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5TH OCTOBER 1943. 4007/1111/PS

(b) CAPOs.

The Supt. of Prisons pointed out that although H.Q. Inspecting Officers visited and reported on prisons for the information of the C.P.S. and SCACs the number of such officers was so small that he would have to rely on periodical reports from SCAPOs. This is one of their functions as representing the Public Safety Division in the provinces.

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SUBJECT: Inspect in Prison.

AMOT/11/PS,
AMOT H. Sicily,
19 Oct. 1943.

To : C. N. S.

Reference AMOT/10/H.Q. dated 4 Sept. 1943 requiring notification to be made before Officers leave for Provincial Inspections.

Capt. H.W. Alden is required to proceed to Enna - Caltanissetta and Agrigento Province on 19th. October 1943 on Prison inspection duties and expects that these duties will last five days.

Allen B. Michell

Allen B. Michell,
Lt. Colonel,
Superintendent of Prisons.

Approved by L. G. Martin
18/10/43

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AMGOT/1111/PS

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

4 October 1943.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PRISON INSPECTING OFFICERS.1. REPORTING.

Officers sent from H.Q. Public Safety Division to carry out inspections and investigations of prisons in Provinces will, in the first case, report themselves to the S.C.A.O. or the C.A.P.O. at the Provincial H.Q.

There will be occasions when the Officer will find it more convenient and economical to visit prisons within a province before he arrives at the H.Q. This may be done and report duly made (verbally) by the Officer.

On completion of inspection there is no need to submit any written report to Provincial H.Q., but notification will be made when the period of residence in the Province is, or will be, completed.

2. TRANSPORT AND RATIONS.

Inspecting Officers will secure their own transport at AMGOT H.Q. for the period that they expect to be away from H.Q. It may not be possible to retain their transport over a period of ten days. Sufficient rations will be taken and handed over to the Officers' Mess, or Messes, where they are accommodated. Normally an Officer who is likely to remain over 48 hours at any one place is rationed by that Unit.

3. REPORTS.

There are three forms of Inspection Reports. Form "A" - the immediate report. These are required on first inspection and will be followed as soon as possible by the fuller report on Form "B". The third report is a special report which may be required for any particular prison. There is no form for a special report.

4. ASSISTANCE.

The inspecting officer will, as far as possible, be accompanied by the Prison Director for the Province.

Care will be taken not to cancel, supersede, or confuse, any orders which may have been issued by the S.C.A.Os. and C.A.P.Os. Where it may be necessary to supplement or change any of these instructions, it will be necessary to consult with the C.A.P.O. of the Province and/or the Supt. of Prisons.

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Inspecting Officers can be of considerable help in clearing up problems and difficulties with which C.A.P.Os. are faced. One of their chief functions is to offer advice and assistance but not to give orders.

5. AUTHORITY.

Inspecting Officers are authorised to take action to rectify any serious irregularity which requires immediate attention and will report steps taken.

An inspecting officer has no authority to release any prisoner nor authorise promotion or dismissal of Prison Staff.

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6. THE INSPECTION.

Inspection of the prison will include general condition, administrative efficiency, security, well-being of prisoners, the discipline maintained among prisoners, smartness, efficiency and conduct of the Staff. At least one parade of the staff should be held and interviews given in the presence of the Director or Commandant. Prisoners should only be interviewed if brought before the inspecting officer by the Director. Industries, arms, numbers of guards, hours of duty, and recommendations for the general all-round improvement are other matters which will be investigated and reported upon.

7. FUTURE INSPECTIONS.

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APPROVED.

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To see: D.C.P.S.

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Copy sent Supt. Civil Police Section
B 7/10.

INSPECTION OF PRISONS

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HORS ANGOT

Reference ANGOT/1035/PS addressed to Capt. A.F. Bonjean. This officer has been sick in quarters for the past week and is expected to be admitted to Hospital at Palermo today.

Caltanissetta

31 August 1943

Lt. Col.

S.C.A.O., Caltanissetta

Province

HEADQUARTERS
Public Safety
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VERY URGENT.

SUBJECT: INSPECTING OFFICERS.

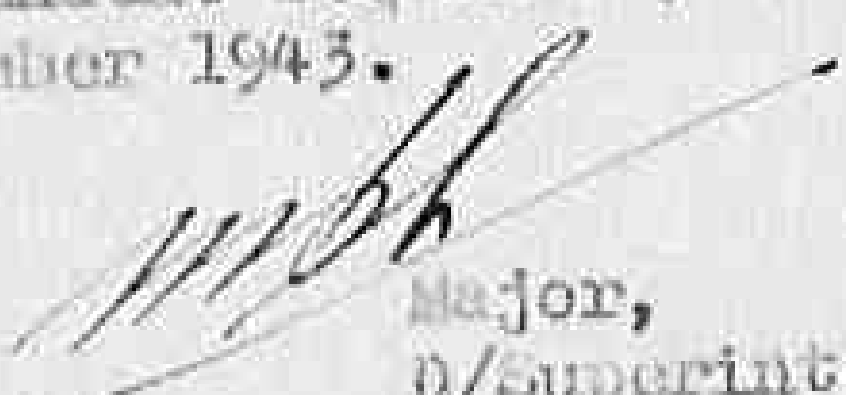
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ANGOT H.Q. Sicily
13 Sept. 1943.

TO : Captain Bonjean,
F.S.D. A.M.G.O.T. (Prison Section)
C/o. S.C.A.O. ENNA.

Please complete your work in ENNA Province
and report to me at ANGOT H.Q. for further orders with
full reports.

You are required to proceed to SIRACUSA Province
on an early date and to attend at MOTA Prison where there
has been a disturbance, giving that Prison your first
attention.

The Superintendent requires your presence there
not later than 20 September 1943.


Major,
D/Superintendent Prisons.

Copy to, S.C.A.O.
SIRACUSA. for information.

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URGENT.SUBJECT: Inspection Of Prisons;AMCOT/1035/PS

AMCOT H. J. SIELLY

29 August 1943

TO : Captain A.F. Bonjean,
C/o. S.C.A.O.
Caltanissetta.

Will you please arrange to complete inspections of all Prisons in ENNA at an early date. There is a considerable amount awaiting your attention in ENNA Province.

I still await survey reports on Prisons in CALTANISSETTA. There is no possibility of you obtaining a vehicle from H.Q. Please ask the S.C.A.O. to assist you.

Meanwhile the other Provinces in Sicily require urgent attention and I hope you will be available soon to inspect prisons in AGRIGENTO.

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Major,
for Lt. Colonel,
Supt. Prisons.

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X *Johnson*

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

TO SEE: *John 4913*

C.P.S. *✓*

D.C.P.S. *Rush*

PRISONS SECTION

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CAPT. ALLEN

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CAPT. WILLIMOSKY

~~LT. GIBBS~~

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MAJOR MASON. *Garman*

CAPT. WALLACE

LT. FELLEMAN

LICENSING & REGISTRATION

~~CAPT. WILLIMOSKY~~ *4594*

C. P. S.

You minute at 2.

Please see minute at 3.

2. As regards British officers in position is as follows;
 No travelling & lodging allowances are claimable as such. But officers may

(1) Obtain AF 1771 from Camp. Comd.

(2) Fill it in certifying that no suitable accommodation was available

(3) Attach receipted bills in support of claim

(4) Return to Camp Comd. for forwarding to A.O. 8
 Command Paymaster, Ceylonia

3. As officers are supposed to travel with natives and there are v. few places where meals can be gotten but bought it is unlikely that claims for meals will be paid except in exceptional cases

4. The above given in British position and as you will see it is a long & doubtful process (few).

29 Aug 63

(T.R.) for C.S.O.

A.O. (Admin.)

Ref 1 L L.

1 and (a) at 2 have been ensured by Col. Nathan at

foot of 1.

2. As regards food the ensure must be that officers can
have meat take their ration with them. It is unfair

to inflict cruelty on brown officers who may well be

shot tomorrow and it is contrary to policy for officers

to buy food at odd places as it is not about

involving men but it comes from the black market.

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definitely laid down that they cannot obtain a refund

for ~~expenses~~ ^{travelling or lodging allowances or such} ~~expenses~~ but

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T.B. 22/E

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

Subject: Conditions Prison Inspecting Officers.

AMGOT/1035/PS
21 Aug 1943

To: C. P. S. D.

The Prisons in Province of CALTANISSETTA have now all been inspected by Captain Bonjean who has I consider done good work. He now proceeds to go through Province of ENNA. His report has been made verbally except for certain rolls of Prisoners which he has handed in.

(a) The Inspecting Officer Transport.

He has found this very difficult and the urgent need for a vehicle at disposal of Prison Inspecting Officers is urgent I have referred to this in a separate report (File No: Amgot/1035/PS).

(b) Accommodation and Food.

Captain Bonjean was kindly helped by Lieut. Colonel Irish ^S C. A. O. for meals when he was in CALTANISSETTA but this was only for a few days. He found it necessary to pay cash at odd places for all meals. To date he has spent in cash £2 which is due to him. He informs me that some cases AMGOT Officers are given cash for their immediate requirements.

Further he has received no supplies from the American P. X. Store since leaving Africa.

The Officer too has found sleeping accommodation while in CALTANISSETTA within the Central Prison.

C.D.

Refer (b) above I presume the answer is that he should draw his ration in advance. Officers on tour

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Refce (6) above I presume the
intention is that he should draw his
entire in advance. Officers on tour
are dependent on SCAGS for accommodation
though I don't think it has been laid down
in the Rules of SCAGS.

that this is one of the virtues of settling travelling
Are there any reputations covering

experiences for officers on tour. I have the day

Capt Boyean has no more.
 I am pretty sure when he has been in
 nature of matters. I believe, available
 No other PX stores are. I believe, available
 I believe, available

Thymus latifolius

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W. J. Ketchum
Major.
D/Superintendent Prisons.

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

Subject: Transport for Prison Section Officers.

AMGOT/1035/FS
21 Aug 1943

TO: ~~C. of S.~~ (through C.P.S.D.)

The officers sent out from the section to inspect Prisons cannot get about over their Provinces. They urgently require a car put at their disposal. Captain Bonjean in CALTANISSETTA requisitioned a car but had to hand it over to Lieut. Colonel Irish C.C.A.O. for the province. There are no cars now available. Only by kindness of a friend in 7 Army (Major Murray, 4 Ranger Bn.) could Bonjean do his work in Caltanissetta, and he has now to go all round Province of ENNA and later into other provinces. I have only 3 officers and the same situation applies in all cases.

Can authority be issued for supply of Government Vehicles for service of these Inspecting Officers please.

M. Lathuan
Major.
Lieut Colonel.
Superintendent Prisons.

Lt. J. J. J. J.

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All applications for transport must be made through the Tpt. Officer. No Govt. vehicles are available for assignment to Inspecting Officers & they must draw on the HQ Pool
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Alfred Martin Hol
DCAS

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