

The Black Lady



STRICTLY FOR MP'S

By Pfc. Dannheiser

Provost Marshal Aids Combat Units On Post

Identifies, Registers, And Reports; Assists Municipal Authorities

COURTESY STRESSED

By Pvt. Lionel Kay

The Post Provost Marshal, Capt. Walter R. Padrick, and his assistant, Lt. John P. Loffredo, work to assist the Post Commanding Officer to render service to the combat units stationed in Camp for training.

He is not after any record of arrests, but is more interested in preventing incidents that may take enlisted men away from their training.

Courteous

The duties of the Provost Marshal's Office, which is under the watchful eye of S Sgt E. R. Bender, are the issuing of identification passes, the registration of personal automobiles and firearms and the reporting of delinquencies. In every phase of its work courtesy is emphasized.

The Provost Marshal carries out and enforces all regulations that the Post Commanding Officer may prescribe. He cooperates with all the local civilian law-enforcement authorities, and is in constant communication with the state police.

Although the Post and the Divisional Provost Marshals deal with different sorts of work, there is complete cooperation among them in the handling of any cases that pertain to each one's respective personnel.

MPs Have A Boss

The Post MPs work only for the Provost Marshal. All their activities are in reality the ac-

Yes, Indeed, S Sgt. Crumit; There Certainly Has To Be

Seattle (Special to the SENTRY)—S Sgt. Austin Crumit stopped a Navy station wagon here recently for speeding through city streets at over 50 miles per hour.

A very frightened driver stuck his head out the window and exclaimed: "Please, sergeant, let us go. We're on the way to the hospital with a woman who has just had a miscarriage."

Promptly switching on his siren, Sgt. Crumit escorted the "ambulance" to the hospital.

After the excitement was over, he philosophically remarked, "Well, there has to be a first time for everything."

activities of the Provost Marshal. These various duties range from gate guard to town patrol.

The motorcycle squad of the traffic section is responsible for the control of traffic on the post (speed limit, 20 m.p.h.), and assists units leaving or entering the Post.

Praised For Courtesy

The Provost Marshal has trained his MPs to be courteous but firm. They know the regulations and are on duty to see that they are carried out. They want to help a man and not get him in trouble.

The results of this training have been worthwhile. Many officers and enlisted men have phoned the Provost Marshal and praised the MPs for their courtesy and friendliness, especially at the gates, where a stranger gets his first impression of the Camp.

Divisional Provost Marshal In Action In The Field



MAJ. R. M. CRISWELL, Provost Marshal of the Timber Wolf division, points out a bottleneck in the movement of troops, on foot and in trucks, to his assistants and some of his MPs. Under the category of "traffic control," it is the Provost Marshal's responsibility to keep troops moving with a minimum of delay due to traffic congestion. Seen above, as the problem is analyzed and worked out, are (l.-r.): T 5 John Mancuso, Lt. H. H. Oaksford, Maj. R. M. Criswell, Lt. William Nutting, S Sgt. James Sherwood, Pvt. Boyd Schallenberg, and Pfc. Harry Gourley.—Signal Corps Photo.

Tough MP's Make Up NWS Patrols

Operate From Canada To Sunny California

Vociferous and many are the complaints of GI drivers against the toughness of the MPs of the Northwest Sector Patrol.

Under the command of Capt. Sidney C. Jenkins and Lt. Howard F. Wilson, there are two patrols of six men each. They constitute one traffic department in which no tickets can be fixed.

No Pulling Rank!

The patrols have stopped speeders ranking from the lowly private to a brigadier general.

Organized by Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command and the Fourth Army, these patrols' main purpose is to protect government vehicles and military personnel on the public highways.

Range Far

The entire Northwest Sector, from the Canadian border to California, is patrolled. The patrols can be any place at any time, not operating under any set schedule.

The men in these patrols are all graduates of Traffic Control School conducted in Ft. Lewis.

They are neither judge nor jury, but act in the capacity of reporters only. Reports of violation clear through Headquarters, Northwest Sector, before going to the offender's commanding officer. Army Regulations require that disciplinary action be taken.

All military and naval personnel must obey these MPs when the latter are on duty.

OH, WELL! GRAND COULEE WAS ALWAYS NICE PLACE

Grand Coulee, Wash. (CNS)—Bicycling employees of a powerhouse here have a down hill ride both to and from work. Each morning they coast down a slope to the foot of the dam. Each night their bikes are hoisted 400 feet by elevator to the top of the dam. Then they coast home.

Provost Marshals Of Divisions Train MPs

MP Desk Sergeant Directs All From Behind The Scene

"The man behind the scenes" would be a very apt title for the desk sergeant in the Post Provost Marshal's office. It's a 24-hour a day deal, in eight-hour shifts—just like a municipal police department.

The desk sergeant books prisoners, checks and returns their personal property, lists all irregularities that are reported and records all incoming and outgoing phone calls.

He receives a report on all fire alarms that come in on the Post and informs the motorcycle patrols of these alarms.

Every hour the gate guards must report in as do the motorcycle patrols.

Non-coms in charge of patrols report to the desk sergeant when going on duty, and he checks out their sidearms to them. He receives reports from the non-coms when they return from their tours of duty.

The desk sergeant carries on the Provost Marshal's activities in his absence, and it is his responsibility to coordinate the MP town detail with the Camp forces.

He is prepared to handle any emergency. His phone number, one to remember, is 2975.

THE PROVOST MARSHAL AND THE MPS ARE NOT TO BE FEARED. THEY ARE THERE TO HELP. BUT—IF YOU DO GO AROUND BREAKING RULES, EXPECT TO TAKE YOUR PUNISHMENT.

It is against regulations for more than two persons to ride in the front seat of army trucks, weapon carriers, sedans, or other G.I. vehicles that are not especially equipped for more than two.

Besides the Provost Marshal there are two divisional Provost Marshals at Camp Adair—Maj. R. M. Criswell, in the Timber Wolf division, and Capt. Calvin Wisman, in the Trailblazer division.

Their duties differ from those of the Post Provost Marshal as, primarily, they are training the division Military police for the work that will have to be done in the field under actual combat conditions.

Know All The Answers

The main categories of this work are traffic control, straggler lines and civilian evacuation. They also act as a general bureau of information, being expected to have all the answers to any questions that no one else knows the answers to.

All troop movements, whether on foot or by truck, are supervised by the Provost Marshal and his MPs. Intersections must be patrolled and speeding guarded against. Bottle-necks must be removed as soon as they develop in order that troop movements be as facile as possible.

Straggler lines, during combat, are set up immediately behind the field artillery. Stragglers, wounded and deserters must be "collected" and properly taken care of.

As towns are occupied, civilian populations must be controlled. They may be "frozen" indoors or restricted by means of a curfew, or they may be completely evacuated to another location.

Sabotage must be prevented, as well as subversive fifth column activity. Highways must be kept open to allow free troop movements. Towns must be policed when soldiers arrive.

While in Camp Adair, these Provost Marshals are most concerned with the training of their respective MP platoons. They do, however, clear all delinquency reports from the Post Provost Marshal, and cooperate in every way possible with the "housekeeping" authorities.

Only authorized passengers may ride in a military vehicle.

You Press the Little Thumb Down



OBVIOUSLY THEY ARE not paying attention to the work that is on hand, but are much more interested in the cameraman. What we tried to get across was a scene of activity, with the head of the Provost Marshal's Identification Department, Sgt. George Köhler, busily fingerprinting Miss Betty Bennett, Post Headquarters employee.—Signal Corps Photo.