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PRISONS, ADMINISTRATION
JULY-OCT. 1943

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1.	13 Aug	To CSOP on DCPS	inf. on prisons.
2 & 3.	26 July	From. C. P. S.	
4	16 Aug	To DCPS from Suppliers	Prison control
5	21 Aug	To SRO. Palermo Prov. Prison	Control
6 & 7	1029/PS. 4 Sep	To: All Provinces	Admission to Prisons
8	1029/PS 11 Sep.	To Chief Director Palermo.	Duties. Chief Director
9.	15 Sept.	To C. P. S.	Telephone Prisons
10	10 th Sept.	To all S.C. P.O.s	Administration of Prisons
11-12	2nd Oct.	Exercises & Recreation	

4 October 1943

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PRISON SECTION INFORMATION OFFICERS

Exercises, Recreation.

Prisoners, especially in the small places are not given sufficient Exercise in the open, facilities are lacking. There is no means by which outside recreation can be given any place. The means of inside recreation is also deficient.

Consideration might first be given to the convicted prisoners in large and for all prisoners in the small establishments.

Libraries do exist and there are places in some prisons where prisoners may write. The supply of reading material is not good and there are no good recreation rooms for games.

Inspecting Officers might consider these matters and advise Prison Directors to establish and make full use of free recreation and exercise. The inside waiting rooms can all be enlarged and libraries put on a useful footing.

In the small places, where untried prisoners especially are locked up for 24 hours a day, instructions will be given for prisoners to receive exercise for at least two periods a day and will be allowed to perform work of some kind within the prison. There is always cleaning and repair work to do, and there might be some washing and repairs to blankets, sheets, etc. which even men would be happy to do.

Amph

MAJOR,
Deputy Supt. Prisons.

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Copy to:

Chief Director.

A.M.G.O.T./1029/P.S.A.M.G.O.T. H.Q. CILIX

4 ottobre 1943

Agli Ufficiali Ispettori delle Prigioni

Esercizi Ricreazioni

I detenuti, specialmente nei piccoli posti non fanno sufficiente esercizio all'aperto, per difetto di facilità. Non v'è ragione per cui le ricreazioni all'aperto non devono essere fatte in qualsiasi posto. Anche i maschi per le ricreazioni interne sono deficienti.

Bisognerebbe tenere in considerazione prima i detenuti dei grandi stabilimenti ed in tutte le prigioni minori.

Esistono biblioteche ed in alcune carceri vi sono luoghi dove i detenuti possono scrivere. La provvista del materiale di lettura non c'è buona e non vi sono buone sale per ricreazioni e giochi.

Gli ufficiali Ispettori dovrebbero tener presenti questi inconvenienti ed informare i Direttori delle Carceri di creare e fare largo uso delle ricreazioni ed esercizi liberi. Le sale interne di scrittura possono essere ampliate o le biblioteche meglio utilizzate.

Nei piccoli posti, dove in modo speciale, i detenuti non sottoposti a prova, sono rinchiusi per 25 ore al giorno, dovranno emanarsi istruzioni perché i detenuti facciano gli esercizi almeno due volte al giorno e non loro consentito di fare qualche lavoro dentro le carceri stesse.

Vi è sempre da fare lavoro di pulizia e di riparazioni, come lavatura e rammendo delle coperte, delle lenzuola ecc. che pure già uomini sarebbero felici di fare.

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Traduttore G. B. F. /

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AMGOT/1029/PS
 AMGOT HQ SICILY
 10 September 1943

SUBJECT: Administration of Discipline

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

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

1. All members "uniformed" staff.

Admonition

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

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

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

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

DISTRIBUTION:

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

Col. Hume	1
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Float	1
Divisions	6
MGS, AFHQ	2
Spare	10

GS1 (13) 15 Army Group.

LEWEL L. BOLLES
 Colonel, Infantry
 Commissioner of Public Safety

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SECTION.....

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

ROUTING SLIP.

TO SEE :-

C.S. note on folio 9.

C.F.S.....

D.C.P.S.....

PRISON SECTION.....

CIVIL POLICE SECTION.....

FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE
SECTION.....LICENSING AND REGISTRATION
SECTION.....

7/12/71

Looks as if we
might have telephone
connection any day.
Expect someone will give
us a number.

MSH.

18/9/43.

Sept.

Do you know anything further

29/9/43

MSH.

We have to await 7th Army
doing the job.

29/9-

MSH.

SUBJECT:- Telephones Prisons.

AMGOT/1029/PS.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

TO: C.P.S.

15. Sept. 43.

I believe some of the work connected with the supervision of prisons would be speeded up if the telephone to the Central Prison, Palermo, was brought into operation.

The Chief Director of Prisons continues to direct affairs at this prison as well as new duties of Chief Director, and he therefore does his work in his Office at the prison. In the interests of administration I request, therefore, that instructions may please be issued to have the telephone connected to
~~AMGOT H.Qs.~~

Civilian Supply

Can you assist us in this plane?

to see

Col 7 Hayes

Reply 15/9.

*Recommended as what
civilian supply
11/13*
Allan B. Mitchell
ALLAN B. MITCHELL.
Lt. Col.
Supt. of Prisons. 27/8

*See file 5077
Requested to install
100'*

81-
11 September, 1945.

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1. You will have an office at 1100 14th St. and I should like you to attend

2. Chief Director,
BUREAU.

3. You will have an office at 1100 14th St. and I should like you to attend

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 SUBJECT: Allied Forces - Admission to Prisons.

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 AMCOT/1029/PB

AMCOT H.Q. Sicily.
 4 September, 1943.

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

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

W. L. - Col.
 Supt. Prisons.

Copy to:- AMCOT 3th Main
 AMCOT Garrison.
 Col. Huse.

*Ordered by Supt. of Prisons to be sent out.
 They have not yet gone.*
WHL

*C.P.S. has instructed that these may be
 sent out. Any further notices to be approved
 by C.P.S. and his name will appear as having
 signed.*
WHL

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NOTICE

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

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

AVVISO

Nessun membro delle forze alleate è permesso di entrare in carcere senza aver ricevuto un ordine firmato da un ufficiale della Divisione di Pubblica Sicurezza, HQ, AMGOT, o da un C. A. P. O. per la Provincia.

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Capo della Sezione Prigioni,
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Provincia.

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

AMGOT.

Maria Lopez

For file
no action
necessary
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1029
ALGOT 33/PS

21 Aug 43

SUBJECT: Prison Control

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

Reference the point raised by you at this afternoon's conference. I find that there is no representative of the Ministry of Justice in Sicily charged with the supervision of State or Judicial Prisons. The Provincial Directors used to report direct to Rome and ALGOT HQ now takes the place of Rome.

ALGOT HQ
15 Army Group

[Signature]
Lt. Colonel,
D.C.P.S.

Copy to Chief Staff Officer for
Major Croft. ✓

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HEADQUARTERS, A. M. G. O. R.
CIVIL PRISON SECTION.

Subject:- Prisons Control.

To.

~~C. G. A. O.~~ *D. S. P. S.*

~~AMGOT (Through C. P. S.)~~

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AMGOT/PS
16 August, 1943

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The Prisons within a province come under the direct control of the Director, an Italian, who has his headquarters at the main Judicial Prison of the Province. The Director has been subject to Prison Headquarters in Rome to where he did submit reports in all Provincial Prison matters and received orders direct. There is no subordinate local control. The Prison Service is, as in Britain, entirely National.

It is requested that confirmation be given and instructions issued to Provinces that the District Provincial Prisons do actually come under direct control of the Prison Section of AMGOT.

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Super Prisons

This point is covered by an instruction to SCAGS just received under which the control of State or Judicial Prisons rests with AMGOT Hq. i.e. by your section subject to the orders of the CCAG and C.P.S.

Superintendent
SCAGS

21 Aug 43

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION - AMGOT H

NOTES ON INTERVIEW WITH LT. COL. GIUSEPPE SCARINGI, ITALIAN
ARMY, PRISONER OF WAR, TUNIS CAMP.

On the morning of Sunday, 25 July, I interviewed the above officer, P.O.W. with a view to getting such information as possible in reference to the Italian prison system and so forth.

This officer has been assisting Major J.C. Ford, Commanding Officer of the P.O.W. Camp for the past two months and Major Ford speaks very highly of his services. However, I have no way of stating whether or not the opinions expressed by Lt. Col. Scaringi are accurate but I do believe that he was honest in expressing them. The interview was held in French, in which I am only partially proficient.

Lt. Col. Scaringi states that he has at times visited certain prisons on the mainland in Italy in the interests of soldiers who were temporarily incarcerated.

In his opinion the Italian prison system is modern and advanced. He considers sanitation good and prison administrators are careful to see that the prisoners have the opportunity for work and exercise.

Prisoners are credited with certain wages as a result of their work from which deductions are charged for their keep, the balance, if any, being held for them upon discharge.

Italy does not maintain prison colonies and transportation is not one of their recognised punishments.

The prison administration is not conducted under the care of the Carabinieri but under a system of prison administration, and it is his understanding that a national official selects a chief administrator for each principal prison who thereafter has the responsibility for the maintenance of an adequate administrative organisation for the prison under his direction, including the training of guards and so forth.

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He stated that the war-time Army included troops of all shades and political opinion, but that of his personal knowledge he has never observed any persecution of an officer or man based on political reasons.

In response to a question as to the attitude of the Italian people towards Allied Military Government, he stated that the Italian people understand fully that an invading army possesses the force to impose their will upon occupied territory and that the Italian people understand that the Commanding General must be obeyed. He stated that in his opinion the Military Government of Civil Affairs should be as neutral as possible and if so conducted, in his opinion it would be generally supported by the people, particularly if it was generally conducted by Italian administrative officials. He stated that he would be personally glad to help in administering such a Government.

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He informed me that in the Tunis camp there are 5 or 6 veterinaries from Sicily who desired to be paroled and returned to Sicily to carry on their duties as public veterinaries. There is a shortage of veterinaries in Sicily.

He also stated that they had in the Tunis camp 36 Customs and Finance guards who desired to be paroled and returned to their duties. Colonel Scaringi has a list of the names of both of the foregoing groups.

Colonel Scaringi himself desires to be paroled under the provisions of the Geneva Convention and to be allowed some type of employment, not so much for the salary as to help him pass the time until the end of the war. In connection with this request, it is my recommendation that he be carefully investigated and contingent upon the result of such investigation, it is my belief that he would be useful in the Military Government. He has had 25 years in the Regular Army in the Motor Transport Corps and the British officers under whom he has served, speak of him in the highest terms.

LEWEL BOWLES,
Colonel, Inf.,
C. P. S.

H. Q. AMCOT,
15 ARMY GROUP,
FIELD.
26. July. 43.

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Prisons Admin.

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AMGOT/10³⁵/18

13 August 1943

Subject: Information on Prisons, etc.

To : C.S.O.

Under the AMGOT plan the Prisons Section of this Division is charged with the duty of collecting information regarding prisons with particular reference to political prisoners.

Now that some officers of the section are available for duty it is requested that reports on prisons, camps, concentration camps, etc. received from the provinces be sent to this Division for the attention of Sect. of Prisons. I understand that several such reports have been received but none have reached this Division.

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R. M. J. MARTIN
Lieut. Colonel
Deputy Commissioner Public Safety

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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