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REMARKS.

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Float

SUBJECT : Summary Court of Floridia, Syracuse.
Case of Iatino Antonino.

AMZOT/4009/1.
AMZOT H] SICILY.
21. September 1943.

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

1. The proceedings and application for review in the above entitled case tried at Floridia before Captain J. M. Pearson, Summary Court, have been duly submitted to the CCAO for review.

2. The CCAO has confirmed the case in the following Language:

"The sentences on the two charges are to stand but run concurrently. - (signed) Mannell, Major-General, CCAO."

3. The Chief Legal Officer is requested to inform the accused and his counsel by letter or through Captain Pearson of the result of the review by the CCAO.

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

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Float

SUBJECT : Superior Court of Caltanisetta.
Cases of Ferraro, Salvatore and Ferrara, Giovanni.

AMGOT/4011/L.
AMGOT HQ SICILY.
24 September 1943

TO : Senior Legal Officer, Caltanisetta (Thru: SCAO).

1. The above entitled cases, tried by Captain [redacted]. G. Germon at St. Caterina Villarosa on the tenth day of September, 1943 were duly submitted to the CCAO for review.

2. The CCAO confirms the cases in the following language:

"The sentences confirmed. - (signed) Rannell, Major-General, CCAO."

3. It is requested that the Senior Legal Officer inform the two men accused and their counsel of the result of the ruling.

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

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Boast

SUBJECT : Superior Court of Caltanisetta.
Case of Carofalo Vincenzo.

AMGOT/4011/L.
AMGOT HQ SICILY.
24 September 1943

TO : Senior Legal Officer, Caltanisetta (Thru: CCAO).

1. A Superior Court case against Carofalo Vincenzo which was tried in Caltanisetta on the first day of September, 1943 has been duly submitted to the CCAO for review.

2. The CCAO has confirmed the case and the sentence in the following language:

"I consider that the sentence should stand. If the fine is not paid and the accused committed to prison, he should be committed to the Palermo Reformatory. - (signed) Rennell, Major-General, CCAO."

3. It is requested that the accused and his counsel should be notified of the ruling.

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

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Postings.

AMGOT/2023/T.

The Adjutant,
AMGOT H.Q.

24 Sep. 3.

I shall be grateful if you will order the following postings from AMGOT H.Q.

MAJOR J.R. KNIGHT (A) Controller of Financial Institutions to be assigned to Region 2. This officer may be absent for a week to 10 days, and then return to this Headquarters.

CAPT. L. FRAGTON (B) Insurance Section to be assigned to Region 2.

MAJOR T.W. GILLESTON (B) to be assigned to Palermo Province.

From Agrigento Province, LIEUT O'CONNOR (A) Revenue Officer to be assigned to Messina Province.

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

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Transfer of funds

2044/F

Bank of Italy
Palermo

24 September 3

You will receive shortly the sum of 20,000,000 Lire which is being transferred from the Branch of your Bank in Caltanissetta to you through the Allied Military Financial Agency in Palermo.

This currency in the form and denominations received will not be released by your Bank ~~in~~ paid out without the prior consent of the Controller of Financial Institutions, AMGOT Headquarters, Palermo, or the Senior AMGOT Banking Officer, Bank of Sicily, Palermo.

MAJOR J. R. KNIGHT
Controller of Financial Insitttitions

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MINUTE.

Subject:- Payment of Assegni Circolari at present in the hands of the Public.

AMGOT/2043/E.

C.F.I.

1. In accordance with your orders a meeting of the local Bank-Managers took place today at the Banco di Sicilia, Palermo. The outcome of this meeting was a minute, signed by those present, which, translated, reads as follows:-

" They put forward the already well-known reasons as to why some form of payment must be made and then make the following proposals:-

(a) The moratorium be abrogated in respect of such documents not exceeding Lit. 5,000.

(b) For those above Lit. 5,000.

(i) Pay Lit. 5,000 and credit the remainder to blocked current accounts in the names of the holders, with the drawee bank.

(ii) The customer may use such balances to extinguish debts he may have with the drawee bank.

(c) The documents should be paid by drawee banks only. If the drawee bank has no branch in a place another bank may take it for collection. The drawee bank would then send to the collecting bank the Lit. 5,000 in cash and, if necessary, the relative paying-in slip for the difference.

(d) The Banks, in order to obtain funds for this purpose, will renounce a part of the credit with A.M.F.A. It is hoped that A.M.F.A. will allow funds borrowed for the repayment of depositors to be used for this purpose.

2. I am rather inclined to the viewpoint that we should immediately abrogate the Moratorium for all debts of Lit. 20,000, and less. This would, of course, include Bank accounts, Assegni Circolari and private debts.

3. I think it would be unequitable to ever expect the banks to make part payments of any kind for an amount in excess of that amount which they would be permitted to exact from those who owe them money. In other words, the Moratorium must be abrogated step by step on both sides.

C.C. HAYES.
Lieut-Colonel.,
S.A.B.O.

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20 Sep 43. I SAY, STEADY ON.

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Letter of 20 September. AMGOT/4039/L.

Procuratore del Re.
Oggetto Pretore di Palermo—
Dott. Antonnino Matteo. 24 Sept. 3

Referendomi alla sua lettera del 26 Agosto, se l'esercizio cumulativo della funzioni di Pretore e Sindaco non e' autorizzato dalla Legge Italiano senza e' accordo del Procuratore del Re, sara' necessario per vostro ufficio di scegliere un nuovo Magistrato per la Pretura. Chi sara' nominato a questi funzioni dal Governo Alleato conforme a Nostre ultime istruzioni.

C. C. HANNAFORD,
Major,
Legal Division.

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Memo

Bank of Italy. AMGOT/2014/F.

Finance Officer,
through S.C.A.O. Agrigento Province. 24 Sep 3.

1. You raised a question with Lt-Col. Cross as to the status of private accounts in the Bank of Italy.

2. The enclosed circular which was distributed throughout Sicily explains the procedure to be followed incidental thereto.

3. You will note that such customers are to transfer their accounts to another Bank of their choice where they will receive withdrawal privileges presently limited to 5,000 lire.

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

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AMGOT H.Q.,

24 Sep 43

Reference 2502 F./2072 F.

Subject: Workmen's Compensation for AMGOT Staff

From: Chief Finance Officer.

To: Finance Officer, Catania, through S.C.A.O.

With reference to your memorandum of the 18th. inst. It has been decided that for the purposes of workmen's compensation insurance AMGOT staff will be considered as State employees. As such they are covered by the Istituto d' Assicurazioni Infortuni, but premiums are not paid in the same way as would be done by a private employer.

Your procedure would be to declare all labour accidents to the local Istituto office, see that they take the settlement in hand, and then at the end of the financial year, receive from the Istituto a statement of all sums disbursed in this way, and make a re-imbursement plus a certain percentage to serve as a share of overhead costs. The amount of this percentage will be fixed later, and you will be advised accordingly.

A letter of instructions on the matter is being prepared for issue to the local offices of the Istituto. A copy will reach you in due course for transmission to the office in your city.

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R.A. Macgrace
Lt Colonel,
for Chief Finance Officer.

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Hoover

Bank of Italy

Major Rocati, F.O.
Siracusa

20Jd/F

24 September 3

Reference your letter of 16 September 43.

As regards your first three paragraphs, the position of the Bank of Italy is that it is to continue to function only as regards transactions through its Royal Treasury section. This statement should also clarify the question raised by you in your last paragraph.

As regards your question as to deposits of tax income, as mentioned in your next to last paragraph, all esattore or tax collectors, will continue to deposit their receipts as in the pre-occupation period. In due course those funds which belong to the State, will be paid by the riscvitore into the Royal Treasury section of the Bank of Italy.

B. D. HASH
Major
Deputy Chief Revenue Officer

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Hoot

2035/F.

Lottery

Major Ruddick
F.O. Catalina Province

24 September 3

No plan has been adopted yet for reopening of the lotteries. This is a matter of careful consideration but until a decision is reached, our position is that "the matter is under consideration."

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

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ANGOT 25 A.G. 25th September 1943.

[redacted] PRIORITY

A.F.H.Q.
FOR M.G.S.
[redacted] OPERATIONS MEDITERRANEAN

PAUSE OF THREE OPERATIONS RE MEDITERRANEAN SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE CANCELLED AND THEY SHOULD PROCEED ONE MONTH EARLIER PAUSE FROM ANGOT SEVENTH AFHQ TO A.F.H.Q. FOR M.G.S. CITE ANGOT 295 PAUSE YOUR S439 OF 23 SEPTEMBER (.) PLEASE ADVISE WHAT BEING DONE OF ALL ANGOT OPERATIONS HERE

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Cutting of Cables.

AMGOT/1005/PS

S.S.O. 15th Army Group, Siracusa.

24 Sept. 3

1. Ref. your AL/23/32 of 15 Sept. and memorandum from 15th Army Group on above subject enclosed therewith, the observations contained in your letter are agreed. It is further to be observed that the recommendation to shoot persons on sight for cable-cutting should not be followed, and shooting should be resorted to only in the event of such persons trying to escape.

2. In our letter of 6 Aug. 43 (nf AMGOT/207/PS) a form of instructions to C.A.O.'s was sent to you for approval by 8th Army, but in your letter AL/6/75 of 14 Aug., you stated that the same were not considered necessary.

3. In view of 15th Army Group's request, it is now proposed to issue the instructions previously sent you and at the same time to request C.A.O.'s to obtain the assistance of Parish Priests to impress illiterate peasants in the country districts that an Allied Military Court has power to pass sentences of death for the offence.

4. Please state whether the proposals contained in Par. 3 above are agreed by 15th Army Group.

CHARLES E. SPOFFORD,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
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CHARLES L. STOFFORD,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMGOT/1001/PS

Looting.

S.C.A.O. Caltanissetta

24th September 3

A letter has been received at this Headquarters from Antonino Bartoli of Mussomeli, alleging theft of cattle by American soldiers. He states that he has reported this to Captain Abel and Lieutenant Hall.

Please advise this office of developments in this matter.

Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

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SUBJECT : Vigile Luigi VISALLI

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AMGOT/1005/TS

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

24 September, 1943.

TO : S/Lt. Dicio,
Palermo Province.

Enclosed is copy of letter sent to Commando of 58 Corpo Vigili del Fuoco, for your information.

C.H.L. MASON
Major
Fire & C.D. Sec.

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I Local

SUBJECT: Restoration of Civil Telephone Communications Services.

AMGOT/10027/TCU
AMGOT HQ SICILY
22 September 43.

TO : Ing. Tagliavia, Societa Esercizi Telefonici, Catania

1. The following information and directives are to confirm those given to you verbally by Captain J. E. Davis, Communications Engineer, AMGOT Headquarters, on 19th September 43.

2. You are hereby authorized to open all of the S.E.T. telephone exchanges in the Provinces of Messina, Catania, Siracusa, Enna, Ragusa, except those located in the cities of Catania and Augusta, under the following conditions:-

a. Telephone exchanges are permitted to provide only local telephone service to civilian customers.

b. Such steps as are necessary shall be taken to prevent subscribers from placing telephone calls on trunk circuits.

c. All inter-urban pole lines, wires, cables and central office switchboard equipment are reserved for Allied military use only, and will be operated and controlled by Allied military personnel until further notice.

3. You will immediately begin the operation and control of telephone exchanges, within the limits stated above, by regular civilian S.E.T. personnel.

4. You will undertake at once to restore urban cable, wire and central office facilities to as near normal conditions as possible.

a. Particular emphasis shall be placed on work necessary to protect cable facilities from further damage by the coming rains or other hazards.

5. Allied military requirements shall receive first priority in the establishment and/or maintenance of commercial S.E.T. facilities used by them.

6. No priority is established for S.E.T. civilian customers at this time; however, essential services will be given priority if a shortage of material or facilities make such action necessary.

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7. You will prepare appropriate billing to be rendered military units in Siracusa for local commercial services dating from 4 Sept. 43, using as a base local telephone facilities being used by them on that date.

8. You will prepare as soon as possible, a minimum estimate of material required to restore to workable condition and maintain the telephone facilities in your territory for a period of six months beginning 1st October, 1943.

9. Billing and collection methods for civilian subscribers and other actions to be taken by S.E.T. during the restoration period shall be in accordance with the attached supplement No. 1.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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

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FORTBASE, C.S.O.
I.B.S.
All S.C.A.O.'s
MCS, AFHQ

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SUBJECT: Restoration of ~~Telephonic~~ Communications ~~in Sicily~~

AMGOT/10027/TCU
AMGOT HQ SICILY
22 September 43.

Supplement No. 1 to Directive issued to S.E.T. Dated

22nd September, 1943

PROCEDURES FOR S.E.T. TO FOLLOW

1. Technical

a. Inspect the telephone control offices as rapidly as condititions will permit to determine status as to use and condition.

(1) S.E.T. will proceed with restoration of urban exchanges upon receipt of permission to do so from proper military authorities.

(a) Wherever deemed advisable spare parts or complete exchange switchboards may be removed from one place to restore another more important office.

(b) Should an automatic exchange be irreparable, manual equipment shall be substituted until new automatic centrals can be installed.

b. Inspect urban cables and lines within the towns and communes as rapidly as possible.

(1) S.E.T. will proceed with repair of these facilities as permission is procured from military authorities.

(a) Repairs to damaged cables particularly underground if it exists shall be made before other outside lines are taken care of.

I. Signal units of the Allied Armies will cooperate and assist in this repair work in so far as practicable.

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(c) Inventory of materials needed to make repairs shall be necessary to properly organize this repair program. Wherever possible material will be salvaged and repaired locally.

c. Reconstruction and use of interurban cables and lines shall be undertaken after their release from military service.

(1) Civil personnel shall not work on any lines carrying military circuits until special approval for such work has been granted by proper military authorities. 871

(2) Signal units of the Allied Armies will make repairs to interurban lines wherever required for military use.

2. Administrative

a. Subscriber Service.

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(1) Using last billing put out by the General Office in Naples for the 2nd trimester 1943 as a basis, prepare the billing for the 3rd trimester (July, August, September) and for 4th trimester (October, November, December) in order to be able to collect the money as lines are put back into service.

(a) Where telephone service has been interrupted or discontinued appropriate adjustments should be made in billing.

(2) Control the subscribers, installations (names, addresses, amount to be paid, classification regarding taxes, etc.)

(a) If a shortage of materials makes rationing of telephone service necessary at any exchange military needs shall have first priority and other priorities shall be approved by the local military officer concerned.

b. Cash Service.

(1) Collected money will be deposited daily at a bank or in a postal account and credited at Palermo or Catania as appropriate.

(2) To meet current operating expenses the provincial directors will receive a monthly allowance from their headquarters.

c. Inventories.

(1) Make inventories of materials in warehouses.

(2) Make inventory of telephone facilities, including offices, furniture and fixtures, stationery supplies, etc.

(3) Make inventory of telephone installations.

(4) Set up bookkeeping system if required or pick up use of former system of accounting.

(5) Make an inventory of telephone stocks or equipment when they have been removed by both Allied and Axis military units or troops.

d. Personnel.

(1) Staff at each telephone office or agency to be in accordance with actual needs.

(2) Organize the preparation of payroll and paybooks (they were formerly made up and kept in General Office at Naples).

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(3) Make provision for pay deductions as required by State laws now in force.

(4) Make up and organize a Mutual Sickness Cash Benefit arrangement as a temporary substitute for the existing before the Allied occupation which had its headquarters in Naples.

(5) Wages and salaries shall be in accordance with wage policy established by AMGOT.

(6) Arrange for contracts and proper economic treatment of personnel in charge of small agencies which operate on such a basis.

e. Miscellaneous.

(1) Transportation facilities shall be provided as required to facilitate restoration and maintenance of telephone service.

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(2) Require rapid reconstruction of central office building such as the one at Palermo which has been damaged.

(3) Make agreements or contracts as required between S.E.T. and specialized construction and maintenance organizations.

(4) Make agreements or contracts as required between S.E.T. and other pole line and wire using organizations such as telegraph and railroads.

(5) Arrange for S.E.T. subscribers use of government or state circuits or lines and appropriate accounting procedure after release of such circuits by military forces.

(6) Keep accurate record of telephone service provided by S.E.T. to Allied military organizations and prepare billing in accordance with current rates.

(7) No new construction or appropriation of routes or terminal equipment or changes of circuits will be made by civil authorities without the consent of the Signal officer concerned.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

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

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C.S.O. Fortbase,
C.S.O. I.B.S.
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MGS, AFHQ

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NAVOI/219/HQ

24th September 3

Dear Colonel French,

As I am endeavouring to square up our accounts in Palermo I shall be grateful if you will ask Major Rosti to forward Lire 5760 for 12 bottles of brandy at 400 Lire and 12 bottles of vermouth at 80 Lire, which you took with you last week for the Syracuse mess.

If the case of brandy contained 18 half bottles, the total sum should be reduced by Lire 1200.

Yours ever,

Lt.Col.French,
S.C.A.O. SYRACUSE.

(L. E. ZEMYONACH)

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Move.

Officers' Baggage. AMGOT/252/10

24th September 3

My Dear Parsons.

Various letters and telegrams have passed between our two offices regarding the forwarding, to either Italy or Sicily, of my own baggage and those of several of my officers.

The situation is now becoming somewhat critical, as many of us have been without our heavy kits since the middle of May and the cold weather is rapidly approaching.

I therefore write to ask you whether you would be so kind as to give instructions that the baggage be sent over at the very earliest possible moment in charge of one of your officers who is coming to this theatre in the near future. I should be most grateful if you could expedite the matter.

Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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Import Requirements for Region II. 1SCOI/5202/33

Director Economics & Supply Division.

24 September 3

The following are the monthly requirements for Region II based on information received from the S.C.A.O. for that Region.

Date of arrival.	Port of Destination.	Weight. (Eng. Tons)	Description.
1 Oct. 1943	Reggio, Calabria	4500	Flour or Wheat.
		320	Sugar
		100	Milk, dried
		50	Soap, (or equivalent caustic soda)
		30	Medical Supplies.
		5,000	

Similarly imports are requested to arrive at the same port for 1 Nov., 1 Dec., and 1 Jan.

Major,
Director Agricultural Division.

JC/EDC.

Distribution:

C/C SCAO Region II

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Flood 757

H.M.S. Offa. AMGOT/219/10

Major Cunningham,
M.A. to C.O.C. in C.,
15th Army Group Main. 24th September 3

The C.O.C. in C. has expressed the wish to Lord Rennell that a gift in the form of some liquor be presented to the officers of H.M.S. Offa. Col. Thorne-Thorne has to-day taken with him a case of Marsala which he is going to forward to these officers.

Will you please send me the price of this wine, which is Lire 1200 (100 Lire per bottle) in order to straighten out my accounts. 865

L. E. [illegible]UDACHI,
Capt.
C.A.C., H.Q.

Float

Loan of Motor Cycles.

A.C.O.Artillery Section,
Seventh Army,
A.P.O. [illegible]

AMGOT/217/Mo.

25 Sept. 43.

1. When Capt.Shepard of your unit called here yesterday he asked whether we would be willing to lend you temporarily three American motor cycles.

2. We shall be very glad to help you in this way and the machines listed below can now be collected by you from the American Transport Officer, AMGOT H.Q. to be held by you on loan under the conditions given in paras 3 and 4 below:-

	AMGOT No.	Army No.
Motor cycle	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motor cycle	A 65	623813
Motor cycle	A 104	623051

3. This H.Q. reserves the right to recall these vehicles from you at any time on giving 12 hours' notice and in any event you undertake to return them before your unit moves.

4. You will, of course, keep these motor cycles in good running order and we should like you to instruct the drivers to report with the machines twice each week to our American Transport Officer. The details of this can be arranged when you draw the machines.

5. Your Officer who collects these motor cycles should sign the form of receipt given below.

CHARLES M. SHEPARD,
Colonel, G. S. O.
Chief Staff Officer.

Copy to American Transport Officer - Please transfer these motor cycles on loan as arranged this morning. 865

1st Lt.
I certify that I have received the 3 motor cycles detailed in AMGOT letters 217/Mo, dated 25 Sept.43, that these machines are in good running order and that I hold them under the conditions specified in the letter referred to.

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can not be collected by you from the American Transport Officer, ASCOT H.Q. to be held by you on loan under the conditions given in paras 3 and 4 below:-

	ASCOT No.	Army No.
Motor cycle	A 53	620151
Motor cycle	A 55	622813
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CHARLES K. STONTON,
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

Copy to American Transport Officer - Please transfer these motor cycles on loan as arranged this morning.

1st Inf.

I certify that I have received the 3 motor cycles detailed in ASCOT letters 717/Q dated 25 Sept.44, that these machines are in good running order and that I hold them under the conditions specified in the letter referred to.

Signed by Receiving Officer
on behalf of O.C. Artillery Section, Fourth Am

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Armistice Terms

38/HQ

D.C.C.A.O.

25 Sept. 3

1. The C.C.A.O. and I have had a discussion this morning on the manner in which the successor Allied Administration will take over from AMGOT. There will be quite a few legal and practical questions involved which will involve the terms of the Armistice agreement. I have seen the draft agreement but not the final form. In any event, we should have copies of both the long and short agreements here.

2. The C.C. A.O., therefore, asks that you obtain copies of both and bring them back with you.

C. S. C.

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Sloan

FROM 15 ARMY GROUP

25 September 1945
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SECRET

AFHQ for MIS

INQUIRED THAT ROSSETTO (ROCCO IS IN ALLIED CONTROLLED TERRITORY
BAYON FROM AMOUR SERVICE ARMY FOR AFHQ FOR MIS FOR ROLAND FROM SHOFFOLD
QUER ABOUT 297 PARIS. DO YOU KNOW WHEREABOUTS? COMD WOULD LIKE HIM TO
COME TO REGIX IF POSSIBLE.

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AMGOT/4010/L.
AMGOT HQ., SICILY
25th September 1943

SUBJECT: Comments on report of Summary Military Court held at Camastra, Ravanusa and Campobello, Province of Agrigento.

TO : Senior Legal Officer (through S.C.A.O., Grigento Province).

1. Review of the 56 cases tried by Lt. Victor Kovanich as Summary Military Court at Camastra, Ravanusa and Campobello has been made, and requires some comment, which should be noted.

2. In the cases of Cinola Gologero di Salvatore and Laricella, Piu Pretio di Rocco tried at Ravanusa, the accused were charged with "being in possession of property not his own, and violating the peace and causing a public disturbance." The record only shows the possession of almonds, which it is said were the property of the military government. Possession of almonds unless as a result of plunder or pillage is not an offence under the military government. Neither can it be said to be a violation of Proclamation 2, Article 2, Section 30 as an act calculated to cause a public disturbance or to lead to acts of violence. Thefts unless they are acts of plunder, pillage or looting or the receipt of goods plundered, pillaged or looted are to be tried in the Italian Courts, not AMGOT Courts. While only a fine of 50 Lire was assessed further information should be furnished this office to ascertain whether the court had jurisdiction.

3. The result in the case of Rizzio Vito Di Mario tried August 23 at Ravanusa seems rather incredible, but this office must confirm it reluctantly. The accused was charged with giving false testimony before a Military Court in the case of Rosana Rosa. The accused was found giulty and fined 100 Lire. If she was giulty an appropriate sentence should have been imposed. If not giulty, not even a fine of 100 lire should be given. Such a type of offence should be fairly tried and giult determined. Such a sentence as this indicates a pure compromise on the facts.

WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Lt. Col., CAC
Legal Division

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Enclosure

Impounding Assets. 6062/CP

Controller of Financial Institutions.

25 Sept 3.

1. Reference letter 24 Sept 43.

2. The following Governmental or Fascist organizations have been closed or known assets seized by the Controller of Property in Palermo, pursuant to the order of S.C.A.C Palermo, dated 3 Sept 43.

(a) Unione Prov Fascista dei Lavoratori dell'Industria.

(b) U.P.F del Lav dell'Agricultura.

(c) U.P.F del Comescio.

(d) U.P.F dei Lav dell'Azienda del Credito e Assicurazione.

(e) U.P.F degli Agricolturi.

(f) U.P.F del Commercianti.

(g) U.P.F Professionisti ed Artisti.

(h) Ente Assist Riscossione e Pagamento Imposte e Tasse dei Commercianti in Vino in Palermo.

(i) Sind. F. Ufficio dei Sindicati Venditori Ambulante. 861

(j) Unione Militare.

JAMES M. BOVARD,
Capt. A.C.
Deputy Controller of Property.

Stoat 7587

Political Questionnaire 75/HQ

Brigadier General J. C. Holmes,
MGS, AFHQ 25 Sept. 3

1. As requested there are enclosed extra copies of the "Scheda Personale" which has been prepared at this HQ for use in checking the political record of office holders and other individuals.

2. The object of the questionnaire is to obtain a line on the political background of the administrative personnel in the upper brackets. The answers provided by the individuals themselves under oath and under threat of severe penalties for misstatement, are checked against other available information such as CIC and British Field Security. The total information on the individual then serves as a sounder basis than has heretofore existed for removing or detaining Fascist undesirables or, on the other hand, for releasing from custody some individuals who were arrested in the earlier phases of the occupation of the island but whose affiliation with Fascism was essentially inocouous. The questionnaires are being distributed throughout the provinces with instructions as to those who are required to fill them out.

3. As a test check, 211 questionnaires have been filled out in Palermo by a number of prisoners and by a group of leaders in education. The results on this first group were interesting. The information gained was found to check very closely with existing intelligence but more complete information on a number of points was significant, i.e. membership in certain Fascist organizations, deferment from military service, etc.

4. As a result of an analysis of these questionnaires and by agreement with CIC 62 prisoners have been released. The remainder of the 211 prisoners, about whom some doubt exists, will be further investigated, and some personally interrogated, in order to arrive at conclusions concerning their release or further detention. 869

5. We will transmit reports in greater detail as the returns come in.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.

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Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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Confirmation of S[illegible]tences

Commanding General, 7th Army

25 Sept. 3

1. You are informed that the sentence of Guiseppe Magnasco, sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment for wire cutting, imposed by the Allied Military Court sitting at Palermo has been confirmed by the C.C.A.O. upon petition for review.

2. You are also informed that the sentence of Gaspare Catanese of 5 years' imprisonment for wire cutting imposed by General Military Court sitting at Palermo has likewise been confirmed upon review.

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

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S.C.A.Os Reports - Palermo 6/18

S.C.A.O., Province of Palermo

25 Sept. 3

The C. C.A.O. wishes me to thank you for your communication of September 18 pointing out paragraphs of your monthly report for August containing information on the state of health in the province of Palermo which had not been noted by him. I understand that the C.C.A.O. has orally discussed other portions of the report with you.

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CHARLES H. STOFFORD
Colonel, C. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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Confirmation of Sentences

S.S.O., 15 Army Group 25 Sept. 3

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C. S. O.

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AMGOT/9001/Lab

Regional Labor Office for Sicily.
Chief Finance Officer.

25 Sept. 3

1. General Order No. 8 will be distributed to all SCAO's on or before 1 Oct. 43.

2. The order establishes, among other things, a Regional Labor Office for Sicily. The Office becomes part of the system of Government similar to British Ministry of Labor or U.S. Department of Labor.

3. A civilian director will be appointed as responsible head of the Office and it will be necessary for him to employ a number of assistants.

4. How is the financial part of this best handled? Specifically

a. Is a budget to be prepared by the Director, approved by HQ., and then money turned over to the Director to be disbursed by him to cover his salary and that of his staff, or

b. Will payment be made directly to each individual by AMGOT? (It is intended that the Director employ his own people subject to AMGOT approval.)

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DAVID A. MORSE,
Capt., A.C.,
Director, Labor Division.

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AMGOT/1[illegible]/PS

Claim for damage caused by troops.
S.C.A.L.O. (Through S.C.A.O.),
Province of PALERMO.

25 September 1943.

Float

The attached complaint is forwarded for preliminary investigation and if necessary passing to Provost Marshal's Office, Seventh Army.

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

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Bomb Disposal expert in prisoner of War Stockade.
Provost Marshal, Seventh Army.

AMGOT/11[illegible]/PS

25 September 43

Hook

As you may be aware, we are experiencing considerable difficulty in providing for the disposal of unexploded bombs,etc., in various parts of SICILY.

It is reported that Maresciallo Maggiore di Artiglieria Ingra Giovanni di Angelo who was in charge of the bomb disposal squad at ENNA, was taken prisoner and is, or was, in a P.W. Stockade at Licata.

It would be appreciated if enquiries could be instituted in order to verify this statement and if it is correct, it might be possible for the warrant officer to be paroled.

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

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SUBJECT : Clerical Assistance, Civil Police.

Word

AMGOT/1013/PS

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

25 September, 1943.

TO : C.M.G.O.

In the Civil Police Section serious delays are caused, especially in reference to the classification and disposition of civilians detained by Allied authority. There are nearly 1,200 individuals concerned. Each one involves certain records, rolls and other clerical and administrative work.

The clerical assistance and facilities at the disposal of this Division are inadequate to handle the situation in a prompt and satisfactory manner. May I request that arrangements be made to correct this situation even on an emergency or temporary basis.

At the moment, the Civil Police Section is in urgent need of an additional two good typists, two typewriters and one stenographer.

The inadequacy of clerical personnel within the Division as a whole is causing considerable delay in our work and renders it impossible for me to relieve these emergencies internally.

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Colonel [illegible]
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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AFGOT/9001/Lab

Labor Relations.
Chief Staff Officer.

25 Sept. 3

1. The labor plan is now in its final stage. Everything is ready for distribution except the General Order which is now at the printer's. It is expected that there will be distribution before the end of next week.

2. In view of the great care with which the plans must be executed in the field; and in view of the wage studies which are now being made and which necessitate SCAO initiation and cooperation, it is suggested that each SCAO be instructed to assign responsibility for labor to a Staff Officer as additional duty. The name of the officer selected should then be submitted to HQ. so that contact may be established by this division with said officers through the SCAO.

3. If you agree, I will prepare letter for your signature.

DAM/tbw

DAVID A. MORSE,
Capt., A.C.,
Director, Labor Division.

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Soap for the Carabinieri

AMGOT/5012/GS

Public Safety Division,
ATTENTION: Lt. Col. R. A. Shook

24 September 3

Reference your AMGOT/562/PS. Soap is rationed through provincial authorities and if soap is needed locally, it is suggested that Major Boyd at the prefectura be consulted.

HEI/TG.

JOHN T. ZEHLARS
Colonel, Infantry,
Acting Director Civilian
Supply & Resources.

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Head

AMGOT/2002/S.

E.L.A. Currie.

Commissioner of Public Safety.

24 Sep. 3.

Referring to communication of 14th September written you by Capt. Zallinos on "Refusal of Traders to accept A.M.G. Currency", and communication to you of 17th Sept. written by Major Rofford

We have put into effect the remedial measures suggested by:

(a) issuing 10,000 copies of reprint of Proclamation No. 3* with a supply to each Provincial C.C.A.O. (1,000 to Palermo Province), and these be distributed to all banks and commercial establishments to be posted where visible by customers;

(b) issuing through the P.R.O. to "Sicilia Liberata" a release which appeared in today's issue; same to other Italian papers in Sicily;

(c) issuing through the P.R.O. a release for "Stars & Stripes"

(Copies of both attached)

(d) addressing to Capt. Graham AMGOT, H.Q., a request that the British and American Army and Navy Commands be requested to issue orders to their personnel to familiarise themselves with the contents of Proclamation No. 3. and report promptly all violations to their Commanding Officers for transmissal to AMGOT.

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

* Copy attached. See note added at bottom.

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AMGOT/10027/TCU

Reconnection of Telephones, Palermo.
Chief Signal Officer, Seventh Army.

24 Sept. 3

1. Telephone service for the following food distribution agencies is considered essential to the efficient distribution of food under AMGOT supervision.

a. Sez. Prov. Alimentazione, Piazza A. Gentile, 21
Tel. No. 15610 to 15613 incl (P.B.X.)

b. Rep. IV, Distribution, (same agency and same address as "a" above)
Tel. No. 15565 to 15567 incl (P.B.X.)

c. Consorzio Agrario, Piazza A. Gentile, 21
Tel. No. 15492

Consorzio Agrario, Via Archirafi
Tel No. 15500 to 15502 incl (P.B.X.)
Tel. No. 17016 (Magazzini Centrali)
Tel. No. 18652 (Direttore)

d. Zootecnia Via XX Settembre, 5
Tel. No. 19116

2. It is recommended that the S.E.T. be instructed to re-establish telephone service to these subscribers. 8.9

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L. D. DENSMORE,
Lt. Col., S.C.,
Director of Transportation,
Communications & Utilities
Division.

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AMGOT/10125/TCU

Prof. Reg. R. Prost de Royer.

Major Haley, Civil Affairs Officer,
Palermo.

23 Sept. 3

1. Reference your GWH/JAMK/1p of 16 September.

2. This Department is anxious to obtain the services of Prof. de Royer but wish to avoid penalising him on matters of Seniority, pensions, etc., by taking him permanently off the city pay roll. His services will only be required for six months. We should be obliged if arrangements could be made for him to be "attached" to this HQ. for the above period.

3. Could Prof. De Royer be attached as from 27th Sept?

RCT/tbw

L. D. DENSMORE,
Lt. Col., S.C.,
Director of C.U. & P.W.
Division.

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SUBJECT:- Recruit[illegible]t for the Carabinieri Reali.

AMGOT/1026/PS.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

Boat

C.O.C.-in-C.,
15 Army Group.

18. Sept. 43.

1. Major-General Santino, Commanding the Carabinieri in Sicily, is anxious to increase the efficiency of the CC. RR. and has submitted to me, through the Commissioner of Public Safety, a request for permission to organise a training unit which would be specially set up for the purpose.

2. Recruits for the CC. RR. would have to pass through this training unit, and could be obtained from paroled prisoners of war and other sources. The training syllabus as well as the carrying out of the instruction would be supervised but not directed by officers of the Public Safety Division.

3. At the same time, Major-General Santino proposes to dispense with a number of classes of reservists who have outlived their period of usefulness as police officers and are, in effect, so much dead wood.

4. When the proposal was first put to me, I doubted the legality, if not the desirability, of permitting the recruiting of men for an enemy military organisation whilst we are still at war with the country concerned. I am advised, however, by my Chief Legal Officer, that there is nothing in the proposal which conflicts with International Law. He suggests that we could even direct persons into the service of the Carabinieri if we so wished.

5. I think we should do all in our power to strengthen the hands of the CC. RR. in Sicily. The General in command is anxious, as you know, to give the fullest co-operation and to carry out our wishes in every detail. I feel that we should be justified in giving our support to this, his proposal for increasing the efficiency of the CC.RR. I recommend, therefore, that it may receive your approval.

Major-General, 847
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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

My Dear

The C.C.A.O. is so constantly away on tour that he has not had a chance of answering in detail your most interesting letter of 10th Sept. dealing with currency matters in Tripolitania. He and I and Tubb read your letter and its enclosures with great interest.

So far as our own Allied Military Currency is concerned, we have had our difficulties; and you will readily appreciate that the state of affairs under which we are supplied from far flung Washington has many disadvantages. The note itself does not compare with the B.M.A.'s and has no mention in words of the denomination. Some light fingered gentry have gone so far as to raise the denomination by adding another cipher in indian ink, but I am glad we now have them under lock and key.

You will appreciate that the Armistice has had many repercussions on AMGOT; in fact the letter "A" is the only survivor which can properly be applied. But whatever the upshot it seems to me that Italy will be short of currency for some time. I consider it Lombard Street to a china orange that the Germans will destroy the Bank of Italy's Plates and Printing Presses.

In half an hour I leave for Brindisi to ascertain our commitments vis-a-vis the Italian Army. So you will see that we have some breakers ahead. I will ask the D.C.F.O. to sign this in my absence as I shall have left.

Please give my kind regards to all and sundry who remain with you in Cairo, particularly Bishop. You might remind the C.F.A. of an enjoyable cross-channel trip we once made together.

Excuse such a disjointed note. All the very best to you personally.

Yours sincerely,

For A.P.Grafftey-Smith.

Lt.Col. Leonard Waight,
Civil Affairs Branch,
G.H.Q.,
M.E.F.

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SUBJECT : Superior Court of Agrigento.
Case of Gambino Francesco and Falzone Gaspare

AMGOT/4036/L.
AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.
25 September 1943.

TO : Senior Legal Officer, Agrigento (Thru: SCAO).

1. The above entitled cases were duly submitted to the CCAO for review.

2. In confirming the two cases the CCAO used the following language:

"I confirm the sentence and direct that Captain Peyton be informed that I consider the sentence is too low and trust that he will note my observation for his future guidance. - (signed) Rennell, CCAO."

3. Will you cause the accused, their counsel, and the court to be informed of the ruling.

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

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SUBJECT : Summary Court of Floridia, Syracuse.
Case of Impellaso Sebastiano.

AMGOT/4009/L.
AMGOT HQ SICILY.
25 September 1943.

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

1. The above entitled case was submitted to the CCAO for review with a recommendation that this sentence be reduced to nine months.

2. This sentence was modified in the following language:

"I concur with CLO (who recommended reduction to nine months). - (signed) Bernell, Major-General, CCAO."

3. Accordingly the sentence in this case was reduced to nine months. Will you inform the accused and his counsel and prepare an order of commitment showing the modification entered by the CCAO.

WILLIAM T. JORDAN,
Lt. Col., CAC,
Chief Judicial Officer

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SUBJECT : General Courts, Syracuse.
Cases of Lauretta Giovanni and Petino Sebastiano.

AMGOT/4009/L.
AMGOT HQ SICILY.
25 September 1943.

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

1. The above entitled cases were duly submitted for review to the CCAO.

2. Each of these cases were confirmed in the following language:

"The sentences are confirmed. I give no promise to reconsider at a later date. - (signed) Rennell."

3. Will you cause those accused and their counsel to be informed of this ruling.

WILLIAM R. JORDAN,
Lt. Col., CAC,
Chief Judicial officer.

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AMGOT. Hq. SICILY
Public Safety Division.
(Registration & Licensing).
25 September, 1943.

TO: Provincial C.A.P.O. (through S.C.A.O.)

SUBJECT: Release of Sicilian prisoners of war.

Herewith parole forms relating to prisoners of war, of Sicilian origin, who have been released.

M.C. Ballanco

M.C.Ballanco, Capt.

for Col.L.L.Lollos
Commissioner, Public Safety Division.

Copies to:

Provincial C.A.P.O.

Agrigento
Caltanisetta
Palermo
Trapani

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Stout

Promotions - O.Rs. A2001/298/HQ.

Chief Accountant.
For the attention of Lt.Col.Tubb. 25. Sept. 43

Reference your note of 25.Sept.43, re promotion of Pte. Baird.

Under authority of para.290 Kings Regulations, approval is given for the appointment to Acting Unpaid Local Cpl. in the case of No.S/189347 Pte. J. Baird.

The question of his promotion to paid L/Cpl. is being dealt with, and it is hoped to publish an R.A.S.C. Corps Order promulgating such promotions within the establishment as early as possible.

This is an exceptional case and will not be created as a precedent.

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

Copy to: Camp Commandant.
Kindly cause the above to be promulgated in daily orders.

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Road.

AMGOT/341/110.

Postings Clerks.

S.C.A.O. - Ragusa.

25 Sep 43.

1. Reference your PR/107 dated 7 Sep.43.

2. The establishment of this H.Q. is at present deficient of 20 clerks, and it is therefore not possible to allot any further clerks to you at present.

3. Every endeavour is being made to obtain clerks to make up this deficiency; when consideration will be given to an increase in your existing strength

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

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Float

AMGOT/702/HQ.

AMGOT HQ. - SICILY.

25 Sep. 43.

Subject: Meals for Clerical Personnel.

To : Civilian Supply.

1. Reference your 5134/CS dated 20 Sep.43.

2. Since it has become necessary to retain a clerk on duty during meal hours within your division, arrangements should be made by you with Camp Commandant British and Capt.Juniewicz for late or early meals as necessary.

3. The question of transport should be referred to A.C. S & T. (Mnj. Penrey).

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A. Harris
Staff Captain.

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Cloud

AMCOT/208/HQ.

Park Space.

Inland Base Section.

25 Sep. 43.

1. Thank you for your letter of 20 Sept.43.

2. Advantage will be taken of the parking space allotted to this H.Q.

CHARLES M. STOCKED,
Colonel, U. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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"Flood"

AMGOT/219/MG

25th September 3

Enclosures.

S.C.A.C.,
Avrigento.

I enclose some of the General's papers which may be of interest to you and your officers.

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Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

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Prison Staff.
S.C.A.O. ENNA.

Heat

AHCOT/1047/PS

25 September 3

Reference your G/5/P of 20 Sep. 43.

1. We believe that Lt. Col. ROND was contemplating removing the majority of prisoners from NICOSIA to ENNA. If this is so, could not some of the guards be transferred from NICOSIA to ENNA in lieu of employing new guards ?

2. If the above is not satisfactory, this office will concur in your recommendation.

3. May we have a reply as to the possibility of your transporting the prisoners, guards, and bedding, (that were evacuated from PALETTO to NICOSIA), back to this city.

for LEMUEL BOLLES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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PERSONAL

AMDC/5/HQ

- 25th September 3

I have received your letter of the 18th September. Whilst appreciating the impression which your transfer from Ragusa may have created in the mind of Mr. Lapsa, in the light of a situation of which I was unaware until I received your letter, I can assure you that the real reason for your transfer was because I considered that you had done a good job of work in Ragusa, and therefore were the type of man that I wanted to use in a more difficult place; and also because you yourself requested that you should not be left to vegetate in that area.

Should there be, however, any action which you consider I might take to obviate any difficulties that you might encounter when you return to Ragusa after this war, please let me know and I will consider it.

Major W. H. Cupeley,

RAGUSA.

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AG 05/313 /HQ.

WCOT HQ. -Army.

25 Sep. 43.

Subject: Duty Officers.

To : Lieut. Grudzinski, J.A.
Finance Division.

1. You are hereby detailed as duty officer for the 24 hours commencing at 1300 hours tomorrow, Sunday, 26 Sep. 43.

2. You will acquaint yourself with the orders for the duty officer which can be seen in room 18 at this H.Q.

3. The short notice is regretted.

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

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Fertilizers.
.S.C.A.O., Rome.

AMCOT/5080/AG

25 Sept. 3

With reference to your letter 2/1/SR of 2 Sept., it is intended that the Consorzi will as soon as possible, revert to their original composition as ~~a~~ cooperative trading bodies and be relieved from the duties which the state has imposed on them in connection with the control of agriculture. They will deal in fertilizers just as any other firm and be in competition with them. In some provinces where the Consorzi are functioning satisfactory, it has been found convenient to allow them to control the collection and distribution of the small stores of fertilizers available.

JC/EDG.

J. CHATTON
Major,
Director Agricultural Division.

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Filpoli Mats for Pressing Olive Oil AMGOT/506/

S.C.A.O. Catania

24 Sept.

1. Reference your letter dated 15 Sept. 43 and our letter 9 Sept. AMGOT/506/CS. The three types referred to in your letter are not procurable locally, and were in any case unsatisfactory. The only types which stood up to the work were those made of Coco fibre such as have been offered. The quotation is said to be the same as last year's price

2. The weight of 7½ tons was quoted in error. Two tons is approximately the correct weight.

3. Transport from this end is still impossible.

4. It is suggested that you should not delay in arranging collection of these mats as supplies are very limited and no further raw material is available.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

GPF/121

J. CLAYTON
Major
Director of Agriculture

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Sulphur Producers, Payments due by Istituto di Previdenza Sociale. 5013/33

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TO: S.C.A.O., Enna Province. 25 Sept 3

1. For your information, the Finance Division informs us that the Istituto di Providenza Sociale will be provided with funds to meet its obligations in the very near future.

2. As certain of your producers, particularly Florestella and Grottacalda, have inquired regarding funds frozen in the hands of the Istituto, it is requested this information be passed on to them.

3. The producers should keep in touch with Postal Authorities in Enna on this matter.

JHP/EDG.

JOHN T. ZELLARS
Colonel, Infantry
Acting Director Civilian
Supply & Resources.

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AMGOT/27/HQ.

Destruction Certificates.

AMGOT LIAISON,
15 Army Group.

25. Sept. 3.

Reference your AI/4/200 dated 23.Sept.43.

Destruction Certificates for Copy No.126 and 127 of A.F.H.Q. HSD/40.3 dated 7.July.43 are returned duly completed.

C.B

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

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Sulphur Report

AMGOT/5013/GS

Allied Force Headquarters
ATTENTION: M. G. S.
THROUGH: 15th Army Group, MAIN

23 Sept. 43

1. Reference: Troopers 50655 FA5, 16 July,
Our CA/538, 21 July,
Your 203[illegible], date unknown,
Our 97, 13 Aug.,
Our 221, 8 Sept.

2. Sulphur Situation Report dated 2 Sept. 43 forwarded for your information. Suggest ACMAR (for CCS and Combined Raw Materials Board), TROOPERS, and MIDEAST be included in distribution.

3. Price has been set at L. 1700 and movement to Porto Empedocle is being started for sulphur now above ground. You will be advised when adequate quantity is available for shipment.

4. Reply to AMGOT 221, 8 Sept. 43 awaited.

For the Commanding General.

WLB/341

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

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Payment for Grain Amassed before Occupation

Chief Finance Officer AMGOT/300

25 Sept.

1. Part of this year's wheat harvest was collected by the Armistai in various provinces prior to our occupation. In some cases payment ha not been made to the farmers for the wheat surrendered. A decision is required as to whether we should accept responsibility for such payment

2. It is understood that the general rule is that we accept no responsibility for debts incurred by the Italian Government prior to ou occupation. To apply the principle here would have the effect of penalising farmers who were doing their duty, and it is therefore submitte that an exception to the general rule be made in this case. In any cas it may be held that, as no payment has in fact been made, the wheat was not Italian Government property.

3. If you are in agreement, it is proposed to authorise payment for wheat at the rates existing prior to our occupation.

JC/JFL

J. CHAYTOR
Major
Director Agricultural Division

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Reorganization of Agricultural Control. AMGOT/5143/AG

Chief Staff Officer.

25 Sept. 3

1. Since writing my memo of 19th Sept. I have discussed the matter with the supply officer Syracuse and no additions or amendments to my observations in that memo are necessary as a result of the discussion.

2. No comments have been received from Catania, Ragusa, Agrigento, and I suggest that the scheme of reorganization may now be reconsidered.

JC/EDG.

J. CHAYTON
Major,
Director Agricultural Division.

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Flout

Attached Article.

AMGOT/219/119

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

25th September 3

I am directed by Major General The Lord Rennell to forward a copy of "Eighth Army News" for the attention of Brigadier General Holmes.

Lord Rennell thinks that he would like to see the leading article and take whatever action he may consider necessary.

Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

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Carabinieri P.W. in Af[illegible]ca. AMGOT/11[illegible]/PS

AMGOT Liaison, 15 Army Group.

25 September 3

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Reference your AI/23/51 of 22 Sep. no further particulars are available but O.C. P.W. Camp at TUNIS will, it is thought, be able to trace them.

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

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Clothing - [illegible]son Warders

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

AMGOT/1021/PS

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

25 September 1943

1. Reference your P3/2/43 dated 20 September, 1943. This Section is at present trying to secure the necessary material for uniform and shoes for warders.

2. Plans also contemplate same for prisoners, plus a work program for prisoners, such as manufacturing uniforms, shoes, brooms, etc.

Allen B. Michell
Lieut.-Colonel.
Superintendent of Prisons

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Finance Division - Establishment. [illegible]/2023/F.

C.S.O.

24 Sep 3.

The aggregate T0/ES of the Finance Division to cover H.Q. and Regions I and 2 amounts to 62 as opposed 46 visible staff in Region I. In addition some members of the 46 will have to be sent later to Region 3, in order to provide more experience.

I am sending away more Financial staff at the request of Region 2, and will have to send more later. I shall be grateful if you will apply to Tinai Ounou for 16 Finance Division officers on the following basis:-

4 AMFA
4 Finance officers ~~for Artillery~~
8 Accountants

The positions to be filled include 4 Captains and the balance Lieutenants.

In addition to the above we are dangerously short of O.R./E.M. personnel with experience in Accountancy.

(sd) AGS.

A.F. [illegible]
Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

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24 Sept

ROUTING SLIP.

~~G.C.A.O.~~
~~D.O.C.A.O.~~
C.S.O.
A.C.S.O.
Lt.Col.Clough
~~Major Smith.~~
~~Major McDougall~~
Major Pearey
Captain Talbot
Captain Farrar
~~Captain Sherwood.~~
~~Captain Graham~~
Lieut.Van Houkelom
~~Lieut.Krupa~~
E.R.O.
~~Adviser n.a. & M.~~
~~Education Officer.~~

Registry.

REMARKS.

24/9/43
Date

Registry.

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Probation of Minors

S.C.A.O., Palawan Province
For Major Drake.

AMJOT/3059/91

23 Sept. 3

1. Is it possible to work out with Syd. Idr. Hickie some plan whereby a minor who had been sentenced by AMJOT Courts prior to the time rules were in force regarding investigation of all juvenile cases, could be released on probation.

2. Could the Palawan Child Welfare Division assume responsibility for such post trial investigations.

3. Enclosed is case of Pitaresal Antonio with remarks by the Legal officer.

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D. KHOON CHENG
Colonel
Director of Public Health

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AMGOT/219/HQ

AMGOT HQ SICILY

23rd September 1943

SUBJECT:- Villa Campobello.

TO:- Property Custodian.

Would you please enquire into the condition of Villa Campobello at Taormina, the property of Mr. Percival Campbell, a British subject, and take what action you consider necessary for safeguarding this Estate.

In due course please write to Lt. Col. J. F. GAULT, Scots Guards, G.S.O.1, A.F.H.Q., giving him full particulars, and requesting him so to inform the owner.

Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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Pay

"A" Branch

AMGOT/10125/TC

23 Sept. 3

OSFICI ALFONSO

1. Reference AMGOT/5123/CS. Will you please arrange to pay the above at the interpreters' rate of 90 L. per diem

2. He has passed his probationary period satisfactorily.

LDD/jfl

L. D. DESBIENS
Lt. Col., S. C.
Chief, Communications,
Utilities & Public Works

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SUBJECT:- Sale of U.S. Property.

Sloat

AMGOT/276/HQ.

AMGOT HQ, SICILY.

19. Sept. 43.

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

Further to this Office memorandum of 16.Sept.43, H.Q. Seventh Army have forwarded reports indicating five further instances where Capt. Lewin has issued certificates authorising Italian civilians to purchase motor vehicles captured from the Italian forces. Copies are enclosed.

These certificates were issued between 30.Aug. and 6.Sept.

Please forward detailed report in respect of these cases.

CHARLES M. [illegible]
Colonel, G.S.O.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Subject: Funds for Instituto Artigianelle 23 Sept. 43

To : Public Health Division (Public Welfare)

A cheque for 1,260 lire is enclosed together with form F/12 completed and ready for the signatures of the authorising officer and Institute Officials, as per Revised General Administrative Instructions No. 12, Paras. 25 and 26, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. Kindly return the forms when completed to this Office.

A supply of F/12 forms is also enclosed for your future use in advances of this nature.

G. Norwood
Major,
AMFA

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ALLIED MILITARY FINANCIAL AGENCY
A M F A

23 Sept. 43.

To: D. of C.S. and R.

In forwarding enclosed cheque for Lire 24,444 ~~he~~ would draw your attention to General Administrative Instructions No. 12 in which it requires that Payment Vouchers shall be made out in ink or indelible pencil. In this connection it is observed that the voucher in respect of which this cheque is issued was authorized by Major Nolan in ordinary lead pencil. Further it was necessary to insert in the voucher the sum payable in words. It is also noticed that description of payment refers to "Conveying of Coal" whereas the invoice is for actual purchase of Coal.

2. Please note that vouchers submitted to this department for payment must be completed in every detail. Failure to comply with these instructions in future will necessitate the return of the voucher, unpaid.

Chief Accountant

Acting Vice Chief of AMFA.

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"Sicilia Libertà"

S.C.A.Cs. Messina. Enna.
Syracuse. Agrigento.
Catania.

A.A.F.H.Q./2054/Fin.

23 Sep. 43.

I write to refer to the Minutes of the Meeting of S.C.A.Cs and AAFHQ H.Q. Staff held at H.Q. AAFHQ, Palermo on 20/21st August, 1943.

It will be remembered that AAFHQ H.Q. suggested that copies of "Sicilia Libertà" should be distributed free throughout the Island, but that S.C.A.Cs unanimously demanded that a charge should be made. In conformity with this request, the Minute 6 (E) (iii) reads as follows:

"It was directed that distribution of newspapers be made by S.C.A.Cs in Districts where no such service exists, and that a charge be made."

I write to enquire what steps you have in fact taken to enforce the charge, and to what account you have credited the proceeds arising therefrom.

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

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Villa Orleans.

6042/CP.

Assistant Controller Property.
(through SCAO Palermo Province.)

23 September 43

In reply to your letter ref CP/RJMi/ar dated 22 Sept 43, it is confirmed that the present arrangements regarding staff wages may be continued for three months.

HPB.

LIEUT COLONEL.
Controller of Property.

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Signed Ploud

AMGOT/15/Inf.
AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.
23. Sept. 43.

SUBJECT: Visits.

TO : C.C.A.O.
D.C.C.A.C.
All Heads of Divisions.

The following extract is circulated for your information :

"The C.G.S. has ruled that visits shall not be made to SICILY by Officers without authority, and has appointed 15 Army Group as the authority to give permission for such visits.
C.(SD) has informed AMGOT Liaison that it may authorise such visits by AMGOT Officers provided (a) that AMGOT H.Q. agrees to the necessity of such visits, and (b) that AMGOT Liaison notifies C.(SD).

This procedure will apply to all future visits from Officers outside the Island. "

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD.
Colonel, C.A.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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AGMOT/268/HQ

Luigi Sporte
Serrafinello Court No. 14
Palermo.

23 Sept. 3

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your recent letter addressed to the Commander of the Allied Forces in Sicily concerning your eldest son.

If you will go to the office of Major Drake in the Prefettura, I believe he will be able to refer you for help with the problem you mention.

ERNEST F. WITTE, Major
For D. Gordon Cheyne
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

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SUBJECT: Fire Service - GELA.

AMGOT/1073/PS

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

23 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.P.O. (Through S.C.A.O. CALTANISSETTA Province).

Reference your letter dated 17 Sept with S.C.A.O's. endorsement dated 20 Sept.

1. The view expressed in paras. 1 and 2 are well appreciated.

2. The appliance from GELA was taken to CALTANISSETTA on account of greater risk and shortage of equipment.

3. In the opinion of the H.Q. Officers who visited the Province it would be unwise at present to move the appliance from CALTANISSETTA to GELA.

4. The remark in AMGOT/1073/PS dated 7 Sept that no action was called for at present was made because provision has been made in the number of trailer pumps asked for from U.K. or U.S.A. for one to be stationed at GELA.

5. As soon as the trailer pumps arrive one will be sent to GELA and arrangements made for the training of the necessary crew.

6. Should you still decide that it is necessary to have immediate cover at GELA it is quite competent for you to remove the appliance from CALTANISSETTA if you wish, bearing in mind para. 3.

7. A useful move at the present time would be the acquisition of a large truck and the fitting out of it as a "tanker". When the Trailer Pump arrived you would then have the necessary mobile water supply ready.

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G.M.L. MASON,
Major,
for Commissioner of Public Safety.

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SUBJECT: Curfew.

AMGOT/1051/PS

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

23 September 1943.

TO : D.C.S.O.

I went to CASSIBILI yesterday, saw Lt. Col. Young. (Lt. Col. Gibson is in hospital). We discussed the draft at 8 and, subject to the addition I have made, it meets I(b) requirements. I do not think we can expect anything for parn. 5.

Col. Young agreed that the draft can only refer to SICILY and that as the military situation changes and only garrison troops are stationed on the Island, the question of security of military communications will assume gradually lessening importance.

So far as the mainland is concerned, I told Col. Young that my understanding of the position was that AMGOT Officers are still acting under orders of the Tactical Commanders.

Draft cleared C.S.

R.M.J. MARTIN,
Lt. Col.
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

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AMGOT/ /

Message.

Message Center,
7th Army H.Q. 23. Sept. 3

Confirming telephone conversation, this H.Q. will be obliged if you will relay the following message :

"FROM: AMGOT H.Q.
TO : 15 ARMY GROUP LIAISON.

Schedule 65 NOT received ".

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

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

FILE No. AMGOT/0003/Lab

SUBJECT: Civilian Wages

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

TO: Capt Robert Frazer, AMGOT Hq, Catania

23 Sept 1943

1. Thanks for the information your letter 21 Sept 43, same subject.

2. Result most satisfactory.

DAVID A. MORSE
Captain, A.C.
Director, Labor Division
AMGOT Headquarters

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Administrative Lessons from Operations in Sicily. AMGOT/58/HQ.

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

22. Sept. 3.

1. With reference to request contained in your memorandum of 9.Sept.43, the following is a consolidation and summary of points raised in memoranda submitted by AMGOT field officers on this subject.

2. AMGOT and its relations with other units.

(i) AMGOT started in the Sicilian operation with one big handicap. It was, to almost all concerned in the operation, a new branch, whose functions and raison d'etre were neither appreciated nor understood by the fighting services. The first task was therefore to "sell" AMGOT. This was achieved with some measure of success at the top, but efforts to penetrate the lower formations were not successful. It is, therefore, of great importance that during the planning stage opportunities should be given for putting all concerned in the picture as regards the role which AMGOT is to play in the operation.

(ii) Furthermore, AMGOT officers attached to assault forces should join their units well in advance of "D" day, not only to carry out what has been mentioned in the above paragraph, but also to coordinate their activities with those of the various army units with which they are most likely to be in contact, e.g. C.I.C., F.S.P. etc.

3. AMGOT in early stages of an Operation.

(i) The invasion of Sicily has clearly demonstrated that Civil Affairs Officers should be present in invaded cities at the time of their capture. Civil Affairs liaison officers should be attached to combat units to help the commander to deal with civilian problems arising immediately after the assault. Adequate numbers of Civil Affairs administrative officers should be sent forward with the troops to be left in supervision of the cities and towns from the time of their capture.

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(ii) If they do not land with their own vehicles officers cannot get into cities at the time of their capture, nor can they properly supervise the large areas for which they usually find themselves responsible.

5. AMGOT Personnel.

(i) In the early stages all specialist officers must be prepared to do the work of C.A.Os.

(ii) Under the present organisation AMGOT officers are not provided with sufficient OR/NCO as clerks, interpreters, guards and for other basic duties. There have been numerous cases of looting both by the civil population and the troops, which might have been alleviated by the presence of a body of troops under the control of AMGOT. There is no such body provided in the AMGOT organisation, and the strength of C.M.Ps. and F.S.S. in relation to the number

of villages in a metropolitan country, such as Sicily, has been shown to be lamentably small. Shortage of OR/RM personnel heavily handicapped AMGOT officers in their attempts to prevent looting and the enforcement of the Proclamations, in particular curfew for the civilians and the "Out of Bounds" notices for troops. In cases where the advance was particularly rapid it often occurred that a town was left completely devoid of troops, particularly if the axis of advance had altered. This aggravated the problem for the AMGOT officer who found himself the sole person in uniform in a village or town, thus more strongly emphasising the necessity for some form of accompanying OR/RM.

(iii) Other personnel points raised included the following :

(a) That some of the men, selected for their knowledge of the Sicilian dialect, were of little value in translating Italian into English, or vice-versa on paper.

(b) That they should receive more training concerning their attitude and behavior towards the inhabitants.

(c) That a Z 1 Military Police Battalion, of detachments thereof, be placed at the disposal of the Senior Civil Affairs Officers.

6. SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS.

(i) Owing to shortage of transport, AMGOT personnel could not carry sufficient rations to be self supporting for more than a few days, and difficulty was often experienced in persuading the Quartermaster to provide them with rations. This could have been partly obviated if the function of AMGOT had been directly acknowledged by unit commanders as a part of the force.

(ii) Medical supplies were not provided for AMGOT personnel other than the General Issue first aid packet. In a unit which is obliged frequently to conduct its operations in comparatively isolated areas at considerable distances from Army hospital units it is felt that special provision should be made for equipping all AMGOT personnel with medical kits and equipment adequate to meet the situation.

7. Communications.

These were found to be of the utmost difficulty and here again the primary cause was lack of transport. The next most important reason was that priority on army signals had, quite naturally, to go to operational messages. 808

8. Miscellaneous.

(i) It is considered essential that such identification marks as police arm bands, special police identity cards, vehicle permit cards and special passes for after curfew hours be printed in advance.

(ii) C.I.C. should coordinate its activities more extensively with AMGOT and should submit copies of their reports [illegible]

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(c) That they should receive more training concerning their duties and behavior towards the inhabitants.

(c) That a Z 1 Military Police Battalion, of detachments thereof, be placed at the disposal of the Senior Civil Affairs Officers.

6. SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS.

(i) Owing to shortage of transport, AMGOT personnel could not carry sufficient rations to be self supporting for more than a few days, and difficulty was often experienced in persuading the Quartermaster to provide them with rations. This could have been partly obviated if the function of AMGOT had been directly acknowledged by unit commanders as a part of the force.

(ii) Medical supplies were not provided for AMGOT personnel other than the General Issue first aid packet. In a unit which is obliged frequently to conduct its operations in comparatively isolated areas at considerable distances from Army hospital units it is felt that special provision should be made for equipping all AMGOT personnel with medical kits and equipment adequate to meet the situation.

7. Communications.

These were found to be of the utmost difficulty and here again the primary cause was lack of transport. The next most important reason was that priority on army signals had, quite naturally, to go to operational messages. 808

8. Miscellaneous.

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(iii) A lack of sufficient instruction with respect to procedure of requisitioning property caused considerable confusion. This subject will be covered by more definite instructions from Headquarters AMGOT in the future.

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

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AMGOT/8600/C/ED.

AMGOT HQ. - SICILY.

23 September, 1943

Subject: Higher Educational Appointments.

To : S.C.A.Os.

1. In order to give S.C.A.Os. the fullest assistance the Educational Adviser has been instructed to look into the appointment of the successor of any higher educational officials who have been removed from office.

2. The officials concerned are the Provveditori agli Studi of provinces and Rectors and Professors of universities.

3. S.C.A.Os. will notify the Educational Adviser whenever vacancies occur in these higher educational offices.

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

Distribution:

Agrigento	6	AMGOT 8th Army)	
Caltanissetta	6	Region 2)	10
Catania	6		
Enna	4	AMGOT 5th Army)	
Palermo	35	Region 3)	10
Ragusa	6	File 266 and original	
Siracusa	10	Float	1
Trapani	6	Division	6
Messina	8	M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.	12
AMGOT Liaison	1	Spares	10
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Fire Service - OFFICERS.

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

ANGOT/1003/PS

23 September 3

Enclosed are:

1. An application from ANTONIO TRIGONA to become an Officer in the PALERMO Fire Brigade.

2. A letter from the Comandante asking for approval of the appointment.

It is felt that in view of the serious shortage of Officers in the 58 CORPO and the opinion of the Comandante that TRIGONA is suitable for the post, you might well instruct the Comandante to make the appointment.

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

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Sugar.

AMGOT/5006/CS

Lt. Col. G. H. Mc Caffrey,
S.C.A.O., Agrigento.

23 Sept. 3

1. Reference your note of 20 September 1943, 500 kg. of sugar are being dispatched to you by truck 24 September 1943. Will you please arrange to accept this shipment when it reaches Agrigento. The truck is to bring back health supplies. Although your request specified no exact amount of sugar rather than delay action 1/2 ton has been sent you. What is not needed by the foundlings' home should be used for hospital and other comparable needs.

2. You will find enclosed an invoice for the sugar and payment for the entire amount should be made through AMFA. When payment is made, will you please notify us so that we may clear our records at HQ.

3. There are only a comparatively few tons of sugar in our possession at this time and it is doubtful if much imported sugar will be received before 1 November 1943.

HCN/tbw

JOHN T. ZELLARS,
Colonel, Infantry,
Acting Director Civilian
Supply and Resources.

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Price Control of Soap. AMGOT/5004/CS

Lt. Col. Charles Poletti,
S.C.A.O., Palermo.

23 Sept. 3

1. Reference AMGOT/5004/CS, 1 Sept. 43, and your 80. letter of 13 Sept. 43.

2. The prices quoted do not apply to toilet soap.

3. The term "house soap" refers to bar soap and "laundry soap" to powdered soap. The fat content was not specified in the price list but it is suggested that Major Boyd of the Palermo Province Staff render HQ. a report on the fat content of Sicilian soaps. He has collected considerable data on this subject and with his assistance a fat content could be specified.

HCN/tbw

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

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AMGOT/5104/CS

General Order No. 4

S.C.A.C. Agrigento

23 Sept. 3

1. Reference your letter of 15 Sept. 43, a mistake was made in printing the Italian translation of G.O. No. 4 which is now being corrected. New copies are being prepared correcting these errors and will be dispatched to you as soon as completed.

HCN/jfl

JOHN T. KELLARS
Col., Infantry
Acting Director Civilian
Supply & Resources

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Naphtha for Power Plant
S.C.A.O. Trapani Province

AMGOT/5011/(

23 Sept. 3

1. Reference your note of 21 Sept. 43, you may send your trucks to the Aloama petroleum dump and take 150 drums of nafta for the use of your power plant. This letter will be your authorization to secure the nafta. Payment should be made to AMFA as this is confiscated enemy property.

2. Will you please let us know what your requirements will be up to and including Oct. 20 for nafta.

HCN/jf1

JOHN T. WILLARS
Col., Infantry
Acting Director Civilian
Supply & Resources

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AMGOT/257/Ops
AMG 10 ARMY
24 September 1943

SUBJECT: Courier Service - H.Q. 5th Army

TO: All Divisions

It is notified for information that as from 22nd September 1943 the daily courier service to H.Q. 5th Army will run as follows:

09.00 hours	Depart	CASSIBILE	
09.30 hours	Arrive	CATANIA	
10.00 hours	Depart	CATANIA	
11.45 hours	Arrive	SIRLE	801
15.30 hours	Depart	SIRLE	
17.30 hours	Arrive	CASSIBILE	
17.45 hours	Depart	CASSIBILE	
19.15 hours	Arrive	CATANIA	

A. Foster
Staff Captain

Copy to: G.C.A.C., D.C.C.A.C., C.S.C.

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FLOAT FILE.

SUBJECT:- Duty Officers.

AMGOT/313/HQ.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

24 Sept 43.

Ref. this H.Q. letter of even number dated 21 Aug 43, the following is the roster of duty officers for the week ending Saturday, 2 Oct 43.

Date.		Name.	Division.
Sun.	26 Sept 43	Lieut. G.F.Pike.	Civilian Supply.
Mon.	27 Sept 43	Major G.G.Hannaford.	Legal.
Tue.	28 Sept 43	Major R.G.Croft.	Headquarters.
Wed.	29 Sept 43	Lieut M.R.Panelli.	"
Thu.	30 Sept 43	Major D.G.H.H.Smith.	"
Fri.	1 Oct 43	Capt. A.B.Hecker.	Finance.
Sat.	2 Oct 43	Major H.P.Bundy.	Property Controller.

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

Lieut Col
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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

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TCU
AMGOT/10027/

1. Restoration of Civil Telephone Communications
C. S. C. No. 1, District, Catania (Fortbase)

23 Sept. 3

1. Reference your teletype message dated 23 Sept. 1943.

2. S. E. T. is now ready to take over the Catania automatic telephone switchboard and will be ready to take over the one at Messina in the near future.

3. Proper authorization for this action will be forwarded to Ing. Tagliavia, Director of S. E. T., Catania immediately.

4. Copies of all correspondence pertaining to this matter will be forwarded to you.

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AG/jfl

L. D. DESHON
Lt. Col., S. C.
Chief of Communications,
Utilities & Public Works
Division

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Float

Allied Property - Taormina. 6068/CP.

Assistant Controller of Property
through SCAO Messina Province

24 Sept 3

Please report as soon as possible on the condition, present disposition, etc, of the Villa Campobello, Taormina, belonging to Mr. Percival Campbell, a British subject. The Bank of Sicily, as sequestrator, took possession of the property in April 1942, and a copy of its account to, say, 31 Aug 43, should be submitted with your report.

H.F.B.

Lieut-Colonel,
Controller of Property.

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Italian Banks.

AMGOT/2017/F.

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

23 Sep 3.

With reference to your FOS/134 of 12th September, the answers to your enquiries are as follows:-

1. Copies of the "bible" of Standing AMGOT Instructions are now being printed here, you will be forwarded a copy as soon as possible.

2. No State Allowances will be paid to relatives of Italian soldiers now Prisoners of War or missing, pensions may be paid to dependants of Italian soldiers who have been killed, only when authenticated by the Intendente di Finanza that such payments may appropriately be made.

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3. Rewards promised by Field Security to civilians furnishing information leading to the capture of German soldiers will not be paid by AMGOT, Field Security are furnished with funds for this purpose.

4. I approve ~~that~~ the recommendation that Lieut. Dryburgh may sign cheques drawn against your account with the Banca di Sicilia.

5. The statement in Para. 2 of our letter in Italian of 1st. September, to the banks, stating that 50% of new deposits may be used for active operations, refers only to new loans. If the Banks prefer to relate such advances to loans that they made previously, this is entirely their affair.

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

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Claim for allowance of widow of American soldier 1914-18. AMGOT/2058/F.

C.A.O.
Palma di Montechiaro
through the S.C.A.O. Agrigento Province. 23 Sep 3.

With reference to your letter of 16th September. I write to inform you that the whole question of pensions to Italian personnel payable by the U.S. Government has been referred to the Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q. for transmission to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

No reply has yet been received.

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A.P. CHAFFEY-BELL.
Colonel.,
Chief Finance Officer.

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"Handless Bodies". AMCOS/2027/F.

Senior Finance Officers: Region 2.
Region 3.

23 Sep. 3.

I enclose copies of a memorandum and two forms prepared at our request by the Legal Division here.

Difficulty arises only when the Manager of an Institution with its head-office outside the territory, protests that he is acting "ultra vires" in accepting a loan from A.M.F.A.

Any specific case arising should be referred to these Headquarters, but it is considered that the enclosed memorandum will provide a useful guide.

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

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Italian Basic Handbook

AMGOT Madison Sept. 24, 3

Receipt is acknowledged of Copy No. 580 Italian Basic Handbook (less Part I) enclosed in your letter AL/H/137 dated 21 September 1943.

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

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SUBJECT: Rewards.

AMGOT H.Q., ROME
AMGOT/105/PS
September 23, 1943

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

With reference to your 1/2/L of 14 September, the D.C.C.A.C. has approved of your proposal to offer rewards for any "Benemeia" of a milling or hoarding or price offence.

It is however, the express desire of the General commanding the Carabinieri that no such offer should be published in respect of the force under his command, and that if you should desire to make an award to a member of the force, the reward should be sent to him through the usual (AMGOT) channels.

The same procedure should be followed in respect of the Guardia di Finanza.

Charles M. Upafford
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer

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Heat

Claim for loss of horse as a result of collision with U.S. Truck.

AMGOT/2030/F

Commanding General,
Seventh Army.

23 September 1943.

The attached claim in regard of a horse which is stated to have died as a result of an accident in which a U.S. truck is alleged to have been concerned, is forwarded for favour of disposal, having been received from the Senior Civil Affairs Officer for the Province of ENNA.

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

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Final

Investigation
Public Safety Division

MCOTS 03/Lab

Sept 3

1. Attached copy is self-explanatory.

2. Appreciate investigation of Debrianna Domenica and report.

DAVID A. MORET
Captain, M.C.
Director, Labor Division
MCOT Headquarters

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(Draft)

Supplement to Enclosure D Section [illegible] Annex C52 to

Administrative Officer Annex to
(Capt [illegible] Turner)

20 Sept 43

1. Labor Division as employed subject, address Liberty Bandits, Chicago, as Civilian Aide direct to Chief Civilian Labor Relations Expert, this Division, at salary of $50 [illegible] per day.

2. Request approval. Duty [illegible] effective 27 Sept 43.

DAVID A. MORSE
Captain, A.C.
Director, Labor Division
AUSOC Headquarters

Copy to Public Safety Division

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AMGOT 15 ARMY GROUP 24 SEP 43

SECRET. PRIORITY

MGS, AFHQ RPTD 15 ARMY GROUP FOR AMG FORTBASE ISLAND BASE SECTION

FURTHER TO OUR 279 SEP 22 PARE1 FROM AMGOT 7TH ARMY TO AFHQ CITE AMGOT 268 PARE1 ISLAND BASE HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS FLOUR PALERMO OCTOBER ONE FIVE AND ADDITIONAL FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS ON OR BEFORE LAST DAY OF EACH SUCCEEDING MONTH BEGINNING NOVEMBER PD FORTBASE HAVE MADE SIMILAR AGREEMENT REGARDING CATANIA AND WILL ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO AT MESSINA IF POSSIBLE CMA, IF NOT AT CATANIA PD [redacted]

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SUBJECT : Review of Arrested Civilians.

AMGOT/1085/RE

AMGOT H.Q. RECEIVED

24 September, 1943.

TO : C.C.A.O.

The foregoing minutes give in summarised form the result of the survey carried out following the conference with I(b) over which you presided on 31 August, 1943, vide your enforcement on p.6 of file 1021/28 attached.

Complete nominal rolls of the persons affected will be forwarded as soon as the shortage of clerical personnel permits, but you will wish to know what is the general effect of the survey.

It is intended to review all existing cases monthly.

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(a) Registration of permanent address with Public Safety Division;

(b) Report to local police of all absences of over 48 hours, with address;

(c) Report to Public Safety Division every change of permanent address;

(d) Weekly report to local police.

These conditions could be varied according to the individual circumstances of each case and the final report will make suggestions on this basis.

Meanwhile, may I have your authority for the immediate release of those placed in category D(a) ?

The release of the 65 prisoners by orders of the C.C.A.O., Province of Palermo, without any reference to this Division, suggests lack of co-ordination, to say the least. It was my understanding, as a result of the conference of 31 August, 1943 that you wished such

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As a matter of interest I would point out that only 16 Seventh Army cases were placed in category D(a) whereas 65 were released by order of the S.C.A.O. Palermo Province. On this I submit, with all deference, that releases from prison, other than as a result of an order by a competent Court, should be authorised by yourself or some officer designated by you and should pass through this Division, as responsible for the administration of the Prisons.

Lemuel Bolles

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

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Cancellation of Lease, U.Prov.
Fascista degli Agricoltori.

Assistant Controller of Property
through SIAO Palermo Province. 24 Sept 3.

1. Reference CP/EJWH/ar 21 Sept 43.

2. No objection interposed to giving of notice of termination of above lease.

JAMES M. BOYARD,
Capt. A.G.D.
Deputy Controller of Property.

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Boat

Fire Service - Withdrawal of Uniform.

AMGOT/1003/PS

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

23 September 3

Enclosed is a request for the withdrawal of the uniform of an ex-fireman of the 58 CORPO - CASSARA PIETRO.

Will you please instruct the Commandante of the AGRIGENTO Corps to obtain the uniform as requested.

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

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AMGOT HEADQUARTERS
24 September 1943

SUBJECT: Procedure for Securing Railway Permits

TO: Division Chiefs

1. Due to a military necessity the use of railway service in the city of Palermo by civilians has been drastically limited by the officer in charge of railway operations, I.B.S.

2. A special permit will be issued to a limited number of civil officials and employees whose duties to the Military Government justify special authority.

3. To secure these special permits, application must be made by the Chief AMGOT Officer under whose direction these individuals are serving which will include:

Name,
Age,
Date and Place of Birth,
Address,
Identity Card Number,
Nature of Official Duties,
Necessity for Permit.

4. These requests will be delivered to the Public Safety Division for approval after which they will be passed to the officer in charge of railway operations, I.B.S. When his action has been taken, applications will be returned to the chiefs of the divisions. Actually permits will be issued by Major Searle, Room 6 at the Prefettura, to those individuals approved by the officer in charge of railway operations.

5. It is the intention of the railway administration to refuse passage to civilians not in possession of special permits.

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

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Float file.

SUBJECT:- Duty Officers.

AMGOT/313/HQ.
AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.
24 Sept 43.

Ref. this H.Q. letter of even number and date, the following amendments will be made :-

For "Lieut. G.F.Pike, Civilian Supply"
Read "Major D.G.H.H.Smith, Headquarters"

For "Major R.G.Croft, Headquarters"
Read "Major W.H.Pearey, Headquarters"

For "Major D.G.H.H.Smith, Headquarters"
Read "Lieut. G.F.Pike, Civilian Supply"

A.A. Davis Capt
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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

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AMGOT/4055/L.
AMGOT Hq., SICILY
23 September 1943

SUBJECT: Claims.

TO : Commanding Officer, Inland Base Section, (for attention Judge Advocate).

1. Herewith claim of Castalcicala family, Dott. Nicolo Fumeo, and Virginia Larind received by this office, for attention.

2. The Chief Civil Affairs Officer states that the claimants in the Castelcicala case are perfectly bona fide and are people who have always had Allied interests at heart. It would be appreciated if the outcome of this claim might be communicated to this Headquarters.

[illegible]
Lt. Colonel,
for Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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AMGOT/10051/TCU

Salt Mfgr., Palermo.

Col. D. G. Cheyne,
Director of Public Health

24 Sept. 3

1. We have been informed that the firm of Industria Paste Alimentari (producingrefined salt for hospital use) is operating under extremely unsanitary conditions.

2. It is thought that you may want an investigation made to determine the accuracy of the statement, and the facts pertaining thereto.

3. If conditions in the above plant are unsatisfactory to you, the electric supply will be terminated forthwith and the firm of Luca Vincenzo, Via Corso Olivuzza No. 8 can be given electric service. There is also a substantial price differential in favor of the latter firm.

FDP/tbw

L. D. DENMORE,
Lt. Col., S. C., 782
Chief C.U. & P.W. Division.

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AMGOT/10027/TCU

Reconnection of Civilian Telephone Subscribers.

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TO :Chief Signal Officer, Seventh Army. 24 Sept. 3

1. It is requested that the following civilian business telephones, essential to operation of the sulphur industry, be connected for use:

a. Ente Zolfi Siciliani (formerly Ente Zolfi Italiani)
Via Principe Belmonte, 80
Tel. Nos.: 15-317
14-634

b. Consorzio per i Maggazini Generale della Sicilia
Via Roma, 194
Tel. Nos.: 16-852
12-910

JED/tbw

L. D. DENSMORE,
Lt. Col., S.C.,
Director of C., U. & P.W.
Division.

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AMGOT HEADQUARTERS

MOST SECRET

AGENDA

24th September 1943

12TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT 1500 HRS 24TH SEPTEMBER 1943 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Discussion of Reorganisation - Civilian Supply Division (C.S.O.) (Appendix A).
3. Policy with reference to Fascists since Armistice (C.P.S.)
4. Release of political prisoners. (C.P.S.)

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

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APPENDIX "A".

SUBJECT: Reorganization of Civilian Supply Division. AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

TO : All Concerned. 24. Sept. 43.

1. Effective immediately the Civilian Supply Division will be reorganized. The previous functions of the Division will be divided among the following Divisions which are hereby established :

(a) Economics and Supply Division.
(b) Civilian Transport Division.
(c) Communications, Utilities and Public Works Division.
(d) Agriculture Division.
(e) Labor Division.

2. The particular functions of these Divisions will be as follows :

(a) Economics and Supply Division: This division shall be responsible for estimating and meeting essential civilian requirements; for supervising the rationing system of the territory, other than in respect of agricultural products; for the survey, development and control of natural resources of the territory, other than agricultural resources, to the extent required by the interests of the Allied Forces or the economy of the territory; for supervising price control, other than in respect of agricultural products; for the development and regulation of industrial and commercial enterprises and activities, other than those engaged in furnishing transportation, communication, or utility services; and in general for taking necessary measures to restore channels of supply and distribution and to rehabilitate the economy of the territory.

(b) Civilian Transport Division: This division shall be responsible for rehabilitating and maintaining a system of civilian transport, whether by rail, water, highway or otherwise; for the regulation and control of existing civilian transport facilities or agencies; and for arranging transport required for civilian supply, mails, and civilian personnel, as may be required for the rehabilitation of the economy of the territory. This division will not be responsible for AMGOT organic transport, that is, for operation, maintenance or control of (i) British or American Army vehicles, (ii) civilian and captured vehicles required for transport of AMGOT personnel or property in addition to Army vehicles.

(c) Communications, Utilities and Public Works Division: This division shall 779 be responsible for rehabilitating and maintaining civil communications and for the regulation and control of existing communication facilities, including telephone, telegraph, cables and radio; for the rehabilitation, regulation and control of electric, gas and water utilities; and for the rehabilitation and supervision of public works, including roads and bridges.

(d) Agriculture Division: This division shall be responsible for the supervision of agriculture, including cropping and production, methods for improvement of agriculture and processing of agricultural products; for rationing and price control of agricultural products; for estimating and meeting agricultural requirements; and in coordination with the Economics and Supply Division for the collection and

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(a) Economics and Supply Division: This division shall be responsible for estimating and meeting essential civilian requirements; for supervising the rationing system of the territory, other than in respect of agricultural products; for the survey, development and control of natural resources of the territory, other than agricultural resources, to the extent required by the interests of the Allied Forces or the economy of the territory; for supervising price control, other than in respect of agricultural products; for the development and regulation of industrial and commercial enterprises and activities, other than those engaged in furnishing transportation, communication, or utility services; and in general for taking necessary measures to restore channels of supply and distribution and to rehabilitate the economy of the territory.

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(e) Labor Division: This division shall be responsible for the supervision and control of all matters relating to labor supply, including the regulation of wage levels for both civilian and military labor; the supervision of regional and provincial labor offices and all other matters affecting labor in the territory.

3. The following are appointed chiefs of divisions :

(a) Economics and Supply : Col. John T. Zellars (Acting)
(b) Civilian Transport: Lt.Col. Densmore (Acting)
(c) Communications, Utilities and Public Works: Lt.Col. Densmore
(d) Agriculture : Major Chayton.
(e) Labor : Captain Morse.

By Order of the Commanding General.

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

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Ref.
Catania
Sopr. Mon.

AMGOT Hq.
24 Sept. 1943.

Memorandum to: Lt. Col. Lord Wellesley, SCAO Catania Province
Subject : Accompanying memos for Dr. Dillon.

1. Enclosed herewith are two copies each of Memos to the Superintendents of Monuments and Antiquities on Salaries and on Contracts for Custodians, also an envelope addressed to Dr. Dillon, Superintendent of Monuments for Catania etc.

2. It is requested that one copy each of the memos be filed by your FO and the other copies be sent in the envelope to Dr. Dillon.

3. The estimates forwarded by you have been submitted to the CFO and it is hoped soon to be able to forward them with recommendations. Thank you for the copies of the Corriere di Sicilia.

Mason Hammond
Capt. AC
Adviser on Fine Arts and Monuments.

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Ref.
Agrigento
Sopr. Ant.

AMGOT Hq.
24 Sept. 1943.

Memorandum to: Lt. Col. McCaffery, SCAO Agrigento Province.
Subject : Accompanying Memos for Dr. Griffo.

1. Enclosed herewith are two copies each of Memos to the Superintendents of Monuments and Antiquities on Salaries and on Contracts for Custodians, also an envelope addressed to Dr. Griffo, Superintendent of Antiquities for Agrigento and Caltanissetta.

2. It is requested that one copy each of the Memos be filed by your PO and the other copies be sent to Dr. Griffo in the envelope.

3. This Office is much indebted to you for your hospitable reception of Capt. Maxse and Drs. DiPietro and Guiotto and for your interest in their problems.

Mason Hammond
Capt. AC
Adviser on Fine Arts and Monuments.

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Tobacco Monopoly

Lt. Col. Tubb
Chief Accountant

24 September 3

The following paragraph from memorandum dated 19 August 43 from Lt. Colonel Tucker Barrett, S.F.O. to Colonel Grafftey-Smith, C.F.O., represents our information as to the liquidation of the State Tobacco Monopoly in Siracusa Province. If more detailed information is desired we can undoubtedly secure it for you after a short time:

"On July 21 immediately realisable assets of the State Tobacco Monopoly in the Syracuse area were liquidated, as the result of the sale of 400 kilos of tobacco in the form of Toscani cigars through retail channels. Proceeds of sale were turned over to us in cash and are now held by FO in Syracuse for the credit of the Tobacco Monopoly, after deduction of amount necessary to pay salaries of Tobacco monopoly employes in Syracuse. I informed Managers of two other Monopoly companies that we would not meet their unpaid payrolls pending decision on higher level as to which Monopolies we wished to continue in operation."

B. D. Nash
Major
D. C. F. O.

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AMGOT HQ.
POSTAL SECTION

24 September 1943

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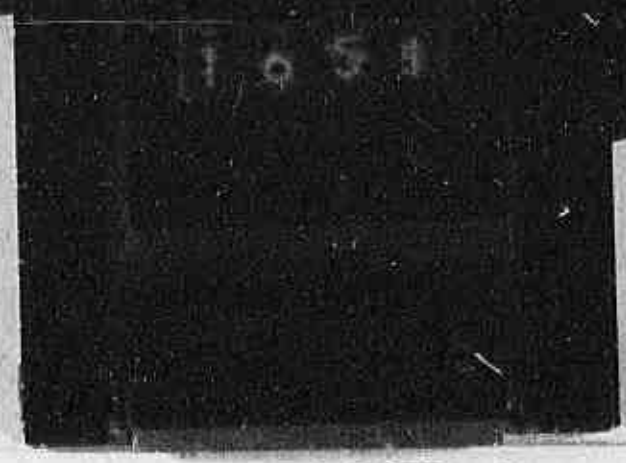
SUBJECT: Payment of Post Office Employees.

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

1. Your letter of 7 September 1943 regarding the payment of Salvatore Bellofiore, employee of the Postal and Telegraph of Palermo, was referred to this office.

2. We have contacted the director of post office of this province and he states that as yet the above employee has not been paid by his office. You can therefore pay him his salary as postmaster of Palermo Branch No. 12, with the understanding that he pay his supplementary post office employees. If this is impossible he should then be advised to come to the Palermo Post Office and receive his payment here.

GUIDO A. LASIA,
1st Lt., A.G.D.,
Postal Section.



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Memorandum. AMGOT/10001/TCU

To: Colonel
Instituto Nazionale, Trasporti,
Palermo. 24 Sept. 3

An investigation has been made by the Labor Division, AMGOT HQ., of the wage scale of INT employees. It has approved the following wage scale:

Avvisti	- 40 lira per day
Manovali	- 29.50 lira per day
Manovali conduttori	- 31.50 lira per day

This scale is approved in consideration of the fact that the presenza previously paid has been abolished.

CHB/tbw

CLAUDE R. HINARD,
Capt., C.M.P.,
Transportation Division.

Copy to: Labor Division

Original delivered personally 24/4/43
Copy delivered. CRH.

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NAVOT/3000/M

National Stores

U.S.S. No. 1 Advanced Depot
Medical Stores, Lyracuse.

24 Sept. 3

This office has been informed by Major H. H. Brown R.A.M.C., ANGOT Medical Officer, Syracuse, that a consignment of medical stores intended for ANGOT was sent on the first hospital ship from Alexandria to Syracuse addressed to you.

If this is correct, please inform O i/c ANGOT Central Medical Store, Caltanisetta of quantities etc., and arrange with him direct (giving him your telephone number, if possible) for the collection of the stores. Copy to this office would be appreciated.

D. GORDON CAMPBELL
Colonel
Director of Public Health

GMF/ja

Copy:-S.A.R.M.O. Syracuse.

Copy:-O i/c Central Medical Store,
Caltanisetta.

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Plant.

Partial closure of Red Cross Hospital, Cortina. S.C.A.O., Ragusa.

AG000/3033/MI

25 Sept. 43

A directive covering the whole of Red Cross activities in Sicily, including disposal of hospitals and personnel, is in process of preparation at this HQ and will shortly be issued.

In view of this, please defer action on the above-mentioned hospital and the disposal of its stores until receipt of the directive.

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D. GORDON CHEYNE
Colonel
Director of Public Health

GHF/ja

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Ref.
Siracusa
Corr. nt.

AMGOT Hq.
24 Sept. 1943.

Memorandum to: Lt. Col. French, SCAO Siracusa Province.
Subject : Accompanying Memos for Dr. Bernabo-Brea.

1. Enclosed herewith are two copies each of Memos to the Superintendents of Monuments and Antiquities on Salaries and on Contracts for Custodians, also an envelope addressed to Dr. Bernabo-Brea, Superintendent of Antiquities for Siracusa etc.

2. It is requested that one copy of each Memo be filed by your FO and that the other copies be sent to Dr. Bernabo-Brea in the envelope.

3. The hospitality shown by your mess to me on my recent visit was very much appreciated and I hope that my various requests on behalf of Dr. Bernabo-Brea and the Museo Bellomo have not proved too troublesome.

Mason Hammond
Capt. AC
Adviser on Fine Arts and Monuments.

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Petition.

AMGOT/359/HQ

S.C.A.C. PALERMO

24th September 3

I attach for your information translation of a petition to the C.C.A.C. by one Benedetto Brucato.

Will you please have the matter investigated. Brucato alleges that fascist personnel have been retained at Camera di Commercio, whereas old civil servants like himself have lost their place. The questionnaire being circulated in Palermo Province on 24th September should be instrumental in removing most of the ardent Fascists who have wormed themselves into responsible positions.

Kindly inform me if it will be possible to reinstate Brucato.

Captain,
C.A.O., H.Q.

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COPY

TO: LORD RENNELL OF RODD,
Major General - Civil Affairs Chief,
PALERMO.

I, undersigned, Benedetto Brucato, take the liberty to inform you of my service condition.

I was named usher on July 10th 1904 by "Camera di Commercio e Anti" of Palermo with a letter number 806, position No. 197, from June 1904 under the direction of the ex-President by the name of C. La Farina.

With the dissolution of Council Providencial of the Corporation I have been fired, while others because they belonged to a Fascist party have been retained. Therefore I beg you very kindly to make a revision, so you will see the truth. The undersigned names are the personnel that have been held:

1. La Loggia rag. Giuseppe.
2. Bertolino rag Salvatore.
3. Aquello rag. Girolound
4. Conepa Carlo.
5. Manzanares sig. ra Anna
6. Prestidouato dott. Antonino.

Subalterns

1. Laudoline G.B. (head usher)
2. Brucato Benedetto (usher)
3. Puglisi Michele.

P.S. I inform you also that among all the personnel, I was the oldest one.

Thanking you.

Truly yours,

Brucato Benedetto.

(Via Antonio Massimussi 48)

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Plot.

Closure of Red Cross Hospital AMSOT/3033/GH

H.A.H.Q., Tripoli. (through H.Q.A.[illegible])

2A Sept. 3

It is understood that you have closed a Red Cross Hospital at Shepard. Please confirm that adequate hospital accommodation exists apart from the Red Cross Hospital.

A Directive on the Red Cross is daily is being prepared by this Hq. No further action regarding hospitals or personnel should be taken till this Directive is received. 764

D. GORDON CHEEK
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

GC/Ja

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SUBJECT: Biological Preparations

AMGOT/3015/PH

AMGOT HQ SICILY

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

24 Sept. 1943

In order to ensure equable distribution and economy of demand it is desirable to co-ordinate centrally the information concerning the disposition of biological products.

S.A.P.H.O.'s will therefore submit to this Hq. as quickly as possible a return showing the quantities of sera, vaccines, etc., available from captured military supplies or civil sources. In certain centres, the possibility of future civilian manufacture should also be indicated.

D. GORDON CHEYNE
Colonel
Director of Public Health

DISTRIBUTION: S.C.A.O.

Agrigento	2
Caltanisetta	2
Catania	2
Enna	2
Palermo	2
Ragusa	2
Siracusa	2
Trapani	2
Messina	2
File	1
Float	1
Spares	6

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AMGOT/5002/03

Payment for Coal.

Societa Commerciale P & E Mazzarella,
Via Marino, Stabile 142, Palermo 24 Sept. 3

Referring to your letter of 21 September 1943, the coal in question is probably under the control of Island Base Section, and we suggest that you take up the matter of payment directly with them.

MCM/EDG.

JOHN T. ZELIARS,
Colonel, Infantry,
Acting Director Civilian
Supply & Resources.

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AMGOT

Potash Mines, Enna

Lt.Col. R. B. Manapace, Deputy Chief
Finance Officer

23 Sept. 3

1. Reference your letter AMGOT/2050/F, 22 Sept. 43, we would like to have Dr. Notarbartolo call and discuss the Potash mines in Enna Province.

MCN/jf1

JOHN T. ZELLARS
Colonel, Infantry
Acting Director Civilian
Supply & Resources

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AGOT 2001/P

Memo to S.C.A.Os.

Palermo
Agrigento
Ragusa
Siracusa
Catania
Enna
Caltanisetta

TRANSPORTATION OF MAIL

Arrangements have been made with AMGOT Transportation Branch to transport mail from one province to another, using the bus service and the route of the bus is as follows:

Palermo to Agrigento
Agrigento to Ragusa
Ragusa to Siracusa
Siracusa to Catania
Catania to Enna
Enna to Caltanisetta
Caltanisetta to Palermo

The schedule is bi-weekly leaving Palermo on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Due to limited space, only a limited amount of mail from each province can be carried on each trip. Mail that cannot be dispatched by the bus service should be held until there is available service space or otherwise dispatched by the first available means of transportation to other provinces. The driver has been instructed to leave the mail at the A.C.A.Os offices to pick up outgoing mail for other provinces.

Your cooperation is asked by notifying your local Postmaster of the arrival of the mails and notifying him to have outgoing mail at your office for dispatch to other provinces in accordance with bus schedule.

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

21 September 1943

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BY FAST AIR

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Union Jacks

AMGOT/257/SG

M.G.S., AFHQ
AMGOT Liaison 15 Army Group

Sept. 22, 43

1. Troopers TPM 6904 OA dated 15 September 1943 notified the despatch by air on that date of 220 Union Jacks to AMGOT c/o H.Q. 15 Army Group and stated that D.C.S., AFHQ had been requested to ensure onward despatch.

2. These Union Jacks have not so far reached this H.Q. where some of them are needed now for use in Sicily.

3. It would be very helpful if you could do anything to hasten delivery of these flags.

for CHARLES M. STOCKTON,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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Float

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Reopening of Italian Courts. AMGOT/4001/L.

C.L.O. (Through S.C.A.O.)
Enna and Caltanissetta. 22nd Septe. 3.

Ref your 1/4/L dated 22 Sept 43

1. It is understand that Enna, Caltanissetta and Nicosia are functioning.

2. All civil courts should be reopened forthwith as per para. 1. of C.S.O's instruction of 31st August, 1943.

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I have confirmed para 1 with Wright at the phone.
C.C.M.

G. G. HANNAFORD.
Major,
for Chief Legal Officer.

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BY FAST AIR.

Most urgent.

Supplies of calf lymph.

AMGOT/3015/PH

S.A.H.P.O. Syracuse.
(Through SCAO Syracuse)

22 Sep 3

A consignment of Calf Lymph for 50,000 persons is arriving at Cassibile erodrome between this date and 25 Sept. Please arrange to have it met and conveyed to cold storage as quickly as possible.

The arrival of the lymph should be reported to this HQ. as quickly as possible.

D. Gordon Cheyne Col.

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

GMF/ash.

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Public Safety Bulletins.
S.C.A.O. PALERMO.

AFHQ/1010/PS

22 September 43

Reference your CP/GPA/ep. dated 20 Sep 43.

Enclosed are a further 35 copies of Public Safety Bulletin No. 6 for distribution in your Province.

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

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S 018/SP 7345

Sugar Stock in Red Cross Building.

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

Sept. 21, 3

1. Sept. 20, 1943 the Red Cross officially brought to the attention of AMGOT Hq. the fact that a large stock of sugar, coffee, and other scarce commodities were hidden in the basement of their building. Investigation revealed that the owner of the stock had been given a permit since the city of Palermo was taken over by Allied Forces to purchase the sugar in question. The permit was given for the manufacture of pastry, etc., a business which the owner of the stock is apparently not engaged in. Since there are apparently no legal stocks of sugar in Palermo, this appears to be a pure case of connivance between the local food distribution office and a leading black market operator.

2. You are directed to take immediate steps to investigate this case and prosecute to the full extent of the law all the guilty parties including any officials of the food distribution office.

3. Capt. Alexander of your office has been advised of the facts in this case.

HCN/tbw

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

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AMGOT/10027/TCU

Reconnection of Civilian Telephone Subscribers.

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TO : Chief Signal Officer, Seventh Army. 22 Sept. 3

1. The following firm is being operated under the supervision of the Controller of Property Division of AMGOT and reconnection of their telephone is authorized.

a. Ente di Colonizzazione del Latifondo Siciliano
Via Ruggieri Settimo
Tel. 13308 e 13309

LDD/tbw

L. D. DENSMORE,
Lt. Col., S.C.,
Director of Transportation
Communication and Utilities
Division.

Float

ALLIED MILITARY FINANCIAL AGENCY
AMFA

AMFA/POL/4

To : The Chief Financial Officer

From : The Acting Vice Chief of AMFA

Subject : Additional publicity concerning loan policy proposal for.

Enclosure : Draft of Article on AMFA for Sicilia Libera.

1. There has been some discussion in the Board of AMFA concerning the public anticipation that AMFA is ready currently to make or support housing loans. To some extent this anticipation has probably arisen from articles in the Sicilia Libera.

2. The article enclosed was prepared by Col.Cunston and Lt. Cdr.Southard. They both feelleffortsshould be made to get it published. I am personally inclined to let the matter drop, and believe that the public will fairly quickly learn, by contact with the banks, what the credit possibilities are. However I do not have any strong objection to publication of the article.

O.V. CLAIBORNE
Lt. Col. AUS.

20 September 1943.

DRAFT OF ARTICLE ON AMFA
FOR SICILIA LIBERTA.

Discussion has been proceeding for some time past in the columns of Sicilia Liberta and elsewhere in Sicily, as to the part which the Agencia Militare Finanziaria Alleata (AMFA) can play in the program of reconstruction of the Sicilian economy, and more particularly in the reconstruction of private homes. It is now possible to give some clarification of these questions on the basis of the following explanations, which have been obtained from an authorized source. It is hoped by these means to make somewhat clearer what AMFA can and cannot do, and thus to save members of the public from the disappointment which might result if they formed unjustified hopes.

Attention is directed to paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of the public notice concerning AMFA:

"2. AMFA has been established for the following main purposes:

(a) To provide a depository, clearing house, and office of financial transactions for the convenience of the Allied Military Forces.

(b) To provide a source of funds from which to make loans to and through local banks and to municipalities, public utilities and other public and private bodies where such loans will assist in the restoration of order and the rehabilitation of essential activities or are desirable from the point of view of the military effort, and where local banks are not in position themselves to provide such financial assistance.

(c) To assist in maintaining the credit structure of the occupied territory.

"3 AMFA will not normally accept deposits from local persons or corporations, or engage in direct commercial banking except in carrying out the above described purposes: nor is it intended that AMFA shall otherwise function as an agency competing with existing commercial banks in the occupied territory.

"4 AMFA will normally operate through governmental units, or bodies and local banks: and in addition where necessary, with business enterprises. Contact with AMFA will therefore as a rule be had only by or through such organisations or entities so far as concerns the general public. Agents of AMFA may be appointed as necessary.

It is clear to everyone that construction is a vital need in Sicily, just as it is in England, in the Philippine Islands, in Malta and in every other war-damaged country. But first things must come first. The first thing of all is to provide food for the people to eat. The second thing is to rebuild the essential framework of orderly government. AMFA has helped and is continuing to help in both these matters. AMFA is also currently engaged in making loans to banks which have in hand acceptable applications from customers for advances designed to restart trade, industry, and agriculture.

Reconstruction of a capital nature it is clear can and must proceed only on the basis of a deffnite schedule of priorities. The war still continues. Materials are scarce, and means of transport are as yet hardly available except for urgent purposes directly serving the most rapid possible prosecution of the war to a victorious conclusion.

If and when Sicilian barks or other public institutions are able to propose programmes of reconstruction works which serve vital needs of the community, and for which materials labour and transport are in fact available, AMFA will doubtless be willing to consider the provision of credit for the financing of such programmes in their proper order of priority.

In the meantime it will be a waste of time for individual members of the public to ask AMFA for credits for the rebuilding or repair of their private homes.

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Flags.

British Quartermaster.

22. Sept. 3.

Please dispatch 11 Union Jacks by first available Courier as under :-

5 Union Jacks to S.C.A.C. CALTANISSETTA.
6 " " " " RAGUSA.

Charles H. Spofford.
Colonel, G3.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

Copies to:- S.C.A.C. Caltanissetta.
" Ragusa.

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Flak 7398

AAGOT/2020/F
AAGOT Hq BIGOLY
21 September 1943

SUBJECT: Unpaid Bill

TO : 1st Air Defense Wing, A-1

1. Enclosed final bill left by Captain Mitchell, 12th Bombardment Group with accompanying papers.

2. Request this bill be forwarded to Captain Mitchell and his reply channeled through this Hq.

3. On receipt of his address, laundry of Captain Mitchell will be forwarded.

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

Encl.

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ALLIED MILITARY FINANCIAL AGENCY
A M F A

Palermo
Sept. 22 1943
AMFA/BA/3

Senora Antonietta Dichiara
Corso dei Mille 192,
Palermo.

Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of September 22. AMFA regrets to inform you that it is not its policy to make loans of this character directly to individuals. It sympathizes with the position in which you find yourself but can only suggest that you apply to the banks, which are now open for business.

Lt. Col., AUS
Acting Vice Chief
A M F A

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ALLIED MILITARY FINANCIAL AGENCY
A M F A

Ref: AMFA/RA/3

22 Sept. 43.

To: Major J. R. Knight, C.F.I. Hdqrs. AMGOT.

Subject: Letter from Cassa Rurale ed Artigiana S. Francesco, Canicatti 26/8/43 and Banca Agricola Cooperativa di Canicatti, 15/9/43.

The above two letters reached us today. Will you kindly retain any part of this correspondence that you wish, and return to us that part which concerns AMFA.

Referring to the letter of the Cassa Rurale ed Artigiana S. Francesco you will notice that it is dated 26 August and that it is a very small institution, requesting a credit of only Lire 383,918.35. Possibly that it is not worth while entering into a credit agreement with them at this late date, and I would suggest that either you or Hayes talk it over with the Bank of Sicily to try to find a practical solution.

Lt-Col., AUS
Acting Vice Chief
A M F A

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Flood

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Movement of Civilian Officials
S.C.A.O., Caltanissetta

22 Sept. 3

1. In re your letter of 13 September 1943, Subject: Movement of Civilian Officials, 7th Army is checking up on officer concerned and will take necessary action.

2. Orders forbidding actions of this type by military personnel have been issued. Attention of all concerned will be drawn to this order in a memorandum to be issued immediately.

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

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Coat

AMGOT/ /PS

Colonel Melvin E. Gillette
APO 512 (Chief Photog. Officer)
A.F.H.Q.

September 22, 3

Dear Colonel Gillette:

On 4 September a review of the Carabinieri was held in the barracks at Palermo. Pictures were taken by the Army Pictorial Service under arrangements made by Captain Poore, P.R.O., AMGOT Headquarters.

I am exceedingly anxious to get a sufficient number of sets of these pictures for the following:

1. Brigadier General Commanding Carabinieri, Island of Sicily
2. Superintendant of Civil Police
3. D.C.P.S., AMGOT
4. C.P.S., AMGOT

The operator promised to undertake to get these sets for us but I fear this is beyond his authority.

If there is anything you can do to expedite this request and advise me of the costs involved, I would appreciate it exceedingly. If you will note, these sets are for official use.

I have been hoping that our paths would cross some of these days so that we could compare notes.

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

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Shipping for AMGOT Use.

AMGOT/5082/CS

15 Army Group.

20 Sept. 3

1. The acute shortage of means of island-wide transport for AMGOT could be eased, especially for emergency transfers of grain, fuel, etc., by the use of coastal shipping.

2. It is believed that Italian coastal shipping is now, and will shortly be, held by British and U.S. Navies. If so, it is requested that the following be turned over to AMGOT HQs as soon as possible.

(a) Five coasters about 1,000 tons burthen.

(b) Ten small craft (power driven) about 100 tons burthen.

3. These would be operated by native crews under AMGOT supervision and would be used for coastline traffic only, unless authority were later received to use them between Sicily and Malta, Pantellaria, Africa, etc.

CJH/EDG.

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

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Fiscoli Mats.

AMGOT/5064/CS

Supply Officer Syracuse.

21 Sept. 3

1. Dr. Rizzo called at this office this morning accompanied by Sgr. Van Axel, Director of Consorzio Agrario for Sicily.

2. Dr. Rizzo had come to collect 2000 Fiscoli Mats (Coco) from Villabata at an agreed price of 275 L. each.

3. This Division had already fixed the price with one firm in the village at 225 L. for the same Fiscoli.

4. Dr. Rizzo also states that a further 1500 Manilla Mats will be available by the end of the month. The price for these mats has apparently been fixed at 300 L. each, but in view of what has been stated above it is suggested that this price is too high, and that you reopen negotiations for the purchase at a lower price.

GFP/tbw

JOHN T. ZELLARS,
Colonel, Infantry,
Acting Director Civilian
Supply and Resources.

Moat

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AMGOT/5085/CS

Weekly Reports.

Lt. Lofaso, Catania
(Thru S.C.A.O., Catania) 22 Sept. 3

It is absolutely necessary that this headquarters be kept advised of all receipts and issues of supplies imported by AMGOT or otherwise handled through Civilian Supply Warehousee. You are directed to dispatch to this headquarters (attention CSR Section) without fail a report each Saturday of all receipts and issues made from warehouses under your supervision, total and by week. This report should reach this headquarters each Monday.

By order of Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

HCN/tbw

JOHN T. ZELLARS,
Colonel, Infantry,
Acting Director Civilian
Supply and Resources.

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Dispatch of Flour to Lipari Islands. AMGOT/5086/CS
S.C.A.O., Palermo Province.

22 Sept. 3

1. From this date forward for purposes of supply, the Lipari Islands will be attached to Messina Province and supplied from HQ. stocks in Palermo.

2. Your attention is directed to paragraphs 2 and 4 of your letter of 20 September 1943 relating to the flour supplies for Lipara. Paragraph 2 gives the impression that 44 tons of flour were supplied from Palermo Province stocks when actually they were supplied from HQ. stocks of imported American flour. Paragraph 4 gives the impression that HQ. had drawn on Palermo Province stocks without ever having supplied Palermo with flour. Although it is true that 550 quintals of Palermo grown flour were sent to the Lipari Islands, since the 10th of August AMGOT HQ. has supplied Palermo Province with approximately 8000 quintals of flour from imported and captured Italian army stocks. This is approximately 15 times as much flour as HQ. has withdrawn from Palermo Province.

HCN/tbw

JOHN T. ZELLARS,
Colonel, Infantry,
Acting Director Civilian
Supply and Resources.

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AAI01/3002/CS

Charcoal.

S.C.A.C., Palermo Province (Attn: Major Boyd) September 21 3

You are directed to have the Consorzio Agrario Provinciale of Palermo release to the S.C.A.C., Caltanissetta, 200 tons of charcoal for the operation of bakeries, and flour mills in Caltanissetta Province. Caltanissetta will provide transportation.

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

Copy to S.C.A.C., Caltanissetta

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

FILE No. AMG T9015/Lab

SUBJECT: Wages, Civilian Employees
Reference PR/150 dated 21 Sept 43

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

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

23 Sept 1943.

1. I am informed by the Finance Division that the War Indemnity (indennita di bombardamente aurenza) should continue to be paid, directly by the state or commune, despite the prohibition of such payment to employees in private concerns by the Instituto de Previdenza Sociale (ref. Special Administrative Instructions-Finance No. 5-AMG 9/2.21/F dated 25 August 43).

2. A general revision of salaries of government civil servants is now being prepared by this office, but cannot possibly be completed previous to 27 Sept. I suggest that previous salaries, including payment of War Indemnity, be paid from the current month, pending general revision.

DAVID A. M BEE
Captain, A.C.
Director, Labor Division
AMGOT Headquarters

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Float

AMGOT/2050/F.

Financing Wine Industry.

Finance Officer,
through S.C.A.O. Trapani Province.

23 Sep 3.

1. With reference to your note of 17th Sept., the policy of this Headquarters as regards financing the wine industry has been communicated to the S.C.A.O. Trapani by Col. Spofford's letter of 8th Sept. and Lt-Col. Hayes' (Chief Civilian Supply) of 14th Sept. Summarised, it is that this Headquarters cannot undertake direct financing of the wine industry by AMGOT; such financing should be undertaken by the banks, to whom the wineries should apply for needed loans.

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

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SUBJECT:- Executive Council Meeting. AMGOT/31/HQ
AFHQ IN SICILY
TO:- Members of Executive Council. 23 September 1943

It is requested that items for the Agenda of the 12th Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hrs on Friday, 24 September 1943, be handed to the Secretary by 0930 hrs Friday, 24 September 1943.

Paul van Heukelom, A.C.

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

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Secretary War Diary
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Flood

AMCOT/18/11.

Visits of Officers.

AMCOT Liaison.

23 Sep. 5.

1. Reference your AL/L/191 of 21 Sep.45.

2. This H.Q. agreed to visits from officers at Mind Cusco when the suggestion was made some time ago. In the circumstances we must agree to this application.

Lt Col
CLIFFORD H. CROFFORD,
Colonel, C. E. C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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Hook

AMGG/CRO/P.1.

Palermo Command - Commission to Treasm.

23 Sep. 3.

Dear Gilberston,

In reply to your PALCOM/P/2 dated 22nd September, 43. Approval cannot be given to the retention by Treasm from current revenues of the arrears of commission due prior to occupation. At the present time no set-offs in respect of similar items which include advances by banks etc. have been allowed.

Treasm must pay over into Communal Treasury the full amount collected less their current rate of commission. The amount representing their current rate of commission will be banked by them in a blocked account by their own existing bank, from which account you will authorise releases for necessary expenses on salaries etc., from time to time.

Major, T.W. Gilbertson,
Revenue Officer,
Palermo.

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Copy for: File P/ .

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Contributi Sindacali.

AMGOT/CRO/B.7.

Revenue Officer
through S.C.A.O. Agrigento Province.

23 Sep. 3.

With reference to the point raised during my visit, I am informed that :

(i) It is intended to retain the Ufficio Provinciale dei Contributi Unificati per Agrigento to prepare the rolls for 1944.

(ii) The 1943 rolls prepared do show in separate columns the contributi, which will not now be collected vide 7(b) of the AMGOT/2037/F letter dated 25th August, ~~and the enclosed~~ letter in Italian which was intended for each Esattore.

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

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Tobacco Monopoly.

AMGOT/CRO/B.1.

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

23 Sep 3.

In continuation of letter of above reference dated 27th September. The Isp. Comp. di Monopoli will be visiting Catania again shortly and will then submit detailed estimates for the repair of the Catania Manifattura to the extent necessary to repair the building and protect the existing machinery and plant.

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

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Goal

AMGOT/3034/PH
AMGOT HQ SICILY
19 September 1943

RE: Monthly Reports on Public Assistance Granted.

TO: All SCAO's

Attached is a supply of report forms which are for the use of the Communes and Provinces in making monthly reports to Headquarters for the attention of the Public Health Division (Public Welfare Section).

The unit of local government administering the public assistance program (including relief, child welfare, institutions for juveniles, aged, blind, deaf, and dependent persons) should prepare these reports.

The first report required is for August 1943, and for each subsequent month the report should be forwarded not later than the 10th of the following month.

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

Encl.

AMGOT/3034/PH
AMGOT HQ SICILY 738
19 September 1943

Soggetto: Rapporto mensile delle concessioni date all Publica Assistenza

Indirezzata a: Tutti SCAO's

Qui unito, alcune schede, le quali serviranno ai Comuni e Provincie per fare il loro rapporto mensile al Quartiere Generale dello Publica Assistenza.

Il rapporto sarc fatto dagli Uffici locali della Assistenza Publica e riguardano, sussidio, assistenza per l'infanzia, Istituti per giovani, vecchi, ciechi, sordi e persone bisognose.

Il primo rapporto domandato e per il mese di agosto 1943, e per ogni mese

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonnello, G.S.C.
Ufficiale Capo

NOTE: English translation given above.

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Governo Militare Alleato per la Sicilia

Comune di ..... Provincia di .....

Rapporto della Pubblica Assistenza

Mese di .....

1) Nome dell'ufficio che dà la beneficenza: .....

.....

2) Misura massima del quotidiano sussidio.....

a) Per il capo di famiglia L. .....

b) Per la moglie facente da capo famiglia L. .....

c) Per figli maggiori facenti da capo famiglia L. .....

d) Per altri figli L. .....

e) Per altre persone conviventi L. .....

3) Numero di famiglie che hanno ricevuto il sussidio durante il mese: .....

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4) Numero delle persone beneficate: .....

5) Popolazione del comune nel mese precedente: .....

6) Sussidi pagati nel mese precedente L. .....

Osservazioni: Per i necessari controlli, il presente rapporto deve essere inviato in doppia copia alla sede centrale della Provincia entro il dieci di ogni mese. Una copia sarà, dalla sede centrale della Provincia, mandata all'A. M. G. O. T

Data d'invio..... Firma .....

Qualifica .....

or small, with as much detail as possible, must reach the Carabinieri officer in charge of each commune.

(b) All military weapons of every description not at present in the possession of the Carabinieri will be reported to the nearest carabinieri. Hand weapons will be delivered by the person in possession of finding such arms. The location of heavier weapons will be reported on ly.

(c) The location, kind and quantities of all enemy property as described above will be reported through regular Carabinieri channels to the Brigade Commander CC.RR. at Palermo.

(d) A special Ordnance Detachment is now attached to I.B.S. which is in charge of the collection and disposition of the military property described in this paragraph. He will deal with the Carabiniere through the Superintendent of Civil Police, AMGOT.

5. Marine Mines

There have been reports of marine mines becoming loose and constituting a menace in certain harbours and on beaches of the Island. 736 The presence of any such marine mines in areas under the jurisdiction of U.S.A. and/or U.S.N. should be reported at once through channels to the Brigade Commander CC.RR. at Palermo. The disposition of marine mines will be undertaken by the Commandant N.O.B. U.S.N. at Palermo.

6. The provisions of this directive will be carried out under the general supervision of S.C.A.P.O's on duty in the several provinces.

7. Instructions covering the above subjects in areas under the

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6. The provisions of this directive will be carried out under the general supervision of S.C.A.P.O's on duty in the several provinces.

7. Instructions covering the above subjects in areas under the jurisdiction of British units have been requested.

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

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AMGOT/CRO/P.9.

Revenue Officer,
through S.C.A.O. Trapani Province.

23 Sep. 3.

Please arrange for Sig. Manardi to come to Palermo to assist at this H.Q. on certain Revenue work.

He will be paid L.1,000 a month by this H.Q. as additional expenses arising out of his transfer from Trapani.

You should give him a permit to come to Palermo, and arrange if possible for him to come in by train or on the courier if a seat is vacant.

He must make his own arrangements for accommodation here and report to Lt-Col. Cross, C.R.O. AMGOT H.Q. - Via Bari 8 - on the morning after his arrival.

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

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Flour

AMGOT/2050/F..

Tobacco Monopoly.

Finance Officer,
through S.C.A.O. Palermo Province. 23 Sep. 3.

Approval is given for the expenditure of up to L.1,~~500~~150,000 for repairs to the property and plant of the Manifattura at Palermo.

The detailed estimates are attached, the work is to be carried out by direct labour under the control of the Ingeniere at the Manifattura.

A copy of a letter sent to the Insp. Comp. di Monopoli is attached.

You will advance the necessary funds through the H. Tesoreria A/c at the Banca d'Italia.

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

Copy to: File CHO/B.1.

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Approvazione preventivo.

AMGOT/CRO/B.1.

Sig. DeLorenzo.
Ispettore Compartimentale di Monopoli, Palermo. 23 Sep 43.

e.p.c. All' Intendente di Finanza, Palermo.

Vi ai comunica che i stato approvata la somma di L.1,150,000, per le riparazioni occorrenti nella Manifattura dei Tabacchi. Detta approvazione si da conformemente al preventivo presentato da Voi.

(Sgd) A.F. CROSS.

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

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Float

AMOE/333/PH

Medical Boards

S.A.P.H.Q., Asmara, through S.C.A.O.

23 Sept. 3

Ref. your 1016/H/AG dated 20 September. A medical statement of the case should accompany the application for a medical board.

D. GORDON CUSHEN
Colonel
Director of Public Health

DGC/ja

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Disposal of Marine Mines — AMGOT/1101/PS

AMGOT Liaison Officer with 15th Army Group

Sept. 20, 3

1. Arrangements have been completed with the Commandant N.O.B. U.S.N., Palermo for the disposal of any loose marine mines on beaches or in adjacent waters on the coast line of Sicily under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Navy. I am informed that the remaining coast line is under the control of the Royal Navy.

2. The procedure to be followed with N.O.B. U.S.N. at Palermo is that they will be advised by the Brigade Commander, C.C.R.R., of the location of any such loose mine and thereafter undertake the disposition of such mine.

3. It is requested that similar arrangements be made with the appropriate officer of the Royal Navy and that we be advised of the procedure to be followed, the location and commander of the office to which reports are to be submitted.

L/B

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

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: New Classification

FILE No. AMG/T9003/Lab

TO: Island Base Section, APO 758, U.S., Army
(Attention: Lt Col R.W. Router)

AMGOT HQ., SICILY
23 Sept 1943

1. Reference your letter dated 19 Sept., same subject.

2. Investigation and analysis discloses proposed rate for salesgirls too high. A minimum of 50 and a maximum of 60 would more closely approximate the situation.

3. Preoccupation scale was:

(a) Appendiste (16 - 20 anni)	Salary 1457 per mo.
(b) Aiuto commersa	Salary 1650.35 per mo.
(c) Commersa	Salary 1877 per mo.
(d) Sarvagliante	Salary 1162.25 per mo.
(e) Faitorino (male)	Salary 2813.55 per mo.

4. No information yet available on seamstress but reports thus far indicate proposed scale too high. Will submit further details.

For the Commanding General;

DAVID A. MORSE
Captain, A.C.
Director, Labor Division
AMGOT Headquarters

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: New Classification

FILE No. AMG 370.2/Lab

TO: Island Base Section, APO 758, U.S. Army
(Attention: Lt Col R.W. Reuter)

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

23 Sept 1943

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2. Investigation and analysis discloses proposed rate for saleagirls too high. A minimum of 50 and a maximum of 60 would more closely approximate the situation.

3. Preoccupation scale was:

(a) Appendiste (16 - 20 anni) Salary L45 per mo.
(b) Aiuto commersa Salary L650.85 per mo.
(c) Commersa Salary L877 per mo.
(d) Sarvegliante Salary L1162.25 per mo.
(e) Faitorin (male) Salary L813.55 per mo.

4. No information yet available on seamstress but reports thus far indicate proposed scale too high. Will submit further details.

For the Commanding General;

DAVID A. [illegible]
Captain, A.C.
Director, Labor Division
AMGOT Headquarters

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Wages, foundry foremen

FILE No. AMG TO 3/Lab

TO: US Naval Operating Base, Palermo
(Attention: H.A. Dudley, Lt., USNR)

AMGOT HQ., SICILY
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Reference: Letter dated 22 Sept 1943

1. Your proposal for increasing wages paid to foundry leadmen is within the verbal agreement made with N O B (reference memo. NOB - Lt Comdr J.W. Rowe, dated 7 Sept 43) authorizing payment of leadmen up to 25% above scale of mechanics.

2. You have the authorization of this office to increase the pay of the employees listed in your letter of 22 Sept 43 from L110 to L135, effective from 12 Sept.

For the Commanding General:

DAVID A. MORSE
Captain, A.C.
Director, Labor Division
AMGOT Headquarters

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Float

Drawing Tea in Bulk for AMGOT Officers' Mess. AMGOT/254/HQ.

B.C.A.O.
Syracuse Province.

23 Sep. 3.

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1. By direction of General Rennell I wrote 15th Army Group inquiring whether it would be possible to draw tea in bulk for the AMGOT Officers' Mess, Palermo. A reply has come from Capt. Farrer, Staff Captain, AMGOT Liaison, a copy of which is enclosed, advising that arrangements were made for such drawing at 15 D.I.D. Syracuse, subject to our Headquarters providing transport. The jeep which carries Lt.Col. Jenny with this letter can provide transport to bring back the tea.

2. We should greatly appreciate it if you would have one of your staff go to 15 D.I.D. and draw a quantity of tea for 87 officers. If possible a supply for about a month should be drawn so as to avoid troubling you too often. If the tea is drawn, would you please have it delivered to the driver of the abovementioned jeep for delivery to the AMGOT Officers' Mess, Palermo. I presume that 15 D.I.D. would be content with the signature of your officer on behalf of this Mess on any indent or requisition that may be necessary.

R. B. [illegible]
Lieut-Colonel.,
Chairman,
AMGOT Officers' Mess Council.

SUBJECT: Payment of Indemnita di Presenza.

TO: Finance Division, AMGOT Headquarter

FILE No. AMGOT 9006/Lab

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

23 Sept. 1943

Reference: Special Administrative Instructions - Finance No. 5 AMGOT/2021/F dated 25 Aug. 43.

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1. Special Administrative Instruction Finance No. 5, which ordered the Instituto della Previdenza Sociale to stop payment of their part of the Indemnita Giornaliera di Presenza has caused some uncertainty as to whether or not payments of the Indemnita di Presenza should continue to be paid by private employers; and whether or not Government employees were to continue to receive their "indemnita di bombardamento".

2. Facts regarding the payment of the "indemnita di presenza" for the period previous to Allied Occupation for workers employed in private industry are as follows:

a. Areas subject to bombardment - 15 lire (L 8 paid by employer; (L 7 paid by Instituto della Previdenza Sociale

b. Areas not subject to bombardment - 8 lire paid by employer.

c. In the areas subject to bombardment, the employer paid the entire 15 lire, and was re-imbursed by the "Instituto".

d. The 8 lire paid by the employer was actually a hidden wage increase, and was not in reality a war indemnity, since it applied to all areas in Sicily, including those not subject to aerial attack.

3. It is recommended that:

a. The payment of the 8 lire, payable directly by the employer be continued, and that Administrative Instructions - Finance No. 5 be amended to so state.

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3. It is recommended that:

a. The payment of the 8 lire, payable directly by the employer be continued, and that Administrative Instructions - Finance No. 5 be amended to so state.

b. The "Indemnita di bombardemente" for government employers be continued, since this was not paid by the Instituto della Previdenza Sociale. This payment to be continued pending conclusion of wage studies for government employees now being made by the Labor Division.

DAM/tbw

DAVID A. MORSE,
Captain, A.C.,
Director, Labor Division,
AMGOT Headquarters.

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Floal

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"BY FAST" AIR" (TO [illegible]ANIA)
"URGENT" (TO MESSINA)

TRANSPORT SECTION

AMGOT/217/13

R.C.A.O. CATANIA
S.C.A.O. MESSINA

23rd September 3

No trace can be found in this office of the return requir
under para 4 of AMGOT letter AMGOT/217/TS dated 29th August 1943.

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This return was due from you on 12th September 1943. It
been received from all other Provinces, and yours is urgently req

There is forwarded herewith another copy of the letter ca
for the return in case the original did not reach you.

Please submit this return without delay.

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

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7 Coal

AMGOT/217/HQ

Vehicle Transfer

British Transport Officer 25 Sept. 3

Number 6 Str Car -- WD No 4575686

1. 15 Army Group have authorised the transfer of this car to AMGOT in their letter 15 AG/B410/2/Q dated 15th Sep. 43. and this car should therefor be taken on your strength.

2. AFG1033 in duplicate has been received from GHQ Car Coy and 724
these vouchers are now forwarded to you for action.

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

Copy to NA to CCAO

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Request for Personnel

AMGOT/5133/CS

C. C. C., 15th Army Group

23 Sept. 3

1. Request that Major C. H. Sykes, S & T FORKBASE, be relieved of his present assignment and assigned to Headquarters, AMGOT.

2. This Headquarters is charged with the responsibility of organizing exports. The opportunity of shipping some of the extensive surpluses of citrus fruits and other valuable foodstuffs to Malta and the United Kingdom is just presenting itself with the approach of the citrus season and the easing of the port situation on the east coast of Sicily. Major Sykes is ideally suited to this assignment in view of his experience in purchasing work for the Ministry of Food and local resources work for the Army in the Near East and Sicily.

WLB/jfl

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

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Public Health and Welfare
S.C.A.O., Catania.

Final AGOT/3012/F

23 Sept. 3

1. The reports on Public Health and Welfare sent in by you on 13 Sept. have been noted.

2. Bread Rations and Black Markets.
Item 23 on the Welfare Report has had particular attention. This H.Q. understands that more trucks have been made available and that the bread ration is being raised to 150 grams. Kindly confirm.

As regards the black market conditions Public Safety have been given your report on this and are taking all possible measures to rectify the situation. Kindly advise this H.Q. of all developments in the Black Market and of all steps now being taken in your Province to further combat this ~~malignant~~ impediment to a fair distribution of grain and flour.

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

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AMGOT/5085/CS

Grain Supplies.
S.C.A.O., Catania.

23 Sept. 3

1. Re your dispatch under date of 14 Sept. 43, para. 15 thereof reply is as follows for your information.

2. Under present plans and operations the Provinces of Enna, Caltanissetta and Agrigento must furnish grain supplies as follows:

Enna to Syracuse and Messina
Agrigento to Trapeni
Caltanissetta to Ragusa

3. Any augmentation of grain products to Catania Province must come from imported sources.

JTZ/tbw

JOHN T. ZELLARS,
Colonel, Infantry,
Acting Director Civilian
Supply and Resources.

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AMGOT HQ.
POSTAL SECTION

File 2001/P

23 September 1943

SUBJECT: Civilian Mail.

TO : Talbert D. Jessup, Supervisor Field Service American Red Cross, HQ. 7th Army, A.P.O. 758.

1. Your letter of 10 September 1943 refer to this office and per your request wish to inform you that civilian mail for the island of Sicily is handled by the Postal Section of AMGOT HQ.

2. The officers in charge of this Section are Capt. S. H. Head and Lt. G. Alasia.

GUIDO A. ALASIA,
1st Lt., A.G.D.,
Postal Section.

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AMGOT/4057/L.

Labour Agreements.

S.L.O. Ragusa (through S.C.A.O.)

23rd Sept. 3.

Reference your letter SL/4 of 16th Sept. 1943 and enclosure, under instructions which will shortly be issued it is provided that the substantive wage, hour and conditions of employment provisions of existing collective labour agreements will be continued pending study and revision.

H.E. ROWE,
Lieut.Col.;
D. C. L. O.

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AMGOT/3018/MI

Medical Officer--Disposal of

Capt., Graham, 7th Army Group

23 Sept. 3

Can you please inform this Office of the whereabouts and disposal of Medical Officer Captain Ugo Diotasio who was at Villasetta, Agrigento Province, as AMGOT would, if possible, like to make use of him.

D. Gordon Chisholm

D. GORDON CHISHOLM
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

GMF/ja

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Medical Stores

AMGT/3002/PH

S.A.P.M.O., Messina, through S.C.A.O.

23 Sept. 3

Ref. 4/6/H dated 18 Sept. from S.A.P.M.O. Bari, Copy to this Office. Kindly investigate at once.

If the report is true, supplies other than biologicals should be sent to Caltanissetta by arrangement with O i/c Central Medical Stores.

Biologicals, if present, should be placed in cold storage immediately and report as to nature and quantity sent to this Office.

D. GORDON GREEN
Colonel
Director of Public Health

GGG/ja

Copy:-S.A.P.M.O. Bari for information.
Copy:-O i/c Central Medical Stores,
Caltanissetta for information.

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Plus 5 AMGOT/3018/MH

Medical Officer - Disposal of

AMGOT Mission, 15th Army Group 23 Sept. 3

Can you please inform this Office of the whereabouts and disposal of Medical Officer Captain Antonio Lazzara, Hospital No. 8, Caltagirone, as AMGOT would, if possible, like to make use of him.

D. GORDON CHEYNE
Colonel
Director of Public Health

GMC/ja

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SUBJECT: Gene[illegible] Military Court.
Case of Gaspano CATANESE - Review. AMGOT/4.016/1.

22nd Sept. 43.

TO: C.C.A.O.

1. The above-named was tried by a General Military Court at Palermo for wire-cutting in contravention of Proclamation 2, Article I, Section 13. He was found guilty and sentenced to five years imprisonment.

2. A transcript of the whole proceedings is attached. The sentence requires review under Proclamation 4, Article VII, as it is over two years, and there is a Petition attached from the accused against the conviction and sentence which is attached to the proceedings.

3. The grounds of the petition are that the accused is illiterate, that he had no wrong intent, and that he acted in good faith believing the wire to be abandoned wire.

4. None of the grounds of the petition is sufficient to justify setting aside the conviction. With regard to sentence, the offence is a very serious one, the accused admits in his appeal that he knew the wire was telephone wire and he acted at his own peril in cutting it. I advise that the sentence be not reduced, that no action be taken on review and that the Petition be dismissed.

H. E. ROWE,
Lieut. Col.,
D. C. L. C.

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SUBJECT: General Military Court. AMGOT/1016/1.
Case of Guiseppe MANASCO - Review.

22nd September, 1943.

TO: C.C.A.O.

1. The above-named was tried by a General Military Court at Palermo for wire-cutting in contravention of Proclamation 2, Article I, Section 13. He was found guilty and sentenced to three years imprisonment.

2. A transcript of the whole proceedings is attached. The sentence requires review under Proclamation 4, Article VII as it is over two years.

3. There is no suggestion of sabotage in the case, but the offence is a very serious one and I advise no action be taken on review.

H. E. ROWE,
Lieut.Col.,
D. C. I. C.

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SUBJECT: Alleged Theft by American Soldiers.

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY
AMGOT/100/PS
23 September 1943

TO : Provost Marshal,
7th Army.

1. Attached is a statement respecting the alleged theft by American soldiers of a motor car, wallets and cash from Sicilians on 9 September 43 on the road near PIRGUA.

2. The vehicle was later seen at PIAZZA ARMERINA travelling towards CALTAGIRONE.

3. The report is forwarded to you for any action you deem necessary.

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

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Disposition of Land Mines, Unexploded Bombs, etc.

AMGOT/1101/PS

Supt. Civil Police

Sept. 20, 3

1. There is attached draft Directive covering policy to be followed with reference to disposal of land mines, unexploded bombs, etc. for the collection and disposition of all enemy ammunition and weapons of all types and for the report of loose marine mines in local harbors or on beaches.

2. Disposition of bombs, mines, etc. referred to in Para. 3 is to be accomplished by the Carabinieri.

3. Collection and disposition of ammunition and weapons referred to in Para. 4 will be under the direction of Major Elmer H. Braun, Ord-Sec. Room 43 I.B.S. Via Bari - Phone Clover 48.

4. Reports of marine mines should be made to the Commandant N.O.B., U.S.N., Phone Cadet 601 Br. 25 N.E. Cor. Shipyard, Palermo City.

5. You will be advised later in reference to procedure covering marine mines in water under Royal Navy jurisdiction.

6. N.O.B. is willing to undertake disposal of unexploded bombs on land within a reasonable distance of Palermo City.

7. Please arrange the necessary details for putting the provisions of the directive into effect.

LEROY BOLLES,
Col. Inf,
Commissioner of
Public Safety

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SUBJECT : Bomb and Mine Disposal

AMGOT/1101/PS

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

September, 1943.

1. Reports indicate the presence in many places on the Island of large numbers of land mines, unexploded bombs, duds, etc. These constitute a serious menace to both military and civilians

2. The military authorities are dealing with the above wherever a threat exists to military operations. The removal of all other bombs, mines, etc., is the responsibility of the local Sicilian Governmental agencies.

3. This will be accomplished as follows :

(a) Reports. It is the duty of all persons having knowledge of the location of any land mine, unexploded bomb, dud artillery projectile etc. to report the facts without delay to the nearest Police Station or Carabiniere.

(b) Reconnaissance. Directions have been issued by the Commanding General, Carabinieri Reali, providing for the further steps required to protect the public pending final disposal of the bombs, mines. etc. This will include proper marking of the danger area, warning to all persons in the vicinity, evacuation where necessary and procurement of the services of a bomb disposal unit.

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(c) Disposition. Untrained persons are forbidden to tamper with any type of ammunition bomb or mine. The disposal of these instruments is a highly technical procedure and hazardous to untrained persons.

Special arrangements for disposal of the foregoing are under arrangement by the Carabinieri Reali.

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4. Unused military ammunition, arms and explosives

(a) Quantities of military ammunition and explosives of various sorts have been abandoned by the enemy. This should be reported to the nearest Carabinieri or other police officer at once. The exact location of all such stocks, great or small ...../

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Public Safety Division Bulletin No. 6.

S.C.A.O. SIRACUSA.

24 September 3

Reference your PS/415 dated 19 Sep 43.

Enclosed herewith are 6 copies of Public Safety Bulletin No. 6 as requested.

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Lt.Col. L. [illegible],
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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P.O.W.s in Civilian Hospitals.
H.Q., FORTRASE. Ref. 174.

AFHQ/353/ID

21st September 3

Reference your memorandum 109A of 10th August 1943.

1. Owing to the pressure of work in the Provinces, reports on the above subject are coming in very slowly.

2. Reports covering the Provinces of Syracuse and Trapani are enclosed. In the case of Trapani, as you will see, the report is incomplete and from other Provinces only skeleton returns have so far been received.

3. In view of this long delay, which is much regretted but which will inevitably be prolonged, it is thought that possibly the returns will be too late to be of any value to you.

4. Please instruct this Headquarters as to your requirements in this matter.

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

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Subject:- Telephone Directory Amendments

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AMGOT HQ, SICILY.

21 Sep 43

Communications Engineer,
Industries and Resources Section,
Civil Supply Division (Room 43).

Changes have to-day been made in the disposition of Finance Division officers at AMGOT HQ, necessitating changes in the telephone directory.

The entry for this Division should now read as follows:-

		Ext.
Room No. 35	CFT - Maj J.R. Knight	18
Room No. 36	CFO - Col A.P. Grafftey-Smith	19
Room No. 37	Clerks -	20
Room No. 38	DCFO - Lt-Col R.B. Menapace	21
Room No. 1	CRO - Lt-Col A.F. Cross DCRO - Maj B.D. Nash	-

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

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Captured Documents.

G.2,
A.F.H.Q.

21st September 3

Reference 15 Army Group memorandum 15AG/20/1025GSI(a) of 10th September 1943, a copy of which was forwarded to you.

1. 15 Army Group inform us that, with the exception of the Italian Government Bonds mentioned in para 1(h) of the memorandum under reference, all the non-tactical documents listed on that memorandum have been sent to you.

2. As these documents are of interest to AMGOT, this Headquarters will be obliged if you will forward them at your convenience.

E. Fulford Capt

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

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SUBJECT: Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles.

AMGOT/1850/PS

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

21 September 1943.

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

1. Reali Automobili Club d'Italia. (R.A.C.I.).

Arrangements will be made to re-establish as soon as possible the offices of the Reali Automobili Club d'Italia. The club operated on a provincial basis and was responsible for the issue of motor vehicle licences, etc., and the collection of resulting revenue.

According to present information, the provincial officers of the club are as follows:-

Palermo	D'Amico. Cav. Uff. Francesco.
Messina	Ing. Mario Cannistraci.
Catania	Dott. Orazio Giuffrida.
Siracusa	Pupillo Dott. Franco.
Trapani	Giannitrapani Dott. Franco.
Caltanissetta	Sciascia Dott. Ferdinando.
Agrigento	Castellana Dott. Pietro.
Ragusa	Pappalardo Geom. Domenico.
Enna	Bruno Prof. Salvatore.

2. Other Agencies concerned with the Registration of Motor Vehicles.

Other agencies hitherto concerned with the registration of motor vehicles are as follows:-

(a) Ispettorato Generale della Motorizzazione Civile.

This agency is under the control of a Director whose office is in Palermo. A subsidiary office is located in Catania; an Engineer Inspector is appointed to each province. The Director is taking steps to re-establish the Inspectorship throughout the Island.

(b) Utenti Motori Agricoli.

This agency which operated on a provincial basis and controlled agricultural vehicles will not be re-established. The registration of agricultural vehicles will be undertaken by the Inspectorship at 2 (a), while the allocation of fuel supplies will be made by the Provinciale Consorzio Agrario.

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3. S.C.A.P.O's should report by 30 Sep 1943

(a) as to whether R.A.C.I. is in a position to operate;

(b) as to their present stocks of licences, etc., and

(c) their estimated requirements for 1943.

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

Copies to :

AMGOT Liaison
AMGOT 8 Army Reg. II
AMGOT 5th Army Reg. III
Civil Supplies Division.

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SUBJECT: Notices - Arrest and Detention.

AMGOT/1046/PS

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

20 September 1943.

TO : S.C.A.Os. (all Provinces).

Enclosed are notices to be circulated to each prison. Will you please cause these to be issued.

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

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

No person will be admitted TO/or detained in this institution unless the arresting authorities, (either Allied Military or Civil Agencies) comply with the Regulations of furnishing all necessary information, i.e:

Name of Arresting Official,

Organization,

Date of Arrest,

Where arrested,

Charge, and other pertinent information.

By Order of,

LEMUEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.
A.M.G.O.T.

GOVERNO MILITARI ALLEATO.

Nessuna persona sara' ammessa o detenuta in questo stabilimento a meno che le Autorita' Arrestatrici, (o le Agenzie Civili o Militari alleate) adempiono, secondo la prescrizione del Regolamento, tutte le necessarie informazioni nel modo seguente:

Nome dell'Ufficiale che arresta=

Organizzazione=

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Nome dell'Ufficiale che arresta=

Organizzazione=

Data dell'arresto=

Luogo dell'arresto=

Imputazione=

ed altre opportune informazioni.

Per ordine,

LEMUEL L. BOLLES,
Colonnello, Fanteria,
Commissario di Publica Sicurezza.
A.M.G.O.T.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AID TO DISCHARGED PRISONERS IN SICILY.

AMGOT/1091/PS

21 Sept. 1943.

In order to assist prisoners on liberation the following ruling has been arrived at :

1. A prisoner who has served a sentence of not less than one year may receive a grant up to 200 Lire, paid immediately on liberation.

2. A discharged prisoner in residence in the locality of the prison would normally receive a railway ticket to his place of residence, but as this is impossible at the present time a sum of 100 lire will be paid to aid means of travel.

3. A person who has been detained in prison awaiting trial by court may, on liberation, be granted aid for travelling up to 100 lire.

These payments will be made by the Prison direct and charged against Prison Account as aid to prisoners on liberation.

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

ISTRUZIONI PER L'AIUTO AI PRIGIONIERI SCARCERATI IN SICILIA

AMGOT/1091/PS

21 Sett. 1943.

Per assistere i detenuti liberati dalle Carceri sono stabilite le seguenti norme :

1. Un detenuto che ha scontato la pena di non meno di un anno puo' ricevere una somma fino a 200 lire che verra' pagata immediatamente all' atto di liberazione.

2. Un detenuto scarcerato vicino la localita' della sua residenza, normalmente riceverebbe un biglietto di ferrovia per il luogo di residenza, ma siccome questo e' oggi impossibile gli sara' pagata una somma di lire 100 per i mezzi di viaggio.

3. Una persona che e' stata detenuta in carcere per attendere il giudizio del tribunale, puo', all'atto di liberazione ricevere aiuto per via-

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3. Una persona che e' stata detenuta in carcere per attendere il giudizio del tribunale, puo', all'atto di liberazione ricevere aiuto per viaggiare fino a lire 100.

Questi pagamenti saranno fatti dal direttore del cacere e segnati sulle Spese del Carcere come aiuto ai prigionieri liberandi.

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LEMUEL L. BOLLES,
Colonnello, Fanteria,
Commissario di Publica Sicu[illegible]a.

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SUBJECT: Regolamenti Communali.

AMGOT/1057/S

AMGOT HQ. SICILY

13th September, 1943.

TO: All S.C.A.Os

1. According to Italian Law (R.D. 3 Marzo 1934) Regolamenti Communali are required in all cases to be submitted to the Prefect for approval. In certain categories of cases, Regolamenti Communali are also submitted to the Council of the Prefettura and the Provincial Giunta for advice, and in others the approval of the Central Government has also to be obtained.

2. To enable Regolamenti Communali to be made by the Communes at the present time, the accompanying Administrative Instruction has been issued. Notice thereof should be given to the Prefect and Communes.

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

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HEADQUARTERS AMGOT

SICILY

AMGOT/4037/L

21st September 1943

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 19.

The following instructions have been issued:-

As from the date hereof until further notice, Regolamenti Communali shall be made in accordance with the following procedure:-

1. Regolamenti Communali will be submitted to the Prefect of the Province for approval after being made.

2. The Prefect will not submit Regolamenti Communali to the Council of the Prefettura or to the Provincial Giunta for advice or to the Central Government for approval.

3. The Prefect will after considering Regolamenti Communali received by him for approval submit the same to the Senior Civil Affairs Officer of the Province with his recommendations.

4. The Senior Civil Affairs Officer, after considering the Regolamenti Communali together with the recommendations of the Prefect and of the Civil Affairs Officer (if any) for the Commune, issue directions to the Prefect to approve or refuse approval of the Regolamenti.

5. Regolamenti Communali, after approval by the Prefect as abovementioned shall be of full force and effect.

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

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Provincial Boundaries 3/HQ

S.C.A.C., Catania

Sept. 22 3

Please forward your views on the proposal for the inclusion of "The coign of Indica" in Enna Province which is contained in the following extract from an Enna Province Report:

"The boundaries of the new Province were drawn with little regard for administrative convenience. Influence and money were used to include or exclude districts. These provincial boundaries mattered less in the days before the occupation since Rome was slowly undermining the structure of local government and had so far achieved its purpose that it had not been thought worth while to set up provincial headquarters for many services, which still depended on Caltanissetta, Catania and Messina. The correction of the boundaries by the Military Government has begun, since the policy of rebuilding the local government system and increasing its responsibilities has made it necessary. The inclusion of Capizzi, Cesaro and Mirabella in the Province of Enna is a sound reform, but more are needed. The coign of Indica belongs to the dowland of Enna and not the Catania plain, at least the Comune of Raddusa should be annexed to it, while the towns of Barrafranca and Pietraperzia astride the roads leading from Caltanissetta to the coast of that Province are awkward and resentful members of the Enna family."

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

Copy to S.C.A.C., Enna
For information.

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Delete in the Chief of Ordnance Fall Supplies for Region I for Period D+30 to D+270:-

1. 4 Methyl Bromide Gyrool fumigation chambers with fan and gasoline engine.
   600 previous cloth bags for holding individual clothing in chamber.
   100 Hospital conical bags for Methyl Bromide fumigation.
   80,000 -- 20 ozs capsules Methyl Bromide.
   200 Horse hands for ¾ inch pipe.
   200 valves for ¾ inch pipe.
   2,000 feet ¾ inch piping.
   50 elbows for ¾ inch pipe.

Delivery to be effected on D + 90.

Copies
[illegible] Col. Hunn, 3 Army.
Maj. Johnson, 8 Army, for information and such action you may consider necessary for your Regions.

D L Cres
D. CRESS GEORGE.
Colonel.
Director of Public Health.

GF/arh.

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AMGOT/1101/15.

Disposal of Unexploded Bombs.

AMGOT Advance - 15 Army Group,
Bomb Disposal Officer. 20 Sep. 43.

1. In order to dispose of unexploded bombs, mines, etc., constituting a menace to the civil population in Sicily, arrangements have been made for doing most of this thru the C.C.R.R. since military personnel is not available for the purpose.

2. It is proposed to organise one or more bomb disposal units from Italian ex military personnel to operate under the C.C.R.R. Since, however, this is a highly technical matter it is essential that a bomb disposal expert be available to instruct and supervise these units. No such officer is at present available at 7th Army or A.F.H.Q. nor on duty with AMGOT. The detail should not be more than temporary.

3. It is requested that a bomb disposal expert be made available to these headquarters for the above purpose either from the Italian, British, or U.S. armies or navies at the earliest date possible.

4. At the same time will you explore the possibility of securing the service of a unit of the Italian Army especially trained for bomb and mine disposal, which could possibly be made available for duty in Sicily.

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

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AMGOT/1138/PS

Collection of Enemy Arms, Ammn, etc.

AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group.

20th September 3

A project is under way in the Island Base Section U.S. for collecting all enemy fire-arms, and other weapons of various sorts together with all ammunition, explosives etc. for the purpose of salvage and re-issue. This is being carried out by an Ordnance Detachment attached to I.B.S.

An extensive degree of cooperation upon the part of civilians is involved.

Will you advise what, if anything, of a similar nature is contemplated in Eighth Army area under British direction. If this is being done, will you advise the units, commanders and addresses with whom AMGOT and Italian officials should coordinate.

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

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Float

Subject:- Assegni Circolari and Vaglie Cambiari.

AMGOT/2043/F.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

20th Sep 43.

To: All F.O's and C.A.Os.
through the S.C.A.O. in each Province.

1. It is contrary to instructions for any AMGOT officer to accept Assegni Circolari or Vaglie Bancari as cash. General Administrative Instruction No.3 Financial Instructions to C.A.Os of 15th June, para 2 (c) cautions; "No payments are to be made on account of Vaglie Bancari and Assegni Circolari". The subject of these instruments is further mentioned in Special Administrative Instructions to Bank Controllers - Finance No.3 in para. 9 (v) and again in para. 20. The latter says; "20. 'Assegni Circolari and Vaglie Bancari' No bank reopened for business under any conditions above outlined shall issue or honor or pay out any funds on such paper, either on new business side or the old business side."

2. In spite of these warnings that the instruments in question should not be acceptable as cash, certain C.A.O's have reported having treated them as such, and have accepted Assegni Circolari as cash received for sales of articles made by AMGOT etc.

3. S.C.A.Os, F.Os, and C.A.Os should not accept Assegni Circolari or Vaglia Cambiari as cash.

4. The question of the ultimate disposition of these instruments is under consideration, but considerable time may elapse before the problem can be definitely resolved.

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

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Allied Control Commission
Public Safety Branch

AMGOT/1078/PS

21 September 3

Questore for TRAPANI.

C.C.A.O. TRAPANI.

With reference to your letters of 31 August and 17 Sept. it is felt, owing to conditions prevailing in PALERMO, that the transfer of Modica to Trapani is inadvisable.

The name of Lt. Colonel MANDANICI has been suggested for the post. He is an Officer in the CC.RR. and is at present commanding the Reserve Battalion of that Corps in PALERMO.

The delay in replying to your letter is regretted.

[illegible],
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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(To Lt. Col. Lord Wellesley,
S.C.A.O. CATANIA)

AMGOT/281/HQ

21st September 3

Dear

Since you wrote your letter of 11th September, the urgent requirements of Region 2 have forced me to take away four of your specialist officers.

I fully sympathise with your difficulties and the C.C.A.O. has given instructions that no C.A.O.s or C.A.P.O.s are to be taken from you for the present.

Yours sincerely,

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Ref.
FA&M
Palermo
Sopr. Gall.

AMGOT Hq.
21 Sept. 1943.

Memorandum to: Lt. Col. Thomas, SCAO Trapani
Attention Major Hildebrand, CAO Marsala.

1. Thanks are expressed for the prompt and full replies to enquiries about the Whitaker Property at San Pantaleo and about the Tapestries in the Cathedral.

2. It is requested that thanks be conveyed to the Archpriest of the Cathedral, Mons. Cusumano, for his care of the tapestries and for his publication.

3. It is hoped in the near future that it will be possible to visit Marsala and see both the tapestries and the museum at San Pantaleo.

Mason Hammond
Capt. AC
Adviser on Fine Arts and
Monuments.

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Purchase of Food.
S.C.A.O., Ragusa.

AMGOT/5033/CS

21 Sept. 3

1. Reference your PR/255 dated 18 Sept. 43.

2. The attention of Seventh Army has been called to this matter. Their existing orders forbid the purchase of meat by troops; but it is observed that the troops concerned are Army Air Corps over whom Seventh Army apparently has no jurisdiction.

3. If this purchase continues, you can probably do best therefore by approaching the Air Service Command direct.

GJH/tbr

JOHN T. ZELLARS,
Colonel, Infantry,
Acting Director Civilian
Supply and Resources.

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SUBJECT: Complaint against M.P.

AMGOT/4056/[redacted]4

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

20 September 1943.

TO : Provost Marshal General
Seventh Army.

The attached letter received from the Procuratore del Re (Procurator General) complaining of his treatment by the Military Police is forwarded for such action as may be considered necessary.

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

Copy to ; M.A. to C.C.A.O.

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COPY

Palermo, 18/9/1943.

PROCURA DEL RE
PALERMO

Il Procuratore del Re.

Ill.mo.
Sig. Presidente Della Commissione Legale
Presso il Governo Militare Alleato
Palermo.

Sento il dovere di ragguagliare la S.V.Ill.mo su un assai triste incidente, capitatomi ieri, 17 corrente, non tanto a difesa dalla mia modesta persona, ma sopratutto a tutela della dignità della carica che ho l'onore di rivestire.

Dopo il servizio di ufficio, verso le ore 2 p.m., avevo preso posto, cortesemente offertomi, nella macchina automobile del Comm. Dott. Sebastiano Gannaci, Direttore amministrativo della R. Università, per recarci assieme a S. Flavia, ove dimoriamo provissoriamente.

Durante il percorso per la via marina - Foro Italico, fummo varie volte fermati da agenti italiani e delle Forze Alleate, ma avendo mostrato il lasciapassare generale a me rilasciato il 10 decorso agosto dal Sig.Col. Russell A. Snook, fummo fatti prosequire. Se non che, giunti in contrada Sperone, all'angolo della biforcazione stradale per il Corso dei Mille, fummo avvicinati da un Military Police, ivi di servizio, che ci fece segno di dover deviare il cammino pel Corso dei Mille, assai più lungo e disagevole. Fecemmo atto di obbedienza, fermando subito la macchina ed io mostrando il mio lasciapassare. Mentre il Police stava leggendolo, sopravvenne in senso apposto una camionette con tre altri Militari Alleati credo anche della Polizia, ed uno di essi mi parve un Ifficiale - ai quali si avvicinò il Police di servizio sulla strada, esidendo loro il mio lasciapassare, quindi tornò presso la nostra vettura, restituendo il documendo e rinnovando il segnale di dover deviare il cammino. Io allora scesi dall'automobile con l'intenzione di rassegnare all'ufficiale della Polizia che ero il Procuratore del Re e componente il Comitato Italiano presso la Commissione Legale Alleata, nella speranza che ciò avesse potuto far modificare la sua decisione.

Ma non ebbi il tempo di attuare questo porposito, perché, mentre la macchina della Polizia si allontanava, il Police che era di servizio sulla strada mi afferò violente-

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Ora, se saggiamente é riprovato e punito, specie dal Governo Alleato, ogni abuso verso delinquenti ed arrestati, tanto meno dovrebbero essere consentiti in danno di onesti e vecchi funzionari, anche se appartenenti alla categoria dei vinti.

Ho esposto i fatti diffusamente per nulla tacere del doloroso accaduto. Ma, ove la S.V.Ill.ma ritenga che io abbia torto, valga tutto per non detto.

Con profondo ossequio

Devot.mo

Giuseppe Pelosi.

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abbia torto, [illegible]

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TRANSLATION

Palermo, September 18, 1943.

PROCURA DEL RE
PALERMO

King's Attorney.

Illustrious

President of the Legal Commission
Care of the Allied Military Government,
Palermo.

I feel it a duty to inform you in full about a very sad incident happened to me yesterday, on the 17th. of this month, not for my personal defence but for the defence of the dignity of my grade which I have the honor to invest.

After office hours, at about 1400 hours, I took place in the car of Comm. Dr. Salvatore Gannaci, Administrative Director of the R.University, who kindly offered a place in his car to go together to S.Flavia, where we temporary hive.

On the way through the via marina - Foro Italico, we were several times stopped by Italian agents and from the Allied Forces, but showing them the general pass issued to me on August 10,1943, by Col. Russell A.Snook, they made us go by. But when we arrived near Contrada Sperone at the junction for the Corso dei Mille, a military police on duty there, drew near us, and signaled us to turn towards Corso dei Mille, which way was longer and more difficult. We stopped the car and I showed him my pass and while he was looking at it we were about tc stir the car towards the direction the police indicated when a small truck came up from the opposite direction with three Allied militaries, I believe they were also polices, and one of the, I think was an officer, to whom the police walked to showing him my pass and than returned to our car, giving me back the document, renewing his signal to the direction already pointed out. I went down my car with the intention to present myself to the officer, to inform him that I was a[illegible] King's Attorney and member of the Italian Committe, in care of the Allied Legal Commission, with the hope that he would change his decision.

But I did [illegible] on time for the small truck with the polices left and the police that was on duty there seized me by the arm and violently pushed me toward my car and while I tried to get into, he stroke me twice on my

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But I did not ... on time for the small truck with the polices left and the police that was on duty there seized me by the arm and violently pushed me toward my car and while I tried to get into, he stroke me twice on my shoulder with his batton, looking satisfied and smiling for his brave action. It was exactly 1415 hours. This action produced disgust among those that were present, noticing that he had no respect for my white hair.

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Now, if every abuse made against the delinquents, are reproached, duly punished and arrested by the Allied Government, towards honest persons and old functioners,

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although belonging to the defeated category, should be less permitted.

I have given you full details of the sad happening and if you think that I was wrong, all this can be nulled.

With deepest regards,

Giuseppe Pelosi.

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Distribution, Petroleum Products. AMGOT/5011/CS

Dasaro Biondo, Via Di Stefano, Palermo.

20 Sept. 3

It is the intention of AMGOT to distribute petroleum products exclusively, through A.G.I.P. temporarily at least. No decision has as yet been reached on the final disposition of the handling of petroleum products in Sicily, and the Director of Civilian Supplies and Resources, 8 Via Bari, Palermo, will be happy to discuss this matter with you.

HCN/EDG.

JOHN T. KELLIAR
Colonel, Infantry
Acting Director Civilian
Supply & Resources.

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Reconnection of Civilian Telephones, Palermo. AMGOT/5077/CS

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TO : Signal Officer, Seventh Army. 21 Sept. 3

1. It is requested that the following civilian telephone be reconnected for service because of the importance of maintaining constant contact with electric power supply:

The Generale Elettrica della Sicilia
Via Giacomo Cusmano, 46
Telephone No. 14401

2. Your assistance will be required in assuring that the S.E.T. complete this reconnection as rapidly as possible.

JED/tbw

L. D. DENSMORE,
Lt. Col., S.C.,
Director of Transportation,
Communications and
Utilities Division.

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Stationery.

AMGOT/228/HQ

Staff Captain,
AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group Main.

22nd September 3

As requested inyour AL/4/156 of 16th September 1943,

3 - Cardboard Boxes,
1 ball Twine
1 packet of gummed labels,

have been forwarded to you to-day by Jeep Courier Service.

Captain,
Staff Captain. 690

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AMGOT Bus Service,
S.O.A.O., Catania.

AMGOT/349/HQ

20 Sept. 3

1. Reference CAT/127 dated 15 Sept. 43.

2. As indicated by AMGOT/5079/CS dated 2 Sept. 43, this service is limited strictly to public officials, public utility representatives, bank agents, and others of a similar character having legitimate reason of interest to AMGOT to travel.

3. No relaxation of the rule can be permitted as the facilities provided are sufficient to care for only those specified.

CHM/EDG.

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

COPY TO: AMGOT/5079/CS.

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SUBJECT: Functions and Responsibilities of AMGOT Officers.

AMGOT/266/HQ.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

14th September, 1943.

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

In connection with the establishment of a Military Government in Sicily, functions falling under the supervision of the several AMGOT Divisions are carried on simultaneously in many of the larger localities.

In order to avoid confusion among Italian civil officials as well as among AMGOT personnel and to provide a more uniform policy in all parts of the Island, the following points are emphasized for the information and guidance of all concerned.

(1) The S.C.A.O. in each Province is responsible to the C.C.A.O. for the administration of all Provincial civil affairs. He is the channel of communication between AMGOT Headquarters and all AMGOT officers ASSIGNED to duty in the Province.

(2) Headquarters Divisions of AMGOT are responsible to the C.C.A.O. for advice on the administration of civil affairs on an Island-wide basis. From time to time it may be necessary for a Division to have officers on duty in a Province. In such instances these special officers are ATTACHED to the S.C.A.O.

(3) Italian civil officials responsible for specific administrative functions should regularly be supervised by an AMGOT officer responsible to the S.C.A.O. for those functions. Great care should be exercised to avoid conflicting instructions to Italian officials other than

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(4) No AMGOT officer should attempt to give independent orders directly to Italian officials operating under the supervision of another regularly assigned AMGOT officer, except by virtue of explicit written instructions of the S.C.A.O., and a signed copy of such orders are to be delivered to the Italian official concerned.

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(5) Violations of these instructions are to be reported in full detail at once to the S.C.A.O.

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

DISTRIBUTION:

Agrigento	6
Caltanissetta	6
Catania	6
Enna	4
Palermo	35
Ragusa	6
Siracusa	10
Trapani	6
Messina	8
AMGOT 8th Army, Region 2	10
AMGOT 5th Army, Region 3	10
File 266	
Float	1
Division	6
M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.	12
Spares	10
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Movement of Personnel.

S.C.A.O. SYRACUSE.

22nd September 3

Pte A. GRAINER S/1066272.

It is understood that the a/m soldier was detailed for duty in Messina Province, but was returned at Syracuse to deal with Medical Stores situated there.

His engagement at Messina is hereby cancelled and he should report for duty at the Central Medical Stores, Caltanissetta, as Storeman-Clerk.

Copies to: S.C.A.O. MESSINA.
C.A.O. CALTANISSETTA.
Director of Public Health.

CHARLES M. HADFIELD,
Colonel, C.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS AMGOT
15 Army Group

September 21, 1943.

SUBJECT: Recommendation

TO: Major McDougall

1. The undermentioned personnel have been with AMGOT Hq since the start of and during the planning period, and have accurately and conscientously done their work.

T/5 John (NMI) Somers - 33347068 - Head Clerk, Typists Pool
T/5 Nicholas D. Angelini - 12057368 - Head, Duplicating Section; Registration of All Incoming Mail
Pvt Daniel S. Falci - 32539694 - Mimeograph Operator

2. The work in which they are now employed is strongly deserving of recognition, and are therefore, highly recommended for promotion.

3. Any action taken to this end will be greatly appreciated.

I. WAINER,
S.S.M.
Chief Clerk, AMGOT Hq.

SUBJECT: Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles

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AMGOT/1890/PS

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

21 September 1943.

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

1. Reali Automobili Club d'Italia. (R.A.C.I.).

Arrangements will be made to re-establish as soon as possible the offices of the Reali Automobili Club d'Italia. The club operated on a provincial basis and was responsible for the issue of motor vehicle licences, etc., and the collection of resulting revenue.

According to present information, the provincial officers of the club are as follows:-

Palermo	D'Amico. Cav. Uff. Francesco.
Messina	Ing. Mario Cannistraci.
Catania	Dott. Orazio Giuffrida.
Siracusa	Pupillo Dott. Franco.
Trapani	Giannitrapani Dott. Franco.
Caltanissetta	Sciascia Dott. Ferdinando.
Agrigento	Castellana Dott. Pietro.
Ragusa	Pappalardo Geom. Domenico.
Enna	Bruno Prof. Salvatore.

2. Other Agencies concerned with the Registration of Motor Vehicles.

Other agencies hitherto concerned with the registration of motor vehicles are as follows:-

(a) Ispettorato Generale della Motorizazzione Civile.

This agency is under the control of a Director whose office is in Palermo. A subsidiary office is located im Catania; an Engineer Inspector is appointed to each province. The Director is taking steps to re-establish the Inspectorship throughout the Island.

(b) Utenti Motori Agricoli.

This agency which operated on a provincial basis and controlled agricultural vehicles will not be re-established. The registration of agricultural vehicles will be undertaken by the Inspectorship at 2 (a), while the allocation of fuel supplies will be made by the Provinciale Consorzio Agrario.

3. S.C.A.P.O's should report by 30 Sep 1943

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(a) as to whether R.A.C.I. is in a position to operate;

(b) as to their present stocks of licences, etc., and

(c) their estimated requirements for 1943.

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

Copies to :

AMGOT Liaison
AMGOT 8 Army Reg. II
AMGOT 5th Army Reg. III
Civil Supplies Division.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Wage Scales; confirmation of

FILE No. AMGOT 000.3/Lab

TO: U.S., N.A.F.B., Palermo

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

22 Sept 1943

1. Reference your letter dated 10 Sept 43, same subject.

2. Scale was tentatively agreed upon for current operation, subject to issuance of definite scale AMGOT.

DAVID A. MORSE
Captain, A.C.
Director, Labor Division
AMGOT Headquarters

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Unemployment

FILE No. AMGOT 9-12 Lab

TO: D.C.A.O., Ragusa

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

22 Sept 1943

1. Reference your communications dated 3 Sept 43 and 15 Sept 43.

2. Fact that 268 unemployed merchant seamen are in Mazzallo has been recorded and information supplied interested parties.

3. No immediate prospect employment Palermo because of surplus labor market.

DAVID A. [illegible]
Captain, A.C.
Director, Labor Division
AMGOT Headquarters

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Visit by Major A. Knight.

AMGOT/3063/TH.

S.C.A.O. CATANIA, Province

22nd Sept. 43.

1. Major A. Knight of the British Red Cross has come to Sicily at the request of General Holmes of the M.G.S., AFHQ, to confer with members of this directorate on Red Cross participation in certain AMGOT welfare activities in Sicily. It is desirable that he confer with you, your SAMO and SAMO on problems within your province.

2. He will arrive in Catania by airplane at 5 p.m. 25 Sep. If possible please arrange transport for him. It will be appreciated also if you will assist him in obtaining return transport to Algiers through Partbase. If this cannot be arranged please lay on air passage to Comiso at Siracusa so that he may apply there directly or through the SCAO Syracuse province.

By direction of Chief Staff Officer.

D. GORDON CHEAM.
Colonel, RAMC.
Director of Public Health.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Office Reorganization

FILE No. AMGOT/Gen-2Lab

TO: Capt. Robert Frazer, AMGOT Hq., Catania

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

22 Sept 1943

1. The labor section of Civilian Supply Division has been separated therefrom and made a separate division.

2. We no longer report through CSD but directly to CG. I am Director. 2d Lt Criley has been added to the staff of this division.

3. In near future, we will have meeting to discuss policy, etc.

4. Labor Plans now being proof read. Will be out shortly. Uniform military wage scale also in final stages. Will see that you get advance copies.

5. This is the news for now.

DAVID A. MORSE
Captain, A.C.
Director, Labor Division
AMGOT Headquarters

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Direzione generale della Elettrica di Siracusa

FILE No. AMG T 9/Lab

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

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

22 Sept 1943

1. Reference your letter dated 17 Sept 43, same subject.

2. Wages for civilians employed by other than Armed forces are under consideration, but do not believe definite decision can possibly be arrived at before end of next month.

3. Do not believe consideration can be given to payment of retroactive wage. Will do all I can to conclude (2) above at early date.

DAVID A. MORSE
Captain, A.C.
Director, Labor Division
AMGOT Headquarters

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Purchase of Gasoline

S.C.A.O.'s &
To Whom It May Concern

22 September 3

The bearer of this letter De Lorenzo, Luigi, Ispettore Compartimentale Dei Monopoli della Sicilia, will be compelled to travel throughout Sicily on AMGOT business and from time to time will have to purchase gasoline for his automobile. You are authorised to sell him gasoline at the prices set by The Allied Military Government.

B. D. NASH
Major
Deputy Chief Finance Officer

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AMGOT/325/HQ

Publications.

AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group Main. 22nd September 3

Ref para 2 of your AL/4/252 of 26th August 1943, copy of the "Sicily Gazette" is attached hereto for forwarding to G.S.I(b).

The information called for in para 1 of your above-mentioned letter is being compiled, and will be forwarded when complete.

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

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SUBJECT:- Petition to H.M. The King. AMGOT/69

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY

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12th September 1943

TO:- H.Q.S.,
A.F.H.Q.

I enclose two letters for His Majesty, written by Professor Ricardo Ricotti, of Palermo.

Professor Ricotti is a journalist and writer of verse. A couple of the latter was sent to His Majesty through H.B.M. Consul General, Milan, and received suitable acknowledgment. He has been severely handled by the Fascist regime for his strong Anglophile views.

It is suggested that a suitable acknowledgment from a high quarter may satisfy him and remove the grievance that Professor Ricotti undoubtedly feels through not having had sufficient cognisance taken of his sufferings.

Translations of letters are attached.

Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Civilian Wages

FILE No. AMG 1/9-3Lab

TO: Capt. Robert Frazer, AMGOT Hq., Catania

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

22 Sept 1943

1. Reference your communication dated 20 Sept 43, same subject.

2. At Island wide labor conference held some weeks ago, this Hq, it was the agreement of representatives of the Armed Forces that rations would not be furnished civilian employees as part of their wage, except under exceptional circumstances. This supports Colonel Penrgan's position. However, it seems to me that his view regarding rations furnished at work camps in isolated locations is correct. This is logical exception to rule, and rate suggested is equitable.

3. Will await your further report re Matto.

DAVID A. [illegible] RSE
Captain, A.C.
Director, Labor Division
AMGOT Headquarters

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Responsibility for Administration of Kolle Islands

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C.A.O. - Palembo
- Menado

12 Sept. 43

1. Effective immediately the responsibility for the administration of the Kolle Islands is transferred from the province of Palembo to the province of Menado.

2. The C.O. C.A.O. Menado will cooperate with the C.A.O. stationed at Lipuri in arranging transportation and communication facilities from Menado to Lipuri and other islands in the group.

3. Until the supply situation in the province of Menado is better established supplies of flour and other commodities which cannot be furnished in Menado will, upon request of the C.A.O. Lipuri, be furnished direct by ASCC Palembo, Division of Economics and Supply.

CHARLES M. [illegible]
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

~~Copy to: Palembo~~

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AMGOT/4043/L.

Abrogation of Fascist Laws.

S.L.O. Catania. (Through S.C.A.O.)

21st Sept. 43.

1. Reference your letter (without reference No.) of 16th September on above subject, the matter of the marriage of British Soldiers is purely a matter for 'A' Branch of the British Army, who should seek the advice of J.A.G's Department.

2. The matter is governed by Army Council Instructions and General Routine Orders.

3. If J.A.G's Department wish to consult us on the effect of a Proclamation, they should write to this Headquarters.

H[illegible],
Lieut. Col.,
D. C. L. O.

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Allied Property - Cricchio Giovanni.

Assistant Controller of Property
through SCAO Palermo Province. 22 Sept 43

In reply to your letter reference CP/EJWH/er dated 20 Sept 43 :-

1. The Power of Attorney is good as regards its form, but its validit at the present time is open to doubt seeing that it was executed over 11 years ago, and events in the meanwhile may have resulted in its revocation.

2. In view of 1, you should retain control of the property, but the Attorney can be continued as manager if you consider him satisfactory.

3. Power of Attorney is returned herewith.

A.C.A

Lieut-Colonel
Controller of Property

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SUBJECT : Pay of Carabinieri

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AMGOT/1122).

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

22 September, 1943.

TO : C.C.A.O.

There have been general representations from the provinces as to the inadequacy of the present rates of pay in the CC.RR.

It is unnecessary to reiterate the importance of maintaining the CC.RR. as the backbone of law enforcement in Sicily, as you have stressed this yourself.

The payment of an adequate wage to the police is a matter which, it is submitted, must not be considered [illegible] wage scales generally. There are, it must be admitted, more complaints and suggestions of graft in the Carabinieri than there should be, and inadequacy of pay exposes them to temptation which might be resisted were the men in receipt of a living wage.

As it is, the average pay of a carabiniere, including allowances, works out at 1233.25 lire per month, which compares unfavourably with the scale for an unskilled labourer authorised in Appendix A to Admin. Instruction No. 20 of 27 June 1943.

It is understood that there is to be no consideration of a revision of wage scales in general before 1 December, 1943, and the object of this memorandum is to request your consent to the waiving of this ruling in favour of the Carabinieri in view of the importance of this force in the maintenance of law and order in Sicily.

The question of the method by which any increase can be given, and of the amount of such increase has not yet been discussed with Finance and Labour Divisions

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as, at the moment, it is the principle only which it is desired to submit. If a favourable reply is received, details of our proposals will be laid before these Divisions.

The pay of the other police agencies, the Prisons Service and the Fire Service, whilst in urgent need of revision, can be left for consideration later.

Samuel Rolleston

Colonel, Infantry
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

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Passes for Fire Brigade Vehicles. AMGOT/1052/PS

S.C.A.P.O. (Through S.C.A.O.) PALERMO.

22 September 3

Will you please issue a pass for each of the vehicles on the attached list to proceed, with crew, by any road and at any time, to any part of the Province on duty runs.

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

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SIG. MAGGIORE MASON.

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PALERMO

OGGETTO: AUTORIZZAZIONE PER GLI AUTOMEZZI E MOTOMEZZI DEL CORPO

Si trasmette l'allegato elenco degli automezzi e motomezzi di questo Corpo per cui si chiede l'autorizzazione a potere circolare sulla strada litoranea e su tutte le strade della Provincia di PALERMO.

IL COMMANDANTE
(DOTT ING. LUIGI BIGI)

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No D'ord.	DENOMINAZIONE	MARCA DI FABBRICA	TIPO	TARGA
47	Motocicletta	Bianchi	500	1 42 V.F.
48	Motocicletta	Bianchi	500	1 43 V.F.
49	Motocarrozzetta	Davidson	1000	258 V.F.
50	Motocarrozzetta	Bianchi	500	295 V.F.
51	Motofurgone	Guzzi	500	805 V.F.
52	Motofurgone	Guzzi	500	806 V.F.
53	Motofurgone	Guzzi	500	807 V.F.
54	Motofurgone	Benelli	500	498 V.F.
55	Motofurgone Schiumogeno	Guzzi	500	791 V.F.

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IL COMANDANTE
(DOTT. ING LUIGI BIGI)

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PALERMO.

ELENCO DEGLI AUTOMEZZI E MOTOMEZZI IN DOTAZIONE AL CORPO DEI VIGILI DEL FUOCO DI PALERMO.

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No d'ord.	DENOMINAZIONE	MARCA DI FABBRICA	TIPO	TARGA
1	Autopompa	Fiat	635	198 V.F.
2	Autopompa	Fiat	635	372 V.F.
3	Autopompa	Spa	25.C.10	199 V.F.
4	Autopompa	Spa	25.C.10	197 V.F.
5	Autopompa	Spa	38.R.A.	493 V.F.
6	Autopompa	Lancia	Eptaiota	2007 V.F.
7	Autopompa	Lancia	Eptaiota	2004 V.F.
8	Autopompa	Fiat	626	2019 V.F.
9	Autopompa	Spa	25.C.	2074 V.F.
10	Autocisterna	Fiat	603	203 V.F.
11	Autocisterna	Fiat	603	200 V.F.
12	Autocisterna	Fiat	603	204 V.F.
13	Autocisterna	Fiat	603	202 V.F.
14	Autocisterna	Fiat	603	1750 P.A.
15	Autocisterna	Fiat	603	3414 P.A.
16	Carro=attrezzi	Ceirano	47.C.	696 V.F.
17	Carro=attrezzi	Ceirano	47.C.	692 V.F.
18	Carro=attrezzi	Fiat	15 Ter	906 V.F.
19	Carro=attrezzi	Fiat	15 Ter	694 V.F.
20	Carro=attrezzi	Fiat	505	999 V.F.
21	Carro=attrezzi	Fiat	505	998 V.F.
22	Carro=attrezzi	Fiat	505	997 V.F.
23	Carro=attrezzi	Spa	25.C.12	691 V.F.
24	Carro=attrezzi	Spa	9000	1275 V.F.
25	Carro=attrezzi	Fiat	507	1522 V.F.
26	Carro=attrezzi	Fiat	621	2481 V.F.
27	Carro=attrezzi	Fiat	1100	1164 V.F.
28	Carro=attrezzi	Fiat	1100	1165 V.F.
29	Camioncino	Fiat	503	1172 V.F.
30	Camioncino	Fiat	505	2480 V.F.
31	Autoscala	Magirus		1274 V.F.
32	Autoscala	Magirus	626	1315 V.F.
33	Autolettiga	O.M.		1550 V.F.
34	Stazione Radio	Fiat	510	1521 V.F.
35	Autogrue	Fiat	626	1313 V.F.
36	Autocarro	Fiat	1100	13 V.F.
[illegible]	Autocarro	Fiat	1100	33 V.F.

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35	Autogrue	Fiat	626	1313 V.F.
36	Autocarro	Fiat	1100	13 V.F. 670
37	Autocarro	Fiat	1100	33 V.F.
38	Vettura	Fiat	1100	1805 V.F.
39	Vettura	Fiat	1100	1917 V.F.
40	Vettura	Fiat	521 T.	1801 V.F.
41	Vettura	Fiat	522 T.	1802 V.F.
42	Vettura	Fiat	522	1799 V.F.
43	Vettura	Fiat	508	1800 V.F.
44	Vettura	Fiat	500	1952 V.F.
45	Motocicletta	Benelli	500	74 V.F.
46	Motocicletta	Benelli	500	75 V.F.

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AMGOT HEADQUARTERS

SICILY

AMGOT/6033/CP

22nd September 1943

Dear Mr. Flood,

I am sorry it has taken so long to collect the information required in your letter of 25th August. Below is a picture of the present situation regarding the possessions of Mr. H. H. Clark and the Whitaker family in Sicily, which I hope will satisfy your enquiries.

(a) Giuseppe Arici is still resident in Palermo, and certain furniture and effects, including packing cases bearing labels with the name of Mr. J. R. M. Fell, formerly H.B.M. Consul for Sicily, and Mr. H. H. Clark are stored in three magazzini belonging to Arici and situated at Via Manin Nos. 11 and 17 and Via Castriota No. 10, Palermo. The Controller of Property has taken formal custody of all such furniture and effects, and he has had new locks fitted on the three magazzini. The keys are in his possession.

The effects in Via Manin No. 17 were originally stored in Via Manin No. 19, but when the shutter of 19 was damaged by bombs, the effects were moved to No. 17. It is impossible to say whether any pilfering took place, as no inventory of what was originally placed in store is available. It can, however, be said that some, if not all, of Mr. Clark's effects are safely stored in one or other of the three magazzini mentioned above.

(b) (i) Villa Malfitano.

This property belongs to Marina di Giorgio, widow of General di Giorgio, nee Whitaker, who was born a British subject, but became an Italian on marriage, and it is understood that she is now resident in Rome. The property was not sequestrated by the Italian Government. It was, however, occupied by the Fascist Party from 23 March to 20 July 1943, and has since been occupied by various units of the U.S. Army. As the result of these occupations, the administrator, Signor Antonio Novello and Miss Honeyperny, an English friend of the family, report that certain linen, cutlery and glass, etc., have disappeared, but they are perfectly satisfied with present conditions.

The villa and museum were both damaged by blast and windows and skylights broken.

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The property has not been taken over by the Controller of Property as it is not strictly speaking Allied property.

(ii) Villa Sofia.

The Controller of Property has taken formal custody

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of this Allied property which has been requisitioned and is occupied by the U.S. Naval authorities. It is being well maintained by them and by the staff of the owners, Mrs. Aileen Byrne, nee Whitaker, and Mrs. Beatrice Neal, nee Whitaker.

The property has not suffered from air raid damage, and apart from a few minor deficiencies, the contents appear intact.

The wages of the staff are being paid out of monies advanced by AMGOT, as values and until compensation is paid for the requisitioning, no income is available.

(iii) Villa Sperlinga, 4 Via Cavour.

This property was considerably damaged by bombs, and is at present uninhabitable. The furniture was removed to the Villa Sofia or the Villa Malfitana. The owner's representative, Signor Alvaro Tinaro, is still resident in Palermo, but the Controller of Property is taking formal custody of the property.

(iv) San Pantaleo.

The site has been visited and is said to be in excellent condition.

Brigadier French,
The War Office,
Hotel Victoria,
Northumberland Avenue,
London, W.C.2.

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AMGOT/353/HQ.

P.O.Ws. in Civilian Hospitals.

S.C.A.O. Catania.

22. Sept. 3.

As requested in your CAT/31 dated 19.Sept.43, a copy of our AMGOT/266/HQ dated 17.Aug.43, not received by you, is forwarded herewith.

Our records show the despatch of above communication to you on 18.Aug.43.

(SGD) T FARLEY SMITH
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD, Lt.Col.
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Currency Forgery AMGOT/2062/F.

C.P.S.

22 Sep. 3.

1. A report has already been sent to the U.S. Treasury on the recent raising of denominations on Allied Military Lire notes.

2. I shall be grateful if you will provide me with a report for transmission to the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the method by which the "ring" was apprehended and concluding with a brief statement of the sentences received.

a/s.

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

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AMGOT 2065/F

AMGOT HQ., Sicily

22 September 1943

SUBJECT: Prisoner of War Mail.

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

1. In reply to your letter, reference CAT-134 dated 16 September 1943, wish to inform you that all mail addressed to P. O. W. should be forwarded to Postal Section, AMGOT HQ.

A.P. CRAFFEY-SMITH
Colonel
Chief Finance Officer.

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Subject:- [redacted]

[redacted]/2.60/P.

[redacted] H.Q. [illegible].

22 Sep 43.

Lt-Col. O.V. Claiborne,
[redacted]

1. Will you prepare a memorandum which could be forwarded through the [redacted] to the War Department commenting on para 3 of the letter of 7th September, and discussing the monthly report in the light of Morgenthau's letter to the War Department of 31st August.

2. In discussing the monthly report, comment should include mention of the size of [redacted]'s staff and the practicability of providing this information at frequent intervals.

3. No comment is necessary on the Controller General's statement that Dollars in the earmarked account will be used for the redemption of the lire, nor on the statement in the last paragraph of his letter.

4. Lieut-Colonel Bernstein reports that your note on the currency forgery and Gunston's memorandum re shipping documents and the missing low serial numbers have all been forwarded to the U.S. Treasury.

cgp

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

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1. Will you prepare a memorandum which could be forwarded through the [illegible] to the War Department commenting on para 3 of the letter of 7th September, and discussing the monthly report in the light of Morgenthau's letter to the War Department of 31st August.

2. In discussing the monthly report, comment should include mention of the size of A.M.F.A's staff and the practicability of providing this information at frequent intervals.

3. No comment is necessary on the Controller General's statement that Dollars in the earmarked account will be used for the redemption of the lire, nor on the statement in the last paragraph of his letter.

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cgp

A.P. [illegible]
Colonel,
Chief Finance Officer.

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Post Region 3. AMGOT/2031/P.

C.S.O.

22 Sep. 3.

In a letter of 17th September addressed to me, Lieut-Colonel Bernstein raises, inter alia, the following points:-

(a) He wishes to season the Finance teams for Region 4, 5 and 6 with people who have had A.M.G. experience in Sicily; and suggests that 2 Majors and 2 Lieutenants designated to Region 7 should be transferred to Sicily in exchange for 4 experienced Finance men, who could go to Region 4, 6 and 5 in that order.

(b) He asks how I would like to see the A.M.F.A. situation handled in Regions 4, 5 and 6.

(c) He ~~states~~ asks "In view of the current planning for Regions 4, 5 and 6, do you think any additional amounts of A.M. Lire should be ordered".

In view of the fact that AMGOT H.Q. is at present allotted only Regions 1, 2 and 3 and as any questions asked on AMGOT's future relations with other Regions have been considered "ultra vires" by M.G.S., I should like to receive some direction as to how the questions raised by Lieut-Colonel Bernstein should be answered.

I would propose to reply to the suggestion re staff that we would gladly accept the four officers in Sicily where we would give them training to fit them for their duties in Regions 4, 5 and 6. The dilution of Region I personnel to cover 2 Regions and a Headquarters will leave such a weak and understaffed team that we cannot yet consider parting with four experienced Finance men.

As regards the provision of A.M.F.A. personnel and the ordering of Allied Military Lire for Regions 4, 5 and 6, it is quite impossible to provide the former from here, or to estimate the latter. My suggestion would be to instruct Col. Bernstein to take what steps appear necessary to him, informing us accordingly.

The crux of the matter is that if AMGOT ~~is~~ are to handle these other Regions they must be so informed immediately; and must accordingly be permitted to control the staff movements for these Regions as they think best. In the case of the Financial Division this would entail the early transfer to Sicily of personnel from Tizzi Ouzou.

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In a letter of 17th September addressed to me, Lieut-Colonel Bernstein raises, inter alia, the following points:-

(a) He wishes to season the Finance teams for Region 4, 5 and 6 with people who have had A.M.G. experience in Sicily; and suggests that 2 Majors and 2 Lieutenants designated to Region 7 should be transferred to Sicily in exchange for 4 experienced Finance men, who could go to Region 4, 6 and 5 in that order.

(b) He asks how I would like to see the A.M.F.A. situation handled in Regions 4, 5 and 6.

(c) He ~~states~~ asks "In view of the current planning for Regions 4, 5 and 6, do you think any additional amounts of A.M. Lire should be ordered".

In view of the fact that AMGOT H.Q. is at present allotted only Regions 1, 2 and 3 and as any questions asked on AMGOT's future relations with other Regions have been considered "ultra-vires" by M.G.S., I should like to receive some direction as to how the questions raised by Lieut-Colonel Bernstein should be answered.

I would propose to reply to the suggestion re staff that we would gladly accept the four officers in Sicily where we would give them training to fit them for their duties in Regions 4, 5 and 6. The dilution of Region I personnel to cover 2 Regions and a Headquarters will leave such a weak and understaffed team that we cannot yet consider parting with four experienced Finance men.

As regards the provision of A.M.F.A. personnel and the ordering of Allied Military Lire for Regions 4, 5 and 6, it is quite impossible to provide the former from here, or to estimate the latter. My suggestion would be to instruct Col. Bernstein to take what steps appear necessary to him, informing us accordingly.

The crux of the matter is that if AMGOT ~~is~~ are to handle these other Regions they must be so informed immediately; and must accordingly be permitted to control the staff movements for these Regions as they think best. In the case of the Financial Division this would entail the early transfer to Sicily of personnel from Tizzi Ouzou.

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

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FAST

Subject:- Financial Instructions. A.G.O.I/2020/F.

A.G.O.I. H.Q. SICILY.

22 Sep 43.

C.R.O.

The D.C.R.O. will doubtless have told you that in your absence I raised the question in general terms of modifications in our Financial Instructions, necessitated by the signing of the Armistice.

I would like you to make a tooth-comb investigation of any instructions you have issued; and to comment on what you consider may be points at issue.

An example which comes readily to my mind is that of G.A.I. No. 3. 14 B (i), as I see it we shall have to pay (a) and probably (c), while (b) as a class will probably not exist.

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

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Army load carrying vehicles. A&SOT/275/HQ.

S.C.A.C. - Palermo.

22 Sep. 3.

Reference your letter G3/3ds dated 1 Sep.43.

1. The number of Army load carrying vehicles held by A&SOT is very small indeed having in fact a total capacity of only 45 tons when all the vehicles are on the road.

2. This transport has not been permanently allotted to any Province, but has been kept mobile for the following purposes:-

(a) to move stores in certain provinces under emergency conditions until such time as civilian vehicles could be acquired and put on the road.

(b) to make inland wide journeys for the movement of stores and money. 661

3. It is the intention to review the vehicle situation in all Provinces and to this end A&SOT letter 355/HQ dated 12 Sep.43 was sent to S.C.A.Cs calling for a return of vehicles.

4. Your return which was due here on 18 Sept.43, has not yet been received. It is urgently required and you should therefore please submit it at once. In case you did not receive the A&SOT letter referred to a further copy is forwarded herewith.

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

Copy to Registration & Licensing Officer.
File 355/HQ.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

FILE No. AMG/Tgt 14/ ab

SUBJECT: Wages—Civilian employees at Regusa Asphalt Mines

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

TO: Capt. Robert Frazer, AMGOT Hq., Catania

22 Sept 1943

1. Reference your letter dated 18 Sept 43, same subject.

2. Revision of wages for miners being considered with other categories of work.

3. Will advise conclusion earliest possible date. (For your information, Chief Sulphur Section Hq. believes 15% increase would be justified, though I feel your lower figure probably more accurate in light of other categories of work now being studied.)

DAVID A. MORSE
Captain, A.C.
Director, Labor Division
AMGOT Headquarters

Will speak to Capt Morse re/ addum

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AUGOT/2027/F.

Transfer of funds to Banks in the United Kingdom.

2/Lt. H.L. Alexander,
2 Fighter Squadron,
52nd Group,
C.M.F.

22 Sep. 3.

1. With reference to your enquiry made to me some days ago, I write to inform you that a British Field Cashier, Capt. Nelsane is now in Palermo for a few days, and may be able to answer your questions.

2. He is to be found in the A.M.F.A. building which is opposite the American Finance Office in Via Roma.

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

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Remittances from Prisoners of War. AMGOT/2029/F.

S.S.O.
AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group.

22 Sep. 3.

During your last visit here, I asked you to ascertain whether P.O.W's may send remittances to their dependants in Sicily and Italy. You will remember that this privilege was withdrawn early this year.

Mail communications from P.O.W's are in process of being re-established, but I am not able to discover whether there is any mechanism for remitting funds.

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

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Public Assistance to wives of Prisoners of War. AMGOT/2023/F.

S.C.A.O.
Palermo Province. 22 Sep. 3.

1. With reference to your letter CP/RFV/PM of 20th September, I write to inform you that mail communications from Prisoners of War to Sicily are in process of being re-established.

2. I have enquired of H.Q. 15 Army Group whether prisoners of war may now send remittances to their dependants as this privilege was withdrawn early this year. No reply has yet been received from 15 Army Group.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer,

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

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Note

Securities taken from Prisoners. AMGOT/204B/F.

Finance Officer,
through S.C.A. Syracuse Province.

22 Sep. 3.

Reference your letter FOS/150 of 19th September.

1. Securities, currency, coin, assegni circolari, Vaglie Cambiari and similar banking documents should be taken up on receipt issued by you and placed under your control.

2. At your early convenience, such property should be sent to A.M.F.A. for deposit to accounts of the owners awaiting future disposition A.M.F.A. will issue proper credit advice.

3. You are relieved from further responsibility in connection therewith when transferred to A.M.F.A.

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

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SUBJECT: General Order No. 4 - Price Control.

Head

AMGOT/1057/PS

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

22 September 1943.

TO : Supt. Civil Police.

Herewith Copy of General Order No. 4. Please take the necessary action within the sphere of enforcement to insure compliance with the provisions of this Order.

Should reports reach you that this Order has not been posted in any Province on the Island I wish to be informed at once.

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

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Records and Accounts. 6016/CP.

A.Cs.P. Palermo, Agrigento, Catania & Messina.
through S.C.A.Os

22 Sept 43.

Please forward to H.Q by the 7th day of each month:-

1. A brief report of your work during the preceding month.

2. A copy of all entries made in Custallanaldo Registers during the preceding month. (Note: The copies due 7 Oct 43 should include all entries made since the duplicate Memoirs were sent to H.Q).

3. An abstract of cash receipts and payments for the preceding month. (Note: the first abstract due 7 Oct 43 should include all receipts and payments prior to 1 Oct 43).

In the case of (2) and (3) above, nil returns are required.

Where properties are administered by managers or agents, you should arrange for them to submit accounts in duplicate monthly, and one copy of the account should accompany the abstract of receipts and payments.

H.P.B.

Lieut-Colonel,
Controller of Property.

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SUBJECT : Carabinieri - Rates of Pay

Xcopy

TO : Director,
Labour Division.

With reference to the attached copy of a request to the G.O.C.-in-C. for urgent consideration of the pay of the Carabinieri, I send herewith original recommendation received from the Superintendent, Civil Police Section.

I also send recommendations from the Superintendents of the Prisons and Fire and Civil Defence Sections in respect of the services under their control.

These recommendations have my approval in principle, but I would prefer to leave the matter in your hands, at any rate for the present. You are at liberty to call my Section heads into consultation if you so desire.

The pay of the other police agencies should also be considered at the same time. You will probably be receiving suggestions on this from the provinces. Lt. Col. Brook, Superintendent of Civil Police, should be consulted on the subject.

Lionel Bates

Lionel H. Bates
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

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Fascist Properties - Agrigento.

Assistant Controller of Property
through SCAO Agrigento Province. 22 Sept 3.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of Declarations of Custody and Records in respect of properties Serial Nos. A 6 and A 7.

2. With reference to serial No. A 6, can you furnish the Catasto number of the property, for insertion in column 2 of the Title Register, its value, and the name of the registered owner of the property. In this connection it has been found in Palermo that some of the buildings occupied by Fascist Organizations were only rented, and it may be that in such cases, the dissolution of the organization would result in the termination of the lease. Should this be so, and assuming the Landlord or actual owner is present, the property (apart from the contents) would not come within the provisions of Proclamation No.6. It is for this reason that you are requested to supply further information about the title.

3. (a) Reference Serial No. A 7, in view of 2 above, please confirm title and give the name of the registered owner.

(b) Is it to be understood that the U.S Air Corps only occupy the Chaplains Office and Special Service Office referred to in the letter dated 6 Sept 43 ? If in occupation of the whole building, please say what has been done with the furniture, etc, not inventoried in the letter.

H.P.B.

Lieut-Colonel,
Controller of Property.

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SUBJECT:- Higher Educational Appointments. AMGOT/3600/C/ED

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY

22nd September 1943

TO:- C.S.O.

In order to give S.C.A.O.s the fullest possible assistance I suggest that in the case where the S.C.A.O. has removed an official he should be instructed to notify me so that I can look into the whole question of his successor. Naturally, the successor must not only be politically acceptable, but he must have the qualifications to fulfil the appointment. It is on the latter score that some very bad mistakes might be made if the S.C.A.O.s are not given this assistance.

I have in mind as the appointments concerned, such as Provedditure of provinces, University professors and Rectors of Universities.

This suggestion raises no question of precedent, as these appointments have always been from Rome.

If you agree, I will get out a letter for your signature.

C. H. [illegible],
Major R.A.F.C.
Educational Adviser.

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SUBJECT: Texts.

TO : C.S.O.

A.OT/8600/E/Ed.
22. Sept. 43.

When we spoke about the Italian Education Committee I mentioned several names, including Croce. At that time I had not any immediate hope that we could get hold of him. This morning's paper states that he is in our hands. I should like to press for him to be brought to Palermo as fast as possible to head this Committee. He is the greatest living Italian scholar of whose democratic views there is no doubt. Before I left England, both Sir Alfred Zimmern* (head of the Research Dept. of the Foreign Office) and Sir Percy Loraine both made a strong point of bringing Croce in as soon as possible. Here now is our opportunity. Can we have him telegraphed for to the 5th Army as soon as possible.

It will make a sensation in America and England if we can announce that he is going to head the Committee, and we shall bring powerful support to our work from all quarters if we do this.

* Zimmern

E.R. MAYER.
Major, A.F.C.
Educational Adviser.

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AMGOT/2027/F.

Uncollected funds.

Finance Officer,
through S.C.A.O. Syracuse Provinces. 22 Sep. 3.

Reference your FOS/141 of 17th September.

1. Your question raises the point of "Uncollected Funds" or documents held by banks upon which final collection has not been effected.

2. Such amounts represented by such uncollected documents are not subject to credit or withdrawal until final collection is affected.

3. The owner may seek a loan from his local Bank with the paper or assignment of the account in Bank of Italy as security pending ultimate collection of same, but that is entirely up to the Bank as a credit risk. The proceeds of such a loan should, in any, event, be treated as "old business" and restricted withdrawals would apply to such proceeds. However, additional amounts can be released for payroll purposes, taxes and social insurance contributions.

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A.P. GRAFTEY-SMITH.
Colonel.,
Chief Finance Officer. 649

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21 Sept

ROUTING SLIP.

~~G.O.C.-in-C.~~
~~D.C.G.S.T.C.~~
C.S.O. Seen
A.C.S.O.
Lt.Col.Clough
Major Smith
~~Major Dougall~~
Major Fearey
Captain Talbot
~~Captain Ferrers~~
~~Captain Sherwood~~
~~Captain Graham~~
Lieut.Van Houtelom
~~Lieut.Kruger~~
~~P.R.O.~~
~~Advisory Council~~
~~Education Officer.~~

REMARKS.

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Date

Registry.

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Reconnection of Civilian Telephones,
Palermo.
Signal Officer, Seventh Army. AMGOT/5077/CS

20 Sept. 3

1. The following civilian firm has requested reconnection of its telephone service:

S. Tagliavia & Co., Via Maiorana, 1, 1st Floor, Palermo, Tel: 15002 - 15003.

2. This Company is going to operate a coastal freight service under the direction of AMGOT.

3. It is recommended that the S.E.T. be instructed to re-establish telephone service to this subscriber.

JHD/EDG.

L. D. DENSMORE
Lt. Col., S. C.
Director of Transportation,
Communications and Utilities
Division.

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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF PRISONERS.

AMGOT/4011/L.

AMG H.Q. SICILY.

20th September, 1943.

TO: Public Safety.

S.I.O. Caltanissetta reports that there are in prison there some 47 prisoners evacuated from Palermo (most of whom are appellants) and in respect of whom they have no papers whatsoever. He asks that they now be returned to Palermo. Will you arrange please.

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

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ALLIED MILITARY FINANCIAL AGENCY

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Ref: AMFA/POL/6

Subject: Moneys taken by AMGOT from Bank of Italy.

1. Since the beginning of the Allied Occupation AMGOT officers in Sicily have taken from the Bank of Italy, against receipt, some L. 200/300 million in Bank of Italy notes. AMGOT officers on the mainland are likely now to take further sums from the Bank of Italy. All of these sums will have been taken for the purpose of financing the activities of the Allied Military Government.

2. It has been suggested that AMFA need not repay these sums to the Bank of Italy, on the grounds that

(a) AMFA has almost certainly already provided more than L. 200/300 million for State Treasury payments which the Bank of Italy's State Treasury Department ought normally to have met;

(b) AMGOT thus already has a claim on the Bank of Italy greater than the Bank of Italy has on AMGOT.

3. The following considerations however make it difficult to carry out this course:

(a) The accounts of FO's so far examined by the Chief Accountant do not clearly show how much of the moneys paid out by them has in fact been paid out by them to meet requirements of the State Treasury service as distinct from the requirements of Provinces, Communes, etc. We therefore at present lack evidence to establish point (a) above.

(b) Certain FO's have signed receipts which acknowledge having received the money as a loan from the Bank of Italy to AMGOT. In view of this, it might expose AMGOT to a charge of double-dealing, or of dishonouring its obligations, if we now said that the Bank of Italy had provided this money not as a loan to AMGOT but to meet expenditure by AMGOT on behalf of the Italian State Treasury.

4. In view of these considerations it seems to me that AMFA ought now to repay to the Bank of Italy all sums taken from the Bank of Italy by AMGOT officers.

5. This seems all the more necessary in view of Cable Fortune 303 of 1 Jun 43 from AGWAR, which states in para 8: "All CAO's will draw funds only from AMFA." 645

6. As to the future, it seems to me undesirable that AMGOT or AMFA should be in the position of owing money to the Bank of Italy. Following what we believe to be the intention of Washington, we have deliberately avoided relations with that Bank. How could we justify an item among AMFA's liabilities: "Loan from Bank of Italy"? or could we justify the payment of interest by AMFA on such a loan?

7. If this view is accepted then the question remains whether AMGOT can obtain the use of the Bank of Italy's cash by any other means.

8. If the Italian State Treasurer in any given province in fact has a credit balance in the Bank of Italy, and if the Bank of Italy has cash sufficient to meet that balance, then it would seem to me simple for the CRO to order the Italian State Treasurer to draw out his credit balance and use it for purposes of Italian State expenditure in the Province.

9. Even if the State Treasurer has no credit balance in the Bank of Italy, but works on a Ways and Means overdraft, it would still seem to me possible for the CFI to order the Bank of Italy to pay out cash to the State Treasurer as an advance to the Italian State.

10. In neither case need the transaction appear as an advance by the Bank of Italy to either AMGOT or AMPA.

11. I would suggest that the CRO and CFI be asked to report how the State Treasury account in the Bank of Italy in fact works - i.e., whether it works on a credit balance or on overdraft; and that the Legal Section be then asked to advise whether a solution on the lines set out in paras 8 or 9 is practicable.

C. A. GUNSTON,
Lt-Col.
AMPA

19 Sep 43.

Copies to: CFO
CFI
CRO
Chief Accountant

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Floats.

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Gold

Finance Officer
Through SCAO, Ragusa Province

20 September 43

With reference to your FR/168 of 15 September, I write to inform you that the 25 gold coins taken by you from a safety deposit box against accredited receipt, should be consigned to AMFA who will receive such gold on deposit.

Instructions are being sought from the combined Chiefs of Staff as to how and whether the owner of the gold will receive payment. Until you receive further instructions the owner will have to be satisfied with the receipt.

If you should discover holdings of ~~foreign~~ foreign currencies and/or foreign securities, a similar procedure will be followed.

A. P. GRAFFTEY-SMITH
Colonel
Chief Finance Officer

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Miscellaneous.

Chief Accountant.

AMJOT/2023/3.

20 Sep. 3.

With reference to your 3 memoranda 11c, 35, and 39 of today's date.

1. I note your recommendation for promotion; until such time as the establishment for the Regions are approved, I am not able to forward such recommendation.

2. I am in agreement with your memorandum dealing with the cost of AMJOT pay and rations, the only point I wish to raise is in your sub-para (d), my recollection is that the global rate laid down by the War Office for pay and allowances to British Officers includes a full rate of Colonial Allowance which is not being received in this theatre, such rate would, therefore, have to be adjusted to present conditions.

3. I am disturbed at the misdirection of the Accounting kits to Region 3 and will ascertain from Lieut-Colonel Barrett what is the present position of such kits in the hands of Sub-Accountants. Your final paragraph will also be dealt with during my forthcoming visit.

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A.P. GRAFFTEY-SMITH. 642
Colonel.,
Chief Finance Officer.

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~~2031~~/F.

Payment of Salaries.

Finance Officer
through S.C.A.O. Catania Province.

20th Sep 43.

With reference to your letter of 16th September, 43, dealing with the payment of salaries, I have made investigations here and ascertained that the payment of a lump sum to a dismissed employee is in accordance with normal Italian practice. I am advised, however, that an indemnity of 3 months salary would normally be paid only to those employees who have been in service for a long time.

In the circumstances, I do not consider that we should alter existing procedure; and you are authorised to permit withdrawals from old banking accounts for this purpose.

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

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Flyer

Soap and Sulphur Ointment
U.S. Fuel Co., Dana.

M:cc/3002/m

20 Sept. 3

Ref. your query concerning soap. If you send a request to this H. for the quantity of soap you require and the number of persons it is needed for, we shall endeavour to obtain it for you.

We hereby available annual quota.

It is suggested that olive oil be used as a base for Sulphur ointment. Get a local chemist to experiment on this and report results to you.

D. GORDON CURRIE
Colonel
Director of Public Health

GDC/ja

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(Interview)

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Eg. Dott. Salvatore Stella, Notaio,
Pzza. Castelnuovo, 4.

20 Sept 3

Con riferimento alle proposte firmate dei Notai di Palermo, sarò grato di vedervi al mio ufficio, 8 Via Bari, nello corso di questa settimana per discutere fra altre la questione della rinascita dei consigli notarili.

G. C. HAMILTON,
Major,
Legal Officer.

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BY FAST AIR.

Rome 6977

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Gold, Foreign Exchange etc.

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

20 Sep. 3.

1. Since access to Safety Deposit boxes or vaults has been allowed under supervision, several holdings have been discovered of Gold and Foreign currencies.

2. In accordance with the Directive from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, I have instructed Finance Officers to take over such holdings from the owner against accredited receipt, the sums are then consigned to and deposited with A.A.F.H.Q.

3. I should be grateful if a Directive could be sought from the C.C.S. as to the disposal of such gold and foreign currencies, as the question will arise at the time of handing over A.A.F.A's books to a recognised Italian Government.

4. While this transaction may be long delayed, it would be useful to ascertain the wishes of the C.C.S. both as regards disposal and the reimbursement, if any, to the holder of our receipt.

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

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Pensions to Italian Personnel by U.S. Govt. AMGOT/2058/F.

Military Government Section.
A.F.H.Q. 20th Sep. 43.

1. I write to refer to my AMGOT/2058/F of 8th September, transmitted to you by the hand of Lieut-Colonel Bernstein.

2. The type of remittance to which I wish to make further reference is that described in para 2 (a) viz., from the U.S. Government payments of pensions to ex-servicemen.

3. A case has arisen in Palermo of a widow who had received monthly £45 from the U.S. Government, and now finds herself in dire straits and in need of expenses for medical attention.

4. Such persons feel with some justification that they have a very real claim against the U.S. Government. In default of instructions I am unable to provide any financial assistance.

5. You may consider that this matter is worth further reference to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

A.P. GRIFFITH-JONES.
Colonel.,
Chief Finance Officer.

Copy to:- File 2058/F.

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AMGOT/2017/F.

Safe Deposit Boxes etc.

Finance Officer
through S.C.A.O. Syracuse Province. 20th Sep. 3.

1. With reference to your letter of 16th September stating the list of contents of the Safe Deposit box of the Banca Commerciale Italiana, you should with-hold against accredited receipt the carnets of travellers cheques denominated in Sterling, Dollars, and Francs, these should be consigned to A.M.F.A.

2. The position of the Banca d'Italia is clearly defined in General Order No.6, which prohibits the said bank from conducting any banking transactions excepting Royal Treasury operations. The specific points you raise is answered as follows:-

(a) Gold, foreign currencies, securities and coin will be at all times withheld by you against accredited receipt and consigned to A.M.F.A. It is evident that this provision includes the L. 26,744.60 of foreign bank notes held by the Banca d'Italia.

(b) The Intendente di Finanza falls appropriately within the category of Royal Treasury transactions and may, therefore, continue to use the Banca d'Italia.

(c) If by Insurance Companies you mean Social Insurance Companies, these should deposit with the Banca di Sicilia and not with Banca d'Italia.

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

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Colonel.,
Chief Finance Officer.

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Jewish Hospital.

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U.S.A.C. - Catania.

20 Sep. 3.

1. Father Chiesa, of the Collegio Pontifici Nordamericano has called at this office regarding the reconditioning of the College by 98 General Hospital. He wishes to know if it is possible to retain part of the building to house students evacuated from Sicily.

2. He is returning to the College on Wednesday, and will probably call on you in the near future.

3. Any assistance you can give him will be appreciated.

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