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EXTRACT FROM P/S BULLETIN No 9.

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- 1087 { 22. Unparoled ex-members of the Italian Forces.
Reference Bulletin No. 8 para. 14 this only affects the provinces of
Agrigento, Caltanissetta, Palermo, and Trapani.

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EXTRACTS FROM MEETING OF PROVINCIAL C.A.P.O.'s HELD AT HQ. AMGOT., PALERMO AT 1000 HRS.
6TH OCTOBER 1943

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6. Prisoner of War Policy.

The D.C.P.S. explained the policy which had been laid down for dealing with Prisoners of War in Italy which included the unconditional release of Sicilians. Meanwhile existing orders for the collection of unparoled ex-members of the Italian Forces would be followed.

SCAPO Caltanissetta drew attention to the difficulty experienced in finding the nearest Divisional Provost Marshal.

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EXTRACTS FROM PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN NO. 8 OF 13 OCTOBER 1943.

AMEXOT PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN
NO. 8.

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AMEXOT/1010/PS.

13 October, 1943.

14. Unparoled ex-members of the Italian Forces. The CC.RR. have been requested to order all ex-members of the Italian Forces who have been reported at Carabinieri stations and have not been paroled to report in uniform and with equipment, without delay to :-

P.O.W. Enclosure,
94, Corso Calatafimi,
PALERMO.

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15. Paroled Prisoners of War. Paroled Prisoners of War who wish to travel or alter their place of reporting under their paroles are not required to obtain permission from Prisoner of War Enclosures. C.A.P.Os. and C.A.Os. have the necessary authority.

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Extract from Public Safety Bulletin No. 6. 17 Sep.

Un-paroled members of the Italian Forces. There are at large in the Island a number of ex-members of the Italian Armed Forces who have not been processed as Prisoners of War and paroled. Such persons should be rounded up and handed over to the Officer i/c nearest P.W. Camp or Stockade.

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Extract from Minutes of CAPOs Meetg 8 Sep 43

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PAROLING OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

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

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

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Rem advise
with C.D.C. and
make no comment

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See P.S. Bulletin no 6.
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Subject:- Ps of S. BIF JPTo:- Colonel Thomas-Thorne.
c/o AMGOT 15 Army Group.

RVS/I

From:- AMGOT Province of Ragusa.

7 Sep 43.

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There must be in this Province hundreds of Sicilian Soldiers who have not been through a P of W Camp.

They are of several categories.

- (a) Leave, sick, wounded or otherwise at time of occupation and remained at home.
- (b) Escaped from their Unit and went home during the invasion.
- (c) Released by Seventh Army without any papers.

I believe that they should be all rounded up, sent to a P of W Camp, there interrogated and finally released.

I recommend that S.C.A.O.'s should be given authority to issue notices calling on these men to report to nearest S.C.A.O. before a certain date. Their credentials will then be gone into and they could also be interrogated by P.S.S. if considered necessary.

This scheme will save time and money, transport etc. etc. As it is, weeks are spent by Ps' of W at camps before being interrogated etc.

(Sgd) [Signature]



Ragusa.

1st. Col.
S.C.A.O. AMGOT.,
Province of Ragusa.

Go you will personally check with
Rui.

7/7 JCS

SUBJECT:- Processing of P.O.W.

AMCOT/1067/PS
AMCOT H.Q., SICILY.
7th September, 1943.

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To:- C.P.S.

Sir,

Problem presented to Major McVoy, i/c P.W. for Seventh Army. He is preparing for our use a memo on their S.O.P. in handling prisoners, at which time problems not covered will be ironed out.

He requests full cooperation from AMCOT and Carabinieri in rounding up P.W. not paroled. These should be picked up and turned in to the nearest Divisional Provost Marshal.

Frederick L. Graham
FREDERICK L. GRAHAM
Capt C.A.C.
AMCOT LIAISON.

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C.S.

I doubt very much whether
Seventh Army would agree to
this which would mean a
laborious job even if applied
only to that portion of the
island which comes within
Seventh Army's area, but
perhaps Capt Graham could
sound them on it. An
alternative would be for the
CAO's (through the local police)
to call all known escaped
P.W.s to the police stations &
endorse their identity cards
"Escaped Prisoners of War"

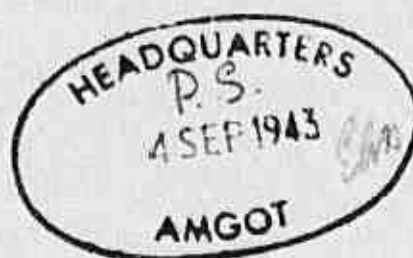
R.H.

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To Capt Graham

Will you be good enough to
see me on this matter
Replies, etc.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO)
PROVINCE OF AGRIGENTO



CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE
(UFFICIO DEGLI AFFARI CIVILI)

2 September 1943

SUBJECT: Prisoners of War who have not been through PW enclosures and received formal paroles.

TO : CCAO, Palermo

1. Information received from CAO's in Agrigento Province indicates that there are still at large great numbers of Sicilians who were in the Italian Army but have not been through a Prisoner of War Enclosure and received formal paroles.

2. There are no Prisoner of War processing units in this area. If such a unit were stationed in some Comune in the Province it would not be possible to get all prisoners to voluntarily travel the necessary distance to be processed.

3. It is recommended therefore that 7th Army be requested to send one or more P.W. Processing Team to each Province to report first to the SCAO of the Province where a schedule could be worked out for visits to each Comune for the purpose of processing all PW's in that Comune. The CAO of each Comune would then be informed and would notify all prisoners in that Comune to report at a specified time and place according to the time schedule of the Processing Team.

G. H. Mc Caffrey
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Lt. Col., Inf.
SCAO

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