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 V CORPS PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT POLICE FORCE BATTALION  
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SUBJECT: History of PMGPF Bn. For November 1944.

TO : Historical Section, Army War College, Washington, DC.  
 (Through Channels.)

1. This is the third such report submitted by this headquarters.
2. During the month of November, Military Government Police Detachments were operating in Mirfeld, Weywertz, Butgenbach, Sourbrodt, Malmédy, Eupen and Stavelot Belgium. Headquarters and the 893d TD Detachment were located in Robertville because of its central location to all the detachments. Capt George E. Ferey and his 186th FA Detachment moved from Eupen to Rötgen Germany to establish a guard for a power dam and to control circulation in the vicinity of Rötgen.
3. The first week in November, provided an educational treat for the detachments. Arrangements were made by Hq V Corps for two British Officers, Lt Fryer and Lt. Ashby to give a series of lectures and Police methods. The officers were formerly members of the British Police Force and were capable instructors on the subject. Their presentation of "skits", demonstrating right and wrong methods were entertaining as well as instructive.
4. Colonel Matthews was transferred to Hq 7th Armored Division as Chief of Staff 4 November 1944. Lt. Colonel George C. Warner assumed the duties of Commanding Officer of the Provisional Battalion.
5. V Corps CIC conducted a school in Eupen from 7 to 9 November. The subjects "Functioning of CIC Teams, Hints to Military Government Units, Interrogation, Rules for Searching and Evidence" were covered very well and the school furnished useful information to the detachment personnel. 23 enlisted men from 10 detachments attended.
6. Lt Colonel Warner called a meeting of Detachment Commanders 9 November 1944. He discussed the subjects of Military Bearing, Coordination Between Detachments, Fraternalization, Policy Regarding German Nationals, Deserters and Civilian Passes, with the Detachment Commanders.
7. 1st Lt ~~German~~ and 1st Lt Pemberton of the 955th FA Det. in Stavelot Belgium organized a "Ladies Aid Society" and the result was new arm bands for all personnel actually doing Military Government Police Work.

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8. Due to the static tactical situation on the V Corps front, the work of the Detachments consisted of maintaining check points and patrols on the Corps Security Line. The problem of feeding and securing clothing for the Evacuees in the Corps Area was under control and the work was mainly routine the rest of the month.

9. The group suffered the first casualties of the war on 15 November. The section stationed in Eupen Belgium felt the first effects of the "Buzz Bomb". The bomb exploded about 80 yards from the quarters. Flying glass caused numerous cuts to personnel. Pvts Julius Stivalletti, 32067276, and Carl E. Ostrom, 15077398 were evacuated to the 5th Evacuation Hospital.

10. Because of an acute shortage of artillery men, it was necessary to disband the 941st, 186th, 955th and 187th FA Detachments. The 112th Engr Detachment then moved from Malmédy to Eupen to take over the duties performed by the 187th FA Detachment.

11. The following incident is one of the more interesting of the work done by the detachments during the month of November:

"Sgt. ALFRED RASOHE, 35006039, of this Detachment was waiting for a girl at the corner of Rue Devant Letang, and Margoff Str. in MALMEDY at 2030 hrs. 13 Nov. 1944. While standing there, a man passed and he noticed that the man was wearing a German soft cap, Sgt Rasche's first thought that he was a G. I., but that he had better check to be sure. It was dark and before he could get his flashlight out, two more figures passed. He shined his light on these and recognized them immediately as Germans. As he was on pass he was not armed, he therefore walked behind them since they were approaching the guard at our Detachment Headquarters. About the same time, they reached the guard a command car turned the corner and its lights covered the entire area. The first German ran up the street out of sight. The other two were cornered, gave up immediately and were brought into Detachment Headquarters. All members of the Detachment were turned out and the remaining German was found at 2130 hrs by Pfc WILLIAM J. KUMP, 33403371 and Pvt JACK R. LITTLE, 20517400, hiding in the Church yard. The first two brought in were CAPTAIN WERNER DIMBATH, and LT. HERMAN DECKEN, the last LT. ERNST LANGE. They were questioned by CIO MALMEDY (Lt. THIEL and crew) and then given a blanket and left to sleep. In the morning (14 Nov.) they were given hotcakes and coffee and sent on to the 9th Div. P/W Cage, in a Detachment truck with Lt. REID, 1st Army MP in charge."

This incident typifies the alert manner in which the detachments have been trained.

12. Lt. Colonel Samuel E. Mays was assigned Commanding Officer of the 3rd ID Group and Corps Security Officer on 24 November 1944.

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13. During the entire month the Detachments assisted CIC and CA Teams of V Corps, 4th Div, 28th Div, 5th Armored Div., 9th Div, and 99th Division. CA in Eupen, Malmedy and in the Divisions were able to do their jobs in a more efficient manner through the help of the Provisional Military Government Detachments.

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8 Inclosures:

- Incl 1 - Activities of FMGFF Bn. (1-30 November Incl)
- Incl 2 - Circular 47
- Incl 3 - Overlay showing Corps Security Line.
- Incl 4 - Daily Bulletins 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 Nov 1944.
- Incl 5 - SO 11, 12, 13, 15.
- Incl 6 - Memo No. 7
- Incl 7 - Ltr Subject: Enemy Agents, Hq FMGFF Bn 11 Nov 1944.
- Incl 8 - G.O. 73, Hq V Corps.

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