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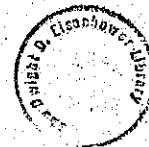
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1. This is the sixth After Action report submitted by this organization.

2. The Provisional Military Government Security Guard Section of the 3rd TD Group, was organized in September 1944 and operated through 30 September under the provisions of G.O. 51, Hq, V Corps, dated 10 September 1944. On 1 October 1944, G.O. 58, Hq, V Corps was published prescribing the operations of this organization and Military Government Agencies in Division and Corps Areas. On 2 December 1944, Letter, Hq, V Corps, subject: "Military Government Police", file 320, was published reorganizing the V Corps MGSB Section and setting forth the method of operation. Letter, Hq, V Corps, subject: "Security Guards", file 092, dated 5 January 1945, changed the name of this organization from Provisional Military Government Police Force to Provisional Military Government Security Guard Section. Operations Memorandum No. 1, Hq, V Corps, dated 12 February 1945 was published setting forth the operations of the MGSB including its primary duties and those duties performed in conjunction with other Military Government Agencies.

3. At the beginning of February all territory taken by the enemy in their December thrust had been retaken by our troops and also further penetration made on German soil. This acquisition of territory necessitated a change in Corps and Division boundaries. The first change in Corps boundary was in the southern portion of the sector. In order to take care of existing problems involving MGSB, on 1 February the 190th FA detachment was moved to Spa and the 200th FA detachment to Robertville. During the month as the tactical situation improved, other MGSB detachments were moved to forward towns to increase the security of Corps sector. The 190th FA detachment was moved to the town of Weywertz on 7 February, the 112th Engr detachment moved to Ambleve on 8 February, the 460th and 461st AAA detachments moved to Monschau on 7 February and the 254th Engr detachment remained in Eupen continuing the guard in the area surrounding the Corps CP.

4. The towns occupied by MGSB detachments during the month were;

Eupen (K 796263)	Limbourg (K 728248)	Stembert (K 693231)
Jehanster (K 707196)	Herbeister (K 754194)	Robertville (K 860070)
Weywertz (K 887052)	Monschau (K 946182)	Ambleve (P 888962)
Spa (K 672132)	Ovifat (K 844088)	

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5. At the beginning of February it was decided by Corps that in view of the fact that a grand scale entry into Germany was imminent, there would be a great need for trained MCGS detachments. The present strength of the MCGS Section was 11 officers and 145 EM and with that small number of personnel it was hardly possible that it could cope with the enormous amount of duties confronting it upon entry into Germany proper. It was then decided to take a light field artillery battalion and convert it into MCGS absorbing at the same time a number of trained personnel from the present MCGS transferring out the resulting overstrength to the units from which the present MCGS personnel were taken. The 196th FA Bn was chosen for this role and the training of the Bn was left up entirely to the MCGS Section of the 3rd TD Group in view of their experience and knowledge of the duties performed by the MCGS. An entire training program was set up to instruct the Bn in the primary and fundamental duties of the MCGS. The 196th FA Bn moved to Jalhay on the 12 February where the conversion and training began. Arrangements were made to turn in all equipment that was not essential and the training ended on 26 February. The Bn was then divided into detachments which were placed on duty with the various present MCGS detachments for practical training, the existing MCGS detachments reducing their strength to retain only a few trained personnel as instructors. On 1 March 1945 the 196th FA Bn took over the operation of MCGS in Corps sector.

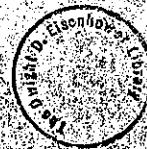
6. During the month of February the detachments operating in the territories recently taken by tactical troops found many problems confronting them. The towns and the fields in the vicinity of the towns had not been cleared of dead soldiers or equipment, ammunition and mines. All Burgermeisters of the towns in the vicinity of the detachments were called in and instructed to have civilian details pick up American and German equipment and ammunition and turn it in to the detachment collecting points whence it would be taken to Vigilant Headquarters for disposal at salvage dumps. The area was searched for bodies of dead soldiers and the location of each noted and reported. Minefields both American and German were in existence and the locations were reported to the proper authorities.

As most of the towns had been in German hands, assistance was given the CA and MG in re-registering the civilians and also in assisting the CIC in making investigations, raids and arrests.

The melting of the snow and the movement of heavy military traffic soon destroyed the hard surface on roads and the gradual deterioration of the road itself resulted. The road system became almost impassable and consequently roving vehicular patrols could not operate. In order to keep a check on civilian traffic and identity, the detachments activities were mainly confined to check points and spot check points on roads leading to and from Corps sector.

During the month numerous small raids and searches were carried out in cooperation with CIC and CID for the purpose of obtaining evidence on/or the arrest of suspicious persons. The main search was held on 1 February in the town of Membach and the town was searched house by house for the purpose of locating and collecting U.S. Army rations and equipment, German military and other types of forbidden property and persons illegally in Membach including AWOL U.S. soldiers, German spies and agents. This operation was called "Dagnet 7" and was successful from a security standpoint, though results were small at the time. However as a result information has been frequently received of black market activities, which information was passed onto CID FUSA.

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7. As of 28 February 1945 there are six (6) MGSB detachments operating in Corps area, designated as follows:

112th Engr in Ambleve
 190th FA in Weywertz
 460th AAA in Monschau

254th Engr in Eupen
 200th FA in Robertville
 461st AAA in Monachau

These detachments are composed of personnel from the following organizations:

941st FA Bn
 187th FA Bn
 955th FA Bn
 953d FA Bn
 997th FA Bn
 200th FA Bn
 741st Tk Bn

76th FA Bn
 112th Engr Bn
 254th Engr Bn
 460th AAA Bn
 461st AAA Bn
 190th FA Bn
 186th FA Bn

8. The activities of the MGSB detachments for the period 1 February to 28 February 1945 are summarized as follows:

PATROLS AND CHECK POINTS:

239 Patrols - - - - - 493 EM used
 412 Check points - - - - - 824 EM used

CHECKED IDENTITY AND PASSES OF:

21,277 civilians

MILITARY VEHICLES:

Checked identity of: 17,216 vehicles
 Passed through posts
 but not checked : 161,465 vehicles
 Total 178,681



APPREHENDED:

43 civilians (to CA & CIC)

TRANSPORTED:

Furnished CA, Soubrodt vehicle and driver to haul sugar and flour.
 Driver and vehicle furnished CA, Eupen for hauling details.
 Furnished truck and driver to CA, Soubrodt to haul flour and sugar from Soubrodt to Weywertz.
 50 Russian civilians transported from Monschau to Displaced Persons Center at Eupen (MG) (2 trips)
 Transported civilian doctor from Butgenbach to Weywertz to attend to a diphtheria case (CA)
 Transported 3 civilian families from Nidrum to Robertville (CA)

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Furnished MG Monschau, vehicle to transport load of bread to Reichenstein.
 Furnished MG Monschau, vehicle to collect milk. (3 times)
 Two vehicles and drivers furnished MG Monschau for hauling details.
 Furnished CIC, 2 EM and vehicle to take prisoners from Robertville to Malmedy.
 Furnished MG Monschau, vehicle and driver to transport civilians to Aachen.
 Furnished MG Monschau, vehicle and driver to haul milk to Mutzenich and Kalterherberg.
 Hauled flour for CA from Showd to Robertville.
 Transported 5 civilian diphtheria cases to Aachen for MG Monschau.
 Hauled hay for MG from Mutzenich and Kalterherberg to Monschau (twice)
 Transported civilian prisoner to P/W enclosure for CIC.
 Hauled cattle feed in Weywertz for CA.
 Hauled horseshoes, clothing and other miscellaneous items from Walk to Robertville at request of CA.
 Transported sick civilians to Aachen hospital for MG Monschau.
 Transported civilian prisoner to Aachen prison for MG Monschau. (twice)
 Hauled flour from Malmedy to Robertville for CA.

GUARD FURNISHED (Special)



2 EM to CA, Eupen for escort guard details (2 days)
 2 EM to CA, Eupen to guard prisoners (6 days)
 1 EM to CA to guard electrical workers from Eupen to Iichenbusch.
 2 EM furnished Monschau MG to control evacuees billeted in a church.
 Furnished 1 EM to guard Aachen Art Gallery at Ambleve.
 Furnished CA 2 EM to guard warehouse at Camp Elsenborn (9 days)
 Furnished MG Monschau 24 hour guard on Civilian Evacuee Center.
 Furnished MG Monschau 1 EM as guard on civilian vehicle to pick up beef.
 Furnished 1 EM to MG Monschau as guard to accompany civilians in search of missing cattle.
 Furnished 1 EM and vehicle to CA to escort electrical workers in Eupen (twice)
 Furnished 1 EM to MG Monschau to accompany civilian to Aachen.
 Furnished EM to guard 5 Hitler Jugend members apprehended by Master MP pending trial by MG.
 Guarded civilian prisoner for CIC Robertville.
 2 EM furnished MG Monschau to accompany local electrician to power plant.
 2 EM to MG Monschau to accompany local electricians to Ingenbroich to search for electrical parts for use in power plant.
 Furnished 1 EM as guard for civilian repairing telephone line at request of MG.
 2 EM furnished MG Monschau to accompany civilians removing wool from mill and a load of loose rock from quarry.
 2 EM furnished MG Monschau to accompany civilians to Hofen to bury dead cattle.

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SECRETRATIOS AND SEARCHES:

- 2 officers and 22 EM participated in "Dagnet 7" a house to house search of the town of Membach.
- Search made of 5 civilian homes in Stembert where black market activities were suspected of being carried on (CID)
- 12 EM furnished CIC to conduct a raid on the towns of Schoppen and Mirfeld.
- In cooperation with CIC conducted a search of factory building in Monschau where numerous German rifles and ammunition were found hidden.
- Searched cafe with CIC in Eupen and found a large quantity of American cigarettes and rations that were reported as being sold to civilians at this cafe.
- 2 EM furnished CIC to assist in making two arrests.
- Assisted Master CID in making search of home in Membach.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 3 EM, German speakers, furnished CA to register civilians in Eupen (6 days)
- Instituted check of all civilians in Sourbrodt to recover GI articles.
- Civilian vehicles checked in Spa to see if they were using unauthorized American gas.
- Investigated report of artillery shell striking civilian home in Herbeister.
- Collected miscellaneous German ammunition in Herbeister and turned it in to be disposed of.
- Made survey of Nidrum, Butgenbach and Elsenborn to determine number of billets available to troops.
- Secured billets for numerous troops in Butgenbach.
- 8 EM and 4 - 3/4 ton W/C furnished Monschau MG to haul 251 evacuees from Monschau to Reichenstein and Mutzenich.
- Made billeting arrangements for troops in Ambleve.
- Located and reported existing minefields in Ambleve.
- Located and reported dead soldiers (American and German) in Ambleve.
- Checked identity of all civilians in Ambleve, Mirfeld and Valender.
- Located and supervised civilians in burying one dead American and two German soldiers at Ambleve.
- Made arrangements with Burgemeister to have civilians bury the dead cattle in Ambleve and surrounding vicinity.
- Assisted various units of Tracer in obtaining billets in Ambleve and vicinity.
- Supervised civilians in the collection of the large amount of American and German equipment in Ambleve and other towns in the nearby vicinity.
- Made arrangements with Engineer unit to remove load of TNT at Monschau.
- Furnished CIC 1 EM to assist in making an arrest at Monteneau.
- Furnished CA Ambleve 1 EM to act as interpreter (twice)
- Located and reported to authorities the location of dead American and German soldiers in the outlying area near Ambleve.
- Furnished the location of existing hasty minefields in the vicinity of Ambleve to proper authorities.
- Furnished Eupen CA two EM to assist in food rationing work.

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Furnished CA Robertville 1 EM to act as interpreter.
 Investigated evacuees suspected of subversive activities at Reichenstein and Kalterherberg with CIC.
 Collected 50 American anti-tank mines along roads and turned them in to ASP.
 Registered 276 civilians in Ambleve for CA.
 Checked registration cards of all civilians in Robertville (request of CA.)
 Furnished interpreter to 38th Cav to investigate fraternization case.
 Registered all civilians in Mirfeld.
 Secured doctor for sick civilian and posted "keep out" signs on home when it was found that the civilian had a contagious disease.
 Furnished Graves Registration with the location of dead soldiers found in the vicinity of Faymonville.
 Arranged to have safe duds and unexploded shells picked up in Ambleve.
 Contacted the Burgermeisters of Montenu, Deidenberg and Mirfeld and had them secure the location of all dead soldiers in their area so that CA could arrange to pick them up.
 Furnished 2 EM and vehicle to MG Monschau to accompany civilians to Imgenbroich and vicinity to bury dead cattle.
 Registered 113 civilians for CA in Valender.
 Picked up body of American soldier in Faymonville and turned it in to collecting point at Butgenbach.
 Furnished MG Monschau driver and vehicle to make a canvass of Nutzenich and vicinity for billets for evacuees.
 Registered 188 civilians in Meverode for CA.
 Furnished interpreter to CA at Ambleve.



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4 Inclosures:

- Incl 1 - Overlay showing location of MCGS Dets, dd 6 Feb 45.
- Incl 2 - Opas Memo No 1, Hq V Corps, dd 12 Feb 45.
- Incl 3 - Ltr, Hq, 3rd TD Gp, FMCGS Sect, dd 20 Feb 45.
- Incl 4 - Unit Reports, FMCGS Sect, 1 - 28 Feb 45 incl.

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