Province will arrange for such payment through the Royal State Treasury in the Province of Messina. We are informed that the payroll and personnel records for the Carabinieri of the five above-mentioned provinces are kept at the Legione Headquarters in Messina.

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A. P. CRAFTY-SMITH
Colonel
Chief Finance Officer

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16 Sept

ROUTING SLIP

~~C.O.A.O.~~

~~D.O.C.A.O.~~

~~O.D.O.~~

~~A.C.S.O.~~

~~Lt. Col. Clough~~

~~Major Smith~~

~~Major McDougall~~

~~Major Pearcy~~

~~Captain Talbot~~

~~Captain Tamm~~

~~Captain Sherwood~~

~~Captain Graham~~

~~Lieut. Van Heukelom~~

~~Lieut. Krueger~~

~~P.R.O.~~

~~Advisor P.A. & M.~~

~~Education Officer~~

REMARKS.

Date

4/9/43

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REC'D/POI/HQ.

AMOT HQ. - MICH.

15 September, 1943.

Subject: Mail Facilities for MICH.

To : H.C.A.C. - Palermo.

1. Your reference (S/MI) dated 13 Sept. 1943.
2. Arrangements are now being made to receive and deliver P.C.W. correspondence.
3. Letters containing only personal and family messages may now be posted free of postage and AMOT will arrange for forwarding.
4. Final details of the arrangements will be published in the Sicilian Liberator on or about 16 Sept. 1943.

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CHARLES H. STODDARD,
CAPTAIN, U. S. A.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT:- Release of Italian Officers.

AMCOT/365/HQ.

AMCOT H.C. SIOU.

15. Sept. 43.

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

1. In reply to your reference PR/3/9 dated 7th Sept. 43, this H.Q. draws your attention to our letter AMCOT/1012/PS dated 16. Aug. 43.

2. Kindly investigate this case and advise us whether Lt. Russo's services are required by the hospital.

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CHARLES H. STOFFORD.
Lt. Col. C.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

SUBJECT:-

Office Procedure.*File*WCO/102/10WCO. Reg. 1001.13th September 1951

To:-

G.L.O.
G.F.O.
D.P.S.
P.C.
D.P.L.
D.G.S. & R.

1. In the future when submitting correspondence for the signature of the G.S.O., please attach a brief pencil note listing the divisions with which the matter has been coordinated, also stating that coordination has been effected. If only one division is involved so state.

2. This procedure will effect an economy of time and effort on the part of Staff Officers.

Charles W. Spalding 383
CHARLES W. SPALDING
Lieut Colonel, G.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

HEADQUARTERS AMGOT
15th Army Group
APO 777

AMGOT/241/HQ

15 September 1943

SUBJECT: Enquiries Re Civilians.

To : SCAO, Province of Ragusa.

1. This Hq has had an enquiry on the present whereabouts and health of Giuseppina Alessandrello, age 13, and Renato Alessandrello, age 11.
2. The address given is 6 Via Settembrini, Comiso, Ragusa.
3. Parents of the above named who made enquiry wishes them to know that they and the family are all well. Any information you can furnish this Hq regarding these persons will be appreciated.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt Col, GSC
Chief Staff Officer

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Subject: Research *O* IP

AMCOT/316/HQ
AMCOT HQ SIGLIN
15 September 43.

To Lt. S. G. A. O., Palermo

1. Reference your CP/DAB/cb dated 9 Sept.
2. At the present time no aid for this plan can be recommended, since funds, labour, transport, and material can be used to better advantage elsewhere.

GJH/EDG.

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

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15 September, 1913.

Subject: Examination of Records.

To : S. H. A. C. - Mission.

A reply to this H. A. memorandum dated 12/10
of 7 Sept. 1913, is requested.

E. T. Allen
CAPTAIN H. H. STAFFORD.
COLLEGE, C. H. C.
CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

Stout

Subject: Supply of Seed Potatoes

AMCOT/5136/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
15 September 43

To: S.C.A.O. Catania

1. With reference to your communication CAT/128 of 11 Sept. and enclosure, a request has been made for the import of seed potatoes from U.K. as the usual sources of supply are not available. If our full application is granted it will only provide about half the requirements for the Island. Has it been possible to save any "once-grown" seed from the last crop?

2. With reference to the question of fertilizers, the sulphate of ammonia in your province may be distributed for use as required. Of the 3,500 tons of superphosphate at Bicoca, 1,000 tons has been allocated, as previously advised, to Syracuse. Import of a small quantity of muriate of potash has been asked for.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

JC/jfl

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

Stout

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION NO. 11, ARTICLE II

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AMCOT/1117/11.

AMCOT H. Q., STAGG.

15 September, 1943.

TO : S.C.A.F.O. Province of Palermo (through S.C.A.O.)

Please report what steps have been taken in the Province of Palermo for the enforcement of Article II of Proclamation No. 11, "Prohibition of Photography and declaration of Photographic Equipment".

If, as may be the case, the S.C.A.O. has issued a written permit under section 1(b) please forward a copy.

I am informed that members of the Allied Forces are having films developed by local photographers and that these frequently contain photographs of Military equipment which constitutes a breach of Military Security and I should be glad of an assurance that some attention is being paid to this aspect of photography.

LEONEL L. WILES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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SUBJECT: Signature of Official Documents.

ANGOT/1116/PS

ANGOT H.Q., SICILY.

15 September 1943.

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

The attached document has been received in this office and your attention is invited to the endorsement. It is understood that Caputo is an E.M.

You will no doubt agree that such procedure, if permitted, is liable to abuse and is, in fact, contrary to established usage.

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

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SUBJECT: British Deserter in U.S. Custody.

AMCOT/1118/PS

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

15 September, 1943,

TO : AMCOT Liaison, 15 Army Group.

No. 6400175, Pte. South P.J., Royal West Kent Regiment, 78 Div., was arrested by Military Police (U.S.) in Palermo on 30 Aug. The Eighth Army was informed by W/T the same day but no reply has been received nor has any escort arrived to take over the prisoner. The man has now been in custody for 16 days and the Military Police (U.S.) would like to get rid of him.

Will you please take up urgently?

R.M.J. Martin

R.M.J. MARTIN,
Lt. Col.
for Commissioner of Public Safety.

VERY URGENT.

SUBJECT: Release of Prisoners.

AMCOT/1022/PS.
AMCOT H.Q., Sicily,
15 Sept. 1943.

TO : Capt. Bonjean,
C/o S.C.A.O. ENNA,
or S.C.A.O. CALTANISSETTA.

1. This office is desirous of ascertaining by what authority you are releasing prisoners confined in various prisons. This authority does not come within the Province of the Prison Section, being controlled by the Military Courts, S.C.A.Os, or their legal agents or the existing authorities. Any detainees that have been released will be immediately apprehended.
2. This practice will cease immediately.
3. Any detainees whose case is of a nature requiring attention will be done so thru correspondence.
4. An acknowledgement of this letter and reply to Para. 1 is desired.

Allen B. Mitchell
Lt. Colonel,
Superintendent of Prisons.

SUBJECT: Seizure of Civilian Motor Cycle.

Book

AMCOT/1001/ES

AMCOT H.Q., SICRY.

15 September 1943.

TO : Provost Marshal, Seventh Army.

The attached copy of a memorandum addressed by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, RAGUA Province, to the Commanding Officer 809 Engineer Unit, is forwarded for such action as may be considered necessary.

ISRAEL L. BULL,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

SUBJECT: Seizure of Civilian Motor Cycle.

PH/188

To:- Col. Evans.
Commanding Officer 809 Engineers, H.Q.
Cala.

From:- AMGOT, Province of Ragusa.

11 Sep 43

I wish to report the action of a detachment of yours near the airport at Genniso.

The Civil Affairs Police Officer at Vittoria learnt that a civilian motor bicycle had been seized by one of the soldiers in the camp. He went yesterday to the camp and saw the Lieut. in charge. The Lieutenant said that you had given him authority to seize any civilian cars or motor cycles he wanted. He refused to give up the bicycle.

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

Ragusa.

Copy to:- AMGOT H.Q. Palermo.
for Seventh Army.

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SUBJECT: Re-opening of Schools & Educational Establishments.

AMGOT/8874/B/EA

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

14. Sept. 43.

To: S.C.A.Os.

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

SUBJECT: Guidance for S.C.A.Os. on the
formation of Provincial Educational
Committees.

AMGOT/8874/B/EA.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

TO: S.C.A.Os.

14. Sept, 43.

Before the schools can be opened much spade-work will have to be done. It is necessary to estimate the extent of the damage to School buildings, and what buildings are available, and to work out systems for excluding pro-Fascist teachers and text books.

At the outset, therefore, committees are to be formed in each province.

The following will inform S.C.A.Os. of the guiding principles to be observed in forming these committees. (As a reminder it should be pointed out that these committees are not concerned with Church Schools).

The committees should include approved representatives of the Provincial Educational authority (Provveditorato agli studi). In order, however, to begin developing a democratic tradition, the deliberations should not rest solely in the hands of these officials, who in the past have been completely under centralised control. Half the committee should consist of other, and purely provincial, interests. Among these are such as representatives of the universities, the more important schools and colleges, private schools, and societies and organizations concerned with educational and cultural problems.

It is recognized that the re-opening and controlling of schools will be essentially a provincial matter (once authority is granted for their re-opening), and these committees should be formed of members prepared for hard work and capable of carrying out not merely the task of these preliminary investigations, but also of re-starting the schools.

The responsibility of carrying out these preliminary investigations and plannings should be placed by S.C.A.Os. upon their committees from the start, under the guidance and supervision from time to time of the S.C.A.O., as it is quite clear that the S.C.A.O. has not the staff necessary to report on, and organize these educational arrangements.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE WORK OF
PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEES.

Costs of Repairs :- Reports should be made as follows :-

- (i) Cost of repairing Elementary Schools.
- (ii) Cost of repairing higher grade schools.
- (iii) Cost of repairing private schools.
- (iv) Cost of repairing College Universities, and institutes of higher education.

A. ELEMENTARY STATE SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

- (i) Total Number of buildings in the Province
- (ii) Average number of pupils in the whole province.....
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- (iii) Number of buildings completely destroyed and so irreparable within any reasonable measure of time.....
- (iv) The total number of pupils involved in the case of these schools which have been totally destroyed.....
- (v) The number of Schools which have been damaged but can be repaired sufficiently for use within a relatively short time, such as 2 months.
- (vi) The total number of pupils involved in these schools which are repairable.
- (vii) The number of undamaged schools in the Province which are at present occupied by troops as billets.....
- (viii) The number of pupils involved in the case of these Schools which are being used as troop billets.....
- (ix) Of these schools which are undamaged and not occupied by troops, how many are earmarked as temporary hostels for bombed-out civilians.
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- (xii) The total number of pupils of these Schools who are not prevented by lack of accommodation from being sent to school again.

B. Private Elementary School Buildings.

- (i) Total number of buildings in the Province.....
- (ii) Average number of pupils in the whole province.....
- (iii) Number of buildings completely destroyed and so irreparable within any reasonable measure of time.....
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C. Higher Schools.

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E. Colleges, Universities and other Advanced Educational Institutions.

- (i) Total number of buildings in the Province.....
- (ii) Average number of students in the whole province.....
- (iii) Number of buildings completely destroyed and so irreparable within any reasonable measure of time.....
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TEACHERS.

A. (i) Total number of elementary state school teachers before the Allied Military occupation.

(ii) The number who have fled either as evacuees or for political reasons.

(iii) Number who have since died or otherwise become incapable of carrying on their duties.

(iv) The total number remaining.

B. (i) It should be brought by the S.C.A.Os. to the notice of their committees that a questionnaire is being sent out by Major Raffa of the Political Intelligence Section, which is to be filled in by all state employees. This will have to be completed by every teacher. A list should be given here of all those teachers, lecturers and professors in the province who are available and have completed that pro-forma issued by the Political Intelligence Section.

(ii) Give here a list of available teachers who have not completed the questionnaire with reasons in each case why they have not done so.

C. The provincial committees should see that teachers and officials of private schools and institutions complete the pro-forma issued by Major Raffa.

These again should be submitted in two sections as follows :-

(i) A list of private teachers and lecturers who have completed the questionnaire of the Political Intelligence Section.

(ii) A list of those private teachers and lecturers who have not completed the questionnaire with reasons in each case why they have not done so.

SUBJECTS TO BE TAUGHT.Elementary Schools:

- (i) The committees should work upon the principle that the 3 R's (Reading, writing and arithmetic will be the first subjects taught).
- (ii) As soon as those subjects have been re-started the subjects to be included in the curriculum should be such as, handicrafts, botany, and natural science, elements of physics, and physical geography.
- (iii) History and political geography must receive most careful consideration so that authoritarian principles are not perpetrated.

Higher Schools :

- (i) The basic subjects should be mathematics, Italian language, and modern foreign languages (principally English and French in all probability), and classical languages.
- (ii) Natural science, physics, mechanics in operation and electricity, logic, physical geography, prehistory, meteorology, climatology, botany, zoology, biology and quieties.
- (iii) History, philosophy, anthropology, civics, and political geography require careful thought and planning by the committees before authority can be given for these subjects to be re-started.

Colleges, Universities and advanced educational Institutions.

The committees are to present their views on the subjects which can be started in their order of priority, bearing in mind whether the accommodation and facilities exist. Again, such subjects as raise tendencies political philosophies will not be sanctioned, and even their objective treatment must be delayed to a later stage as time will be required to consider such subjects.

TEXTS.

Those texts which the committees consider suitable to conform with the instructions laid down under the preceding heading of "Subjects" should be reported upon, stating whether they are immediately available or not.

UNIVERSITIES.

The Committees concerned are to report on whether courses can be continued for already enrolled students, and if so, what are the subjects.

Subject: General Maria

REF/TCG/11

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For: S.F.A.P. Agrigento Province

Ref. 15. 1943.

- 1) Request information about General Maria, formerly General Maria. She is a sister of General Maria, an orphan age 14, who is now being cared for in Palermo. Formerly he lived in Messina.
- 2) General Maria lives in Salina Agrigento and her brother thinks that she would be willing to take care of him.
- 3) Before sending the boy there, we would like to know whether she will accept him and whether she is able to provide for him.

Antony J. Vleck

D. G. C. - sal

Gordon B. Chayne
Col.

Director of Public Health

46-24
SUBJECT: Italian Medical Officers released in 7th Div.

DATE: 10/10/51
FROM: 10/10/51

TO: 10/10/51
(10/10/51)

10/10/51

1. Surgeon, I.R.C. states that you have lists of released Italian Army Medical Officers.

2. It will be appreciated if you will furnish this office with a copy of such lists if you have them.

D London Chynoweth

D LONDON CHYNOWETH
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

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10/10/51

SUBJECT:-

Recruiting of Sicilians
to fight Germans.

AMGOT/369/19

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY

16th September 1943.

TO:-

AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group Main.

1. This H.Q. has received an enquiry as to whether any arrangements have been made or may be contemplated to recruit Sicilians desirous of fighting the Germans.

2. Kindly let us have any information you may be able to obtain on this subject.

Flot


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

Root

AMCOT/1060/FE
AMCOT INF. DIV.
16 September 1943

SUBJECT: Pay of Interpreter, B. Guccio

TO: Chief Finance Officer

1. The above named has been in AMCOT employ with this Division from the first day of our arrival in Palermo. He is thoroughly reliable, capable and willing to undertake any job entrusted to him at any hour of the day or night.

2. He is in my opinion of real value to us and I should be grateful if he could be granted a special rate of pay.

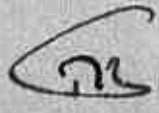
3. I would suggest 150 lire per day.

LEMMUEL L. BONES.
Colonel, Inf.,
Controller of Public
Safety.

1st Ind. /r1
AMGOT Headquarters Sicily, 15 Army Group, 16 September 1943

TO: Headquarters Seventh Army, Ordnance, APO 758

1. Forwarded for appropriate action.


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

SUBJECT: Request for release Italian Reserve Officers, P.O.W.

ALDOT/1038/PS
INFO: H. H. H. H. H.
16 September 1943

ALDOT LIAISON,
15 Army Group Main

1. The following named Italian Reserve Officers are Prisoners of War:

Mobilo Ettore	- Capt.	- Prisoner
Severini Giuseppe	- Capt.	- "
Spadaro Giacomo	- Lieut.	- "
Manicelli Luigi	- Lieut.	- "
Giubilato P. Paolo	- Lieut.	- Porto Empedocle, Agrigento (Now away in Africa)
Scibilia Salvatore	- Capt.	- Prisoner
Genaro Salvatore	- Capt.	- "
Guarnera Guido	- Capt.	- "
Tolomei Paolo	- Capt.	- "
Marino Giovanni	- Lieut.	- Villa Seta
Riscitello Gastone	- Capt.	- Porto Empedocle, Agrigento
Taglianferri Raffaele	- Capt.	- Africa
		- No. 17523, Wing N 5 (JP)
		- No. 27 P.O.W. Camp, Co G.B.O.
		- Dandey
Aliberti Alfredo	- Capt.	- Stockade 7th Army in Palermo (Corso Calatafimi)
Burattini Leonardo	- Capt.	- "
Pereira	- Capt.	- "
Cottone Vittorio	- Lieut.	- "
Laguna Giuseppe	- Lieut.	- "
Benincasa Giuseppe	- Capt.	- Stockades 7th Army in Palermo
Spina Oro Salvatore	- Capt.	- "
Mongiovi Francesco	- Centurion	- "
De Maria Antonio	- Lieut.	- "
La Cecla Leopoldo	- Lieut.	- "
Chiavetta Giovanni	- Capt.	- At Palazzolo Acreide
Cristini Oreste	- Capt.	- P.O.W. Stockade Prison

2. Their release is requested to fill essential positions in various enterprises functioning for the public welfare.

3. ALDOT Officers have made investigations satisfying themselves that the applications for release are warranted.

Nobile Ettore	- Capt.	- Primi
Soulieri Giuseppe	- Capt.	- "
Spadaro Giacomo	- Lieut.	- "
Vanocolli Luigi	- Lieut.	- "
Giubilato P. Paolo	- Lieut.	- Porto Rapedolo, Agrigento (Now maybe in Africa)
Scibilia Salvatore	- Capt.	- Primi
Gennaro Salvatore	- Capt.	- "
Guerrera Guido	- Capt.	- "
Tolomei Paolo	- Capt.	- "
Marino Giovanni	- Lieut.	- Villa Sete
Trisoltello Gastone	- Capt.	- Porto Rapedolo, Agrigento
Tagliacurri Raffaele	- Capt.	- Office
		- No. 17522, Wing N 5 (HP)
		- No. 27 P.O.W. Camp, Co G.P.O.
		- Bombay
Aliberti Alfredo	- Capt.	- Stockade 7th Army in Palermo (Corso Calatafimi)
Burnolletti Leonardo	- Capt.	- "
Ferrico	- Capt.	- "
Cottone Vittorio	- Lieut.	- "
Laguna Giuseppe	- Lieut.	- "
Benincasa Giuseppe	- Capt.	- Stockade 7th Army in Palermo
Spina Oro Salvatore	- Capt.	- "
Longolvi Francesco	- Contusion	- "
De Maria Antonino	- Lieut.	- "
La Ceola Leopoldo	- Lieut.	- "
Chiavetta Giovanni	- Capt.	- At Palazzolo Areide
Oristini Oreste	- Capt.	- P.O.W. Stockade Primi

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4. Should early release of any one of these Officers be impracticable report to this H.Q. is requested so that the information may be passed on to the interested AMCOF Officers.

CHARLES E. STONARD,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

BY AIR COURIER.

Short

ASGOT 15 ARMY GROUP.

16 SEPTEMBER 1943.

SECRET

15 ARMY GROUP.

HAVE APPROVED PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT OF ANTONINO PANICAMO AS FIRST
AGRICULTURE PROVISIONAL PATER FROM AUGOT. 15 ARMY GROUP TO 15 ARMY GROUP CITY
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NOTIFIED COUNCIL CHIEFS THROUGH ARHQ (.) KSF AUGOT 30 OF 11 AUG PER GOING
FROM
TO
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15 AUGUST 1943.

16 SEPTEMBER 1943.

SECRET

15 AUGUST 1943.

HAVE APPROVED PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT OF ANTONIO PANGAMO AS PRESIDENT
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT FROM AUGUST 15 AUGUST GROUP TO 15 AUGUST GROUP CITY
AUGUST 248 PARTIAL INTERVIEW (.) ORIGINAL, PERFECT INTERVIEW AND VICE PRESIDENT
WHO HAS BEEN ACTING FOUND TO BE TOO WEAK (.) CONSIDER THIS SHOULD BE
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AMGO 31HQ

AMGO HQ SICILY

13 September 1943

HEADQUARTERS AMGOMinutes of
10th Meeting of Executive Council
10 September 1943PRESENT

Lt. Col. Spofford (Chairman)
Colonel Bolles
Colonel Cheyne
Col. Grafftey-Smith
Lt. Col. Chanler
Lt. Col. Harris
Lt. Col. Hayes
Lt. van Heukelom

C.S.O.
C.P.S.
D.P.H.
C.F.O.
C.L.O.
C.P.
D.D.C.S.R.
Secretary

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107. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. C.P.S. stated that item 103 of the minutes of the ninth meeting should have read to the effect that plans for raids on wheat be initiated and not the raids themselves. The C.S.O. agreed. The C.P.S. reported that he had plans ready to commence immediate enforcement of black market regulations, and these would be circulated after being submitted to all Divisions for immediate approval and comments to C.P.S. (Action Heads of Divisions) (See appendix "A.")
108. The Labor Plan (No. 2)
C.S.O. discussed the plan which had been submitted by Capt. Morse to EFCO for approval. This plan had been approved by EFCO at a special meeting held on 7 September 1943, and EFCO had recommended adoption of this plan to the C.C.A.O. The C.S.O. asked the meeting for any comments and it was agreed that the plan attached as Appendix "A" to the Agenda be submitted to the C.C.A.O. or D.C.C.A.O. for final approval.
109. Raids on Black Market Violations (No. 3)
Discussion in number 107.
110. Meeting of C.A.P.Os.

Col. Graffey-Smith
Lt. Col. Chanler
Lt. Col. Harris
Lt. Col. Hayes
Lt. van Heukelom

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C.S.O. discussed the plan which had been submitted by Capt. Morse to EFCO for approval. This plan had been approved by EFCO at a special meeting held on 7 September 1943, and EFCO had recommended adoption of this plan to the C.C.A.O. The C.S.O. asked the meeting for any comments and it was agreed that the plan attached as Appendix "A" to the Agenda be submitted to the C.C.A.O. or D.C.C.A.O. for final approval.

109. Raids on Black Market Violations (No. 3)

Discussion in number 107.

110. Meeting of C.A.P.Os.

C.P.S. reported that a meeting of C.A.P.Os from each Province had been held at AMGOT Hq.

111. Arrests and Detention.

C.P.S. now has a report on the disposition of cases of persons arrested or detained by 7th Army and a report on the cases of 8th Army will shortly also be available.

112. Military Discipline.

C.P.S. stated that all his C.A.P.Os are unanimous in their reports on breach of military discipline by the Allied Armies in Sicily. The M.Ps provided by the Armies had proved insufficient and whereas he felt that little good could come of attempting to take action with respect to past misconduct, plans should now be made for the future. The C.P.S. has submitted his recommendations to the C.C.A.O.

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113. Assignment of C.I.P.Os to other Duties.

In this connection the C.S.O. stated that a directive has been sent out to the effect that this should cease.

114. Fire-arm Registration.

The C.P.S. reported that the fire arms situation was still unsatisfactory and a source of potential danger. A plan for a uniform registration system was now being prepared and would shortly be distributed to all concerned. (Action C.P.S.)

115. Ammunition Stores.

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The C.S.O. explained the purposes and reasons for using this Questionnaire. The advantages of making people put their personal and political history in writing were stressed. The Questionnaire and its immediate use were approved by the meeting.

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CAREL van HEUKELOM
1st Lt., A.C.
Secretary Executive Council
AMGOT

Appendix 14

AMCOT 05/PS.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

11. Sept. 43.

BLACK MARKET PLAN.

1. Basis of Operations.

(a) Directive of the C.C.A.O. - The Directive issued by the C.C.A.O. at Council Meeting on 3. Sept. required the Public Safety Division to submit a plan to prevent black market operations. The directive provided that attention should be given primarily to wheat and wheat products.

(b) The following form the legal basis of action by the police :

- (i) General Order No. 3.
- (ii) General Order No. 5.
- (iii) Italian Penal Code.

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(a) The responsibility of Divisions will be as follows :-

(i) Civil Supply Division.

The General Plan for survey of stocks, transportation, storage and distribution.

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- 1. Plan for uniform prosecution of defaulters and offenders.
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- 3. Central record of results and convictions.

(iii) Finance Division.

- 1. Provide fund for purchase of stocks at controlled prices.
- 2. Provide funds for use of police for investigation purposes, and monetary rewards to informants in suitable cases.

(iv) Public Safety Division.

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- (b) The maintenance of the Central Provincial records of supplies.
- (c) Providing warehouses and storage.
- (d) Arranging the transportation and the movement of all supplies.
- (e) Direction of the employment of the Civil Police on the Provincial level.
- (f) The supervision of the investigation and charging of offenders on the provincial level.
- (g) The forwarding of all police activities within the Province through the Carabinieri Group Commander.

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4. Employment of Civil Police.

(a) The Civil Police organizations will be employed as follows :

- (i) Carabinieri.
The Carabinieri is designated as the principal civil police agency employed under the control of their own superior Commander for the island of Sicily, General Ernesto Sannino.
- (ii) Agents of Public Security.
The Questore and Agents of Public Security are at the disposal of the S.C.A.Os.
- (iii) Guardia di Pubblica.
This organization employed in accordance with existing instructions.
- (iv) Guardia Municipale.
The Guardia Municipale, or local police, normally under the Sindaco will be employed locally.

(b) The activities of all police within the Province will be reported to the Group Commander of the Carabinieri in the manner prescribed herein.

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- (ii) Civil Police activities will be under the supervision of the Civil Police Section, Division of Public Safety.

(b) Action against consumers based on General Order No.5. Searches will be made on and after September 16 of premises other than those of producers and growers. Undeclared supplies in excess of the authorized amounts will be confiscated. Each case where undeclared supplies in excess of the authorized amounts are found, will be followed up with the necessary police investigation.

6. Action at the sources of supply.

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- (ii) Check on the amounts turned in to Amassi, and/or, Storehouses.
- (iii) Check on the amounts which have been declared by the respective growers.
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These will be furnished to the police for investigation.

(b) On receipt of this information from the S.C.A.O., or representative, the police will conduct searches of premises and make the necessary investigations in accordance with the facts disclosed. When making searches the police will be accompanied by persons who have the necessary technical knowledge to make estimates of the quantity and kinds of supplies.

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7. Action against Distributors.

(a) All vehicles transporting the products named herein will be required to carry a manifest containing the following information:

- (i) Name, address and thumb print of owner.
- (ii) The product and amount.
- (iii) Destination.
- (iv) Authority for moving.
- (v) Agency from whom procured.

The S.C.A.O. will designate the representatives who are authorized to issue manifests and advise the police within the Province the form of the manifest. The S.C.A.O. will require all manifests to be surrendered and cancelled when the products, which they covered, have been delivered to the destination.

(b) The police will check the vehicles carrying products on the roads, and those which are not covered by manifests will be confiscated and turned in to the designated warehouse. Loads carried on Military vehicles must likewise be covered by a manifest. As the police cannot confiscate these vehicles, they will be required to make a report of same. Civilian vehicles carrying loads accompanied by military personnel must also carry the necessary manifest. Each investigation or irregularity discovered by the police will be followed by the necessary investigation.

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11. Police Coordination.

(a) The central office of the Civil Police Section, Division of Public Safety, will perform the following functions:

- (i) Maintain the necessary contact with other Divisions --- Legal, Finance, and Civilian Supply.
- (ii) Correlate all information received, analyze same and distribute it to those concerned.
- (iii) Compile reports and maintain statistics respecting enforcement activities throughout the island.

The organization of the Central Office will consist of specialized personnel drawn from the Civil Police Agencies.

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11. Police Coordination (Cont'd).

(b) The Central Office will compile statistics for the whole island. Each Province will maintain a consolidated record within the Province. These records will be maintained under the following headings :-

- (i) Total cases referred to the Police.
- (ii) Number of cases unfounded.
- (iii) Number of cases closed as undetected cases.
- (iv) Number of cases awaiting trial.
- (v) Number of cases under investigation.
- (vi) Number of persons convicted.
- (vii) Number of persons acquitted.
- (viii) Number of searches.
- (ix) Number of confiscations.
- (x) Value and quantities of confiscated property.

Each case and/or investigation will be supported by the necessary basic report.

(c) All police activities will be reported to the Group Commander of the Carabinieri in the Province, who will submit each week from Sunday to Saturday inclusive, consolidated reports containing the information shown in foregoing to the S.C.A.P.O. The Group Commander will, in addition, submit to his higher Commander reports required.

(d) The S.C.A.O. will coordinate the activities of all police within the Province. The Carabinieri is the principal or responsible agency.

(e) The S.C.A.Os. will maintain within the Province consolidated reports of police activities and supplies. The General summary of results for the period Sept. 16 to Sept. 30 inclusive will be submitted to the Public Safety Division. Future reports will be submitted as required.

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

*Real*MEMO FOR THEADJUTANT GENERAL - HONOLULU

15 Dec 1953

Subject: Complaints to Administration

To : A.C.A.O. - Honolulu

1. The enclosed correspondence has been received from Salvatore M. Giacomini.
2. It is forwarded in order that you may investigate the case, and your comments will be appreciated. Please return the correspondence with your reply.
3. We would mention that a previous letter has been received from M. Giacomini concerning the Hawaiian Independence movement, and he has been informed that no political activities will be tolerated at the present.

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GEORGE H. STANFORD,
Lt. Col. G. S. C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMCOT HEADQUARTERS

PALERMO

AMCOT/359/11

16th September 1943.

Di Giacomo Salvatore,
contrada Gesta Madonnausa,
Naso.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 5th September, and enclosures, have been received, and I am directed to inform you that the matters to which you refer are receiving our attention.

Yours truly,

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

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Heck
SUBJECT: Executive Council Meeting

TO: Members of Executive Council

1. It is requested that items for the agenda of the 11th meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1900 hours on Friday 17 Sept. 1943 be handed to the Secretary by 1200 hours Thursday, 16 Sept. 1943.

Distribution:

C.G.A.O. - L.C.O. - A.O.

C.S.O.

Heads of Divisions

Secretary - War Diary

File

Carlson
1st Lt. Col.

Secretary Executive Council

Float

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15 September 1943.

Priority

AMCOT 15 Army Group

MOST SECRET

Re: 15 Army Group report Seventh Army and AFHQ AMCOT Liaison 15 Army Group.

Following transport urgently needed in STRATUS from AMCOT 15 Army Group to Hq 15 Army Group and Seventh Army and AFHQ AMCOT Liaison 15 Army Group cite AMCOT 247 from to complete AMCOT 8 Army to approved a T and T 0 for GALANTIA APOLIA UNDAIA (.) Jeeps fifty one motor cycles thirty three (.) Para 2 of 14/6/35 of 15 Army addressed HCS AFHQ report G(3D) 15 Army Group refers (.) All efforts to obtain more transport from Eighth Army and AFHQ unimpaired (.) Request you authorize issue of this transport from Seventh Army under para record (c) your 8 9 2174 undated



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Final
SUBJECT: Med. Supplies - Denaturated Alcohol

AMCR/3002/PA.

AMCR P.L. SICILY

TO: Q 1/c Central Medical Store, Caltanissetta 16 Sept, 1943

Please note that 5 tons of denaturated alcohol discovered in Palermo have been quarantined for distribution in Palermo Province.

It will not, therefore, be necessary to include denaturated alcohol in the Medical Supplies for Palermo for some time to come.



D. GORLAKI CRISTINE

Colonel.

Director of Public Health

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GAT/ap

SUBJECT: Supply of Calf Lymph

ASST/5015/H.

ASST. M. SICILY

TO: S.A.P.H.O. Caltanissetta (Through S.C.A.O.) 15 September 1953

Reference your HK/H/L dated 12th Sept Calf Lymph ordered D + 30 and 45 has not yet arrived. An urgent request for lymph has been sent to A.F.Hq.

Is this lymph needed for the ordinary vaccination program, or have you an outbreak of smallpox?

[Handwritten Signature]

B. GORDON GORDON
Colonel.
Director of Public Health

GEF/ap

Subject:- Financial aid to Prisoners.

AMCOT/1091/PS.

AMCOT H.Q. STONY.

16 Sep 13.

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C.P.S.

1. With reference to your memorandum AMCOT/1091/PS of 14th September. I agree that some form of financial assistance should be made available to the persons described in your note.

2. In this connection the following points arise:

(a) Is it not possible to centralise the payments you suggest through the Prison management? Civil Affairs Officers are already grossly overworked, and the last sentence of para. 3 suggests that one such unhappy officer might find himself involved in a very intricate Means Test with 200 political prisoners.

(b) As long as the trains do not run, is there any real value in basing the relief given to prisoners on the cost of a ticket from the prison area to his place of residence? The person concerned will either have to walk or hitch-hike. I would prefer to see a flat rate 300 in your para 2 (a) and rate 100 in your para 2 (b).

3. Although prisons are managed and superintended on an island-wide basis, I imagine that they are still financed by the Provincial F.O. and booked against State expenditure. If this is the case, I suggest that the funds necessary for your purpose should be drawn in a similar manner.

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

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AMNOT H.Q. SICILY.

16 September, 43.

Il Vicario Generale Vescovo Ausiliare,
Curia Arcivescovile,
Palerma.

With reference to your letter of 14th September, 43, received 10 minutes ago, I write to inform you that I cannot allow any crediting of cheques^{on} old accounts.

I would, however, indicate that as and when the limitation "at present imposed on the withdrawal of deposits" is finally removed, the person to whom you refer may then be able to approach the Bank of Sicily with the cheques you describe.

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

Subject: - Blocking of Accounts.

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ASST H.Q. SICILY.

16 September, 43.

C.T.I.

1. Signal No. 3384 (Mat 25) of 11th September has just been received from Algiers giving the text of the cable on the banking position, founded on the draft prepared by you.
2. Paragraph 2 reads "Will advise later how we are handling blocking of specific accounts and categories of account in the banks".
3. Please draft a cable re the programmes of blocking accounts, the General License etc., for submission to H.Q.S. and transmission to C.C.S. and London for information.

ap

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

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Subject: Coal, Cement and Petroleum Products.

ARGOT/2405/CS
ARGOT HQ SICILY
11 September 43

To: All S.C.A.O.'s -- Regions No. 1, 2, 3.

1. Reference is made to letter ARGOT/263/HQ dated 20 August, 1943, subject, "Responsibility of SCAO's for ARGOT operations in Provinces", and to letters ARGOT/266/HQ, 14 August, 1943, and ARGOT/263/HQ, 7 Sept., 43, subject as in previous reference. Paragraph 6 of the first reference and Paragraph 2 of the second reference define certain items which are to be controlled from ARGOT HQ.

2. The supply situation regarding coal, cement and petroleum products is critical. Therefore, it is necessary that the consumption of these articles be regulated stringently in order that the existing supply may be conserved for essential uses.

3. Effective immediately, coal or coke may be issued or used for the following purposes only and in the minimum amounts necessary to continue these operations.

- a. Generation of electrical energy for essential services.
- b. Operations of the RR's by the Armies, including ARGOT.
- c. Operation of flour mills and food preserving plants.
- d. Operation of necessary bakeries and pasta factories.
- e. Operation of plants serving the military forces.
- f. Operation of agencies necessary to serve one or more of the above.
- g. Hospital heating.

The use of coal for ordinary heating of houses is specifically forbidden.

4. Petroleum products may be used for the following purposes only:

- a. Generation of electrical energy for essential services.
- b. Operation of flour mills and food preserving plants.
- c. Operation of plants serving the military forces.
- d. Operation of motor vehicles licensed for essential use.
- e. Operation of fishing craft (gasoline only).
- f. The supply of diesel oil or naptha is acutely short and must be issued for essential use only.

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" Catania	6
" Enna	4
" Palermo	35
" Ragusa	6
" Siracusa	14
" Trapani	6
" Messina	8
AIGOT Liaison	1
AIGOT 8th Main	10
Col. Hume	10
File	1

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Fleet
Division
MCS AFHQ
Spares

CHARLES M. SPONTORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

AMGOT/6006/CP
 AMGOT HQ SICILY
 16 September 1943

Subject: Horses suitable for Carabinieri

To : All S.C.A.Os

1. It is requested that you notify D.P.S. HQ AMGOT of any horses abandoned by Italian Army which could be used as mounts by Carabinieri.

Distribution:

Agrigento	6	AMGOT Liaison	1
Caltanissetta	6	AMGOT 8th Main	1
Catania	6	Col. Hume	1
Enna	4	File 266 & 6006	2
Palermo	35	Float	1
Ragusa	6	Divisions	6
Siracusa	14	MGS, AFHQ	2
Trapani	6	Spares	10
Messina	8		

T. Perry Smith Lt Col
 CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
 Colonel, G. S. C.
 Chief Staff Officer

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Subject: Cotton Seed.

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AMCOT /5126/US
AMCOT HQ SICILY
16 September 43.

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

1. Reference your communication of 9th Sept.,
can you say how the selling price of cotton seed
was fixed at Lire 320 per quintal?

2. Are there any local facilities for
crushing the seed?

JG/EDG.

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

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Subject: Civilian Transport

AMCOT/5076/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
15 September 43

To: Chief Staff Officer

1. Reference is made to your letter AMCOT/355/HQ dated 12 September 43.

2. The following is a detailed description of the transport now being used by Civilian Supply Division for the purpose outlined in Para. 1 (A) of the above quoted letter.

3. Details as required in Para. (2):

- (A) Fiat
- (B) 4 seater
- (C) NIL
- (D) Found abandoned
- (E) Running
- (F) Civilian Supply General Duties
- (G) Army

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

Subject: Labor -- Requested Increase of Salaries for IRT Employees.

AMCOT/5009/CS
AMCOT HQ STCILE
16 September 43.

Memorandum To: D. D. C. S. R.
Attention: Capt. Morac.

The attached memorandum is a request by IRT for increase of salaries of certain employees. My knowledge of conditions prompts me to suggest that an investigation be made to see if the proposed increases can be made under existing AMCOT regulations.

CMS/EDC.

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

Copy to : File AMCOT/5119/CS.

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SUBJECT:- Correspondence.

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

Slack
AMGOT/502/HQ.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

16. Sept. 43.

Reference AMGOT/266/HQ dated 6. Sept. 43.

It is noted that the reference numbers being used on certain of your communications correspond with the numbers used on communications emanating from this Office.

This practice is not considered advisable, as it is liable to cause some confusion, particularly use of the prefix 'AMGOT' and the suffix 'HQ.'

It is suggested that a file system be adopted as soon as possible avoiding use of the above prefix and suffix. Copies of instructions on the subject which have been issued within this Headquarters are enclosed for information.

A suggested number with prefix and suffix is :-

SCA 0/1234/T.P.

Alt. b/p
CHARLES H. SPOTTORD.
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer

41302

? Flack,
HRT/304418

16 Jan 53.

SUBJECT: Personnel Requirements I, II, and Region I and II (Public Health Division)

TO: The AG, Joint (American).
RMA British Regional Office.

1. In accordance with request 12 Sep '43, minimal personnel requirements Public Health Division for Headquarters, Region I and Region II are as follows:-

	Headquarters.	Region I. HEADQUARTERS, PAID.	Region II. HEADQUARTERS, PAID.
Chief Clerk	1	1	1
Shortland Tydels	4	3	3
General Duty Clerk (for registry, filing and general clerical duties)	3	2	2
Interpreter	4	2	2
Welfare technicians (U.C.O.)	2	2	2
TOTALS	14	10	10

GRAND TOTAL = 78.

2. The total minimal requirements includes and is not in addition to the staff now assigned to this Division. This Directorate is not in a position to divide the requirements on a British and American basis but it is recommended that 50% British and 50% American be secured.

3. Above estimate does not include medical activities required by any Medical Officer. This number assigned to him should be a minimum of two for each dispensary he will be expected to operate.

AG

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

L.A.S/-

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015 Sep 11

ROUTING SLIP.

~~C.O.A.O.~~
~~D.C.A.O.~~
~~C.S.O.~~
~~A.C.S.O.~~
Lt. Col. Clough
Major Smith
Major McDougall
✓ Major Pearey
Captain Talbot
Captain Farrar
Captain Sherwood
Captain Graham
Lieut. Van H. Kelom
Lieut. Kump
P.R.O.
Advisor P.A. & M.
Education Officer.

REMARKS.

15/9
Date

Registry.

Subject: Release of Prisoners from
Italian Prisons.

To : C.A.F.O.
PALMIRI. - thru S.C.A.C.

The attached letter alleges that GRANT SALVATORE was arrested by the
Police at Politano Police Station some time ago without charge or trial.

Will you please have this investigated.

AMCOT/101P/1

Block AMCOT HQ. - SICILY.

September, 1945.

+ *D. Grant*
CHARLES H. STOPPARD,
Lt. Col. C. A. C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

Memorandum

Subject: Railway Employee Promotions.

AMCOT/5009/OS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
15 September 43.

To: C.O., 727th Ry. Op. Bn.
Palazzo Ferrovia, Palermo.

1. Enclosed are papers turned over to me by Tuccio. You will see they recommend promotions in grade for certain employees at Iacata.
2. Although the recommendations are approved by Major Butler, Tuccio points out that promotions are only made on the first of each year and then only after competitive examinations. Promotions are further based upon questions of seniority and other similar considerations.
3. It appears to me that although Maj. Butler's recommendations are undoubtedly warranted, that it would be unwise to alter the existing system of promotions. To do so would cause dissatisfaction among other employees and a number of similar demands. Furthermore it is not the intention of the Allied Forces to alter existing methods.
4. If this question is one coming under the jurisdiction of AMCOT I would have to recommend disapproval of the suggestion because of the reason stated.

CHEM/EDG.

CLAUDE R. MINARD
Capt., C. M. F.
Transportation Officer,
Civilian Supply Division.

Floral
Original sent
By Hand

Hoat
SUBJECT:- Office Procedure.

AMPOE/302/40
AMPOE L.O., SIGN
14th September 1941

TO:-
C.D.O.
C.F.O.
D.P.S.
P.C.
D.P.H.
D.C.S. & R.

1. In the future when submitting correspondence for the signature of the C.S.O., please attach a brief pencil note listing the division with which the matter has been coordinated, also stating that coordination has been effected. If only one division is involved so state.

2. This procedure will effect an economy of time and effort on the part of Staff Officers.

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Charles M. Spafford
CHARLES M. SPAFFORD,
Lieut Colonel C.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMCOT/14/HQ

AMCOT HQ SICILY

14 September 1943

Col. J. P. Tillman,
Colonel, Finance Department,
At HQ 7th Army,
Office of the Finance Officer,
A.P.O. 758, U. S. Army

Sir,

I have been directed by Major General Lord Rennell of Rodd to reply to your letter of 12th September 1943.

Copies of your letter have been referred to the officers mentioned, and additional copies placed in their 201 files.

Your office and its subordinate disbursing officer have been of great assistance to this HQ, because of the prompt and efficient manner in which large amounts of Allied Military Currency have been placed in circulation. The currency exchange service maintained by your office has also measurably diminished our burden of financial administration.

E. L. CLOUGH
Lt. Col., AGO
AMCOT

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Subject: Price of Pasta.

AMGOT/5004/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
14 September 43.

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

1. Reference your 2/3/SR dated 7 Sept 43, attaching a new price list of foodstuffs for Enna Province.
2. An explanation is required why the price of pasta has been fixed at 4.70 lire since General Order No. 3 fixed it at 4.20 lire.
3. The price of pasta in your Province will be amended to conform with General Order No. 3 until specific authority is issued from this HQ to vary it.

CJH/EDG.

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

Memorandum

AMCOT/5076/CS
AMCOT IN SICILY
15 September 43

To: S.C.A.O. Catania

1. Please forward an inventory of the types and spaces for MT held by you.
2. Meanwhile please supply minimum urgent requirements of SCAC Syracuse, who will send details to you direct.

CHH/jrl

Distribution:

SCAC Syracuse

Hayes

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

Heat

BEST COPY POSSIBLE

TT:-

Personnel.- Caltanissetta Province.

AMCOT/288/19

AMCOT H.Q., SICILY

15th September 1943

Camp Commandant.

Reference attached copy of memorandum from S.C.A.O.,
Caltanissetta Province, dated 10th September 1943.

The British personnel should be taken on the attached
strength of this H.Q.

A. Harris

Captain,
Staff Captain.

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HQs. ANCO

In accordance with arrangements made by Lt. Col. Farley Smith, Major Giles of this HQs., during his visit to PALERMO on the 8th of September 1943. Agreed with the British and American Camp Comds. for the assignment of the following personnel.

6473407	Tpr. Thompson, J.	Recco Corps	to be Driver Mechanic at Prov. H.Q.
5830322	Pte. Buller, T.	E. Surrey	to be Learner Clerk at Prov. H.Q.
2990695	Pte. MacLachlan J.	A. & S. H.	to be Learner Clerk at Prov. H.Q.
31313321	Pte. Lewis De Briscoe	U.S. Army	to be Learner Clerk

A Sgt. (British) was offered but declined as given some staff the U.S. Army Cpl. here is capable of taking charge.

It would be greatly appreciated, however, if the Sgt. could be assigned here to perform duties, e.g. control of transport, supplies, rations and accommodation under the supervision of my deputy.

(signed) W. R. Irish.
Lt. Col.

S.C.A.C., Galtanissetta Province.

Galtanissetta.
10 Sep. 1943.

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Promotion of American Officers.

ARJ001/2023/P.

ALLOT H.Q. SICILY

15 Sep 43.

Chief Accountant.

With reference to your memorandum GA/10/19 of 14th September, 43. I am informed by the Adjutant that the recommendations for the promotion of American officers are having to be referred from here to 15 Army Group, and thence to Matouss. This process takes a long time.

With particular reference to the promotion of Capt. Becker, the Adjutant informs me that it is a rule in the American Army that an officer must complete 6 months in a grade before he is promoted. A test case has already been made with another officer, equally deserving of promotion, and was turned down flat by Matouss.

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A.P. GRAFFETY-194TH.
Colonel.,
Chief Finance Officer.

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AMCOT 15 ARMY GROUP

15 September 43

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URGENT

FORTRAN FOR AMCOT

MIDEAST REQUIRES INFORMATION URGENTLY ON FIAT TRACTORS PARTS FROM
AMCOT 7TH ARMY TO FORTRAN FOR AMCOT CITE AMCOT 245 PLEASE PASS TO
SCAO CATANIA PARTS STATE BY RETURN SIGNAL IF SPACE PARTS FOR FIAT
TRACTORS THREE ZERO (30) AND FOUR ZERO (40) OBTAINABLE PD CONSULT
MAJOR RADICE

AMGOT/223/H
A/COT HQ SICILY
15 September 44

Signorina Nora Monroy
Corso Calatafimi 249
Palermo

Madam,

1. This Headquarters has received a communication from the Countess de Monroy which is to be given to you.
2. It is a request for you to dispatch certain household articles and personal belongings and we would like to discuss this with you.
3. Will you, therefore, please come to this office (Room 22) at your convenience.

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

Subject: - "Headless Bodies" - Briefly.

15007/2027/P.

AMFA R.O. BODILY.

To: - Chief Finance Officer.

15th Sept. 1943.

Reference page 40, and conversation with you, I understand that AMFA is only concerned with conferring powers on "headless" entities to enable them to make contracts with AMFA. As, in International Law, we obtain control of all State funds and State Railways, any money required to be placed in the State Treasury or State Railways is an occupational expense. I do not think it would be proper to contract with an enemy State through an Agent of that State given power by ourselves to make the contract. It appears, therefore, that only bodies such as Banks, Financial Institutions and Social Service Undertakings with Head Offices outside the Territory are concerned in Col. Gunstan's problem.

2. "Headless bodies" are, in effect, private property of persons outside the Occupied Territory. The "persons", in the case of corporate bodies, are situated at the head offices of these bodies. Case ought to be emphasized, that the rules of International Law regarding the safeguarding of private property are not disregarded in my opinion, to confer powers generally on third parties to deal with the assets of a headless body; other than as a measure of protecting such assets, would not be justifiable, even although such third parties were responsible employees of the body concerned. On the other hand, it is a recognised rule of International Law that a military occupant may force both public and private organisations to engage in such business as is necessary for the public welfare of the territory and the maintenance of order, provided the forced business is not designed to enrich the occupant improperly at the expense of the territory. (Fellouhenfeld, P. 105). The absence of the head office of an undertaking from the Occupied Territory does not affect this power as regards branches of the undertaking.

3. The business which it is desired that branches of Banks, Financial Institutions, Social Service undertakings and the like shall undertake, is to accept loans from AMFA to enable these branches to carry on business vital to the public welfare of the territory. Such loans could properly be forced on the branches in accordance with the principles of International Law set out above. It follows that if loans can be forced on branches of undertakings in the above circumstances, the same branches can be empowered to accept loans.

4. Arrangements to carry into effect this policy can be effected by the C.F.O. issuing directions to Branch Managers authorizing them to apply for and accept loans from AMFA. Form of authority is attached hereto (see Form "A"). The Branch Managers should then make applications for loans in the form of Application also attached hereto (see Form "B"). It will be noted that this Application contains a provisional pledge of the Bank assets which is in no way objectionable to the provisions of International Law referred to in para. 2 above as to dealing with the assets of the undertakings concerned.

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H.E. ROSE, Lt. Col.
D.C.L.O.

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Subject: Coal.

4307
AMGOT/5002/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
15 September 43.

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

1. With reference to Syracuse - Ragusa Resources Board meeting No. 6, Minutes para. 4.

2. It is observed that Portbase offered 600 tons a month, but that the Board decided to take only 400. It is not clear whether this is for the two named provinces only, or for the British area as a whole.

3. Coal for AMGOT is very short indeed. Practically none of the 3,000 tons monthly due to be handed over by the ^Armies has been received, and in Western Sicily none at all is being received from Seventh Army.

4. You should therefore try to obtain all you can on AMGOT account, and store it as a reserve if you do not use it. This reserve may be badly needed in a few weeks.

CJH/EDG.

[Signature]

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

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4306

Subject: Fishing Trades.

AMEOT/5015/CS
AMEOT HQ SICILY
15 September 43.

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

With reference to your communication of 11 Sept.
1943, enclosing a copy of NAEB M/705 of 10 Sept., you
are informed that there are no fishing trawlers surplus
to requirement in Sicily.

JG/EDG.

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

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(IN COURIER)

AFHQ/232/15
REF NO. 5107
15 September 1943

SUBJECT: Cable Exchange.

TO: AFHQ Liaison,
15 Army Group Main.

1. Reference your F53 of 10th September, 1943 and AFHQ 2435 of 9th September.
2. We would point out that we have never sent a telegram with the number 752.
3. Kindly request AFHQ to quote subject matter contained in the message referred to and to check the reference number.

R. H. H. H.
THOMAS H. HENNING, Jr.,
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

We should have written direct to
AFHQ. *(75)*

SECRET.

7/1/45.

Subject: AFHQ Amendments to ISIS Report.

SECRET HQ. - STOLIX.

To : AMVOT
Highway Army.

15 Sept. 1945.

Forwarded herewith are two copies of AFHQ amendments Nos. 1 - 4
to ISIS Report CB 4096H(8) and I*224/1/223.

Please acknowledge on attached form

CB

CHARLES H. THOMPSON,
Lt. Col. U. S. A.
Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT:- Capt ed Documents.

AMCOT/50/HQ.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

15 Army Group.

14. Sept. 43.

Reference your 15AG/20/1025/GSI(a) dated 10. Sept. 43.

You do not say whether or not you have disposed of the documents mentioned in your para. 1. Could we have this information please ?

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

Flora
SUBJECT:- Publications on Agriculture.

ARROT/219/10

ARROT H.Q., SICILY

TO:- Resident Minister's Office,
ALGERIA.

15th September 1943.

I am directed by Major-General The Lord Rennell to forward the enclosed publications on Agriculture issued by the Italian Fascist Government for onward forwarding to the Ministry of Agriculture in London.

This literature is considered by Agricultural experts of this Organisation to be superior in some respects to that issued by the British Government.

FOR THE CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER:

DeP
Major
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

SUBJECT:- Medical SuppliesAMGOT/3007/HIAMGOT HQ. SICILYTO :- All S.A.P.H.O.'s
Through S.C.A.O.'s.15 September 1943

Reference this Office letter AMGOT/3007/HI dated 5 Sept. Drugs and dressings at the Central Medical Store, Caltanissetta are issuable only to S.A.P.H.O.'s of Provinces who are responsible for their issue to hospitals and selected pharmacists on repayment.

Much inconvenience is being caused to the officer in charge Central Medical Store by the arrival of private doctors asking for issue of medical supplies.

S.A.P.H.O.'s should inform all private medical practitioners through their Provincial Medical Officers that this must cease.

D. Gordon Cheyne
D. GORDON CHEYNE
Colonel,
Director of Public Health

DGC/ja

Distribution.

Agrigento	6
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Catania	6
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filed 2274
AMCOT/2/ HQ
AMCOT HQ SICILY
15 September 1943

SUBJECT: Officers - French Army

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

1. Reference this H.Q. memorandum 261/HQ of 14 September and copy of your POS/530 of 11 September to H.Q., 15 A.G. which has since been received.

2. There is no copy of 15 A.G. 3100/1/A here and consequently this H.Q. does not know the reason for Lt. Teynott being recalled.

3. Please forward a copy of 3100/1/A and treat this H.Q. H.Q. 261/HQ of 14 September as cancelled.

CR
CHARLES M. SPONTORD,
Lieut. Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

filed *4293*
AMCOT/57/HQ
AMCOT HQ SICILY
14 September 1943

SUBJECT: Administration of Pantellaria and Lampedusa
TO: Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q.

Reference messages ending with your 1824 of 7 September 1943.

1. Naval Headquarters, Palermo, states that no instructions to provide transportation to Pantellaria or Lampedusa have been received. In any case operational requirements would not permit of any transport being made available at present or for an unknown time to come.

2. It has not proved possible so far to obtain any other adequate transport in this Island, and, until transport is provided, it is difficult to see how the Islands can be adequately administered from here.

3. In the meantime it will be appreciated if M.G.S. will ensure that necessary supplies are sent to the Islands from North Africa - this H.Q. message 211 of 3 September refers.

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

SUBJECT:-

Rotary Club.

TO:-

Chief of Staff,
Seventh Army H.Q.,
For the attention of Colonel Cummings.

AMCOT/327/HQ

AMCOT H.Q., SICILY

15th September 1943

1. Reference telephone conversation, Cummings-Pirie, of 7th September on the above subject, I should be grateful if you could advise this Office of the wishes of the ~~Chief of Staff~~ on this matter.

2. The position is as follows. Italian Rotarians in Palermo wish to re-open their Club and have applied to the C.C.A.O. for permission to do this. Lord Rennell has no objection, but would like to have General Patton's views on the matter, his own view being that the Rotary Club should be allowed to re-open on the understanding that no Allied Troops are allowed to attend their meetings.

Des Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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Subject:- Post Rates.AMLOT/2001/E.AMLOT 14.9. 510/18.1/ Sep 43.C.D.A.O.

1. In a Minute dated 27th April, 43, addressed to the Chief of Staff, A.F.M.Q., you discussed the possibility of normal rates in this country being at least applied.

2. The main inland postage rates in force on our occupation were:-

INLAND	Postcards:	15c. and 30c.	(Inner and outer zones)
	Letters:	25c. " 50c.	
ITALIAN NORTH AFRICA	Postcards:	50c.	
	Letters:	75c.	
YAFUQAN	Postcards:	50c.	
	Letters:	80c.	
FOREIGN	Postcards:	75c.	
	Letters:	1 Lira 25c.	

3. So far only the 15c. rate has been used, but it is the present intention to apply the remaining inland rates for the full postcard and letter deliveries on the island. These rates cannot possibly hope to yield other than a considerable financial loss.

4. On 10th June, AGWAR stated "Propose that no change be made in Postal rates Horrified in the beginning".

5. If we take Tripolitania, which though not a precedent is a useful comparison, the rates now in force are:-

	<u>Inland</u>	<u>Foreign</u>
Postcards.	4 Lira	6 Lira
Letters.	6 Lira	10 Lira

6. In view of the Armistice, the ever changing scene and the bad effect on the local population, do you agree that it is premature to consider an increase in rates?

7. Although this is more a question for LMC, should we be considering the prospect of a service between Sicily and the Mainland; or is it better to leave that headache to an Italian Government?

8. In view of the lack of communications, I am not at the moment considering the restoration of such services as, acceptance of small packages, registration of letters, or restoration of money order services.

Black

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9. I shall be grateful for your comments on the foregoing.

as
A.P. GRAPPEY-SMITH
Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

AMCOT/325/14

AMCOT IN SICILY

15 September 1943

SUBJECT: Consular Officials
TO : S.C.A.O. - Catania
Messina
Syracuse

1. Reference is made to an AMCOT/325 dated 29 August 1943 requesting you to forward to this HQ a list of any Consular Officials who may still be in the above mentioned cities.

2. Kindly let us know whether or not there are any officials in your city.

CH
CHARLES M. SPOTFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
CHIEF STAFF OFFICER

AMGOT/2045/FAMGOT HQ SICILY14 September 1943

Suggestions to SCAO's and CAO's for the
handling of questions relative to Monuments and
Fine Arts in Sicily

1. The Administration of Monuments and Works of Art in Sicily is divided between three Superintendencies, two of which are subdivided.

(a) Soprintendenza alle Gallerie ed Opere d'Arte per Sicilia, for all Sicily under a Superintendent, Professor Di Pietro, with his office in the Palazzo Reale, Palermo. This Superintendency has charge of all Museums and all works of art, whether in Museums or in or attached to buildings, which date after 400 AD. Such Museums as the Museo Pepoli at Trapani, the Museo Bellomo at Syracuse, the Museo in the Castello Ursino at Catania, and the Museo Nazionale di Messina depend from it as well as that part of the Museo Nazionale di Palermo which dates after 400 AD.

(b) Soprintendenza ai Monumenti. This is divided into two parts. The four western provinces, Palermo, Trapani, Agrigento, and Caltanissetta, depend from a Superintendent, Dr. Guizzo, who has his office in the Palazzo Reale, Palermo. The five eastern provinces, Messina, Enna, Catania, Siracusa, and Ragusa, depend from a Superintendent, Dr. Armando Dillon, who has his office at Catania. The Superintendency concerns itself with all Public Monuments which date after 400 AD. Such monuments must be declared public by the state and may be public or private buildings or churches. The state assumes a responsibility, varying in some cases, for the maintenance of the artistic portion of the fabric and no alterations are allowed without permission of the state. Curators of monuments may be paid by the state or by the institution, as the church, which has the use of them. In some cases, repair to fabric of buildings where artistic elements are not involved is done by the State Engineer, the Genio Civile. Church buildings are sometimes supported out of funds for Cult under the Ministry of the Interior.

(c) Soprintendenza alle Antichità. This is divided into three parts. Palermo and Trapani depend from a Superintendent, Dr. Marconi (a lady), with her head office in the Regio Museo, Palermo. Agrigento and Caltanissetta depend from Dr. Griffo with his office at Agrigento, and the five eastern provinces, Messina, Enna, Catania, Siracusa, and Ragusa, depend from a Superintendent, Dr. Bernabò-Brea, with his office the Archaeological Museum at Syracuse. These Superintendents deal with both monuments and works of art (including museums or parts of museums) dating before 400 AD. Besides the

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(c) Soprintendenza alle Antichita. This is divided into three parts. Palermo and Trapani depend from a Superintendent, Dr. Marconi (a lady), with her head office in the Regio Museo, Palermo. Agrigento and Caltanissetta depend from Dr. Griffo with his office at Agrigento, and the five eastern provinces, Messina, Enna, Catania, Siracusa, and Ragusa, depend from a Superintendent, Dr. Bernabò-Brea, with his office the Archaeological Museum at Syracuse. These Superintendents deal with both monuments and works of art (including museums or parts of museums) dating before 400 AD. Besides the office and museum staffs, they have a number of isolated monuments, as Segesta and Selinunte, which are in charge of local guardians, usually peasants who receive a slight salary every three months for looking after the sites.

2. These Superintendencies derived their funds from the Direction of Fine Arts under the Ministry of National Education at Rome. Since they have been cut off from this, it has been decided that so far as possible the Provincial Administrations should for the present step into the place of the State. Naturally where there is such an overlapping of provincial lines, this cannot be carried through consistently. The following procedure has been agreed on tentatively.

3. Expenses shall be divided into three categories: Salaries, Fixed Expenses of Maintenance, and Extraordinary Expenses for urgent repairs. They should be treated as follows:

(b) Employees are divided into three main classes:

(ii) Those not "di Ruolo" (called by various names, as "avventizii") who had full time jobs but who were paid by the Superintendencies from funds placed to their credit by the Ministry of National Education either in the Banca d'Italia or in Conti Correnti Postali, or in other ways.

For the present Superintendents should submit lists of all salaries paid by their office, both in the province where their office is located or in other provinces under their charge, to the S.G.M.O. of the province in which the Superintendent's office is located. The S.C.M.O. may approve the lists and his F.O. will arrange for payment through the Ufficio R. Tesoro for his province. Details of salaries and of methods of payment should be arranged so far as possible directly by the Economos (Treasurers) of Superintendencies or Institutions with the Ufficio R. Tesoro subject to the approval of the provincial F.O.

Expenses for maintenance. The Superintendents should submit estimate of expenses for maintenance during the fiscal year July 43/44 in the same method as described above, i.e. should submit these estimates to the S.C.A.O. of the Province in which their office lies. If the S.C.A.O. approves he should have his F.O. make the funds available through the Ufficio R. Tesoro, or, if more convenient, should recommend to the S.C.A.O. of another province in which a dependent institution lies that he do so. It is suggested that a preliminary appropriation be made for the three months August, September, and October, 1943, and that then the estimates be reviewed for the remainder of the year.

(c) Estimates of Extraordinary Expenses for urgent repairs shall if possible be forwarded to Headquarters for consideration by the Adviser on the

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(iii) Those known as "incaricati" or by other names who had part-time jobs on a contract basis, for varying periods, and who were paid by the Superintendencies from funds placed at their disposal by the Ministry.

For the present Superintendents should submit lists of all salaries paid by their office, both in the province where their office is located or in other provinces under their charge, to the S.C.A.O. of the province in which the Superintendent's office is located. The S.C.A.O. may approve the lists and his F.O. will arrange for payment through the Ufficio R. Tesoro for his province. Details of salaries and of methods of payment should be arranged so far as possible directly by the Economos (Treasurers) of Superintendencies or Institutions with the Ufficio R. Tesoro subject to the approval of the provincial F.O.

The Ufficio R. Tesoro may make use of the Bank of Italy, Post Office or other facilities for the transmission of payments to employees in other provinces. The procedure is described in detail in Special Administrative Instructions Finance No. 18, 7 September 1943.

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(c) Estimates of Extraordinary Expenses for urgent repairs shall if possible be forwarded to Headquarters for consideration by the Adviser on the Fine Arts and Monuments, the C.C.A.O. and the C.F.O. If approved, funds will be made available by the Provincial F.O. through the Ufficio R. Tesoro to the Superintendent or Director concerned to be paid on presentation of accounts for work performed. Again it is recommended that provisional appropriations be made for a three month period, August, September, and October, subject to revision during or at the end of that period. If work is urgently necessary to prevent damage to a building, the C.A.O. or S.C.A.O. should endeavor to proceed with it at once and submit his expenditures for approval. The general principle on which approval should be based is that only such work shall be undertaken immediately as is necessary to prevent further damage to buildings from their weakened condition or from weather or as is necessary to protect contents from damage from weather or loss through theft. Roofs and windows should be repaired, doors and holes in walls blocked or repaired, guards posted if necessary, books and documents placed in safety, and like. Repairs

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to render a building usable may be undertaken if, as in the case of churches, they will serve an immediate need. There is no immediate promise of reopening museums, libraries, educational institutions, and the like and repairs necessary to render them usable should be entered upon cautiously if at all.

4. In view of the shortage of staff in the office of the Adviser on Fine Arts and Monuments, it is recommended that the S.C.A.O. in each Province designate some Provincial Officer to handle routine matters connected with Monuments and Works of Art, to supervise the arrangements for payment, and to sift material going up for approval to Headquarters. So far as possible, responsibility for financial detail should be left to the local Superintendents or Directors of Museums to negotiate with the Regio Tesoro, subject to approval of the Provincial F.O., Superintendents or Directors, should find their own contractors for work and should make decisions themselves which were formerly made in Rome, subject only to the approval of AMGOT. It should be emphasized that a far greater degree of initiative and local decision must be expected under present circumstances and that for internal administration and help they should refer to the Superintendencies where possible. AMGOT's control is indirect.

5. Inspection of Accounts shall be the responsibility of the Intendente di Finanza of the Province as heretofore, with such check as Headquarters or the Provincial AMGOT F.O. may from time to time desire.

6. Various other cultural institutions formerly maintained by the State through grants from Rome, as National Libraries, Archives, Academies, and the like, shall be treated on the same basis as the Superintendencies or Museums.

7. Other local institutions, previously supported by the Province, Municipality, or church, must be the subject of special arrangements in each case, following so far as possible the general procedure outlined above and altering as little as possible the methods of supervision and maintenance in force before the occupation.

8. Educational Institutions will be the subject of a separate memorandum.

9. Relations with the Church and Church Institutions will be the subject of a separate memorandum.

10. The Adviser on Fine Arts and Monuments holds himself ready to provide such help as is in his power. At present, supply of materials for repairs is impossible and they must be found locally. Also the transport of qualified experts is difficult and dependence must be on local advice, with repairs so made as to alter as little as possible the fabric of monuments.

Subject: - Amato

AMGOV/2017/E.

AMROT H.Q. SICILY

15 Sep 43.

Finance Officer
through S.C.A.O. Siracusa Province.

With reference to the letter from the S.C.A.O. (POS/126 of 10th September). I write to inform you that there is no objection to returning the keys which you hold to the Banca d'Italia.

With reference to para. 5, you will not grant permission to the Cassa di Risparmio to withdraw its deposit from the Banca d'Italia. Please understand that no credit balance with the Banca d'Italia can be unblocked for any one bank, without doing likewise for all banks in the island, many of whom have an equally good claim to the institution which you cite. There are not enough funds in the Banca d'Italia for this purpose, and it is for this reason that we prefer to limit this business under General Order No. 6. to Royal Treasury transactions.

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

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Subject: Promotion

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ADJUTANT GENERAL

ADJUTANT GENERAL

14 Sep 43

G.S.C.

1. I write with reference to my memorandum of 24 August, 43, Ref: AGOY/11/HQ SKOLIX (copy attached); and to draw your attention to the attached memorandum addressed to me by the Controller of Post Office Services.
2. I realize that the deception of Captain Lead is not the fault of this Headquarters.
3. But I submit that I should have received some form of answer to my memorandum of 24 August.
4. If I am to be responsible for the Postal Services in 3 Regions, it is quite clear that more than two officers are required for this task; and I, therefore, ask to be informed what action has been taken in obtaining specialist personnel from U.K. and U.S.

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

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ANGOT/246/HQ.

ANGOT HQ. - SICILY.

15 September 1943.

Subject: War Office Accountable Documents.

To : ANGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group.

Ref. AI/L/125 dated 12 September, 1943.

Receipt is acknowledged of copy No. 65 of Zone Handbook
No. 4, Parts I, II, and III.

Charles M. Spofford,
Lt. Col. U. S. A.
Chief Staff Officer

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Subject: Laundry Prices.

ALBON/5157/US
SECRET HQ STUDY
15 September 43.

Name To: US Seventh Army,
Attention: Maj. E.D.N. Jackson, Fiscal Officer.

1. Reference your enquiry of 13 Sept on the above subject.
2. The attached list shows absolute maximum prices established by AAFM throughout Italy. The provinces individually may fix prices within their provinces lower than these, but not higher.
3. It is suggested that Seventh Army units in various provinces should obtain from S.C.A.C. Province, his list of prices and publish them in unit orders. All prices will shortly be clearly displayed in laundries.
4. You will notice that one or two of your suggested prices exceed the maximum which we have authorized. Will you please bring them within the maximum prices in force, at any time, since any laundry receiving a price higher than the authorized maximum is liable to severe punishment.

C.H./M.C.

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Lt. Col., R. A. S. C.
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Subject: Fertilizers

ADJOT/5080/CS
ADJOT H. SICILY
15 September 43

To: S.C.A.C. Caltanissetta

Your letter without reference number dated 8 Sept. 43.

1. This Hq. letter ADJOT/5080/CS dated 9 Sept. disposes of all stocks in Sicily of fertilizers.

2. A small quantity has been asked for from overseas, but it is doubtful if this will arrive before the new year.

CJH/321

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

SUBJECT: Confiscation of Firearms.

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AMGOT/1050/PS

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

14 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.O. PALERMO PROVINCE.

Inviting attention to Para. 6
Basic Communication which is approved.

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

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HEADQUARTERS AMGOT
15th Army Group
APO 777

AMGOT/243/HQ

14 September 1943

SUBJECT: Enquiries Re Civilians.

TO : Major PEARNEY, Hq, AMGOT.

1. In reference to your request regarding wellbeing of Signorina Bordonaro, the following information has been received from SCAO, Enna province.

2. Signorina Bordonaro is well but without money of her own owing to her funds being blocked in the bank.

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

HEADQUARTERS AMCOT
15th Army Group
APO 777

AMCOT/241/HQ

14 September 1943

SUBJECT: Enquiries Re Civilians.

TO : SCAO, Province of Syracuse.

1. Consent has been given to name a boulevard in Syracuse in honor of Arturo Toscanini.

2. Department of State has been consulted but did not think it advisable to consult Toscanini in the matter, therefore, permission granted governs only this particular case and is not to be construed as establishing a policy.

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

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AMST 15 A. G.

Instructed

AMST 70 DEW.

15 September 1943.

Routing

Director Public Health Service
for AMST also AMST 244 PAREN request mobile confer today ending to slight illness

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SUBJECT: Appointment of Prefect
TO : S.C.A.C., Agrigento

AMCOT/342/HQ

AMCOT HQ SICILY

15 September 1943

Reference your memo of 11 Sept. 1943 on the above subject:

1. The C.C.A.C. has approved the appointment ad interim of On. Antonino Pancano as Prefect. The appointment is subject to confirmation at a later date.

DR

T. PARKY SMITH
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Chief Staff Officer

jr CSP

(COPY TO S.C.A.O. PALERMO)
SUBJECT: Medical Supplies.

AMCOT/3015/PH.

AMCOT/30. SICILY.

TO: S.A.P.H.Os (Through S.C.A.Os).
Agrigento.
Caltanissetta
Enna.
Messina.
Palermo.
Ragusa.
Syracuse.

11 Sep 43.

The return called for in this office AMCOT/3015/PH
dated 26 Aug 43 has not yet been received.
As the matter is of great urgency your return is
required immediately.

E. GORDON CHRYNE.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

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FROM 15 AMZ CUEP

14 SEPTEMBER, 1943

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COAL SUPPLY FOR ESSENTIAL CIVILIAN USES SERIOUSLY IN JEOPARDY
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 7 AMT NOW DELIVERING THEM UNDER 50 TO 6000 TONS TO 7000 TONS TWO FIVE
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 PILES FOR FORTH DISPATCH OF COAL TO WESTERN HILLS COAL IS FORTH DISPATCHED TO

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 PICES FOR PARTIAL DISPATCH OF COLLECT WITH STEAM COAL EX-TENDING TO RAINFALL ED

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Subject: - Gun for currency store.

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AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

14 Sep 43.

D.O.C.A.O.

1. Until recently the small reserves of A.M. lire held by A.M.F.A. have been housed in the Banca d'Italia. There were several objections to this procedure, as it meant sharing a vault with that institution.
2. Four large garages have now been taken as a Note Store for A.M.F.A., they adjoin the Villa Malfitano, at present occupied by American armed troops and situated in Via Dante, at the corner of Via Senci di Falco.
3. Necessary repairs have been made to the roof; windows are blocked up with stone; and heavy padlocks are on the doors.
4. A 24 hour guard of 1 M.C.O. and 3 men has been detailed; but no change in personnel has taken place for 3 days.
5. In view of the fact that a Base Area Garrison now exists in Palermo, I suggest that such guard duties might be cared for by the American Army, for whom a large proportion of the currency is eventually destined.
6. One side of the building is also guarded by Carabinieri, but it is not considered that sufficient security would be provided by this force alone.

Action has been completed

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AP
A.P. CHAFFET-SMITH.
Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

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Subject:- Fines Imposed by Allied Military Courts.

AMGOT/L002/L.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

To:- All Legal Officers and Finance Officers
(through S.C.A.Os.)

14th Sept. 1943.

With reference to the "Rules of Procedure for Allied Military Courts", para. 19 (2), for the purpose of collecting and accounting for fines imposed by the Allied Military Courts, Legal Officers are hereby directed to pay all fines collected to Sub-Accountants as directed in the AMGOT Accounting Manual.

[Signature]
V.C. CHANLER, Lt. Col. (A.U.S.)
Chief Legal Officer.

Copies to: All Heads of Divisions.

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AMCOT FILPOT

14 September 1943

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A.F.H.Q. for EISENHOWER

IS COLONEL BERNSTEIN AVAILABLE FOR DUTY PARKIN FROM AMCOT
7th ARMY TO A.F.H.Q. FOR EISENHOWER CITE AMCOT 243 PARKIN WITH
COLONEL POLEY DEPUTY AND UNITED STATES CHIEF OF FINANCE SECTION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS REFERENCE YOUR CABLE NO. 2275 8 SEPTEMBER
1943. LT COMMANDER GUTHRIE UNITED STATES NAVY NOT REPEAT NOT
AVAILABLE FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT.

ROUTING SLIP

~~C.O.A.O.~~
~~D.C.S.O.~~
D.C.S.O. 16
COL. CLOUGH 16
MAJOR SMITH 16
MAJOR McDOUGALL 16
LT. VAN HEUGELOM 16
CAPT. GRAHAM 16
~~P.R.O.~~
ADVISOR P.A. & M.
CAPT. DAVIS 25
CAPT. TALBOT 25
LEGAL DIV. 11
FINANCE DIV.
CIVIL SUPPLY
PUBLIC SAFETY
PUBLIC HEALTH
CONTROLLER PROPERTY
REGISTRY

REMARKS

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C.S.O.

SUBJECT:- W.E. AMGOT (including Regions 1 and 2).

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

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AMGOT/78/HQ.

AMGOT H.Q. STOLLY.

13. Sept. 43.

The following are sent herewith by hand of the Chief Staff Officer,
Lt. Col. C. M. Spafford :

- (i) Proposed new W.E. (British Section).
- (ii) Summary of changes compared with existing W.E.
- (iii) Notes explaining the reasons for the changes contained in (ii).
- (iv) List showing the division of officers between AMGOT H.Q., Region 1, and Region 2.

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CHARLES M. SPAFFORD,
Lt. Col. G.S.G.
Chief Staff Officer.

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