



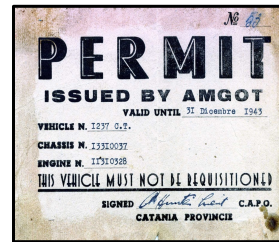
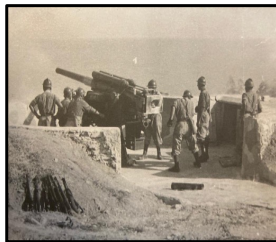
TRAINING COMMAND AND ARMY
APPLICATION SCHOOL



Operation 'HUSKY' 1943

The Allied Military Government of Occupied Territories (AMGOT)

Agira (EN), 7 April 2022

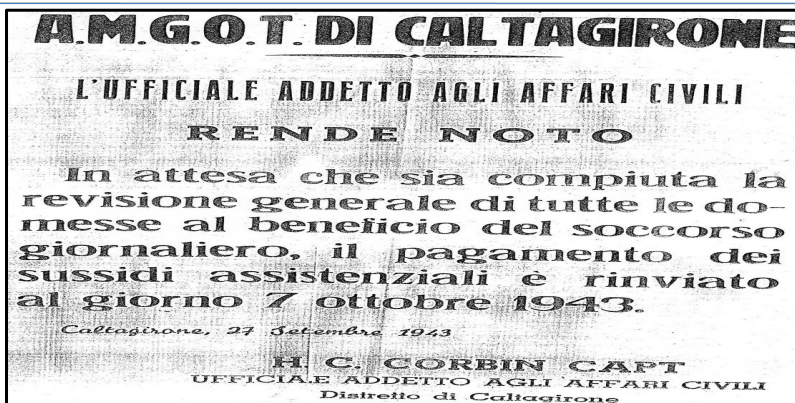


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GOAL



Outlining the characteristics of the AMGOT in Sicily and the role of the
Royal Army and Carabinieri during the occupation

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AGENDA



- Historical background - **OCDT (IT-ARMY) CATALDO**
- Characteristics of the AMGOT - **OCDT CATALDO / 2LT LEONE**
- The role of the Royal Army - **2LT (IT-ARMY) LEONE**
- The role of the Carabinieri - **OCDT (CARABINIERI) ROCCASALVA**

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HISTORICAL PREMISE



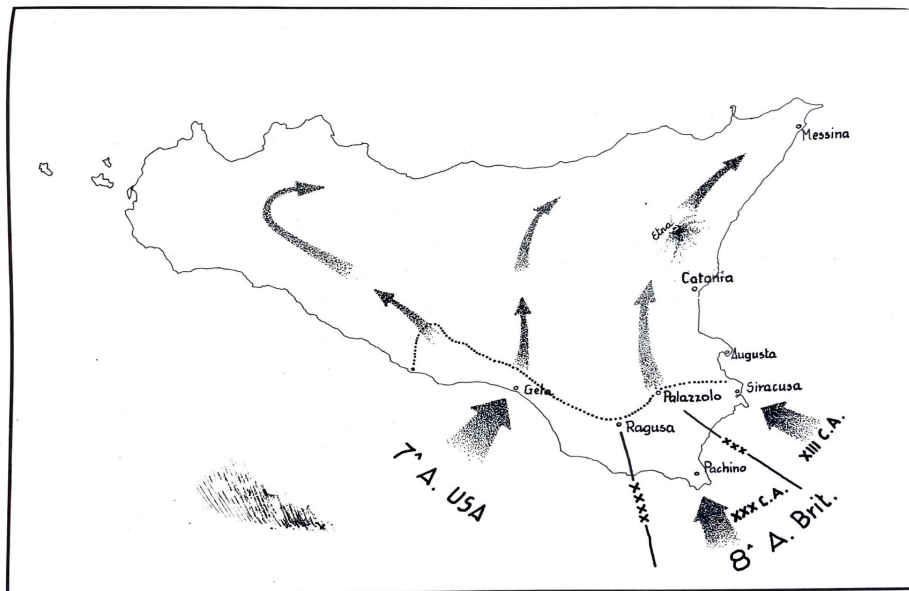
- Landing **9 July 1943**;
- One of the largest **amphibious operations**;
- Create a **pincer movement** on the island;
- A strategic and political **success**, it led to the establishment of the **AMGOT**.



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HISTORICAL PREMISE



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CHARACTERISTICS OF AMGOT



A. M. G. O. T. - CALTAGIRONE

Si Rende Noto

Che è stato disposto un apposito servizio per il recapito della corrispondenza ai prigionieri italiani.

Le famiglie dei prigionieri che intendano scrivere ai loro congiunti potranno farlo impostando le lettere nella cassetta della posta centrale.

Sulla busta dovrà essere scritto l'indirizzo più recente del militare.

Caltagirone, 21 Agosto 1943.

H. C. Corbin Capt.
UFFICIALE ADDETTO AGLI AFFARI CIVILI

Allied Military Government of Occupied Territories

Allied military body delegated to the administration of territories occupied by the Allies during World War II.

AMGOT leaves the Italian administrative apparatus in place, placing it under the control of the Allied military administration.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF AMGOT



AMGOT's **aim**: 'to guarantee the security of the rear; to prevent combat troops from being involved in administrative and police problems; to ensure law and order among the civilian population; to re-establish acceptable living conditions among the population'.

It **consisted of** special divisions: *legal, financial, civilian supply, public health, public safety and enemy property, security, monuments, fine arts and archives, public relations and education.*



CHARACTERISTICS OF AMGOT



Sicily was the **first experiment** in allied military government.

The island became the **testing ground** for this administrative body and many of the **lessons learned** were very useful for subsequent occasions.





CHARACTERISTICS OF AMGOT



Lord Francis
Rennell Rodd,
head of the
Allied military
government in
Sicily from July
1943

"I am frank to think we shall get away with things here more by luck than by good management."

- Francis Rennell Rodd

The situation in Sicily was far from simple, as the island, battered by years of war, was in a poor state in all major respects.

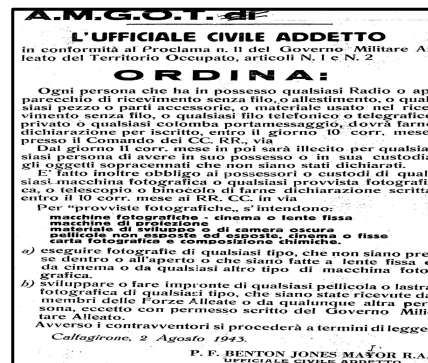


CHARACTERISTICS OF AMGOT



Problems that occurred at AMGOT:

- transport system and links between cities;
- limited number of means and personnel;
- prison overcrowding;
- lack of food sustenance.





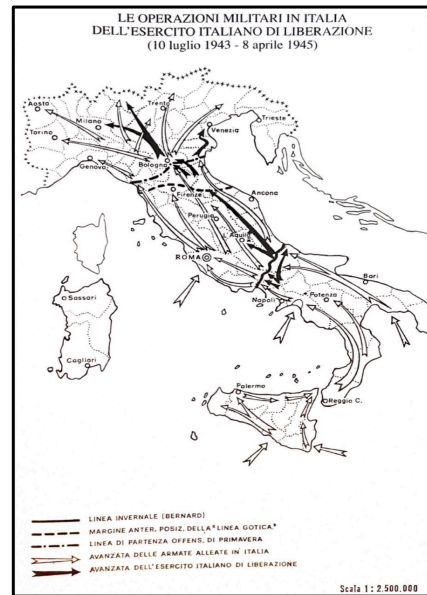
THE ROLE OF THE ROYAL ARMY



Cobelligerence and participation

Increasing mutual **trust** and restoring relationships

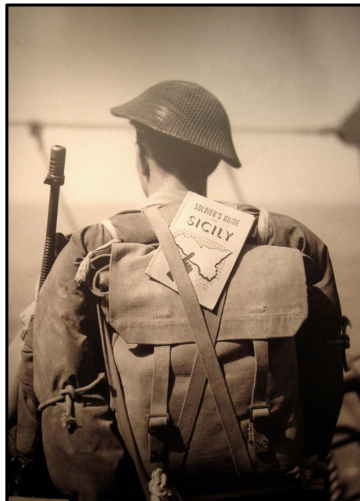
MMIA: military mission for Italian Army



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THE ROLE OF THE ROYAL CARABINIERI



"On August 3, as soon as the evacuation of the island was decided, the Sicilian Carabinieri Command (General Ernesto Sannino) was established to ensure the service of the institute even after the enemy occupation. However, until November 18, the Allied Military Government (AMGOT) considered Carabinieri prisoners of war on parole, employing them, unarmed and with an Amgot armband, at the service of the Allied Military Police. With the consequence of diminishing its prestige to the advantage of the Mafia, which was the real political point of reference of the American Colonel Charles Poletti".

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THE ROLE OF THE ROYAL CARABINIERI



The employment of the Carabinieri at the start of the Allied Government



- subordinate cooperation with posts advertised by Lieutenant Colonel US Poletti;
- Unarmed employees wearing AMGOT bracelets;
- Appoint as mayors important representatives of Sicilian separatism and historical Mafia figures.

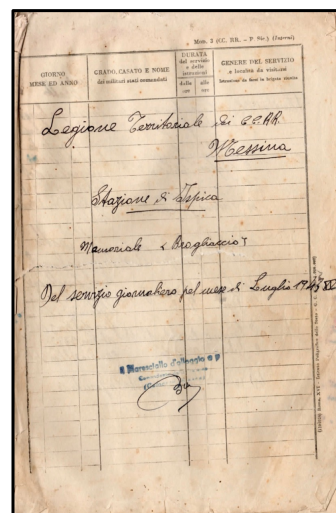


THE ROLE OF THE ROYAL CARABINIERI



Carabinieri deployment in the second phase

- Ordinance No. 5 Railway system reorganisation;
- Ordinance No. 11 Issuing of nighty safe passage;
- Ordinance No. 20 Appointment of Public Security Officers;
- Ordinance No. 21 Reconstitution of the Battalion of training for the Auxiliary Carabinieri.





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QUESTIONS

