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Note: This "Duties of the 1142nd" is from the end of the war diary, and is placed here for context.

DUTIES OF 1142ND MILITARY POLICE COMPANY (AVN)

THE duties of this MP Company on this station consist of those duties coincident to any police organization. One of the most important, especially in war time, is of preserving internal security. This is done by Military Policemen being mounted on all gates and entrances, and a check made of all persons, military or civilian entering or leaving. Any suspicious persons loitering on the base without authority are apprehended and questioned.

Any aircraft that may crash is guarded by a member of this organization. whether it be on the station itself or adjacent to the base. A military escort is provided for many notable or important persons that may visit the station.

Bicycles are registered and a record of all bicycles on the station is kept. Any lost or stolen bicycles are picked up and returned to the rightful owner.

Investigations are conducted when any crime is committed by a member of the United States Army. If a civilian is implicated, the Military Police work in conjunction with the civilian police. Regulation and control of all traffic is maintained by a constant motorcycle patrol. while investigations are made of all traffic accidents.

Absentees, whether voluntary or involuntary are returned to their proper organizations and a record is kept of all violations and offences. Prisoner guards are furnished to guard all types of prisoners.

A Town Patrol is on duty each night to patrol the nearby villages and towns that are frequented by soldiers of this station while off duty. Guards are also posted on the perimeter upon the return of each mission, with two men posted at each briefing and interrogation.

The duties of the MP Company and any other MP Company are to enforce the law of the United States Army and to preserve law and order and to help any soldier that may be in distress.

JANUARY 1943

- 18. The Company was activated per paragraph 1, General Order #4, HQ Warner Robins MB, Georgia, dated 1 Jan 1943, effective 18 Jan at Robins Field, with a cadre of eight EM. 1st Lt Whithead was attached and assumed command. The unit was attached to 1065th MP Co. for rations.
- 21. 2nd Lt James C. Newsome assigned.
- 23. 1st Lt Crow, 1114th MP Co. attached and assumed command vice 1st Lt Whitehead.
- 27. Five EM assigned, attached to 46th Air Depot for rations.
- 30. 2nd Lt Russ Ryan assigned from P.M.C. T.C., Fort Custer, Mich.
- 31. Gained four officers and five EM. Usual Garrison Duties.

FEBRUARY

- 1. 2nd Lt Newsome released and assigned to 1115th MP Co.
- 2. 1st Lt Naraist assumed command vice 1st Lt Crow. Organization. transferred from Warner AAB for permanent station at

Daniel Fd Augusta. Ga., with four officers and 111 EM. Two EM absent sick in hospital, Robins Fd. Travel by truck convoy.

- 7. Some 43 EM were assigned from Fort McLellan, Ala.
- 10. Usual garrison duties, Daniel Fd.
- 15. Five EM assigned from Camp Wheeler, Ga.
- 17. Two EM assigned from Robins Fd, Ga.
- 20. Usual garrison duties, Daniel Fd.
- 28. Gain of 52 EM, Daniel Fd, Ga.

MARCH

- 10. Usual garrison duties, Daniel Fd.
- 20. Usual garrison duties, Daniel Fd.
- 25. 2nd Lt Thomas Ryan from duty to Special Duty with 21st HQ and Air Base Sqd, Daniel Fd.
- 31. Usual garrison duties, Daniel Fd; gained seven EM, lost 15 EM

APRIL

- 10. Usual garrison duties, Daniel Fd.
- 20. Usual garrison duties, Daniel Fd.
- 30. 1st Lt Naraist released and attached 2lst Base HQ and placed on DS with P.R.T.C., Daniel Fd. 1st Lt Rueben W. Porter assigned and assumed command. Gained 49 EM and one officer; loss of one officer and 15 EM. Usual garrison duties.

MAY

- 1. 2nd Lt Dennis F. Ryan on DS to Harrisburg, Pa.
- 10. Usual garrison duties; 2nd Lt Thomas M.. Ryan transferred to 21st Base HQ and Air Base Sqd, Daniel Fd.
- 14. 2nd Lt James F. Latterio assigned.
- 20. Usual garrison duties.
- 26. 2nd Lt Dennis F. Ryan transferred to 1202nd MP Co., Daniel Fd.
- 31. Usual garrison duties. Gained two officers and 25 EM, lost two officers and 13 EM.

JUNE

- 1. 2nd Lt Latterio transferred to 21st Base HQ and Air Base Sqd; 2nd Lt Frank S. Guiner assigned.
- 2. Organization. on training bivouac at Hunter Fd, Savannah, with 10 EM on DS, departed Daniel Fd 07.00hrs by truck convoy, arrived Hunter at 11.30hrs.
- 10. Organization. on training bivouac, Hunter Fd.
- 11. Company returned to Daniel Fd, left Hunter 13.00hrs by truck convoy and arrived Daniel Fd .18.00hrs with tour officers and 93 EM.

Rest of June, July & August missing

SEPTEMBER

- 1. No change.
- 2. Cpl Garner promoted Sgt; Pfcs Coffey and Nueffer promoted Cpl; Pfc Pearson promoted T/5; Pvts Cantrell, Cook, Coleman, McMannis and Simpkins promoted Pfc.
- 3. Pfc Adams reduced to Pvt; Pvt Thomulka promoted Pfc.
- 6. Sgt Hardy from duty to AWOL 18.00hrs.
- 7. Sgt Hardy from AWOL to duty 12.00hrs.

- 9. Sgt Hardy reduced to Pvt.
- 10. Usual garrison duties at Station # 167.
- 14. S/Sgt McCoy from duty to OS 14.00hrs.
- 18. Pvt Burke from duty to hospital 09.00hrs.
- 20. Usual garrison duties, Station # 167.
- 22. Pvt Hardy promoted Pfc.
- 25. 1st Lt Rueben W. Porter promoted Captain; Pvts Calhoun and Barbour from confinement to duty 16.00hrs.
- 29. Pfc Cantrell from duty to DS 14.00hrs.
- 30. Pfc McMannis from duty to hospital; usual garrison duties, Station # 167.

OCTOBER

- 3. Pfc Daniel C. Hardy apptd Cpl.
- 4. Peter R. Furduto from duty to AWOL; Pvt Donald Loverich from duty to hospital; Pvt Oscar H. McMannis from hospital to duty.
- 6. Pvt James W. Willison from duty to confinement.
- 10. Usual garrison duties, Station #167.
- 11. Pfc Maurice C. Burke from hospital to duty, not in line of duty.
- 12. Pfc Emil Sommers from duty to sick in hospital, T/4 Samuel B. Cade from duty to hospital.
- 14. T/4 Samuel B. Cade from hospital to duty.
- 15. Pvt Donald Loverich from hospital to duty; Pvts Joe Ebert and Milton Lutska assigned; Pfc George L. Bell, Pvts Robert V. Sabatina, Paul F. Davis, Thomas V. Chambless, Peter Ellin, Charlemagne P. Milner, James G. Holder, Charles L. Ferrera and Hyman S. Cohen transferred to 985th MP Co. departed 1 Oct at 13.00hrs.
- 17. Sgt Newton Higgs from duty to hospital, line of duty.
- 18. Pvt Porter H. Moles transferred to 985th MP Co. dd 16 Oct.
- 19. Pvt Robert E. Haworth from duty to hospital LD.
- 20. Usual garrison duties, Station #167.
- 21. Pvt Robert E. Haworth from hospital to duty LD.
- 22. Pfc Olin J. Cantrell from OS to duty.
- 23. Sgt Newton Higgs from hospital to duty, Pvt Milton Lutska from duty to hospital.
- 31. Pvt Lutska from hospital to duty, Pfc Emil Sommers transferred from absent sick in hospital to Dept. of Patients, 36th Station Hospital, APO 649; usual garrison duties, Station #167.

Gains for month: two EM; losses: 11 EM.

NOVEMBER

- 1. Pvts Elmer J. Callow, Edwin C. Frick, Jack Kizima. and Robert W. Szabo appointed Pfs.
- 2. Sgt Edward C. Seghers appt S/Sgt; Cpl Hayward W. Sims to Sgt, Pfc Lambert W. Hostetler to Cpl. Pvt Milton Lutska AWOL from 14.00hrs 31 Oct to 14.00hrs 1 Nov, not shown on prior report.
- 6. Pvt Bernard C. Calhoun AWOL from 24.00hrs 3 Nov to 24.00hrs 5 Nov, not shown on prior report.
- 7. Pvt Milton Lutska from duty to confinement.
- 10. No change. Usual garrison duties at Station #167.
- 11. Pfc Irvin A. Marshall from duty to hospital.
- 16. S/Sgt John L. Goodroe from duty to hospital LD, 11.00hrs.
- 18. S/Sgt John L. Goodroe from hospital to duty LD, 11.00hrs.
- 20. No change. Usual garrison duties. Station #167.

- 21. 1st Lt Charles A. Russ from duty to hospital, Pfc Irvin A. Marshall from hospital to duty.
- 26. Cp1 Aubrey B. Cook and Pfc Joseph Schachter from duty absent sick at 121st General Hospital, Braintree, 15.00hrs.
- 28. Pvts Carlton Huff and Edward H. Tifft duty to hospital, 15.00hrs.
- 30. 1st Lt Charles A. Russ from hospital to duty, 11.00hrs. Usual garrison duties, Station #167.

Gains -none; losses -none.

DECEMBER

- 2. Cpl Aubrey B. Cook and Pfc Joseph Schachter from absent sick to duty; Pvt Milton Lutska from confinement to duty; Pvt Carlton Russ hospital to duty; Pvt Peter R. Furduto from AWOL to absent in confinement, 20.30hrs.
- 3. Pfc Edward H. Tifft from hospital to duty; Pfc Anthony J. Boll from duty to hospital; Capt Rueben W. Porter from duty to hospital.
- 4. Pvt Vincent Simmons from duty to AWOL. 08.00hrs.
- 5. Pvt Vincent Simmons from AWOL to duty. 01.00hrs, T/5 Walter G. Pearson from hospital to duty .
- 6. Pfc Anthony J. Boll from hospital to duty .
- 10. Capt Rueben W. Porter from hospital to duty; usual garrison duties. Station # 167.
- 19. Capt Rueben W Porter from duty to hospital; Ist Lt Frank S. Guiner assumes command.
- 20. Usual garrison duties. Station #167.
- 21. 1st Lt Charles A. Russ from duty to DS at HQ 985th MP Co. Station #103.
- 22. Capt Rueben W. Porter from hospital to absent sick at 121st General Hospital. Braintree.
- 28. Pfc King O. Simpkins reclassified from 501 to motorcycle scout SSW 679; Pfc Robert W. Szabo from tool room keeper SSW 242 also motorcycle scout; Pvt Edward B. Helmer from rifleman SSW 745 to military policeman SSW 877; Cpl Donald
- G. Hardy from section leader SSW 652 to motorcycle scout; Pfc Edwin G. Frick from rifleman SSW 745 to MP SSW 877; T/5 Walter W. Kohlmeier from truck driver SSW345 to motorcycle mechanic SSW 138; Cpl Oscar R. Richard from basic SSW 521. to MP SSW 877; Pfc Henry B. Cook from truck driver to motorcycle scout, T/5 Robert Booth from MP to armorer SSW 511; Pvt Lloyd J. Croker from basic to MP.
- 29. Pvt Herbert O. Stickler from duty to absent sick in hospital. not determined.
- 31. Cpl Donald G. Ward from duty to hospital, Pvt Herbert O. Stickler from absent sick in hospital to duty; Capt Rueben W. Porter from absent sick in hospital to duty. assumes command, usual garrison duties. Station #167. Gains none: losses -none.

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JANUARY 1944

- 2. Cpl Donald G. Beneke appt Sgt; Pfc Anthony J Boll appt T/5; Pfc Andrew M. Dano appt Cpl.
- 5. Cpl Donald G. Hardy from hospital to duty.
- 6. Pfc Melvin M. Bryant from duty to hospital.
- 7. Pfc Melvin M. Bryant from hospital to duty .
- 9. Pfc Claude Y. Bronaugb from duty to hospital.
- 10. Usual camp duties, Station #167.
- 11. Pvt James E. Davis from duty to hospital.

- 12. Sgt Hayward W. Sims reduced to Pvt.
- 13. Pfc Claude Y. Bronaugh from hospital to duty; Pvt Andrew T. Harbour from duty to hospital.
- 16. Pvt Andrew R. Barbour from hospital to duty.
- 17. Sgt John C. Mullenix from duty to hospital.
- 20. Sgt John C. Mullenix reduced to Pvt; usual camp duties, Station #167.
- 21. Pvt John C. Mullenix from hospital, line of duty, to absent sick in hospital, Pfc James E. Davis from hospital to duty.
- 22. Morning report, section strength: present for duty 81; not present for duty 1; absent -2.
- 23. Pvt Peter R Burd absent in confinement to confinement.
- 26. Pvt Lloyd H. Cooper from duty to hospital.
- 30. Pfc Manuel Lopez, Pvts Raymond E. Crippin, Carlton Huff, Paul H. Marcus, Joseph Bruno, Mitchell Binder, Andrew R. Barbour; Pfc Howard J. Thomulka, Irvin A. Marshall re-classified from basic 521 to MP 677, Pfcs Elmer J. Callow and Kenneth E. Coleman reclassified from Military Policeman 677 to Motorcycle Scout 679; Pfc Cloyd W. Hurt reclassified from Rifleman 745 to MP 677; Pvt Edward B. Tiftt from Basic 521 to Truck driver (light) 345.
- 31. S/Sgt John L. Goodrum and Sgt James H. Garner from duty to DS Disciplinary Training Center 2912, APO 508 as armed guard for prisoner, Pvt Lloyd B. Cooper from hospital to duty; usual camp duties, Station #167. Gains -none; Losses -none.

FEBRUARY

- 1. S/Sgt John L. Goodrum and Sgt James H. Garner from DS to duty; Pvts Robert R. Haworth, Cloyd W. Hurt, Herbert O. Stickler, Hayward W. Sims appt Pfc; T/5 Walter W. Kohlmeier from duty to hospital; Pvt John C. Mullenix from hospital to duty.
- 4. 1st Lt Frank S. Guiner and Sgt James H. Garner from duty to DS at Station #109; along with 23 EM; 1st Lt Charles A. Russ from DS and transferred to 985tb MP Co.; S/Sgt James McCoy and T/4 Arthur Rogers (from Jan 28) from duty to furlough (eight days).
- 5. T/4 Arthur Rogers from furlough to duty; T/5 Walter W. Kohlmeier hospital to duty.
- 9. Pvts John L. Moore, Salvador A. Magana, Benjamin F. Clark, Joseph Sedlock and Pfc Dennis M. Dunlea assigned from 982nd MP Co. on DS with this unit.
- 10. Usual camp duties, Station #167.
- 11. Joseph Schachter from duty to furlough (five days); T/5 Carl Cottrell from duty to furlough (eight days).
- 12. S/Sgt James L. McCoy from furlough to duty; Pfc James R. Davis reduced to Pvt.
- 14. T/5 carl C. Cottrell from furlough to duty.
- 16. Pfc Joseph Schachter from furlough to duty.
- 20. Pfc Henry Ratcliffe from duty to furlough (five days); usual camp duties, Station #167.
- 21. Pfc Henry Ratcliffe from furlough to duty.
- 25. Cpl Aubrey B. Cook from duty to hospital.
- 26. Sgt Donald G. Beneke from duty to hospital; Sgt Jack E. Sharpe from duty and transferred in grade to Port of Debarkation en route to US for Discharge.
- 28. Cpl Aubrey B. Cook from hospital to duty.
- 29. Cpls Aubrey B. Cook and Jack Coffey apptd Sgts as of 27th; Pfcs Edward P. Beyerback and James Absher apptd Cpls; S/Sgt John L. Goodrum from duty to furlough (seven days), usual camp duties, Station #167.

Gains - none; losses -one EM.

MARCH

- 1. Sgt Donald G. Beneke from hospital to duty; Pvts Lloyd C. Connor and Emery H. Hixson both promoted to Pfc.
- 7. S/Sgt John L. Goodrum from furlough to duty.

- 10. Usual garrison duties, Station #167.
- 11. A detachment of one officer and 29 EM relieved from DS at AAF Station #109; Sgt Ernest F. Seale. Pfcs Cloyd M. Hurt. Oscar E. McMannis on furlough for seven days (from 6th); five EM assigned from 985th MP Co. including Pvt Edward L. Whitted.
- 13. Pvt James W. Willison from confinement and transferred to 2912th Disciplinary Training Center, APO 508.
- 14. Sgt Ernest F. Seale. Pfcs Cloyd W. Hurt and Oscar E. McMannis from furlough to duty; 1st Lt Louis E. Pachter assigned from 1081st MP Co.
- 15. Pfcs Beaty, Bryant and Marshall from duty to furlough.
- 16. Sgt James M. Sutherland; Pvts Klaber. Clifford Goings assigned; Pfc Herbert O. Stickler from hospital to duty.
- 17. Pfc Hayward W. Sims, T/5 Dominick A. Brands, Pvt Donald Loverich, Pfc Lloyd B. Cooper. T/5 Raphael W. Pastrana from duty to furlough.
- 18. Cpl Hardy from DS at Station #109 to confinement; Cpl Donald Hardy reduced to Pvt.
- 20. Sgt Walter Astley assigned from HQ 1st Bomb Division; Pfcs Melvin M. Bryant and Ray H. Beaty from furlough to duty; usual garrison duties, Station #167.
- 21. T/5 Raphael W. Pastrana and Pvt Donald Loverich from duty to furlough; Pvts Cohen, Barbour and Helmer, Pfcs Bronaugh and Hollifield from duty to furlough.
- 27. T/5 Frank Wright from duty to hospital; Pvts Barbour and Helmer, Pvts Bronaugh and Hollifield furlough to duty
- 28. Pfcs Classio LaVello. Thomas J. Warner, Jack Cantrell and Paul Tinney; Pvts Chauncey Parker, Royal C. Zimmerman. Albert J. O'Connell, Albert J. Cirigliano. Frank H. Michault assigned from 38lst BG; S/Sgt Charles Danowski relieved from attachment and returned to 381st BG; Cpl Andrew Pope. Pvt Yorke and Pfc Ressio from furlough to duty; T/5 Frank E. Wright from hospital to duty.
- 29. Pvt Sagana, Pvt Hyman Cohen from furlough to duty; S/Sgt Archie W. Fox assigned from HQ 1st Bomb Division.
- 31. Usual garrison duties. Station # 167. Gains -one officer and 19 EM, losses -one EM.

APRIL

- 4. S/Sgt Edward C. Seghers. T/5 Donald C. Ash by, T/5 Willie A. Bradshaw, Pfs John A. Beaumont, Robert W. Szabo, Andrew
- P. Roth, Jack Kizima; Pvts Jack N. Adams, Richard C. Brady and Joseph Bruno from duty to furlough, six days.
- 6. 2nd Lt Lyford M. Cross promoted to 1st Lt; Pfc Hayward W. Sims AWOL from 24.00hrs.
- 10. Usual garrison duties, Station #167.
- 11. S/Sgt Edward C. Seghers, T/5 Donald C. Ashby, T/5 Willie A. Bradshaw, Pfs John A. Beaumont, Robert W. Szabo, Andrew P. Roth, Jack Kizima, Pvts Jack N. Adams, Richard C. Brady and Joseph Bruno from furlough to duty.
- 14. Pvt Paul Marcus from duty to hospital.
- 17. Pvt Paul Marcus from hospital to absent sick in hospital.
- 18. Pfc Hayward W. Sims reduced to Pvt.
- 20. Two officers and 53 EM are designated Detachment. A of 1142nd MP Co and placed on DS at Station #131, Nuthampstead; Pfc Harold L. Triplett assigned; Usual garrison duties, Station #167.
- 24. Capt Rueben W. Porter from duty to hospital; 1st Lt Lyford M. Cross assumed command.
- 26. Pvt Paul Marcus from absent sick in hospital to DS at Station #131;
- 29. Usual garrison duties, Station #167; Gains -one EM; losses -none.

Special Detachment

At 10.00hrs on April 16th orders were telephoned to 1142nd MP Co. at Station #167 by the Provost Marshal at 1st Bomb Division calling for a detachment of men to depart for a new base at Station #131 (Nuthampstead). HQ 1st BD then issued

Special Order #107 placing the following officers and men on DS: 1st. Lt Frank S. Guiner (commander). 1st Lt Louis E. Rachter (assistant) and S/Sgt Edward Seghers (acting 1st Sgt).

S/Sgt Charles Danowski (6806277)	S/Sgt Archie F. Fox (16836765)	Sgt Newton Higgs (34007107)
Sgt John J. Fritz (36210577)	Sgt Ives W. Sutherland (6991760)	Sgt Roderick Kent (35745069)
T/4 Arthur Rogers (38237851)	Sgt Ernest Seale (6271790)	Cpl Lambert Hostetler (15068413)
Cpl Nevin D. Adamson (39546451	Cpl Oscar R. Richard (31256252)	Cpl Andrew Dade (32585108)
T/5 Clarence L. Fairchild (39900609)	T/5 Dominick Branda (33483147)	T/5 Raphael W. Pastrano (32720036)
T/5 Walter A. Kohlmeier (36430188)	T/5 Frank E. Wright (32659581)	T/5 Walter M. Pearson (33522084)
Pfc Alfred N. Burch (34611162)	Pfc Claud Y. Bronaugh (38324607)	Pfc Jack Cantrell (38189034)
Pfc Maurice C. Burke (17169541)	Pfc Thomas J. Hollifield (34036629	Pfc Dennis M. Tunlee (36356432)
Pfc Cloyd W. Hurt (38446906)	Pfc Emery H. Hixson (38949339)	Pfc Anessio A. La Vello (32370508)
Pfc Jack Kizima (37541721)	Pfc Irvin A. Marshall (36522542)	Pfc Oscar E. McMannis (38276043)
Pfc Hayward W. Sims (35593862)	Pfc Joseph Schachter (33577323)	Pfc Thomas J. Warner (18044492)
Pfc Howard J. Thomulka (33576867)	Pvt Mitchell Binder (33449515)	Pvt Jack N. Adams (35643240)
Pvt Hyman S. Cohen (32529330)	Pvt Benjamin F. Clark (34143134)	Pvt Hubert P. Fonseca (18150465)
Pvt Raymond E. Crippin (36449825)	Pvt Stephen A. Klaber (33467089)	Pvt Clifford Goings (36225286)
Pvt Milton Lutska (32526543)	Pvt Donald Loverich (33438207)	Pvt Paul A. Marcus (39561717)
Pvt Salvador A. Magana (39401155)	Pvt Lee F. Oakman (33387166)	Pvt John L. Moore (35507921)
Pvt Charles P. Stump (35791336)	Pvt Vincent H. Simmons (12008190)	Pvt Edward Whitted (32838067)
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Pvt Royal C. Zimmerman (39180924)

The Detachment Commander arrived at AAF Station #131 and was told by the sentry on the gate that the adjutant wished to speak to him immediately. A call from General Beamer. 1st Bomb Division HQ. had come through ordering the detachment to return immediately to Ridgewell to greet some visiting dignitaries!

The men were billeted in Site #6. but there were no quarters for the officers. They settled for half of Hut 23, using the other

half as Orderly and Supply Room. Cleaning parties started work and there was a mad scramble for beds and biscuits, then once they were settled search parties went out looking for stove and life's necessities.

Meanwhile back at Ridgewell-

MAY

- 1. Pvt Peter Furduto from confinement to transfer to 2912th Disciplinary Training Center, APO 508. US Army.
- 4. Pvt Donald C. Hardy from confinement to duty.
- 10. Usual garrison duties, Station #167.
- 11. Pvt Frank Lichtwalt duty to hospital.
- 13. Capt Lyle H. Webb and 1st Lt Francis X. Mulherin attached to Alert Detachment for Special Duty along with 50 EM.
- 17. Pvt Benjamin J. Clark from DS at Station #131 to Disciplinary Training Center; Pvt Thomas V. Chambless and Pvt Donald
- C. Hardy from duty to hospital.
- 18. Entry of 13th to read 54 EM on detachment .
- 20. Usual garrison duties. Station #167.
- 21. Pvt Chauncey H. Parker from duty to hospital.
- 23. Pvt Frank Lichtwalt and Pvt Chauncey H. Parker from hospital to duty.
- 25. Pvt James E. Davis from duty to absent sick in hospital.
- 26. Pvts Thomas V. Chambless and Donald C. Hardy from hospital to duty.
- 28. Cpl William E. Nueffer reclassified from 405. Typist Clerk to 301, Investigator. Sqt Jack Coffey from duty to hospital,
- 29. Sgt Jack Coffey from hospital to duty.
- 31. Pfcs Kenneth E. Coleman, Elmer J. Callow, King O. Simpkins, Robert W. Szabo and Pvts Donald C. Hardy and Henry S. Cook reclassified from 579 Motorcycle Scout to 378 Motorcyclist. Usual garrison duties. Station # 167; Gains -none; losses one EM.

JUNE

- 3. Pvts Richard C. Brady and Joe Ebert from duty to AWOL as from 14.00hrs.
- 4. Pvts Brady and Ebert from AWOL to duty 24.00hrs.
- 8. T/5 Carl C. Cottrell from duty to hospital.
- 10. Usual garrison duties. Station #167.
- 11. Pvt Bernard C. Calhoun from duty to hospital.
- 14. Pvt James E. Davis from absent sick to duty; Five EM from 881st Chem. Co. attached thus unit for Special Duty; six EM attached to Alert Department this unit for quarters and rations.
- 15. Pvt Bernard C. Calhoun from hospital to duty.
- 16. T/5 Carl C. Cottrell from hospital to duty.
- 20. Usual garrison duties, Station #167.
- 30. Usual garrison duties. Station #167. Gains -none; losses -none.

JULY

- 4. Pvt Edward D. Geeslin assigned from 7th Station Comp. Sqd.
- 5. Capt Rueben W. Porter from duty to hospital; 1st Lt Lyford Cross assumed command.
- 10. Capt Porter from hospital to duty, assumed command; usual garrison duties, Sta #167.
- 20. Usual garrison duties, Station #167.

- 24. 1st Sgt John T. Briscoe reclassified from 585 to 502; Pfcs King O. Simpkins, Robert M. Szabo, Elmer J. Callow, Kenneth E. Coleman, Pvts Henry G. Cook and Donald G. Hardy from 378 to 345.
- 31. Pvt Edward D. Geeslin reclassified from 521 to 345, Automotive Equipment Operator; usual garrison duties Station #167; Gains -one EM; losses -none.

AUGUST

- 2. Pvt James E. Davis from duty to hospital.
- 4. Pvt Davis from hospital to duty.
- 10. Usual garrison duties, Station #167.
- 11. Cpl William J. Nueffer from duty to hospital.
- 15. Cpl Nueffer from hospital to duty.
- 18. S/Sgt James L. McCoy from duty to absent sick hospital.
- 20. Usual garrison duties, Station #167.
- 22. Nine EM attached to Alert Detachment, for quarters and rations.
- 26. Cpl Robert Frederickson and Pvt Joe Ebert from duty to hospital.
- 27. Cpl Frederickson from hospital to duty.
- 30. 41 EM attached to Alert Detachment, for quarters and rations relieved and returned to proper organizations.
- 31. Usual garrison duties, Station #167; Gains -none, losses -none.

SEPTEMBER

- 2. Pvt Joe Ebert from hospital to duty.
- 7. S/Sgt James L. McCoy from absent sick on hospital and transferred to Dept of Patients, 4207th US Army Plant, APO 69.
- 8. Sgt Donald G. Beneke from duty to furlough, seven days.
- 10. Usual garrison duties, Station #167.
- 11. Sgt Donald G. Beneke from furlough to duty.
- 12. T/5 Donald C. Ash by from duty to hospital.
- 14. T/Sgt Donald C. Ash by from hospital to duty.
- 15. Pfcs Elmer I. Callow and Kenneth E. Coleman from duty to furlough, seven days.
- 19. Pfc King O. Simpkins from duty to hospital.
- 20. Usual garrison duties, Station # 167.
- 21. Pfc King O. Simpkins from hospital to duty.
- 22. Pfcs Elmer J. Callow and Kenneth E. Coleman from furlough to duty.
- 26. Pvt Frank H. Lichtwalt from duty to hospital.
- 30. Usual garrison duties, Station #167; gains -none, losses -one EM.

OCTOBER

- 2. Pvt Frank H. Lichtwalt from hospital to duty.
- 3. T/4 Samuel B. Cade from duty to furlough seven days.
- 8. T/4 Samuel B. Cade from furlough to duty.
- 9. Cpl Edward P. Beyerback and Pfc Andrew P. Roth from duty to DS 2912th Disciplinary Training Center, APO 508 as armed

guard for prisoner, Roger W. Martin.

- 10. Cpl Beyerback and Pfc Roth from DS to duty; usual camp duties, Station #167.
- 12. T/5 Anthony J. Boll from duty to furlough, seven days.
- 13. 1st Sqt John T. Briscoe from duty to furlough, seven days; Pfc Edwin G. Frick from duty to hospital.
- 16. Cpl William E. Nueffer from duty to DS 29l2th. Disciplinary Training Center, APO 508, as armed guard for prisoner Robert E. Woolf.
- 17. Cpl Nueffer from DS to duty.
- 19. T/5 Anthony J. Boll from furlough to duty.
- 20. Ist Sgt John T. Briscoe from furlough to duty; Pvt Donald C. Hardy from hospital to duty; usual camp duties, Station #167.
- 21. Pfc Edwin C. Frick from hospital to duty.
- 23. Capt Rueben W. Porter from duty to hospital; lst Lt Lyford M. Cross assumed command.
- 26. S/Sqt Archie F. Fox from DS with unit at Station #131 returned to unit at Station #167.
- 30. Pvt Joe Ebert from duty to absent sick in hospital.
- 31. Usual camp duties, Station #167; gains -none. losses -none.

NOVEMBER

- 1. Pvt Chauncey H. Parker from duty to hospital.
- 2. Pvt Chauncey H. Parker from hospital to duty .
- 4. Capt Rueben W. Porter from hospital to duty. and assumed command.
- 7. Pfc King O. Simpkins from duty to furlough.
- 10. Usual camp duties. Station #167.
- 11. Pvt Joe Ebert from hospital to duty.
- 13. Pvt King O. Simpkins from furlough to duty.
- 20. 1st Lt Lyford M. Cross attached to 202lst Engineer Aviation F/F Platoon for command purposes during absence of 1st Lt Gilbert H. Schill (no change of Station)~ usual camp duties, Station # 167.
- 23. Pvt Chauncey H. Parker from duty to hospital.
- 24. Pvt Parker from hospital to duty.
- 25. 1st Lt Lyford M. Cross returned from attachment with 2021st Eng. Avn.
- 26. 1st Lt Frank S. Guiner transferred to 398th Bomb Group. Station #131 Nuthampsted.
- 29. Pfc Paul R. Tinney from duty to temporary duty 2912tb Disciplinary Training Center, APO 545 (armed guard for prisoner).
- 30. Pfc Tinney returned from 2912th TDC to duty; usual camp duties, Station #167. Gains- none; losses- one officer.

DECEMBER

- 4. Pvts Edwin G. Frick and Herbert O. Stickler from duty to furlough. seven days.
- 10. Usual camp duties, Station #167.
- 11. Pvts Frick and Stickler from Furlough to duty.
- 12. Sgt James M. Garner from duty to absent sick in hospital; Pvt Ray B. Beaty from duty to hospital.
- 13. Pvt Ray B. Beaty from hospital to duty.
- 18. Sgt Walter Astley, T/5 Robert M. Booth and Pfc Manuel Lopez to TD at 47 Grosvenor Square, London for three days approx. as witnesses for the naturalization of Pfc Lopez.
- 18. Sgt Walter Astley, T/5 Robert M. Booth and Pfc Manuel Lopez returned with Lopez now an American citizen.
- 22. Pvt Joseph Sedlock from duty to furlough, seven days.

- 28. Pvt Sedlock from furlough to duty; Pvt Thomas. V. Chambless from duty to hospital.
- 29. Pvt Chambless from hospital to duty.
- 31. Sgt Donald A. Beneke from duty to hospital; usual camp duties, Station # 167. Gains -none; losses -none.

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JANUARY 1945

- 2. Sgt Walter Astley from duty to furlough, seven days.
- 3. Sgt Donald C. Beneke from hospital to duty.
- 5. Pvts Joseph Bruno, Bernard O. Calhoun, Albert J. Cirigliano, Henry B. Cook, Donald C. Hardy, Edward B. Helmer, Carlton Huff, Frank R Lichtwalt, John C. Mullenix, Albert J. O'Connell promoted Pfcs; Capt Rueben W. Porter from duty to hospital; 1st Lt Lyford M. Cross assumed command; Pvt Joseph Ebert from duty to absent sick in hospital.
- 9. Sgt Walter Astley from furlough to duty.
- 10. Usual camp duties, Station #167.
- 12. Pfc Donald C. Hardy from duty to hospital.
- 13. Capt Rueben W. Porter from hospital to duty and assumed command; Sgt Walter Astley reduced in grade to Pvt for cause.
- 14. Pfc Donald C. Hardy from hospital to duty.
- 19. Pfc Carl C. Cantrell transferred to 7th Station Complement Sqd.; Cpl James E. Stewart assigned from 7th Sta Camp Sqd; Pvt Joseph Ebert from absent sick in hospital to duty.
- 20. Usual camp duties, Station #167.
- 22. Sgt James H. Gamer from absent sick in hospital transferred to Dept. of Patients, 1207th US Hospital Plant, AP069.
- 29. S/Sgt John L. Goodrum from duty to hospital; Sgt James E. Stewart transferred from Air Corps to Corps of Military Police.
- 30. Pfcs Donald C. Hardy, Elmer J. Callow transferred to 12th Reinforcement Depot, Reinf. Command, APO 551.
- 31. S/Sgt John L. Goodrum from hospital to duty; Pfc Andrew Roth from duty to TD
- at RAF School, Kingsdown, for approx. four weeks; Usual camp duties, Station # 167. Gains -one EM; losses -four EM.

FEBRUARY

- 1. Pfc Herbert O. Stickler from duty to hospital.
- 2. Cpl Edward P. Beyerback and T/5 Anthony I. Boll promoted Sgt; Pfc Edwin G. Frick promoted Cpl; Pfc King O. Simpkins to T/5.
- 5. Pfc Herbert O. Stickler from hospital to duty; Pfc Kenneth E. Coleman from duty to hospital.
- 10. Pfc Kenneth E. Coleman from hospital to duty; usual garrison duties, Station #167.
- 11. S/Sgt Archie F. Fox from duty to hospital.
- 12. S/Sgt Fox from hospital to duty.
- 14. Ist Lt Lyford M. Cross placed on Detached Service as 1142nd MP Co. Detachment Commander at Station # 131 Nuthampstead, departed 10.00hrs.
- 15. Pfc Manuel Lopez from duty to absent sick at hospital.
- 18. Pfc Henry S. Cook from duty to hospital.

- 19. Sgt Edwin L. Hancock attached from 448th Sub-Depot 08.30hrs, this Station.
- 20. Usual camp duties, Station #167.
- 21. Pfc Henry S. Cook from hospital to duty.
- 22. Sgt Edwin L. Hancock returned to 448th Sub-Depot at 08.00hrs, this Station.
- 28. Usual garrison duties, Station #167. Gains -none; losses -none.

MARCH

- 2. Pfc Andrew P. Roth returned from TD at RAF School, Kingsdown and was very pleased that he was to be put on flying status in the very near future.
- 3. Pfc Henry S. Cook from duty to hospital he received bad bruising on the perimeter track while on duty, when a truck forced his motorcycle off the road. An investigation by Sgt Beneke and Capt Porter disclosed that the accident was caused through no fault of anyone.
- 6. Pfc Cook from hospital to duty.
- 7. Pfc Andrew P. Roth transferred to 303rd Bomb Group, Molesworth, departing at 09.30hrs.
- 8. Pfc John C. Mullenix transferred to 9th Reinforcement Depot, APO 545, to attend Officer Cadet School, departed 14000hrs; Pvt Joseph C. Morgan assigned from 381st BG; Pvt Morgan is a limited assigned man who was wounded in France while in

the infantry.

- 10. Change -Record of Events; Usual camp duties.
- 12. No change in morning report. An application for Marriage was submitted by Pfc Kenneth E. Coleman, to Capt Porter. It was approved and forward to higher HQ for approval.
- 13. Cpl James R. Stewart reclassified from Heavy Machine Gunner (605) to Military Policeman (677).
- 14. Pfc Kenneth E. Coleman's for marriage was disapproved by higher HQ and returned but application may be re-submitted within 90 days.
- 16. Pvts WaJter Astley, Richard C. Brady, Joe Ebert, Edward D. Geeslin and Edward H. Tiftt promoted to Pfcs.
- 17. Pvt Chauncey H. Parker from duty to hospital.
- 20. Pvt Parker from hospital to duty. Usual garrison duties, Station #167.
- 21. Sgt Edward P. Beyerback from duty to TD at 2912th Disciplinary Training Center as armed guard for prisoner Fred C. Altimus, who was returned to the DTS to serve a previous sentence which was suspended.
- 22. Sgt Beyerback returned from TD to duty.
- 23. Pfc Henry F. Terry assigned from 38lst BG. He is a limited assignment man who came over from the States; quite a few such men were sent over to replacement sent to the Infantry; Pfc Szabo from duty to hospital, he collided with a truck while on motorcycle patrol and suffered bad bruises but released from hospital next day and lost no time as far as performing his duties was concerned.
- 26. Pvt Homer L. Williams assigned from 535th Bomb Sqd, this station; Pvt James H. Gause, Jr, assigned from 534th BS~ Pfc Henry F. Terry transferred from Air Corps to CMP.
- 28. Pfc Paul R. Tinney, Pvts Chauncey H. Parker, Joe Ebert and Thomas V. Chambless were given their final physical examination for the Infantry. All four volunteered for service.
- 29. Pvt Joseph M. Sullivan assigned from 381st BG; Capt Porter, 1st Sgt Briscoe, S/Sgt Goodroe and T/S Novak paid a visit to the Detachment at Station #131 Nuthampstead, traveling by motor vehicle. The men at the Detachment were all content and morale was high.
- 31. Usual garrison duties, Station #167. Gains -five EM; losses- two EM.

APRIL

- 6. Sgt Donald G. Beneke from duty to TD at 47 Grosvenor Square, London. The purpose of this duty was for Sgt Beneke to appear before an OCS board to attend Judge Advocate's OCS.
- 7. Cpl William L. Nueffer from duty to furlough, seven days.
- 8. Sgt Donald G. Beneke returned from London to duty. The decision of the OCS board which subject appeared before was not known. It's approval or disapproval for Sgt Beneke to attend Judge Advocate's OCS would be sent to the organization by mail.
- 10. Usual garrison duties, Station #167.
- 13. Pfcs Joe Ebert, Paul R. Tinney, Pvts Chauncey H. Parker and Thomas V. Chambless transferred to 12th Reinforcement Depot. Rein. Command, APO 551., departing 08.15hrs. These men volunteered for conversion to Infantry training.
- 14. Cpl William L. Nueffer from furlough to duty.
- 15. The 1142nd MP Co. was disbanded per Section 1. General Order 52, HQ Eighth Air Force, dd 12 April 1945. All off the EM and officers with the exception of 1st Sgt John T. Briscoe, were transferred to 432nd Hosp. & Base Service Gp, Air Service Group, this Station.

First Sgt Briscoe was transferred to 682nd Air Material Sqd, 432nd Air Service Group. and was made 1st Sgt of that organization All the personnel will continue to do the same work as was done in the 1142nd and will be the Guard section of the 432nd Hosp. & Base Gp.

Practically the whole of the personnel were very decreased (sic) because of the disbandment of the 1142nd. The majority of the men were with the Company since its activation in January 1943. All the men knew each other very well and worked harmoniously together and it was one big happy family, so to speak, which had a great effect on morale.

Detachment 'A', which was station at AAF Station #131., Nuthampstead, was also disbanded and incorporated into the 426th Hosp. & Base Service Gp. Gains -none; losses -51 EM and one officer.

DUTIES OF 1142ND MILITARY POLICE COMPANY (AVN)

THE duties of this MP Company on this station consist of those duties coincident to any police organization. One of the most important, especially in war time, is of preserving internal security. This is done by Military Policemen being mounted on all gates and entrances, and a check made of all persons, military or civilian entering or leaving. Any suspicious persons loitering on the base without authority are apprehended and questioned.

Any aircraft that may crash is guarded by a member of this organization. whether it be on the station itself or adjacent to the base. A military escort is provided for many notable or important persons that may visit the station.

Bicycles are registered and a record of all bicycles on the station is kept. Any lost or stolen bicycles are picked up and returned to the rightful owner.

Investigations are conducted when any crime is committed by a member of the United States Army. If a civilian is implicated, the Military Police work in conjunction with the civilian police. Regulation and control of all traffic is maintained by a constant motorcycle patrol. while investigations are made of all traffic accidents.

Absentees, whether voluntary or involuntary are returned to their proper organizations and a record is kept of all violations and offences. Prisoner guards are furnished to guard all types of prisoners.

A Town Patrol is on duty each night to patrol the nearby villages and towns that are frequented by soldiers of this station while off duty. Guards are also posted on the perimeter upon the return of each mission, with two men posted at each briefing and interrogation.

The duties of the MP Company and any other MP Company are to enforce the law of the United States Army and to preserve law and order and to help any soldier that may be in distress.

The following was not part of the 1142nd War Diary, but is included here for context.

From the 448th Sub Depot War Diary, April 1945:

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All the personnel will continue to do the same work as was done in the 1142nd M.P. Co. and will be the guard section of the 432nd Air Service Group.

Practically the whole of the personnel were very depressed because of the disbandment, the majority having been with the Company since its activation in January 1943. All the men knew each other very well and worked harmoniously together and it was one big happy family, so to speak, which had a great effect on morale."

* The 432nd Air Service Group was formed April 15, 1945, as the result of a massive reorganization effort and absorbed nearly all of the tenant commands assigned to the 381st BG at Ridgewell, Station 167.