

HEADQUARTERS

V CORPS PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT POLICE FORCE BN

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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Report After.

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


1. This is the second such report submitted by this Headquarters.
2. This provisional battalion was organized in September and operated through 30 September under the provisions of G.O. 51, Hq V Corps. On 1 October G.O. 53, Hq V Corps was published prescribing the operation of this BN and rescinding G.O. 51. (G.O. 53 attached as Inclosure 1).
3. On 3-4 October the FMGP BN changed its zone of operation to comply with the new zone of responsibility assumed by V Corps. All Detachments were moved northward from towns in the PROVINCE of LUXEMBOURG to the new Corps zone in BELGIUM.
4. Towns occupied by MGP Detachments during the period 3 October - 7 October were: BULLINGEN (P-952019), BUTGENBACH (913044), WEIWERZ (887052), MONTENEAU (852967), BORN (829925), ST. VITH (813889), MALLEDEY (790045), KRINKELT (978046), MERTZINGEN (983020).
5. An evacuation of civilians from the forward sector of the V Corps front was conducted October 7th - 10th inclusive by units of V Corps. The civilians were evacuated from an area East of a line set up by V Corps. This line was termed the "Corps Security Line". This evacuation was for security purposes. Detachments of this unit assisted the divisions in evacuation of certain towns, and completely evacuated two other towns - MIRFELD, BELGIUM (Pop Approx. 300) and KATZENHERRBERG, GERMANY (Pop approx. 2000). The number of evacuees removed from the forward sector to rear areas was estimated at 12,000.
6. This mass of people in the Corps area presented a problem of feeding, supervising, controlling and guarding. The FMGP Force was called upon to guard and assist in controlling these evacuees. To accomplish this mission detachments were sent on 8 and 9 October to towns as follows:
  - 3 detachments to SPA (P-672132)
  - 4 detachments to MALLEDEY (P-790045)
  - 1 detachment to STAVELOT (P-728010)
7. During the early phases of the evacuation the detachments guarded the evacuees, assisted the Civil Affairs and Red Cross by hauling food etc., and assisted the CIC in investigations and removing persons found to be deserted German Soldiers, Nazi Party Officials etc. After approximately two weeks in the camps, a large number of the evacuees were permitted to leave the camp and go to live with friends or relatives residing West of the Corps Security Line. Large numbers of civilians removed themselves to small towns West of the Corps Security

Line and thereby created housing, feeding and circulation problems. MGP Detachments assisted the C.A. in handling the resulting problems.

8. The evacuation created an area void of civilians except a minimum of livestock caretakers approved by C.I.C. and provided with a pass to remain in the area. The MGP was assigned the mission of patrolling the Corps Security Line, and preventing the entry into or movement within, of civilians not authorized to do so. Six (6) detachments were stationed along the Corps Security Line and patrolled the line commencing 10 October and continuing through 31 October.

9. By 23 October, the problems incident to the missions assigned the MGP Bn were largely solved, and the operations settled down to routine. At this time it was determined desirable to release to their parent battalion detachments not presently needed for operations in the stabilized Corps zone. Accordingly six (6) complete detachments and half of two others were returned to their parent battalions on 24 October. See Ltr. Subject: Return of Certain MGP Detachments to Parent Units (Inclosure 3)

10. To date detachments from 741 Tk Bn, 747 Tk Bn and 629 T.D. Bn have returned to parent organizations upon their transfer from the Corps. As of 31 October there are ten (10) operating detachments as follows:

186 FA	941 FA
187 FA	112 Engr
955 FA	254 Engr
150 FA	893 TD
200 FA	460-461 AAA (Combined)



The following detachments are in reserve and available on call within 24 hours:

400 FA	146 Engr
987 FA	1340 Engr
20 Engr	460-461 AAA (1 Off and 20 EM fr ea. Bn)

11. The activities of the detachments for the period 1 October to 31 October inclusive are summarized as follows:

92 Check Points Operated ----- Using 479 EM.  
 53 Moving Patrols ----- Using 358 EM.

Apprehended:

- 38 German Soldier Deserters (to P/W cage)
- 22 Civilian Suspects (to CIC)
- 2 German Nazi Party Officials (to P/W cage)
- 2 American Soldiers AWOL (to M.P.'s)
- 4 Suspicious Persons (Italians) (to CIC)
- 76 Civilian violators (to CIC and local Gendarmerie)

Transported:

207 P/W's to Enclosures  
Approximately 2,000 Civilian Evacuees to Enclosures.

Evacuated:

KALTENHERBERG, GERMANY (Pop. Approx. 2000)

MIRFIELD, BELGIUM (Pop. approx. 300)

Assisted in evacuation of HULLINGEN, BELGIUM (Furnished 2 trucks and 1 detachment)

Assisted in evacuation of WEYHEITZ, BELGIUM (Furnished 1 Detachment)

Furnished Escort guard - 8 trips to restricted area (CA).

Handled Evacuee Camps as follows:

SFA - Caserne

From initiation as Evacuee Camp - as of 10th - 500 persons

11-20 Incl. Approx. 3000 Persons

Two detachments employed.

MAIMEDY - Nursery

Caserne

Cinema

Stocks

Approximately 1200 persons.

3 detachments employed.

STAVELOT - School, Dairy, Castle and 2 tanneries

8-10 October incl. 1200 Persons

1 Detachment employed.

11-20 October incl. 100 Persons

1 detachment employed

School, 1 villa and 10 houses

21-31 October incl.

1 detachment employed

WALLERODE, AMEL, ST. VITH, VIESSAM, LIGNEVILLE

From initiation as enclosures to 8 October

As of 10th - 500 persons

3 detachments employed

TROIS PONTS - School 25-31 Inclusive

Handled Food for evacuees - 3 trucks - 1 trip each.

Conducted 2 raids (conjunction with CIC - 21 EM employed)

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3 Incls.

Incl. 1. G. O. # 58

Incl. 2. Unit Reports, 1-31 Incl.

Incl. 3. Ltr. Sub; "Return of Certain MGP Detachments to Parent Unit"  
23 Oct. 44.

