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BRASSARDS
AUG., SEPT. 1943

Folio	Date	Reference	To/From
1	12 Aug	270/H6	To Burgard, Gen. M. M. Stearns
2	10 Sep	19315 I (b)	From 8 Army to Lt Capt Benson
3	12 Sep	ECA/M/8/1	From COO1 Amgot 8 Army
4	8 Sep	—	Extract from minutes of CAPOs conference.
5	20 Sep	270/H6	To OCAAC.
6	—	—	To Civil Police Ref. 5.
7	—	—	Extract from P/S Bulletin No 7 28 Sep.
8	—	—	Extract from meeting Pres. CAPOs-6 Oct 43

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EXTRACTS FROM MEETING OF PROVINCIAL G.A.P.O.'s HELD AT HQ, AMCOT., PALERMO AT 100HRS
5TH OCTOBER 1943

AMCOT/1177/PS

11. Armbands.

Referring to Public Safety Bulletin No.7, para.12, the D.C.P.S. said that the height of the lettering on armbands for special police should be $1\frac{1}{2}$ " instead of 2". He reminded SCAPOs that armbands should now be withdrawn from uniformed police agencies. This would also apply to the Fire Service.

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Extract from P/S Bulletin No. 7 28 143

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12. Armbands for Civil Police. Following the discussion at the last conference it has been decided that police agents performing duties in uniform need no longer carry armbands or brassards. There are, however, a number of special police employed in plain clothes, but not on plain clothes duty, who must carry some form of identification. The authorized armband for this category of police officer is a white band with the word "POLIZIA" embroidered in black or made of black felt and sewn on the armband. The letters should not be more than two inches in height.

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Brassards file

DCPS *W. S. Lee*

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.

ROUTING SLIP.

TO SEE: *Have you any suggestions for inclusion in next Bulletin*

C.P.S. ☒

D.C.P.S. *Deputy*

PRISON SECTION.

CIVIL POLICE SECTION.

FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE SECTION.

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION SECTION.

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*Seen by DCPS
23/9/21/9
concur
with
Memo
dated
20/9
1943*

SUBJECT: Armbands for Civil Police.

AMGOT/270/HQ

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

20 September 1943.

TO : D.C.C.A.O.

As you will see from the minutes of our S.C.A.P.Os. conference (see p. 2) the necessity for uniformed Civil Police to carry armbands has rather diminished under existing circumstances, and I would recommend that authority be given for their discontinuance except where civilians are employed as special police in plain clothes as opposed to police officers on plain clothes duty. To give the latter armbands would stultify the object of putting them on duty in plain clothes.

If this recommendation is approved, the armband for special police in plain clothes could be a simple one in white with the word "POLIZIA" embroidered or sewn on them.

Approved
OK
7/10/43

Lemuel L. Boiles
LEMUEL L. BOILES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commissioner of Public Safety.

Noted for Bulletin
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Subject :- Security.

To :- AMOT, H.Q.,
SICILY.



Ref : BCA/E/8.

AMOT, 8 ARMY.

12 Sep 43.

The enclosed letter has been received from 8th Army on the question of Security.

Steps have been taken to ensure that such incidents will not occur in Italy.

No action is being taken by me in regard to Sicily.

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Lt. Col.,
G.S.O. 1.5824
AMOT, 8 ARMY.

Taormina.

Copy to G.S.I. Main H.Q. 8 Army.

Subject:- Civil Security.

Main H.Q.,
Eighth Army, C.M.F.
M 315 I(b).

Gp. Capt. Benson,
A.M.C.O.T.,
Main HQ Eighth Army.

HEADQUARTERS

18 SEP 43

AMGOT

10 Sep 43.

1. The following extract from a F.S. report is forwarded for information :-

"Several more persons have been caught endeavouring to reach the mainland and of these, two were wearing armbands issued by AMGOT. In the town report on MESSINA dated 31 Aug 43 it was also reported that two men who had been attempting to escape to the mainland were wearing AMGOT armbands. F.S. have spoken to AMGOT about this several times but very little has been done to check on their employees."

2. It appears that a large number of AMGOT armbands were issued without vetting of the persons concerned, and also that they are being worn by people who are not entitled to them and are not performing duties for AMGOT.

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CNC/DB.

Lt. Col.

f G.S. 323

Extract from Minutes of CAPOS Conference
8 Sep 43

9. BRASSARDS FOR ITALIAN POLICE.

The D.C.P.S. gave details of proposed uniform brassards or armbands for police agencies and suggested that it might be possible to obtain assistance in the making of these from the convents. The question of identity cards for police employed on plain clothes duties was discussed and specimens of the identity cards already in use in some Provinces were submitted. The C.P.S. agreed to consider the possibility of securing uniformity in these ~~pass~~es.

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AMGOT, 270/HQ

13 August 1943

SUBJECT: Brassards for Police Organizations

TO: Brigadier General McSherry

In accordance with your instructions consideration has been given to the desirability of securing uniformity throughout SICILY in the type of brassard or armband worn by the various police organizations.

It is recommended that a standard white armband 4 inches in width be sanctioned and that the various organizations be indicated by embroidered initials 2 inches in height in different colors as follows:

Carabinieri Reali	Letters C.C. R.R. in Cerise
Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza	" P.S. in Dark Blue
Guardia Finanze	" G.F. in Yellow
Guardia Municipale	" G.M. in Black

Each armband could, in addition, be stamped with the AMGOT stamp.

I think the embroidery work could be carried out under provincial arrangements through the agency of contractors or by convent labor the job being handled by the respective police agencies.

I presume the respective agencies will be expected to pay for the brassards.

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

[Signature]
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Commissioner of
Public Safety

C. P. S.

PA to DCAO.

Agree recommendations

HAS DCAO seen above

approved by D.C.C.A.O.

[Signature]
18 Aug 43. for C.S.O. Hld.

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CASA DI LAVORO E PREGHIERA PER GLI ORFANI ED ABBANDONATI FORO UMBERTO I. - PALERMO - ITALIA

*Spezza all'affamato il tuo pane, e i poveri
e gli abbandonati ricovera nella tua casa.*
ISAIA, 58, 7.

*Frangite esurienti panem tuum, et egenos
vagosque induc in domum tuam.*
ISAIA, 58, 7.

Fu fondata dal Rev.mo Padre Giovanni Messina l'8 Settembre 1900.
Ricerchiamo più di 200 Orfani ed Abbandonati di ambo i sessi da 4 a 18 anni. Essi imparano a leggere e scrivere, imparano il canto, l'agricoltura, e le varie arti del ricamo, calzetteria, sartoria, etc. Il mantenimento degli Orfani è affidato alla Divina Provvidenza. Si accettano scarpe, vestiti, elemosine, altri doni che possano aiutare gli Orfani, ed anche intenzioni di Sante Messe che celebriamo innanzi l'altare del Sacro Cuore, e di S. Antonio. Alla nostra volta aiutiamo i poveri della città coll'istituzione del Pane di S. Antonio.

Cari amici e cattolici! Aiutateci, e Dio vi consolerà, e vi benedirà in questa, e nell'altra vita. Nessuno è così povero che non possa fare la carità. L'ultimo dei poveri, e degli Orfani è un uomo come il Re, che deve essere aiutato. Chi non soccorre i poveri e gli Orfani non ha cuore. Noi confidiamo in voi, cari amici e fratelli in Gesù Cristo. Aiutate la nostra opera umanitaria e cristiana.

Vostro in G. Cristo
Rev. Giovanni Messina

CHIESA DEL CORPUS DOMINI FORO UMBERTO I. - PALERMO - ITALIA

Nella nuova Chiesa denominata del "Corpus Domini", hanno luogo ogni giorno, nelle ore vespertine, l'Esposizione del SS. Sacramento, e la Predica, il Rosario, alcuni Inni Sacri cantati e la Benedizione. Gli Orfani pregano Gesù Sacramentato per la conversione dei peccatori, per le anime abbandonate del Purgatorio, per i poveri ammalati, per i soldati, per gli emigranti, per le cause disperate, ed altre pie intenzioni dei benefattori.

Approvazioni e Benedizioni dei Sommi Pontefici

Autografo di S. S. Pio X.

Al diletto Figlio Sac. Giovanni Messina e a tutti gli Orfanelli ed Abbandonati raccolti nel suo Istituto "Lavoro e Preghiera", di Palermo, impartiamo di cuore l'Apostolica Benedizione.

Li 30 Gennaio 1908.

PIUS PP. X.

Autografo di S. S. Benedetto XV.

Al Padre Giovanni Messina della Casa "Lavoro e Preghiera", e a tutti gli Orfani ed Abbandonati colle Orsoline figlie di S. Angela, impartiamo di cuore l'Apostolica Benedizione.

Dal Vaticano, 5 Marzo 1915.

BENEDICTUS PP. XV.

Autografo di S. S. Pio XI.

Al diletto figlio Padre Giovanni Messina, direttore e fondatore della "Casa Lavoro e Preghiera", di Palermo, impartiamo di tutto cuore la Benedizione Apostolica, auspice dei divini favori sopra di lui, sopra la PIA CASA e sopra quanti cooperano al suo sviluppo.

Dal Vaticano, 24 Agosto 1922.

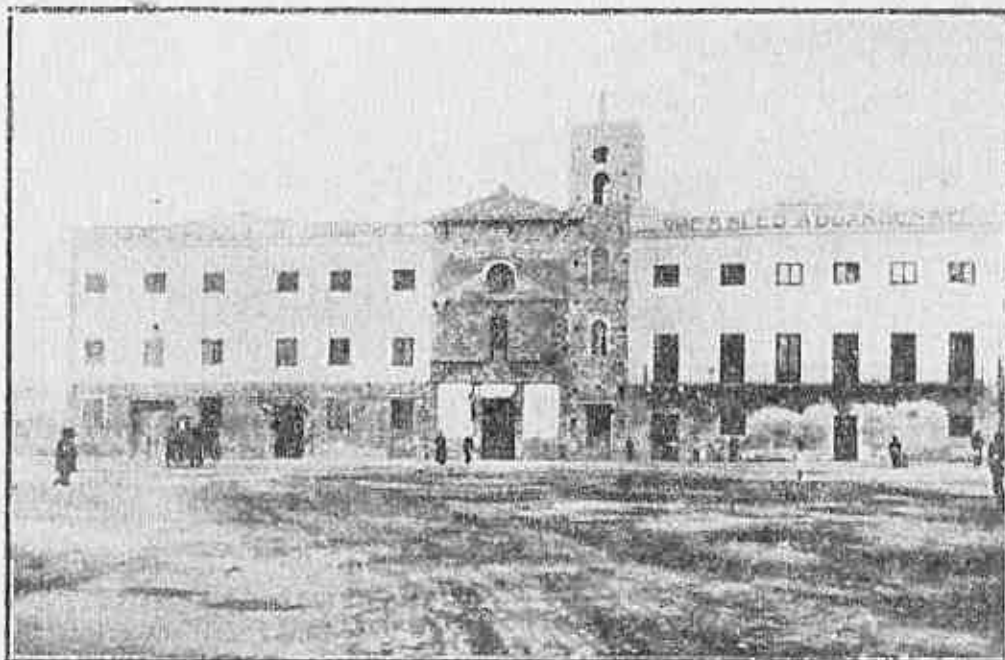
PIUS PP. XI.

Autografo del Cardinale Lualdi Arcivescovo di Palermo

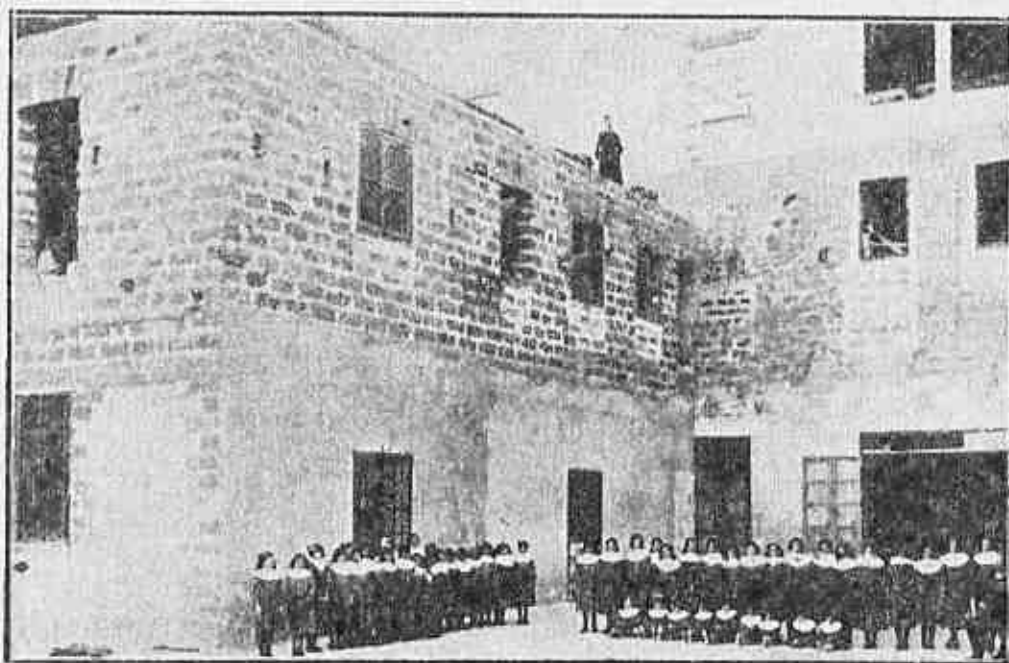
Benedico il Padre Messina, le pie madri, i bambini e le bambine dell'Istituto, e mi auguro che la nuova Chiesa del Corpus Domini di Palermo diventi il centro di adorazione al SS. Sacramento per il bene della nostra Città.

Palermo, 12 Dicembre 1920.

ALESSANDRO CARD. LUALDI
ARCIVESCOVO DI PALERMO



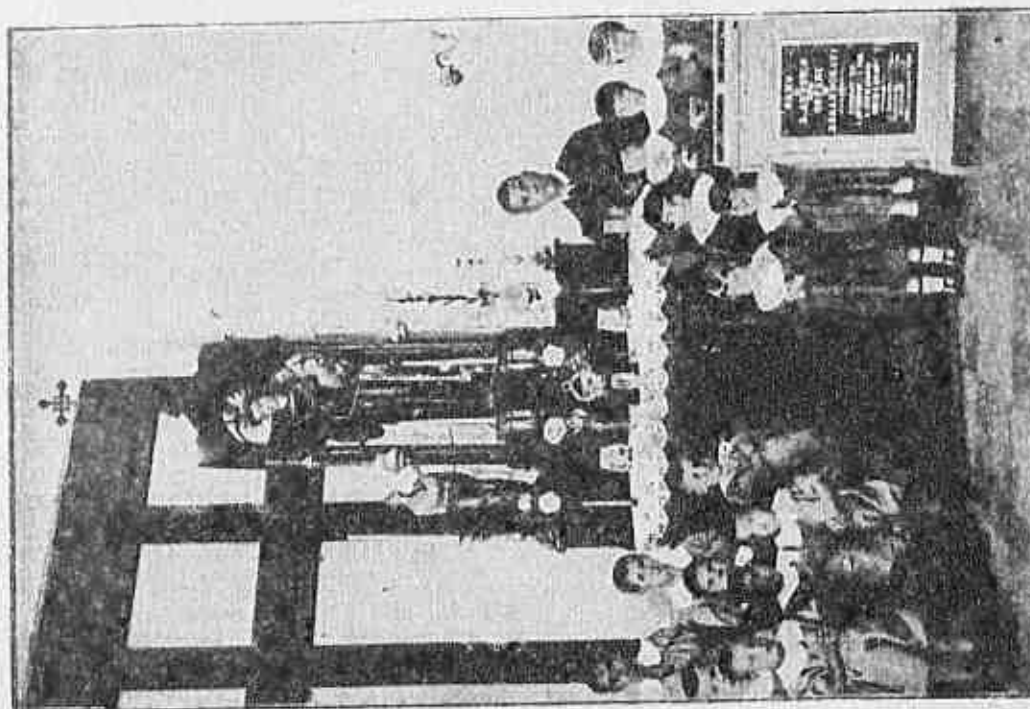
La Chiesa del Corpus Domini e la Casa per gli Orfani.
The Church of Corpus Domini and the House for the Orphans.



I nuovi fabbricati. — Il Rev. Padre, Messina ed i ricoverati.
The new buildings. — Rev. Father Messina and our Orphans.



Alcuni Orfani e la Superiore.
Some Orphans and their Superior Mother.



Gli Orfani pregano S. Antonio pel loro Benefattori.
The Orphans are praying St. Anthony for their Benefactors.

HOME OF WORK AND PRAYER FOR ORPHANS AND ABANDONED CHILDREN FORO UMBERTO I. - PALERMO - ITALY

*Break thy bread to the poor and willingly
accept the abandoned ones at home.*
ISAIAH, 58, 7.

It was founded by Rev. John Messina in 1900.
We keep in our home more than 200 Orphans and Abandoned Children, giving them a fit religious, and social education, from 4 years old to 16. They learn reading, writing, singing, embroidery, laceworks, tailoring, agriculture, etc etc. We rely on the Divine Providence, on our Benefactors in Palermo, and Abroad. We gladly receive all kinds of donations to keep our Orphans, food, clothes, linen, cheques, alms, holy intentions of Masses which are said in our Church before the Altars of our Sacred heart of Jesus, and of St. Anthony. We help the Poor of our neighbourhood through the Institutions of St. Anthony's bread, and in this way we receive with one hand, and give with the other. Dear friends in X: you will do a great action by helping us, and our Lord will reward you a hundredfold.
God bless you.

Your In X.
Rev. John Messina

CHURCH OF THE CORPUS DOMINI FORO UMBERTO I. - PALERMO - ITALY

We have built our Church near the Home of Work and Prayer.
We have every day Exposition of the Holy Sacrament, Sermon, Rosary and Benediction. Many Masses are said for thanksgiving of graces received, or for asking favours to our Lord, our Blessed V. Mary, and to St. Anthony.

Autograph of His Holiness Pius X.

To my beloved son in X., Rev. John Messina and all Orphans, and Abandoned Children, living in his "Home of Work and Prayer", in Palermo, We heartily send the Apostolic Blessing.

Rome, January, 30th 1908.

PIUS, PP. X.

Autograph of His Holiness Benedict XV.

To Rev. Father John Messina, Rector of "Home of Work and Prayer" and all His Orphans, Abandoned Children, Orsuline Sisters of St. Angela, We heartily send them our Apostolic Blessing.

From the Vatican, Rome, March 5th 1915.

BENEDICTUS PP. XV.

Autograph of His Holiness Pius XI.

To my beloved son in X., Rev. John Messina, Rector and Founder of "Home of Work and Prayer", in Palermo. We heartily send the Apostolic Blessing to be auspice of Holy Graces on Him, to his home, to everybody who will help the development of this Home of Work and Prayer.

Rome, from the Vatican, August 24th 1922.

PIUS PP. XI.

Autograph of Cardinal Lualdi Archbishop of Palermo

I heartily bless Rev. Father Messina, the Sisters, the Orphans, and I wish that the new Church of Corpus Domini, will become the centre of adoration to the Blessed Sacrament for the good of our beloved City of Palermo.

Palermo, December, 12th 1920.

ALESSANDER CARD. LUALDI
ARCHBISHOP OF PALERMO

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