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AG 320.2 (11-17-41)
MR-M-C

December 3, 1941.

SUBJECT: Organization of Tank Destroyer Battalions.

TO: Commanding Generals,
All Armies and Corps, Areas,
Chief of Armored Force.



1. Reference is made to letter, this office, AG 320.2 (11-5-41) MR-M-C, November 27, 1941, subject, "Organization of Tank Destroyer Tactical and Firing Center."

2. The instructions contained herein will govern the organization of tank destroyer battalions. These battalions are GHQ units of three types, namely, (1) light battalions with towed weapons designed for attachment to foot Infantry divisions, (2) light battalions with self-propelled weapons designed for attachment to Cavalry and motorized divisions, and (3) heavy battalions with self-propelled weapons for attachment to Armored divisions, Army Corps and Armies.

3. Effective December 15, 1941:

a. The following antitank units, unless specifically excepted in later paragraphs, will be inactivated:

- (1) Antitank troops, 1st and 2d Cavalry Divisions.
- (2) All antiaircraft, antitank platoons in Field Artillery battalions and regiments in the continental United States.
- (3) All Field Artillery 75-mm antitank batteries included in 155-mm howitzer battalions or regiments in the continental United States.

b. The tank destroyer battalions listed in inclosure 1 are constituted and allotted to the GHQ Reserve and will be activated. Each battalion will be attached to the Army to which its major source unit is now attached or assigned.

c. The Army commanders concerned and the Chief of the Armored Force will activate and organize the new tank destroyer battalions and attach them to Army Corps and divisions at their discretion.



4. In the reorganization the following will govern:
 - a. The status of antitank companies in Infantry regiments will not be changed.
 - b. All "Antitank" battalions will be designated as "Tank Destroyer" battalions.
 - c. Present Infantry antitank battalions will be reorganized and redesignated as indicated in paragraph 12 a.
 - d. The extent to which each tank destroyer unit will be activated initially will be controlled by existing housing and available personnel.
5. No additional construction is authorized incident to those instructions.
6. Officers will be furnished by Army commanders and by the Chief of the Armored Force within current allotments.
7. Unless otherwise specified, equipment assigned the antitank elements of Field Artillery and the divisional antitank units of Cavalry will be transferred to the new tank destroyer units formed from these elements.
8. Where movement of personnel or equipment is necessary, Corps area commanders will, upon request of Army commanders and Chief of the Armored Force, issue the necessary orders, obligating the procurement authorities cited below to the extent necessary:

Travel of the Army

FD 1437 P 1-06, 2-06, 3-06, 15-06, 16-06, 17-06 A 0410-2

(For travel of officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men; and for travel of dependents of officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the first three grades.)

Army Transportation--Motor

QM 1620 P 32-02, 35-12 A 0525-2 "C"

(For gasoline and oil, and repairs to motor vehicles en route.)

Army Transportation--Commercial

QM 1620 P 54-01, 54-02, 54-13, 54-06 A 0525-2 "D"

(For packing, crating, and shipping equipment, impedimenta, and authorized household goods allowances of officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the first four grades; and for tolls and ferriages en route.)

Barracks and Quarters



QM 1620 P 102-02, 6-10, 9-10, 11-11, A 0635-2

(For fuel, light, and water service, and rental of camp sites on route when impracticable to camp overnight at regular Army reservation.)

9. a. Instructions concerning the organization of the majority of the new units are contained in attached inclosures. Instructions for the organization of units not included in inclosure 1 are contained in succeeding paragraphs.

b. Personnel transferred in compliance with this letter will be transferred in their present grades and ratings and source units reduced accordingly. In order to obtain proper technicians (cooks, mechanics, etc.) for the new units, enlisted men may be transferred from any elements of source units, and enlisted men of inactivated antitank elements may be transferred to new tank destroyer units or to elements of source units.

10. Allotments of grades and ratings to tank destroyer units and revised allotments of grades and ratings to source units will be published in a separate communications.

11. Tables of Organization and Tables of Basic Allowances for tank destroyer units will be distributed at an early date. Pending their receipt, tank destroyer units will be organized in accordance with inclosures 2, 3, and 4 and with present available equipment.

12. The following instructions concern units not listed in inclosure 1:

Effective December 15, 1941:-

a. The Infantry antitank battalions listed below are redesignated as indicated and will be organized as heavy tank destroyer battalions in accordance with Table of Organization 18-25. The reconnaissance companies of the Tank Destroyer Battalions, except the 893d, will be inactive. All elements of the 893d Tank Destroyer Battalion will be active. These battalions will be assigned to the Infantry arm.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Redesignated</u>	<u>Station</u>
93d Inf AT Bn	893d TD Bn	Ft. Geo. G. Meade, Md.
94th Inf AT Bn	894th TD Bn	Ft. Benning, Ga.
99th Inf AT Bn	899th TD Bn	Ft. Lewis, Wash.
101st Inf AT Bn	801st TD Bn	Ft. Benning, Ga.
102d Inf AT Bn	802d TD Bn	Camp Shelby, Miss.
103d Inf AT Bn	803d TD Bn	Ft. Lewis, Wash.
104th Inf AT Bn	804th TD Bn	Ft. Sam Houston, Texas
105th Inf AT Bn	805th TD Bn	Ft. Geo. G. Meade, Md.



b. The antitank elements of the 112th, 128th and 178th Field Artillery Regiments will be inactivated and their equipment transferred to units as follows. The personnel of these antitank elements will be absorbed in their present regiments:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Station</u>
112th FA	813th TD Bn	Ft. Bragg, N. C.
128th FA	630th TD Bn	Ft. Jackson, S. C.
178th FA	609th TD Bn	Ft. Bragg, N. C.

c. The 780th and 781st Tank Destroyer Companies are constituted and will be activated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, by the Commanding General, Third Army, from personnel now assigned to the 142d Field Artillery. These companies will be organized as separate heavy tank destroyer companies (Table of Organization 18-27) with an initial strength of 5 officers and 133 enlisted men for each company. These companies will be allotted to the Field Artillery arm. The antitank equipment now issued to the antitank elements of the 142d Field Artillery will be transferred to these companies.

13. Direct correspondence between those concerned is authorized on matters pertaining to this reorganization.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ E. S. ADAMS

Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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Copies furnished:

- Commanding Generals,
- All Armies, Army Corps, Corps Areas,
- Divisions and Departments.
- Chief of Staff, GHQ.
- Commanding Officers of Exempted Stations concerned.
- Chiefs of Arms and Services, and the
- Divisions of the War Department
- General Staff.
- Fiscal Section, Misc. Div., A. G. O.
- Reproduced Headquarters Third Army

HEADQUARTERS IX CORPS
Fort McPherson, Georgia

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15 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Attachment of Units.

TO : See Distribution.

1. Effective this date, the 670th TD Bn is attached to 21st TD Gp.
2. The following units are relieved from attachment to 8th TD Gp and attached to 21st TD Gp, effective this date.

609th TD Bn
630th TD Bn
631st TD Bn
806th TD Bn

By command of Maj Gen. WHITE:

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R. S. NOURSE,
Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

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CO, 609th TD Bn - 3
CO, 630th TD Bn - 3
CO, 631st TD Bn - 3
CO, 806th TD Bn - 3
CO, 670th TD Bn - 3
CO, 21st TD Gp - 3
CO, 8th TD Gp - 3

HEADQUARTERS
6TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758 US ARMY

11 May 1945

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM:

NUMBER 13:

1. a. The steel helmet and liner will be worn by troops engaged in:
 - (1) Guard and Military Police duties (All static posts and roving patrols, when on post or patrol).
 - (2) Field exercises (as announced by this headquarters)
 - (3) Military Security Operations -(When in performance of duties.Chin strap will be adjusted and fastened in rear of the helmet on the outside.
 - b. The helmet liner will be worn when engaged in any duties other than the above.
 - c. Battalion insignia (T.D. patch) will be painted on liners with out delay. Liners will be replaced as necessary.
2. Sub-sector commanders (Company Commanders) will have a complete check made of all non-organic units located in their areas, and ascertain the mission of each and the authority for their operation in this area. Reports will be submitted to this headquarters.
3. a. Personnel will not travel individually beyond the limits of their CP. All travel will be in pairs or small groups.
 - b. Personnel traveling by motor will provide themselves with armed guards. If the occupant or occupants and the driver are armed, such safety precautions are adequate.
 - c. During daylight hours, drivers of motor vehicles may make short trips within the vicinity of their CP without additional guards.
4. a. Company Commanders will check their areas for locations of graves of any allied personnel. Locations will be reported to the S-1. No identification or other markings will be removed from graves.
5. Effective 2400, 10 May 1945, no person within the occupied territory under the control of this headquarters will be permitted to circulate on the streets or outside his own home without a permit of Military Government between the hours of 2100 and 0500.

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/t/LITTLE

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**HEADQUARTERS
630TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 408**

13 May 1945

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM,

NUMBER 14:

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1. In the performance of Guard and Security, the principles and orders enunciated in TM 26-5, Subject: "Interior Guard Duty" will govern, wherever applicable. Guards must be constantly on the alert and the cause of diversions in the vicinity of guard posts will be eliminated. Some of the causes for inattention to duty on the part of guards are the following:

- a. Persons loafing, sitting, etc, within hearing distance of the guards, such as at the entrance to CP's, DPC's and factory entrances.
- b. Quarters for members of the guard too close to the guard post.
- c. Chairs and benches at the post of the guard.
- d. Fires.
- e. Shelters other than sentry boxes.

2. Unit Commanders will make every effort to furnish all detachments the facilities for maintaining a high standard of cleanliness and appearance. Personnel will be rotated as necessary to achieve this end.

By Order of Major **EMMANUEL**,

Gerald B. Little
GERALD B. LITTLE
Captain, F.A.,
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HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
Office of the Battalion Commander

ARO 758, U S Army
13 May 1945



SUBJECT: Operations Instructions

TO : All companies

1. 636th T D Bn relieved in sector by elements of 42nd Infantry Division 13 May 1945.
2. Moves from present positions to Mindelheim (Y-0542) area over route indicated 15 May 1945.
3. Upon closing in new area Bn is attached to 142nd RCT for operations in support of Military Government.
4. For route of march and march table see overlay and annex. (attached)
5. March Orders:
 - a. Vehicles will maintain (60) yard interval.
 - b. Leading vehicle of each march unit will not exceed a speed of (20) mph.
 - c. Five minutes rest and maintenance halts will be made every hour on the hour.
6. Transporters will move TD's on following schedule:
 - a. May 13th - "B" Co and 2 TD's of "C" Co
 - b. May 14th - "A" Co and one TD of "C" Co
 - c. May 15th - 8 TD's of "C" Co
7. Company Commanders will insure that all transport drivers are instructed as to the route of march and destination. Mittelstetten (Y-2560)

8. March Table:

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>VEHICLES</u>	<u>I.P.</u>	<u>GROSS I.P.</u>	<u>CLEAR I.P.</u>
Res	30	E-269864	151102B	151105B
Hq & Hq Co	30	"	151115B	151118B
"A" Co	30	"	151128B	151131B
"B" Co	20	"	151141B	151144B
"C" Co	20	"	151154	151157B

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Area Overlay

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ANNEX TO ACCOMPANY OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:



Within sectors, commanders are responsible for the following:

1. Protection of supply installations, supplementing as necessary the installation guards and coordinating security measures.
2. Security of railroads, MSR's, petroleum pipe lines and critical signal installations.
3. Protection and disposition of captured enemy materiel and supplies as directed by current Administrative Orders.
4. Disarming and police of civilian population.
5. Support of Military Government.
6. Disciplinary control of all troops in sectors, including members of all Allied Forces not under direct command of VI Corps.
7. Maintenance of road blocks to prevent unauthorized movement of civilians or German military personnel. Utilize selected road blocks to check proper use of motor vehicles and to protect uniform and equipment violations.
8. Establishment of security of occupied towns, employing troops located in towns. Security posts will require all personnel to identify themselves by pass word or credentials.
9. Maintenance of continuous security patrols to check security of military installations, arrest suspicious individuals and arrest civilians violating control regulations.
10. Coordination with adjacent commanders.

**HEADQUARTERS
630TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 408**

15 May 1945



OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM;

NUMBER 15;

1. Check posts or other guard posts picking up French, Dutch or Belgium displaced persons will have them transported to the nearest DP Camp. The DP Camp commander will arrange to have them transported to the French Repatriation Center at KAISER-LAUTERN, and will notify this headquarters, giving names and addresses in their home countries.

2. French Military personnel having business to transact in the American Plafz sector will clear first with the French Liaison officer at 28th Division Artillery Headquarters at NEUSTADT between the hours of 0800 and 1200 daily.

3. French authorities in the French sector will honor travel exemption passes issued in the American sector providing passes are in the regular authorized form and signed by an HQ Officer.

4. US personnel having business in the French Sector will first clear with French HQ or other French military authorities in that sector. French HQ detachments are located in LANDAU, SPEYER, GERMERSHEIM and BERGSAEBER.

5. The following types of ammunition will be collected for destruction:

- Unboxed hand and rifle grenades
- Unboxed rocket ammunition

a. Utilization of basic load of explosives is authorized for destroying above mentioned ammunition.

b. If explosives or trained demolition personnel are not available within the unit, the above mentioned ammunition will be evacuated to the Division demolition area through the DAO or to a sub-area demolition point.

(1) Demolition personnel are available through the DAO.

(2) Locations of sub area demolition points will be reported in six (6) figure coordinates to this headquarters.

(3) This headquarters will be notified three (3) hours in advance by telephone the time (s) and location of anticipated demolition (s) in sub-area demolition point.

Operations Memo No. 15, this Hq, dtd 15 May 45 (Cont'd):

6. The following types of ammunition will not be moved or picked up except by Bomb Disposal, trained Engineer Personnel, or trained A and P Personnel of Infantry Regiments.

Mauspatrone (Old model bazooka);
Panzerfaust (New model bazooka);
Land and AP mines.
Unboxed mortar ammunition.
Unidentified ammunition.



a. If trained demolition personnel are not available within the unit, the locations of above mentioned ammunition, UXB's and duds will be reported promptly to the S-3. Subject report will specify description of items, quantity and location expressed in terms of six (6) figure coordinates.

7. Locations of Engineer explosives (dynamite, TNT, blasting caps, primer cord, etc.) will be reported to this headquarters for disposition. Enemy explosives will NOT, repeat NOT be turned in to the ASP.

8. Request for additional transportation to perform the above mentioned missions will be submitted to this headquarters.

9. All units are prohibited from firing on any aircraft since the threat of hostile action from enemy aircraft no longer exists.

By Order of Lt. Colonel JONES;

Gerald B. Little
GERALD B. LITTLE
Captain, F.A.,
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**HEADQUARTERS
630TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 408**

15 May 1945

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM;

NUMBER 16;

1. Military Government Detachments will upon completion of the registration within their Landkreis submit to this headquarters a list of towns and the number registered in each. Report will be addressed to the Commanding General, 28th Infantry Division Artillery (Attention: S-5).

2. It has been observed that civilian cars and trucks traveling within the Landkreis failed to obey necessary driving rules which result in accidents between military and civilian vehicles. The following are a few of the infractions observed:

- a. Hogging the center of the road.
- b. Excessive speed by civilian cars.
- c. Failure to give hand signals when making turns.
- d. Failure to pull over as far as possible when stopping on the road.

Military Government Detachments will immediately take necessary action to insure that civilians are advised of traffic regulations.

3. Circulation Passes;

a. To cooperate with travel instructions broadcast via civilian radio, by higher authority, directing German civilians to return to their homes and resume former occupations, the following procedure will be observed:

(1) German civilian refugees picked up in your district bearing passes issued by the Burgomeister of the town where they have been residing will be turned over to the nearest Military Government Detachment.

(2) The Military Government Detachment will endorse the Burgomeister's pass with the official Military Government stamp and permit the bearer to proceed to his home.

By Order of Lt. Colonel JONES;

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Captain, P.A.,
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**HEADQUARTERS
630TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 408**

17 May 1945

**OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM;
NUMBER 17;
TO All Units :**

1. Following letter, Subject: Civil Records, Headquarters, LXIII Corps, 8 May 1945, is quoted for compliance.

In some cases certain very helpful records have not been searched for, impounded or safeguarded, due to failure of appreciation of their importance as aids in the De-Nazification program. This has been particularly true of localities where small Military Government Teams are operating or where there is no CIC or trained public safety officer.

In view of the conditions outlined in above paragraph, the following list is furnished as a guide and aid to all concerned:

**All Police records, civil and criminal.
License files.
Registration files.
Personnel records in all public offices including:
Labor
Civil Service.
Trade organizations.**

If not already accomplished, a search should be made for the above records and steps taken to safeguard them until examined by trained personnel. The location of any such files should be reported to the CIC.

2. Location of any files mentioned above will be reported to S-2.

By Order of Lt. Colonel JONES;



Gerald B. Little
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Captain, F.A.
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HEADQUARTERS
630TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 408

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22 May 1945

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM:

NUMBER 18:

1. Effective immediately the limits of authorized civilian travel is extended to include the limits of the Landkreis in which the civilian resides. That is, anyone living within the ZWEIBRUCKEN Landkreis (area controlled by 630th TD Bn) may travel, except during curfew hours, through the entire area. This does not permit travel into another Landkreis.

2. A special civilian Church Service will be held at WALDFISCHBACH (Q9376) on 24 May 1945. Civilians in this Landkreis may attend the Service although it is in the PIRMASENS LANDKREIS. This is an exception to the general rule. Passes for this occasion will be accomplished as follows: Local priests will make out the passes which will be stamped by the local burgemeister. This will authorize these civilians to travel from noon Wednesday, 23 May, to 2100 Thursday, 24 May 1945. Curfew will not be broken.

3. Military Government Policies:

a. A D S E C will soon release German PW's to fill needs of farm work, transportation, and mines. The prisoners, in uniform stripped of insignia and buttons will be registered by Military Government detachments, and sent home singly or in small groups to avoid any suggestion of "triumphal" return. Further instructions will follow regarding their credentials and identification.

b. There will be no killing of livestock essential to breeding or dairy needs.

c. German refugees who have crossed the RHINE without processing will return to recenter properly through "ports" of entry".

4. All personnel will be thoroughly instructed on these regulations immediately on receipt of this order.

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Co "C"	- 2	After Action	- 1

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HEADQUARTERS
630TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 408

22 May 1945

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM;

NUMBER 19;

1. A Special orientation program will be initiated in each unit to insure that all troops have a thorough knowledge of re-deployment, readjustment and other orientation features. Two hours each week will be devoted to this subject and will be arranged so every man will have opportunity to attend.

2. Material can be obtained from articles appearing in the Stars and Stripes, Tomorrow, Warweek, Yank, Army Talks and many radio broadcasts will feature aspects of the program.

3. Every effort on the part of unit commanders will be stressed to insure that the individual soldier is thoroughly familiar with his place in the redeployment and readjustment program.

By Order of Lt. Colonel JONES;

Gerald B. Little
GERALD B. LITTLE
Captain, F.A.,
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**HEADQUARTERS
630TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 408**

23 May 1945

**OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM;
NUMBER 20:
TO All Units :**

1. Special religious processions may be authorized. Before authorization is granted the following information must be submitted to the Division Chaplain, thru this headquarters:

- a. Occasion for procession.
- b. Place and time.
- c. Name of Church.
- d. Name of clergyman officiating.

This authorization is not necessary for regular indoor church services. Permission for procession will be granted thru this headquarters.

2. The 1158th Engineer (C) Group has been authorized by the Division Engineer to operate all sawmills in the Division area.

3. French Military Personnel apprehended for any violations will be turned over to this headquarters.

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- DP C - 1
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630TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 408

25 May 1945

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM:

NUMBER 21:

1. Civilians will be directed that they will not give, or make available, food items to German Prisoners of War. Violations will result in confiscation of food-stuffs. Food-stuffs confiscated will be made available to displaced persons.

2. Civilian circulation will be unrestricted within each Landkreis, but no vehicles, even bicycles, will be used without specific authorization of Military Government.

3. Effective 25 May 1945, curfew for German civilians throughout the 28th Infantry Division Area will be from twenty-two hundred (2200) hours to Zero four three Zero (0430) hours daily. Curfew will be strictly enforced.

By Order of Lt. Colonel JONES:

Gerald B. Little
GERALD B. LITTLE
Captain, F.A.,
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Hq Co	--	1
Reg Co	--	1
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"C" Co	--	1
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DP Camp	--	1
Pion Plat	--	1
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630TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758 US ARMY

29 May 1945

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM:

NUMBER 22:

1. Instructions from higher headquarters require all Russian Liaison Officers to forward through channels to 12th Army Group the following:

- a. Location
- b. Names of Camp Leaders.
- c. Number of Officers, EM and DP's.
- d. Living and food conditions.
- e. Date Visited.

2. The above detailed information will be submitted to Headquarters 12th Army Group as of the tenth (10th), Twentieth (20th), and Thirtieth (30th) of each month. First report will be submitted, attention S-5 28th Division Artillery, on the 30 May 1945.

By Order of Lt. Colonel JONES:

/s/Patrick G. Emmanuel
/t/PATRICK G. EMMANUEL
Major, F.A.,
Act'g S-3.



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**HEADQUARTERS
630TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 408**

31 May 1945

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM;

NUMBER 23:

1. Military Government Detachment 16A2 will report location and capacity of all bulk gasoline storage tanks within this landkreis area. Reports, positive or negative, will be submitted, attention S-5, 28th Division Artillery by 012400Z June 1945, thru this headquarters.

2. All Units and Military Government Detachment in the ZWEIBRUCKEN LANEKREIS area will conduct a search of all towns and farms for Russian Displaced Persons who may still be working on farms or living in towns. If any are discovered unit will report same to ZWEIBRUCKEN Displaced Persons Center and arrange for turning them over to the Camp.

3. An improper requisition was given Mrs Lina Wolfe, Hauptstrasse in HAARDT for a motor bike, license number 119-756 by an American soldier who signed his name as "PAUL JOHNS".

All patrols and check points will check all motorbikes for the above license number. If motor bike is found, bike and individual will be held and this Hq notified.

4. Road number N-270 from GRUNBACH to OBERSTEIN and BAUMHOLDER is off limits at all times because it is in the artillery impact area. Persons going to BAUMHOLDER from KAISERSLAUTERN or vicinity should use road by LAUTERACKEN, SIEN and FISCHBACH.

5. A critical shortage of five gallon gas cans and Jerricans exists. All personnel will turn in any found.

Collection points for these items will be established at S-4 office and all regular guard posts. Collecting points will be marked with (black lettering on white background). Signs will read "JERRICAN COLL POINT". All military personnel when travelling, will collect subject cans and deposit at collecting points. Patrols in addition to their regular security mission will collect and deposit cans that may be found along roads and highways.

Burgermeisters will instruct the civilians to search for and collect all cans in and around the villages and turn in to the collecting points and report results to the Military Government Detachment.

Companies will evacuate cans, regardless of condition, to S-4 gas section.

By Order of Lt. Colonel JONES;



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PATRICK C. EGAN
Major, P.A.
Act'g S-3.

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**HEADQUARTERS
630TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758**

19 July 1945

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM:

NUMBER 24:



1. a. This battalion conducts a security control check and search operations of the entire Battalion Area beginning 0430B, 21 July 1945 and continuing for a period of forty eight (48) hours.
 - b. Operations code name: TALKY HO.
 - c. Every effort will be made to insure secrecy before and during the operation.
2. Disposition of Troops:
 - Co "A" attached to 123rd Ordnance Battalion.
 - Co "C" attached to Combat Command "A".
 - 2nd Plat, Co "B" attached to Task Force "Eager"
 - Pioneer Platoon revert to Reconnaissance Company Control.
 - Headquarters Company, Reconnaissance Company and "E" Co minus 2nd Plat under Battalion control.
3. Conduct of Troops Conducting Search:
 - a. Class "A" uniforms will be worn with helmet liners.
 - b. Troops will be armed with T/O&E individual weapons.
 - c. Searches and checking will be performed with smartness, correctness and precision.
4. Breakfast will be served prior to 0430B, 21 July 1945. Noon meal will be "C" rations or sandwiches with hot coffee. Hot supper can be prepared and served after 2200B 21 July 1945.
5. The battalion radio net will be opened at 0430B 21 July '45. Only one radio per platoon will be necessary.
6. a. The large towns in each sector will be checked first, starting promptly at 0500B 21 July 1945.
 - b. Road blocks will be placed around each town to allow no one to leave or enter the town while search is being conducted. Guards will be left to guard each town after search has been completed.
 - c. All civilians will be informed that they will not be able to travel from town to town until the battalion area has been checked. When this has been done they can travel within the area.
7. a. Two C.I.C. Teams will be available for screening suspicious characters. One Team will be located at the Battalion C.P. (MARIA KAPPEL). One will be attached to Reconnaissance Company (MARKT-LUSTENAU -8824625).

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(Operations Memorandum, this Hq, dtd 19 July 1945 (Cont'd):

b. A central collecting point will be established at MARIA KAPPEL (S-771651). All persons picked up will be brought to this point.

c. Headquarters Company will have available one (1) 2 1/2 ton truck for purpose of evacuating, from the central collecting point, all persons picked up to the Military Government Office in CRALLSHEIM or the Division Provost Marshal in SCHWABISCH HALL.

8. MOVEMENT:

a. During the period of the operation, movement of troops other than for the conduct of the operation and essential military business will be prohibited. Essential military business is defined as:

- (1) Rations and water vehicles.
- (2) Medical vehicles.
- (3) Vehicles with suspects being taken to a screening center.

- (4) Messengers to and from Headquarters.
- (5) Convoys and vehicles under Corps or Army orders.

b. Commanders will, to the maximum extent possible, subdivide their area to insure control of civilians and military personnel by a system of road blocks and patrols.

c. Military personnel not engaged in operations will be checked by road blocks for identification, vehicular trip tickets and authority for each individual to pass. Those who cannot properly identify themselves will be turned into battalion collecting point at MARIA KAPPEL.

9. CONVOYS:

In order to interfere as little as possible with essential convoy movements, the following procedure will be followed:

a. Convoys will be dispatched with proper orders (See Incl No 3)

b. An officer will be in command of each convoy and will have the following information readily available for check at road blocks:

- (1) Orders for movement of convoy.
- (2) Number of vehicles and personnel.
- (3) Point of origin, route and destination.
- (4) Landing.

c. The battalion Transportation Officer will be charged with the responsibility of dispatching all vehicles of this command.

10. CONTRABAND:

For the purpose of this operation, the following material is declared contraband for German civilians and will be confiscated:

- a. Modern firearms, military knives of all types.
- b. Ammunition and explosives of all kinds.
- c. Radio transmitters.
- d. Stocks of Nazi Party propaganda and documents. The

latter will be carefully guarded and immediately reported to



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e. Any U.S. Government property.

All other items are not contraband and will not be confiscated:
Specific items that will not be taken include:

- a. Civilian radio receivers.
- b. Cameras, projectors and photographic supplies.
- c. Watches, clocks and jewelry.
- d. Collection of antiques (arms, old hunting weapons, sabres, lances, etc.).
- e. Optical equipment, i.e., binoculars, field glasses, etc.
- f. Currency. Although currency will not be considered contraband, individuals who have on their person large amounts of currency, particularly Allied Invasion Marks, Francs, or Pounds, will be considered a security threat and referred to CIG for screening.
- g. Liquors, wines and beer.

11. CONDUCT OF SEARCH;

a. German premises and personnel.

(1) Individual searching parties will be led by carefully selected officers and non-commissioned officers of proven reliability. Insofar as possible, German speaking American military personnel will accompany searching parties. Terrorization of the civilians in the conduct of the search will be avoided.

(2) Search of civilians and civilian premises will be closely supervised by commanders in all echelons. Commanders are responsible that no looting or willful destruction of property occurs. Credentials of all personnel will be checked. However only males between 14 and 60 will be physically inspected. All articles on their person will be scrutinized closely.

(3) In the search of premises, all civilians within the building will be ordered outdoors (or into one room if the weather is inclement). The leader of the searching party will then select one of the civilians to accompany the party through the premises. Search of the civilians themselves will be conducted after completion of the search of the premises.

(4) In the case of locked premises, where no occupant is present, the address will be reported to the Burgermeister, who will have the premises opened and who will send a member of the local civil government to accompany the searching party as a representative of the owner.

(5) Safes, vaults, etc. which cannot be opened for lack of the key or combination, will be reported to the local Burgermeister, who will take immediate steps to have them opened.

(6) Particular attention will be directed to the search of hospitals, charitable institutions, churches, convents, and other ecclesiastical institutions. The search of such premises will be through, however, it will be conducted with dignity and with due respect for the special class of these institutions.

(7) Banks, insurance agencies and other financial institutions are not subject to this operation.

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(8) A recorder will accompany each search party. He will keep a complete record of the number of personnel inspected and be responsible for filling out all forms in regards to contraband items.

(9) Every item of contraband confiscated under this directive from civilians or civilian premises will be inventoried by description, number and name of address of person or agency from which confiscated depository where stored. Inventories will accompany confiscated materiel to depositories; moreover, each confiscated item will be tagged to indicate from whom it was taken. A copy of the inventory will be left with the owner or his representative as a form of receipt. Copy of consolidated inventory will be submitted to Battalion S-3. Forms of inventory and identification tag or slip (to be fastened to confiscated items) are attached (Incl 1 and 2).

(10) Civilians found in possession of any contraband items listed in Para 10 will be arrested and placed in custody of the local Military Government after investigation and approval by officer commanding the unit in charge of the search. This officer will make his decision based upon good judgement and common sense as to the genuine need for detention of persons involved; however, persons considered a security hazard will not be released unless approved by a Counter Intelligence Agency. When a civilian is detained for screening or internment, a record of the following will accompany him: Name of arrestee, residence, place of arrest, reason for arrest, name of individual and unit affecting the arrest. If subsequently released, appropriate notation will be made on the record, which will be retained by the individual as a future clearance.

(11) Articles of contraband confiscated from civilians will be taken to local burgermeisters, who will be directed to secure them pending receipt of instructions from the Military Government as to their disposition. All items will be tagged, and will be accompanied by inventories.

(12) German ex-soldiers without proper discharge papers will be evacuated by apprehending unit to the Battalion Collecting Point.

(13) Proper identification papers are:

The Wehrpass

The ErkKarte

The Solbook

The German Army Discharge Pass, D-2. (See Incl 4)



12. DISPOSITION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL:

a. The scope of this operation is such that AWOL U.S. military personnel are likely to be turned up in the search of isolated area. Such personnel will be delivered with statement of facts by discovering unit to the Battalion Collecting Point.

b. This operation is expected to uncover U.S. military personnel who have attempted to shed their identity and are hiding in civilian homes. Deserters and escaped garrison and general prisoners are particular targets in this regards. Such persons will

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be handled as in par a above.

13. Report of operations for the following will be submitted to this Headquarters prior to 251200 hours July 1945:

a. Personnel check:

- (1) German civilians and German military personnel.
 - (a) Approximate number civilians checked.
 - (b) Brief summary of offenses for which civilians were detained with number detained for each offense.
- (2) Displaced persons:
 - (1) Approximate number of displaced persons checked.
- (3) U.S. Military Personnel:
 - (a) Approximate number of U.S. military personnel checked.
 - (b) A brief summary of offenses for which U.S. military personnel were detained with number detained.
 - (c) List of loot or unauthorized items found in possession of U.S. troops.

b. Discovery of Contraband:

- (1) List of quantities and types of contraband confiscated.
- (2) A brief statement of location and nature of any large stores of resistance or sabotage supplies.

c. Black Market Operations:

- (1) A brief summary of black market operations uncovered.

Reaction of the civilian population to the operation:

- a. A brief summary.
- b. Rumors. Area commanders will give this matter their personal attention utilizing the CIC agencies to the fullest extent to promptly investigate and follow through until the source of rumors has been tracked down. Persons guilty of spreading rumors will be turned over to Battalion Headquarters for disposition.

Effectiveness of operations:

- a. A general assessment of the effectiveness of the operations.
- b. A general assessment of behavior of troops during operations.
- c. Suggestions for improving technique of similar operations.
- d. Suggestions for better accomplishment of mission by a different type of operation.

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APO 758, US ARMY**

21 July 1945

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM:

NUMBER 25:

1. A showdown inspection of all U.S. Military Personnel and Billets will be held between 0500B 23 July 1945 and 1200B 23 July 1945.
2. (a) It is not the intent of this inspection to deprive U.S. troops of captured side-arms, photographic apparatus, or other war souvenirs, when they can demonstrate within reason their right full claim to such items.
 (b) Stocks of foreign side-arms, cameras, jewelry, U.S. rations, PX supplies, and unusually large sums of U.S. or foreign currency, etc., discovered in the possession of U.S. troops, which suggest possible black market activity or illegal private enterprise will be investigated thoroughly.
 (c) Items found in the possession of troops which are obviously the result of looting will be collected and placed in the custody of the local Military Government, thru this headquarters, who will be subsequently informed as to the disposition of such articles.
3. A report will be rendered by 1200 July 1945 in accordance with par. 13, Operations Memorandum No. 24, this headquarters, dated 19 July 1945.

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