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AMCO 8713
AMCO HQ BICILY
11 September 1943

Memorandum to: Col. Story

We have asked Lt. Peterson to come to this HQ. I am sorry to detach him from you at this point, but we have a very pressing demand to meet and are cutting down all around. Would you expedite Peterson's return to the extent you are able.

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

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SUBJECT: - Appointments - Officers.

MEMO/229/10.

ARMY H.Q. SINGAPORE.

14 Sept 43.

~~D.M.S.
A.M.H.D.~~

My effect please be given to the appointments scheduled in the attached Appendix.

W.S.P.

Major-General,
C.O.A.C.

COPY TO:- D.M.C., ~~_____~~
G.H.Q. Col Nelson, R.M.A.P. *W.S.P.*

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AMCO/363/HR

AMCO HQ SICILY

13 September 1963

Memorandum to: Col. Zine

Attached is proposed reply to AFHQ cable reference

122235-B.

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

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A.F. 11. 10

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED AT BUREAU VISIT FOR USMC REFORMULATION.
PARTIAL FROM AHEAD CONVEYED ARE TO ADVISE CITE AHEAD 235 CITE HAGAR, VIGAS, FRENCH,
FRID, GROOM, HENNA, AND FICEL FRENCH. REFORMULATION CABLE 22233-0. REMOVE MARKING
NOTICE GIVEN OF PERIOD AND ACTUAL SA. WILL HAVE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS WITH
SEVERAL AHEAD. THIS IS MAY RECEIVE AND BEHAVE MEDICAL OFFICER CARRIED.

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CIE
DIXON

A.P.H. 6

NOTICE RECLASSIFIED AS UNCLASSIFIED AT BUREAU VIEW YOUR CURRENT RECLASSIFICATION.
PARTIAL FROM ANOTHER SOURCE TO ADD TO THE ABOVE 235 CITE INAS, REAS, FRAGS,
FRID, GREN, TYPHO, AND FINEST PART. FURTHER CITE 12223-3. THESE MATERIALS
NOTICE GIVEN OF THE AND ACTUAL TO. WILL HAVE FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH
SEVENTH AEGY. THIS IS MY REQUEST AND STATE MEDICAL OFFICE GANNED.

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Subject:- Transport of Effects of Civilian Employee.

To:- C.A.O. Collesano.

Hout
ANGOP/1016/L.
ANGOP H.M. STOLLY.
13th Sept. 1943

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Francis Pontani who is employed in the Legal Division of this H.Q. The furniture he refers to is at 4, Via Ospedale, Collesano, where he can be contacted.

If what he asks can be done, it would be appreciated as we need Pontani's service in the division regularly and his transfer to Palermo would certainly help a lot.

With many thanks,

GCH/HV.

G.G. HANNAFORD, Major for
W.C. CHANLER, Lt. Col. (A.F.S.)
Chief Legal Officer.

Subject: *[Handwritten]*

ALXOT/5015/CS
ALXOT HQ SIGCEN
13 September 45.

To: S. G. A. Cms: MESSINA
CATANIA
STRAGUA
TAGUBA

Appendix is forwarded for information.

HP/MSG.

[Handwritten Signature]

1st. Col., R. A. S. G.
D. B. C. S. R.

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NAVAL MESSAGE
IN

FOIHO NO. 05371
10 SEPT 45

FROM: POBY
TO: 15 ARMY GROUP
NO: 0820/10

TUO. 0820/10

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PROPOSE TO START FISHING, NOW IN PROGRESS ALONG
THE WHOLE EAST COAST OF SICILY UNDER THE USUAL
RESTRICTIONS.

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AMGOT/263/HQ

AMGOT HQ SICILY

7 September 1943

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

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

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

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

Charles M. Spofford

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

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AMGOT/263/HQ

20 August 1943

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

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

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

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

_____ through S.C.A.O. _____ Province
5. Except where impracticable, by reason of distance, time, or communication, AMGOT HQ personnel on inspection trips or on special missions will report to the S.C.A.O. in the first instance. Orders or instructions, except on technical matters, will not be given directly to personnel in the field by HQ officers.
6. The following agencies and activities, by reason of their special character, will be handled directly by AMGOT HQ:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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AMCOL 15 A.G.

14th September 1943.

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URGENT. (Emergency Opn)

15 ARMY GROUP

ACK PARMEN FROM AMCOL 7 ARMY TO 15 ARMY GROUP CIES AMCOL 239 PARMEN
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SUBJECT:-

Return of Firearms.

AMGOT/218/HQ

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY

13th September 1943


TO:-

S.C.A.O., Palermo Province.
(For the attention of Major Hickenbotham).

I am directed by the C.C.A.O. to request you to issue instructions for the return of two shot-guns and ammunition belonging to Count Faolo Tasca.

These guns are at present lodged with the C.C.R.R. at Sta Nicola La Reina in the commune of Trabia.

Would you, at the same time, ensure that Count Tasca has the necessary permit.


Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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AMGOT HQ SICILY

13 September 1943

SUBJECT: Establishment Personnel Education Branch
TO : Major Gayre, Educational Advisor


Reference your memorandum 9 Sept. 1943:

1. In connection with the revised TO/WE for AMGOT HQ and Regions I, II and III, Education and Fine Arts have been combined and the following staff provided:

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|-------------------|----------------|
| <u>AMGOT HQ</u> | 2 Lt. Colonels |
| <u>REGION I</u> | 1 Major |
| <u>REGION II</u> | 1 Major |
| <u>REGION III</u> | |

2. While this is not exactly in line with your suggestions, I believe it will meet the requirements you have in mind and I would appreciate any comments.

3. The suggestion in para IV for warrant officers is approved. I have asked Capt. Davis, British Staff Captain A, to take up the matter of securing the personnel you have in mind. 625


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

BY AIR COURIER.

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Subject: - E.W. Mail

AMCOT/2065/E.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

15 Sep 43.

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

Re TROOPERS 67748 FW2 of 9 Sept. Appropriate reply as follows:-

"Censored PW mail for Sicily can now be accepted for delivery (-)
Bags should be addressed AMCOT Palermo (-)"

Your 3(4) FBKRS of 11 August 00499 also refers. Desirable inform
C.O.S. for information of U.S. and U.K. postal authorities. Attached is
copy of a relative message to MIDEAST.

A.P. Graffey-Smith

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

SUBJECT:- Promotions U.S.A. Officers.

Hoat
AMGOT/1081/PS.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

12. Sept. 43.

To: C.S.G.

Attached is a list of officers of the (U.S. Contingent) Public Safety Division who are recommended for promotion to the next higher grade.

This recommendation is based upon an excellent performance of duty during the occupation of Sicily and have demonstrated qualities of leadership.

Both existing and proposed T/Os. provide suitable vacancies for the higher grades to which promotion is proposed. An undue proportion of the U.S. Officers on duty with this Division are in the lower brackets, and it is desirable that this condition be corrected as promptly as possible.

I regret that at the moment I am unable to submit the names of British Officers for promotion, due to the fact that the grades held by Officers in the British Service are governed absolutely by their W/E.

There are a number, however, whom I consider well qualified for advanced grade at such time as the British W/E will permit consideration of such recommendations.

Lesnel Hollen,
Colonel, Inf.
Commissioner of Public
Safety.

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U.S. OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION AND
RECOMMENDED FOR PROMOTION

To Lt. Colonel:

Major R. Ashworth

To Major :

Captain T.G. Brennan
Captain E.L. Chaney
Captain R.L. Green
Captain H.M. Kelly
Captain Philip C. Lewis
Captain O.H. Mathis
Captain C.A. Pein
Captain K.W. Wallace

To Captain :

1st Lt. J.B. Bellerson
1st Lt. W.W. Blythe
1st Lt. B.H. Eury
1st Lt. B.R. Johnson
1st Lt. R.E. Loch
1st Lt. E.J. Murphy
1st Lt. C. Pappalardo
1st Lt. P.J. Petersen
1st Lt. D.S. Root
1st Lt. C.E. Smith

To Lt. :

2nd Lt. H.M. Adams
2nd Lt. J.W. Atkinson
2nd Lt. E.R. Castle
2nd Lt. R.W. Orlinton
2nd Lt. B.A. Hahn
2nd Lt. P.M. Klepeck
2nd Lt. V. Kovanich Jr.
2nd Lt. R.A. Krupski
2nd Lt. A. Logg
2nd Lt. D.W. Maki
2nd Lt. G.M. Marinkov
2nd Lt. K.P. Mehlbauer
2nd Lt. G. Mitchell
2nd Lt. W.J.G. O'Neill
2nd Lt. H.H. Sackon
2nd Lt. T.J. Shannon
2nd Lt. F.T. Sillett
2nd Lt. A.A. Simpson Jr.

U.S. OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION AND
RECOMMENDED FOR PROMOTION

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To Lt. Colonel:

Major ~~A.~~ Ashworth Roy (NMI) 0905179 INF REG

To Major :

Captain ~~W.S.~~ Brennan ^{016642 CMP RES}
 Captain ~~W.S.~~ Chaney ^{0374394 CMP RES}
 Captain ~~W.S.~~ Gram ^{0343477 INF ADS}
 Captain ~~W.S.~~ Kelly ^{0487061 CMP}
 Captain ~~W.S.~~ Philip C. Lewis ⁰⁴³²⁶⁴⁹
 Captain ~~W.S.~~ Mathis ⁰⁴⁰⁷²⁸³
 Captain ~~W.S.~~ Rein ⁰⁴⁰⁷⁵²⁶
 Captain ~~W.S.~~ Wallace ^{056471 INF REG}

To Captain :

1st Lt. J.B. Bellersen ^{0303761 INF ADS}
 1st Lt. W.W. Blythe ^{0303761 INF ADS}
 1st Lt. E.H. Emry ^{0448749 CMP RES}
 1st Lt. H.R. Johnson ⁰⁴⁴⁷⁵⁵³⁹
 1st Lt. R.E. Loeb ⁰⁴⁶⁰⁸⁸⁹
 1st Lt. E.J. Murphy ⁰³²⁴³⁹⁹
 1st Lt. C. Pappalardo ⁰³²⁴³⁹⁹
 1st Lt. F.J. Petersen ⁰⁴⁰⁷⁵²⁶
 1st Lt. D.B. Root ⁰⁴⁰⁷⁵²⁶
 1st Lt. C.E. Smith ^{0352347 INT}

To Lt. :

2nd Lt. H.M. Adams ^{0179740 CMP RES}
 2nd Lt. V.W. Atkinson ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷³¹
 2nd Lt. E.R. Castle ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷³⁴
 2nd Lt. R.W. Crichton ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷³⁵
 2nd Lt. H.A. Hahn ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷³⁶
 2nd Lt. P.M. Klepacki ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷³⁷
 2nd Lt. V. Kovanich Jr. ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷³⁸
 2nd Lt. H.A. Krupski ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷³⁹
 2nd Lt. A. Joewy ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷⁴⁰
 2nd Lt. D.W. Maki ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷⁴¹
 2nd Lt. G.M. Marinkov ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷⁴²
 2nd Lt. M.P. Meuhlbauser ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷⁴³
 2nd Lt. G. Mitchell ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷⁴⁴
 2nd Lt. W.J.C. O'Neill ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷⁴⁵
 2nd Lt. H.F. Sacken ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷⁴⁶
 2nd Lt. T.J. Shannon ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷⁴⁷
 2nd Lt. R.T. Sillett ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷⁴⁸
 2nd Lt. A.A. Simpson Jr. ⁰¹⁷⁹⁷⁴⁹

Captain ~~W.S.~~ Brennan ~~James B.~~ 016542 CMP RES
 Captain ~~W.S.~~ Chaney ~~Edward L.~~ 0374390 CMP RES
 Captain ~~W.S.~~ Gram ~~Malcolm L.~~ 0343477 INF ADV
 Captain ~~W.S.~~ Kelly ~~Harold M.~~ 0487861 CMP
 Captain ~~W.S.~~ Philip C. Lewis 0438540
 Captain ~~W.S.~~ Mathis ~~John A.~~ 0101723
 Captain ~~W.S.~~ Rein ~~Frank H.~~ 0407826
 Captain ~~W.S.~~ Wallace ~~Harold W.~~ 0361771 INF INF

1st Lt. J.B. Bellersen ~~John B.~~ 01301761 INF RES
 1st Lt. W.W. Blythe ~~William W.~~ 0505841 CMP RES
 1st Lt. J.H. Emry ~~John H.~~ 0409745 CMP RES
 1st Lt. H.R. Johnson ~~Harold R.~~ 0147853
 1st Lt. R.E. Loeb ~~Robert E.~~ 046083
 1st Lt. E.J. Murphy ~~Edward J.~~ 0574490
 1st Lt. C. Pappalardo ~~Charles~~ 0502222
 1st Lt. P.J. Petersen ~~Patrick J.~~ 0509868
 1st Lt. D.B. Root ~~Donald B.~~ 0137861
 1st Lt. G.H. Smith ~~George H.~~ 0354747 INF

2nd Lt. H.M. Adams ~~Henry M.~~ 0179740 CMP RES
 2nd Lt. J.W. Atkinson ~~John W.~~ 0177756
 2nd Lt. E.R. Castle ~~Edward R.~~ 0177434
 2nd Lt. R.W. Crichton ~~Robert W.~~ 0179765
 2nd Lt. A.A. Hahn ~~Arthur A.~~ 0179746
 2nd Lt. P.M. Klepacki ~~Paul M.~~ 0174609 CMP RES
 2nd Lt. V. Kovanich Jr. ~~Vladimir~~ 0179654
 2nd Lt. R.A. Krupski ~~Robert A.~~ 0171742
 2nd Lt. A. Loewy ~~Albert (RAM)~~ 0177723
 2nd Lt. D.W. Maki ~~Dimitri W.~~ 0179747
 2nd Lt. G.M. Marinkov ~~George M.~~ 0179747
 2nd Lt. K.F. Meuhlbauer ~~Karl F.~~ 0171749
 2nd Lt. G. Mitchell ~~George~~ 0179747
 2nd Lt. W.S.C. O'Neill ~~William S.C.~~ 0179747
 2nd Lt. E.E. Sacken ~~Edward E.~~ 0179747
 2nd Lt. T.J. Shannon ~~Thomas J.~~ 0179747
 2nd Lt. F.F. Sillett ~~Frederick F.~~ 0179747
 2nd Lt. A.A. Simpson Jr. ~~Arthur A.~~ 0179747

To Major :
 To Captain :
 To Lt. :

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Subject:- Motor Veh Taxation and Licensing.

AMCOT/1850/PS.

AMCOT II. Q. SICILIA

13 Sep 43.

Col. L. Bolles,
Commissioner Public Safety.

Reference your memo of 12th September, on proposed new licensing system on motor vehicles etc. I can advise you that we have no disagreement whatever with the proposed plan dated 10th September, 43. We do not feel it wise at this time to alter any part of the tax system, and have maintained this policy without exception. At a later date advantageous changes may be made.

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

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SUBJECT: - Weekly return of Communicable Diseases.

AMCOT/3045/PH

AMCOT HQ SICILY

TO: - ALL CAPPO'S
(THROUGH CAUS)

13 Sep 47

Weekly returns of Communicable Diseases from the provinces are required at this H.Q. on the Italian form Mod 16 (Sanita). Please reply to this H.Q. immediately stating if you have a supply of these forms, sufficient for one year.

W. Gordon Chyng
D GORDON CHYNG
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

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AMCOT/1009/P3
AMCOT IN SICILY
14 September 1943

Subject: Appointment of Prefect

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

The C.C.A.O. has directed me to say that he has learned of the appointment of Signor Muscatto as Prefect, Palermo Province.

The C.C.A.O. directs me to say that he had no knowledge of this appointment before it was made and would like to discuss the matter with you at your earliest convenience.

Charles M. Stafford 617

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

SUBJECT: Monthly Hospital Returns

Frank

REGOT / 3046 / HL

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TO: ALL STATES
(Through SCAGS).

REGOT NO. SICHEL

13 Sept 43.

The return concerning the occupation of hospital beds in the provinces, now required to be rendered monthly, has, in many cases for the month of August, not yet reached this office. Kindly expedite.

In future all such returns should also give the total population of the province.

GGP/ech

D. J. C. Ltd.
D. GORDON GUTHRIE.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

Handwritten: 4127
Level FMGOT/24/Hg

HEADQUARTERS AMGOT
15th Army Group
APO 777

11 September 1943

SUBJECT: Enquiries Re Civilians.
TO : SCAO, Province of Catania.

1. This Hq has had an enquiry on the present whereabouts and health of Giacomo Rabone Bresmes.
2. Our information indicates that the above named may now reside at Caltagirone.
3. Any information you can furnish this Hq in regard to the above named will be appreciated.

CHARLES M. STOFFORD
Lt Col, GSC
Chief Staff Officer

Subject: Weekly report of Stocks, Etc.

AMGCE/5135/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
14 September 43.

To: Lieut. Lofaso,
Catania.

The attached (copy) report to 10th Sep. 1943, is forwarded for your information. Will you kindly submit your weekly reports in this form as far as possible, and when these are received here they will be embodied into one report for the whole C. S. D., Sicily.

For the Director Civilian Supply and Resources.

CL/EDG.

Lieut.
Civilian Supply Division.

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Subject: Labor

AMECOT/5122/08
AMECOT HQ SICILY
14 September 43.

To: Capt. Robert Faser, AMCOT HQ, Catania.

1. Your Weekly Report of 11 Sept. was very helpful.
2. Health and Accident Insurance programs are being worked out by Welfare and Finance Divisions. Definite policy should be announced soon.
3. I have not forwarded copy of our labor plan yet since it is still on the general's desk awaiting approval. It has been approved by every available HQs committee thus far, and when it has finally been approved, I'll send it along. I'm pushing it as hard as I can.
3. If Army pays 50 to 70 lire a day for labor, it will violate labor directives, and also have very bad effect on labor situation generally. Stop it if possible, otherwise advise and we'll take necessary action.
4. Thanks for wage and cost of living data. Will await final report with interest. Did you get my other letters?

Regards,

DAM/EDG.

DAVID A. MORSE,
Capt., A. C.
AMECOT HQ, Labor Section,
Civilian Supply Division.

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HEADQUARTERS AMGOT
15th Army Group
APO 777

AMGOT/213/HQ

13 September 1943

SUBJECT: Enquiries Re Civilians.

TO : SCAG, Province of Caltanissetta.

1. This Hq has had an enquiry on the present whereabouts and health of Angiolo Jacono and family.
2. The address given as place of residence is Gela.
3. Any information that you can give us concerning the above named will be appreciated.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt Col, GSC
Chief Staff Officer

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AMGOT/241/4g

HEADQUARTERS AMGOT
15th Army Group
APO 777

11 September 1943

SUBJECT: Enquiries Re Civilians.

TO : SCAO, Province of Caltanissetta.

1. This Hq has had an enquiry on the present whereabouts and health of Giacomo Rabone Bressas.
2. Our information indicates that the above named may now reside at Gela, Caltanissetta.
3. Any information you can furnish this Hq in regard to the above named will be appreciated.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt Col, GSC
Chief Staff Officer

AMGOT/1107/PS.

AMGOT HQ. - SICILY.

10 Sept. 1943.

Subject: Conviction of Prisoners Minors.

To : S. C. A. Os.

The information as given in attached form is required for the benefit of the Welfare Section, Public Health Division concerning Minors, that is prisoners under age of 18 years on conviction.

Particulars of those now serving a sentence in a Prison (not reformatory) are required as soon as conveniently possible.

The return is also required from time to time as cases occur. It should not be confused with the ordinary monthly statistical return required by H. Q. AMGOT letter AMGOT/1056/PS dated 10 September, 1943.

Lennel L. Bolles
Lennel L. Bolles,
Colonel Inf.,
Commissioner Public Safety.

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SECRET/31/11 1204

SECRET HQ. - SIKELLY.

14 September, 1943.

Subject: Indirect control of civil government.

To : S.C.A.C. - Rome.

Reference your 7/3/43 of 10 Sep. 43.

1. It is realized that the volume of detailed enquiry and administrative direction issued from this H. Q. probably causes alarm and despondency to S.C.A.C. who have inadequate clerical staff and an ever decreasing officer staff. At the start of an administration it is inevitable that there should be a large amount of this type of correspondence, but control is and has been kept on it.
2. Though close scrutiny and detailed directions at the outset may have the immediate effect described by you, it is considered that they should tend to greater efficiency on the part of Italian officials later on when they have to work on their own to a far greater extent than they do at present.
3. It is understood that the post of Mayor has always been held by a local man and that it is part time and unpaid; furthermore, that an outsider would find it very difficult to get any cooperation. You may have taken these factors into consideration when asking for mayors - if so please give some idea of the pay and conditions of service and this H. Q. will endeavour to select men.

(RB)

Jr CHURCHILL
Lt. Col. G. 609
Chief Staff Officer.

4200

Subject: Engagement of an accountant

AMGOT/5123/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
14 Sept. 43

To: SC. A. O. PALERMO

Prof. Rag. Rosario Frost de Royer.

1. The above is the "Capo Sezione Economia del Municipio". He has been recommended to us as being a suitable accountant to take over the supervision of the accounts of the Post & Telegraph, Ital Cable and the Circolo Costruzione T. T.

2. Could you please release him to carry out these highly important duties?

RST/AS

R. A. S. C.

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

608

SUBJECT:- Malaria Control.

Stout
ANGOT/3005/PH

ANGOT HQ SICLY

TO:- SAPHO Agrigento
(Through SCAO)

14 Sep 47

Ref SAPHO memo BX/P/14 of 7 Sep 45 to SCAO Agrigento your attention directed to this H.Q. memo ANGOT/3005/PH of 6 Sep in which SCAOs were informed that the 7 Army anti-malaria organisation would exercise a general control over all anti-malaria work in the provinces in which 7 Army troops were being accommodated.

DGC
D GORDON CHEYNE
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

DGC/ER

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Memorandum

AMCOT/5002/03
AMCOT Hq SICILY
14 September 43

To: Senior Supply Officer
Major Sutton, Messina

The bearer, GIUSEPPE ARIDON, Director of the coal department of the Consorzio Agrario Provinciale, Palermo, has been authorized by this office to locate stocks of vegetable coal in your area and to place them under your control.

HLD/jfl

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

[Handwritten signature]

Hoat

Subject: Wine Industry.

AMCOT/5100/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
14 September 43.

To: S. C. A. O. Trapari

1. Your letter (without reference number) of 10 Sept. on the above subject.
2. This HQ letter AMCOT/5100/CS dated 8 Sept., answers your enquiry in part.
3. The C.F.O. states, however, that although there is no export market for the wine in sight, banks may be prepared to advance funds for the industry.

CJH/EDG.

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

Hoat

SUBJECT: Malaria Control

AMGOT/3005/PH.

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

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

14 September 1943

1. The incidence of malignant malaria in Sicily is likely to reach its peak in September and October.
2. It is essential therefore, that every possible measure for the control of malaria should be initiated or pursued with the greatest activity NOW.
3. Communal regulations exist pertaining to the obligation of landowners to keep land free from conditions favorable to the breeding of Anopheline mosquitos. These regulations should be rigorously enforced through the agency of Civil Officer of the Health Department of the province and communes, directed by the S.A.P.H.C. of provinces. Expert advice can be obtained from the malarialogist attached to the Public Health Division of AMGOT who is available to visit and advise S.C.A.O.'s and C.A.O.'s.
4. You are reminded of the power to make "by-laws" granted you under the terms of this Headquarter's letter 266/HQ. of 27 August 1943 and any appropriate order for malaria control may well be issued under this authority.

D. Gordon Cheyne
D. GORDON CHEYNE
Col. R.A.M.C.
Director of Public Health Division.

DGC/ja

Distribution:
Agrigento 6
Caltanissetta 5
Catania 6
Enna 4
Palermo 35
Ragusa 6
Siracusa 14
Trapani 6
Messina 8
AMGOT Liaison 1
AMGOT 8th Main 1
Col. Huro 1
File 2
Float 1
Divisions 6
H.G.S. AFHQ 2

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Subject:- Cases - Palermo Province.

Float
AMC 4016/L.
AMTOT H.Q. SICILY.
12th Sept. 1943.

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

Attached hereto is letter ref. AG 383.6 Misc. dated 12 Sept. 1943 from H.Q. Seventh Army with enclosures. It has been sent to this office in error.

S/Ldr. Dickie. S.L.O.
This looks like at least
a Superior Court case to me
W.C.C.
C.L.O.

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

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Y. coat

SUBJECT: Customs Duties - Palermo Port.

ALICE/20577.

ALICE HQ, ST. PAULI.

13th September, 1943.

TO: Chief Finance Officer.

1. The goods which were in bonded warehouses at Palermo Port at the date of the occupation comprise (a) goods directly belonging to the Italian Government and Italian Armed Forces, and (b) goods in private ownership (including the ownership of state controlled companies).
2. In respect of the goods in category (a), those become the property of the Allied Military Government at the date of occupation. Any of such goods removed out of bond by IZ or any of the services are Government undertakings, municipalities, essential services or private undertakings or persons, the price should be the normal sale price, after customs clearance, i.e. the basic price plus the customs duty. It is a matter for financial policy whether that part of the price which represents customs duty is put into Customs Receipts, but there is no obligation to do so.
3. In respect of goods in category (b), certain of the same may have been requisitioned or seized as property of military use. In such cases, the goods have come into the legal possession of IZ or one of the Services before release from bond and no customs duties are payable. Such goods are in the same position in all respects, as regards customs duties, as the goods in category (a).
4. As regards goods in category (b) which are not requisitioned or seized in bond, these should be cleared by the owners in the ordinary way and customs duties paid.
5. Where any non-government undertaking, municipality, essential service, or private undertaking or person has already acquired any goods in category (a) or (b) and is liable or is equitably liable a duty has been paid, when the undertaking or person who acquired the goods should be directed to account for the amount of the customs duties. If the goods are in category (a), the amount of the customs duties so paid need not be placed in Customs Receipts, but if the goods are in category (b) the amount in all cases (i.e. whether or not the goods have been previously required through or seized) should be credited to Customs Receipts.

W. J. ...
 W. J. ...
 Lieut. Col.
 S. G. L. C.
 603

Fleet

AMDOT/66/182
REGT HQ SICILY
24 September 1943

Memorandum for: Capt. Graham

The attached is self-explanatory - will you follow up. I have discussed the composition of the party and the first wave should stand as it is. The second wave will consist of Lt. Peterson, Lt. Price and one British officer, presumably from the Public Health Division.

Encl.

C. S. O.

602

SUBJECT: Appointment (Security Officer.

Float

ANGOT/1081/PS

ANGOT H.Q., SICILY.

14 September 1943.

TO : Lt. Col., CLOUGH.

At the request of Captain Farrar the name of Captain Ballance (Br.) is submitted for designation as Security Officer, Headquarters Building, ANGOT, # 8, Via Bari.

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

Fleat AMCOT 1027/05
AMCOT NO SICILY
14 September 1943

Memorandum for: C.F.O.

The S.C.A.O. Agrigento called this morning to say that 7th Army authorities were supervising bomb and ammunition clearance in the area but were asking that AMCOT pay the civilian labor involved. The D.C.C.A.O. has authorized me to agree to this payment, if necessary, although we both feel it is primarily an Army responsibility.

This is for your information in the event that the S.C.A.O. is unable to work out payment through 7th Army.

[Signature]
C.F.O.

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Fleet

AMCOT/66/HQ
AMCOT HQ SICUX
1 September 1963

Memorandum for: D.P.H.

Can you supply a British medical officer to form a part of a small party which is shortly to embark with an American division in operation AVALANCHE. The officer should be of the grade of Captain, if available, and should be experienced enough to handle himself in first phase operations.

C. S. O.

AMCOT/19
AMCOT HQ PALERMO
11 September 1943

SUBJECT: Mail for Vatican

TO: Military Government Section, AMHQ

1. Forwarded herewith are a number of packets addressed to the Vatican. Some of them contain postcards etc. for onward transmission. If this is in order, the packages can perhaps be forwarded through the usual channels, if this is still practicable.

2. One of the large envelopes is marked "Diplomatic correspondence - Not to be censored." We have no knowledge here of any arrangement to provide for such a facility.

for lead
for c.s.o.

Host
Subject:- Black Market Plan

AMPOE/2051/E.

AMPOE H.Q. SICILY

14 Sep 43.

C.P.S.

With reference to your 1057/PS of 14th September. I write to inform you that the proposed plan in so far as the Financial Division is concerned meets with my full approval.

With particular reference to para. 2 (iii), I presume you will later inform me of the amounts you require, and the mechanism through which you wish to handle the disbursement of such funds.

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

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AMGOT/1027/PS

Subject: Court Enquiry as to Treatment of Prisoners at I Faviagna Prison.

12 Sept. 1943

To: Chief Legal Officer.

Reference Court of Enquiry to Enquire into the Conditions and Treatment of prisoners detained at I Faviagna Prison.

- 1. Scope of Legal Division's Enquiry. : "to advise me (C.O.L.O.) whether charges shall be preferred against the Italian staff for negligence, dishonesty etc."
- 2. Jurisdiction. as offences committed (if any) were before occupation, they would not be proclaimed as offences; therefore the charges would presumably have to be framed according to Italian law and the case transferred to an Allied Court.
- 3. General Observations. Virtually the only evidence taken at the Court of Enquiry was that of Italian doctors and members of the staff. No direct evidence of negligence etc. could therefore be expected.

4. Nature of Evidence Given.

(a) Food.
 There is no doubt that the prisoners were suffering from an acute lack of food; the doctor who examined them testifies to this and it is admitted by all. It may be that the shortage of food was aggravated by wrongful disposal of it, but naturally no such evidence was forthcoming. Witness No. 4 (Corporal in Prison service) states that there were no complaints that the prisoners did not receive the food issued for them. Any witnesses say that the food ration was very monotonous and was greatly reduced recently. The director (Witness 3) says that he has been director since Dec. 4; that soon after his arrival reductions were made and increased until shortly before the occupation when they became serious. The cause of the shortage of food is alleged to be the war: short supply of food everywhere and shipping difficulties. Is this true or not, it is very questionable.

The Director states that in June he sent a representative to Rome to represent the state of affairs and he produces certain letters (exhibits A, B, C, D, E, G, H.) being either requests for more food or answers to such requests. These letters though not good letters, do show that he took some steps to bring the situation to the notice of superior authorities and to those responsible for providing the food.

(b) Conditions of Buildings.

The Director also states that owing to bombing, conditions in the prison were impossible, especially on the advent of winter. This he represented to Rome. See Exhibit D.

(c) General Health.

Witness 5 (Commandant central prison, Palermo) states that though lacking 400

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Witness 5 (Commandant central prison, Palermo) states that though leading a good life, on the whole they were not dirty though there were a few cases of scabies. He makes of all treatment.

Witness 7 (Doctor) states that, though they were suffering from debility etc., there were no signs of ill-treatment.

(d) Health Conditions etc. in NAVIGARA.

Witness 3 (Corporal): 4 years supply officer in prison):
Clothing was satisfactory;

Boys were lowly;

General sanitation unsatisfactory (no disinfectant latterly)

Witness 4 (Corporal): 2 years at Navigara):

Prisoners bathed approx. every 15 days;

No soap for 18 months

(e) Irregularities in Prison.

Apparently trafficking with guards and between themselves in food for cigarettes went on (See witnesses 3 and 4). The Director (Witness 6) says he only came to know of this recently. It is fair to say, I think, to say that this is no excuse.

54 Conclusion.

- (a) The problem of jurisdiction (see para 2) may be serious.
- (b) The evidence so far available is only one sided.
- (c) That evidence does not disclose any serious state of affairs except for (i) Food and (ii) Conditions due to bombing. It is alleged that both these are due to war conditions and it is inadvisable that the director did take some steps (perhaps not sufficiently energetic) to try and remedy these troubles.

On the evidence now before me I therefore advise that no proceedings be taken and that any measures taken should be in the nature of dispensing with the services of officials. This opinion might well require revision if the evidence from the accountant and examination of the books (see concluding lines of Opinion of the Court of Inquiry) show wrongful appropriation of food by the staff.

Jan Campbell
 JAN CAMPBELL, Major,
 Legal Division.

AMNOT L.Q.

Minutes of the
2d Regular Meeting of
Economic & Financial Council
Held on 12-9-43

AMGOT/74/HG
AMGOT HQ SICILY
September 13, 1943

Present

Lt. Col. E. L. Clough (Chairman)
Lt. Comdr. F. S. Southard (Vice-Chairman)
Lt. Col. R. M. J. Martin
Major Hamaford
Major Witte
Captain Bovard

The Council was called to order by the Chairman at 1000 hours.

9. A report from the Legal Division on the very inadequate food issued in the Central Prison, Palermo, was submitted by Major Hamaford. The Council referred the matter to Public Safety Division and Civilian Supply Division for their immediate action. (Action Lt. Col. Martin and Lt. Col. C. J. Hayes)

10. In a discussion on the question of inflation led by Lt. Comdr. Southard, it was agreed that the subject was one of quite outstanding importance and one of the biggest problems on the Island. Lt. Comdr. Southard said that the remedies against inflation must be initiated as soon as possible. He reminded the Council that prices were rising and that the arrival of the Allied forces had placed an extra 2 1/2 billion lire in the hands of the people which was rather more than 50% addition to the previous circulation. The remedies against inflation included opening of Banks and particularly Post Office Savings Banks, Insurance Offices, and the prompt collection, and possibly the raising, of rents and taxes. Lt. Comdr. Southard stressed the importance of starting a cost of living index without which no accurate assessment of rents, rates, taxes and wage scales could be made. The Council referred the whole question back to Lt. Comdr. Southard who was instructed to produce a plan for the control of inflation which would be submitted to the Executive Council - plan to be prepared in collaboration with the Legal and Civilian Supply Division and to be ready by 26 September 1943. (Action Lt. Comdr. Southard)

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Remedy of Major Hannaford's memorandum attached.
12. The Chairman spoke on the need for essential public works being organized on an Island wide basis. But he stressed the word "essential". Our first task was to get the people fed and for the time being only those public works which contributed to this end, should be considered essential. Obvious instances were electricity, and transport facilities. The Council agreed to instruct Lt. Lobb to attend the next meeting of the Council to report on the supply and distribution of electrical energy. Further, Major Witte, representing Public Health Division was instructed to prepare a very strong statement to the effect that, in the opinion of the Council, the main problem before AMG was the feeding of the people, that this problem was not

being adequately tackled and that too many much less urgent problems were engaging the attention of this Headquarters. It was agreed to send this statement forward to the Executive Council. The Council discussed the question of putting P.O.W.s to work on land not privately owned or abandoned, and Captain Bovard said that his department was already investigating this question. (action Major Witte and Lt. Loeb)

13. It was agreed to defer consideration of the plan for the re-organization of agriculture until the next meeting.

14. The Council adjourned at 1100 hrs.

S. T. H. C. 1/11

E. TALBOT,
Captain,
Secretary to E.F.C.O.

Distribution:

- C. C. A. O.
- D. C. C. A. O.
- C. S. O.
- D. S. C. O.
- Lt. Col. E. L. Clough
- Lt. Col. F. S. Southard
- Lt. Col. C. J. Hayes
- Lt. Col. R. M. J. Martin
- Major C. S. Hannaford
- Major E. F. Witte

- Capt. Bovard
- Lt. Loeb
- Secretary
- File
- Spares

MEMORANDUM FOR E. F. O. O.

Salaries for States and Provincial Officials

1. In view of the policy pursued by AIGOT in regard to reducing Allied personnel, it is obvious that the Allied Government will have to rely more and more on the efficiency of Italian Officials to carry on with the administration of the Island.

2. To date a large proportion (35%) of Italian Officials have not returned to their posts. This is due to two factors:

- (a) many are refugees on the Continent;
- (b) more are dispersed all over the Island.

Generally, this second category of refugees have not been able to resume their functions for lack of transport and lack of funds.

3. Though nearly 50% of state officials have received on 14 July, four months salary in advance from the Italian Government, their indemnities, which double their salaries, have not been paid.

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For instance, a civil servant who received 800 lire monthly salary, plus 650 lire in various indemnities, would, from October 1st, receive 1450 lire net as salary.

This method will not only allow the civil servants to balance their budget but would facilitate the future collection of taxes.

8. Any adjustment of the amount of salary to be paid as from October 1st, if the cost of living so justifies, should be worked out by Wage Section (Capt. Morse) at their early convenience.

12th Sept. 43.

G. G. Harnaford, Major.
Legal Division

Stock
AMGOT/2002/PH

SUBJECT:- Suppl. of Medicine to Charitable Institution.

TO:- SAPHO. Palermo.

(Through SCAO).

14 Sep 43

The Institute Della Suore Del Buon Pastore, Corso Galatafimi 973. has applied to this H.C. for medicines and soap. A request is being made to the Civil Supply Division for the release of soap.

Could you please arrange to supply them with a small stock of medicine and dressings?. Attached is a list of their requirements all of which it is obviously impossible to supply.

D Gordon Cheyne sr

D GORDON CHEYNE
Colonel
Director of Public Health

GMP/ER

17/10/43
SUBJECT:- Petitions to H.M. The King.

SECRET

AMGOT/69/HQ

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY

TO:- Military Secretary,
15 Army Group.

13th September, 1943

In the attached file AMGOT/69/HQ will be found two letters addressed to His Majesty which I am directed by the C.C.A.O. to submit to you for onward transmission should you consider it suitable, or for acknowledgment in His Majesty's name by the Commander-in-Chief.

Please return file in due course.

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YFB
Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

SECRET

AMGOT/1065/RS

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROVINCIAL C.A.P.O.s HELD AT H.Q., AMGOT, PALERMO
AT 1000 HRS, 8TH SEPTEMBER 1943.

PRESENT:-

Colonel LEWEL BOLLES
Lt. Col. R.M.J. MARTIN
Lt. Col. R. A. SHOCK
Major K. P. LOTHIAN
Major G.H.L. MASON

Capt. W.C. BALLANCE

Lt. Col. C.T. FRANCIS
Major R. ASHWORTH
Major C.T.A. BARTLETT
Major BATTERSBY
Major E.J. BYE
Major C.F. HICKINGHAM
Major A.W. HOLLERSON
Major G.M. SEARLE
Major T.W.J. WALTERS
Capt. W.I.R. WILKINS

C.P.S.
D.C.B.S.
Supt. Civil Police
Dep. Supt. Prisons
Acting Supt. Fire
and Civil Defence
Registration and
Licensing Section

C.A.P.O. (CALTANISSETTA)
C.A.P.O. (AGRIGENTO)
C.A.P.O. (TRAPANI)
C.A.P.O. (CATANIA)
C.A.P.O. (MESSINA)
C.A.P.O. (PALERMO)
C.A.P.O. (SIRACUSA)
C.A.P.O. (PALERMO)
C.A.P.O. (ENNA)
C.A.P.O. (RAGUSA)

1. INTRODUCTION.

In his opening remarks the C.P.S. paid tribute to the work of the C.A.P.O.s and Officers of the Division as to which he had received universally favourable reports. He emphasized that the object of the Division was to secure uniformity of procedure in the various Provinces. This Conference was dealing only with the situation in SICILY.

2. REVIEW OF GENERAL SITUATION.

The D.C.P.S., dealing with difficulties which were common to all Provinces, pointed out that from the standpoint of the Division the AMGOT Plan was not carried out in its entirety for various reasons.

(a) Transport. Difficulties were well known at Headquarters. Instructions had now been issued by the Commander-in-Chief to the effect that all transport requisitioned from civilians or otherwise acquired be returned to AMGOT. Not much had been done in the Eighth Army area, and a copy of instructions issued on 3rd September by Seventh Army was passed to C.A.P.O.s operating in Seventh Army area.

Lt. Col. G.T. FRANCIS
 Major R. ASHWORTH
 Major C.T.A. BARTLETT
 Major BATTERSEY
 Major E.J. BAYE
 Major C.F. HICKLINGHAM
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 C.A.P.O. (RAGUSA)

1. INTRODUCTION.

In his opening remarks the C.P.S. paid tribute to the work of the C.A.P.O.s and Officers of the Division as to which he had received universally favourable reports. He emphasized that the object of the Division was to secure uniformity of procedure in the various Provinces. This Conference was dealing only with the situation in SICILY.

2. REVIEW OF GENERAL SITUATION.

The D.C.P.S., dealing with difficulties which were common to all Provinces, pointed out that from the standpoint of the Division the AMGOT Plan was not carried out in its entirety for various reasons.

(a) Transport. Difficulties were well known at Headquarters. Instructions had now been issued by the Commander-in-Chief to the effect that all transport requisitioned from civilians or otherwise acquired be returned to AMGOT. Not much had been done in the Eighth Army area, and a copy of instructions issued on 3rd September by Seventh Army was passed to C.A.P.O.s operating in Seventh Army area.

(b) Shortage of Staff, especially of interpreters, had handicapped C.A.P.O.s considerably. A proposal to employ Italian-speaking Maltese who could also help with investigation and other work as warrant officers or sergeants was under consideration.

(c) The need for the immediate reports required by the AMGOT Plan still existed. That this could be managed despite shortage of staff and pressure of work was proved by reports, copies of which had reached Headquarters, by one C.A.P.O.

(d) The pay of the Carabinieri Reali, other police agencies, and the prison and fire services, was being examined and would be considered later by the Economic and Financial Committee (E.F.C.O.).

The D.C.P.S. asked whether the aides-memoire which were compiled in Africa with the expenditure of a considerable amount of labour had proved useful. No particular views either way were put forward.

3. GENERAL POLICY FOR POLICE CONTROL.

The C.P.S. stated that the established policy was that we were acting in an advisory capacity exercising indirect control, leaving the carrying out of the work to the Italians. It was essential that C.A.P.O.s combated the tendency to do everything themselves; the result might be to weaken the local organizations when the time came for AMGOT to hand over.

Explaining the relationship between Headquarters and provincial responsibility, the D.C.P.S. stated that where there was an island-wide organization this must be controlled from Headquarters. S.C.A.O.s were responsible for any agency organized on a provincial basis, although it was the desire of Headquarters to coordinate such activities. Where disciplinary action was necessary in the higher ranks of the Carabinieri Reali the matter should be referred to Headquarters unless the Group Commander already possessed the requisite authority to deal with the case. A general interchange of officers and warrant officers of the Carabinieri Reali was being undertaken by Headquarters.

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The D.C.P.S. explained that it had not been found practicable to carry out in full the instructions contained in Administrative Instruction No. 4 on this subject. It would probably be desirable to decentralize the issue of such passes below the provincial level. Passes necessitating travel beyond the limits of a Province should be referred to Headquarters unless only the adjoining Province was affected, in which case consultation with that Province was desirable.

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The checking of all persons now in custody or in internment camps at the instance of the Security services or of AMGOT was in progress and it was intended to review these cases monthly. The C.P.S. stated that it was of vital importance that a complete record should be available of all persons put in prison to enable cases to be handled properly. The C.C.A.O. would not tolerate persons remaining in prison without charges being preferred against them. Major BOGGIS-ROFFE explained the system of arrest slips under which the Security Officer or N.C.O. requiring the detention of a suspect would hand a copy of the arrest slip to the C.A.P.O. or other officer into whose custody the suspect was being transferred. In order to ensure the information reaching Headquarters, a copy of the arrest slip would go to Army Headquarters and thence to AMGOT Headquarters.

6. SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION.

(a) Firearms. Emphasis was laid on the desirability of uniformity in the provincial control of permits for firearms. Headquarters authority had already been given for reissue of shot-guns to approved persons employed for the protection of farms and private properties in country districts. Under no circumstances should hand-weapons, such as pistols, revolvers, daggers, etc., be the subject of permits. The Supt. Civil Police pointed out the danger of such weapons getting into the wrong hands.

(b) Vehicles. Uniformity in the method of authority for vehicles to circulate was stressed by the D.C.P.S., who stated that a detailed plan to secure this uniformity was being considered by Headquarters. Captain BALANCE, Traffic and Licensing Officer, summarised the details of the scheme.

7. THE ITALIAN POLICE AND OFFENCES BY ALLIED TROOPS.

The D.C.P.S. pointed out the difficulties experienced in the handling of offences committed by Allied troops. It was neither practicable nor desirable that Italian police should handle these, except in the most serious cases, and the only remedy appeared to be an adequate number of military or regimental police. As the military situation improved, it was likely that more and more troops would visit the towns on leave, and the matter was seriously exercising the P.S.D. Headquarters.

It was pointed out that Seventh Army required specific details of military personnel involved, but the Conference was concerned more with the measures to be taken to prevent such occurrences than with the detection of the offenders. One C.A.P.O. expressed the opinion that the present state of affairs was having a serious adverse effect on the attitude of the Sicilians towards the Allied occupation, and suggested that if the matter did not receive urgent attention, there was a grave danger of comparisons being made between discipline of the Allied and German troops, to the disadvantage of the former. The C.P.S. promised to make urgent representations to the C.C.A.O. on the subject.

8. C.A.P.O.s - PROSECUTIONS IN ALLIED MILITARY COURTS.

Major ROWLSON, STALCUSE, drew attention to the excessive work thrown on C.A.P.O.s in the preparation and prosecution of cases in summary military courts. Cases in the Superior and General Military Courts were handled by the Legal Officers and it was agreed that C.A.P.O.s should be relieved of the responsibility of preparing and prosecuting cases in the summary courts which would have to be left to the presiding officers to deal with.

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9. BRASSARDS FOR ITALIAN POLICE.

The D.C.P.S. gave details of proposed uniform brassards or armbands for police agencies and suggested that it might be possible to obtain assistance in the making of these from the convents. The question of identity cards for police employed on plain clothes duties was discussed and specimens of the identity cards already in use in some Provinces were submitted. The C.P.S. agreed to consider the possibility of securing uniformity in these places.

The meeting adjourned at 1215 hrs and resumed at 1430 hrs.

10. DISPOSAL OF UNEXPLODED BOMBS AND OTHER EXPLOSIVES.

The C.P.S. said it was desired to know what arrangements had been made for clearance of unexploded bombs and whether such arrangements were in operation.

The main difficulty in the Provinces was the lack of transport and personnel available for collection of the unexploded bombs.

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Reference was made to the existence of mines between TERAPANI and the EADI ISLANDS. The presence of grenades etc. in the countryside produced, apart from the danger to peasants working in the fields, the possibility of these explosives falling into wrong hands and being used to the detriment of public safety.

It was agreed that the use of civilian labour would facilitate matters.

11. BLACK MARKET.

The C.P.S. stated that after much discussion at Headquarters a plan of action was being drawn up.

The Supt. Civil Police said the general plan was based on Proclamations issued by Civilian Supply concerning the control of prices and on General Order No. 5, which had just been issued. The whole programme would be directed at striking at the core of the evil.

The first thing C.C.A.O. wanted to drive at was grain and its related products, and possibly sugar and olive oil. The finding of surplus in excess of what had been authorised in the Order would lead to the supplier and eventually to the main source.

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13. PAROLING OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

The D.C.P.S. pointed out that the present plan required paroled prisoners to report to C.A.P.O.s, thus throwing an additional burden on these officers, and the C.C.A.O. had approved of the duty being passed to the Italian agencies. This had already been done in some Provinces where the matter was being handled entirely by the Carabinieri, Teali.

N.B. Seventh Army have requested that ex-members of the Italian Forces who had escaped capture should be rounded up and handed over to the Military Police (U.S.).

14. PRISONS.

Major LOTHIAN stated that prisons, personnel, guards and prison staff were a national establishment, similar to the Carabinieri Reali.

The central prisons were locked upon by everyone as being national, and the general feeling was that local prisons were administered by the local authority. Most of the local prisons would be closed down when courtnes were restored. Plans were made to close thirty-seven in PALERMO PROVINCE. They could be made useful as police cells.

Present administration was Italian, under our control, and DR. COLOMBO had just been appointed Chief Director of Prisons.

Petitions. There were two forms of petitions from prisoners, one was a petition proper and another an application for leave to appeal against a sentence. The applications for leave to appeal will come under and be dealt with at Provincial Headquarters.

Uniforms would be provided for prison staff, and there would be a general **improvement** in food and comfort.

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Attention was drawn to the large demands on the Carabinieri Realie for guard duties, even for military property. This was considered a military responsibility, and should be taken up direct with the Military Base Authorities.

The meeting adjourned at 1735 hrs.

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SUBJECT:- Drugs used in treating Kala Azar.

AMGOT/3002/HI

AMGOT HQ SICILY

TO:- S.A.P.H.O. Catania - Through S.C.A.O.

12 Sep 43

Ref your letter on the a/m subject dated 5 Sep 43 please inform this office if you have yet received any Antimony preparations.

D Gordon Cheyne

D GORDON CHEYNE
Colonel
Director of Public Health

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SUBJECT: Property of Fascist Party

AMGOT/6001/CP
AMGOT HQ SICILY
12 September 1943

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

1. With reference to (i) instructions on Enemy State Property of 31 August 1943, (ref. AMGOT/6001/CP) and (ii) instructions on the G.I.L. and Opera Nazionale Dopolavoro of 5 Sept. 1943 (ref. AMGOT/3034/PH) information concerning all property owned or leased by the Fascist Party should be obtainable from the following institutions, which are understood to exist in every province.

2. All land owned by the Party will be recorded by Ufficio Tecnico Erariale of the province, Ufficio del Registro and Ufficio del Catasto.

All buildings will be recorded by the Offices of the Agenzia dell'Imperte, of which a number of branches exist in each province.

The properties used by the Party were in many cases rented, and details of leases should be available at the offices of the Conservatore dell'Ipotechi and the Intendenza di Finanze.

3. If there is an A.C.P. resident in your province, he should be able to provide you with a list of these properties, but owing to the large number of properties and wide distribution over the various communes, as well as to the smallness of his staff, he will not be able personally to collect the information requested in the two orders referred to in para 1. This task should be allotted to your C.A.Os., who will be in a more favourable position to furnish the information required.

4. The financial information in the instructions referred to in 1 (ii) above should be obtainable through your Finance officers, who are also in a position to take the necessary action.

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

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Subject: Regarding recommendations for
expenditures for repairs to
monuments - From Capt. Hammond

AMCOT 2045/P

AMCOT HQ SICILY

Memorandum: Colonel Graffey-Smith

12 September 43

K at Palermo Commission

1. This memorandum states that necessary repairs for minimum preservation of Churches, Special Buildings, and Educational Institutions approximate 12,500,000 Lira. Captain Hammond states that 7,000,000 Lira of this amount represents "most urgent work." 500,000 Lira has already been assigned to the Superintendent of Monuments to cover three months. Captain Hammond proposes that 800,000 Lira be approved for the same period to the Civil Engineer.

2. Subject to higher authority as regards policy on Fine Arts Reconstruction, these latter smaller amounts seem reasonable. In addition probably 6 million might be set aside for the remainder of the program. These expenditures should be approved by the P.O., Palermo Province after earlier approval by yourself and Captain Hammond. Actual advances should be made against certification of work done by the Civil Engineer and the Superintendent of Monuments.

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

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Subject: Memorandum to Major Gayre from
Captain Hammond regarding expenses
of Regia Università (Palermo)

AMGOT 2045/E

AMGOT HQ SIXTY

12 September 43

To : Colonel Graffey-Smith

1. Captain Hammond lists the various sections of the University and its affiliated schools and raises the following questions:

The following items are listed:

- (a) Palazzo (200,000 L) for immediate enforcement of the cloister.
- (b) School of Engineering - roof repairs.
- (c) Various Institutes - roof and bomb damage repair.
- (d) Medical Center - roof and window repairs.
- (e) Faculty of Economics - badly damaged. General strengthening and demolition required.
- (f) Student Hostel (Albergo di Francia). Action to prevent deterioration.

2. Estimate for the above repairs have been submitted in detail by the Rector to the Palermo S.C.A.O. When received here they may be reviewed by Major Gayre for final recommendation and action.

3. I suggest this memorandum, with attachment, be forwarded to Major Gayre for his handling.

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

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12 September 43

Memorandum to:

Captain F. H. Mace
Fine Arts and Monuments

I see no reason, from the point of view of the Finance Division,
why this document should not now be distributed through channels.

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

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Memorandum

AMGOT/5036/OS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
13 September 43.

To: Ditta Idotta,
Via G. Pardini,
Palermo.

We are advised that you have in your possession certain articles necessary for the operation of the General Electric plants. You are hereby ordered to deliver to the SGEES at prices prevailing as of July 9, 1943, the stocks desired. These are necessary for furtherance of the Allied Armies.

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J. F. R. SMITZ

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

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ANGOT/2001/F
ANGOT HQ SICILY
11 September 1943

SUBJECT: Information re Post Offices

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

1. General Administrative Instruction No. 17 of August 19th called for the submission to this office of certain information regarding Post Offices. Only one C.A.O.'s report has so far been received, and the delay is holding up, in particular, plans for the restoration of the Savings Bank Service. The information asked for with the exception of that referred to in paragraph 7 which has become out of date - should now be submitted as soon as possible.

2. Some additional copies of GAI No. 17 are attached.

W. B. ...

Colonel,
Chief Financial Officer.

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Subject: Olive Oil

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AMCOT/5064/CS
AMCOT HQ SICILY
13 September 43.

To: S.O.A.O., Caltanissetta.

1. The DCFO has referred to this Division a question from your F.O. whether Olive Oil is to be "amassed" by Consorzio or not.
2. It is not quite understood why this query comes through Financial channels, but in any case olive oil is to be collected by the Consorzio in the usual way.

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

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AMGOT, 15 A. G.

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EIGHTH ARMY MAIN
THREE SCHOONERS ARRIVING MESSINA TUESDAY 14 SEP PAREN FROM
AMGOT 7/TH ARMY TO EIGHTH ARMY MAIN CITE AMGOT 233 PLEASE PASS
TO SCAO MESSINA PAREN LOADED FLOUR BUT TOTAL LOAD UNKNOWN
MAY BE TWO FIVE ZERO TONS PD ARRANGE UNLOADING STORAGE
DISTRIBUTION .

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DOT HQ. - SICILY.

13 Sep. 43.

Subject: Interpreter, Translator.

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

1. I am sending along Mr. John Mirardi, whom we have selected as an interpreter and translator for you. He is quite willing to work at Enna and I should be grateful if you could see your way clear to arrange accommodation for him.

2. The rate of wage to be paid is 110 lire per diem.

A. S. Parker

A. S. PARKER,
Staff Captain.

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STATE DEPARTMENT - Bureau of Military Administration

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TO: A.M.H.
By: H.P. 15 Army Service

11 Jan 42

1. With the end of the first phase of military operations in enemy territories and of a period of AMMEL control, it is possible to consider in review certain aspects of the medical activities.
2. One of the chief difficulties of the Public Health Division of AMMEL was the distribution of medical supplies. It had been fully appreciated that there might be an urgent need of these. As the war goes on it is likely that the need of these will be even greater for Overseas Forces.
3. The plan developed was to estimate the requirements of drugs and dressings units and to submit requests for these to be reported from United States of America or Great Britain. It was certain that for shipping reasons these drugs could not be expected in the theatre of operations until at the earliest D + 30. They actually arrived on D + 40 (approx).
4. It is obvious that foreseen arrangements must be made to take over the period between the time of first AMMEL control and time of landing of expected stores. The extent of these arrangements will depend on the anticipated speed of the operations.
5. Information was available from experience in the Tunisia Campaign that the enemy armies were well equipped medically. Little was known of civilian conditions.
6. The earliest reports of AMMEL representatives indicated the presence of Typhoid Fever in many places and poor hospital accommodation available in many places. Urgent requests for drugs arrived at a very early stage. The D.M.S., A.F.H.Q., was most helpful and immediately released 5 tons of drugs and dressings for AMMEL use. This was taken over to the Island at the end of July, D + 25.
7. In the meanwhile the Amiens were capturing large quantities of medical supplies which they retained for considerable periods. This is a most important factor and one whose careful consideration is requested. Large supplies were liberated to AMMEL about 22-September, D + 36.
8. The illness of Radio Allowance for the units of the American Medical Services and the 1,240 of units of the British Medical Services have been most carefully worked out taking every factor into consideration likely to affect the success of medical operations in the Western Desert and probably in New Guinea; they are unlikely to be the means of mounting these stores.

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1. With the end of the first phase of military operations in enemy territories and of a period of strict control, it is possible to consider in review certain aspects of the medical activities.
2. One of the chief difficulties of the Public Health Division of AUSA was the distribution of medical supplies. It had been fully appreciated that there might be an urgent need of these. As the war goes on it is likely that the need of these will be even greater for obvious reasons.
3. The plan developed was to estimate the requirements of drugs and dressings units and to submit requests for these to be imported from United States of America or Great Britain. It was certain that for shipping reasons these drugs could not be expected in the theatre of operations till, at the earliest D + 50. They actually arrived on D + 40 (approx).
4. It is obvious therefore that some arrangements must be made to tide over the period between the time of first AUSA contact and units of landing of imported stores. The content of these arrangements will depend on the anticipated speed of the operations.
5. Information was available from experience in the Tunisia Campaign that the enemy armies were well equipped medically. Little was known of civilian conditions.
6. The earliest reports of AUSA representatives indicated the presence of Typhoid Fever in many places and poor hospital accommodation available in many places. Urgent requests for drugs arrived at a very early stage. The D.M.S., A.F.H.Q. was most helpful and immediately released 5 tons of drugs and dressings for AUSA use. This was taken over to the Island at the end of July, D + 20.
7. In the meanwhile the armies were capturing large quantities of medical supplies which they retained for considerable periods. This in a most important factor and one which careful consideration is warranted. Large supplies were liberated to AUSA about 25-28 August, D + 36.
8. The tables of Basic Allowances for the units of the American Medical Services and the I 1218 of units of the British Medical Services have been most carefully worked out taking every factor into consideration likely to affect the success of medical operations in the Western Desert and probably in New Guinea. They are unlikely to be the means of augmenting these stores. Therefore it is submitted that all captured medical stores should be immediately handed over to AUSA or similar organizations for use with the civil population. Had this been done the drug situation would have been greatly eased in the early phases. There were instances where valuable scientific instruments were stolen or destroyed by troops.

9. Representatives of the Public Health Division have always accompanied basic forces and would have been in a position to assume responsibility for such captured stores and to arrange their distribution in the earliest phases to the mutual advantage of both the Army and the Civil Population.

10. In operations which have taken place in the Mediterranean or which may take place from this base it would appear practicable to have built up or to build up a stockpile in N. Africa of drugs and dressings in anticipation of the campaign and the civil needs thereby involved and in this way the delay might be partially avoided.

11. It is further represented that the requirements of the civil population in terms of drugs and dressings units per 100,000 should be reviewed and fixed in hand and final rules be made. This season of the year, even involved as well as the period of war are all factors which will affect these calculations.

12. A directive by your H.Q. on this subject is therefore requested.

for
James W. Spiff *ASST GSC*
Maj. General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

SUBJECT: Fire and Civil Defence - CATANIA.

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REF 1004/PS

REGT HQ, Sicily.

12 September, 1943

TO: A.F.H.C. (Fire and Civil Defence Advisor).

Reference your letter of 5 Sep 43 addressed to Major
Battarby, S.C.A.P.O., Catania.

Herewith such information as is available at present
regarding the Fire and Civil Defence Services at CATANIA.

The whole organisation is at present being overhauled.

For the Commanding General,

C.M.S.

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

L.P.
S.M.
Copy to:- G.A.P.O. (CATANIA)

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1007/3001/PH
ACT IN STCLX
12 September 1943

SUBJECT: House Repair Lottery

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

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

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

SUBJECT: Wrongful possession of property cases from Catania.

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AMGOT/4012/L.
AMGOT II. Sicily.
12th Sept 43.

TO: S.L.O. through S.C.A.O.
CATANIA Province.

1. Letter of 1 September 1943 re wrongful possession of property cases from Acireale, Catania, received and cases reviewed.
2. It seemed desirable in order to make a proper review of these cases that additional facts be submitted as follows:-
 - (a) Was this property stolen, and if so, from whom?
 - (b) Was it the property of the Allied Forces?
 - (c) Is possession of such property a violation of the Italian Penal Code, if the shoes were privately owned property?
3. If the information above requested or any other facts bearing upon the cases can be supplied, informally, the cases will then be passed upon.

For Lieut. Colonel Chanler.

WILLIAM R. JORDAN,
Lieut. Col. C.A.C.,
Chief Judicial Officer.

No. 24

DAILY ROUTINE ORDERS

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

12 Sept 43

In the Field.

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

- 86. BARS & RESTAURANTS.
 - (a) Intoxicating beverages will be purchased only at establishments authorized by the Provost Marshal and placarded as such, and which prominently display price lists. Under no circumstances will intoxicating beverages be carried or consumed on the streets or at any unauthorized place.
 - (b) Military personnel will not consume ice cream, flavored drinks, fruits or any food obtainable from street peddlars or other un-approved sources.
 - (c) Except as provided in (a) above, Army Messes and Engineer Water Points are the only approved sources of food and drink. Civilian Cafes and Restaurants will not be used by military personnel, due to the shortage of food for civilian population.

- 87. DISCHARGES FROM HOSPITAL.
 - D.R.O. No. 42 dated 30 Aug 43. is re-published for information and strict compliance:-
 - "All British personnel who are in the future discharged from any hospital, will report IMMEDIATELY on their discharge to the M.I. Room."

- 88. PAY-BRITISH O.R.S.
 - All British O.R.S. requiring pay this coming week, will hand in their A.B.64, Part 11, to the Camp Commandant's Office, No.22 Via Salvatore, before 1800 hrs. Monday, 13 Sept. 43.

- 89. LETTERS TO-P.O.'S.
 - The attention of all ranks is again drawn to the following extract from the Censorship Rules, and WILL be strictly adhered to where such extract applies in future:-
 - "Letters to British Prisoners of War.
 - These will NOT be unit censored and must NOT bear the unit censor stamp.
 - They should be forwarded under separate cover to the Chief Base Censor.
 - Writers must not give their unit address, but that of a relation or friend in Great Britain to whose care a reply may be sent for re-forwarding.
 - Green Envelopes WILL NOT BE USED. There is no Air Mail service to Prisoners of War".

- 90. BAGGAGE - OFFICERS.
 - D.R.O. No. 48 dated 31 Aug 43. is re-published for the information of all 575 concerned:-
 - "British Officers leaving AMGOT H.Q. and travelling by AIR should, before leaving, hand any surplus baggage into the Q.M. Stores (in rear of M.T.

- beverages be carried or consumed on the streets or at any unauthorized place.
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D.R.O. No. 45 dated 31 Aug 43. is re-published for the information of all ⁵⁷⁵ concerned:-
"British Officers leaving AMGOT H.Q. and travelling by AIR should, before leaving, hand any surplus baggage into the G.M. Stores (in rear of M.T. Garage) where a receipt will be obtained and the number and description of packages registered in the Baggage Book".
91. DUTY FREE PARCELS-BRITISH PERSONNEL.
All ranks are reminded that they may send a Duty Free Parcel to the U.K. every three months. The necessary form (A.F. W5192) and regulations for the despatch of the parcel, may be obtained at the Camp Office.
All ranks are reminded that parcels have a postage rate on them, and that such an amount will be handed into Camp Office when the individual concerned collects the necessary form (A.F. W5192).

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

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AMGOT/1022/PS.

AMGOT HQ. - SICILY.

10 September, 1943

Subject: Petitions.

To : All S.C.A.Os.

Petitions from convicted prisoners may be expected from time to time. These should be submitted through the Provincial H.Qs. The Chief Director has been so instructed but I should like you to issue instructions to Provincial Directors. Three examples are given below.

(1) Petition for early liberation owing to illness of prisoner. - Director of Public Health advises a full medical report, which should be assured by the S.A. P.H.O of the Province. The illness should be an obvious chronic or incurable one.

(2) Petition for early liberation owing to good conduct after a period with or without other points bearing on the reason other than ill health and family matters. S.L.O. of Province to take up with Procuratore del Rei and submit to S.C.A.O. if the circumstances of the trial or his good conduct would justify early liberation.

(3) Petition for early liberation on account of some sound family affair. Investigation into the family affair as far as is possible to be made by a Provincial Officer.

L. Bolles
for LEMUEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel Inf.,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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Copies to C.L.O.
D.P.H.

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SUBJECT: Property of Fascist Party

AMGOT/6001/CP
AMGOT HQ SICILY
12 September 1943

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

1. With reference to (i) instructions on Enemy State Property of 31 August 1943, (ref. AMGOT/6001/CP) and (ii) instructions on the G.I.L. and Opera Nazionale Dopolavoro of 5 Sept. 1943 (ref. AMGOT/3034/PH) information concerning all property owned or leased by the Fascist Party should be obtainable from the following institutions, which are understood to exist in every province.

2. All land owned by the Party will be recorded by Ufficio Tecnico Erariale of the province, Ufficio del Registro and Ufficio del Catasto.

All buildings will be recorded by the Offices of the Agenzia dell'Importe, of which a number of branches exist in each province.

The properties used by the Party were in many cases rented, and details of leases should be available at the offices of the Conservatore dell'Ipoteci and the Intendenza di Finanze.

3. If there is an A.C.P. resident in your province, he should be able to provide you with a list of these properties, but owing to the large number of properties and wide distribution over the various communes, as well as to the smallness of his staff, he will not be able personally to collect the information requested in the two orders referred to in para 1. This task should be allotted to your C.A.O.s., who will be in a more favourable position to furnish the information required.

4. The financial information in the instructions referred to in 1 (ii) above should be obtainable through your Finance officers, who are also in a position to take the necessary action.

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

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AMCO 41/11
AMCOT HQ SICILY
13 September 1943

SUBJECT: Postings - O.R.s

TO: Camp Commandant

The attached copy of correspondence received from Main H.Q. 8 Army is passed to you for information and publication of the necessary casualty.

Captain S/C

Incl

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Subject: Postings - Interpreters.

Main HQ Eighth Army
C.M.P.

M 6328 A

22 Aug 43.

279 C.T. Coy. (Att 31 Brick).

Copy to: No. 1 Adv O2E
HQ Fortbase
GSI (B) Main Army
Camp Main Army
Adv AMGOT HQ

The following amendment will be made to this HQ letter, number as above dated 13 Aug 43.

Delete :- To Eighth Army Pool of Interpreters

Insert :- To Adv AMGOT HQ 15 Army Group

/s/ Capt.

for Brigadier,
D. A. & Q. M. G.
Eighth Army

Field
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CURRENT: - Medical Supplies for Province of Trapani.

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AMMOT/3002/111

AMMOT ID SICILIA

13 Sep 43

TO: - O 1/c Central Medical Store, Galtanissetta.
Through S.C.A.O.

Ref attached copy of letter from SAFFO Trapani, it is understood that on his last visit, Lt. Col. Macdonald left with you an intent for Sulphur ointment, quinine and Typhoid Vaccine (curative). If this is correct, no further action is necessary. If not, please advise Trapani direct to send for their requirements and release to them 75% of what they demand.

Please do not forget to advise this office of every consignment leaving your stores with its components and destination.

J. Gordon Gierke

J GORDON GIERKE
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

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SUBJECT: Dental Supplies

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AMGOT/30W/EE

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

TO : S.A.P.H.O., Syracuse
Through S.C.A.O.

13 Sept., 1943.

Ref. your *Pos/pc* dated 3 Sept. No provision has been made for the import of Dental Supplies to this Island. It is suggested that one will have to wait until communication is re-established with the mainland, in the hope of obtaining some assistance from there.

Dental materials, both in the U.S.A. and Great Britain are in extremely short supply.

D. GORDON CHEYNE

D. GORDON CHEYNE
Colonel, R.A.M.C.
Director Public Health Division
AMGOT.

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SUBJECT:- Transport for Move of Currency.

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AMGOT/217/HQ.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

13. Sept. 43.

Lt.Col. O.V. Claiborne,
Finance Division.

1. T/1A347734 Dvr. Darley H.W., with one Bedford Truck 15-Cwt. W.D.No. 24907924 has been detailed to report at AMGOT H.Q. at 0800 hrs. on 14. Sept. 43, for the purpose of moving Currency from PALERMO to REGGIO under your direction.
2. It is imperative that this truck returns to AMGOT H.Q. PALERMO immediately the currency has been deposited at REGGIO.
3. You will, therefore, please make yourself personally responsible for the safety of the vehicle during the time it is absent from PALERMO and you will ensure that the truck is not detained at REGGIO, or any other place on the mainland.
4. If it is possible to avoid moving the truck out of SICILY by transferring the currency to a civilian vehicle at MESSINA you will make arrangements to do so.

Charles M. Spofford

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

Copy to: British Transport Officer with letter
attached to be handed by you to
Dvr. Darley.

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AMGOT,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.
13. Sept. 43.

Dear *Jordan*.

The Armbands, date stamps etc., which we asked for from Locomovera were intended for Major Jordan's party.

The parcel arrived the day before I left A.F.H.Q. and I gave the contents to Watts.

Yours

Wm

Capt. Gordon Shoppee, R.E.
Col. (Mov.),
A.F.H.Q.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

(G-4 MOVEMENTS-4)

Subject:- Office Equipment.

Nov 4. 2/150.

To:- Capt W.H. Sherwood. R.E.
A.M.G.O.T.
H.Q. 15 Army Group.
C.M.F.

8 Sep 43.

Dear *Bill*.

A small parcel containing 2 E.S.O. Armbands, 3 M.C. Date Stamps and 1 D.A.Q.M.G.(M) Stamp was sent on 24 Aug by A.P.O. from Locomoves addressed to you at G-4 (Nov 4).

The parcel has not been seen here and I believe you may have taken it with you unopened. If so, please return it as soon as possible.

I hope all goes well with you and that the job is interesting.

Yours ever

Corden.

WRO.

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SUBJECT:- Malaria

A.M.C.O.T. P.C.

Trapani Province

TO:- C.P.H.
A.M.C.O.T. H.Q.
Palermo

9 September 43

Through S.C.A.O.

I have been informed today that there is an encampment of U.S. soldiers at Delio Nivolelli situated about 10 kilometres from Mazzara del Vallo. This site is a notoriously dangerous one for contracting malaria in the rainy season.

It is recommended that the appropriate authorities be urged to remove all troops from the above site if possible or take necessary steps to control the malarial areas.

(Signed) B. ROYSON
Capt. R.A.M.C.
Medical Officer Trapani Province

SUBJECT:- Malaria Control

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AMCOT/3005/PH

AMCOT HQ SICILY

TO:- Surgeon
7 Army

13 Sep 43

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Above copy letter forwarded with compliments.

JSC

D GORDON CHEYNE
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

SUBJECT:- Eighth Army G.R.O.

ANGOT/246/HQ

WEST H.Q., SICILY.

13th September 1943.

TO:- Eighth Army Liaison.

1. This H.Q. has not been receiving copies of Eighth Army G.R.O.s.
2. It would be helpful if copies of this and any other publications that could be of interest to this H.Q. were forwarded regularly.
3. Kindly make the necessary arrangements.

[Signature]
CHARLES H. SPOFFORD,
Lieut-Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

Memorandum

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GOT/5049/CS
AGOT HQ SICILY
13 September 43

To: Major George W. Haley
C.A.O. Palermo

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

2. The above relates to your communication of 9 Sept. 43 addressed to Lt. Col. Smullen, BAC 40 Via Bari on behalf of ARACARA UMBERTO, 15 Via Tendaria Ortea, Palermo.

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FRANK D. PIERLES
Capt., A. C.
Utilities Section
C. S. D.

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Subject: Government Salaries

AMGOT 2031/F

AMGOT HQ SICILY

To : Major Ruffick
F. O. Catania Province

13 September 43

1. This is in response to your memorandum of 8 September 43, regarding government salaries, especially with respect to the advance payments made by the Italian government prior to the invasion, as well as the subject of supplemental or bonus payments beyond the normal base pay. I also note the accompanying memorandum from the Intendente di Finanza at Catania and the legal opinion by Major Mark Howe.

2. This question divides itself into two parts:

Advance Payment of Salaries: It is very definitely the policy of this office to consider the five months advance payment of salaries to government employees as a method of protecting them from the vicissitudes of the invasion and as such, may be considered a foresighted policy on behalf of the Italian government. To contend that this was a special bonus to compensate for higher prices, would be to ignore the fact that prices advance in any such proportion. Further claim that such payment was in the nature of a special reimbursement for cost of seeking distant refuge, or to compensate for bomb damage, etc., etc., also neglects the fact that such payments were made separately and are treated in paragraph 2 below. The Intendente should be firmly informed that no salaries will be duplicated for the five-months period. If the recipients have been improvident, they will have to seek the other means to maintain themselves which are available to them.

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Bonus Payments: You will note in S.A.I., Finance No. 18 dated 7 September 43, our present policy in regard to the payment of supplemental amounts beyond the basic salaries. Until a more rational system can be devised it appears necessary to continue these bonus payments which are enumerated in the order. This policy is based on the belief that a number of these supplemental payments were compensation for ridiculously low basic rates and are necessary to adjust living costs to the individual's income.

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A. P. GRAFFIET-SMITH
Colonel
Chief Finance Officer

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SUBJECT:- Transfers.

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

AMGOT/229/HQ.

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AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

13. Sept. 43.

Reference to the attached original application for employment in Burma received from Capt. J. A. LIDDELL.

The transfer of this officer to suitable employment in Burma is approved. Will you kindly take the necessary steps with Civil Affairs, War Office, to effect his transfer to any suitable vacancy which may exist.

Encl.

W.H. Spofford
for
Capt. *ME*
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Lt. Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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

Subject:- Review of Case of La Principessa San Martino.

To:- Legal Office through S.C.A.O., Palermo.

4/10/43
AMCOT/4016/L.
AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.
13th Sept. 1943.

Kindly advise in the above case the Proclamations or Orders alleged to have been violated by the accused in the above case. The record seems silent on this point. It is suggested such information be obtained from Lieut. M.E. Marshall or Capt. W.R. Hare at Bagheria.

W.R. JORDAN, Lt.Col. (C.A.C.)
Chief Judicial Officer.

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Subject:- Allied Military Courts - Accused: Panzillone.

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AMCOE/1036/L.
AMCOE H.Q. SICILY
12 Sept. 1943.

To:- The Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Herewith Proceedings of a Summary Military Court held at Alcamo.

2. The accused was charged with "buying fish in the black market" and was sentenced to one week's imprisonment and a fine of 50 Lire.
3. I advise that the sentence be quashed for the following reasons:
 - (a) There is no offence such as that charged;
 - (b) There was no evidence that accused bought fish or even attempted to buy fish.

H.E. Howe
H.E. HOWE, Lt. Col.
D.C.L.O.

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Subject:- Allied Military Courts - Accused: Lo Pato Caloporo.

AJCT/4036/L
AJCT H.Q. SICILY
12 Sept. 1943.

To:- The Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Herewith Proceedings of a Superior Military Court at Palermo, together with a Petition for modification of sentence signed on behalf of the Accused by the Defending Officer.

2. The accused was charged under Para. (5) of Article I of Proclamation No. 2 with being in possession of fire arms without permission.

3. The facts proved were that the Accused was seen by two American officers pointing a rifle towards 70th P.A. Division Area and a shot was heard. The accused was arrested and gave as an excuse that he had found some children with the rifle, that he had taken it from them and that he had then attempted to shoot off all the rounds in the rifle as he did not know how to unload it. The accused when arrested was about 500 yards from the Division Area but there was an olive grove in between the accused and the Area. Col. White, one of the officers who arrested the accused and who gave evidence, stated that he did not think that the accused intended to shoot anybody.

4. The Court found the accused guilty of the charge and sentenced him to three years imprisonment, the sentence to be suspended after 6 months. The petition is made on the ground that the offense was unintentional and asks that the whole of the sentence should be suspended. The accused is a married man with four children.

5. I have read the petition made on behalf of the accused and it appears to me that there is no substantial ground for mitigation of sentence additional to those put forward by the Defending Officer to the Court at the time of trial, except that in para. 6, the Defending Officer complains that he was at a disadvantage in defending the accused as he had only five minutes in which to confer with the accused before trial. In regard to the disadvantage claimed by the Defending Officer, if this were correct, it would be a proper subject for ordering a new trial rather than to support a plea for mitigation of sentence. It does not appear that the Defending Officer has been able to advance any new arguments which he did not advance at the trial and the Presiding Officer at the trial has assured me that the Defending Officer was not restricted to time when he saw the accused before trial and that he made no application for further time.

6. I can see no ground to justify a reduction of the sentence and in fact the accused may consider himself a very lucky man not to have suffered worse after performing such a silly act.

Wd. 559

H.B. BONE, Lt. Col.
D.C.L.O.

Subject:- Petition for Modification of Sentence in the case of
LOU V. CALABRO.

To:- Chief Civil Affairs Officer, AMGOT
(per Chief Legal Officer).

6th Sept. 1943.

The above named was charged with being in possession of arms, tried before a Superior Military Court at Palermo on the 3rd September, 1943 and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, accused to be released after six months if of good behaviour.

On his behalf I beg to submit the following case for remission or modification of the sentence.

The evidence for the Prosecution shows that the accused was in possession of a loaded Italian rifle and had fired one round. This was heard by American Officers who, a few moments later, saw him kneeling down and holding the rifle "in the direction of" an American Army Division. The Officers (Col. White and Col. Johnson) ran towards accused, notified to him to hand over the rifle, which he did without the slightest hesitation or obstruction. Five rounds were left in the rifle which the Officers unloaded. The accused was then taken to the Police Station where he explained that he had taken the rifle from some children who were playing with it in a private garden and that he intended to give it up, not knowing exactly how to unload the rifle he thought of discharging it by firing it into some olive trees and he had actually fired one shot.

The said witnesses for the Prosecution further said:-

- (i) That they did not think accused was trying to fire at or endanger the American troops or anybody else;
- (ii) That although the bivouac was within range, about 500 yards, and accused must have known of its existence, it could not be seen from the spot where accused was and in the intervening space there were olive trees and a low stone wall. Accused is a short man and was kneeling.
- (iii) That the incident occurred in broad daylight at about 1300 hrs. and in full view of a number of people.
- (iv) That if the accused had had any evil intentions, he could easily have shot them down as they ran towards him.
- (v) That he offered no obstruction and from the first gave the same explanation as given at the trial.

Accused is illiterate and obviously of a low degree of intelligence. In his evidence he repeated his initial explanation and said that he was only in possession of the rifle for two or three minutes from the moment he took it away from the children until the time of his arrest. He further said he was a married man with 4 children and accordingly had not been mobilised during the present war. He served 16 months in the Italian Army some 15 or 16 years ago and had not handled a rifle since.

Col. Johnson) ran towards accused, motioned to him to hand over the rifle, which he did without the slightest hesitation or obstruction. Five rounds were left in the rifle which the Officer unloaded. The accused was then taken to the Police Station where he explained that he had taken the rifle from some children who were playing with it in a private garden and that he intended to give it up. Not knowing exactly how to unload the rifle he thought of discharging it by firing it into some olive trees and he had actually fired one shot.

The said witnesses for the Prosecution further said:-

- (i) That they did not think accused was trying to fire at or endanger the American troops or anybody else;
- (ii) That although the bungalow was within range, about 500 yards, and accused must have known of its existence, it could not be seen from the spot where accused was and in the intervening space there were olive trees and a low stone wall. Accused is a short man and was kneeling.
- (iii) That the incident occurred in broad daylight at about 1300 hrs. and in full view of a number of people.
- (iv) That if the accused had had any evil intentions, he could easily have shot them down as they ran towards him.
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In his defence I was at a considerable disadvantage. I was designated at the hearing and had only five minutes to confer with the accused.

I urged that when accused saw children playing with a loaded gun, he did what any man, and especially a man with four children of his own, would have done. A skilled soldier would know how to unload the rifle as the American officers had done but it was not surprising that a man of his ignorance and inexperience should not be able to do so.

I should like to point out that if a man takes a rifle away from children he is ipso facto in possession of it and even on the way to the Police Station to surrender it he may be arrested for it. Rather than run this risk, people will leave dangerous articles (grenades etc.) lying about with consequent risk to the public.

The members of the Court asked accused many questions which he answered quite straightforwardly. His whole attitude throughout was one of perfect good faith.

At the close of the proceedings, I submitted that the offenses was purely technical. The Prosecution agrees.

The Court adjourned and on the resumption passed sentences as above.

In the offense was unintentional, I respectfully submit that a suspended threat of three years' imprisonment would be sufficient to make this ignorant person more careful in future without its being necessary to deprive his family of their breadwinner for the next six winter months.

W.C.W.

AMGOT H.C.

A.O. WRIGHT, Major

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SUBJECT:- AWOL of Patient,

H.Q. 59th Evacuation Hospital,
A.P.O. 758.

Float. AMGOT/230/180.
AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.
13 Sept. 43.

In reply to your letter of 10 Sept. 43, Capt. A. S. Farrer returned to duty at this H.Q. on the instructions of Capt. Brown, Medical Officer of your staff, on the 10th Sept. 43, and is now at duty.

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W. H. SHEPWOOD,
Capt. R.E.
AMGOT.

Float.

Subject:- Cost of AMGOT - Pay and Rations.

AMGOT/2073/E.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

15 Sep 43.

Chief Accountant.

1. During his recent visit to these H.Qs., Sir Eric Speed, Permanent Under-Secretary for War (Finance) stated that the British Authorities wish to have a record maintained in AMGOT showing the pay and allowances received by British officers and other ranks. I understand that similar figures for American personnel would be welcomed by the U.S. Authorities.

2. Will you therefore instruct the American and British officers dealing with staff matters to submit to you as soon as possible after the end of each calendar month, a list showing :-

- a) Number of officers and other ranks sub-divided into grades.
- b) Best possible figure of sum total of pay and allowances received per grade, this will have to be approximate owing to disparities in pay rates attaching to length of service; constant movement of personnel etc.

3. The computation of the cost of rations is much more complex, as the American Army receives (and immediately returns) a fixed sum for this purpose. A figure showing the daily cost of one British ration should be available from "A/Q" 15 Army Group. A further difficulty is that American personnel are frequently on British rations and, as in Palermo, British personnel draw American rations. I suggest that the aggregate figure of personnel you will receive under para 2 calculated on a basis (for this Island) of 60% American and 40% British rations is about the best we can provide. I do not want to ask S.C.A.O's for detailed returns and would prefer to leave the procedure simple, even if not wholly accurate in result.

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

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MOST SECRET

307/3 LHQ

AMGOT HQ SICILY

13 September 1943

HEADQUARTERS AMGOTMinutes of
10th Meeting of Executive Council
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Colonel Cheyne
Col. Grafftey-Smith
Lt. Col. Chanler
Lt. Col. Harris
Lt. Col. Hayes
Lt. van HeukelomC.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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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.A.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.
The question of responsibility for stores of ammunition, hand grenades, explosives and mines was brought up by the C.P.S. who stated that this should definitely be the responsibility of the Army and Navy. The C.S.O. agreed with this view and said that every effort should be made by AMGOT to have the Army or Navy bear this responsibility. The C.P.S. was requested to follow this through. (Action C.S.O.)
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The question of lifting the early morning curfew for commuters was discussed. It was agreed that the C.P.S. should work this out "in principle" with the authorities. (Action C.P.S.)
- 117. Political Intelligence Questionnaire (No. 4)
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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- 119. A request was made that AMGOT obtain from the Armies for circulation at AMGOT HQ copies of 8th Army G.R.Os, 7th Army Daily Bulletins, Memoranda, Circulars and any other notices that they might issue. (Action C.S.O.)
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1st Lt., A.C.
Secretary Executive Council
AMGOT

Appendix A

AMGOT/1957/PS.

AMGOT 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.

2. Responsibilities of Divisions.

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

(i) Civil Supply Division.

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

(ii) Legal Division.

- 1. Plan for uniform prosecution of defaulters and offenders.
- 2. Supervise Prosecutions.
- 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.

- 1. Searches of suspected premises to commence September 16th.
- 2. Confiscation of undeclared excesses.
- 3. Investigation of cases and charging offenders.
- 4. Maintain central record of investigations and results.

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3. Responsibilities of S.C.A.Os.

- (a) The posting of proclamations and notices.
- (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.

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 Finanza.
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.

5. Detailed Police Plan.

(a) The activities of the Police will be directed against violations of the system of supply from production to consumption.

- (i) Particular attention will be given to the following products : wheat and wheat products (flour and pasta), sugar and olive oil.
- (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.

(a) The S.C.A.O. of each Province, acting in accordance with the Civil Supply plan, will check as follows on the supplies in the possession of growers :

- (i) List of growers and estimated yield.
- (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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- (iv) Determine from (i), (ii), and (iii) what discrepancies exist. 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.

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.

8. Action against Production.

(a) By authority of General Order No. 3 all grain, except certain authorized amounts, must be turned in before Oct. 31. After that date searches will be conducted and confiscations made.

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9. Action against Distributors.

The S.C.A.O. acting through the available agencies within the Province will check on the quality and quantity of flour and bread from the mills and bakers. Irregularities and discrepancies will be followed by investigations.

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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.

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

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SUBJECT: Democratic Party,

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ANCOT H. G. SICILY

13th September 1943

TO: C.S.O.

1. I have read with interest the letter from the Democratic Party. There is no doubt that much of the Penal Code is of a very Fascist nature and that there are many other laws in force which are wholly or partially Fascist in conception. This state of affairs was noticed in the Planning operations for the occupation of Sicily and in Proclamation No. 1, Art V and Proclamation No. 7, Art IV, it was intimated to the people of Sicily that discriminatory laws would be repealed.

2. A considerable study has already been made by the Legal Division of the laws in force at the date of the occupation of Sicily, but the position is greatly complicated by the removal of the Fascist Central Government since the occupation. There can be little doubt that the Badoglio Government has either already made alterations in the laws of the Fascist Regime or that it will make such changes as soon as permitted. A change of laws to eradicate Fascism is an extremely intricate matter as it means a fundamental change of the whole Governmental and economic system, each of which may be beneficial. It also means the substitution of new laws to replace the repealed ones and the Democratic Party wishes, of course, to have such new laws in accordance with the concepts of its own particular Party.

3. In view of the General Amistice, it is considered that it would at this stage be unwise for AMG to do more than suspend by administrative action the enforcement of those laws which are most repugnant in their effect to our ideas of justice. This is the policy which has so far been carried out, and it is undoubtedly the correct one in International law, although not politically spectacular. The attempted revision in Sicily of the Penal Code or other similar laws would be likely to create a state of chaos and the whole subject should be dealt with by the Central Government and the Amistice Control Commission when conditions allow.

W. M. G. Crutcher
W. M. G. CRUTCHER,
U. S. Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer. 551

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AMGOT/311/HQ
AMGOT HQ SICILY
13 September 1943

SUBJECT: Zone Time

TO : All S.C.A.Os

1. As from 26 September 1943 Zone "A" time (G.M.T. plus one hour) will be introduced throughout Sicily. The change will be effective as from 0200 hours present "B" zone time on 26 September when clocks will be put back one hour.

2. You are requested to give this information the widest possible publicity.

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| Catania | 6 |
| Enna | 4 |
| Palermo | 35 |
| Ragusa | 6 |
| Siracusa | 14 |
| Trapani | 6 |
| Messina | 8 |
| AMGOT Liaison | 1 |
| AMGOT 8th Main | 1 |
| Col. Hume | 1 |
| File 266 & 311 | 2 |
| Float | 1 |
| Divisions | 6 |
| MGS, AFHQ | 2 |
| Staff Capt. (admin) | |
| Camp Comdt. | 1 |
| Spares | 10 |

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Lt. Colonel
Deputy Chief Staff Officer

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AMCOT HQ. -- STOILY.

13 Sept. 1943.

Subject: Correspondence to Headquarters.

To : All S.C.A.Os.

1. Communications from officers of special divisions in the provinces to Headquarters have not been handled uniformly by all S.C.A.Os.
2. Your attention is drawn to Par 5 of the CCAO's directive of 12 August 1943. (AMCOT/234/HQ)
3. In addition to compliance with this directive officers of Special divisions are to sign their reports themselves before submitting them to the SCAO's for dispatch to H.Q.

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

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AMCOT 15 A.G.

13th September 1943.

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ROUTINE

POSITION HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR TO WELLINGTON PARKIN FROM AMCOT 7TH ARMY
TO AMHQ DATE AMCOT 234 PARKIN YOU WILL HAVE NO FURTHER TROUBLE
YOUR 1325 OF 7 SEP 1943

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Subject:- Plan for E.I. & Markets

AMCOT/ /FS
AMCOT P.O. SICILY
14 Sep 1943

To:- Heads of all Divisions

1. Appendix A attached to the minutes of the 10th meeting of the Executive Council is to be considered as a Draft.
2. Your comments or approval are to be sent to the CPS as soon as possible.

Charles M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD 546
Lt. Col., C.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer

forward
Subject:- Plan for RI & Markets

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ANGOT / STOLLY
14 Sep 1943

To:- Heads of all Divisions

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Charles M. Spofford

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

12 Sept

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Subject: Sulphur, Reopening of Mines

AMDT 2050/2

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

12 September 43

1. Ref. report by Lt. H. S. Cans, P.O., 9 Sept 43, and endorsement Lt. Col. G. H. McJaffrey 10 Sept. 43.
2. There is going forward to you from Civilian Supply a resume of activities regarding sulphur. This answers most of the questions raised.
3. Regarding supplies, tonnage estimates have gone forward, but definite specifications on requirements are waiting return to us of Materials Requirements questionnaires sent to the S.C.A.O.'s of the four provinces containing sulphur mines.
4. Civilian Supply's mining engineer will be in Agrigento probably 14 September for further discussion of subject.

RBM
R. B. HENAPAGE
Lt. Colonel
D. C. P. O.

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AMGOT HQ SICILY

12 September 1943.

Subject: Relations of Controller of Property with AMFA.

To: All A.C.Ps. through S.C.A.Cs.

1. A.C.Ps should open an account in the name of the Controller of Property with the Bank of Sicily. The sums accruing to these accounts should be allowed to accumulate until they reach a total sufficient to meet all foreseeable expenditure in respect of properties controlled by the A.P.C. The balance above this total will be transferred to AMFA in a round sum. A.C.Ps should not deal with AMFA directly; they should transfer balances to Provincial Finance officers, who will in their turn transfer them to AMFA. 54!

C. H. Starn

Lieut-Colonel,
Controller of Property.

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TO THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FROM THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC

FROM SAC, [illegible]
SUBJECT: [illegible]
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From: Major G. G. Hamaford, AMGOT HQ.

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AMGOT H.Q.

SICILY.

12th September 1943.

Dear Noel,

CARRATA

Sebastiano Ganeto, ex-reserve officer of the Italian Army, volunteered at Barcellona to go to Siracusa with his truck to bring some wheat back to the starving population.

He had a pass signed by Major Dwing, C.A.O., at Barcellona.

He was arrested by M.P. near Lentini and sent to Camp 222 at Priolo.

Could this matter be investigated and the prisoner released, if possible.

It should be stressed that M.Ps hold no power to overrule an AMGOT pass.

Yours

Lt. N. Hemmendinger,
Siracusa.

Subject:- Social Insurance deductions in AMGOT civilian employees payrolls.

AMGOT/2072/E.

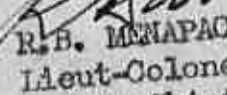
AMGOT H.Q. SIOLLY.

12 Sep 43.

Major Roesti, F.O.
Syracuse Province.

(Through S.C.A.O. Syracuse)

1. Ref your letter dated 9th Sept. addressed to Lt-Col. Cross.
2. The point raised in your letter is disposed of by a new directive re payrolls of AMGOT civilian employees dated 11 Sept. 43, a copy of which is attached.


R.B. MENAPACE,
Lieut-Colonel.,
Deputy Chief Finance Officer.

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Subject:- Rotolo Rodolfo.

AMGOT/2039/F.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

12 Sep 43.

Finance Officer,
Messina Province

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

With reference to your letter of 30th August, 43. The report of the Questore of Palermo Province indicates that Rotolo Rodolfo is known to them, but that his whereabouts are unknown since 11th June, 43, when he was in Termini Imeresi.

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

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Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

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BY FAST AIR.

Subject:- Financial Intelligence from Insurance Companies.

AMGOT/2061/E.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

12 Sep 43.

Military Government Section. (For Colonel Maxwell)

There are no head offices of Private Insurance Companies in Sicily; only agencies exist, and many of these left for the Mainland before our arrival. The agencies have no information of a Financial intelligence nature of their main offices in Italy.

There are practically no insurance assets in Sicily, and no premiums are being collected, as there is no method of determining possible liabilities. There are no reserves.

I regret, therefore, that the action which you suggest must be deferred until the main offices and records are available and a more detailed analysis made of operations.

When available, the information you desire will be furnished to the Military Government Section. I shall be glad to receive a copy of the Study mentioned in your last sentence of Cable 823, 7th Sep. when it is available.

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

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Subject: Sulphur Mines, Financing.

AMCOT/2050/7.
AMCOT HQ SQUILL
September 43.

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

1. Reference your letter 9 Sept., your ref. 2/4/SR.
2. Our letter of 7 Sept., ref. AMCOT/5/HQ, evidently had not reached you when your reference letter was written. Your principal reservations were answered therein.
3. A directive will be sent you in a few days further covering our policy on sulphur.

JHP/EDG.


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

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AMCOT/3001/PH
AMCOT HQ STCLIX
12 September 1943

SUBJECT: House Repair Lottery

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

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

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

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AMMOT/399/HQ.

AMMOT HQ. - SINGLY.

12 September, 1943.

Subject:- Treatment of Allied Nationals
found in Italy.

To : AMMOT Liaison

1. Reference attached copies of AMMOT signal No. 1361 of 6 Sept. 43, will you please take up with the appropriate branch of 15 A.G. H.Q. the question of issuing a directive to subordinate formations on this subject. Such a directive would ~~greatly~~ assist AMMOT when making applications for rations and other things for the Allied nationals already released and who may be released in future.

** greatly*

(TS)

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

SUBJECT:- Grain Prices.

TO:- AMGOT, Eighth Army Main,
G/O S.C.A.O., CATANIA.

Flow 3724
AMGOT/91/W.

AMBA H.Q., SICILY.

12th September 1943.

Reference para 15 of your report on Region 2 of 3rd September 1943, it has been decided that the same prices for grain obtaining in Sicily shall be applied to Region 2. An advance copy of General Order No. 3, which deals with this subject, is attached. An adequate supply will follow in a day or two.

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

Copies to:- D.C.S.&R.
G.L.O.

For information.

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SUBJECT:- Courts.

AMGOT/91/HQ

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

12th September 1943.

TO:- AMGOT, Eighth Army Main,
c/o S.C.A.O. CATANIA.

1. Reference paras 16 and 17 of your report on Region 2 of 3rd September 1943, it is confirmed that AMGOT LIAISON has been asked to expedite the transmission through the correct channels of the C.in C.'s Order for the establishment of Military Courts.

2. Four copies of GAI No. 7, which covers the points raised by you, are attached. Copies of this GAI are in the new AMGOT "Bible" now being printed.

3. As a Civil Affairs Officer does not need to obtain a written order of appointment to establish himself as a Summary Military Court (see para 9 of GAI No. 7) and as the Order referred to in the first sentence of para 8 of the GAI has in fact been signed, there is no objection to C.A.O.s sitting as Summary Courts forthwith.

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

Copy to: C.L.O.

For information.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 7.

LOCAL

Instructions to C.A.O's and Judicial Officers.

A. PROCLAMATIONS.

1. Copies of all Proclamations and General Orders which have been signed are contained in this folder, and all Civil Affairs Officers and Judicial Officers should be thoroughly acquainted with their provisions.
2. Proclamations Nos. 1, 2 and 3 will be posted immediately on occupation by Civil Affairs Officers. In addition to posting Proclamations Nos. 1, 2 and 3 immediately there are two Notices to the Public made under Proclamation No. 2, which must be posted at the same time. Copies of these two notices are also contained in the folders.
3. As soon as conditions allow after the commencement of the occupation and the form of Proclamation are made available, Civil Affairs Officers will proceed to post Proclamations Nos. 4, 5, 6, 11, 13, and General Orders Nos. 1 and 2. Instructions will be issued by Allied Military Government Headquarters when the remainder of the Proclamations and General Orders, of which copies are contained in this folder, are to be posted.

B. ALLIED MILITARY COURTS.

Constitution of Courts:-

4. Civilians charged with offences against the law of Military Government will be brought before Allied Military Courts as provided in Proclamations Nos. 2 and 4. Allied Military Courts will comprise General Military Courts, Superior Military Courts and Summary Military Courts, each of which is competent to try any offence. The difference between the various Courts is as to their powers of punishment.

(a) General Military Courts will consist of not less than three officers at least one of whom shall be a Judicial Officer of the Allied Military Government. A General Military Court can impose any lawful punishment, including (subject to confirmation) the punishment of death.

(b) Superior Military Courts will consist of one or more officers at least one of whom shall be a Judicial Officer of the Allied Military Government, if available. A Superior Military Court can impose a sentence of imprisonment up to 10 years and any fine.

(c) Summary Military Courts will consist of one officer who shall be a Judicial Officer or a Civil Affairs Officer of the Allied Military Government, if available. A Summary Military Court can impose a sentence of imprisonment

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(c) Summary Military Courts will consist of one officer who shall be a Judicial Officer or a Civil Affairs Officer of the Allied Military Government, if available. A Summary Military Court can impose a sentence of imprisonment up to 1 year and a fine up to 50,000 lire.

5. Every officer of the Allied Military Government who is a qualified lawyer is a Judicial Officer within the meaning of Proclamation No. 4.

Establishment of Courts:-

6. It is of the utmost importance for the restoration of law and order as soon as a locality is occupied that offenders be brought to trial and punished with a minimum of delay. The procedure for the establishment of General and Superior Military Courts is as follows:-

1. In areas where the Allied Military Government is functioning under the orders of a Task-Force Commander acting for the Military Government:-

General and Superior Military Courts are established by an Order in the following form:-

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

I, General Officer Commanding /
Commanding General.....; hereby appoint
..... to be President and and
to be members of a General/Superior Military Court for the trial of all persons
who may be brought before it.

In the Field

1943.

.....
General Officer Commanding
Commanding General.

A Task-Force Commander may authorize any officer in his command commanding a
division or higher unit to sign an order in the above terms.

II. In Areas where the Allied Military Government is functioning under
the orders of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer, acting for the Military Governor:-

General Military Courts are established by an Order of the Chief Civil Affairs
Officer or the Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer, acting on the advice of the Chief
Legal Officer.

Superior Military Courts are established by an Order of the Chief Civil Affairs
Officer, the Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer or any Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

The form of appointment is as above, subject to the necessary modifications in
the description of the appointing officer.

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below.

8. An Order has been made authorising all officers of the Allied Military
Government who are acting for the time being as Civil Affairs Officers or Judicial
Officers to sit as a Summary Military Court. This includes Civil Affairs Police
Officers of the Allied Military Government who are acting for the time being as
Civil Affairs Officers. This Order applies in any area, whether it is one in
which the Allied Military Government is functioning under the orders of a Task-
Force Commander or under the orders of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

9. Whenever a Task-Force Commander or a Sub Task-Force Commander desires that
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9. Whenever a Task-Force Commander or a Sub Task-Force Commander desires that civilians in his area of control shall be brought to trial for offences against the Proclamations and Orders of the Allied Military Government or for war crimes, he may request any Civil Affairs Officer or Judicial Officer attached to his Staff to establish a Summary Military Court to deal with the same. The Civil Affairs Officer or Judicial Officer will then establish himself as a Summary Military Court without the need of obtaining a written order of appointment. If any case coming before such Officer is one which should be sent to a Superior or General Military Court, a written Order for the appointment of such Court will be obtained as outlined in para. 6 above.

10. In areas where the Allied Military Government is functioning under the Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Civil Affairs Officers and Judicial Officers will establish themselves as Summary Military Courts when directed by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer under whose command they may be, but no written order of appointment is necessary. Superior and General Military Courts in such areas will be constituted as the need arises in accordance with para 6 above.

11. When it is desired to appoint an officer to be a Summary Military Court and such officer is NOT acting for the time being as a Civil Affairs Officer or a Judicial Officer, an appointment in writing must be obtained as outlined in para. 6 above.

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Prosecutions:-

12. In any area where the Allied Military Government is functioning under the orders of a Task-Force Commander and the Task-Force desires offences by civilians to be dealt with by Allied Military Courts, it is most important that Civil Affairs Officers and Judicial Officers should make immediate contact with the Provost-Marshal's department and advise the Officer in charge of the department of the establishment of Allied Military Courts, of the manner in which they are conducted and of the procedure for bringing cases to trial before them.

13. Owing to the lack of Officers of the Allied Military Government in the early stages it is often necessary for the Military Police to prosecute, as in combat areas it is unlikely that the Carabinieri Reali will be functioning completely.

14. Where the Carabinieri Reali are able to function fully in any area, it is permissible under the rules of Procedure for them to appear and prosecute in cases before Allied Military Courts. Members of the Carabinieri cannot be expected to do more than state shortly to the Court the facts of a case and then tender the witnesses in the event of the accused pleading "not guilty". Prosecuting Officers of the Allied Military Government will only be used in important cases.

15. An Allied Military Court will always, wherever is prosecuting before it, lend such assistance to the prosecution and accused as circumstances may require to enable the truth to be ascertained and justice to be done.

Powers and Procedure of Courts:-

16. References must be made to Proclamation No. 4 to ascertain the jurisdiction of Allied Military Courts. The Rules of Procedure and Special Administrative Instructions Legal Nos. 1 and 2 deal with the actual conduct of trials.

17. It is essential that all of these documents be closely studied by all Officers concerned in the Administration of Justice.

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20. The most important Courts to re-open as soon as possible are the Pretura and the Tribunale Penale and all officers acting as Civil Affairs Officers should re-open in their localities these Courts without delay. First satisfying themselves of the suitability of the existing Italian Judicial Officials.

21. After the Pretura and the Tribunale Penale have been re-opened, the following further Courts should be re-established as soon as the necessary number of suitable judicial officials can be obtained:-

Corte d' Appello (Criminal Chamber)
Corte d' Assisi

22. Approval to continue payment of the salaries of judicial officials should be obtained as soon as possible from the Finance Division.

23. No civil courts will be re-opened without the approval of Allied Military Government Headquarters.

24. In the event that it is found impossible to re-establish the Italian Criminal Courts within a reasonable time, or in the event of it being undesirable to allow any case or class of case to be brought before the Italian Courts, it is permissible to try persons for offences against Italian Law before an Allied Military Court under the provisions of Section 3 of Article II of Proclamation No. 4. This power should be resorted to unless it is absolutely necessary.

25. The order of transfer, which may be signed by the Civil Affairs Officer as an officer acting under the authority of the Military Governor will be in the following form:-

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION.

By virtue of Section 3 of Article II of Proclamation 4, I

- hereby order the case(s) of:
- 1 for the offence(s) of
- 2 " " " "
- 3 " " " "

and for any other offences with which he/she/they may be charged, be enquired into and tried by the Military Court at

(Given under my hand this day of 1943.

Signature

Title

26. It may be found that in the jails are persons who have been confined on the order of the Gestapo without trial. Full particulars of these should be obtained and their cases investigated. Proclamation No. 13 relates to these persons. It will be found convenient to establish a committee in the main town of the occupied territory, consisting of Judicial Officers of the Allied Military Government and two reliable Italian Court Officials to make the investigations into the various cases and to prepare a report for the Chief Legal Officer. No action as to release should be taken until the orders of the Chief Legal Officer have been obtained, except that political prisoners may be released on the understanding that they report regularly to the nearest Civil Affairs Officer or the local Police, whichever is found more convenient.

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SUBJECT: British Aff.

AMCOT/240/110.

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

AMCOT H.Q. STILLY.

12. Sept. 43.

With reference to your Signal 1828 dated 7. Sept. 43.

A number of officers posted to this organization from England state that on their transfer to AMCOT they were given definite promises of promotion on arrival here.

Data with regard to these allegations is being collected from the officers concerned with a view to making representations to the War Office. The particular case under review in the cable to which you refer, concerns Capt. T. W. SMITH, who states that he was definitely promised minimum promotion to the rank of Major.

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

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Subject: Re-opening banks and "Al Farkatay" (Your communication dated 12/20/47)

2043/P/2

AMST II-C. SICILY

12 Jan 48

Major Kocall,
Finance Officer,
Marsala Province.

(Through S.G.A.C. Syracuse)

Each depositor holding "bearer checks" entitled to 1st payment of 5,000 lire. Banks should have record of number issued each depositor and can control proper payment to individuals concerned to avoid transfer and abuse. They can require adequate proof as to bona-fide holders thereof, and refuse to a similar unfair payments. The problem a local one.

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A.P. GUPTILLI
Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

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Subject:- Repair and restoration of public garden.

AMGOT/2012/E.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

12 Sep 43.

S.C.A.O.
Ragusa Province.

With reference to your letter PR/9/6 of 5th September. I have consulted the advisor on Fine Arts and Public Monuments, and understand from him that the public gardens at Ragusa, are of neither historical nor national importance.

From the estimate submitted, I see that much of the work is to be devoted to the repair of walls and includes the provision of new ornamental vases.

In view of the more urgent demands from all parts of the Island to be allowed to restore damaged buildings for human habitation, I regret that I cannot see my way to authorising expenditure for the restoration of a public garden, its sole recommendation appears to be that such work would employ large numbers of men, but I do not agree that this is a sufficiently good reason to authorise the expenditure of public funds.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer,

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

Subject: Relations of Controller of Property with A.M.F.A.

AMGOT/2019/E.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

12 Sep. 43.

Controller of Property.
AMGOT H.Q.

1. With reference to the amounts which have been paid into A.M.F.A. by the Controller of Property, it is agreed that it is more convenient for the Controller of Property to open a bank account in the Banca di Sicilia. The amounts accruing to the Controller of Property would be deposited in such accounts, and only when the amount becomes unduly large will a round sum be transferred to A.M.F.A.

2. With reference to deposits previously made by the A.P.C. Palermo with A.M.F.A., the following principles will be observed in future :-

(a) A.M.F.A. deals with the Controller of Property at AMGOT H.Qs. and not with Provincial A.P.Cs.

(b) A.P.Cs in the provinces may deal with Provincial Finance Officers, who in turn may deal with A.M.F.A.

3. If you concur with the above suggestions, I shall be grateful if you will inform your staff accordingly.

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

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Department of Medical Stores

AFPO/3007/11

ALICE H. SICHIV

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TO: 2 1/c Central Medical Stores, Cantonment, Mysore S.C.A.O.
CC: Sd/- D.H.C. Mysore, Mysore S.C.A.O.

Stores destined for Mysore must be sent immediately using your lorry. This is most urgent and the lorry must be utilised continuously for Mysore until complete distribution is effected.

Please report completion of action to this H.Q.

D COLON CHESTRE
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

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AMGOT, 15th Army Group

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12 Sept/43

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Disbursing Officer
Office of Dependency Benefits
213 Washington Street
Newark, New Jersey

Cl E alst fifty dollars per month of S/Sgt Victor G. Squitieri,
32762167, paren fr AMG 7th Army to cite AMGOT 230 ^{PARENT}, beginning 1 June/43
to be increased to seventy-five dollars per month effective 1 Oct/43.
Forms will follow.

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Subject:- Prosecutions - Orders to Civilian Enemy Subjects

AMGOT/4034/L

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

To: All Senior Legal Officers
(through S.C.A.Os.)

11th Sept. 1943

1. An order given orally to an enemy civilian subject by any Officer of the Allied Forces acting in the course of his duties and within the scope of his authority is a proper order, and failure to observe it is an offence punishable under para. 43 of Proclamation No.2.
2. If an order given orally is the basis of a prosecution under the above para., the prosecution should be in a position to prove that the order was definite and concise and that accused appeared to understand it. The order must not, of course, be one to do an illegal act.
3. Where civilian employees are concerned, they should be only prosecuted for failure to obey an order if there has been wilful neglect or disobedience in carrying out their duties in accordance with instructions. It is not desirable that incompetency or the usual trivial failures of civilian clerks should be made the subject of criminal proceedings.

Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

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Direct

AMGOT 2072/F

AMGOT HQ SICILY

12 September 43

Mr. Talbert D. Jessup
Supervisor, Field Service
American Red Cross
Headquarters, 7th Army
APO 758

Dear Mr. Jessup:

Reference your letter September 2, 1943.

It will no doubt be of interest to you to know that AMGOT has changed its policy with regard to payrolls of its civilian employees. For your information, we have decided to pay each employee his full straight salary without making deductions for any social insurance contributions or income tax; and without granting any additions such as assegni familiari, etc. We have instructed all officers concerned to inform the employee that if he has been insured, or has pension rights to protect, he should make his own arrangements with the appropriate institutions.

Also, the employee is to be informed that by adopting the foregoing procedure, AMGOT does not presume to relieve him of any liability he may have for income tax.

RBM

R. B. MENAPAGE,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

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SUBJECT: → Request for release of Officers' P.O.W.

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AMGOT/204/HQ.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

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

10. Sept. 43.

1. Now that this H.Q. is submitting requests for release of Reserve Officers who may be required for essential work after the S.C.A.Os. have given their approval, three letters are enclosed.
2. If upon verification the release of any of the mentioned officers should be requested, kindly advise this H.Q.

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

Encl. 3 letters.

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QUARTIER GENERALE DEL GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
Divisione Controllore Beni
via Bari, 3 - Palermo

6007/CP.

float
Palermo, II Settembre 1943

ALL' ENTE DI COLONIZZAZIONE LATIFONDO SICILIANO

P A L E R M O

Con la presente Vi informiamo che il sig. Cav. Lucio Tasca Bordonaro ed il dott. Vincenzo Maravino sono stati nominati rispettivamente Commissario Speciale, e Vice-Commissario Speciale dell'Ente di Colonizzazione del Latifondo Siciliano allo scopo di dirigere e riorganizzare lo stesso Ente.

Il loro incarico ha inizio il 13 Settembre 1943 e le loro istruzioni dovranno essere da Voi eseguite.

Tenente Colonnello
Controllore Beni

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SUBJECT: Registration
of Refugees.

AMGOL/205/110.

AMGOL HQ. SICILY.

TO : AM S.C.M.O.'s.

13 September 1943

There are numerous homeless refugees in Sicily for whom some form of care will be necessary in the coming months and for whom plans must be made to return them as soon as practical to their place of domicile. These persons include homeless Sicilians, Italians and Allied Nationals released from Concentration Camps, refugees from North Africa, and others.

In order that an orderly and humane program for the care of these individuals may be formulated, it is necessary to register them.

You are directed to set up within your Enti Comunale di Assistenza, a section charged with the registration of all refugees within each comune on the forms furnished for this purpose. Adequate and competent clerical help and separate space should be provided, as accuracy of the information secured is essential.

A notice announcing the registration will be furnished you with spaces for the address of the registration office and the time of registration. It is suggested that this announcement should be widely circulated.

A representative of the Public Welfare Section will be available to assist in planning the registration. Registration should be completed at an early date.

TO 299 HQ

Charles M. Stofford
CHARLES M. STOFFORD
Lt. Col. GSC
Chief Staff Officer.

Subject: Wages - Government Employees.

AMECOT/5117/CS
AMECOT HQ SICILY
12 September 43.

To: Lt. Col. Poletti.


1. The attached letter from a government employee complaining about the inadequacy of government salaries, is self explanatory.
2. It is transmitted for appropriate action.
3. This is one of the categories of employment which is undoubtedly being considered by your office in the wage recommendations which are to be submitted to this HQs on or before 1 October 43.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

JFRS/EDG.

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

2 Incls:



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SUBJECT : Release of Internees.

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AMEOT/1012/ES

AMEOT H. J. Sicily.

12 Sept 43.

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

The C.A.O. Corleone recently enquired as to the possible release of six persons arrested by the C.I.C. on 4 Aug 43 and stated that the Sindaco and the local priest had assured him of their harmlessness.

The case has been fully investigated, but in view of the positions previously held by these men, I regret I am unable to recommend their release. Their cases will be reviewed monthly in conjunction with G.I.(b), 15 Army Group.

LEMMUEL L. BOLLAS
Colonel, Infantry
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

SUBJECT : Employment of Italians

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AMGOT/1060/PS

AMGOT HQ. Sicily

11 Sept 43.

TO : C.S.O.

In connection with C.O.A.O's desire to make greater use of Italians in the work of AMGOT, I am submitting list of names of 20 individuals who may be of use along these lines. Also see note attached from Civil Police Section.

LEMUEL BOLLIS
Colonel Infantry.
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

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AMGOT H.Q.

AGENDA.

10th Meeting of the Executive Council
to be held at 1500 hrs. 10th Sept. 43,
in the Conference Room.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Recommendations of EFCO on Labor Plan and submitted for approval (C.S.O.) (Appendix A.)
3. (a) Report on 103 (Raids on Black Market violators) (C.P.S.)
(b) Report on Conference of S.C.A.P.Os. (C.P.S.)
(c) Conduct of Allied Military Personnel. (C.P.S.)
(d) Policy in reference to employment of C.A.P.Os. (C.P.S.) assigned under new T/O on appropriate Public Safety duties as such.
4. Discussion of Political Intelligence Questionnaire. (C.S.D) (Appendix B)

Carel van Heukelom

Carel van Heukelom,
1st Lt. A.C.
Secretary, Executive
Council, AMGOT.

DISTRIBUTION: C.C.A.O.
D.C.C.A.O.
C.S.O.
Heads of Divisions.
Secretary.
War Diary.
File.
Spares.

Appendix A

SECRET

PROPOSED LABOR PLAN FOR SICILY.

I. Purpose: (a) To establish machinery which will help stabilize employer-employee relations during this period of emergency.

(b) To free employers and employees from the controls of Fascism.

(c) To open channels for free and democratic employer-employee self organization and representation.

II. Plan: (a) A labor office be established in each Province to be known as the Provincial Labor Office. This office to be part of the Provincial system of government and to function in all labor matters, ~~and~~ *shall also be established as soon as possible a central island wide labor office which shall coordinate the functions and activities of the Provincial labor office.*

(b) The Fascist corporative-syndicate system be abolished. This includes abolition of the nine Provincial Syndicate Unions and all their subsidiary and constituent units; and the various Provincial Councils of Corporations.

(c) The records, files and property of the abolished Syndicate Unions and councils of corporations to be transferred to the Provincial Labor Office; the funds to be transferred to the appropriate finance office for disposition.

(d) The substantive wage, hour, and condition of employment provisions of existing collective agreements and wage covenants be continued pending study and revision.

(e) Wage studies be instituted immediately by each Province, through its Provincial Labor Office.

(f) No strikes or lockouts permitted during the period of Allied Military Government.

III. Discussion:

(a) Establishment of Provincial Labor Office.

1. This Office to be in charge of a civilian director, to be known as the Director of Labor, appointed by the Prefetto and approved by the SCAO. Immediate staff to be composed of clerical employees, labor economists, and labor investigators.

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(b) Functions of the Provincial Labor Office.

- 1. Compile statistical information on employment, unemployment, child labor, wages, and cost of living trends.
- 2. Establish central employment offices.
 - a. Register all unemployed labor by craft and skill.
 - b. Labor required by Armed Forces to be procured by application directly to the employment office.
 - c. Labor required by civilian employers to be procured as in 2(b) above. (This policy to be subject to later revision).
- 3. Function as official conciliation and mediation office in labor disputes.
 - a. Any labor dispute involving existing hours, wages, or working conditions which arises between an employee or group of employees and a civilian employer, and which cannot be resolved by direct negotiation and discussion may be submitted by either party, their representative or representatives, to the Provincial Labor Office for conciliation and mediation.

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Proposed Labor Plan for Sicily (Cont'd)

- b. In the event of failure to adjust any such dispute by conciliation or mediation the matter to be submitted by either party personally, or through their representative or representatives, to the labor Director, who will without delay appoint an Arbitrator or Board of Arbitrators (not exceeding three in number) to hear the case and render final decision.
- c. All arbitration decisions to be submitted to AMGOT HQ. for approval or disapproval prior to issuance. (The SCAO will attach his comments and recommendations to the decision at time of submission).
4. Report monthly to the Prefetto and SCAO on the Provincial labor situation. Report to contain pertinent recommendations.
5. To handle such other matters relevant to Provincial labor and labor relations as may be referred to it by the Prefetto.
6. To establish subsidiary offices throughout the Province as efficient administration may warrant.

(c) Abolition of the Fascist Corporative Syndicate System.

1. The Confederations of employers and the Confederations of workers and their subordinate Federation units are situated in Rome. The constituent unions and syndicates are located in the Provinces and Communes, and are headed by nine main units as follows:

Workers. a. Unione Prov. Fascista Lavoratori dell'Industria.

b. Unione Prov. Fascista Lavoratori dell'Agricoltura.

c. Unione Prov. Fascista Lavoratori del Commercio.

d. Unione Prov. Fascista Lavoratori del Credito, Assicurazioni, etc.

Employers. e. Unione Fascista Industriale.

f. Unione Fascista Degli Agricoltori.

g. Unione Fascista dei Commercianti.

h. Unione Fascista Del Credito Provincia de Palermo.

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g. Unione Fascista dei Commercianti.

h. Unione Fascista Del Credito Provincia de Palermo.

Professional employees and employees, i. Unione Prov. Fascista Professionisti ed Artisti.

2. The entire structure is an integrated one upon which is superimposed the Ministry of Corporations also situated in Rome, but which has its representative in each Province, and known as :

a. Consigli Prov. delle Corporazioni.

3. Since the system has been invented by Fascism to control labor and industry for its own ends, and has been imposed without voice of either; and since it does not in fact represent in initiation or continuation, the will of either labor or industry, but has been utilized rather to shackle them, it should be abolished immediately.

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Proposed Labor Plan for Sicily (Cont'd).

4. Labor and industry should be required to utilize the FLO for composition of issues; and for revision of conditions of employment, hours, and wages as prescribed in section III (d) herein.
 5. At the termination of the emergency, labor and industry should be free to proceed to a democratic selection of organization for representation and mutual assistance in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by AMGOT.
 6. The records, files and property of the abolished organizations to be transferred to the FLO; the funds to be transferred to the appropriate finance office for disposition.
- (d) Collective Labor Agreements, and Wage Covenants.
1. Hours, wages and conditions of employment fixed by collective agreement, and in existence as of July 9, 1943 to be continued pending study and revision.
 2. Any dispute arising over any term or provision contained in existing collective agreements to be determined in accordance with the machinery provided in 3a, b, c above. However, under no circumstances are collective contract provisions to be reopened for negotiation or arbitration without prior consent and approval of the SCAO, and AMGOT Hqs.
 3. Each Province through its FLO will initiate a wage and hour study so that consideration may be given to revision if warranted.
 4. No wage or hour enactments to issue from any Province whether on Provincial or Communal basis without prior approval of AMGOT H.Q.
- (e) No strikes or lockouts during period of AMGOT Administration.

8/19/43.

DAVID A. MORSE,
Capt., A.C.

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AMGOT/344/3
AMGOT HQ SICELY
11 September 1943

SUBJECT: Reports
TO: AMGOT Liaison (2 copies)

1. Reference your AL/23 of 7 September 1943, Public Safety Division has arranged to put G.S.1 (b) on their distribution list for all future issues of memoranda etc.
2. G.S.1 (b) has already been promised copies of the New Bible as soon as it is ready. This will bring them up to date.



T. MARLEY SMITH,
Lt. Colonel.

SUBJECT:- Office Instructions.

TO:- All Divisional Head Clerks.

AMGOT/302/HQ
AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.
11th September 1943.

It has been noted that clerical personnel have been leaving before 1200 hrs and 1745 hrs each day. Head Clerks will ensure that this does not happen in the future and that all clerks arrive punctually and leave not before the specified times.

At least one clerk in each Division will be detailed to commence duties at 0800 hrs each day in order that officers' desks may be cleaned and equipped.

The U.S. Adjutant is issuing instructions to U.S. clerical personnel whereby the above office hours apply.

L
L. Waron,
S.S.M.,
Chief Clerk.

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HEADQUARTERS AMGOT
15th Army Group
APO 777

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AMGOT/241/HQ.

Slant
10 September 1943

SUBJECT: Enquiries Re Civilians.

TO : SCAO, Province of Palermo.

1. This Hq has had an enquiry on the present whereabouts and health of Conde de Assaro. SCAO, Province of Ragusa states that Conde de Assaro does not now reside at Via Garibaldi Vittoria but is said to be living in his house in or near Palermo.

2. Any information you can furnish this Hq concerning this person will be appreciated.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt Col, GSC
Chief Staff Officer

Final
Subject: Request for Requisition.

AFMOR/3053/03
AFMOR HQ SICILY
September 43.

To: C. S. O. Attention: Lt. Krupa.

1. Request requisition of building located at No. 22 Via Giuseppe De Spuches, Palermo.
2. The owner is Sig. Matranga who lives with Traci Benedetto, Case Popolari lotto D/1 interno 3, Via Imperatore Federico.
3. The premises are vacant and no property is in them. They have been bombed but can be readily repaired.
4. Requisition is requested in order that garage and machine shops may be established by Istituto Nazionale Trasporti, truck and bus subsidiary of the State Railways, which is working exclusively for Civilian Supply Division.

CRM/STP.

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

Memorandum

ANGOT HQ, SICILY
11 September 43

To: Capt. John Todd
MCS, AFHQ
Thru: Brig. General Julius Holmes

1. Prior to my departure from ANGOT for combat duty I wish to commend you on the superior quality of work you have done as rear agent for the Civilian Supply Division. Without you, I feel that many, many times we should have been working completely in the dark. Your initiative, intelligence, and energetic execution have been outstanding.

2. I am sorry I shall be unable to see you before I leave, but accept my sincere appreciation and know that, although I regret leaving my friends, I leave with the assurance that the job in the rear echelon is in capable hands.

JRS/jfl

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

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F. L. C. C. C.

AMOCF H. Q., Palermo, 10 September, 1943

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

1. Sale of the property is approved provided the S.C.A.C. staff
all he considers necessary to satisfy himself that the sale is
bona fide and at an equitable price.

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

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No. 23

DAILY ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Captain R.W. Herriman, R.A.
Camp Commandant, AXCOT. 15 Army Group.

In the Field.

11 Sept 43.

82. ROUTINE

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

83. CHURCH SERVICES-SUNDAY 12 SEPT 43 & ON WEDNESDAYS.

(1) CATHOLIC SERVICES.

- (a) San Domenico Church - Via Roma (1 block east of Post Office Bldgs.)
Masses at: 0700, 0900, 1000, 1100+ and 1100+ (Masses by U.S. Army Ch.)
Weekday Masses each morning at 0700 by the U.S. Army Ch.
(b) Cathedral - Via Victor Emanuele at Archway. Mass at: 0900 by U.S. Army Ch.
(c) Regina Paolis Church - West side of Palermo, near 540th Engineers.
Mass at 1600 by U.S. Army Chaplain.
(d) St. Theresa Church-Via Filippo Parlotore & Via Dante, near 68th C.A. and
201st Ordnance Depot.
Mass at: 0900; Confessions: 0800 - 0900 by U.S. Army Ch.
(e) San Lorenzo Church-Mass at: 1130 by U.S. Army Chaplain.

Confessions: Before all Masses held by U.S. Army Chaplain.

- Also, at 0900 to 1100 and 1400 to 1800, each Saturday
in Chaplain's Office (Main Hqs, 7th Army - 4th Floor)
(f) St. Esperito Church-Near Excelsior Hotel-Mass at: 0800 and Confessions
before Mass by U.S. Army Chaplain.

(2) PROTESTANT SERVICES.

- (a) Episcopal or Church of England-Service at 1800+ - Eucharist and Communion
+By U.S. Army Chaplain. Place: Holy Cross Church, Via Roma,
diagonally across the street from Grand Hotel.
(b) General Protestant Services at: Holy Cross Church, Via Roma,
Time: 1000 and 1400 by U.S. Army Chaplains.
1030 Service at Massimo Theatre located across the street from
the American Red Cross Theatre.
(c) 10th Port of Embarkation: Services in Chapel at Imperia Cinema on
Piazza Settimo.
General Army Service (Protestant) at 0900
Vespers and Discussion Group at 1900
Catholic - Weekday Mass every Wednesday at 1700 in Chapel at Imperia
Cinema. 307

(3) JEWISH SERVICES.

- (a) Services at American Red Cross Theatre, No. 8 Piazza Verdi.
Friday evenings at 1930
Sundays at 1000

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84. N.A.A.F.P.I.

L. A limited supply of N.A.A.F.P.I. Stores have arrived, and will be sold
 at No. 22 Via Salvatore (Camp Commandant's Office), at the following times:-
 OFFICERS ... 1200 - 1400 hours.
 OTHER RANKS ... 1700 - 1845 hours.

2. All ranks are advised to purchase their requirements as early as possible.

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

Subject: Purchases by British Army.

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

To: S C A Os: Messina
Catania
Syracuse
Ragusa
Enna

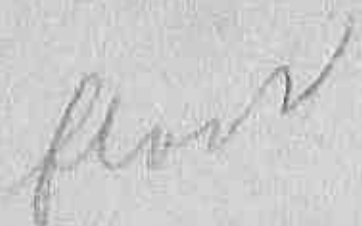
The enclosed copy of Departmental Instructions,
serial 4, by DDST Eighth Army, is forwarded for information.

For Chief Civil Affairs Officers

CJH/CT.



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



filed *2448*
SUBJECT: Closing Prisons.

AMGOT/1034/PS

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.

11 September 1943.

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

A suggested plan to close some of the small prisons in CALTANISSETTA is submitted as given in attached form.

Reports are so scanty that this plan may not be at all suitable, but your remarks and suggestions would be of assistance.

L. L. Bolles
LIEUCEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel Inf.,
for Commissioner of Public Safety.

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SUBJECT:-

Files.

AMCOT/8863/EA
AM H. G. S. SICILY.
10th September 1943.

To:-

Chief Clerk.

Further to Captain Hammond's letter of 7th September, I have opened new files under the following serials and titles.

AMCOT/8876/B/EA
AMCOT/8600/B/EA
AMCOT/8863/EA

Palermo, Accademia di Scienze Lettere ed Arti.
General all Italy: Schools: Church Education.
Sicilia: Inter-office Memo.

G. R. W.
G. R. WAYER.
Major A.F.C.
Educational Adviser

Copy to: Capt. Mason Hammond.
Pvt. F.C. Defino, Clerk to P.A. & Co.

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SUBJECT: Closing of Prisons.

AMGOT/1096/PS.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

To: All S.C.A.Os.

10 September, 43.

A number of places of confinement have been ordered to be closed and others will follow. It is, however, proposed to keep a custodian as caretaker at the places put out of operation till we are finally satisfied that they may not be required.

These caretakers should be paid by local C.A.Os. as at present.

Lemuel Bolles

LEMUEL BOLLES,
Colonel,
Commissioner Public Safety.

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| <u>DISTRIBUTION:</u> SCAOs, Agrigento | 6 | AMGOT LIAISON | 1 |
| Caltanissetta | 6 | AMGOT 8th Main | 1 |
| Catania | 6 | Col. Hume | 2 |
| Enna | 4 | MGS. AFHQ. | 2 |
| Palermo | 35 | File 266 and original | |
| Ragusa | 6 | Float | 1 |
| Siracusa | 14 | | |
| Trapani | 6 | Spares | 10 |
| Messina | 8 | | |
| Chief Director, | | | |
| Dr. Columba | 1 | | |

Float

AMGOT/1029/PS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
10 September 1943

SUBJECT: Administration of Discipline
TO : All S.C.A.O.s, All Provinces

Italian Directors of Prisons hold the same powers of awards for acts of indiscipline as they did before the Allied occupation, namely:

1. All members "uniformed" staff.

Admonition

Suspension for a given period (a) of liberty - confined to quarters in the prison and does duties.

(b) of service - stoppage of pay.
Grade 1 - allowed 1/2
Grade 2 - no pay

Dismissal or Removal - but must be confirmed by S.C.A.O. Province.

2. Directors, Vice Directors and Medical Officers will not be dealt with without reference to C.P.S., AMGOT.

DISTRIBUTION:

Agrigento 6
Caltanissetta 6
Catania 6
Enna 4
Palermo 35
Ragusa 6
Siracusa 14
Trapani 6
Messina 8
AMGOT Liaison 1
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L. Bolles
LEMUEL L. BOLLES
Colonel, Infantry
Commissioner of Public Safety

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ANGOT/1076/PS
ANGOT HQ SICILY
7 September 1945

SUBJECT: Transfer of Prisoners

TO: S. C. A. O.

Catania
Palermo
Agrigento

Ragusa
Caltanissetta
Enna

1. You will find enclosed a roll ~~in duplicate~~ of prisoners (awaiting trial) who were transferred by Italian authorities to prisons within the province under your supervision.
2. Some of these prisoners may have been liberated, others may have escaped, as I believe a few of them have, but those remaining will as soon as possible have to be returned to Palermo. This we shall arrange.
3. Before proceeding further however will you please note on copy of the roll if remaining or if disposed of.

W. Lattuada

Colonel,
for Commissioner of Public Safety

Copies to:

8 Army Main
Colonel Hume
~~ANGOT Liaison~~

flat *3056*
AMGOT/255/HQ
AMGOT HQ HOLLY
11 September 1943

SUBJECT: Isolated Burial
TO: S.C.A.O., Trepasni

1. Report has been received that an isolated burial was made on Favigawa Island, 13 August 1943.
2. Major Gilbert Bartlett, AMGOT, is alleged to have witnessed it.
3. Request is made that more details as to the individual buried and the location be furnished this Headquarters.

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

flat

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ALICE/255
ALICE IN SICILY
11 September 1943

SUBJECT: Death Notice

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

1. Notice has been received from A.F.H.Q. that Pietro Piccione, a prisoner of war in England, has died.
2. Kindly inform the deceased's wife Giuseppina Cotugno Piccione Via Siena 123 Torre Yard, Messina, to this effect.

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

Subject: Summary Military Court Records.

AMXZ/4002/L

AMXZ H.R. JCHLY

To: G.C.A.C., Syracuse.

11th Sept. 1943

1. Examination of your letter to all C.A.Cs, Assistant C.A.Cs and C.A.P.Cs dated 6th Sept. 1943, has been made.
2. This Headquarters has just issued, which should be delivered to you, books for "Summary Military Court Record". (Reference AMXZ/4002/L dated 10th Sept. 1943). Instructions as to the use of this book by each court officer are printed on the inside cover.
3. It is suggested that in transmitting this book to the Summary Court Offices, in place of paragraph 4 of your letter of 6th Sept. 1943, the following be substituted:-

"The blue backed Summary Military Court Record book will be used to record all summary trials, and is the only record of cases which is required to be kept. In every case a charge sheet (Form No. 1) or a summons (Form No. 2) will be used. Whenever the Court feels a record should be made on Form No. 3, it will be signed by the judge just above the word "verdict".
4. This will comply with the orders and directives now in effect throughout the island. Of course, if you desire to have the Summary Military Courts make a more complete record in some cases where larger sentences are imposed there can not be any objection from this Headquarters.

Wm. C. CHALKER.
Lt. Col. (AMX).
Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to file AMXZ/4002/L.

Subject:- Summary Military Court Records

ASGOT/4026/L

ASGOT H.Q. HULLY

To: J.C.A.C., SYDNEY.

11th Sept. 1943

1. Acknowledgment of your letter to all C.A.Cs, Assistant C.A.Cs and C.A.Ps dated 6th Sept. 1943, has been made.
2. This Headquarters has just issued, which should be delivered to you, books for "Summary Military Court Record". (Reference ASGOT/4026/L dated 10th Sept. 1943). Instructions as to the use of this book by each court officer are printed on the inside cover.
3. It is suggested that in transmitting this book to the Summary Court Officers, in place of paragraph 4 of your letter of 6th Sept. 1943, the following be substituted :-

"The blue backed Summary Military Court Record book will be used to record all summary trials, and is the only record of cases which is required to be kept. In every case a charge sheet (Form No. 4) or a summons (Form No. 2) will be used. Whenever the Court feels a record should be made on Form No. 8, it will be signed by the judge just above the word "verdict".
4. This will comply with the orders and directives now in effect throughout the island. Of course, if you desire to have the Summary Military Courts make a more complete record in some cases where larger sentences are imposed there can not be any objection from this Headquarters.

MA. G. CHIDSEY,
Lt. Col. (AUS).
Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to file ASGOT/4026/L.

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F. W. T.

Subject:- Issue of Medical Supplies.

AMGOT/3007/EH

AMGOT HQ SICILY

To:- ALL SAPHO's
(Through SGAO's)

10 Sep 45

A number of Provinces have not yet drawn their original Medical brick from the Central Store, Caltanissetta. This brick consists of approximately 100 packing cases weighing 20 - 25 tons. Transport should be sent forthwith to Caltanissetta for these stores which are ready for collection.

D. Gordon Chalmers

D GORDON CHALMERS
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

Copy:- 0 i/c Central Medical Store, Caltanissetta.

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SUBJECT: Subversive Activity.

AMCOT/1007/PS

AMCOT H.Q., Sicily.

11 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.C. Messina.

The undermentioned extract from an H.Q., 180
Inf report is passed to you for investigation:-

"The mayor of San Fratello (0525560) told one family that asked for grain, "You might as well kill yourselves as the Americans will not feed you." The mayor's name is Mancuso Benedetto. He was left in power by our authorities."

"An American born ^{woman} school teacher in St. Agate (0554415) is constantly working on the natives in that area making unfavourable comparisons of Allied troops and the Germans.

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

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SUBJECT : Conduct of Allied Troops.

AWAC/1017/EE

Major H. J. Sially.

19 September, 1945.

TO : C.C.O.

At the recent conference of C.C.O.'s it was reported from practically all provinces that there have been far too many instances of improper conduct toward the civil population upon the part of individual soldiers and men of Allied military units.

These include the taking of various supplies from them without payment, forcible entry of private dwellings, publicly carrying offshoots and other marks of G.I.'s, all forms of personal clothing and arms as well as other indignities inflicted in public and even in C.C.O. barracks. Instances were reported where local officials were required by threats of violence to provide wine and women for the entertainment of Allied units. In one instance an Allied soldier has been killed by a civilian while attempting to save the latter's life and her sister.

The consensus of opinion was that this conduct of both troops and G.I.'s were not particularly interested in the nature of this nature and failed to exert themselves in the absence of a definite report of the same and organization of the particular offenders. This on the ground that they had at their disposal an insufficient force to do otherwise.

It is needless to stress the exceedingly grave consequences of permitting these innumerable instances to continue. Serious injury to the war aims of both nations and a reflection upon their good faith in the minds of large numbers of people must result unless definite improvement is promptly accomplished.

Unfortunately, for various reasons it is impossible to make satisfactory progress in a majority of the instances which have already taken place. The urgent consideration at the moment is future preventive measures. In my opinion, the situation can only be improved by the personal collaboration of the C.C.O.'s and the G.I.'s in adopting an effective method of insuring proper control of conduct of troops in future. Orders for this purpose of necessity must come from appropriate sources of command.

At the recent conference of S.O.A.I.C.'s it was reported from practically all provinces that there have been far too many instances of irregular conduct toward the civil population upon the part of individual officers and men of allied military units.

These include the taking of ransom supplies from shops without payment, forcible entry of private dwellings, publicly depriving officers and other ranks of C.R.A. or items of personal clothing and arms as well as other indignities inflicted in public and even in O.A.P. barracks. Instances were reported where local officials were required by threats of violence to provide wine and women for the entertainment of allied units. In one instance an allied soldier has been killed by a civilian while attempting to rape the latter's wife and her sister.

The consensus of opinion was that unit commanders of both troops and N.F.'s were not particularly interested in instances of this nature and failed to exert themselves in the absence of a definite report of the news and organization of the particular offenders. This opinion grew from the fact that they had at their disposal an insufficient force to do otherwise.

It is needless to stress the exceedingly grave consequences of permitting these innumerable instances to continue. Serious ineffectiveness of the war aims of both nations and a reflection upon their good faith in the minds of large numbers of people must result unless definite improvement is promptly accomplished.

Unfortunately, for various reasons it is impossible to make satisfactory progress in a majority of the instances which have already taken place. The urgent consideration at the moment is future preventive measures. In my opinion, the situation can only be improved by the personal collaboration of the C.C.A.S. and the G.M.C. in adopting an effective method of insuring proper control of conduct of troops in future. Orders for this purpose of necessity must come from appropriate sources of command.

Colonel, Infantry 495
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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ATTENTION: Medical S. Liaison

AMCOT/3015/PH

AMCOT H.C. SICHIX

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.

D. CONDON CHEVRE.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

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Subject:- Medical Attention. Yugoslavs.

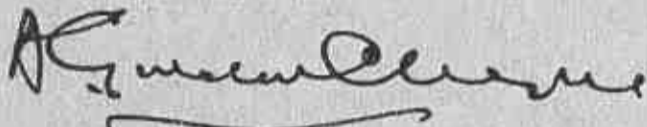
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AMSC ID SICILY

To:- S.A.F.H.C. Messina.

11 Sep 43

It has been reported that four Yugoslavs suffering from Tuberculosis are inmates of an Italian Hospital near Messina. In view of the fact that they are friendly allies will you please investigate their physical conditions and if they are fit to travel arrange a transfer to a suitable allies hospital.



D GORDON CHEYNE
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

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Progetto 8876/B/Ed.

AMGOT III.

9 Agosto 1943

Accademia di Belle Arti

Al : Dottor Gambino
Segretario dell'Accademia di Belle Arti e Liceo Artistico.

Dal : Ufficio di educazione.

Egregio Signore,

La informo che la sua richiesta è stata approvata
e l'ammontare sarà così, come di suo accordo, suddiviso:

Salari:

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Incaricati e assistenti di ruolo | £ 20,544 26,453 |
| Personale Giornalieri | 7467 |
| Spese di manutenzione per 3 mesi, Agosto, Settembre, e ottobre, £ 2,500 per ogni mese | 7,500 |
| Spese straordinarie incluse £3,000 per il ritorno dell'ufficio dei Cinesi | 50,000 |

Ne ho informato il Tenente Becken F.O. Palermo per autorizzarvi
a pigliare tale ammontare dal Regio Tesoro.

Con osservanza,

G. Maggi
Maggi

SUBJECT: Subversive Activity.

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AMGOT/1007/PS

AMGOT H.Q., Sicily.

11 September 1943.

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

The undermentioned extract from Headquarters
180 Inf report is passed to you for investigation:-

"The mayor of Millitello Romarino (0595390)
is reported by a large portion of the inhabitants to
issue the city grain supply to Fascists only. He has
told several Anti-Fascists to "eat their ration books".

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

Flora
Subject:- Compensazioni legali con le Amministrazioni della Provincia.

AMGOT/2040/E.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

11 Sep. 43.

Lieut. Edward O'Connor,
Revenue Officer,
Agrigento Province.

Summary translation of a communication received from the Esattore Department of the Bank of Sicily at Palermo herewith:

"Ricevitore provinciale is by law obliged to make advances to Provincial Administrations, to be paid to the Ricevitore Provinciale out of tax monies received from the Esattori and destined for the Province. In Agrigento, the Banco di Sicilia advanced in 1943, 2,300,000 lire to Provincial Administration up to July 9. Now, Banco di Sicilia, Agrigento, wished to repay itself out of tax monies turned in in August by Esattori. The Provincial Administration opposed this, on the authority of the Civil Affairs Officer, Agrigento. Bank of Sicily maintains that its right to reimburse itself for advances made to Prov. Adm. should be sustained by AMGOT, and instructions be issued to S.C.A.O. Agrigento to make this possible."

Please advise us your views so that we may communicate to the Bank of Sicily here.

(Sgd) *BD Nash*

E.D. NASH.
Major.
Deputy Chief Revenue Officer.

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Subject:- Pensions of Officers

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AMGOT/2014/E

AMGOT HQ, SICILY

11 Sep 43

SCAO
Ragusa Province

(For Lt-Col Thuriana)

Referency your letter of Sep 4th, regarding pensions of officers.

We appreciate the difficulty sometimes caused by changes in Directives issued from Headquarters, and sympathise with your problem. However, I know you will understand the necessity for occasional changes under conditions which we are compelled to operate.

We are glad to have your comment, and hope that further radical changes will not be too frequent.

R. D. NASH 489
Deputy Chief Revenue
Officer.

Subject:- Taxes.

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AMGOT/2037/E.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

11 Sep 43.

Lieut. W.A. Dryburgh,
Revenue Officer,
Syracuse Province.

Re your note of 6th Sep 43, on Contributi Sindacali. We note your proper action as described in your paragraph 2.

As regards paragraph 3, in the light of our present information, we agree that items 3 to 6 should be collected.

Thank you for this information, and please advise us if we can amplify this.

PM
L.D. 4431.
Major.
Deputy Chief Revenue Officer.

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Subject:- Palerm Vehicles Control Plan.

AMCOF/1853/PS.

AMCOF H.Q. SICILY.

10 Sep. 43.

Lieut-Colonel Clough.
AMCOF H.Q.

We note particularly your draft plan of 2nd September, 43.

We are in accord with your policy of using the existing agencies for the purpose of continuing to receive the various revenues for licensing, registration, etc. etc. We will be only interested in the future, in such cases as you find it necessary to make changes from the existing system.

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

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E.O's Reports.

AMCOT/2010/T.

AMCOT H.Q. SIGLY.

11 Sep 43.

1st. Lt. H.S. Gans,
Finance Officer,
Agrigento Province.

Dear Lt. Gans,

We have your weekly cash report for week ending 4th Sep 43.

At this time we are particularly interested in reports as to receipts of taxes ~~on~~ other revenues, and, therefore, enquire whether you cannot supply us with concrete information in this respect in boxes 1 and 3 on the face of this weekly cash form.

Will you kindly advise us as soon as possible regarding this information.

B.D. *B.D.*
Major. *Revenue*
Deputy Chief ~~Finance~~ Officer. 485

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Subject: Frozen Funds of Ente Zelfi Italiani

AMBOT 2043/F

AMBOT HQ SICILY

To : Lt. Col. J. F. R. Seitz
C.S.C., D.C.B.R.

10 September 43

Reference 5013/CS dated 9 September 43.

1. Release of funds from banks for the present restricted to 5000 Lire plus payroll requirements, taxes, social insurance contributions, public welfare needs, and certain governmental administrative expenditures under AMBOT supervision.
2. AMFA provided funds for these withdrawal purposes only in terms of the loan agreement with banks and no other use of AMFA funds loaned to the banks presently permitted.
3. Your proposal would make the "Ente" a preferred creditor and this we are unable to permit.
4. Your problem may be met with loan from a bank or AMFA pending release of withdrawal restrictions.

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A. P. CRAWFORD-SMITH
Colonel
Chief Finance Officer

Subject: Oil - Production in Sicily.

AMEKOT/5011/03
AMEKOT HQ SICILY
10 September 43.

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

1. Reference attached correspondence relative above subject.
2. An officer from this office, while on a trip in the territory, obtained some information as to the project. Available information does not indicate that sufficient oil can be produced to justify any assistance from AMEKOT.
3. On the information submitted it would not be proper to permit Colisano to take material from Italian Army warehouses or inactive mines.
4. Since the proposed project is in your Province, it is suggested that investigation be made by one of your C. A. Os if in your opinion it is worth the time and effort.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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

Subject: Italian Army Dumps in Caltanissetta Province.

AMGOT/5011/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
10 September 43.

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

It was learned through the Island Base that the Italian Army Dumps in Caltanissetta Province contain a considerable quantity of blankets and other supplies which are needed by civilians. Apparently, the Army is willing to turn these over to AMGOT if they are not already in the possession of AMGOT. Will you please inform the Civilian Supply Division at HQ in Palermo, of the status of these stocks, their location and the inventory.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

HEW/EDG.

J. F. R. Seitz

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

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Subject: Promotion.

AMCOT/5016/OS.
AMCOT HQ SICILY
10 September 43.

To: Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Prior to leaving for duty with the Seventh U. S. Army, I would like to recommend to you the following named officers of this Division for promotion to the next higher grade. The officers recommended have demonstrated their capacity by serving with superior performance.

From Major to Lt. Col.: NOLEN, HERMAN C. O-512344
From Captain to Major: MORSE, DAVID A. O-902599
From 1st Lt. to Captain: BART, WILLIAM, L, JR. O-1292821
From 2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.: BERIZZI, DARIO C. O-1173873

JFRS/EDG.

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

AMEOT DE SICILY.

9. September. 43.

Flora

Reference: Palermo, Accademia di Belle Arte.
Subject : Accademia di Belle Arte e Liceo Artistico.
To : Lt. Col. Polatti, S.C.A.O., Palermo Province,
for attention Lt. Becker, Prov. F.O.
From : Educational Adviser.

I am attaching the file concerning this subject from which you will see that approval has been granted for the expenditure as set out in Capt. Mason Hammond's letter to Col. Graffey-Smith of the 6th inst.

You will note the comment under Section (B) of that letter.

I should be glad to have information on this point.

I am informing the Accademia di Belle Arte that approval has been granted, and I should be glad if you would take the appropriate action.

G. E. GARR
G. E. GARR,
Major, A.E.C.
Educational Adviser.

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Subject: "Lessons Learned" Reports

AMGOT/5131/GS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
10 September 43.

To: Chief Staff Officer.

1. Reference Report on above from Galtagirone dated 27 August, which reached this Division on 10 Sept.
2. Para. 7: The amasso system is being revised now, the problem is to find and set up a working substitute.
3. Para. 8: Strongly recommended.
4. Para. 9: This is done on our instructions in every Province.
5. Para. 2: This depends on the type of transport used in the country to be occupied; knowledge of this is obtained from Intelligence sources. In Sicily these sources were found to be quite unreliable. It is suggested that batteries, plugs, and standard size tyres should be taken.

CJH/EDG.

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

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Subject: Telephone Service from H.Q.

AMGOT/5077/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
10 September 43.

To : All Divisions and Sub-Divisions, H.Q. AMGOT.

1. Considerable delay in making telephone calls from telephone extensions off the HQ P.B.X. will be avoided if officers making calls to outside telephone numbers will dial their own calls.
2. To dial outside telephone numbers, lift your receiver off the metal hook and when the P.B.X. operator acknowledges the signal, ask him to give you an outside trunk. He will then connect your telephone to an outside trunk, and after hearing dial tone you may dial the number desired.
3. The P.B.X. operators have been instructed not to dial outside numbers for officers in order that they may be free to give prompt service on other calls.

JED/EDG.

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

Subject: Wages—Telephone Employees

AMGOT/5119/CS
AMGOT Hq. SICILY
11. September 43

To: Capt. Robert Fraser, AMGOT Hq. (Catania)

Reference your communication 7 Sept. 43. Will appreciate information regarding wage difference between Catania and Syracuse. Also your recommendations.

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

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Subject: Bank Withdrawals for grain finance.

AMCOT/2013/E

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

10 Sep 43.

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C.F.O. }
A.M.F.A. } For information.

Capt. Ferrara, F.O. Galtanissetta, with our approval, is proceeding to withdraw 60,000,000 lire from Banca D'Italia, in addition to 10,000,000 lire withdrawn today as an emergency matter. These funds are required urgently for the Command for grain financing. After the above withdrawals, there will be a balance of about 27,000,000 lire in Banca d'Italia, Galtanissetta.



R. E. MENAPACE,
Lieut-Colonel,
Deputy Chief Finance Officer.

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

HEADQUARTERS AMGOT

AMGOT/359/HQ.

PALESTINE


10th September 1943.

Signor Arrigo Salvatore,
PALESTINE
Via Antonio Veneziano 57.

Sir,

I am directed by Major-General The Lord Rennell to acknowledge your letter of the 5th September, and to inform you that the points you raise are being looked into.

Yours truly,


Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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AMGOT/1029/FS.

AMGOT HQ. - SICILY

5 September, 1943.

Subject: Visits to Prisoners.

To : S.C.A.Os.

Convicted prisoners are normally allowed one visit in two weeks from relations or friends after conviction. The maximum number of persons making a visit to any one prisoner at one time will be two.

Prisoners awaiting trial may receive one visit from relations or friends each week.

The commanders of prisons are authorized to grant any reasonable excess in these visits.

A prisoners' legal adviser may visit his client without limit, and the Commandants of prisons are authorized to allow this. Again if prisons are pretty full and time does not permit large numbers of legal visits, these will be limited to one visit.

Instructions in Italian attached, please issue to Directors of Prisons.

Samuel J. Bolles
COLONEL.
Commissioner Public Safety.

DISTRIBUTION: S.C.A.Os. AGRIGENTO
 CALTANISSETTA
 CATANIA
 ENNA TRAPANI
 PALERMO MESSINA
 RAGUSA AMGOT Liaison
 SIRACUSA AMGOT 8th MAIN.
 Col. Hume
 MG 5 AFHQ

Soggetto: Visite a detenuti

AMGOT/1029/FS.

AMGOT HQ - SICILY.

Ai detenuti giudicati e normalmente concessa una visita ogni due settimane da parente o amici. Il numero massimo delle persone ammessi per la visita e di due.

I detenuti giudicabili possono essere visitati da parenti o da amici una volta per settimana. I Direttori delle carceri sono autorizzati a concedere qualsiasi ragionevole eccesso su queste visite. Il consigliere legale di un detenuto può conferire con questi senza limite, ed i Comandanti delle carceri sono autorizzati a permetterle. Epperò, se le carceri dovessero essere abbastanza piene, e il tempo non lo consentisse largo numero di visite legali, queste saranno limitate.

Samuel J. Bolles
COLONEL.
Commissioner of Public Safety.

Subject: Restoration of Civil Telephone and Telegraph Services.

AMGOT/5077/OS ✓
AMGOT HQ SICILY
10 September 43.


To: C.S.O., 15 Army Group.

Noted Sept 1

1. Attached is copy of report relative to status of above as of Sept. 1st.
2. Good progress has since been made in area of Fortbase.
3. C.S.O., Seventh Army has not turned over any civilian communication to Island Base Section or AMGOT, except to make certain communications records available to AMGOT.
4. Information not available as to extent Seventh Army has complied with paragraph 3 Operation Instruction No. 15, 2 Aug 43.
5. Understand that all civilian ^{residence} local telephone service has been restricted in Palermo.
6. Seventh Army has made service available to AMGOT HQ over military lines from Palermo Prov. to Caltanissetta, Agrigento and Trapani.

For Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

LDD/EDG.


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

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SUBJECT:- Release of Reserve Officers P.O.W.

ANGOT/1038/HQ

ANGOT H.Q., SICILY

10th September 1943.

TO:- Senior ANGOT Banking Officer,
Controller of Financial Institutions.

1. This H.Q. has received a list of former employees of the Bank of Sicily, whose release from P.O.W. camps has been requested by the Bank.
2. The applications for some of these have been made direct to the 7th Army and the Bank advised this H.Q. that some of these applications had been approved by you.
3. Before a request is made from here through proper channels, namely, 15th Army Group, your endorsement to the effect that the officers in question are Reserve officers and are needed in the Bank is requested.
4. Attached is a list for your approval and return.

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

Encl: List of Reserve Officers now P.O.W.s
whose services are required by the
Bank of Sicily, Palermo.

LIST OF RESERVE OFFICERS NOW POWs whose
service are required by the Bank of Sicily,
Palermo.

| | | |
|-------------------|---|----------|
| Aliberti Alfredo | - | Captain. |
| Bursotto Leonardo | - | " |
| Fersico | - | " |
| Cottone Vittorio | - | Lieut. |
| Lagana Giuseppe | - | " |

Stockades 7th Army in Palermo (Corso Calatafimi)

| | | |
|---------------------|---|------------|
| Benincasa Giuseppe | - | Captain. |
| Spina Oro Salvatore | - | " |
| Mongioli Francesco | - | Centurion. |
| De Maria Antonino | - | Lieut. |
| La Cecla Leopoldo | - | Lieut. |

Stockades 7th Army in Palermo.

Chiavetta Giovanni - Captain

At Palazzolo Acreide.

Cristini Creste - Captain.

P.O.V. Stockade Prizzi.

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SUBJECT: Application for release of Italian Reserve Officers.

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AMECE/1038/78.

AMECE H.Q. SICILY.

10. Sept. 43.

TO: S.O.A.G. Rome.

1. Reference your PR/9/9 and our reply 1038/78 dated 3. Sept. 43, we now advise you that the names submitted have been forwarded to 15 Army Group.
2. You will hear from this office as soon as any further developments are made known to us.

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

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SUBJECT:- Relie of Prisoners of War.

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

AMCOT/1038/PS
AMCOT H.Q., SICILY
10th September 1943.

1. In reply to your reference CP/MHW/EP dated 3rd September 1943, we would refer you to our directive: AMCOT/1012/PS, 15 Aug. 43.

2. If the requests you are receiving come under the category of Reserve Officers whose services are considered essential for the proper functioning of public works and for the general welfare of the population, it is directed that you comply with our aforementioned directive.

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

SUBJECT:-

Allocation of Civilian Transport

ANNON/355/FR

ASST H.Q. SULLY

10th September 1941

TO:-

British Transport Officer.

1. One lorry (capacity approximately 3-ton) has been allotted to Public Health Division for use at the Medical Stores at CALDWANISHITA.
2. Please hand over a civilian lorry in good running order to the civilian driver authorized by Director of Public Health to collect this vehicle.
3. You should license this vehicle, fill it with petrol and oil and report to this office its make, number and type.

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 CHARLES M. SPENCER
 Lieut Colonel C.B.C.
 Chief Staff Officer.

Copy to:

Director of Public Health, who will please arrange that the lorry temporarily in use by him at CALDWANISHITA is returned to ASST H.Q.

British Transport Officer.

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Subj: Issue of 3 ton Civilian Lorry and Appointment of Civil Driver.

AMSC/3022/111

To: S.C.A.C. Caltanissetta.

10 Dec 43

A three ton civil lorry is being issued today on the authority of the C.S.O. for the use of the Central Medical Store, Caltanissetta. It is being driven by an Italian Civilian - Giorgio Carlini.

Please put the Italian on your payroll at the current rates for lorry drivers. On the arrival of the lorry please ^{please} return the P.S. to this H.Q. - The driver to report to this Office and supply the Medical and Sanitary Officers with transport in accordance with terms of AMSC/3022/111 dated 6 Sept.

The driver's pass expires in 28 days & must be renewed in Palermo.

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C 1/c Central Medical Store.

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Colonel
Director of Public Health.

10/9. Letter delivered by Giorgio Carlini.

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Subject:- Clearance of demolition etc.

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AMCO H.Q. SICILY.

10 Sep 43.

S.O.A.O.

Tripoli Province

(For Lt-Col. Thomas)

1. Reference your letter dated 6th Sep 43, which refers to my conversation with Lieut. Murphy on the subject of repair of civilian homes.
2. You are authorized to proceed on the 8,000,000 long-range program outlined in your letter for the urgently needed repairs of civilian homes. However, it is requested that your advances to provincial or commune officials for this purpose be paid out only as actually needed for work in progress.
3. Major Witte states that he has discussed with Capt. Puccinelli, P.O., the problem of further street clearance and demolition of walls which might be a menace to the public thoroughfares. I presume that funds have been provided by the P.O. for this purpose. This expenditure, if urgently needed and approved by your office, is authorized.

R.B. MENAPACH,
Lieut-Colonel.,
Deputy Chief Finance Officer.

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Subject:- Payments to Paroled prisoners of war.

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AMGOT E.O. SICILY

10 Sep 43

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Director,
Banca d'Italia,
Palermo.

Reference your letter of 3rd September, 1943.

In reply to your inquiry, we have to inform you that no "assegno" or "sussidio" is paid by the Allied Military Government to Sottufficiali of the Italian Army who are now paroled prisoner of war.

R. H. Minapack
R. H. MINAPACK,
Lieut-Colonel,
Deputy Chief Finance Officer.

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SECRET - AMCOT
AMCOT HQ SICILY
AMCOT/93/IR
10 September 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: G-3, 45th Division

SUBJECT: Assignment of AMCOT Officers

1. This Headquarters has received verbal orders from AFHQ transmitted through Brig. General Mosherry to post five to ten Civil Affairs Officers with 45th Division for coming operations. We understand that written orders to that effect have been transmitted from 15th Army Group but apparently they have not yet been received. I have requested information as to the time and place which the officers should report from 7th Army. Colonel Cummings, Deputy C. of S., has referred me directly to you.

2. I have directed Captain Graham, AMCOT Liaison Officer with 7th Army, to contact you and obtain the necessary details.


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

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