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Hq 87th Inf Div
APO 448, U.S. Army
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OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS)

NUMBER 52)

I. As of 221200B Apr 45, VIII U.S. Corps (76th Inf Div, 87th Inf Div, 89th Inf Div, 6th Armd Div and 6th Cav Gp) passed to Contl of FIRST U.S. Army.

II. Contact with Soviet Forces.

1. No member of this Comd will give information to the "Press" regarding contact with Soviet Forces. Comdrs will insure that this is complied with.
2. To avoid confusion and prevent expansion to areas to be occupied by Soviet Forces, Trs of the 87th Inf Div will not Adv beyond the present Limiting Line nor Ptrl beyond the present Ptrl line.
3. Ptrls sent Fr the current front lines to the E or front will be led by an officer and will include an interpreter. If Soviet Forces are contacted the officer leading the Ptrl will:
 - a. Attempt to contact the nearest Soviet Officer.
 - b. Extend a cordial greeting to the Soviet Officer.
 - c. Invite the Soviet Officer to visit the immediate superior of the officer leading the Ptrl.
 This is in no way intended to relax previous restrictions on patrolling to the E.
4. It is to be expected that Soviet Forces will contact Elms of the Div at an early date. When such contact is made, our Trs will remain in present Pos's, except that Ptrls will not operate beyond the present Limiting Line.
5. When contact is made with Soviet Forces, the senior American Officer on the spot will contact the appropriate senior Soviet Comdr, offer cordial greetings, explain our situation on the immediate front, and obtain the situation and plans of the Soviet Comdr. The result of such conference will be Rptd so as to reach the Div Comdr W/out delay.
6. In all cases, Rpt of first contact of Soviet Forces will be Rptd to Div Hq.
7. It is assumed that Soviet Forces, other than Ln Parties, will not enter the area occupied by our Trs. If, however, these forces desire to enter the area in large numbers, the Comdr of our Trs will request that such be not done until a conference with the Div Comdr.
8. Trs will be impressed with the necessity for caution in order that Soviet Trs are not fired upon when contact is being made. After contact is made, the disposition of forces should be known to both sides, in order that proper contact and proper relations may be observed.

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9. Every effort will be made to avoid any accidental clashes with Soviet Forces.
10. During period of link-up between forces under SHAEF and Soviet High Comd the following overall recognition signal will apply:
 - a. (1) AEF Elms will identify themselves by a series of more than two (2) green Very lights or green star rockets.
(2) Soviet Forces will employ series of red rockets.
 - b. Armd Vehicle Markings:
 - (1) AEF Armd and other vehicles will Cont to carry normal markings. Soviets have been informed that yellow and/or cerise flourescent panels may be seen from the air depending upon local orders of the day.
 - (2) Soviet Armd vehicles will carry a white band painted completely around the turrent in the center thereof and a white cross on top of the turret.
 - c. Aircraft will carry nationally prescribed markings.
11. Dissemination of Rpts of incidents, or of rumors which may lead to unfortunate incidents, is prohibited.

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FIELD MESSAGE No 2

MANNER OF REPORTING CONTACT WITH SOVIET FORCES

Reports to this Headquarters of contact with Soviet Forces will include the following:

- a. Time and place of contact
- b. Identification and size of unit contacted.
- c. Type of communication, if any, unit contacted has with its next higher headquarters.

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- 345th Inf Regt
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 - 347th Inf Regt
 - Div Arty
 - 549th AAA Bn
 - 507th TD Bn
 - 735th Tk Bn
 - 312th Engr Bn
 - Ken Tr
 - Div Staff

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MESSAGE FROM HALF-YEAR 6 (CG 87TH INF DIV) Received 1045, 7 May 45.

It is anticipated that large numbers of German troops may be coming toward our lines to surrender. The surrender of individual and units will be accepted. Personnel will be disarmed, arms stacked, and vehicles assembled in motor parks. In so far as practicable members of same unit will be kept together. Both individual and unit will be processed thru PW channels. Captured weapons and vehicles will be assembled and kept under guard by capturing organization pending instructions as to their disposition.

There will be no - no - demonstration of any kind in connection with the surrender.

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MESSAGE FROM MONARCH (VIII CORPS)

1. Representatives of the German High Command have signed an unconditional surrender of all German land, sea and air forces to the AEF and simultaneously to the Soviet High Command at 0141B, 7 May 45, under which all forces will cease active operation at 0001B, 9 May 45.

2. Effective immediately all offensive operations will cease. Troops will remain in present positions. Moves involved in occupation duty will continue. Due to the difficulty in communication there may be some delay in orders reaching enemy troops, so full defensive precautions will be taken. No release to the press pending official announcement to the press by the heads of the three major powers.

MESSAGE FROM HALF*YEAR 6 (CG 87TH INF DIV)

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1. Half-blood will continue its move.

2. Be particularly cautious to see that terms are carried out.

3. Over enthusiasm resulting in thoughtless acts must be avoided. We do not want satisfaction spoiled by thoughtless acts.

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APO 448, U.S. Army
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FIELD MSG NO 4

Effective 090001 May 1945 wearing of steel helmets and gas masks by members of this command will be discontinued except during changes of station or when otherwise specifically directed. Helmet liners will be the authorized headgear. Each individual will keep his steel helmet and gas mask with the remainder of his equipment in the company bivouac area.

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ANNEX NO 1 to Opnl Instructions No 56, this Hq; Dtd 10 May 45.

List of Installations guarded by 7th TD Gp to be Reld by Elms of 37th Inf Div.

1. To be Reld by 37th Div Arty, reinforced:

<u>Installation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>*No of Men</u>	
		<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Hospital	PROBSTZELLA (J586204)		7
Warehouse	" "		9
Security guard Hq patrols	EICHICHT (J630301)		6
Warehouse and RR yard	(J586207)		6
Concentration camp	(J647167)		7
Security guard Hq patrols	DROGNITZ (J715280)		6
Security guard Hq patrols	LIEBSCHUTZ (J768267)		3
Security guard Hq patrol	LEUTENBERG (J634250)	1	6
" " " "	PROBSTZELLA (J586204)	1	3
" " " "	ZIEGENBRUCK (J769305)	1	16
Dynamite dump	" (J771313)		2
Town patrol	" "		2
" "	OBEROPPBURG (J785404)		4
" "	KONITZ (J652348)		6
" "	KAULSDORF (J613314)		4
Hospital	POSENBECK (J722391)		4
"	" "		4
Factory guard	UNTERLOQUITZ (J596270)		2
Guard post	KORLPA (J685378)		7
" "	ROCKENDORF (J672372)		7
Hospital	SAALFELD (J5633)		6
Motorized patrol	" "		15
Military barracks	" "		21
10,000 tons locomotive coal	" "		3
Steel mill	UNTERNELIBNBORN (J6136)		6
Motorized patrol	" "		10

2. To be Reld by 345th Inf:

<u>Installation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>*No of Men</u>	
		<u>Off</u>	<u>EM</u>
Hospital	(J695184)		6
Security guard Hq patrol	REMPENDORF (J780216)	1	2
Area patrol	EBERSDORF (7817)	1	15
Area patrol - 2 hospitals	WURZBACH (J6914)	1	19
Area patrol	LOBENSTEIN (J7713)	1	6
Repeater station	" "		2
Factory	" "		6
Security guard Hq patrols	SCHLIEZ (J883277)	1	10
Hospital	" (J883284)		8
Gestapo Hq	" (J883277)		2

3. Comdrs relieving Elms of 7th TD Gp in their sector will contact the CO, 282d FA Bn at AUMA (J9441) for details of relief and assumption of responsibility.

*Indicates number of officers and men being utilized by 7th TD Gp. Comdrs making the relief will determine number of men to be utilized at their own discretion.

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ANNEX NO 2 to Opnl Instr No 56, this Hq, Dtd 10 May 45.

INSTALLATIONS NOW UNDER GUARD IN THE DIVISION AREA

KLEINFELDE:

TURNHALLE (35 Auerbacher Strasse), hospital (PW's), 2 MG guards.
MUSIK SCHULE (12 Hanschemm Strasse), hospital (PW's), 2 MG guards.
MILITARY GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS, 2 MG guards.
HUAPLATZ, hospital (PW's), 2 MG guards.

MUHLTROFF:

CAMP, medical supplies, 7 MG guards.

TRIEB:

DISPLACED PERSONS CAMP (Jewish women), 3 MG guards.

POHL:

GERMAN ARMY HOSPITAL, 7 MG guards.

PAIKENSTEIN:

SHOE FACTORY, civilian and Wehrmacht shoes, 8 MG guards.
RADIO WORKSHOP, electrical equipment for Wehrmacht use, 8 MG guards.
ALUMINUM SHELTER WORKS, aluminum and zinc ware utensils for WEHRMACHT use, 8 MG guards.
WEHRMACHT WIRELESS APPARATUS WORKS, wireless and signal devices for Navy, Luftwaffe and Wehrmacht use, 8 MG guards.

RODENBACH:

MILITARY HOSPITALS (2), patients are German PW's, guarded by 18 tactical troops (2d Bn, 346) who are also patrolling town.

TREUER:

MEDICAL SUPPLIES, not located in one building but are scattered throughout town, 9 MG guards.

AUERBACH:

EBERT, ladies' clothing, 1 guard (1st Bn, 346)
RICHARD KOLBER, ladies' clothing, 1 guard (1st Bn, 346)
GUSTAV DREING, men's clothing, 1 guard (1st Bn, 346)
KARL ROTROTT, automatic machinery, 1 guard (1st Bn, 346)
BAUBER & RODAR, woolen goods, 1 guard (1st Bn, 346)
MULLER & KOHL, dye factory, 1 guard (1st Bn, 346)
GARBERER SCHILDBACK, 12,000 pounds flour, 1 guard (1st Bn, 346)
KARL KNOLL, clothing, 1 guard (1st Bn, 346)
HERBERT HOON, clothing, 1 guard (1st Bn, 346)
FACTORY, containing Wehrmacht clothing, 1 guard (1st Bn, 346)

OELSENITZ:

DEUTE WORKS (4 Jehnteich Strasse), meter and instrument factory, Robert Fricke owner, 3 MG guards.
HEINKEL WORKS, (O.W. Koch Strasse), Schaeffer owner, airplane parts and machinery, 3 MG guards.
ZINGELIN-VOIGLEBERGER (63 Voiglsberger Strasse), Fritz Berger owner, rubber clothing, 3 MG guards.
SCHUTZENHAUS (Schutzen Strasse), displaced persons center, 3 MG guards.
KREISLEITER BUILDING (Goffried Strasse), MG platoon motor pool, 3 MG guards.
TUPLET WORKS (West Strasse), Russian prisoners of War, 3 MG guards.

NETZSCHKAU:

RUSSIAN DISPLACED PERSONS CAMP, guarded by 2 platoons tactical Trs (2d Bn, 345)

ELSTERBERG:

DISPLACED PERSONS CAMP, guarded by 1 Plat tactical Trs (2d Bn, 345)

PLAUEN:

RUSSIAN DISPLACED PERSONS CAMP, located near airport, guarded by one Co tactical Trs (2d Bn, 345)
FOOD WAREHOUSE, near airport, guarded by one Co tactical Trs (2d Bn, 345)
KINGENBERG KASERNE, Allied displaced persons camp, guarded by one Co tactical Trs (2d Bn, 345)
One Co tactical Trs patrolling city to prevent looting (On Co, 345)

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MEMO NO 3 to Opnl Instructions No 56, this Hq, Dtd 10 May 45.

MILITARY GOVERNMENT DETACHMENTS IN THE DIVISION SECTOR

The following is a list of the Military Government Detachments in the 87th Division sector:

- a. 87th Division Detachments, Major Eugene M. Lee, S/MGO, Div Hq, in charge.
- (1) Detachment (87)-1 -- Russian Camp, Plauen; Airport.
Commanding Officer: Lt Fowler
 - (2) Detachment (87)-2 -- French Camp, Plauen; Hindenberg Kaserne.
Commanding Officer: Lt MacNutt.
 - (3) Detachment (87)-3 -- Russian Camp, Oelsnitz.
Commanding Officer: Lt Pelletier.
 - (4) Detachment (87)-4 -- Allied DP Camp, Plauen; Artillery Barracks
Commanding Officer: Lt Miller.
 - (5) Detachment (87)-5 -- Russian Camp, Netzschkau.
Commanding Officer: Capt Bishop.
- b. Landkreis Detachments:
- (1) Landkreis Auerbach -- Provisional Detachment No 10; Auerbach.
Commanding Officer: Capt Fleshman.
 - (2) Landkreis Oelsnitz -- Detachment I1H3; Oelsnitz.
Commanding Officer: Capt Clark
 - (3) Landkreis Plauen -- FAMG 78; Plauen
Commanding Officer: Lt Col Read
 - (4) Landkreis Saalfeld -- MG 27; Saalfeld.
Commanding Officer: Major Triesburg
 - (5) Landkreis Siegenruch -- I4H3; Ranis.
Commanding Officer: Lt Tuteska
 - (6) Landkreis Schleiz -- MG 25; Schleiz.
Commanding Officer: Major Abbott

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OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS)
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MAIS: CENTRAL EUROPE, GSGS 4436, Scale 1/100,000 - Sheets NS-6-7, SS-6-7.

1. 87th Div and Atchd Units will organize, occupy, and govern sectors (overlay).
2. 347th Inf and 607 TD Bn (Atchd for Opnl Contl only) will organize, occupy, and govern LK GELSNITZ and southern sector of LK AUENBACH (overlay).
3.
 - a. 1st Bn -
 - (1) Relieve elements of 6th Cav Gp in Asgd sector w/out delay. Direct contact with CO, 6th Cav Gp is authorized to effect coordination of relief.
 - b. 2nd Bn -
 - (1) Organize, occupy, and govern sector (overlay).
 - c. 3rd Bn -
 - (1) Initially in Res.
 - (2) Organize, occupy, and govern sector (overlay).
 - (3) Be prepared to carry on full training program. Training will begin at a time to be announced by this headquarters.
 - d. 607 TD Bn -
 - (1) Organize, occupy, and govern sector (overlay).
 - (2) One third of command will devote its time to training. Training will begin at a time to be announced by this headquarters.
 - e. Cannon Co -
 - (1) Atchd 3rd Bn (for Opnl Contl only).
4.
 - a. Occupation of all towns within the Asgd sectors is unnecessary. However, all towns will be periodically patrolled to assure that order is maintained.
 - b. Elms of units now on specific duty as guards in an area and scheduled to move to a new area will remain as now stationed until the incoming units have effected proper relief. These details will be arranged by the Comdrs concerned.
 - c. Orgn Comdrs are responsible for guarding military hospitals within Asgd sectors.
 - d. Installations in Regtl sector now guarded by MG guards (See Annex No 1) will be relieved by tactical troops of Orgn occupying the particular area.
 - e. Location of MG Bats within Regtl sector (Annex No 1).
5. OP's - Rpt changes in locations as accomplished.

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Annex No 1 - Installations within present Regtl sector now under guard; military Government detachments in Regtl sector.

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AMEX No 1 to Opal Instructions No 22, this Hq, Dtd 11 May 1945.

INSTALLATIONS NOW UNDER GUARD IN THE REGIMENTAL AREA

KLINGENTHAL:

- TURNHALL (35 Auerbacher Strasse), hospital (PW's), 2 MG guards.
- MUSIK SCHULE (12 Hansachem Strasse), hospital (PW's), 2 MG guards.
- MILITARY GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS, 2 MG guards.
- HUAFLATZ, hospital (PW's), 2 MG guards.

CELENITZ:

- DEUTE WERK (4 Jahrteich Strasse), meter and instrument factory, Robert Fricke owner, 5 MG guards.
- HEINDEL WERK (G. W. Koch Strasse), Schaeffer owner, airplane parts and machinery, 5 MG guards.
- ZINGHLIN-VOIGLSBERGER (63 Voiglsberger Strasse), Fritz Berger owner, rubber clothing, 5 MG guards.
- SCHUTZENHAUS (Schutzen Strasse), displaced persons center, 5 MG guards.
- KREISLEITER BUILDING (Geffreid Strasse), MG platoon motor pool, 5 MG guards.
- TEFZET WERK (West Strasse), Russian prisoners of War, 5 MG guards.

MILITARY GOVERNMENT DETACHMENTS IN REGIMENTAL SECTOR

- a. 87th Inf Div Detachments, Major Eugene M. Lee, S/MCO, Div Hq, in charge.
 - (1) Detachment (87)-5 - Russian Camp, Celenitz.
Commanding Officer: Lt Felletier.
- b. Landkreis Detachments:
 - (1) Landkreis Celenitz - Detachment 1H3, Celenitz.
Commanding Officer: Capt Clark.

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19 June 1944.

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SUBJECT: Troop Assignment No. 66.

TO : Units Concerned.

1. The following units are reld fr atchmt to VII Corps and are atchd VIII Corps:

207th Engr C Pn
300th Engr C Pn
512th Engr L Pon Co
631st Engr L Equip Co
989th Engr Trowy Er Co

2. The following elements of the 175th Sig Repair Co are reld fr atchmt as indicated and revert to the control of the Army Signal Officer:

	<u>reld fr atchmt to</u>
Det H 175th Sig Repair Co	5th ESB
Det N 175th Sig Repair Co	5th ESB
Det I 175th Sig Repair Co	6th ESB
Det O 175th Sig Repair Co	6th ESB

3. The 553rd MP Escort Guard Co, asgd WBS, Com Z, ETOUSA and atchd First Army, is further atchd VIII Corps.

4. The 518th MP Bn is reld fr atchmt to VII Corps for opns only eff 191800B.

5. Det O, 165th Sig Photo Co is reld fr atchmt to the 82nd A/B Div and reverts to the control of the Army Signal Officer.

6. Det Q, 165th Sig Photo Co is reld fr atchmt to the 6th Engr Spec'l Brig and is atchd to Hq 90th Inf Div.

7. Co B, 299th Engr C Bn is reld fr atchmt to VII Corps and reverts to control of the 299th Engr C Bn presently atchd to 1128th Engr C Gp.

8. The 552nd FA Bn (240mm How), asgd First Army, is reld fr atchmt to the 79th FA Gp and is atchd VII Corps eff upon arrival on the continent.

9. The 18th FA Gp Hq/Hq Btry, asgd First Army, is reld fr atchmt to the 32nd FA Brig and is atchd VIII Corps eff upon arrival on the continent.

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10. The following units are reld fr atchmt to VII Corps and are atnd
VIII Corps eff 191800B:

- 82nd A/B Div
- 90th Inf Div
- Trp B 4th Cav Rcn Sqdn
- 87th Armd FA Bn (105mm How)
- 188th FA Bn (155mm Hcw)
- for* 607th TD Bn (Towed)

11. Btry of 12th FA Obsn Bn, presently atchd VII Corps, is reld fr
 this atchmt and reverts to control of VIII Corps eff 191800B.

By command of the ARMY COMMANDER:

S. A. Mackenzie
 S. A. MACKENZIE,
 Captain, A.G.D.,
 Asst Adj General.

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- CG ETOUSA - - - - - 5
- CG FUSAG - - - - - 5
- CG SHAEF - - - - - 3
- GOC in C 21 Army Gp (Main) - - - 3
- GOC in C 21 Army Gp (Tac) - - - 3
- CG Adv Sect, Com Z - - - - - 3
- BUCO (West) US Zone, APO 555 - - 3
- 20th Postal Regulating Sect - - - 2
- 21st Postal Regulating Sect - - - 2
- Postal Div, ETOUSA, APO 887 - - - 2
- CG, VII Corps - - - - - 3
- CG, VIII Corps - - - - - 3
- CG, Prov Engr Spec'l Brig Gp - - 3
- CG, 5th Engr Spec'l Brig - - - - 3
- CG, 6th Engr Spec'l Brig - - - - 3
- CO, 175th Sig Repair Co - - - - - 3
- CG, WBS, Com Z, ETOUSA - - - - - 3
- CO, Spec'l Trps, First Army - - - 3
- CG, 82nd A/B Div - - - - - 3
- CG, 90th Inf Div - - - - - 3
- CO, 165th Sig Photo Co - - - - - 3
- CG, 32nd FA Brig - - - - - 3
- CO, 79th FA Gp - - - - - 3
- CG, XIX Corps - - - - - 3
- Units concerned THRU:
- Maj Subord Cmdr - - - - - 1
- CG, Third U. S. Army - - - - - 3
- 5th MRU - - - - - 2
- 11th MRU - - - - - 2
- 32nd MRU - - - - - 4
- Central MRU - - - - - 2
- First Army
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