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 PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECURITY GUARD SECTION  
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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Report After.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.  
 (Through Channels)



1. This is the fifth After Action report submitted by this organization.
2. This 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. On 1 October 1944, G.O. 58, Hq, V Corps was published prescribing the operations of this organization and rescinding G.O. 51. On 5 October 1944, Circular 47, Hq, V Corps was published for the purpose of clarifying the duties 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 MGS 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.
3. During the first part of January 1945, the 190th FA detachment, reinforced by the Hq detachment was operating in the Robertville area. The area however, due to the tactical situation reverted to division control and the detachment was moved to the area in the vicinity of Limbourg. The 893d TD detachment operating in the Jehanster area was recalled to its parent unit on 8 January as it had been assigned to Ninth Army. The area vacated by this detachment was taken over by the 461st AAA detachment which was moved from Verviers.  
 During the remainder of the month all MGS detachments operated in the North and Northwest portion of Corps Sector.
4. The towns occupied by MGS detachments during the month of January were:
 

Eupen	(K 796263)
Verviers	(K 675235)
Robertville	(K 860070)
Jehanster	(K 707196)
Limbourg	(K 728248)
Stembert	(K 693231)

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5. It was known that as a result of the German break-through in the Ardennes during the month of December some enemy agents in civilian and U.S. Army uniform had infiltrated through our lines and were operating in our rear areas. Due to this situation the MMSG detachments were placed in strategic areas so that their patrols and check points thoroughly covered the main road net throughout the Corps area. There was a general increase in military and civilian traffic in Corps area due to the tactical situation on the Southern front of Corps sector. Numerous civilians traveling along these roads were checked for identity and travel permits. Violators were sent to CA, CIC or to the local Gendarmerie as the case warranted. On the roads leading into Eupen check points stopped and checked for identity approximately 50% of the military vehicles entering Eupen. Within the town roving patrols were maintained to spot check the identity of civilians and soldiers.

In towns where military personnel were billeted frequent spot checks were held to check the identity of soldiers. Throughout the month many house to house searches of towns within Corps area were instituted for the purpose of apprehending any enemy agents and spies, deserters and AWOL U.S. soldiers that might be hiding in civilian houses; to recover American rations and equipment in the possession of civilians and to confiscate enemy arms, ammunition, uniforms and equipment and other forbidden articles that they might have in their possession. These searches were made in the towns of Eupen, Verviers, Goe and Limbourg also all isolated houses in the vicinity of these towns were searched.

The entire town of Eupen with the exception of a small part was searched house by house in cooperation with CIC and MP. In order to cover the town thoroughly it was divided into 5 districts, each part being searched on a different day. They were successful operations, one result being that many evacuees, refugees and German Nationals who had not as yet registered with the CA realized that they were being checked for proper credentials, and immediately went to CA to have their papers put in order. Much American rations and enemy equipment, uniforms and other articles of forbidden nature were recovered as a result of this search.

As personnel had complete knowledge of the mission and as a result of considerable practice all searches were conducted in an efficient and thorough manner, with no loss of time. The information and training gained from these searches will prove invaluable in future operations within Germany itself.

6. As of 31 January 1945 there are six (6) MMSG detachments operating in Corps area, designated as follows:

112th Engr  
254th Engr  
200th FA  
190th FA  
460th AAA  
461st AAA



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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

7. The activities of the FMCSG detachments for the period 1 January to 31 January 1945 are summarized as follows:

PATROLS AND CHECK POINTS:

317 Patrols - - - - - 633 EM used.  
719 Check Points - - - - - 1469 EM used.

CHECKED IDENTITY AND PASSES OF:

18547 civilians

MILITARY VEHICLES CHECKED:

Checked for identity; 42,933 vehicles  
Passed through posts  
but not checked; 76,720 vehicles  
Total Vehicles 119,653 vehicles

APPREHENDED:

118 civilians (to CA and CIC)  
2 U.S. soldiers (stragglers) (to MP)  
1 U.S. soldier (indecent exposure) (to MP)

TRANSPORTED:

Electrical workers from Dolhain and Verviers to Eupen (CA)  
7 wounded evacuees from Seroule City Hospital to Misplaced persons center at Verviers (PM)  
1 EM and 1/4 ton truck furnished CA.  
2 EM and 3/4 ton truck furnished CA.  
Civilian workers to water plant in Eupen (CA)

GUARD FURNISHED (special):

1 EM to escort electrical workers in Eupen (CA) (7 times)  
1 EM as escort on cattle truck bringing cattle into Eupen (CA) (4 times)  
1 EM as escort guard on civilian ambulance (CA)

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- 1 EM to accompany civilian electricians to repair burning wire (CA)
- 1 EM to accompany insane woman from Verviers to St Trounds in ambulance (CA)
- 1 EM to accompany a civilian who wanted to buy telephone wire at cable works in Eupen (CA)
- 1 EM to accompany medical officer while he examined a sick civilian child.
- 1 EM to CA to make a trip to Sourbrodt.
- 1 EM to CA to guard 8 civilian trucks out of Eupen.
- 1 EM furnished CA for escort guard duty in Eupen.
- 2 EM to CA to guard political prisoners in Eupen (4 days)
- 2 EM furnished CA Eupen to guard civilian prisoners (3 days)
- 1 EM with  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton truck to escort cattle truck from Eupen to Walhorn and Raeren. (CA)

RAIDS AND SEARCHES:

Home searched in Verviers at request of CIC, recovered numerous articles of U.S. Army clothing.

Raided Belgian house of prostitution in Verviers at request of CIC.

Made search of area near Eupen for enemy paratroopers. Found enemy parachutes, equipment, mortars and small arms ammunition.

Made search of two houses in Eupen on information received from informer and found German police uniforms, Nazi emblems and a small quantity of small arms ammunition (CIC)

Conducted security check of all military personnel on streets of Eupen in cooperation with CIC and MP. Operation called "Dragnet 1". 14 EM participated.

Searched home of civilian apprehended for stealing U.S. Army blankets in Limbourg. A small amount of Army clothing found.

Conducted search of isolated farm houses and buildings in vicinity of Limbourg. Small quantity of German arms and ammunition confiscated and turned over to the commissioner of police in Dolhain for safe keeping. Two detachments participated.

Conducted "Dragnet 2", a house to house search of a section of Eupen in cooperation with CIC and MP. A portion of two detachments and Vigilant Hq participated in the operation.

Conducted house to house search in town of Goe. American and German equipment, arms and ammunition found and confiscated. Two detachments participated.

1 officer and 15 EM participate in "Dragnet 3", a house to house search of a portion of Eupen. (CIC & MP)

Searched 3 houses in Stembert for hidden American rations at request of CIC.

3 officers and 21 EM participate in "Dragnet 4", a house to house search of a portion of Eupen. (CIC & MP)

3 officers and 41 EM participate in "Dragnet 5", a house to house search of a portion of Eupen. (CIC & MP)

MISCELLANEOUS:

12 EM, German speaking, furnished CIC to make a identity check of all civilian males on streets of Eupen.

Several American vehicles that had been abandoned in Verviers were picked up and turned over to PH.

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Numerous blackout violations investigated and corrected in Eupen, Verviers, Jehanster, Stembert and Limbourg.  
 Reported location of 100 gas cans to FM at Verviers, also picked up numerous gas cans and turned them into depot.  
 Assisted in handling civilians at V-1 explosion in Verviers.  
 10 FM furnished CIC for check of military personnel on streets of Eupen. Identity of approximately 275 soldiers checked.  
 Conducted survey of Jehanster to ascertain the number of billets available for billeting troops.  
 At request of CIC one patrol of 2 FM was maintained daily to check all civilian males of military age on streets of Eupen.  
 Investigated black market activities in Dolhain and found that practically everybody in town was involved.  
 Recovered various articles stolen from civilian home in Jehanster.  
 Billeting arrangements made in Jehanster for units moving into town.  
 Made arrangements to have German Nationals of Dolhain and Limbourg checked twice a week by police commissioner.  
 Made canvass of town of Dolhain to obtain names and location of all stores.  
 3 FM, German speakers, furnished CA for approximately 10 days to register civilians in Eupen.

For the Corps Security Commander;



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3 Inclosures:

- Incl 1 - Itr, Hq V Corps, subject, "Security Guards", file 092, dd 5 Jan 45.
- Incl 2 - Overlay showing Det areas, dd 6 Jan 45.
- Incl 3 - Unit Reports, 1 - 31 January 1945 incl.

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