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HEADQUARTERS, 3D TANK DESTROYER GROUP
 V CORPS REAR AREA SECURITY SECTION
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SUBJECT: History, V Corps Rear Area Security Section, 3d TD Group
 TO : Historical Section, Army War College, Washington, D. C.
 (Through Channels)

1. The First started off with a bang! Reports from all areas of small arms fire commencing at 312355 December 1944 and lasting until 010005 January 1945. Prompt investigation revealed nothing more than the ushering in of the New Year. The Corps rear area consisted of four areas (Incl #1). Units within the areas were coordinated by the Area Commanders and all had workable plans for both their immediate needs and to take care of any emergency that would take shape. Constant checking of existing plans was made to fit into the changing situations caused by the units' movements within the areas. These, in turn, were coordinated for all areas by the Corps Security Commander.

2. The system of existing communications and the methods of disseminating incidents of value to all personnel within the Corps rear area proved itself to be very efficient. Areas maintained check points and when necessary assisted the MGSG of the Corps.

3. New Corps rear boundaries became effective 262400 January 1945 as per Administrative Order #12, Hq V Corps, dated 26 January 1945. Additional Areas #5 and #6 were created to include the new territory (Incl #2). Area Staff Officers were immediately dispatched to these areas to take up their duties. Progress was speedy. Contact was established with the Army Rear Area Security Commander for mutual benefitting of the rear boundary when the line intersected certain vital points.

4. Consistent with the Corps rear area, the divisions of the Corps submitted plans for the security of the division rear areas and were all approved as workable solutions. Liaison was maintained with the security commanders of the 1st, 2nd, and 99th Divisions.

5. Number of Reports investigated and relayed by the Corps Security Commander to the Area Commanders and Division Rear Area Security Commanders were as listed below:

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<u>REPORT</u>	<u>NO. OF REPORTS</u>	<u>RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION</u>
Paratroops	2	Unconfirmed
Small arms fire	4	American troops
Enemy pilot	1	Unconfirmed
Light violations	4	Corrected
Black market	1	Arrested by CIC
Enemy skiers	3	Unconfirmed
Ex-German soldiers	1	Referred to CIC
Missing persons	3	Found in hospital
Vehicles	3	Found
Enemy planes	2	Unconfirmed
Fire	1	Assisted by local units
Suspected spy	1	Referred to CIC
Suspected Mail and Drug	1	Referred to CIC
Enemy in American uniforms	4	Nothing found
Acid throwing by enemy	1	Nothing found
Weapons (2 shotguns & 63 rounds)		Turned over to local Burgermeister
6. Units moving into Corps Rear Area - 77		
Units leaving Corps Rear Area - 52		



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2 Inclosures

- Incl 1 - Overlay, Corps Rear Area
Security areas, 17 Jan 45.
- Incl 2 - Overlay, Corps Rear Area
Security areas, 31 Jan 45.

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