

**HEADQUARTERS  
537th AAA AW BN  
APO 757, U.S. ARMY**

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# **RAILWAY SECURITY**

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**Instructions and Orders for**

**TRAIN GUARDS  
CAR CHECKERS  
STATIC GUARDS  
SHIFT NON-COMS**

THIS BOOKLET is printed with the expressed purpose of clearly defining the duties of men actually engaged in securing U. S. Military Supplies in transit by rail. This includes Train Riders, Car Checkers, Static Guards, Shift Officers and Non Commissioned Officers and other operating personnel. Each man who is issued a copy of this booklet will be responsible for full knowledge of its contents insofar as pertain to his particular job. If there is anything you do not understand about your job that is not covered in these instructions ask your Shift Non Com. before going on duty.

The primary mission of this battalion is the safeguarding of U. S. Supplies moving by rail. There are many points along the railroad where gangs and individuals are waiting to steal hundred of thousand of dollars worth of U.S. Property. All of us pay for these supplies and pilferages make suckers out of us. We can prevent pilferage by careful attention to the job assigned to us.

**Safety precautions for all  
operating personnel.**

1. Do not walk down the middle of the tracks.
2. Do not CRAWL UNDER CARS.

3. **STEP OVER** Rails and not on them crossing tracks to avoid accidents when switchings are made.
4. In walking around the end of a car or a group of cars each man will walk around it at least 5 yards from the end of the last car.
5. Utmost care in mounting and dismounting trains is to be exercised.

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### **Orders and Instructions for Train Guards.**

1. Watch your bulletin and operation board so you will know when you go on duty.

2. Upon being notified to take a train, each guard team will draw weapons from gun room and rations from kitchen or ration point.

3. Upon arriving at the yards get your copy of the guard trip report and check the car numbers and condition of the cars before you sign for the train. This is important because you become responsible for the train once you sign for it.

Points to look for in checking cars are:

- a. Box car doors sealed and heavily wired.
- b. Box car windows shut.

c. Examine ends and sides of cars to see that they are not damaged.

d. On Gondolas check the tarps for slashes.

4. There will be no unauthorized military or civilian personnel riding on your train.

5. Do not drink intoxicating beverages immediately before or while on guard duty. Beers and wines are considered intoxicants. Being drunk on duty is severe offense punishable by courts-martial.

6. Your M.P. arm band will be worn at all times.

## On the trip.

1. One guard will be alert at all times while one guard dozes. Men of this battalion are now serving sentences for having been found asleep on duty.

2. When the train stops both guards will dismount and patrol the train one on each side checking the afore mentioned points.

3. When train travels very slowly look out of the caboose windows to see that no one mounts the train and pilfers it while it is in motion. Trains have been known to be pilfered while traveling up a grade. The pilferers dumped the cargo and

returned later to recover their loot. Also be on the lookout at halts for roads running parallel to the tracks because trucks can be backed up to a train. If train is split, one guard must remain with each section. Guards must be especially careful if train is run over a hump to be sure that none of their cars are cut off and left behind.

4. In case pilferage occurs while enroute the guard commander will secure the following information and report it to the duty officer immediately upon returning to this organization.

- a. Train number.
- b. Car number.



# TELEPHONE-NUMBERS

Btry or Det.	Location	Telephon No.
Hqs & Hqs Det.	Gross-Steinheim	Round-up 34 775, 537th AAA AW Bn.
Medical Det.	Gross-Steinheim	Round-up 34 775, 537th AAA AW Bn.
Hqs Btry "A"	Bischofsheim	Round-up 34 775, 537th AAA AW Bn., Btry "A"
Det. Btry "A"	Frankfurt/M.	Round-up 34 308
Det. Btry "A"	Neunkirchen	No phone
Hqs Btry "B"	Grossauheim	Round-up 34 775, 537th AAA AW Bn., Btry "B"
Det. Btry "B"	Bebra	Round-up 34 775, 537th AAA AW Bn., Btry "B"
Hqs Btry "C"	Lollar	Giessen, Lollar 249
Hqs Btry "D"	Grossauheim	Round-up 34 775, 537th AAA AW Bn., Btry "D"
Det. Btry "D"	Kranichstein	Kranichstein 4361
Det. Btry. "D"	Wurzburg	Wurzburg 712
379th AAA Battalion		
Hqs Btry "C"	Kassel	Kassel sw. 5256; Ger. Dial 957—1351
397th M.P. Battalion		
Hqs Co. "D"	Wurzburg	Ger. Dial 834, 304, 6060.

report. Make arrangements for your return to your own unit. You will return in the same caboose in which you made your trip.

8. Upon return to your battery report immediately to the dispatcher office and turn in your guard trip report complete in every detail (all blank spaces on the form must be filled in). Then turn your weapon into the gun room and your un-consumed rations to the mess.

### **Static Yard Guards.**

1. The duty of a Yard Guard is to prevent pilferage of loaded U.S. Army Supply trains while they are waiting in a yard for a engine or on a repair track or being checked.

2. If you are assigned to guard a train keep patrolling the train until relieved.

3. Check all suspicious military or civilian personnel for authority to be in the yard.

4. Be on the lookout for American cars that might come through on German passenger and freight trains and report them to car checkers.

### **Car Checkers.**

The car checkers has one of the key jobs in the Military Railway Security setup.

You will make accurate lists of car numbers and seal numbers of

all cars carrying U.S. Government property.

You are charged with the responsibility of examining each car for pilferage, damage or other conditions which might threaten U.S. Supplies.

You will see that Guard Trip Reports are accurately and completely filled out.

You will sign for cars as they arrive in the yard. Be particularly careful about signing your name to Guard Trip Reports. Be sure that you note any deficiencies you might observe.

Be as methodical as possible in checking cars using train riders if necessary to assist you.

Have a clip board together with all the forms necessary for efficient operation.

While working in the yards be on the alert for pilferers or other suspicious persons.

Be well informed about operations referring to SOP No. 52, 8 March 1946 and other operational instructions.

For guide on checking cars refer to paragraph 3 Orders and Instructions for train guards.

## Shift N.C.O.'s

A shift N.C.O. is responsible for the entire operation of Railway Security in the yard he works in during his shift.

He will coordinate the work of Static Guards, Train Guards and Car Checkers.

At the start of each tour he will specifically assign men to their duties, i.e. „Pfc Robertson you are train commander on train No. 2006 which leaves on track 46 for Kranichstein at 1800 hours. Train contains P.X. radios and watches. Pvt O'Leary will accompany you. At the end of your run return with your caboose.“

The same applies to static guards, and car checkers. If you do not tell a man what he is to do you will find that he will not do it. Instructions and orders will be issued by you.

Check the equipment of the men to see that they can properly perform their duty

Check to see that the forms used are properly and completely filled in.

Know how many German Railway Policemen are on duty and where they are. Pass this information on to your men.

If you remain alert and efficient your shift will reflect your efforts.

## **Additional Notes,**



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