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TRAINING MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 1) Training Directive
for Period 30 April 1945 -- (X)

Reference: (G.O. #55, Hq, ETOUSA, 7 April 1945)
Opns Memo No. 48, Hq, 3rd Armd Div, 21 April 1945.
Tng Memo No. 1, Hq, 3d Armd Div, 24 April 1945.
VOCG, 3d Armd Div, 27 April 1945.

1. Purpose: To provide time for rehabilitation, training, physical conditioning, and recreation for all personnel; maintenance and refurbishing of all equipment until the re-entry of the division into combat.

2. Training periods: From 0800 to 1130 daily, except Sunday, reserved for training; from 1300 to 1630 daily, including Sunday, for physical conditioning, massed athletics, road marches, swimming and sports.

3. Training procedure and method:

a. List of calls published by this headquarters will be strictly adhered to. (See General Order No. 5, Hq, 45th Armd Med Bn, dated 28 April 1945).

b. Every officer and enlisted man including those engaged in essential medical, dental, administrative, and maintenance duties, will take part in a minimum of one (1) road march and two (2) periods of athletics per week.

(1) Charts will be kept in each orderly room where officers can initial dates they have taken physical training. The Adj will keep chart for Hq officers.

c. All classes will be conducted by company officers. Platoon and section leaders will be consistently used in training activities.

4. Training Subjects (Morning Period):

a. Rehabilitation. To include showdown inspections, re-equipment, painting of helmets, etc., etc.. Spearhead and 3d Armd Div insignia will be affixed to all helmets. Liners may be worn while helmets are being painted. All helmets to be completely painted by 11 May 1945 and liners only will not be worn thereafter.

b. Maintenance. The utmost attention will be given to vehicular maintenance and repair. Co and Bn Maint sections will be excused from afternoon athletics except for minimum stated in paragraph 3b. (above). See Administrative Memorandum No. 1, Hq, 45th Armd Med Bn, dated 28 April 1945, for complete details.

c. Basic Training. To include military courtesy and discipline, close order drill, calisthenics, venereal disease control, sanitation, driver training for reinforcements.

d. Special Subjects. Security training, small arms instruction, composition of an Infantry Division.

e. Information and Education Program. A conference on proposed aspects of this program will be held for all officers and men by the Bn I & E Officer as soon as practicable. Opportunity will be available to enroll in correspondence courses, the only phase of the program now applicable to this unit (except for orientation lectures).

(1) Orientation. Lectures and discussion groups (of platoon size) will be prepared on the following subjects: U.S. Foreign Policy; Far Eastern Situation; World Food Problems; GI Bill of Rights; Weekly Review of Current European Battle Fronts; General Plan of War Department Demobilization Policies.

f. Non-Fraternization: Conferences will be prepared on the many issues involved in this policy. Every effort will be made to explain reasons for non-fraternization in accordance with the Supreme Commander's directives and official and semi-official pamphlets on this subject. Strict enforcement of non-fraternization will be required of every officer and NCO of this command.

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5. Athletic Program (Afternoon Period):

a. The athletic program is designed toward the accomplishment of three objectives:

(1) Gradually to put every officer and enlisted man in better physical shape after the many months of combat of limited physical activity.

(2) To develop group discipline and spirit.

(3) To relax mentally and physically and enjoy games for the sake of the sport.

b. To achieve this end the afternoon period of 3½ hours will be divided into three (3) phases:

(1) Conditioning exercises.

(2) Massed games; road marches; swimming.

(3) Sports.

c. Detailed athletic schedules will be prepared for the weekly training schedule. These instructions will be complied with in every detail.

The company athletic officer is normally the officer responsible for the supervision of his company's physical training program and will have suitable assistants to carry out this important work.

6. Training Facilities: Companies will prepare and set aside a conference room. The athletic field adjoining "B" Company's billet will be used jointly by Hq Co, "A" Co, and "B" Co as scheduled. Certain training manuals have been issued periodically to all companies and should be on hand. There is a fairly complete file at Bn Hq which may be borrowed at any time. Other equipment and aids will be procured and distributed as soon as possible. Assistance in training problems will be readily available at Bn Hq. Companies are urged to ask for help. Tng schedules will be issued weekly and will include complete and detailed references.

7. Military Courtesy and Discipline: A high standard will be maintained in accordance with G.O. #55, Hq, ETOUSA, 7 April 1945 and VOCCG, 3d Armd Div. All formations and military procedure will be in accordance with FM 22-5. Troops will be marched to all destinations out of immediate company area. This includes all groups of soldiers of four (4) or more in number.

8. Inspections. Command and informal inspections of each company function will be continuous. Weekly training schedules will announce dates and times of formal inspections.

9. Inclement weather. The athletic program will be cancelled on inclement days on notice from Bn Hq. The free time will be used for personal rehabilitation of troops. The morning program will not be altered because of inclement weather.

10. Security. Security of personnel and equipment from sabotage or raiding parties must always be kept in mind. A complete directive on this subject will be issued shortly.

11. The first two weeks of this program will be principally devoted toward the accomplishment of vehicular maintenance objectives; the inspection of personnel and organizational equipment, and a gradual physical conditioning of troops. Every effort will be exerted toward obtaining these goals. From there, the program will develop so that full and gainful occupation will be accorded every individual of this command.

12. The training period which the battalion is now going through is in preparation for future combat operations. Personnel must be reminded of this fact and that Germany is not a "conquered" country except in a strictly military sense. This battalion must be ready, therefore, to serve again in the same spirit and with the same efficiency which has earned it a proud and enviable record.

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13. All personnel will be given opportunity to become thoroughly familiar with this order.

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