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Notizie generali: I servizi carcerari sono in continuo miglioramento, le condizioni dei fabbricati nella gran totalità sono soddisfacenti, il personale ~~è~~ amministrativo e di custodia è quasi sufficiente ai bisogni dell'amministrazione.

Persone: attualmente nei vari istituti polizia servizi N° 25 funzionari tra detenuti, vagliatori e regolatori. N° 1600 tra graduati ed agenti di custodia, oltre a persone appoggiate.

Il personale di custodia in maggioranza è costituito da richiuduti dal carcere e da detenuti, per cui la divisione regionale è stata autorizzata a provvedere all'arruolamento di N° 300 agenti.

Carere Marbroux.

~~Divisione Regionale:~~ Il direttore provinciale esortava

~~non pochi carceri mandare a via~~

alcune carceri marbroux. ~~Esistono~~ difettavano ~~esistono~~ per pulizia, per igienici per orin e per altro.

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Carceri Mandamento.

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~~Divisione Provinciale~~ - 4 divisioni provinciali esercitano

~~non pochi carceri mandamentali~~ -

Alcune carceri mandamentali. L'ammontare
dei detenuti per polizia, per i quali
per ora e per altro -

alcune sono state chiuse come Bogheri -
Gortinico. Alti - ecc., altre sono state
fatte riparare e pulite -

Il controllo di tutti dei detenuti provinciali
è stato molto efficace ed ha dato buoni
risultati -

Mantenerlo. - Il servizio mantenimento processuale quasi
 ugualmente, i viventi vengono forniti
 nella misura stabilita.

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H 9 caen' judiciaire cent.

" 89 " Wandsworth.

2 centuri di riduzione

L' ~~imp~~ ^{La} di usione regionale italiana ne
ha curato il buon andamento in
modo veramente encomiabile -

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Determinati: nei vari istituti sono ristretti

6837 uomini

413 donne

671 minori

I definitivi ed appellanti sono 3924, il rimanente è in attesa di giudizio o di altri provvedimenti.

Lavoro - È stata data importanza alle officine in atto esistenti, sarebbe auspicabile che ad esse venisse dato largo sviluppo. X

Condizioni igieniche - Le condizioni igieniche e sanitarie sono buone - non vi sono ~~alcune~~ ^{alcune} state ripulite malattie epidemiche, mentre sono in diminuzione i casi di deficit di alimentazione.

X Sarebbe necessario quindi che venissero ~~offerto~~ ^{fornite} le seguenti ^{oggetti} filati per la ^{territoriale} hanno per la costruzione di uniformi per agenti e per determinati.

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Condizioni iperide - Le condizioni iperide e sanitarie sono buone - non ~~si~~ sono ~~state~~ state rispettate nelle epidermiche, mentre sono in diminuzione i casi di deficienza organica.

X Sarebbe necessario quindi che venissero ~~offerto~~ ^{fornite} le seguenti ^{oggetti} filati per la tintoria
 fanno per la costruzione di uniformi per agenti e per detenuti.
 Gouche - per la costruzione del vertice
 pellame per calzature agenti e detenuti.
 Legno faggio o pino per la costruzione di
 Zoccoli.

1. Number & location of rooms at end of month.
2. Director. If number of rooms in each Bureau is known to him.
3. Sub. small persons - handwritten list showing on under 30 day basis.
Kalamazoo. Federal Bureau.
4. General condition of:
 - a. Administration: The general change over from Army to Navy the work done by Dr. C. C. C. C.
 - b. House of Representatives & division as to how to keep clean.
 - c. Sanitation.
 - d. Labor. Check of material.
 - e. Food. Storage - National.
5. Reports. Can have system. Obtain for persons by Bureau.
6. Officers. to 7.
 - a. Criminal persons.
 - b. Criminals, trial etc.
7. Progress in keeping of cases pending.
8. Staff change in Bureau. Discontinue.
 - a. Appoint of Dr. C. C. C. C.
 - b. Appoint of Dr. C. C. C. C.
9. Any other points.

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possibile eseguire, per i medicinali che in parte oggi si ha avuta possibilità di provvedere. -

Veri e propri casi di malattie infettive non sono state riscontrati mentre casi di scabbia, in un primo tempo numerosi, ora sono stati facilmente contenuti e combattuti. -

I bagni, la pulizia agli ambienti ed al corredo sono curati con quello interesse che il caso richiede e con quegli accorgimenti indispensabili alla vita del singolo e della collettività. -

CASERMAGGIO-

Difficoltà, quasi insuperabili, presenta in atto l'approvvigionamento degli oggetti di casermaggio e di biancheria.-

In Sicilia mancano stabilimenti industriali all'uso attrezzati, nè è possibile provvedere dal libero commercio, dal quale sono scomparse la maggior parte delle materie prime occorrenti. -

Nella casa di Reclusione di Noto è attivata una buona tessitura che non ha potuto però far fronte ai bisogni di lenzuoli, camicie ed altri oggetti di vestiario e di biancheria perchè impossibile l'acquisto di filati e di teleria.-

In atto ogni carcere deve sopperire alle necessità come meglio può. -

Tutte quante era fuori uso è stato convenientemente riparato e trasformato e se non si è riusciti ad ottenere una soluzione definitiva non sono tuttavia mancati gli accorgimenti ed i ripieghi consigliabili e possibili. -

MANTENIMENTO

Il servizio mantenimento ha occupato un posto di primo piano per le difficoltà che il rifornimento viveri presenta, e che in determinati momenti non ha mancato di destare serie preoccupazioni. -

Detto servizio che fine al 30 giugno 943 era gestito in appalto, dal 1° Luglio è passato direttamente all'Amministrazione. -

Questo ha causato un aggravio di lavoro ed una preoccupazione non indifferente, ma la organizzazione è stata precisa ed ordinata. -

Mi è doveroso fare rilevare l'interessamento efficacissimo dimostrato dal Comando Alleato per il rifornimento viveri, tanto che, anche nei momenti più critici, ai detenuti non è venuta meno la sua minestra di legumi e di pasta ed una razione di pane. -

In atto ai detenuti vengono distribuiti gr. 200 di pane, nonché una minestra di legumi ed erbaggi e di legumi con pasta e relative condimento. -

Il vitto è necessario sia migliorato e si ha la certezza che a questa sarà provveduto non appena lo consentirà la situazione alimentare. -

FABBRICATI-

Le condizioni dei fabbricati nella quasi totalità sono soddisfacenti. -

Alcune Carceri Mandamentali sono state chiuse perché prive dei requisiti igienici necessari, altre sono state ripulite e riordinate. -

In molti Istituti sono in corso lavori di restauro ed in tutti sono stati eseguiti lavori di ordinaria manutenzione sì da potersi affermare che oggi i detenuti vivono in ambiente igienicamente possibile. -

PERSONALE DI CUSTODIA

Negli Istituti Carcerari della Sicilia prestano servizio circa 1600 tra graduati ed agenti di custodia. -

Molti di essi hanno raggiunto i limiti di età e presto dovranno

essere collocati a riposo. -

E' necessario effettuare l'arruolamento di 300 nuovi agenti e provvedere al relativo vestiario uniforme, nonché alla rinnovazione di quello del Personale in servizio perchè ormai logoro ed in condizioni da non potersi più oltre tenere in uso. -

Al rinnovo del vestiario non si ha avuto modo di provvedere essendo assolutamente impossibile acquistarne la stoffa sul libero mercato. -

POPOLAZIONE DETENUTA

Nelle Carceri in atto sono ristretti circa 6142 uomini 360 donne 427 minori. Di essi 3781 sono definitivi ed appellanti il rimanente è in attesa di giudizio. -

Le Carceri in atto in funzione sono:

- Nove Carceri Giudiziarie Centrali (una per ciascuna delle Provincie)
- Dodici Carceri Giudiziarie Secondarie
- Ottantanove Carceri Mandamentali
- Un Manicemo Giudiziario
- Due Centri di Rieducazione per minorenni-
- Una Casa di Reclusione. -

LAVORO

Il lavoro per i detenuti è molto limitato a causa della deficienza delle materie prime, necessarie a mantenere attive le officine ed i laboratori. -

Sono allo studio programmi per dare incremento alle officine esistenti, per crearne delle nuove in modo da dare ampio sviluppo al lavoro dei detenuti, come pure all'assistenza religiosa, all'istruzione civile, mezzi di rieducazione di indiscutibile efficacia.

Ho potuto svolgere il mio compito di Direttore Regionale

per la cooperazione dei colleghi e principalmente per l'aiuto apportatomi dal Signor Soprintendente delle Prigioni, Capitano Brown, al quale mi è gradito rivolgere la mia gratitudine ed i miei sentiti ringraziamenti per l'interessamento con cui ha curato ed affrontato i bisogni delle Carceri e per la celerità con cui ha risolto i vari problemi. -

Il compito affidatomi comporta il peso di una grave responsabilità, ma sorretto dalla fiducia di un migliore destino della Patria, lo assolvo fedelmente in pieno assicurando che tutto sarà portato a compimento secondo il programma tracciato.

IL DIRETTORE REGIONALE

Dott. Ferdinando Columba



Palermo, li 29/I/944-

ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION I STATE.

REPORT OF CONDITIONS IN THE PRISON OF EICOLLY
UP TO FEBRUARY 29, 1944.

1. Location.

There are in Eicolly today, 110 prisons of all types. Among these there are 9 Central prisons, 1 for each province. In addition to these there are 12 secondary judicial prisons, 20 sub-judicial, 2 centres of re-education for minors, 2 colonial 1 mine system, and 1 prison (at Noto) for convicted prisoners only.

2. Number of prisoners.

In the above mentioned prisons there are -

6837 Men
413 Women
671 Minors

Of this number 3924 are convicted prisoners, and the remainder are awaiting trial.

3. Food.

The food situation is still very deplorable.

Prisoners are fed 1 meal a day, which consists of at least 150 gr. of bread, and a minestra (or a bowl of soup) consisting of vegetables and greens, or of vegetables and pasta, depending on the food conditions of the province in which the prison is located. The prison in Palermo has been lucky enough, so far, in being able to maintain the cost of food, little as it is (about 25 grams) while the majority of prisons, due to the lack of food in their provinces have not been so fortunate, and have had to ration what they have. This lack of food is felt all over the island, particularly so, in high altitudes where the weather is very rigorous, such as the prison at Muna.

4. Clothing and equipment.

There is still a very grave shortage of clothing and equipment for the prisoners such as blankets, coats, jackets, trousers, shirts, underwear, shoes, mattresses, etc.

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4. Clothing and Equipment.

There is still a very grave shortage of clothing and equipment for the prisoners such as blankets, sweats, jackets, trousers, shirts, underwear, shoes, mattresses, etc. There are needed about 5000 units clothing and about 10000 sets of bedding.

5. Sanitation.

The sanitary conditions of the prisoners in the island are good. There have been reported no cases of epidemics, or infectious diseases, and the percentage of sick prisoners is normal. The only bad point in this being the lack of medicines and

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disinfectants. Even the most common, such as iodine, alcohol, etc., are practically not existent.

6. Prison labor.

The reopening of shops of all types has been encouraged, but very little can be accomplished without materials to work with.

For instance very little tailoring can be done without the cloth necessary to make clothing with, and very little mending can be done without thread or any kind.

If cloth and thread were available the prisoners could make plenty of clothes for themselves and also for the Guard, but as it is they can do very little work.

It is the same in all other branches of prison labour, such as carpenters, blacksmiths, shoemakers, builders, etc.

7. Staffs.

In the various institutions of St. Kitts, where we today employ approximately 1400 agents and enlisted personnel and about 25 functionaries of whom 14 are officers, and the remainder are accountants and secretaries.

Many of the agents are men who have been serving during the emergency, and others are those who have reached the prison age, but have remained in service. The regional administration has been authorized to enroll about 100 new guards to steady this situation.

8. General conditions.

The General condition of the prisons, taking into account the limited amount of material available, is good.

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In the various institutions of Bolivia, there are today approximately 1000 agents and auxiliary personnel and about 25 functionaries, of whom 14 are supervisors, and the remainder are accountants and secretaries.

Many of the agents are men recruited into service during the emergency, and others are those who have reached the pension age, but have remained in service. The regional administration has been authorized to enrol about 300 new guards to remedy this situation.

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It is hoped that the continuance of this policy will do much to improve the relations between the different prisons and to bring about a better spirit of co-operation.

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 Alcatraz Control Commission
 Region I Daily

Report on Conditions in the Prison of San Francisco
 up to Feb. 29, 1944

1. Institution:

There are in San Francisco today 114 prisoners of all types. Among these there are 9 Central prisoners, 1 for each province. In addition to these there are 12 secondary judicial prisoners, 89 Mandarintale, 2 center of recreation for prisoners, 1 Criminal Prisoner, and 1 prisoner (at 1700) for convicted prisoners only.

2. Number of Prisoners:

~~There are~~ In the above mentioned prison

6837 Men

413 Women

671 Prisoners

At this time ~~there are~~ 3924 convicted

prisoners, the remainder are awaiting trial.

The food situation is ~~very~~ deplorable.

3. Food:

Prisoners ~~are~~ fed 1 meal a day ¹⁶²³

~~which~~ consists of at least 150 gr. of bread, and a ministration (or a bowl of soup)

consisting of vegetables and greens, or of ~~the~~

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are located. The Bureau

Prisoners are having enough so far,
in being able to ~~the other~~ maintain

the pasta ration, little as it is (about 95 gr.)
while the majority of prisoners due to the lack of food,
in their provinces have not been able to estimate
and have had to get along without it! This
situation of pasta is felt all over the island,
particularly so, in high altitudes where the weather

in very rigorous, such as the prices at Lima, ②

4. Clothing and Equipment!!

There is still a very grave shortage of
~~any~~ clothing ~~and~~ equipment for the
 prisoners — ~~the~~ such as blankets, sheets,
~~shirts~~ jackets, ^{trousers} ~~pants~~, shirts, undershirts, slacks,
 overalls, etc. There are needed about

(units) 5000 ~~subdivided~~ into 10,000 sets of bedding, etc. When surrounded about

5. Sanitation -

The sanitary condition of the
prison in the island are good. There
have been reported no cases of epidemic,
or infectious diseases, and the
percentage of sickness prisoners is small.
The only bad point in this ~~at~~ being
the lack of medicines and disinfectants,
~~but practically no disinfectants.~~ Even
the most common, such as iodine, alcohol, etc.,
are practically non-existent.

6. Prison labor —

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The reopening of slopes of ¹⁸⁹² ~~1893~~
has been encouraged, but very little
can be accomplished, without ~~the~~ materials
to work with.

For instance ~~the~~ very little
with. The cloth

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5. Sanitation -

The sanitary condition of the prison in the island are good. There have been reported no cases of epidemics, or infectious diseases, and the percentage of sickness in prison is small. The only bad point in this ~~is~~ being the lack of medicines and disinfectants, ~~which is a fairly new report~~. Even the most common, such as iodine, alcohol, etc., are practically non-existent.

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If cloth and thread ~~are~~ available the prisoners could make plenty of clothing for themselves and also for the guards, but as it is they ~~to~~ can do very little work.

It is the same in all other branches of prison labor, such as carpentering,

blacksmiths, shoemakers, ~~car~~ builders, etc. (3)

7. Staff -

In the various institutions of Sicily, there are today approximately 1600 agents and salaried personnel and about 25 functionaries, ~~of whom 14 are~~ directors, and the remainder are accountants and secretaries.

Many of the agents are men recalled into service during the emergency, and others are those who have remained the previous age, ~~but~~ have remained in service. The regional administration has been authorized to enroll about 300 new guards to remedy this situation.

8. General Conditions.

The general condition of the prison, taking its present ~~state of materials~~ and the limited amount of food of material available, ~~is~~ is good. ~~2-1~~ Thanks to the ~~maintaining efforts~~ of the Regional Division, Mr. Columbi, the works of ~~building~~ and cleaning

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of the Regional Director, Mr. Colman,
the works of ~~repairing~~ and cleaning
~~of~~ The various prisons have continued
steadily ~~the~~ ^{It} throughout
the island. Frequent inspections
have ~~been~~ done ^{in order} to co-ordinate
the work ^{of} and ~~with~~ the building of the
works of the staffs of the different
prisons. ~~It has been brought to a point~~ the
improvement in the relations between the
different ~~direct~~ ^{prisons}

Elenco numerico delle carceri della Sicilia

<i>2.^a d'ordine</i>	<i>Direzione Provinciale</i>	<i>Carceri Giud. Dipendenti</i>	<i>Carceri Mand. Dipendenti</i>	<i>Carceri</i>
1°	PALERMO	N° 1	N° 19	N° 1
2°	ENNA	N° 2	N° 8	=====
3°	CALTANISSETTA	=====	N° 9	N° 1
4°	RAGUSA	N° 1	N° 5	=====
5°	SIRACUSA	C.R. N° 1	N° 8	=====
6°	MESSINA	N° 3	N° 9	M.G. N° 1
7°	TRAPANI	=====	N° 7	=====
8°	CATANIA	N° 2	N° 10	=====
9°	AGRIGENTO	N° 1	N° 14	=====

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Dipendente

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1°	PALERMO	N° 1	N° 19	N° 1
2°	MNA	N° 2	N° 8	=====
3°	CALTANISSETTA	=====	N° 9	N° 1
4°	RAGUSA	N° 1	N° 5	=====
5°	SIRACUSA	C.R. N° 1	N° 8	=====
6°	MESSINA	N° 3	N° 9	M.G. N° 1
7°	TRAPANI	=====	N° 7	=====
8°	CATANIA	N° 2	N° 10	=====
9°	AGRIGENTO	N° 1	N° 14	=====

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Palermo, 11 29/12/1943

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
A.P.O. 394

AMG/14204/PS

Feb. 5, 1944

SUBJECT: Administration and Condition of Prisons in
Occupied Territory.

TO : C.T.S.D. AMG H.Q.

Herewith report of Prison Administration within Region
I Sicily as requested.

I have examined the report and approve of the contents.

H.J. BROWN, Capt.
Supt. of Prisons
Reg. No. 1, HQ., Sicily.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division
AFG 394

AMC/14204/FS

25 January 1944

SUBJECT: Administration and Condition of Prisons in
Occupied Territory.

TO : Region I - Sicily

1. It is important that we have a complete and detailed report on the administration and conditions of Prisons in all of Sicily. It is our desire that this report be signed by Dr. Ferdinando Columbo your Italian Regional Director of Prisons and of course approved by Capt. Brown.

2. This report is needed as soon as possible for our use in contacts with the Director of Prisons of the Italian Ministry of Justice.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Infantry
Chief, Public Safety
Division

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Safety Division.

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November 24, 1943.

AMG/14011/PS

SUBJECT - MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES.

TO - - R.C.A.P.C's Regions 1 and 2,
(Thro' R.C.A.O's).

1. In order to prepare a monthly report of Public Safety activities called for by AMG., HQ., information is required on the following points as shown on the attached form. This form is only set out as a general guide and it is not desired that anything in the nature of a Statistical Return shall be submitted - but rather a general survey of the state of Public Safety in the Region. Any important events should be recorded, with action taken, and recommendations; also matters of policy which may have been submitted for decision, with result, or if still under review.

2. This report should reach this office by 3rd December, and should contain information to hand by 30th November, 1943.

s/ PAUL G. KIRK.
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief Public Safety
Division.

1st Ind.

File RPS 319.1
Monthly report of activities.
Allied Military Government, Sicily Region HQ., AFO.394.
16/12/43.

To - Superintendent Prisons.

Please furnish report on the lines indicated on the attached form to reach this HQ. not later than 2/1/44.

Russell A. Snook 3616
RUSSELL A. SNOOK, Lt. Col.
Chief Public Safety Divn.

Enc.

1 questionnaire - Prisons.

PRISONS.

1. Number and location of prisons in use, by categories, at end of month.
2. Progress made in closing of small prisons.
3. General condition of prisons in respect of
 - (a) Administration;
 - (b) Sanitation;
 - (c) Prison labour;
 - (d) FoodN.B. Exceptions to general conditions should be noted.
4. Records.
5. Approximate number of
 - (a) Convicted prisoners
 - (b) Prisoners awaiting trial
 - (c) Prisoners tried but awaiting final disposition.
6. Progress in disposing of pending cases.
7. Staff changes in Prison Directorate.
8. Any other points which it is desired to bring to notice.

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I. General Summary.

2.-Closing of Prisons.

The majority of these places have however, remained open for reception of short sentence prisoners, i, e; under 30 days and those awaiting trial.

Representations have been made in two Provinces for some slight change in the scheme as laid down. The question was gone into thoroughly and alterations were made.

It would appear that the closing of the smaller prisons was welcomed by S.C.A?O's and their Officers. Not only has it given ~~to~~ the confined a more healthy place in which to pass a sentence but has in great measure brought the prisoner in more direct contact with the Provincial Director of Prisons with less chance of a prisoner becoming 'forgotten' as unfortunately, happened so often in the past.

I must explain at this point that these small local prisons, technically under the control of the State are actually prisons managed by the Town Council and the Custodian, a local man appointed by the Council, very often illiberal and altogether unfitted to have in his care prisoners of any description. The local judge was responsible for the cleanliness but it was found that this duty in many cases was neglected thus leaving to the Custodian the task of cleaning, feeding and guarding of prisoners. As can be imagined, without supervision there were slackers but I am thankful to say that with the co-operation of Officers in the field, aided by the Italian Directors, such places are things of the past. It is my ambition working within the Italian law to bring to the prison service a target of cleanliness and humanity that will compare favourably with the Allied systems.

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3. Statistics.

The compilation of statistics has been the great difficulty of this Office. Lack of communications and transport has made the rendering of returns uncertain. Too much was expected of field officers. In this my first report I can well appreciate how hard these figures were to obtain having had much experience in the inspecting of prisons throughout the Island.

I have in consultation with the Chief Director issued instructions to Directors of Provinces to obtain all that is required in a more simple form than that which has been in use and I have every reason to hope that the difficulties of the past will disappear.

A card index system has been introduced of prisoners of all categories and on many occasions it has been of service to other branches. This system will be gradually extended to cover the staff so that information can readily be obtained when it is required. In my next report I hope to claim complete and correct figures of all branches of the service.

4. Courts of Enquiry.

The enquiry into conditions at Favignana was concluded by an examination of the accounts and questioning of prisoners. During this questioning it was noticeable how well Palermo prison was spoken of. This is gratifying since it was the first place to come under the influence of Angot Prison Section and the work that has been done, however small it may seem to British and American people, is quickly appreciated by these unfortunates.

5. Food.

This is indeed a big question. All prisoners are receiving rations within the scale laid down for the civilian population. This is small enough but until supplies increase I do not feel justified in asking for more. Whatever increase is given must be at the expense of others.

This Office has bought 20,000 cases of German tin food and is selling it to those prisons in most need. This appears to have been appreciated.

The taking of food to prisoners by relatives has been a great help as it has been felt that the food that is given can more easily be replaced by the givers than the recipients.

6. General State of Prisons and Staff.

Much is still to be desired especially among the smaller prisons. It has been my aim to restore enthusiasm into the

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personnel. They now know that their interests are safeguarded. Promotion will be as before and with this knowledge I can see a new ~~interest~~ interest in their work. Commandants vie with each other to make of their prison the best and earn by merit the ranks that previously were given for service.

Water and whitewash have been freely used and the assistance obtained of S.C.A.P.O's to effect improvements. The spirit is in the service and is ready to co-operate.

At this juncture I must again raise the question of pay. In my opinion it is absolutely inadequate but I understand it is under consideration. A raise to cover the bare cost of living would do far more than many inspections.

7. Industries.

Lack of material only prevents the restarting of several industries. Again the needs of the population must come first and the time awaited when prison industry takes its proper place.

I am satisfied at the moment that all is being done that can be done.

8. Directors' Conference.

On 6th. October at Palermo a conference was held of Directors of prisons. I had not the honour of attending but I expect good results from the meeting.

I attach a copy of the minutes for information.

8. The Future.

Much has been done and much remains to do before the system can be considered satisfactory. I have found that by study of the Italian system, regulations are there to cover everything and it is only in their application that the position arose that was found on our arrival. These regulations are being applied but I claim indulgence for the prison service. More than three months are necessary to rid them of habits that in twenty years have become deep rooted. I shall do it and be happy to report when it is accomplished.

H.J. Brown

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Supt. of Prisons.

Region No. I. H.Q.

Palermo.

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UNITIES OF JEWELRY ON PRISON.
RECREATIONAL DIVISIONS OF PRISONS
SIGNED AT CENTRAL PRISON - PULLMAN
ON 6 OCTOBER, 1943.

2. Present: -

Dr. Fernando Columbia in the chair.

Major M. P. Lettman, M. C.	-	Dep. Supt. Prisons ALBANY.
Dr. Manuelo Calimico	-	Director NOTO.
Dr. Umberto Spano	-	" MESSINA
Cav. Pietro Ferraro	-	" TRAPANI
Dr. Giovanni Battista Bellomo	-	Vice Director - CALTANISSETTA.
Cond. Pasquale Barrile	-	ENNA.
Dr. Pietro Motolose	-	Director SIRACUSA.
Dr. Ruggiero Valitani	-	" TERRACINI DARSÌ Palermo
Dr. Manfredi	-	MODICA RAGUSA.
Dr. Francesco Casarato	-	Director CALTANISSETTA.
Dr. Formaggio	-	Vice Director - PALERMO.
;; Sig. Montacci	-	Accountant - PAVIGNANA

The following gentlemen were not in attendance as required by letter
 1049/ES dated 27 Sep. 43 - APPENDIX 4.

Dr. Amelio Bruno	-	Director Agrigento
Dr. Francesco Imbriani	-	Director Catania.
Dr. Vittorio Modica	-	Director C. i. Asylum - Barcellona - Messina.
Cond. Giuseppe Barbagallo	-	Comit. Ragusa.

2. The Subt. of Prisms addressed the meeting.

The Chief Director replied to this address

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 Dr. Ruggiero Pallini
 Dr. Manfredi
 Dr. Francesco Casarata
 Dr. Ferruccio
 Director Siliusa
 " Termini Imeresi Palermo
 " MODICA RAGUSA
 Director CATTANISSETTA
 Vice Director - PALERMO
 Accountant - ENVIROMA

Also present: Sig. Montacci

The following gentlemen were not in attendance as required by letter
 ASBOL 1049/ES dated 27 Sep. 43 - APPENDIX A.

Dr. Aniello Bruno
 Dr. Francesco Amaro
 Dr. Vittorio Madia
 Comdt. Giuseppe Barbagallo
 Director AGRIENTO
 Director CATANIA
 Director C. I. Aglym - MARCELLONA - MESSINA
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Directors will submit at an early date their total expenditures on prisons within the provinces for (a) salaries, (b) food, (c) work, buildings and maintenance, (d) overhead charges, and (e) uniforms for staff.

7. Training of Prison Staff.

This matter is considered to be necessary but could be left in abeyance for a little while until industries, and a considerable amount of improvements in the prisons themselves are established.

8. Industries.

a. A plan for developing the industries will be drawn up for central prisons by directors and submitted to the Chief Director.

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B. Cav. Ferreri - Ferreri, would like to be authorized to send prisoners to work outside the establishment to private individuals.

9. Prison Offenses.

No serious offenses were reported. Reports have been ordered to be submitted to the Chief Director if and when any serious offenses do occur.

10. Staff.

(a) Hours of Duty.

The proposal for hours of duty was very acceptable and the directors hope that it can be put into operation.

(b) Salaries and wages.

Appreciation was shown because of the information given to them that an increase was under review.

(c) Uniforms for Staff.

All representatives were glad to hear that the matter of uniform supplies was likely to materialize.

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13. Prison Staff.

(a) Promotion. On enquiry regarding the promotion of the prison staff, directors were advised that the matter would be brought up for consideration as soon as a fixed establishment for the whole of Sicily was arrived at. This could not be done until directors submitted complete rolls and particulars of those in the prison service in their provinces.

(b) Confirmation of efficiency. Confirmation of staff efficiency was necessary in order to obtain the grants allowed by the Italian Government. The whole matter of efficiency grants, confirmation of rank, etc., would be presented to the Superintendent of Prisons.

On this subject Dr. Hotclose of Siracusa asked for the payment of

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proficiency reward for the months of March to June, 1943, and for War Offense Indemnity for the month of June.

(c) Dr. Manfredi, (Angusa), stated that he had been unable to obtain any advancement because he had never belonged to the Fascist Party.

(d) Dr. Siano, (Messina), and Cav. Ferrari, (Trapani), are both forced to live in lodgings as the prison has not provided the necessary accommodation. In addition to immediate reimbursement, how are they placed for amounts due to them prior to and after 10 July, 1943?

14. Weapons and Arms.

Weapons for the use of agents were removed by the American Army from Ersa Prison and require to be replaced.

All members are anxious to have guards armed even when outside the prison. Could they be authorized to carry pistols in self defence, even when wearing civilian clothes. This is very necessary for those guards employed at Noto Prison.

15. Guards.

Now that the control of all prisons, local and central, is to be established, it is strongly recommended and advised that the local guardians at the small prisons be replaced by agents employed in the prison service.

16. Prisons and Buildings.

(a) The prison at Milazzo had an agricultural colony and land of about 50,000 square metres. It was hoped that this could be ultimately brought into service.

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TO: All S.C.A.Os.

Forwarded for information together with two copies in Italian, which should be passed to the Chief Directors within your Province.

11. Oct. 43.

M. P. Lotman
LEONEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel, Inf.,
Commissioner of Public
Safety.

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RELAZIONE SULLA RIUNIONE
DEI DIRETTORI PROVINCIALI DELLE CARCERI,
TENUTA AL CONSIGLIO GENERALE DI
PALERMO IL GOTTORRE 1943.

1) Presenti-

Dr. Ferdinando Columba- Presidente.

Maggiore M.P. Iotlian, M.C. - Sovrintendente alle Prigioni
A.M.C.O.P.

Dr. Emanuele Chirico - Direttore di Noto.
Dr. Ubaldo Sparo - " " Messina
Cav. Pietro Ferraro - " " Trapani
Dr. Giov. Batt. Bellomo - Vice Direttore di Caltanissetta
Comand. Pasquale Barilla - di Enna
Dr. Ettore Motelese - Direttore di Siracusa
Dr. Ruggiero Pallini - " " Termini Imerese
(Palermo)
Dr. Manfredi - Di Modia (Siracusa)
Dr. Francesco Casanetta - di Caltanissetta
Dr. Ferruccio - Vice direttore di Palermo
Sig. Montanai - Ragioniere di Pavigliana.

Assenti i signori qui appresso descritti malgrado richiesti
con lettera A.M.C.O.P. 1043/P.S. del 27 Sett. 1943 Allegato A.

Dr. Adolfo Bruno - Direttore di Agrigento.
Dr. Francesco Annunzi - " " Catania
Dr. Vittorio Madia - Ragusa
2) Il Sovrintendente alle Prigioni rivolse un discorso ai convenuti
di cui si alliga la copia.
Il Direttore Capo risponde con altro discorso di cui si alliga
la copia.

3) Elenco dei detenuti.

Sono stati presentati dalla maggioranza gli elenchi
dettagliati divisi per categoria dei detenuti alle Carceri dal
10-luglio 1943 e dei detenuti politici anteriormente a quella data,
in aggiunta alla richiesta fatta con lettera 1043/PS del 27 Sett.
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Ragusa.

4) Direttori Provinciali.

Sono state prese in considerazione le nomine che general-
mente sono vantaggiose. La selezione finale di tali nomine sarà
presentata dal Direttore Capo.

5) Trasferimenti di detenuti.

I direttori hanno ricevuto istruzioni di presentare, al più
presto possibile, i nominativi dei detenuti che dovrebbero essere
trasferiti nelle Carceri delle Provincie da dove erano stati

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 Dr. Giov. Batt. Bellomo - Vice Direttore di Caltanissetta
 Corand. Pasquale Parilla - di Enna
 Dr. Pietro Mottoloso - Direttore di Siracusa
 Dr. Ruggiero Pallini - "Termini Imerese (Palermo)"
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6) Spese.

I Direttori hanno pervenuto al più presto la nota delle spese sostenute per le carceri Provinciali distinta per (a) salari, (b) alimenti, (c) lavori e manutenzione agli stabili, (d) spese diverse e (e) divise del personale.

7) Addestramento del Personale alle Carceri.

Questo argomento e' ritenuto necessario ma puo' essere per poco tempo sospeso, fino a quando le industrie, ed un considerevole progresso nelle carceri stesse, verranno costituite.

8) Industria.

a) I direttori elaboreranno un piano per lo sviluppo delle industrie delle Carceri Centrali e lo sottoporranno al Direttore Capo.

b) Il Cav. Ferrari di Trapani desidererebbe essere autorizzato a poter mandare i detenuti a lavorare per conto terzi fuori lo stabilimento.

9) Trasmissioni nelle Carceri.

Ha una seria trasgressione e' stata riferita.
E' stato ordinato che se e quando ne avverranno degne di rilievo, sara' esteso l'adempimento al Direttore Capo.

10) Orario di servizio del personale.

a) Sono state bene accolte le proposte per le ore di servizio ed i Direttori si augurano di vederle attuate.

b) Salari ed emolumenti.

1) e' stata appresa con soddisfazione la notizia secondo la quale un aumento e' allo studio.

c) Divise del Personale.

Tutti i presenti apprendono con piacere che la questione concernente le divise verisimilmente sara' un fatto compiuto.

11- 2) Remissioni di pena.

Sono state gradite le proposte per le remissioni di pena da assegnarsi ai condannati, secondo il sistema britannico. Cio' e' stato ritenuto necessario o sara' pienamente contestato se presentato.

12) Spese per conto detenuti.

a) E' stato richiesto che rivedere questo argomento ed e' stato suggerito che la spesa per ogni detenuto debba aggirarsi sulla base di 6-7 lire al giorno.

b) Istruzione dei detenuti.

- a) i direttori elaborano un piano per lo sviluppo delle industrie delle Carceri Centrali e lo sottoporranno al Direttore Capo.
- b) Il Cav. Fornari di Trapani desidererebbe essere autorizzato a poter mandare i detenuti a lavorare per conto terzi fuori lo stabilimento.

9) Transgressioni nelle Carceri.

Nessuna seria trasgressione e' stata riferita. E' stato ordinato che ne e quando ne avverranno degne di rilievo, sara' contestato subito al Direttore Capo.

10) Credito di servizio del personale.

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11- c) Remissioni di pena.

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- b) Istruzione dei detenuti.
Questo argomento richiede di essere tenuto in considerazione e di aver corrispondere una mercede agli insegnanti, industriali o educatori civili, che dedicano il loro tempo per

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tale assistenza.

c) Donare dei detenuti

Il denaro, frutto del lavoro dei detenuti, ed ad essi appartenente, depositato nelle Casse Postali o conti correnti postali, e' rimasto bloccato. Si spera poterlo sbloccare quanto prima.

d) Detenuti in attesa di giudizio.

Vi e' a Siracusa un numero di detenuti, trattenuti in carcere da qualche tempo, trasferitisi da Moto.

e) Alimenti

I Direttori chiedono che la razione di pane venga aumentata a 500 grammi al giorno, come concessa ai carabinieri e ad altri agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza, e che venga data la carne ed i generi da minestra. Tutti i Direttori hanno sollevato l'argomento delle 'difficolta' di provvedere agli alimenti, augurandosi che dei provvedimenti vengano adottati al riguardo. In alcune Provincie l'acquisto dei generi di alimentazione si rende difficilissimo e gradirebbero di essere autorizzati a poterne acquistare in altre Provincie, dove v'e' maggiore disponibilita'. Non si potrebbero consigliare i locali uffici di alimentazione di fornire alle Carceri le prescritte razioni?

Personale delle Carceri.

a) Esenzioni.

In merito alle promozioni del personale, i Direttori sono stati informati che tale argomento ara' preso in considerazione appena si raggiungera' la normalizzazione dell'intera Sicilia e pertanto non si potra' fare nulla fin tanto che i Direttori non faranno pervenire gli elenchi particolareggiati degli interessati in servizio nelle Carceri della loro Provincia.

b) Conferma di operosita'.

La conferma dell'operosita' del personale era necessaria per ottenere le concessioni assegnate dal Governo Italiano. Per tutto cio' che riguarda operosita', concessioni, conferme di grado, ecc, bisogna rivolgersi al Sovrintendente delle Carceri.

Su questo argomento, il Dr. Motolese di Siracusa chiede il versamento del premio di operosita' per i mesi da Maggio a Giugno 1963, e l'indennita' di opera bellica per il mese di Giugno.

c) Il Dr. Manfredi di Ragusa esprime di non aver potuto ottenere la promozione, perche' non fece parte del partito Fascista

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Su questo argomento il Dr. Molese di Siracusa chiede il pagamento del premio di operosità per i mesi da Maggio a Giugno 1943, e l'indennità di offesa Bellica per il mese di Giugno.

Il Dr. Manfredi di Ragusa espone di non aver potuto ottenere la promozione, perché non fece parte del partito fascista. Il Dr. Spagno di Messina ed il Cav. Ferreri di Trapani non possono servirsi di abitudini private poiché le loro carceri non dispongono di locali adatti. Chiedono il rimborso dovuto loro, dell'antiparte della pensione pagata nel periodo antecedente e conseguente il 10 Maggio 1943.

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tutti agenti del carcere di Poma vennero sequestrati, nell'esercito a Orleans, le armi di cui si richiese la restituzione.

Tutti i componenti sono uniti di vedere le guardie armate anche quando sono fuori le carceri, o desiderano siano autorizzati a portare la pistola anche quando si trovano in abito civile. Cio' si rende molto necessario per le guardie addetti sotto alle carceri di Poma.

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Guardie.

Ora che il controllo di tutte le carceri, locali e centrali, si e' verificato, si raccomanda e consiglia vivamente che i custodi locali delle piccole carceri Manimentali siano degli Agenti Abilitati al servizio delle carceri.

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Carceri e fabbricati.

a) Le carceri di Milazzo dispongono di un appezzamento di terra di circa 30.000 metri quadrati da utilizzare per una coltura di grano.

b) Il Cav. Pomari di Trapani chiede sia possibile apportare delle migliorie alle Carceri di Trapani. Egli ritiene necessario una spesa di 600.000 lire. Informa che vi e' a Trapani un'ex carcere di Pandoria in atto vuoto.

17)

Collocamento a riposo.

Vivo interesse si e' avuto circa il collocamento a riposo del personale che raggiunge i 50 anni di eta'. Il Direttore capo consiglia che venga a lui sottoposto ogni singolo caso che si presentera' accuratamente per l'applicabilita' delle relative disposizioni.

M.P. LOTHIAN, K.C.

Major,

D/Superintendent of Prisons.

Report on closure of prisons for October 1952

1. General Summary.

Inspections of all prisons throughout the Island has now been made and the list is shown in the previous report, viz: 17 Central Prisons, 38 Mandamatale or Local Prisons, 2 Reformatories and one Criminal Lunatic Asylum can now be accepted as correct.

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Instructions were issued for the closure of prisons within provinces not considered suitable for long confinements.

The majority of these places have however, remained open for reception of short sentence prisoners, 1, 5, under 30 days and those awaiting trial.

Representations have been made in two provinces for some slight change in the scheme as laid down. The question was gone into thoroughly and alterations were made.

It would appear that the closing of the smaller prisons was welcomed by S.S. 30's and their officers. Not only has it given to the confined a more healthy place in which to pass sentence but has in great measure brought the prisoner in more direct contact with the Provincial Director of Prisons with less chance of a prisoner becoming forgotten as unfortunately happened so often in the past.

I must explain at this point that these small local prisons technically under the control of the State are actually prisons managed by the Town Council and the Custodian, local men appointed by the Council, very often illiterate and altogether unfitted to have in his care prisoners of any description. The local judge was responsible for the cleanliness but it was found that this duty in many cases was neglected thus leaving to the Custodian the task of cleaning, feeding and guarding of prisoners. As can be imagined, without supervision there were all kinds of things in the mind to say that with the co-operation of officers in the field, aided by the Italian Directors, such places are things of the past. It is my ambition working within the Italian law to bring to the prison service a better sort of cleanliness and humanity that will compare favourably with the Italian system.

3. Statistics.

The compilation of statistics has been the great difficulty of this Office. Lack of communications and transport has made the rendering of returns uncertain. Too much was expected of field officers. In this my first report I can well appreciate how hard these figures were to obtain having had much experience in the inspecting of prisons throughout the Island.

I have in consultation with the Chief Director issued instructions to Directors of Provinces to obtain all that is required in a more simple form than that which has been in use and I have every reason to hope that the difficulties of the past will disappear.

A card index system has been introduced of prisoners of all categories and on many occasions it has been of service to other branches. This system will be gradually extended to cover the staff so that information can readily be obtained when it is required. In my next report I hope to claim complete and correct figures of all branches of the service.

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The enquiry into conditions at Pavignani was concluded by an examination of the accounts and questioning of prisoners. During this questioning it was noticeable how well Palermo Prison was spoken of. This is gratifying since it was the first place to come under the influence of August Prison Section and the work that has been done however small it may seem to British and American people, is greatly appreciated by these unfortunate.

5. Food.

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I am satisfied at the moment that all is being done that can be done.

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I attach a copy of the minutes for information.

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Much has been done and much remains to do before the system can be considered satisfactory. I have added that by study of the Italian system, regulations are there to cover everything and it is only in their application that the position arises that was found on our arrival. These regulations are being applied but I claim indulgence for the prison service. More than three months are necessary to rid them of habits that in twenty years have become deep rooted. I shall do it and be happy to report when it is accomplished.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report on Prisons.

AMGOT/1056/PS

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

11 October 1943.

TO : C.S.C. for C.C.A.C.

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The attached report on prisons for September is forwarded.

Considerable progress has been made in all directions and I feel that Lt. Colonel Michell and his very small staff should be congratulated on what has been achieved.

The Prison service on the Island has undoubtedly benefited from its contact with the Allied Military Government and our efforts are being directed towards effecting as many improvements as possible consistent with the general system of control, which prevailed before the occupation.

The records at H.Q. are still incomplete but good progress is being made in their compilation, all of which facilitates the provision of information for the Legal Division and other sections of the Public Safety Division.

Samuel L. Bolles
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Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

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REPORT ON PRISONS IN SICILY FOR SEPTEMBER.

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AMGOT/1056/PS.1. General Summary.

A. Appendix gives a general summary of the prisons inspected and reported upon during September. The total number of Places of Confinement now recorded is :-

Trapani	9 Local Prisons	2 General Prisons
Palermo	21 Local Prisons	2 General Prisons
	1 Female Institute	
	1 Reformatory	
Enna	9 Local Prisons	2 General Prisons
Caltanissetta	9 Local Prisons	1 General Prison
		1 Reformatory
Ragusa	5 Local Prisons	2 General Prisons
Siracusa	3 Local Prisons	1 General Prison
		1 Penal Establishment
Catania	12 Local Prisons	3 General Prisons
Agrigento	16 Local Prisons	2 General Prisons
Messina	13 Local Prisons	4 General Prisons
		1 Criminal Lunatic Asylum

2. Closing Prisons.

Instructions have been issued to close down unserviceable places for confinement of prisoners over 30 days sentence in :

Trapani	-	3 Local Prisons.
Palermo	-	13 " "
Agrigento	-	9 " "
Caltanissetta	-	4 " "
Catania	-	9 " "
Messina	-	8 " "

These places will, however, require to remain open for confinement of prisoners awaiting trial in the locality and for the present it is advisable to confine short sentence prisoners in them owing to transport difficulties.

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3. Inspections in hand.

A thorough inspection by Captain H.W.Alden is in hand in Siracusa and Ragusa, but will not be completed till about the middle of October.

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4. Regular Reports from Prisons.

In order to simplify the work and get over the complications caused by any demand for detailed rolls of prisoners numbers only were called for to be submitted at beginning of each month. Owing to the necessity now found to make a criminal registration and maintain records of all individuals held in prisons, returns have in addition been called for by names. Complete records will ultimately be in possession of Prison Section at AMCO H.Q.

5. Special places of confinement.

A. Special confinement centres under military control are established at Palermo and at Fregene. All persons detained by the Italian Government in Prisons for A/Fascist reasons and not liberated have been transferred to these places.

B. A criminal lunatic asylum exists at Barcellona - Messina. This is a model C.L.A. and is exceptionally well kept and managed. The place is modern and in all respects very up-to-date.

6. Offences and Disturbances.

A. No marked prison offences have been recorded, except at Noto Penal Establishment, where a disturbance was created at the end of August. This has been cleared but it necessitated the transfer of some 20 unruly prisoners to Modica. The disturbance arose from the fact that prisoners expected early liberation by the Allied Government and had been disappointed. This place has been given careful attention and general improvement and comfort may be expected.

B. An enquiry was held to investigate the conditions of neglect at the prison in I. Favignana, which was closed by orders of C.C.A.O. The enquiry found that the Director, Desimone Gaetano, and Commander Ciangara Sebastiano, had not conducted the administration satisfactorily, but were under difficulties in the way of lack of assistance from Rome. The accounts are under examination, and until the finances prove satisfactory they will remain suspended from duty.

Some 150 prisoners were transferred to Central Prison, Palermo.

C. The treatment of prisoners detained at Ustica Island as "Confinati" was the subject of enquiry and investigation by Legal Division. All the prisoners were brought over to Palermo and had to be confined, unfortunately in the Central Prison at Palermo, for a short period till investigations were complete. All were ultimately liberated or transferred to an internecamp. A number of the officials are under arrest and detained in prison.

7. General State of Prisons - Food.

A. There is marked improvement in all places, but constant supervision is required. I am not satisfied with the method of confining prisoners in communal cells and should like to have all sentenced prisoners allocated to their own cell. This is possible in some prisons. It is a matter for consideration if the practice of allowing untried prisoners to associate together should be permitted. In Britain, this is forbidden by the Legal authorities to such an extent that they may not even associate for work should they wish to do any in a special work-shed set aside for them.

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Some of the prisoners are still overcrowded but in time this will be adjusted and where cells have been allocated for 50 prisoners this will be marked to take 20 or 25.

B. Food has improved and for the Central Prison at Palermo and the Penal Establishment at Noto additional supplies (captured German tinned foods) have been purchased. One meal a day is still the order, but small extras can be bought by prisoners.

8. Industries.

The larger prisons are equipped for making of many essential items of national importance, shoes, mats, brushes, furniture, clothing, etc. This is now a matter which is being closely organized and plans will coordinate the work which will be started when material is obtained.

9. The Staff.

A. An increase of salaries and wages for the whole service has been presented and I feel that some action is urgently required. The staff have cooperated well but their condition of living is certainly poor and they hold such a position of national importance and one which is so exacting and so responsible that their status in the country should be raised. Clothing and uniform is in a bad state, but material has now been collected and a start will be made to have clothing made in the prisons.

B. The hours of duty for the staff is not on a properly organized system. This is a necessity, and a scheme is in hand which, if adopted, will give considerable impetus to the enthusiasm of the warders in their duties.

10. Death Sentence.

Re-establishment of a firing squad is in course of preparation and detailed instructions for the carrying out of executions are being prepared.

11. Aid to Prisoners on Liberation.

Authority has been given to Provinces to assist convicted prisoners, and some prisoners detained for trial, on liberation and on discharge. The aid will be given to men as they leave the place in which they have been confined according to period of detention, and will be paid out of Prisons Budget. The aid will include cash in lieu of authority for free ticket to travel to place of residence, owing to lack of train and bus facilities.

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12. The Future.

I look forward to considerable progress in general improvement each month, but a great deal remains still to do. The direct administration by Provincial Directors under Dr. Ferdinando Colombo holds out promise. The conference of these gentlemen on 6th October will, I hope, considerably help the general improvement, ease administrative details from AMGOT Provincial H.Q. and the Central H.Q. It will, I hope, lay a foundation upon which we can build up a better service under the old Italian principles and methods improved by the introduction of ideas, taken from the systems in America and Britain.

Allen B. Mitchell

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Lt. Col.,

Superintendent of Prisons.

7. Oct. 43.

Appendix to Prison Report.

GENERAL SUMMARY REPORT ON PRISONS IN SICILY - Inspected up to 1. Oct. 43.

Province.	Town	Nature of Prison.	Capacity.	State of Buildings.	General Information.	Officer Reporting
TRAPANI.	As reported on 1st Sept.		9 Local Prisons, 2 General Prisons. (I. Favignana remains closed)			
PALERMO.	1. GANGI /	Local	25	Fair	A useful place.	Capt. Bro
	2. PARTINICO X	Local	100	Bad and antiquated.	Ordered to be closed.	Capt. Bro
	3. CASTELBUONO /	Local	14	Fair, very small.	Under consideration to close.	Capt. Bro
	4. CORLEONE /	Local	10	Good	A useful place.	Capt. Bro
	5. BISAGUINA /	Local	4	Satisfactory	Useful as Police Local Cells.	Capt. Bro
	6. PRIZZI /	Local	14	Fair	Useful	Capt. Bro
	7. PETRALIA SOPRANA /	Local	20	Fair	Useful	Capt. Bro
	8. POLIZZI /	Local	44	Fair	Useful	Capt. Bro
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PALERMO. (Cont'd)	14. CIMINNA /	Local	13	Good	Not very useful owing to capacity.	Capt. Brown.
	15. MEZZIOUSO /	Local	24	Old	Under consideration closing.	Capt. Brown.
	16. MISILMERI /	Local	30	Good. Some Repairs necessary.	A useful prison.	Capt. Brown.
Reported in September : 5 Local Prisons. 2 General Prisons. 1 Institute for Females. 1 Reformatory.						
ENNA.	NICOSIA	General	300	Old	In poor condition.	Lt. Col. A. B. Michel
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SIRACUSA. (Cont'd)	AVOLA	Local	12	Sound	To be considered for closing.	Capt. Alden.
1 General Prison and 1 Local Prison reported in Sept. Prisons now being inspected by Capt. Alden.						
CATANIA.	1. MINEO	General	50	Good	A well kept prison.	Capt. H. J. Brown
	2. CALTAGIRONE	General	120	Old	Dirty	Capt. H. J. Brown
	3. ACIREALE	Local	-	Old	Lent to Military for Detention Barracks.	No inspection made.
	4. IONIA	Local	74	Old	Dirty.	Capt. H. J. Brown
	5. TRECASTANIA	Local	30	Old	Dirty	Capt. H. J. Brown
	6. MELITELLO	Local	30	Fair	nil	Capt. H. J. Brown
	7. VIZZINI	Local	20	Good	Clean	Capt. H. J. Brown
	8. RAMACCO	Local	18	Old	Dirty	Capt. H. J. Brown
	9. ADRANO	Local	25	Old	Dirty	Capt. H. J. Brown
	10. LINGUAGLOSSA	Local	12	Good	Clean	Capt. H. J. Brown
	11. RANDAZZO	Local	20	Damaged	Under repair	Capt. H. J. Brown
	12. BRONTE	Local	20	Old	To be closed.	Capt. H. J. Brown
	13. BELPASSO	Local	20	Old	Dirty	Capt. H. J. Brown
	14. PATERNO	Local	20	Good	Clean	Capt. H. J. Brown

1 General Prison CATANIA inspected and reported in Sept.

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ACUSA. (cont'd)	AVOLA	Local	12	Sound	To be considered for closing.	Capt. Alden.
1 General Prison and 1 Local Prison reported in Sept. Prisons now being inspected by Capt. Alden.						
CATANIA.	1. MINEO	General	50	Good	A well kept prison.	Capt. H. J. Brown.
	2. CALTAGIRONE	General	120	Old	Dirty	Capt. H. J. Brown.
	3. ACIREALE	Local	-	Old	Lent to Military for Detention Barracks.	No inspection made.
	4. IONIA	Local	74	Old	Dirty.	Capt. H. J. Brown.
	5. TRECASTANIA	Local	30	Old	Dirty	Capt. H. J. Brown.
	6. MELITALLO	Local	30	Fair	nil	Capt. H. J. Brown.
	7. VIZZINI	Local	20	Good	Clean	Capt. H. J. Brown.
	8. RAMACCO	Local	18	Old	Dirty	Capt. H. J. Brown.
	9. ADRANO	Local	25	Old	Dirty	Capt. H. J. Brown.
	10. LINGUAGLOSSA	Local	12	Good	Clean	Capt. H. J. Brown.
	11. RANDAZZO	Local	20	Damaged	Under repair	Capt. H. J. Brown.
	12. BRONTE	Local	20	Old	To be closed.	Capt. H. J. Brown.
	13. BELPASSO	Local	20	Old	Dirty	Capt. H. J. Brown.
	14. PATERNO	Local	20	Good	Clean	Capt. H. J. Brown.

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AGRIGENTO.	1. AGRIGENTO	General	350	Satisfactory	Shops available for industry.	Capt. Alden
	2. PORTO EMPEDOCLE	Local	40	Poor	To be closed.	Capt. Alden
	3. FAVARA	Local	64	Good	Useful place.	Capt. Alden
	4. LICATA.	Local	36	Old & Dirty	Administration poor.	Capt. Alden
	5. SCIACCA	General	250	Very good	A good & suitable establishment.	Capt. Alden
	6. RACALMOTO	Local	23	Good	May be useful	Capt. Alden
	7. CAMMARATA	Local	20	Old	Will be considered for closing.	Capt. Alden
	8. ARAGONA	Local	50	Good	Suitable place.	Capt. Alden
	9. CASTLETERMINI	Local	49	Old	Very dirty.	Capt. Alden
	10. RAVANUSA.	Local	18	Fair	Dirty	Capt. Alden
	11. PALMA MONTECIARO	Local	14	Old	A poor place, will be considered for closing.	Capt. Alden
	12. NARO	Local	60	Good	A useful place.	Capt. Alden
	13. CAMPOHELLO	Local	12	Good	Might not be required.	Capt. Alden
	14. CANNICATTI	Local	23	Old	Bad condition.	Capt. Alden

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	3. FAVARA	Local	64	Good	Useful place.	Capt. Alden.
	4. LICATA.	Local	36	Old & Dirty	Administration poor.	Capt. Alden.
	5. SCLACCA	General	250	Very good	A good & suitable establishment.	Capt. Alden.
	6. RACALMOTO	Local	23	Good	May be useful	Capt. Alden.
	7. CALMARATA	Local	20	Old	Will be considered for closing.	Capt. Alden.
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Province.	Town.	Nature of Prison.	Capacity.	State of Buildings.	General Information.	Officer Reporting.
AGRIGENTO. (Con'td.)	15. RIBIERA.	Local	10	Damaged	Considered for closing.	Capt. Alden.
	16. MENFI	Local	31	Old	Badly kept.	Capt. Alden.
	17. CATTOLICA ERACLEA.	Local	31	Good	A useful place.	Capt. Alden.
	18. RIVONA.	Not yet inspected.				
MESSINA.	1. MESSINA	General	400	Damaged. Closed owing to state.	Being repaired and capable of taking up to 200.	Capt. H. J. Bro
	2. TORMINA X	Local	-	Dirty	This prison is closed.	Capt. H. J. Bro
	3. MILAZZO	General	250 males 15 females	Old	Castle type.	Capt. H. J. Bro
	4. MISTRETTA	General	120	Good	Clean and servicable.	Capt. H. J. Bro
	5. PATTI	General	10	Damaged	Not worth repairing. Considered for closing.	Capt. H. J. Bro
	6. BARCELLONA.	C. I. Asylum. Male.	500	Excellent.	This is a very fine place and in good order.	Capt. H. J. Br
	7. BARCELLONA	Local	20	Fair	Necessary place, meantime.	Capt. H. J. Br
	8. ROMETTA	Local	30	Fair	Necessary	Capt. H. J. Br

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16. MENTI	Local	31	Old	Badly kept.	Capt. Alden.
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8. ROSETTA	Local	30	Fair	Necessary	Capt. H. J. Brown.

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MESSINA. (Cont'd.)	9. NASO.	Local.	22	Good	In good state.	Capt. H. J. Brown
	10. TORTORICI	Local	18	Old	Not in good state.	Capt. H. J. Brown
	11. RACCULA	Local	15	Old	Dirty. May be closed.	Capt. H. J. Brown
	12. SACATA	Local	15	Old	Dirty	Capt. H. J. Brown
	13. S. Stefano	Local	20	Old	Under repair.	Capt. H. J. Brown
	14. NOVARO	Local	9	Old	Will be considered for closing.	Capt. H. J. Brown
	15. FRANCOVILLA	Local	12	Fair	ditto.	Capt. H. J. Brown
	16. ALI X	Local	20	Filthy	Unfit for use closed on 19. Sept.	Capt. H. J. Brown
	17. S. ANGELO	Local	12	Old	Condition poor	Capt. H. J. Brown
	18. LIPARI Island.	Local	No information - believed to be closed.			

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SINA. (cont'd.)	9. NASO.	Local.	22	Good	In good state.	Capt. H. J. Brown.
	10. TORTORICI	Local	18	Old	Not in good state.	Capt. H. J. Brown.
	11. RACCUA	Local	15	Old	Dirty. May be closed.	Capt. H. J. Brown.
	12. SACATA	Local	15	Old	Dirty	Capt. H. J. Brown.
	13. S. Stefano	Local	20	Old	Under repair.	Capt. H. J. Brown.
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AMCOT/1056/PS.

AMCOT HQ. VICIN. 18

18 September, 1943.

Subject: Report on Prisons in Sicily.

To : 15 Army Group.

1. The C.C.A.O. has directed that the attached report on the prisons in Sicily be submitted for the information of the G.O.C. in C. It is forwarded in triplicate so that copies can be sent to M.G.S., A.P.H.Q. if such action is thought fit.

*Suppt. to see
with Mr. [unclear]
19/9/43*

CHARLES M. SPON 2591
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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

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AMCOT/1056/PS.

AMCOT H.Q. SICILY.

15. Sept. 43.

TO: C.C.A.O.

Forwarded herewith a further and more up-to-date report on the prisons of Sicily in accordance with AMCOT/1056/PS dated 4. Sept. 43.

Encl.

*Three copies to
former annual cover
to be sent 15 AB
has been to forward it
thought to be 14.08*

Samuel Folies
LEMUEL FOLIES.
Colonel, Inf.
Commissioner of
Public Safety.

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15 Sept. 43

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The prison staff appears to be loyal, and in many cases their cooperation has not been difficult to obtain. Improvements in their general appearance, swiftness and efficiency is aimed at and already there is a marked improvement. The Director of the Central Prison, Palermo - Dr. Fernando Colombo - has given

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

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

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

Allen B. Mitchell

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

LEAMEL L. BOLLES,
Colonel Infantry,
Commissioner Of Public Safety.

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Tapen with 2.
 Col Buckle has just
 returned from an inspection.
 I think the report
 could and should be
 formed up a bit.

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Have consulted with Suplt, but
 we do not understand what
 is required now. ~~The~~ I understood
 this report for Comdr. Allied Forces
 was pressing.

14/9/43W.H.

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AMCOT HQ SICILY

7 September 1943

To: C.S.O.

Forwarded to you for disposal as directed by C.C.A.O.
on page 9.

Manuel Bolles
MANUEL BOLLES
COLONEL, Infantry
Commissioner of Public Safety

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WEST H. SICILY

7 September 1943

Report on Prisons in Sicily up to end of
August 1943

A complete report at the present time is not possible, as the Prison Section officers have not yet covered the Island. Only Provinces of Trapani, Palermo and Caltanissetta have had the benefit of a Prison officer for any length of time. The original plan of allocating an officer to each Province could not be carried out. The three necessary officers were sent out to the above-named Provinces immediately on arrival. The Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent have between them covered the Island to obtain a general picture and enable them to have some idea of the situation. No visit was paid to prisons in Agrigento nor Messina. These places are now having full attention.

On the whole the impression is good. Some prisons have been badly damaged by bombs; repairs have all been put in hand. All prisons require a good deal of supervision and guidance and some have already been closed as unsuitable places. A large prison on Favignana Island has been closed and all prisoners - about 200 - transferred to Palermo. The internecamp on Ustica Island has also been closed and for lack of accommodation, at short notice, the internees have unfortunately to be confined in Palermo Central Prison. These internees will soon be disposed of. Small prisons where conditions are unsatisfactory on account of age and in-sanitary measures have also been closed.

Food is in accordance with Italian customs. Normally one meal a day and this one meal has been improved as far as supplies will allow.

During the campaign there have been escapes but only at Siracusa was this serious - about 200 prisoners were able to get away. A number of prisons have been damaged by bombs and death did occur. Large numbers of prisoners had been transferred to other places for safety and as most of them were awaiting trial they have now to be gathered in for disposal at the Courts.

The prison staff appears to be loyal and in all cases their cooperation has not been difficult to obtain. The Director at Palermo has given valuable service and has now been appointed Chief Director for the Island. The Commandant at Catania performed his duty during the battle in a degree worthy of commendation. There are cases of slackness and neglect. Removals and dismissals have been made and others will follow.

Thirty-seven prisons have been inspected; 10 General Prisons, 1 Penal Institution, 2 male and 1 female reformatories, 23 Municipal Prisons under State control. The total number of prisoners found at time of inspection was 2860.

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M. J. de Thun
Lieut. Colonel
Supt. Prisons

Amel Bolles
AMEL BOLLES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety

SUBJECT: Summarised Report.

AMCOT/1056/PS

AMCOT/Sicily

4 September 1943

TO : C.P.S.

The attached a summarised report on prisons inspected. In spite of preparation and issue of a proforma in a very simple form few provinces have sent them in and only for a few prisons. The reports have mainly come from three Prison Section Officers and only the ones submitted by Captain Brown have been good enough. A number of prisons were inspected by Major Lothian in order to obtain a general picture.

On the whole the impression is generally good. There has in some cases been damage by bombs, repairs are in progress. Attempts were made to escape but only at SIRACUSA Central Prison did any large numbers get out. There were some 200 and they are still at large. Particulars were supplied to the S.C.A.Os. There was a general shortage of water in most places. This is being put right, and the cleaning of all places will ultimately be simplified. Meanwhile cleaning and disinfecting is being enforced.

Feeding is considered to be poor - one meal a day. As supplies increase so this one meal improves. *This is the Italian rule.*

There are a large number of prisons in the Island and no details have been given from Provinces, even as to towns in which located. These are being ascertained. The total number of prisons recorded as having been inspected is 37.

A number of these places seem to serve no useful purpose and are being considered for closing. This will take place after consultation with S.C.A.Os.

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*Mr. an. report
Viewed 3 copies of report
W. J. Lothian*

5-9-43

To C.C.H.O.

Sum with report on Prison conditions as directed by you. Need for further improvement is recognized and is receiving preferred attention

Remond Bailey C. P. S.

Lt Col.

Supt. of Prisons.

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PRISONS IN SICILY FULFILL HIGH STANDARD THAT EXPECTED FROM PRISON AGENT TO AMTY
FOR WAR DEPT AND WAR OFFICE SITE AGENT 203 PRISON OVER 30 INSTITUTIONS INSPECTED BY
AGENT OFFICERS(.) REFORMS ARE BEING MADE(.) PRISON SUPERINTENDENT HAS MADE
INSPECTION ALL LARGE PRISONS LEADING TO POLICIES OF IMPROVEMENT IN WARDENS AND
CONTROL(.) SOME PRISONS ALREADY CLOSED OTHERS BEING IN OR TO GOAL SERVICE(.)
SANITATION NOT BEST SITUATION BUT IMPROVEMENTS DEVELOPING(.) LACK OF WATER OWING
WAR DAMAGE A HINDERANCE(.) FOOD SUFFERED LOW BUT WILL IMPROVE WITH GENERAL FOOD
SITUATION(.) PRISON OF FIORI QUARTY BUT ALL DEMAND PARTICIPATION WITH IMPROVED
CONDITIONS. SOME SUPERIOR OFFICIALS IMPROVED BUT SUPERVISION AND EFFICIENT AGENT(.)
SOME OUTSTANDING PROPOSITIONS AND REDUCTIONS WILL BE MADE(.) CONSIDERABLE AND CONSTANT
SUPERVISION NECESSARY(.) PRISON AT PALERMO UNDER BY WAR DAMAGE REPAIRS PROCEEDING(.)
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BATTLE BUT ONLY ONE OF IMPORTANCE(.) WITH PROTECTION OF PRISON AT D'ARAGONA AND
OF INTERESTS AT ISOLA D'USTINA BOTH PRISONS NOW UNDER SUPERVISION HAS BEEN FAIR.
CONDITIONS ON THESE TWO ISLANDS ARE SUBJECT OF INQUIRY WITH VIEW DISCIPLINARY ACTION(.)
INVESTIGATION INTO CASES ADMITTING TRIAL BY ITALIAN COURTS PROCEEDING(.) INSTITUTES
FOR YOUNG BOY GIRL OFFENDERS GIVE GOOD IMPRESSION BUT ROOM FOR DEVELOPMENT(.)

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URGENT.

SUBJECT: Prison Inspections.

AMGOT/1035/PS

AMGOT H.Q. Sicily

31 August 1943

TO : C. P. S.

I submit for consideration and forwarding
a draft Cable which I have been directed to frame
for the C.C.A.O. on the subject of Prisons in Sicily.

W. B. Latham
Major,
Dep. Supt. Prisons.

C.P.S.
Forwarded
31/8/43

Ref. Martini
S.C.P.S.
Sent out at 13
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DRAFT TELEGRAM.

TO: London.
Washington.

FROM: AMGOT.

Prisons in Sicily found to be higher standard than expected. Over 30 institutions inspected by officers of AMGOT. Directions for improvement already effective. Prison Superintendent has made general inspection all large prisons. ~~will lead to Directions~~ ^{issued.} for policy of improvement in welfare and control. Some ~~phases~~ ^{has} already closed others follow if of no real service. Sanitation and washing facilities not high standard improvements already made will develop. Lack of water owing war damage hinders early improvements. Food not of high standard will be raised to better level as food situation improves. Warders and guards not smart and lacking in enthusiasm. Aim to improve their conditions and demand efficiency. Some superior officials improving due supervision and interest AMGOT. A few outstanding promotions and reductions will be made. Considerable and constant supervision necessary. Prison at Palermo upset by war damage repairs proceeding. Other war damage not excessive repairs under way. There have been escapes during battle, ^{but} only one case ^{of importance} ~~any~~ extent.

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There have been escapes during battle ^{but} only one case ~~of~~ ^{of importance} ~~any~~ ^{of any extent}.

With exception prison at L' FAVIGNANA and of internees at Isola

3: HISTICA both places now closed treatment has been satisfactory.

Conditions ^{on} ~~at~~ these two islands are subject of enquiry with view

disciplinary action. Investigation into cases awaiting trial

by Italian courts proceeding. Institutes for young offenders

boys and girls give good impression room for development.

~~Wid. Letter~~ paper
31/8/43

C.P.S.

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Consolidated report
on inspections ~~made~~
herewith for C.P.A.O.

If this form of
report is suitable
and gives information
necessary I shall
have forms printed
and submit regular
consolidated reports on
a fixed standard.

3/9/43.

W. H. Lathrop
Maj.

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A GENERAL SUMMARY REPORT PRISONS IN SICILY
Inspected up to 1 Sept. 43.

Province	Town	Nature of Prison	No. of Inmates	Capacity	State of Buildings	General Impression	Admin.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
AGRIGENTO	no reports from this Province.						
PALERMO	Piana dei Greci	Municipal	2	20	undamaged, secure	poor	good
	Monreale	Municipal	Note: considered for closing 18	54	satisfactory	slack	good
	Montemaggiore	Municipal	nil	12	satisfactory	good	good
			Note: a useful prison for untried prisoners in District.				
	Alia	Municipal	nil	14	old	poor	good
			Note: considered for closing.				
	Caccamo	Municipal	12	28	old	fair	good
			Note: useful for untried prisoners.				
	Termini Imerese	General	86	300	good, modern	fair	good
TRAPANI	Emenda, Palermo	Institution, female	44	100	damaged	fair	good
	Palermo	Reformatory, male	160	500	satisfactory	slack	no re
	Ucciardone, Palermo	General	1200	2000	damaged	poor	good
			Note: improving considerably 1662				
	Marsala	Municipal	30	60	old	dirty	no re
			Note: Housing a number of boys.				
	Alcamo	Municipal	44	60	old	dirty	indi
	Patana	Municipal	8	29	antiquated	bad, dirty and verminous	slac
	Mazara del Vallo	Municipal	nil	50	good	fair, verminous	sl
	Castelvetrano	Municipal	1	80	good	bad, dirty and verminous	slac
	Castelamare	Municipal	3	40	good	filthy place	slac

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Prisons from this Province.								
Municipal	2	20	undamaged, secure	poor	good	Capt. H.J. Brown Prison Section Officer		
Municipal	Note: considered for closing 18	54	satisfactory	slack	good			
Municipal	nil	12	satisfactory	good	good			
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Municipal	nil	14	old	poor	good			
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Note: useful for untried prisoners.								
General	86	300	good, modern	fair	good			
Institution, female	44	100	damaged	fair	good			
Reformatory, male	160	500	satisfactory	slack	no remarks	Capt. Alden Prison Sec. O.		
General	1200	2000	damaged	poor	good			
Note: improving considerably 1662.								
Municipal	30	60	old	dirty	no remarks			
Note: Housing a number of boys.								
Municipal	14	60	old	dirty	indifferent			
Municipal	8	29	antiquated	bad, dirty and verminous	slack			coming under consideration for closing
Municipal	nil	50	good	fair, verminous	slack			
Municipal	1	80	good	bad, dirty and verminous	slack			
Municipal	3	40	good	filthy place	slack			
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Province 1	Town 2	Nature of Prison 3	No. of Inmates 4	Capacity 5	State of Buildings 6	General Impression 7	Administration 8
TRAPANI (Ctd)	Mazara	Municipal	30	130	some change poor and antiquated	Not a good type of place, primitive and out-of date.	No re
	Erioe	Municipal	nil	60	strong and old	fair, sanitation primitive	No re
	I. Favignana	General	175	400	Damaged	Bad, condition of prison very bad.	Not satisfactory
	Trapani	General	13	At one time 200 now 30	Damaged, inadequate accommodation was condemned before 1939	Poor	Satisfactory
	Castelvetrano	Municipal	nil 215	25	Fair This report gives	No remarks little information.	No remarks
ENNA	Enna	General	87	300	Damaged, otherwise good.	A good prison but dirty.	Slack
	Chiaromonte	Municipal	nil	16	good	clean	satisfactory
	Ragusa	General	25	46	Good	Clean, well looked after	Good
	Comiso	Municipal	-	7	A poor and small place suggested by C could be closed. Orders given by Ma		
	Modica alta	General	3578 ¹² 224	138	Good. There is no water supply but expected soon.	Dirty and not well run	Poor
RAGUSA							

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Municipal	nil	60	strong and old	fair, sanitation primitive	No remarks	will be considered for closing.	
General	175	400	Damaged	Bad, condition of prison very bad.	Not satisfactory	Prison closed Inquiry in Progress	Lt.Col.A.B. Michell
General	13	At one time 200 now 30	Damaged, inadequate accommodation was condemned before 1959	Poor	Satisfactory	Necessary location further consideration will be given to this place.	Capt., Alden
Municipal	nil 218	25	Fair This report gives	No remarks little information.	No remarks		Local CAPO
General	87	300	Damaged, otherwise good.	A good prison but dirty.	Slack	The Commandant poor whole staff dirty and slack	Major M.P. Lothian
Municipal	nil	16	good	clean	satisfactory.	Appears a useless place to keep open	Capt. Parker C.A.O.
General	25	46	Good	Clean, well looked after	Good	A good prison and can be improved.	Major M.P. Lothian
Municipal	-	7	A poor and small place suggested by C.A.P.O. it could be closed. Orders given by Major Lothian to close.				
General	3578 ¹² 224	138	Good. There is no water supply but expected soon.	Dirty and not well run	Poor	Good location and has great possibilities. Will require a lot of attention by an officer when one is available.	"

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CATANIA	Catania	General	67	500	Damaged by attempted out-break	Good	Very good. Altogether the best prison seen. Maj. Be has given attention
SIRACUSA	Lentini	Municipal	21	40	Good condition	Sanitation poor	Fair
	Noto	Penal Institution	259 (housing in addition awaiting trial) 38	320	Satisfactory no lights, some damage and some cells broken	Satisfactory but can be greatly improved	Good but the staff brought to effi
	Siracusa	General	60	255	No damage good buildings	Very dirty and badly looked after no effort being made. No supervision	Poor
			407				
MESSINA		no reports from this Province.					
CALTANISSETTA	Gela	Municipal	50	Not given	No report	Satisfactory	No Rep

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General	67	500	Damaged by attempted out-break	Good	Very good Altogether the best run prison I have seen. Maj. Battersby has given some attention to it.	Commandant is good and did well during the battles. There were no escapes, but he had to open fire.	Major Lothian
Municipal	21	40	Good condition	Sanitation poor	Fair	Not inspected report made from information collected from C.A.P.O. A good prison	Major Lothian
Municipal Institution	259 (housing in addition awaiting trial) 38	320	Satisfactory no lights, some damage and some cells broken	Satisfactory but can be greatly improved	Good but the whole staff to be brought up to efficiency	Director and Commandant both poor. The whole prison is badly run and not much attention seems to have been given to it. Removal of above mentioned officers may take place. Early supervision is required. 200 prisoners escaped during military operations.	"
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No reports from this Province.			No report	Satisfactory	No Report	Capt. P.F. Bonjean Prison Sec. Officer	
Municipal	30	Not given					

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CAITANISETTA (Cont'd)	Caltanissetta	General	140	Not given	Satisfactory No water; expected any day May now be running.	Satisfactory	No report
	Mussomeli	Municipal	5	Not given	Not given	Satis.	No Report
	S. Caterina	Municipal	7	Not given	Not given	Satis.	No report
	Riesi	Municipal	12	Not given	Not given	Satis.	No report
	Villalba	Municipal	2	Not given	Not given	Satis.	No report
	Mazzarino	Municipal	9	Not given	Not Given	Satis.	No report
	Butera	Municipal	nil	Not given	Not given	Satis.	No report
	S. Cataldo	Reformatory Boys	83	Not given	Good	Good	Satisfac

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9		Not given	Not Given	Satis.	No report		
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*This Officer has just returned from a 10 day
tour he has been admitted to hospital
which may account for the lack
of his reports* *Duffy* *4/9*

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Supt of Prisons

You are already working on this & but please prepare a report summarizing the points covered in your inspection reports in respect of prisons already inspected indicating, where necessary, that the information is incomplete.

Reply
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SUBJECT: Records and Statistics of Prisons.

ALBOT/1056/PS

ALBOT, Sicily

31 August 1943

To : C.P.S.

37 Prisons have been inspected in Sicily by an officer of the P.S. Div., and we have reports on each one. All except 10 have been inspected by an officer of the Prison Section.

There are several other prisons of which I have no reports.

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Province	Convicted		Nos. Confined		Untried
	M	F	M	F	
PALERMO	247	47	707	4	
CALTANISSETTA	148	4	144	-	
STRACUSA	283	-	90	5	
CATANIA	21	-	45	1	
TRAPANI	188	15	43	1	{ Includes PAVIGNANA now closed.
RAGUSA	99	4	26	5	
AGRIGENTO	No Record				
ETNA	Nil	Nil	85	2	
MESSINA	No Record				
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C.C.A.O.

Whilst this return is incomplete it is, I think, sufficient to give an indication of the numbers now held.

Duffy 7/9.

P.S.

I went a general enquirent on the state of prisons visited, attached hereto.

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W. Latham

Major,
D/Supt. Prisons.

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