UNIT REPORT

From: 242400 June 1945
To : 252400 June 1945

KOBLENZ SUB AREA
(35th Inf Div)
260800 June 1945

NO. 23

1. ENEMY:

a. Intelligence and CI Activities:

X (1) Security control of civil population - Negative.

(2) Resistance organizations - Negative.

(3) Internal security - Negative.

(4) Port, frontier, and travel security control - Among German FWs being transported to discharge point one was found to be member of Waffen SS.

(5) Misc security affecting US Forces - German civilian in BIRKENFELD L5916 arrested for looting military property. At LAUBACH L840621 wire shorted in test box by wrapping wire around terminals.

b. Action taken on Intelligence Targets - Bridge guard at L594074 (WOLFERS-WEILER) removed 22 June 1945.

c. Evidence of possession of arms by German Nationals - German civilian arrested for having in possession 75 Kilos of powder plus dynamite, fuzes and caps. Claims these were to be used in stone quarries.

X d. Attempts by civilians to evade regulations - No incidents.

e. Persons detained and reasons therefore:

MULLER, Hans - KOBLENZ L9095

Reason for arrest - Party member and political activities in NSDAP

BRAUER, Maria - KOBLENZ L9095

Reason for arrest - Ortsgruppefrauenenschaftsfuhrerin, NSDAP

RUSCH, Wilhelm - NEUWIED F9204

Reason for arrest - Kreishauptstellenleiter

KRAUER, Jakob - Kreis Neuwied

Reason for arrest - Organizationleiter

KRAFT, Peter - BOPPARD L8981

Reason for arrest - Amtsleiter

KLUR, Karl - BAD KREUZNACH M0939

Reason for arrest - Looting furniture

DECKER - Frederick - THALLICHTENBERG L720065

Reason for arrest - Having powder and dynamite in possession

HEINZMANN, Alfred - BAD KREUZNACH M0939

Reason for arrest - Kreiskurturward

LERSCH, Willi - STROMBERG M030500

Reason for arrest - Automatic arrest S D

LOOS, Emil - BAD KREUZNACH M0939

Reason for arrest - Ortsgruppenleiter

VELTEN, Julius - Kreis Kreuznach

Reason for arrest - Ortsgruppe Pressamtsleiter

GIERST, Adolf - BIRKENFELD L5916

Reason for arrest - Looting military property

SCHMIDT, Edward - Kreis Birkenfeld

Reason for arrest - Waffen SS

NICKEL, Josef - BAD KREUZNACH M0939

Reason for arrest - Ortsgruppenleiter

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G-2	4	Rcn Trp	1	Sig Co	1
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1. The purpose of this report is to provide information on the activities of the XXIII Corps during the period from 1 January to 31 December 1950.

2. The report is divided into two main parts: (a) Summary of activities, and (b) Detailed description of activities.

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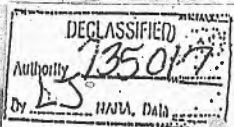
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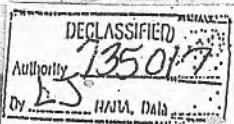
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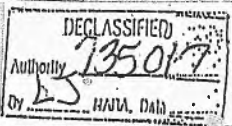
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