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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Report After.

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

1. The report submitted herewith is the first such report from this Headquarters.

2. The 3rd Tank Destroyer Group, Colonel Church M. Matthews commanding, was assigned the duties of organizing, administering, and furnishing the headquarters for the V Corps Provisional Military Government Police Force, per G.O. 51, HQ V Corps, APO 305, U. S. Army, dated 10 Sept 44. (G.O. 51 attached as Inclosure 1)

3. The following Battalions attached to V Corps were designated to furnish detachments of 2 officers and 41 E.M. (As prescribed in Appendix # 3 to G.O. 51):

186 FA Bn	20 Engr (C) Bn	747 Tank Bn
187 FA Bn	1340 Engr (C) Bn	460 AAA Bn
955 FA Bn	112 Engr (C) Bn	461 AAA Bn
190 FA Bn	146 Engr (C) Bn	377 AAA Bn
200 FA Bn	254 Engr (C) Bn	447 AAA Bn
941 FA Bn	893 TD Bn	387 AAA Bn
400 FA Bn	629 TD Bn	38 Cav Sq
987 FA Bn	741 Tank Bn	102 Cav Sq

4. All Detachments were assembled at BASTOGNE, BELGIUM (P5558) except 377th AAA, 447th AAA and 387th AAA. This was done in compliance with Letter of Instructions, HQ V Corps, APO 305, dated 12 Sept 44 (true copy attached as Inclosure # 2). Orientation and instruction on functions and duties of the Military Government Police Force were conducted on a schedule through 15 Sept 44.

5. All Detachments moved to an assembly area in the vicinity MALSCHIED, BELGIUM (P-7974) on 16 Sept 44. On this date the detachments from the 38th and 102nd Cav. Sqdns. were relieved per VOOG, V Corps, from attachment and returned to their parent organizations.

6. During the period Sept 12-16 inclusive, the organization of the Headquarters and the assignment of additional duties was completed. The organization and assignment was published in SO Nos 1 and 2 attached as Inclosures No. 3 and 4.

7. Reports were received on Sept 17th and 18th of German troops cut off behind the lines, pillaging and terrorizing the small towns of HARLANGE (P-6049) and NOCHER (P-7351), LUXEMBOURG. One armed recon party and one force of four detachments were sent to investigate the reports. Nothing was found on either trip. Analysis of the reports showed them to have been relayed through several civilian persons or agencies and to be 6 to 10 or more hours old.

8. On 20 September, arrangements were made with V Corps G-5 for the police of five towns in LUXEMBOURG. Thirteen (13) detachments were alerted for movement. The cities occupied, the detachments occupying them and the inclusive dates of occupation were as follows:

LUXEMBOURG (City)	955 FA Det	20 Sept-28 Sept
	200 FA Det	20 Sept-28 Sept
	460 AAA Det	20 Sept-28 Sept
	112 Engr Det	20 Sept-27 Sept
DIEKIRCH (Duchy of LUXEMBOURG)	747 Tank Det	20 Sept-30 Sept
	20 Engr Det	20 Sept-30 Sept
	146 Engr Det	20 Sept-30 Sept
	955 FA Det	29 Sept-30 Sept
	629 TD Det	22 Sept-30 Sept
WILTZ " "	741 Tank Det	20 Sept-30 Sept
	941 FA Det	20 Sept-30 Sept
	200 FA Det	29 Sept-30 Sept
	987 FA Det	22 Sept-30 Sept
MERSCH " "	246 Engr Det	20 Sept-30 Sept
	461 AAA Det	20 Sept-30 Sept
	112 Engr Det	28 Sept-30 Sept
OLENF " "	187 FA Det	20 Sept-30 Sept
	1340 Engr Det	20 Sept-30 Sept
	190 FA Det	22 Sept-30 Sept
	460 AAA Det	29 Sept-30 Sept

9. On 21 September, arrangements were made and a detachment sent to ST. VITH, BELGIUM (F-853081) to assist in control of civilian traffic, curfew etc., and to guard detention camp to be set up by G.I. Detachments. The units forming this detachment and the inclusive dates of occupation are as follows:

400 FA Det ----- 21 Sept-30 Sept
 186 FA Det ----- 22 Sept-30 Sept

10. From 21 September to 30 September inclusive, the detachments operated in the cities named in para. 8 and 9 above, and in smaller towns in the surrounding cantones or landkreise. The results of operations are summarized in the paragraphs which follow.

11. The detachments at LUXEMBOURG (City) performed the following functions:

Check Points and Patrols ----- Inspect civilian passes, traffic circulation, Blackout, Apprehend suspicious persons, prevent FFI activities in city of LUXEMBOURG.

Number established and Operated

15

Personnel Employed

98





Operations of LUXEMBOURG Detachment (Cont)

Personnel Apprehended ----- 7 FFI ----- Turned over to CIC

Documents Handled ----- 1 re info of spy ring ----- To CIC

12. The detachments at MERTSCH accomplished the following:



Check Points and Patrols

Number established and Operated

6

Number of Personnel employed

56

Personnel Apprehended

- 5 German Army Deserters
- 29 German Nationals
- 9 U. S. Army Stragglers

Disposition

- CIC
- Civil Police
- M.P.'s and returned to units

13. The detachments at DIEKIRCH accomplished the following:

Check Points and Patrols

Number established and Operated

17

Number of Personnel employed

112

Personnel Apprehended

- 4 German soldiers (deserters)
- 25 FFI
- 1 U. S. Soldier (AWOL)
- 45 Civilians (all violations)

Disposition

- P/W Cage
- To CA
- To his organization
- To CA, CIC, local police

14. The detachments at WILTZ accomplished the following:

Check Points and Patrols

Number established and Operated

8

Number of Personnel employed

44

Personnel Apprehended

- 3 U. S. soldiers (AWOL)
- 2 German Deserters
- 1 German Civilian
- 79 German Nationals, sympathizers, propagandists

Disposition

- To Units
- To P/W cage
- Local Militia
- To LUXEMBOURG prison authorities.

U.S. Airmen recovered - 7 - Taken to Corps Hq

15. The detachments at CLERF accomplished the following:



Operations of GIERF Detachment (Cont)

Check Points and Patrols

Number Established

9

Personnel Apprehended

5 Civilians

Personnel Employed

72

Disposition

CA, Civil Police

16. The Detachments at ST VITH accomplished the following:

Check Points and Patrols

Number Established

7

Personnel Apprehended

12 Civilians
1 German Soldier (SS)

Personnel Employed

22

Disposition

CA, CIC, Civil Police
P/W Cage



17. The summary of accomplishments of the V Corps Provisional Military Government Police Battalion from 21 to 30 September inclusive is as follows:

a. Check Points and Patrols

Inspect Civilian Passes, Traffic circulation, Blackout, Apprehend Suspicious Personnel, Prevent FFI activities in cities within LUXEMBOURG.

Number Established and Operated

62

Number of Personnel Employed

404

b. Personnel Apprehended

171 Civilians
12 German Soldiers
13 U. S. Stragglers, ANOL
32 FFI

Disposition

CA, CIC, Civil Police
CIC or PW cage
MP's, Returned to Units
CIC, CA

c. Documents Handled ----- 1 ----- Info re spy ring ----- CIC

d. U. S. Airmen recovered ----- 7 ----- To Corps HQ

e. Detention Camps at AZERATH, WALLERODE, LIGNEVILLE, and ST. VITH, BELGIUM, containing 460 Evacuees, guarded.

f. Eleven (11) towns in the Corps Sector were evacuated for security purposes. The detachments worked with the CIC and CA.

Personnel Employed ----- 41

Summary (Cont)

g. Miscellaneous: Numerous trips were made by the detachments to BLIEHALF, GERMANY, and SCHLANSENBAACH, GERMANY to evacuate civilians for security purposes.

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INCL:

- Incl 1: G.O. # 51, HQ V Corps, APO 305, dated 10 Sept 44.
- Incl 2: Letter of Instructions, HQ V Corps, APO 305, dated 12 Sept 44
- Incl 3: S.O. # 1, V Corps PMOP Force, dated 15 Sept 44
- Incl 4: S.O. # 2, V Corps PMOP Force, dated 16 Sept 44
- Incls 5-25: Unit Reports, PMOP Force.