R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS  
THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 403

AG 230 - CNVCB

3 October 1944

SUBJECT: Apprehension of Suspicious Civilians.

TO : See Distribution.

1. Recent reports from Divisions in widely separated areas within Third Army zone of operations confirm the enemy policy of using civilians and their own troops posing as civilians to secure information to initiate sabotage activity after infiltrating through our lines. This known infiltration constitutes an active and ever present danger to the security of military operations.

2. The detection and apprehension of such individuals is the responsibility of all military personnel in Third US Army.

3. Civilian Apprehension:

The following restrictions of civilian rights and actions will be adopted as security measures:

a. Civilians will be stopped at anytime by any member of the U. S. Armed Forces, when, because of dress, appearance, activity, possession of fire-arms, unusual bundles or packages, or other circumstances surrounding presence at the particular place, there is reasonable doubt as to whether he is friend or enemy. If, after preliminary investigation doubt as to his status remains, the civilian will be detained and turned over to the Military Police or CIC, notwithstanding that he may be in possession of both official U. S. "exemption" restriction cards and indigenous identity card.

b. All cases of doubt will be resolved in favor of security and the individual will be held until cleared by proper investigation.

c. The indigent population of Germany must be considered as enemy and a threat to the security of our operations. Attention is invited to the provisions of letter, Headquarters 12th Army Group, 30 September 1944, subject: "Non-fraternization policy".

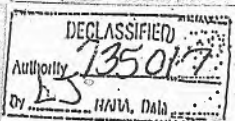
4. Civilian Curfew:

a. Curfew restrictions as promulgated from time to time will be observed by all civilians except those in possession of an official "exemption" card issued by Civil Affairs, Provost Marshal or appropriate G-2 through CIC, and military personnel except when on official duty. The holder of civilian "exemption" cards must comply with the dates and hours specified.

b. Travel by civilians is restricted to a distance of six (6) kilometers from the place of residence. When an individual resides in a town or populated place, the town limits or reasonable equivalent thereof, will be used as the starting point for measurement of distance traveled. The six (6) kilometer limit may be exceeded only by those individuals holding "exemption" cards issued by Civil Affairs, Provost Marshal or G-2.

c. All military personnel must be alerted for the detection of any violation of the restrictions on civilian activities. All violators will be detained and turned over to the nearest Military Police or CIC for action. Possession of an "exemption" card issued by US Military authorities is not conclusive evidence of the holders friendly status. Any bona fide possessor of such exemption will also have a proper indigenous identity card.





5. All organization and unit commanders will be responsible for a complete dissemination of this directive and of instructions to their respective commands.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

C. F. Cory  
C. F. CORY  
Capt., A. G. W.  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

Reproduced by AC of S, G-2, Hq 35th Inf Div, 7 October 1944.

Ltr of Instruction attached to G-2 Periodic Report No. 89 dated 7 October 1944.