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Hq. 331st Inf. Regt.,  
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SUBJECT: Report of Operations, for Month of November 1945.

TO : Commanding General, 83rd Div. /Attn: Div. Historian/.

In compliance with Ltr. Hq. USFET, dated 20 Sept. 1945,  
Subject: Report of Operations, herewith submitted, Report of Operations  
covering period 1 November 1945 through 30 November 1945 with  
allied and supporting documents.

For the Regimental Commander:

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Inclosures:

- M1 Ltr. 331st Inf. "Children of School Age in DP Camps"
- M2 Ltr. 331st Inf. "Duties of Displaced Persons Camp Commanders."
- M3 Ltr. 331st Inf. "Screening and Census of DPs."
- M4 Ltr. 331st Inf. "Weekly DP Status Report".
- M5 Ltr. 331st Inf. "Recommendations on DP Camps".
- M6 Ltr. 331st Inf. "Relief of Responsibility by Austrian Gov".
- M7 Ltr. 331st Inf. "Weekly DP Status Report".
- M8 Ltr. 331st Inf. "Weekly DP Status Report".
- M9 Ltr. 331st Inf. "Weekly DP Status Report".
- M10 Ltr. 331st Inf. "Weekly DP Status Report".
- M11 Ltr. 331st Inf. "Report of Investigation of Death of PW".
- M12 Ltr. 331st Inf. "DB - 9 Nov. 1945".
- M13 Memo. Death of PW at Lager Haid.
- M14 Ltr. Rtl. Hq. Co. "Fire Fighting Plan".
- M14a Ltr. Hq. 2nd Bn. "Fire Fighting Plan".
- M14b Ltr. Hq. 1st Bn. "Fire Fighting Plan".
- M14c Ltr. Hq. 3rd Bn. "Fire Fighting Plan".
- M15 Memo Hq. 83rd Div. "Fire Defense".
- M16 Ltr. 331st, "Hungarian Disarmed Enemy Forces (DFW)".
- M17 Memo. 331st, "War Trophy".
- M18 Ltr. 331st, "Venereal Disease Control".
- M19 Ltr. 331st, "Winter Clothing".



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- 66 Inclosures cont'd
- #20 Ltr. 331st, "Supplz".
  - #21 Memo 331st, "Requisitions for Clothing, Winter".
  - #22 Ltr. 331st, "Conduct of Guard Posts".
  - #23 TD 331st, "Drivers School".
  - #24 Ltr. 331st, "Wearing of the Uniform".
  - #25 Ltr. 331st, "Non-divisional Units in Regimental Area".
  - #26 Ltr. 331st, "Sitrep".
  - #27 Ltr. 331st, "Recommendation for reduction of Target Inst."
  - #28 Memo 331st, "alert Troops".
  - #29 Ltr. 331st, "Non-divisional troops in Regtl. Area."
  - #30 Memo. 331st, "Venereal Rate".
  - #31 Ltr. 331st, "V.D. Report".
  - #32 Ltr. 331st, "Non-divisional Units in Regtl. Area."
  - #33 Ltr. 331st, "Sitrep" 6 Nov. 1945 with Overlax.
  - #34 Ltr. 331st, "Weeklz Intelligence Report". 7 Nov. 45.
  - #35 Ltr. 331st, "Weekly Intelligence Report". 14 Nov. 45.
  - #36 Ltr. 331st, "Weeklz Intelligence Report". 21 Nov. 45.
  - #37 Ltr. 331st, "Weekly Intelligence Report". 28 Nov. 45.
  - #38 Inf. Bul. 331st, I&E.
  - #39 Information Bulletin #16., 7 Nov. 1945.
  - #40 Information Bulletin #18, 3 December 1945.
  - #41 Information Bulletin #15, 5 Nov. 1945.
  - ~~#42 Recruiting Bulletin.~~
  - #43 Ltr. 331st, "Reenlistment for the Regular Armz.
  - #44 Ltr. 331st, "Securitz of Motor Vehicles and Motor Pools".
  - #45 Ltr. 331st, "Weeklz Report of Stolen & Missing Vehicles."
  - #46 Memo. "Recovered Vehicles".
  - #47 Memo. "Stolen Vehicle".
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  - #55 Ltr. 331st, "Russian Deserter".
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  - #57 Ltr. 331st, "Escaped Prisoner".
  - #58 Ltr. 331st, "Report of Nazi Partz Members".
  - #59 Ltr. 331st, "Assignment of Military Personnel as Game Wardens".
  - #60 Ltr. 331st, "Changes in Hunting Regulations".
  - #61 Ltr. 331st, "Arming of Jagers bz Civil Food Commission for Legal Hunting."
  - #62 Ltr. 331st, "Violations in the Steyr Hunting District".
  - #63 "Record of Events", Third Bn. November 1945.
  - #64 "Journal", 2nd Bn. November 1945.
  - #65 "Record of Events", First Bn., November, 1945.
  - #66 "Jornal", Hq. 331st Inf. Regt., November, 1945.



First of November found the 331st Inf. on occupational duty in North Austria. All responsibilities had been assumed by that time. A total of fifty-one (51) installations targets had to be guarded as in some way supervised. At that time, the strength of the Regiment was slightly above T/O, (principle average in officers), however, 966 men were permanently assigned duties such as guards, clerks, cooks, patrolmen, etc. Considering the necessary relief for guards this figure very near doubled. In addition, 338 men and officers were permanently engaged in guard duty of an internal nature. The sum result left few men available to perform routine scheduled training. Never-the-less, training was continued during the month along previously established directives, again placing emphasis on discipline (wearing the uniform), guard duty, conduct of traffic guards and check points, and driving and maintenance of vehicles (Incl No. 23) (Incl. No. 24). A new plan for carrying on the prescribed two (2) hours of orientation per week was inaugurated; discussion teams were formed at CO level, whose duty it was to move to the various platoons and squad locations and conduct the required time of discussion on subjects selected by the I and E of Regt., (Incl. No. 22) (Incl. No. 33)

2. Many non-divisional units were to be found in the area. Div. directed that all such units be identified and located Here-to-fore, such units were Practically non-existent since they were special units of limited size and activity. By 5 Nov. all such units had been located and identified; further changes were immediately reported through channels thereby having at all times an up-to-date roster of such units. A biweekly report of any such changes was effected into an S.O.P. report (Incl. No. 25) (Incl. No. 29) (Incl. No. 32). (3rd and 4th echelon)

The 83rd Chemical Bn. located at Bad Hall, Austria, upon our arrival, moved out on or about 9 Nov. This unit was made up of a majority of men with 85 points or better toward redeployment. The 4th Cavalry Sqdn. was scheduled to move in to Bad Hall, and be attached to this Regt. for duty. However, by the 23 Nov. only advance detachment was present. Unit did not move in until 29 Nov. Plans were then being organized to utilize the troops to relieve the heavy guard carried by the 3rd Bn. and 1st Bn. of 331st Inf. (Incl. No. 27) (Incl. No. 33). Plans specifically called for troops to take over guard installations on Russian front, such troops being better equipt for patrol duty. As of 31 Nov. 4th Cav. had not yet organized in its new location.

3. No particular civil disturbances were noted in the Regimental area. However, passed experience indicated the need for a ready plan to suppress any such disturbance that may arise.

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Therefore such a plan was effected on 2 Nov. assigning specific areas to component units of the Regiment. No Menacing raids were experienced during the month; attributed to the active control now exercised over all DP camps, which internees were believed to be responsible for previous raids committed in the area formerly occupied by this Regiment. (Incl. No. 28)

4. In taking over the regimental area of the 101st Inf. Regt. 26th Div., the 331st not only assumed responsibility for all 16 DP and DEF lagers, 51 guard installations to include border guards on Russian front, but it took over also a total of 303 CE vehicles, which vehicles lay unorganized, poorly maintained; some inoperative, unregistered, and performing no particular function. This figure included all types of vehicles known to be T/E of the Wehrmacht: volkswagons, sedans, halftracks, trucks of varying capacities and models. (Incl. No. 40)

By the end of November almost all vehicles were located, registered, and reported to Div. G-4 who in many cases called vehicles in and made redistribution to other units of the Div. less fortunate (or unfortunate) in this respect. Trucks included in the afore mentioned figure were formed into three trucking companies to engage in the procurement of wood and hauling of same to distributing centers.

Organization of CE vehicles included liason with the Steyrwerke for spare parts and major (3rd and 4th echelon) to make echelon repairs. All above vehicles as of 30 Nov. were in use to make possible the administration of the many details incident to occupational duties covering an extensive area.

Upon arrival in North Austria a concerted effort was made to start schools within the regiment and then giving every man desiring to attend school, an opportunity to do so in so far as his dispensation did not effect the occupational efficiency of his organization. However, and although the command was over strength, every man available for duty was occupying a position permanent in nature and one which could not be left unoccupied. The quick survey revealed about 300 men available for school. (Taken during 1st week of Nov.) (Incl. No. 38 39 41)

On above basis, and Directives from Div., a school was formally opened at Enns and Christened "Enns Prep" on 12 Nov. 45. A provisional company was organized to teach, administer, feed, house, supply and discipline students. Initial enrollment was 128 students, taking 14 different subjects, sciences and arts, with many students taking three or four subjects at a time.

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Man hours of instruction per day, totolled 298. Above enrollment was not by any means the total number of men desiring to attend school, but rather those that could be made available without working unfair hardship upon personnel down in company level arganization, not withstanding, of course, a total of 83 men having left for Division level schools during the week of 19 Nov. (Incl. No.38 39 41)

On 30 Nov. it was learned that all schools other than those conducted at Div. level would be discontinued beacuse overhead was too great, and men available would continually decrease due to normal attrixtion incident to reenlistment, redeployment, and discharges for civilian positions. Above personnel was not to be replaced. Tentative date for closing Regimental level schools and lower was set at 15 Jan. 46, at which time Div. schools would enlarge to a 500 man capacity. (Incl. No.40)

Plans were immediately initiated to increase enrollment of Regtl. school by 30 men to replace losses anticipated to accur during the first and second weeks of December. 4th Cav. Sqdn. was expected to furnish by far, the greater number of new class. (Incl. No. 40)

During week on 26 Nov. Capt. Spomcer of TSFET I and E. inspected school rating same as exemplary among such level schools.

On arrival in North Austria, Supply installations to include RSO, Sv CO. and Regtl. APO were set up in Enns. Additional personnel were detailed to the RSO to compensate for the increased activities incident to the Supply of DP camps and DEF camps. Also many captured enemy vehicles overloaded spare parts supply channels as well as maintenance. Registration of all CEM was directed by USFA entailing considerable surveys and reports (Incl No.20). At the end of Nov. the Regiment was charged with 303 CE Vehicles, although all were not registered at the time. DP camps were spontaneously granted high priorities on supplies. DP camps and occupants there of demanded equiptment and clothing suitable for to withstand winter weather in North Austria. Requisition could not be passed through supply channels for it required constant "push". Much had been done by the end of the Month. DP Camps at Municholz carried highest priority on supply in this Regtl. Occupation Zone.

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Coming cold weather brought a rush of requisitions from Military Units. Coal and other heating fuels as well as heating stoves had to be procured; tire chains and preston (anti-freeze) were necessary to complete winterizing of both Military and CE vehicles; winter clothing on order as of close of November was not completely fulfilled. (Incl. No. 19 21)

Steps were taken to inventory all equipment over T/O and E and instigate action to cover retention of same by requisition and approval from USFA.

During the last week of the month, a 10% cut in gasoling was received with a reliable promise that said cut would be increased to 50% early December. The expected decrease in gas allowance will bring grief to supply service, wood procuring details.

Routine supply activities were carried on in Class I, II and III Supplies for US Military Forces DPs, and DEFS.

On 9 November, HQ. 331st distributed its first Daily Bulletin an official organ not previously issued by this unit since its arrival in Austria (Incl. No. 13).

An increase in leaves furloughs over last month was felt during the month of November. Five officers and the same number of EM left for the U.S. on a thirty day home leave furlough; two officers and twenty-five EM left for the French Riviera on 7 day leave/furlough; 3 officers and thirty EM left on a seven day leave/furlough to Switzerland; ten officers and nineteen EM left for seven day leave/furlough to Paris; one officer and twenty-two EM left the unit to spend seven days in the UK. November was the first month wherein leave furloughs to the U.S. were given to qualified personnel. Since first quota left for the States, qualification have change considerably. Ten months service overseas are now required to qualify for a U.S. furlough/leave instead of the previous one year. (Incl. No 13).

Lt. John C. Bolinger JR., replaced Capt. Patterson as Regtl. S-4.

Officer's promotion list was forwarded, same rejected on change of policy requiring officer to remain in ET additional 90 days after date of promotion. Promotion list was therefore reduced considerably.

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Currency exchange books were issued to all Officer personnel and for EM.

18 Officers eligible for re-deployment as of 1 Dec. 45; Basis, 73 points or 51 months of continuous service.

59 point men not declared essential left the Regt week of 24 Nov. 45.

The victory loan Drive gave the Regt. another 1st. 1110 or 31.57 per cent of members participated to pledge a total of 43,548.58 dollars; 20,000 dollars more than any like organization in the Division.

The Regular army enlistment campaign continued to (Incl. No. 13) do business satisfactorily, to increase the regimental total to 221. That figures indicates an increase of 133 over total as of 31 Oct 45. The regiment made a 1st in the division by 31 enlistments as of 30 Nov. 45. All re-enlistments for regular army have gone to U.S. for leave except 20, now being processed for shipment. Average processing time from date of application to date of shipment is; has been Ten days with efforts geared to decrease this time to Five days in December. (Incl. Nos. 42 43).

In accordance with directive from higher Hq. each Bn. and special units was cause to formulate plans to cover protection of government and public property, and life from fire. (Incl. Nos. 15, 14a-14c).

Campaign against trophy weapons was vigorously renewed in the Regiment when several more accidents occurred causing serious although not fatal injuries to member of this command. (Incl. No. 17).

The SSO has always been a busy office, but particularly so during the first two weeks of November. The Regiment having moved into a new area, all previous procurement efforts failed to satisfy need in Austria. Athletic programs, film schedules, recreation centers, had to be organized anew; the procurement of materials presented a most formidable obstacle but not an insurmountable one.

At the close of Nov. the 331st football team had met and defeated the 242nd Regtl. team of the 42nd Div. once at Steyr and once at Salzburg (12 to 7). This team had defeated the 331st on the first field meet back in Germany. The Regtl. team had progressed to defeat the 250th Engr. team at the Pot of Gold Stadium in Vienna, Sunday PM, 23 Nov. 45. 250th Engr. Team was defeated through sheer perseverance and maneuver on the part of the 331st team which was outweighed by an effective margin.



A football meet with the Delta Base team at the Riviera in France is contemplated to close the season.

By the end of November, three (3) trucking companies had been Plans have been made to organize and place into competition both a Hockey team and Basketball team. December will see both above mentioned teams in competition with divisional and non-divisional units. Skating rink is now nearing completion.

All Bns. as well as isolate companies, have motion picture projectors either 35 or 16 mm. Film is picked up at Salzburg every other day and rotated throughout the units of the Regt. In Steyr the Units have the benefit of a modern theatre accommodates 35 mm, capable of seating 1,000. This theatre is also utilized and lends itself to USO show performances. During the second week of Nov., it was graced with Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe Review for three (3) Nightly performances. Two piano recitals were also conducted in the Steyr Theatre.

All personnel classified as DEF were frequently subjected to Saturday 17 Nov. saw the opening of the 331st Danceland in Steyr. This dance palace lends itself favorably as to location and for its capacity. It has also been used to entertain the officers of the Regt. Since its Opening date, Danceland has been available every Saturday night. In each case a full attendance did honors to the spacious ballroom and garlands to to the SSO.

Practically every organization has its night spot. We have the "Dog House", "Take Ten", "The AWOL", "Fox'es Den" etc. Beer and wine are generally available; civilian serviced with music by recording, local civilian talent, or the famous "Merry Makers" dance band of the 331st Regt. of whose members, it can be said were the busiest and most popular soldiers in the occupational service of today. Divisional dance groups were also available upon request.

Material to organize ski clubs was made available on a limited bases. Personnel of the Regt. have but to wait for the snow.

A new Red Cross Club was arranged at Enns, 1st Bn. 331st while a new representative was installed in Steyr: Mr. H. J. Mandelheimer.

All DEFs regardless of nationality were placed in lagers and each organized much as our military organizations. This organization was necessary to facilitate estimates of available labor as well as to reduce overhead to a minimum. (Incl. No. 16).

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The two camps were located at Haid and Steyr.

By the end of November, three (3) trucking companies had been organized, one in Camp Haid, and two (2) in Camp Steyr. The T/O and T/E of these trucking companies had received the approval of USFA. Each trucking company has a T/O of 131 men -DEF- household effects of contaminated persons, and test local water supply. Military personnel were ordered not to use water

The organization of the trucking companies not only provided for the operation of the T/E trucks, (CEM) but were organized and equipped to perform their own 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance. Most of the vehicles weren't of the same type then being manufactured or rebuilt at the Steyrwerke. Therefore the supply of spare parts was reasonably secured. The preponderance of trucks were used to carry on the wood-procuring program. Both cases mentioned above were placed in the hospital at Steyr.

All personnel classified as DEF were frequently subjected to CIC investigation. Every day some personnel of the two Lagers was interrogated by the CIC for seemingly War Crimes Connections. One Lt. Col. Hungarian called for by name, was thus discovered.

On 12 November, 110 Austrian PWs were released from Haid Lager after having been screened by CIC. All discharges of PW personnel took place at Wegscheid. None were discharged by the tactical troops having security control over the lagers. A total of 219 PWs from both camps were moved to Wegscheid during the month, of that figure, 125 were eligible for discharge. The remainder were moved principally for security reasons and investigation. Of those discharged, the Austrians were predominant although Germans, Czechslovakians and Yugoslavs were included. (Incl. No. 30, 13)

Results of, investigation revealed, death of one PW in the Haid Lager, (occurred latter part of November) was self-inflicted. By means of introducing a lethal agent, believed to be morphin into the body by way of the mouth, (Incl. No. 12) 10 Nov. 45, one PW from Haid Lager was electrocuted as he stepped into a transformer house. PW was engaged by wood procuring detail. Another PW died on 11 Nov as a result of a chronic heart ailment. where possible. Military personnel were encouraged to have "lady friends" subject themselves to monthly

During the month 5 Hungarian PWs and one Danish PW escaped from the Steyr lager. In all cases the principles escaped while out on working details and not from the camp proper. (Incls. No. 11)

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During week of 12 November six (6) cases of typhoid fever in Grossraming were reported. Investigation of Public Health Officers under direction of Military M.D. revealed probable source as two (2) carriers living in vicinity. Steps were immediately taken to hospitalize all contaminated personnel as well as carriers, sterilize quarters, linen, utensils, and all other household effects of contaminated persons, and test local water supply. Military personnel were ordered not to use water in vicinity of contaminated locality. (Incl. No. 18, 31)

Two more cases of typhoid fever developed in the vicinity of Steyr. P.H.O. was unable to learn the source but believes possible transient carriers. However, a new central water supply was being worked out. The Regimental Medical Officer directed efforts in the procurement of a chlorinating apparatus to be installed. Both cases mentioned above were placed in the hospital at Steyr.

During week of 11-18 Nov. three (3) cases of Pulmonary tuberculosis and one gonorrhea case were removed to D.P. Hospital in Linz from the Munichholz settlement (Jewish D.P.'s) and at that time in the area was 22,075. (Incl. No. 29)

Ample supply of vaccine for immunization of all D.P.'s and D.E.F.'s was received period 11-18 Nov. Week of 20 Nov. saw program for immunization of above personnel against typhus and typhoid fever in full operation. Anticipated the program would be completed the second week in December.

Major problems threatening the health of this command is VD. Upon arrival of the Regiment into Austria a slight increase in VD rate was noted. By the second and third week of November the increase had progressed to 13 new cases during week of 12 Nov. and 22 new cases week of 20 Nov. (in latter case 10 were recurrences). (Incl. No. 30, 18)

Renewed efforts are continually being made to lower the rate of V.D. In addition to the conventional army attack, education, efforts were directed toward more forceful lines, i.e. civil sanitation officials were sought and plans to apprehend and detain and cure all contaminated females were inaugurated. Each and every new case was vigorously "tracked" to the source where possible. Military personnel were encouraged to have "lady friends" subject themselves to monthly checks. All civil (female) employees in military establishments regardless of nature of employment were required to subject themselves to a monthly check.

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Public invitations were extended beseeching female carriers to turn themselves in for free cure. (Incl. No. 3)

VD Control Officers were assigned to all echelons of command to include company level where a VD Control NCO was also assigned. Frequent lectures on VD were made SOP. A minimum of one PRO station per company was established with 24 hour trained service. It was anticipated that December 1945 would reveal efforts of all concerned with a waning VD rate. (Uncl. No. 18, 31) On 8 and 9 Nov. 45, two members of this command died as a result of gluttonous consumption of an alcohol, (schnapps) procured through unauthorized sources. 4 other men were hospitalized after having suppered ailment from the same source however less severe. (Incl. No. 35)

At the time the 331st Inf. took over the occupational duties formerly administered by the 101st Inf. (approximately 1 Nov. 45) the 101st had just completed shipping over 11,000 German Reichsdeutsche to the 3rd and 7th Army Zones. The number of DP's at that time in the area was 22,075. (Incls. No. 47)

Many details remained to be taken care of at that time: many lagers were not suited for winter quarters; frictional factions billitted in the same camp; many DP's at large in inadequate quarters; children not classified completely for ration basis and educational level; registration not complete. A plan was soon established and by the close of November the problems had been eliminated in total or part with progressive preservation. (Incls. Nos. 1, 3, 4, & 7)

Registration by nationality and camp was completed by 17 November 45. Considerable shuffling continued throughout the month in an effort to place like factions together, & to evacuate inadequate winter quarters. Coordination with the British made it possible to repatriate many Hungarians equipped with wagons and horses.

A reshuffling of Camp commanders was made. Adequate staff and transportation were made available. (Incl. No. 2)

Where at all possible, central messing was initiated in the camps. This guaranteed better prepared food in sufficient amount.

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Individual cooking lends itself to undue waste and difficulties of control and supervision from the standpoint of sanitation & nourishment. (Incl. No.3)

On 10 Nov. 45 the first of a series of Fragmentary Orders was distributed to the regiment directing readjustment of nationalities in camps within the Division area. From 10 Nov. 45 until 30 Nov. 45 the overall DP population in camps remained the same, while population of DP's in private quarters increased an average of 500 per week. The reasons were apparent: (a) DP's in camps were being put in private quarters rather than move to another camp; (b) Burgermeisters discovered DP's that had not previously been registered; (c) Volksdeutsche, particularly Yugoslavs, entered our area; (d) Turned over enemy DP camps to the Austrian Government, and therefore included the DP's in "Private Quarters." (Incls. No's 3,4)

On 9 Nov. 45, after a meeting of Col. YORK, Lt. Col. NEILSON, Lt. Johnson, and the Battalion DP Officers, recognizing responsibility of the following DP camps over to the Austrian Government; Taunleiten (107), Berg (109) Haid (112), Frauenheim (202), Molln I (301), and Kremsmunster (305). As of 30 Nov., the following camps had been turned over to the Austrian Government; (Incls. No's 5,6)

Molln I	Relief effected	18 Nov. 45.
Berg	"	20 Nov. 45.
Haid Inf. Hosp.	"	20 Nov. 45.
Kremsmunster	"	28 Nov. 45.

Taunleiten-Austrian Government promised a team for relief in early December. The above action left this regiment a total of seven (7) DP camps for which it was held responsible as of 30 Nov. 45.

Full Details of camps follows:

<u>Camp</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>C.O.</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Asten	100	2/Lt. Morris Coffino	2543	Yugoslav K. P. Volds	
Enns	106	2/Lt. Waren H. Bailey	264	Enemy	UNRRA
Ebelsberg	115	2/Lt. George D. Taylor	1170	Enemy	
Reithoffer	201	2/Lt. James B. Hayes	1222	Volksdeutsche	
Frauenheim	202	1/Lt. Carl E. Erickson	278	Enemy	

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<u>Camp</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>C.O.</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Municholz	206	1/Lt. Harold L. Skutel	270	Stateless Jews	UNRRA
Spital	306	2/Lt. Ned S. Long	282	Hungarian	

(Incl. Nos. 4,7,6)

All indications are that food supply in North Austria will be adequate to carry the present population through the winter so long as the Military is here to care for and feed the DPs. Wood supply for fuel is being gathered; the former part of November offered suitable weather for this purpose. Few crimes have been committed during the month. All interest seems to be centered on the first free general elections in Austria for many years. No political disturbances were anticipated and none resulted. American troops conformed to a "hands-off" policy with instructions not to interfere unless a threat to the security of the troops, public property and life developed. The Volkspartie was elected to assume the responsibility for the new government in Austria without incident.

Schools were in operation in Austria at that time the unit moved in and have succeeded in continuing for the lower grades. Some schools have closed for lack of fuel, but children are consolidated to attend school classes a minimum of 4 hours per day.

Cooperation of civil authorities as well as the populace toward occupational troops and CIC personnel had been all that is desirable. In several instances, young men have threatened native females with a "hair cut" if association with American troops continues. Such cases have been investigated and arrests made where necessary in the interest of security. Public proclamation against such tactics were published.

Rumors continue to appear throughout the area. Some are as new as man's imagination, but most are distorted repetition of the V-E day old one that Russia is preparing to attack the forces of the U.S. and it is a matter of weeks now. Of some of the less aged rumors it can not be said that they are not influenced: when U.S. forces leave Austria, Russians will occupy it in its entirety, Russia will leave Austria as soon as the U.S. and British forces leave; U.S. forces will be evacuated from Austria shortly after the General Election held on Sunday 25 Nov. 45; Wishful thinkers are inclined to

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mumble under breath the possibility of Otto of Hapsburg assuming again rule of Austria; the Socialist Democratic party will join forces with Russia When Austria reverts to homeland control; Russia is the big head among the big there a bull in a china shop as it were.

It was believed at the time that the average soldier was responsible for many of the preposterous rumors throughout Austria. Soldiers find it amusing when able to put fears into the native or become proud braggadocios and make statements to the girl friends which might enhance their interest by virtue of such World Affairs, and thus another feather in the hat of self-esteem for the time being anyway.

With the occupation of North Austria and being confronted with and inter-allied zone boundary, many problems were found. Unauthorized transients had to be stopped before plans could be effected to even estimate needs and Problems incident to the many DPs in the area. Between 3 Nov. and 5 Nov. 206 were taken off trains at Enns, Austria for failure to bear authority or proper passes. Steps were taken to discourage illegal entry into the Regtl. Zone both by an increase in border road-blocks, and posting of signs. In addition, taking measures to stop illegal entry for personnel, transport of mail, black market negotiations and smuggling (diseased animals and persons) presented numerous difficulties. Border operations although short of perfect, are encouragingly improving. The acceptance of an inter-allied pass between the Russian and American Zones had done much to assist in border-control.

Relation between Russian and American border contacts have been exemplary of high respect. However some irregular contact were made during the month: On 3 Nov. One Russian Deserte was apprehended in civil (Austrian) clothing. This Russian had been involved in an accident and fearing punishment, chose to desert and enter the American Zone. He was turned over to 1st Lt. Kocob, Russian Liason. Again on 17 Nov. six (6) Russian officers and EM were apprehended in American Zone without proper passes. Personnel turned over to Russian Liason for further action. (Incl. Nos. 55, 56) Seven Russian officers and four (4) Russian EM discovered aboard freight train at Enns, Austria 30 Nov. 45. They refused to alight although none possessed proper passes. Train was made to back up into Russian Zone Where above personnel detained; train then continuing on journey.

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Some ammunition and explosives were located at St Marien, Asten, and Mauthausen Ferry. Engineers were requested to make proper disposition of same.

One raid on private parties occurred 20 Nov. when a group of 15 of 26 DPs held up two women with theft as motive. Money and passports were taken. No physical harm was done.

Following will be found a status of arrests for this month. Such arrests noted below were made either by occupation military troops, M.C. Authorities, or CIC upon request. Many have committed breeches of MG Ordinances or local military orders in previous months but required investigation and where appropriate incarceration followed:

10 person made up of numerous nationalities arrested for unauthorized possession of fire arms.

8 persons arrested-illegal entry into American Zone.

6 theft. In one instance theft was committed against military occupation troops.

3 arrested for impersonating MG officials-dressed in American uniforms. One escaped subsequently.

10 arrested on request of CIC.

7 arrests made for smuggling, fraud and blackmarket affiliations.

15 automatic arrests.

1 Sabotage-apprehended pouring sugar in gas tanks of electrical power generator belonging to American troops.

1 arrest on grounds of threatening females associating with American troops.

3 curfew violations-subsequently released.

2 War Crimes suspects. (Incl. No. 58)

Three persons escaped from jails or camps in Regtl. area during the month. One was a PW in Haid Lager-Dane by nationality. (Incl. No. 57)

A wave of vehicles thefts over took the Regt. shortly after assuming responsibility in North Austria. Four specific cases occurred between 3rd and 10th of Nov. Of these, two were recovered. (Military vehicles). (Incl. No. 52) Circumstances surrounding theft indicate operation instigated and effected by military personnel. One 1/4, 4x4 was found abandoned, having been repainted with a new WD number. Vehicle was found in bar pit of road passing in front of L co. C.P. (Incl. Nos. 34,35,36,37,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,53,54)

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and households were taken. No drastic action was done.  
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one lady on the left before occurred so that men & family

Global distribution of game.

slaughtering of wild game both by hunters and those personnel  
interested in target practice only. Human life and domestic  
stock was endangered. Lacking knowledge of local game habits  
and breeding seasons, much damage was being done with no app-  
arent beneficial returns. Such discrepancies were attacked  
with organized civil and military game wardens, hunting permits,  
education of hunters as to legal kills, and limitations as to  
caliber of weapons authorized for hunting the various game.  
Additional civil game wardens were assigned and two game  
wardens, military personnel, from each organization were commis-  
sioned to act as game wardens, covering area of responsibility  
with the local civil wardens.

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