

IMMEDIATE ACTION

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

*Mr. Richards &
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AG 320.2 (9-26-41)
MR-M-A

September 26, 1941.

SUBJECT: Organization of the Corps of Military Police.

TO: Provost Marshal General.
Commanding Generals,
All Armies, Corps Areas, Departments
and All Defense Commands.
Commanding Officers of Bases and Exempted Stations.
Chiefs of Arms, Services and Bureaus.

1. A Corps of Military Police is established and will continue in existence during the period of the present emergency; its existence thereafter will be terminated at such time as the Secretary of War may direct.

2. The Corps of Military Police shall include all tactical Military Police units, Zone of Interior Military Police units, and those Military Police units and detachments (including all enlisted men habitually performing military police duties) which are part of the War Department Overhead or Corps Area and Department Service Commands.

3. Except as to personnel, the Provost Marshal General will be charged with such duties pertaining to the Corps of Military Police as are contemplated for chiefs of arms and services in Army Regulations 70-5.

4. Officer Personnel.

a. In activating future military police units and in replacement of losses to existing units, Regular Army commissioned personnel of the Corps of Military Police will be maintained by detail from the Infantry and Cavalry.

b. Future quotas of Regular Army officers will be furnished by the two branches concerned on a basis of 80% from the Infantry and 20% from the Cavalry.

c. Selection of officers will be left to the chief of arm concerned

d. The number of Regular Army officers to be detailed to duty with Military Police units will be on the same basis as is now prescribed for similar Regular Army Infantry and Cavalry units.

e. Each Military Police Battalion will be commanded by a Regular Army officer.

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f. Reserve officers for duty with Corps of Military Police units will be provided on basis of Table of Organization needs, after such Regular Army officers assigned are deducted from totals shown.

5. Enlisted Personnel.

a. Enlisted men will be assigned to duty with the Corps of Military Police. Pending further instructions they will remain members of their present arms or services.

b. Replacements will be obtained by transfer of competent men from other organizations and by requisition on The Adjutant General. Special attention will be paid to the utilization of older and more experienced men in the selection of enlisted personnel for the Corps of Military Police.

6. Insignia and hat cord will be that now authorized for Military Police.

7. Army, corps area, department, defense command, base command and exempted station commanders will report the designation, station, allotted grades, ratings and authorized strengths (by white and colored) of military police units, under their control, that are assigned to duty with the Corps of Military Police by the foregoing. They will also report the name, rank, organization and station of officers assigned for duty with the Corps of Military Police.

8. Instructions as to training of personnel of the Corps of Military Police will be issued in a separate communication.

By order of the Secretary of War:



Major General,
The Adjutant General.

Copies furnished:

Chief of Staff, GHQ
Chief of Armored Force
Divisions of War Department
General Staff
Chief of the Army Air Forces.
Commanding General,
Air Force Combat Command.

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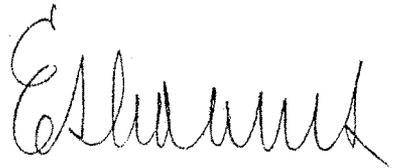
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Paragraph 5 a, of immediate action letter, this office,
AG 320.2 (9-26-41) MR-M-A, September 26, 1941, subject as above, is
rescinded, and the following substituted therefor:

"Enlisted men assigned to organizations of the Corps of Military
Police will be transferred from their arm or service to that Corps."

By order of the Secretary of War:



Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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Field Forces and Air Force Combat Command.
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Chief of the Army Air Forces.
Divisions of the War Department
General Staff.