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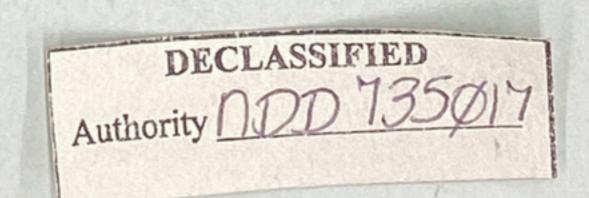


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SUBJECT: Report of Operations, for Month of November 1945.

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

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:

Inclosures

JOHN C! BOLINGER? Jr., 1st. Lt., Infantry, Adjutant. over Pools

Missing Vebicles. Al Ltr. 331st Inf. "Chifldren of School Age in DP Camps #2 Ltr. 331st Inf. " Duties of Displaced Persons Camp Commanders. 23 Ltr. 331st Inf. "Screening and Census of DPs." M4 Ltr. 331st Inf. "Weeklz DP Status Report". #5 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". Alo Ltr. 331st Inf. "Weekly DP Status Report". Mil Dtr. 331st Inf. "Report of Investigation of Death of PW". #12 Ltr. 331st Inf. "DB - 9 Nov. 1945". #13 Memo. Death of PW at Lager Haid. #14 Ltr. Rtl. Hq. Co. "Fire Fighting Plan". Algaltr. Hq. 2nd Bn. "Fire Fighting Plan". Took Commission #14b Ltr. Hq. 1st Bn. "Fire Fighting Plan ". #14c Ltr. Hq. 3rd Bn. "Fire Fighting Plan". #15 Memo Hq. 83rd Div. "Fire Defense". M16 Ltr. 331st, "Hungarian Disarmed Enemz Forces STEF/. #17 Memo. 331st, "War Trohy" #18 Ltr. 331st, "Venereal Disease Control" #19 Ltr. 331st, "Winter Clothing".

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#27 Ltr. 331st, "Recommendation for reduction of Target Inst." #28 Memo 331st, "alert Troops". M28 Memo 331st, "alert Troops".

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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 someway 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 routime scheduled training. Never-the-less, training was continued during the month along previously establishe 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)

W less of area and reported to Div. G-4 who in many bases called 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-existant since they were special units of limited size and activity. By 5 Nov. all such units had been locat -ed and identified; further changes were immediately reported through channels thereby having at all times anup-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).

obsion repairs. All above vehicles as of 30 New. 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 Sgdn. 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. fert appreupleds. The quick survey revesled about

3. No particular civil disturbances were noted in the Regimental area. However, passed experience indicated the need for a ready plan to supress any such disturbanc that may arrise. de decre begins and Directives from Diver a school was

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Therefore such a plan was effected on 2 Nov. assiging specific areas to component units of the Regiment. No Menacing raids were experienced during the month; attributed to the active control now excercised 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)

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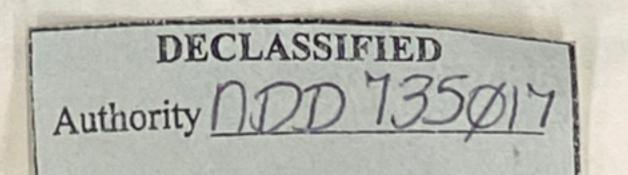
4. In taking over the regimental area of the lolst Inf. Regt. 26th Div., the 331st not only assumed responsibility for all 16 DP and DF lagers, 51 guard installations to include border guards on Russian front, but it took over also a total of 303 CE vehicles, which vehicles lay unorganized, poorly maintenanced;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

By the end of November almost all vehicles were located, co registered, and reported to Div. G-4 who in many cases called wehicles 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. of TSFRT I and E.

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 aslof 30 Nov. were in use to make possible the administration of the many details incident to occupational duties covering an extensive the increased activities incident to the Supply of DP campa

Upon arrival in North Austria a concerted effort was made to start schools within the regiment and then giving o 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) been some by the end of the Month. Dr Camps

at Mon 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 sobjects, sciences and arts, with many students taking three or four subjects at a time.



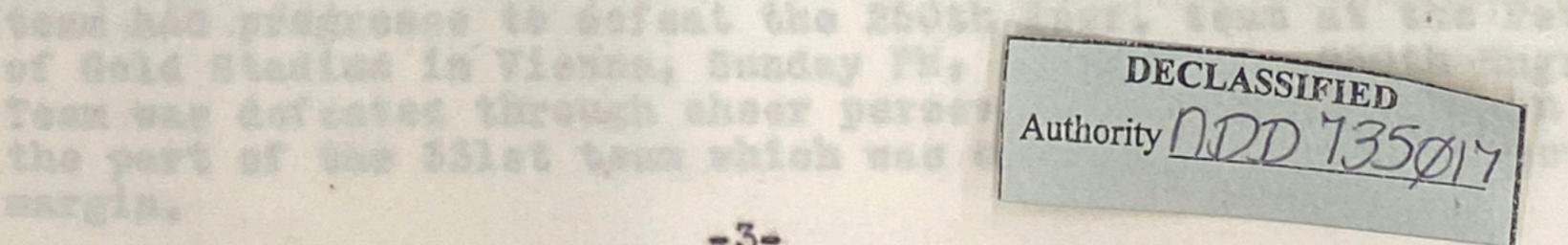
Man hours of instruction per day, totalled 298. Above enrollment was not by any means the total number of men desiring to attend school, but rather those that could be made available without working unfair hardship upon personnel down in company level arganization, not withstanding, of course, a total 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 Ocschoolshe month of Movember. Five officers and the same number

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 of requiring officer to remain in hi addittonal 90 days exter date of promotion. Promotion list was



therefore reduced considerably and the

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 (antifreeze) 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)

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Steps were take to inventory all equiptment 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.

Cond 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 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 mineteen EM left for seven day leave/furlough to Paris; one days in the UK. November was the first month wherein leave furloughs to the U.S. were given to qualified personnel. Since first quata left for the States, qualification have thange considerably. Ten months service overseas are new required to qualify for a U.S. furlough/leave instead of the previous one year. (Incl. No 13).

Regtl. 8-4.

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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effective

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.

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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 Reguelar army enlistment campaign continued to (Incl. No. 13) do fusimess 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 geaned 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, 142-14c).

Campaign against trophy weapons was vigorously renewed in the Regiment when several more accidents occured 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. Atheletic 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 progresse 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 manuver 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.

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By the end of Nevember, three (3) trucking companies had 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 Bus, 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 accomodates 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 opiano recitals were also conducted in the Steyr Theatre.

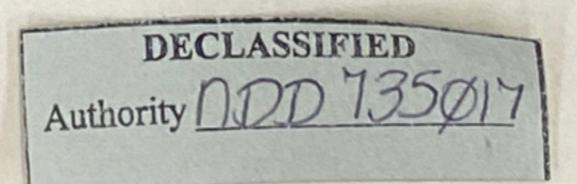
All personnel classified as DEF were frequently subjected W Saturday 17 Nov. saw the opening of the 331st Danceland on steyr. This dance palace lends itself fovorably as to locotion and for its capacity. It has also been used to enteratin the officers of the Regt. Since its Opening date, Danceland has been available every Saturday night. In each case a full attendance did honors to the speaious ballroom and garlands to to the SSO. Maring been seremed by CIO, All dispharges of

Practically every organization has its night spot. We have the "Dog House", "Take Ten", "The AWOL", "Fox'es Den" etc. O 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.

Results of, investigation remasied, death of Material to prganize ski clubs was made availagle on a limited bases. Personnel of the Regt. have but to wait for the snow. sorphin into the bear by say of the mouth, (Incl. So. 12)

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

All DEFs regardless of nationalality 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).



The two camps were located and Haid and Steyr.

in Grossreming were reported. Investigation of Public Health 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 oper- household effects of contaminated persons, and test loci

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 equiped to perform their own 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance. Most of the vehicles wern't of the same type then being manufactured or rebuilt at the Steyrwerks. Therefor the supply of spare parts was reasonably secured. The prependence of trucks were used to carry on the wood-procuring Program, stalled. Both cases mentioned above were placed in

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. Ample supply of vaccine for immunization of all D.P. 's

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 Wegscheld Q during the month, of that figure, 125 were eligible for dis-O charge. The remainder were moved principally for security O reasons and investigation. Of those discharged, the Austrians were predominant although Germans, Czechslovakians and Yugoslavs were included cases week of 20 hove tin is were recurrences). (Incl. No. 30, 18)

Results of, investigation revealed, death of one PW in the Haid Lager, (occured latter part of November) was selfinflicted. 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 eletrocute as he steped into a transformer house. Pw was engaged by wood procuring detail. Another PW died on 11 Nov as a result of a chronic hearthailment. where possible. Military personnel were su-

couraged to have "lady friends" subject themselves to menthy 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.

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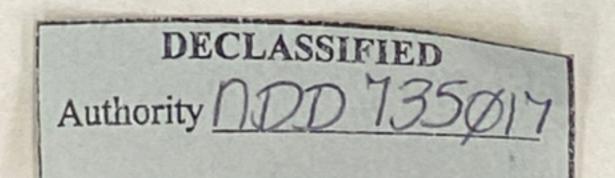
rater (Unoli Not 18, 21) Two more cases of typhoid fever developed int the vicinity of Steyr. P.H.O. was unable to learn the source but believes possible transient carriers. However, a new central water supbly was being worked out. The Regimental Medical Officer directed efforts in the procurement of a chlorinating apparatus to be installed. Both cases mentioned above were placed in the on hospital at Steyr.

At the time the Salet Inf. - took over the During week of 11-18 Nov. three (3) cases of Pulminary tuberculosis and one gonorrhea case were removed to D.P. Hospital in Linz from the Munichholz settlement (Jewish D.P.'s) and

of Drie at that time in the area was be or of their 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.

which benis and educational levels registration has complete 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 inauggrated. Each and every new case was vigorously "tracked" to the source where possible. Military personnel were encouraged to have "lady friends" subject themselves to monthy checks. All civil (female) employees in military establishments regardless of nature of employment were required to subject themselves to a monthly check.



Public invitations were extende beseeching female carriers to turn themselves in for free cure, the standpoint of hand

tation & nurishment; (Incl. Mo. 5) 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 mminimum 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 wanning VD rate: ed (Uncl. eNo. el8, 31) per week, The reasons were appar-

entr (a) upla in compa were being put in private quarters. On 8 and 9 Nov. 45, to memfess of this command died as a result of gluttomous consumption of an alcohol, (schnapps) procured though unautharized sources. 4 other men were hospitatized after having suppered ailment from the same source howeves less severe. (Incl. No. 35)

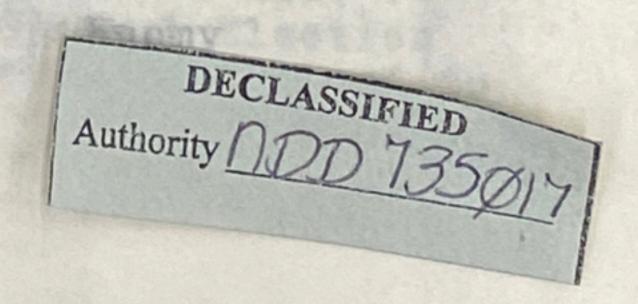
At the time the 331st Inf. took over the occupational duties formerly adminsitered by the lolst Inf. (approximately 1 Nov. 45) the lolst had just completed shipping over 11,000 German Reichsdeutsche to the 3rd and 7th Army Zones. The number of DP's at that time in the area was 22,075. (Incls. No. 47) of 30 Nover the fellowing camps had been turned over to the

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 elliminated in total or part with progressive preserverence. (Incls. Nos. 1,3,4, & 7) les lest this regiment a total of seven (7) DD camps for which it was held responsible

Registration by nationality and camp was completed by 17 November 45. Considerable shuffling continude throughout the month in an effert to place like factions together, & to evacuate inadequate winter quarters. Coordination with the British make it possible to repatriate many Hungarians equiped with wagons and horses. Asten 100 2/Lt. Morris 2543 Yugoslav E. P. Volds

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

Where at all possible, central messing was initiated in the camps. This garanteed better prepared food in sufficient amount. Reitheffer 201 2/Lt. James S. 1222 Volksdeutsche



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

On 10 Nov. 45 the first of a series of Fragmentary Orders was distribute 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 DPs that had not previously been registered; (c) Volksdeutsche, particularly Jugoslavs, entered our area; (d) Turned over enemy DP camps to the Austrian Government, and therefore included the DP'sin "Private Quarters." (Incls. No's 3,4)

On 9 Nov. 45, after a meeting of Col. YORK, Lt. Col. WHEILSON, Lt. Johnson, and the Battalion DP Officers, recoming responsibility of the following DP camps over to the Caustrian 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.

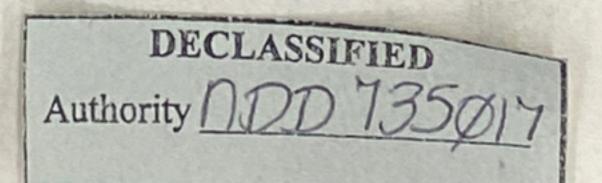
Haid Inf. Hosp. " 20 Nov. 45.

Kremsmunster " " 28 Nov. 45.

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

Full Details of camps follows: have been

damp	No.	C.O. P	opulation	Nationality	Remarks
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Enns	106 0102	Lt. Waren H. Bailey	264	Enemy	UNRRA
Ebelsberg	115	Lt. George D.		Enemy	
Reithoffer	201 2	Taylor Lt. James B. Hayes		Volksdeutsche	
Frauenneim	202 Aus1	/Lt. Carl E. Brickson	070	Enemy	



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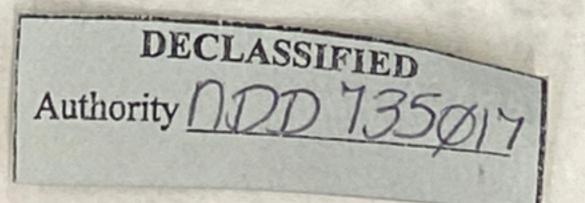
(Incl. Nos. 4,7,6)

Find it wester when able to put 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 cencered on the first free general elections in Austria for many years. No political disturbances were antoo icipated and none resulted. American troops conformed to a w "hands-off" policy with instructions not to interefer unless Ha threat to the security of the troops, public property and Olife developed. The Volkspartie was elected to assume the responsibility for the new government in Austria without inci-

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 classe s a minimum of 4 hours per day.

Cooperation of civil authorities as well as the populace In toward occupational troops and CIC personnel had been all that · is desirable. In several instance, young men have threatened Onative 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.

R Rumors continue to appear throughout the area. Some are as new as man's imagination, but most are distored 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



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 ammusing when able to put fears into the native or become proud braggadocios and make statements to the girl friends which might enhance, their intrest 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 boundry, 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 bothe 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 idfficulties. Border operations although short of perfect, are encouragingly improving. The acceptance of an interallied 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 detrained; 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.

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

10 person made up of numerous nationalities arrested for

unauthorised 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.

l Sabotage-apprehended pouring sugar Ingas tanks of electrical power generator belonging to American troops.

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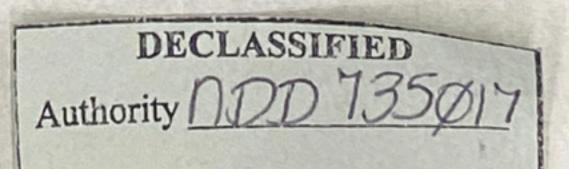
3 curfew violations-subsequently released.

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 nation-lity. (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) Sircumstances surrounding theft indicate operation instigate and effected by military personnel. One 1/4, 4x4 was found a bandoned, 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)

With in the reimental area can be found an abundance of wild game, particularly in the mountainous regons extending to the South. This section was soon learned of by the the militery troops in the area and followed a perced of pormiscous



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slaughtering of wild game both by hunters and those personnel interested in target practice only. Human life and domestic stock was endanged. Lacking knowledge of local game habits and breeding seasons, much damage was being done with no apparent 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 commissioned to act as game wardens, covering area of responsibility with the local civil wardens.

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