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HEADQUARTERS, 3RD TANK DESTROYER GROUP
 CORPS REAR AREA SECURITY SECTION
 APO 230

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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Report After.

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



1. The Commanding Officer, 3rd Tank Destroyer Group was appointed Corps Security Commander on 3 December 1944 in accordance with Letters, Hq V Corps, Subject "Internal Security of Corps Area" dated 3 December 1944. (Letters attached as Incl 1 & 2)

2. The necessary survey of the Corps rear area was made, and the plan as directed in par 3, Incl 2, was made. This plan as approved was published as Opn Memo #7, Hq V Corps, Internal Security of Corps Area, 16 Dec 44. (Incl #3)

3. During the early morning hours of 17 Dec, approximately 420-500 enemy parachutists landed in several sectors of the corps zone and areas near the Corps CP at Eupen, Belgium. Preliminary organization of plan as contemplated in Opn Memo #7 had been made, but the plan was not in full operation. Essential features of the plan were activated immediately after the landing of the parachutists, with the defense of Eupen and security of troops in the surrounding areas as the primary mission. See letter of Instructions, Hq V Corps, 17 Dec 44. (Incl #4)

4. The requirements of Letter of Instructions (Incl #4) were quickly met and were maintained 17-19 Dec incl. By 19 Dec the plan as contemplated in Opn Memo #7 was beginning to take shape. Defense Memo #1, Hq V Corps, 21 Dec 44 (Incl #5) was distributed to expedite and aid in clarifying the requirements of unit commanders.

5. The Rear Area Security Defense plan contemplated designation of areas within the corps zone, and area commanders therefor; and the providing of "area staff officers" on duty with the area commanders for full time employment in organization and coordination of units within the area. These officers were placed on DS with Hq, 3rd TD Group. Two officers were made available on 22 Dec and four additional officers on 26 Dec.

6. Area commanders were appointed and areas designated by Corps order in letters to commanders concerned. (Incl 6, 7, & 8). Area staff officers were assigned and sent to live at the headquarters of the Area Commanders on 29 Dec 44.

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7. Organization of areas and coordination of unit plans continued as primary function through 31 Dec 44.

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Inclosures:

- 1 - Ltr, Hq V Corps
- 2 - Ltr, Hq V Corps
- 3 - Opn Memo #7, Hq V Corps
- 4 - Ltr of Instructions, Hq V Corps
- 5 - Defense Memo #1, Hq V Corps
- 6 - Ltr Appointing Area Commanders, Hq V Corps
- 7 - Ltr Appointing Area Commanders, Hq V Corps
- 8 - Overlay, Areas for Corps Security



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