

DECLASSIFIED

Authority

735017

By

61 NARA Date 03/07/06

S 359TH INFANTRY

Camp Barkeley, Texas

CKF/JEC/rab

November 11, 1942

GENERAL ORDER)

NUMBER 11 )

STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURESECTION IORGANIZATION AND COMMAND

1. GENERAL.- a. In compliance with paragraph 205, FM 100-5 and Provisional SOP 90th Motorized Division the following SOP for Combat Team No. 359 (CT 359) is announced.

b. This procedure is designed to initiate a system of operation for the purpose of reducing the volume of orders and instructions, to expedite training and to establish in the command a common understanding of routine operations to be followed. It is subject to change as experience may dictate.

2. COMMAND.- a. The chain of command normally is from division to combat-team commander. The chain of command from combat team commander is direct to battalion and separate unit commanders concerned. In combat, the combat team commander normally issues orders to the rifle battalions, Antitank Company, Cannon Company, and artillery commanders, and to other commanders where appropriate. Staff Officers and separate unit commanders are responsible for keeping themselves abreast of the situation by such means as may be necessary.

b. The Commanding Officer, 915th Field Artillery Battalion, assumes tactical command of attached artillery and acts as an advisor to the combat team commander on artillery matters.

3. COMBAT ORDERS.- a. FIELD ORDERS.- In the formulation of field orders, the following will govern:

(1) In rapidly moving situations necessary field orders for the combat team will be issued by the combat team commander to immediately available members of his staff for transmittal in fragmentary form by the most expeditious means available. Such amplifications as may be essential and as time and circumstances may permit, will be made by the staff officers concerned.

(2) In other situations the combat team commander will issue his field orders directly to assembled infantry and artillery battalion commanders, the Antitank Company, Cannon Company, and separate unit commanders of the team. S-3, S-4, S-1, and the artillery commander will announce at that time or later any elaboration of the combat team commander's oral order.

b. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS.- Certain essential features may be included in field orders. Development of the remainder will be fragmentary, culminating in complete written form.

c. Combat orders will be simple, clear, and of telegraphic brevity. As much of the situation as possible will be placed on overlays, or operation maps.

d. To insure that operation orders are transmitted with a minimum delay regardless of radio jamming and other unforeseen interruptions in established communications all commanders of CT 359 will select Rendezvous Points for the purpose of transmitting instructions in person to subordinate commanders or their representatives. (See par. ~~31b~~ 37)

4. COMBAT TEAM.- a. To simplify control and facilitate the march and development for combat the following designation and normal composition of the combat team on the march and in bivouac is announced:

Combat Team 359 (CT 359)

359th Infantry

915th Field Artillery Battalion

Co. C, 315th Engineer Battalion

Co. C, 315th Medical Battalion

Detachment 90th Signal Co. (1 vehicular radio team consisting of: Team chief, 2 radio operators, and 1 chauffeur with 1 vehicular radio, msg center forms, codes,

Comd  
form  
pending the  
Commander.

wire construction team with transportation including not less than 10 miles field wire).  
use on receipt of division order stating  
th FA Battalion passes to direct support  
instructions from the Division Artillery  
Other attachments to the CT continue to execute missions assigned  
by the CT Commander until such time as definite orders are received requiring  
other action.

c. The composition of the forward and rear echelons, CT Headquarters will be as follows:

- (1) Forward Echelon
  - Commanding Officer CT 359
  - CT Artillery Commander and party (C.O., 915th FA Bn)(3 Vehicles)
  - 359th Infantry Staff (Ex, S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4)
  - C.O. Co. C, 315th Engineer Bn
  - C.O. Hq. Co.
  - G.O. Antitank Co.
  - Communications Officer
  - C.O. Cannon Co.
  - Liaison Officer (s).
- (2) Rear Echelon
  - C.O. Service Company
  - Munitions Officer
  - Personnel Adjutant
  - Special Service Officer
  - Maintenance Officer
  - Surgeon
  - Chaplains

d. The Surgeon, C.O. Co. C, 315th Medical Battalion, battalion S-4's, Munitions Officer, and Regimental Transportation Officer are with their commands or at the echelon most appropriate to their duties.

5. MOTORIZED DETACHMENTS. - a. CT 359 will furnish motorized detachments on call from Division as follows:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) 1st Bn 359th Inf                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Btry A 915th FA Bn</li> <li>1st Plat AT Co.</li> <li>1st Bn Sec Med Det</li> <li>1st Plat Co. C, 315th Engr Bn</li> <li>Det 90th Sig Co (Vehicular voice radio &amp; crew)</li> </ul> </li> <li>(3) 3d Bn 359th Inf                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Btry C, 915th FA Bn</li> <li>3d Plat AT Co.</li> <li>3d Bn Sec, Med Det</li> <li>3d Plat Co C, 315th Engr Bn</li> <li>Det 90th Sig Co (Vehicular voice radio &amp; crew)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(2) 2d Bn 359th Inf                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Btry B, 915th FA Bn</li> <li>2d Plat AT Co.</li> <li>2d Bn Sec, Med Det</li> <li>2d Plat Co. C, 315th Engr Bn</li> <li>Det 90th Sig Co (Vehicular voice radio &amp; crew)</li> </ul> </li> <li>(4) Rifle Co.                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hvy Weapon Co.</li> <li>Sig Det with radio</li> <li>Engr Sq</li> <li>Med Det</li> <li>4 <math>\frac{1}{2}</math>-ton trks</li> <li>6 Trks 2<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>-ton LWB<br/>(troops standing)<br/>(provided by Div.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
|---|---|

b. To provide the above detachments with the minimum delay the following procedure will govern on receipt of call:

- (1) Assembly point for formation will, unless otherwise directed, be the assembly area, bivouac, or location of the battalion or rifle company forming the major unit of the detachment. All units of CT 359 will be prepared to meet calls for attachments to either or both types of motorized detachments.
- (2) Upon receipt of call from division, regiment will alert the designated unit as follows: "Alert \_\_\_\_\_ Bn for motorized detachment" or "Alert Co \_\_\_\_\_ for motorized detachment".
- (3) Other units of the combat team furnishing detachments will be notified and will send such units to the designated assembly area, furnishing transportation for the trip to the assembly area for foot elements where necessary.

DECLASSIFIED

Authority 735017  
By G1 NARA Date 03/07/06

(4) The Regimental Transportation Officer will furnish the necessary  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks for battalion motorized detachments. Battalions will likewise furnish  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks for rifle-company detachments.

(5) The transportation officer of the battalion furnishing the major portion of the detachment will insure the prompt clearance of road in the vicinity of the assembly area by units of the detachment upon their arrival and prompt and efficient dispersion within the area.

6. LIAISON OFFICERS.- a. When the Combat Team is alerted one Liaison Officer with bedding will report to Division. One  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton truck with driver will be furnished him by Regimental Transportation Officer. Rifle battalion commanders, the artillery commander, and separate unit commanders will each send a liaison officer to CT CP.

b. Should the 359th Infantry or any of its battalions be in division reserve, a liaison officer (with transportation and bedding) will report to division.

## SECTION II

### MOVEMENT

7. GENERAL.- a. The Division normally moves by shuttling, by marching, or a combination of the two.

b. For purpose of movement, division troops attached but not assigned to CT 359 will normally march in a group commanded by the senior thereof, in accordance with instructions of the CT Commander.

c. All motor vehicles, except kitchen trucks, prime movers (infantry, artillery, and engineer), armored vehicles of the Reconnaissance Squadron and Engineer Company, trucks carrying Mine Platoon Antitank Co, wire trucks, infantry weapons carriers, and motor maintenance trucks, are potentially a part of the division pool. Commanders will habitually make plans for dumping organic loads when vehicles are to be used for shuttling. Excepted vehicles normally remain under their unit control and will not be furnished unless specifically directed by CT Commander. Parks for non-excepted vehicles will be designated by the CT Commander and reported to Division. When normal loads must be dumped to furnish the required number of trucks, loads will be dumped within reasonable supporting distance, as designated by S-4. Personnel accompanying trucks will guard dumped loads.

d. Motor maintenance trucks will habitually accompany the major portion of the trucks of their unit. Repair and wrecker section of the 415th QM Motor Battalion when attached to CT 359 marches at the rear of the column to provide motor maintenance.

e. All officers, NCO's and drivers will be informed of the route and destination of their unit prior to movement.

8. MARKING OF ROUTE.- a. In all motor movements, and in movements by marching when tactical vehicles are present, the CT will organize and employ route markers, quartering detail, pioneers to facilitate cross-country movement and a trail party.

b. The Headquarters Commandant, 359th Infantry is charged with safe guarding the column from traffic accidents, and insuring its uninterrupted movement to its destination along its assigned route. He will place guards on railroad and dangerous road crossings and directional guides at vital points along the route, for this duty organizations will furnish the appropriate number of men who have received traffic training. Each company will maintain at least one squad instructed as guides and traffic guards. The Headquarters Commandant will furnish directional signs "CT 359" to guides as required. Transportation for guides will be provided in the truck assignment of the movement order. One empty truck will be posted with the first guide which will collect the first load of guides after the last vehicles of CT 359 has passed. As each guide truck is emptied it will be left at the post of the next guide to similarly collect the guides ahead. Recovery of guides, guards and markers is a responsibility of the Trail Officer. (See par. 10)

The  
assis  
each

Authority

735017

By

NAKA Date 03/07/06

detail mention

Headquarters Commandant is the Quartering  
onsist of the following: Quartering  
, an officer from each battalion and an  
In addition to the traffic control  
ficer Co. C, 315th Engineer Battalion,  
with necessary detail, and the quartering party will report at the time and  
place designated to the Headquarters Commandant. Battalion pioneers may be  
directed to supplement this detail, when necessary. Transportation for the  
detail will be provided by the Engineers and each battalion concerned. Head-  
quarters Company will furnish transportation for the Collecting Co., Medical  
Detachment, Antitank, Cannon, and Service Company guides.

b. After reconnaissance the Headquarters Commandant will allot areas to  
battalions and separate units and will reserve locations for CT Headquarters,  
the aid station, and the interior guard. He will formulate a plan for the  
disposition of the guard. He will furnish the CT commander on his arrival  
with a sketch of the area showing the location of sub-areas and installations.  
Battalion representatives of the quartering party will sub-allot their assigned  
areas to companies and will furnish their battalion commanders with a sketch  
of the battalion area, location of other battalion and separate unit areas,  
and the location of the CT CP. They will reconnoiter and mark a route within  
the bivouac or assembly area for organic vehicles; this route will be such as  
to insure that movement of vehicles from the road into the area will be con-  
tinuous and prompt. Separate company guides will similarly mark routes for  
vehicles into their areas. Company representatives will divide their area  
among the platoons and company headquarters, reserving locations for the com-  
pany CP, company transport, kitchen, and latrines.

c. Upon arrival of troops in the quartering area, the quartering officer  
will report immediately to the CT commander. Battalion and company representa-  
tives will meet their units at the point where the command enters the area  
and, without stopping the column, will guide them to their areas. Ordinarily  
battalion and separate company guides will meet battalions at the entrance  
of the CT area, and company guides of battalions at the entrance to battalion  
areas.

d. When detached, or sent on separate missions, detachment commanders will  
institute necessary measures similar to those in b, above.

10. TRAIL PARTY.- a. The Maintenance Officer, Service Company, 359th  
Infantry, is the Trail Officer. He will perform the following duties, assisted  
by such personnel and vehicles as are necessary:

- (1) Dispatch individual vehicles and motor march units from the initial  
point (IP).
- (2) Correct infractions of discipline in so far as the motor movement  
is concerned.
- (3) Prevent unauthorized passing of the column from the rear.
- (4) Pick up guides, traffic control personnel, and markers.

11. SECURITY OF COMMAND POSTS.- The Headquarters Commandant is responsible  
for camouflage, dispersion, local security, and the control of traffic in the  
immediate vicinity of the CT CP. Battalion and separate unit commanders are  
responsible for their areas.

12. REPORTS.- a. In all types of marches the CT advance-guard commander will  
report to CT commander hour it crosses IP and thereafter each hour on the hour  
its location in miles from IP. Example: "Point 359--15--0900."

b. The CT will similarly report to Division the hour the point and head  
of main-body cross IP and each hour on the hour the location in miles from  
IP of these elements. Example: "CT 359--15--10.5--0900." The point of the  
advance guard is 15 miles from the IP. The head of the main body is 10.5 miles  
from the IP at 0900.

13. FORMING THE COMBAT TEAM.- a. As soon as a decision has been made, or  
orders received, calling for a movement, the CT Commander will issue a warning  
order to units concerned.

b. Upon receipt of warning orders commanders of battalions and separate  
units will report to the CT Commander their location and the estimated time  
needed to be ready to move. When actually ready to move, they will so report.  
Similar reports will be made to Division by the CT Commander.

c. Should the march be by motor using other than regimental transportation the Regimental Transportation Officer will with battalion transportation officers, at once select EP's for each battalion, and, with the necessary instructions and guides, he will then proceed to the assembly point of the truck group assigned to CT 359 in time to meet the truck group commander upon the latter's arrival at that point.

14. MOVEMENT BY MOTOR.- a. GENERAL.- (1) Unless specifically directed otherwise, motor elements other than reconnaissance detachments will not, when in the presence of the enemy, enter a road until prior reconnaissance has located a turn-off and established the fact that the route to the turn-off or the entrance to the new area is clear.

(2) Motor movements into or from assembly or bivouac areas will be continuous. Vehicles forming column on roads from bivouac areas will not halt. Such columns will be formed by decreased rate of march of control cars until column is organized.

(3) Whenever a vehicle or column of vehicles moves off the road at night under blackout conditions, the vehicle or column of vehicles will be preceded by a man or men on foot to check the route and to make certain that no sleeping personnel is on the line of movement. Whenever a motor vehicle is moved in reverse off the road, whether under black-out conditions or not, the same procedure will be followed, to clear the line of rearward movement. No personnel will sleep or lie under wheeled transportation.

(4) No personnel will be carried in trailers.

(5) Vehicles loaded with troops will not be taken into the zone of hostile artillery fire.

b. MARCH UNITS.- (1) Approximately 25 vehicles. Tactical unity will be maintained as far as possible.

(2) Distance between march units: 1 minute.

c. ASSISTANT DRIVERS.- Assistant drivers will ride in the bodies of trucks. During shuttle movements, drivers and assistant drivers will rest during alternate shuttles, taking over the vehicle when it returns for reload. If necessary an assistant driver will be selected from the passengers holding drivers permits.

d. FORWARD ECHELON CT 359.- (1) When the CT moves by motor in one or more columns, the forward echelon of Headquarters CT 359 will march at the head of the main body of one of the columns, in the following order:

- 1st Vehicle - 1 3/4-ton truck, command  
 1 Regtl C. O.  
 1 Maj S-3  
 1 Tech IV (Radio Operator)  
 1 Pvt (Cfr)
- 2nd Vehicle - 1 1/4-ton truck, Amphibian  
 1 M-Sgt, Operations  
 1 Tech IV (Steno)  
 1 Code Clerk  
 1 Pvt (Cfr)
- 3rd Vehicle - 1 1/4-ton truck, Amphibian  
 1 Capt S-2  
 1 W.O., Asst Adj.  
 1 Tech V, Draftsman Top  
 1 Cfr
- 4th Vehicle - 1 1/4-ton truck, Amphibian  
 1 Maj. S-4 )  
 1 W.O. Supply) fr Service Co.  
 1 Pvt. Msgr )  
 1 Cfr
- 5th Vehicle - 1 3/4-ton truck, command  
 1 Lt. Col. Regtl Ex  
 1 Capt. S-1  
 1 Lt. Regtl Gas O & Co. Ex.  
 1 Cfr
- 6th Vehicle - 1 1/4-ton truck  
 3 Lts. Lsn Officers  
 1 Cfr.

DECLASSIFIED

h Ve

Authority 735017  
 By NA NARA Date 03/07/06

w/winch  
 AT Co)

AT Co.

- 1 Pvt Msgr
- 1 Cfr
- 8th Vehicle - 1 1/2-ton truck
  - 1 Capt. (C.O., Cannon Co)
  - 1 1st Sgt
  - 1 Pvt Msgr
  - 1 Cfr
- 9th Vehicle - 1 1/2-ton truck
  - 1 Capt. Co. (Comdr Hq. Co)
  - 1 1st Sgt
  - 1 Pvt Bugler
  - 1 Cfr
- 10th Vehicle - 1 1/2-ton truck
  - 1 Transp Sgt
  - 1 Cfr
  - 2 Pvts, Mech, Auto.
- 11th Vehicle - 1 1/2-ton truck
  - 1 Lt. Regtl Com O
  - 1 W.O. Asst Com O
  - 1 Pvt Msgr
  - 1 Cfr
- 12th Vehicle - 5 1/2-ton trucks
- to 2 3/4-ton weap. car Regimental Communication Plat
- 19th Vehicle - 1 2 1/2-ton truck, cargo
- 20th Vehicle - 1 2 1/2-ton truck, cargo w/o winch
  - 1 M-Sgt, Sgt Major
  - 2 Tech IV Clks
  - 1 Tech V Clk
  - 3 Pvts, Clks
  - 3 Pvts, Orderlies
  - 1 Cfr
  - (CP Equipment)

(2) When the situation requires, a skeletonized forward CP consisting of the personnel in the first two vehicles, supra, will accompany the reserve of the advance guard battalion, prepared to set up and operate.

e. ORGANIZATION FOR MOTOR MOVEMENTS.- (1) In order to simplify the preparation for, and movement of the CT under varying conditions, standard procedures for certain types of motor movements are given in Annex I. These movements will originate by a simple warning message from Division to the CT Commander such as "Alert for MM 2 at 1900 A.P. 359 View." (Translation: Alert for Motor Movement 2. Truck groups will assemble at 1900 at Assembly Point for trucks assigned to CT 359 which is View).

(2) On receipt of warning order CT 359 will in turn, alert all units of the combat team by a message such as "Alert for MM2."

(3) Trucks of CT 359 reporting for motor movements will be fully fueled and accompanied by necessary maintenance personnel. As long as trucks are under control of the Commander CT 359 responsibility for refueling and maintenance rests within the Combat Team, in accordance with the plan for refueling as announced by G-4. Trucks furnished for the purpose of shuttling personnel will not, except when specifically ordered, be used for hauling supplies and they will be released and returned to the parent unit, immediately or at the hour and place as announced in the order initiating the motor movement.

(4) Basis for Computation.- (a) In all motor movements (MM) specified, it is assumed that all units have complete transportation as given in T/O's. Strength of units is considered to be T/O less 10% (based on experience and includes the following: arr echs, bands, personnel of units remaining behind-- SK, DS, furlough, AWOL, Abs in conf.) Adjustment will be made for a specific motor movement in accordance with the transportation and personnel situation at the time.

(b) Motor transport will be available for service 16 hours a day.

DECLASSIFIED  
 Authority 735017  
 By JK NARA Date 03/07/06

f. Column commanders will prescribe the position of elements of their columns on the march, if not prescribed by the CT Commander. The following tactical and non-tactical order of march are prescribed for CT 359:

TACTICAL

NON-TACTICAL

ADVANCE GUARD

- 1 rifle Co.
- 1 Sec AT Co
- 1 Sec Int & Recon Plat
- 1st Plat Co. C, 315th Engr Bn
- 1 Amb Co. C, 315th Med Bn

MAIN BODY

- C.T. Comdr
- Staff, Forward Ech CT
- Staff & Detail, C.O. 915th FA Bn
- Or
- Arty Lsn O.
- Lsn Detail, 915th FA Bn
- Div Signal Det
- Regtl Hq Co
- AT Co (less dets)
- Co. C, (less 1st Plat) 315th Engr Bn
- Bn 359th Inf (less 1 Co.) w bn med sec
- 915th FA Bn
- Bn 359th Inf w bn med sec, ~~bn maint crew Serv Co~~
- Bn 359th Inf (less 1 Rifle Plat)
- w bn med sec & ~~bn maint crew Serv Co~~
- 359th Inf Med Det (less 3 bn secs)
- Co. C, 315th Med Bn (less amb with ea bn and Adv Gd)
- Serv Co. 359th Inf

SERIAL GROUPS

1. Hq. Co 359th Inf.  
 Det 90th Signal Co.  
 Serv Co  
 K & B Train as specially directed  
 Med Det  
 Co. C, 315th Engr Bn  
 Co. C, 315th Med Bn (Less Amb. with other serials)
2. Inf. Bn 359th Inf
3. Inf. Bn 359th Inf
4. Inf. Bn 359th Inf
5. 915th FA Bn

REAR GUARD (Motorized)

- 1 Rifle Platoon.

g. HALTS.- 10 minutes every second hour figured from time first Serial of column reaches IP. Normally columns will halt 10 minutes before the second hour. Example: Serial I reaches IP at 0600; Serial VII reaches IP at 0720 and clears IP at 0743. All serials of column halt at 0750 and remain halted until 0800 regardless of time distance from IP. At halts minor adjustments to take advantage of cover and places for the relief of the men are permissible. All individuals except the driver will remain on the right hand side of vehicles at all times. Vehicles when halted will be placed off the pavement and under cover from aerial observation whenever possible.

h. OPEN COLUMN.- In daylight motor movements, movement will normally be by open column. Vehicles will maintain a distance of 100 yards. Vehicles will not close up at halts, unless ordered to do so. Lost distance will be regained at halts.

i. CLOSE COLUMN.- Distance between vehicles: Twice speedometer reading in yards. It will normally be used at night without lights and in passing the IP when specifically ordered.

j. DISABLED VEHICLES.- (1) Drivers of disabled vehicles, vehicles not able to maintain proper speed and maintenance vehicles rendering service will pull off road to shoulder and signal the following vehicles to pass.

(2) Disabled vehicles will raise hood to signify assistance of maintenance crew is needed.

(3) When vehicle is repaired, the driver will take a place in the first safe interval in the column and will make no attempt to overtake his organization by passing moving vehicles in the column.

k. INFILTRATION.- (1) Unless otherwise ordered, density of truck traffic will be 3 trucks per mile, i.e. 600 yards distance between trucks.

2) Ir Authority 735017  
 11 nc By 61 NARA Date 03/07/06

ncy in movements by infiltration, truck  
 all portion in front to permit anti-

1. PRESCRIBED SPEED.-(1) By day, or night with lights, control cars will not exceed 25 mph (15 in congested areas); other trucks in the column will not exceed 35 mph (25 mph in congested areas).

(2) Infiltration will conform to the above unless a higher speed is authorized.

(3) At night without lights, leading vehicle of column moves at running speed of 10 mph; maximum any vehicles is 15 mph. Distance: minimum safe. At halts close on head of march unit to sight distance, maintaining contact with vehicle in front. DISPERSE OR CONCEAL BY DAWN if march is not to be resumed.

(4) Passing through cities.-(a) Large cities: Under police escort, leading vehicles reduce speed at city limits. March units close to close column before entering city.

(b) Small cities: Except when obvious, route will be marked. Drivers will obey speed limit signs and drive with care.

(c) Traffic lights must be obeyed at all times except when military or civil police are posted to control traffic.

m. CONTACT ON THE MARCH.-(1) Between Adjacent Units.- Contact between CT 359 and adjacent units on both flanks will be maintained by one or more of the following means: Patrols, radio, commercial telephone or telegraph, liaison officers, or other facilities.

(2) Within the Combat Team.- Contact will be maintained within serials and to column CP by motor messenger, radio, and check points. The officer in charge of route marking will post enlisted men with black boards at intervals of approximately every 25 miles at points easily identified. These markers will hold blackboards so that they can readily be read by serial and march unit commanders and representatives of the CT Commander. For the information of any serial the blackboards will show time of arrival of the first and preceding serials and the current running speed of serial.

n. TRAFFIC CONTROL.-(1) Restrictions.-(a) Except under cover of darkness, baggage, kitchen and administrative vehicles will not enter the forward combat area under light artillery fire, but remain in rearward bivouac until released by the CT Commander.

(b) Vehicles will be operated at night with blackout driving beam in the combat zone unless otherwise ordered.

(2) Main supply routes will be announced by Division. Military police will control forward of the Corps control point.

(3) Individual signal vehicles engaged in signal communication and AT vehicles will not be restricted to one-way roads. Ambulances will follow prescribed traffic direction.

15. MOVEMENT BY MARCHING.- a. When the CT moves by marching the forward echelon will, normally, move by bounds at the head of the main body motors. In all movements by foot a skeletonized forward CP, consisting of the personnel in the first three vehicles, (Par. ~~9~~ 14d, above) will accompany the column, prepared to set up and operate.

b. Column commanders will prescribe the position of elements of their columns on the march.

c. The following general principles will apply:

(1) Motor elements (less those employed for reconnaissance, security, and control) will be formed into the following groups and will follow the dismounted column in that order, advancing by rapid bounds from one concealed area to another:

- ADVANCE GUARD GROUP (including Co. C, 315th Engr Bn)
- ARTILLERY GROUP
- MAIN BODY GROUP (in same order as dismounted elements and including collecting company).
- KITCHEN AND BAGGAGE GROUP



DECLASSIFIED  
 Authority 735017  
 By JM NARA Date 03/07/06

(2) The position of elements of the 915th FA Bn. (less ammunition and supply vehicles) and Company C, 315th Engineer Battalion will be advanced in the motor column when the tactical situation dictates.

(3) The kitchen group will await orders in the old bivouac or move by bounds under command of the C.O. Service Co.

(4) Reconnaissance officers of the above groups must work together to insure coordinated movement of their motors into and out of concealed areas.

(5) The Transportation Officer, 359th Infantry, is designated as convoy commander of the main-body group of motors and is charged with general supervision over the combat-team motor groups, to insure close coordination between the groups and prompt dispatch into their proper assembly areas as ordered by the CT Commander.

d. FOOT ELEMENTS.- (1) Distance between units.-

	Day	Night
Between Bns.	100 (yds)	10 (yds)
Between Co's	50	0
Between Plats	25	0

(2) Formation.- Column of threes on the right side of the road. On unimproved roads or when there is danger of air attack the CT Commander will order column of two, one file on each side of the road; the middle of the road will be kept clear for motor traffic.

(3) Halts.- (a) Halts will be signaled by March-unit commanders. Troops will promptly clear the road.

(b) March will be resumed as follows: thirty (30) seconds before the march is to be resumed the march-unit commander will signal a warning by a blast of the whistle; this warning will be repeated by company and platoon commanders. Thirty (30) seconds later a similar blast, and similarly repeated, will indicate the resumption of the march. All units will resume the march promptly.

SECTION III

RECONNAISSANCE & SECURITY

16. GENERAL.- a. The CT (Regtl) Commander is responsible for local reconnaissance and all-around security unless protected by other units, in which case the CT (Regtl Comdr) will be specifically advised. Division will coordinate these measures.

b. Battalion commanders are responsible for all around security and close-in reconnaissance of their front and flanks while on the march and in bivouac.

c. An advance guard, organized from the CT, will habitually march at the head of CT 359. When CT 359 is the leading combat team in the Division column it acts as advance guard of the Division. When CT 359 is not leading, the advance guard marches at the head of the team, without distance, prepared to operate should the division change formation.

d. The advance guard to CT 359 will normally consist of the following:

(1) Foot March -

- 1 Sq/Inte & Recon Plat
- 1 Battalion, 359th Inf.
- 1 Bn Med Section
- 1 Btry 915th FA
- 1st Plat Co. C, 315th Engr Bn
- 1 Ambulance, Co. C, 315th Med Bn

(2) Motorized -

- 1 Sq/Inte & Recon Plat
- 1 Rifle Co.
- 1st Plat Co. C, 315th Engr Bn
- 1 Ambulance, Co. C, 315th Med Bn

17. RECONNAISSANCE.- a. The CT will be responsible for reconnaissance to the front and flanks as may be prescribed by Division. In the absence of any instructions or when CT 359 is on an independent mission, it will reconnoiter for a distance of eight (8) miles.

b. Route reconnaissance will be performed by Co. C, 315th Engr Bn.

a. Battalion commanders are charged with their battalions for antiaircraft protection. Weapons will be used.

b. All commanders will take prompt action to destroy parachute and air-borne troops landing in their areas of responsibility.

c. Defense against air attack while on march will be provided by:

(1) Maintaining a minimum of 100 yards intervehicular distance during movement and while halted. In the event of air attack vehicles will continue in motion.

(2) Use of overhead cover and camouflage to the maximum extent at halts and in bivouac.

(3) Mounting of machine guns (including .50 Cal.) in weapons carriers and all vehicles with mounts for antiaircraft firing.

(4) Posting 2 air guards in each troop-carrying vehicle, one facing to the front and one to the rear.

(5) Prompt standard alarm signals (See par. 20) at appearance of enemy planes.

d. In bivouac and assembly areas a portion of the automatic weapons will be continuously posted for AA defense.

e. The AT Co. will be responsible for the establishment of an AA-AT warning net to protect the regiment from all directions. This warning net will be integrated with the Division AA-AT warning net.

19. SECURITY AGAINST MECHANIZED ATTACK.- a. In case of threat of attack by mechanized units all CP, bivouac and directional signs will be removed. Guides, holding signs will be substituted if necessary.

b. All organic AT weapons will be employed in depth for local defense. When the presence of armored units is reported, the Cannon Company and artillery batteries will prepare to bring fire on probable avenues of approach. All units will promptly establish AT defense, both active and passive, and battalions, AT separate units will submit plans and future changes to regiment by overlay.

c. The AT Company will provide for prompt movement on call to areas other than its own.

d. Information on antitank barriers, mines, and weapons will be kept on situation maps of regiment and battalions.

e. The initial antitank defense of the regiment and all changes thereto will be submitted to Division immediately by overlay.

f. The Division AT Officer will coordinate the antitank defense of the Division.

20. WARNING SIGNALS.- a. AIR AND/OR MECHANIZED ATTACK.-

(1) By radio (AA - AT warning net).

(2) Three equally spaced blasts of whistle, vehicle horn or siren repeated three times.

(3) Three equally spaced rifle or pistol shots or bursts from automatic weapons.

(4) Individual giving alarm points in direction of threat in daylight; at night the alarm signal will be supplemented by voice warning to indicate the direction of danger.

b. GAS.- Percussion sound, rapidly and continuously--not relayed until presence of gas is actually detected.

21. REAR-AREA OBSERVATION POSTS.- a. The AT Company and each battalion Headquarters Company will organize and train one rear-area observation-post team, consisting of one observer, one recorder, and one relief for each.

b. When march conditions cease, the rear or reserve battalion will establish and operate continuously a rear-area observation post, so located in the rear of the regimental area as to cover zones favorable for landing by either hostile parachute troops or airplanes as well as possible routes of approach for mechanized forces. Additional rear-area observation posts will be established on regimental order. Locations will be reported to regiment. Coordination with adjacent units will be by the Division AT Officer.

c. Prompt report of any enemy activity observed will be made to the nearest unit and to regiment. Communication to the rear-area observation post will be established by the battalion furnishing the detail and by regimental communication platoon when specifically ordered.

22. DEVELOPMENT FOR COMBAT.- a. Upon receipt of orders for development, the CT Commander will designate assembly areas, routes thereto, and will send forward quartering parties, route markers, and engineer and/or pioneer detachments for the expeditious and orderly occupation thereof and for the prompt clearing of roads. Cross-country capabilities of foot troops and vehicles will be exploited to the maximum with the view to securing dispersion in movement to and occupation of the assembly areas. Location of the artillery assembly areas and movements thereto will be carefully coordinated with those of the infantry vehicles and foot troops. Infantry and artillery vehicles will be given the maximum dispersion consistent with cover and concealment in areas in depth in rear of and coextensive in width with the frontages of the units to which they pertain.

b. The CT Commander having designated assembly areas for the team units sends for the battalion and separate unit commanders. He will use a simple, brief message in assembling his commanders, such as "Commanders at Guthner Gate (41.5 - 82.4) at 1600." Commanders with necessary members of their staffs, move out rapidly and report to the CT Commander. Personnel of these parties will be reduced to the minimum necessary to function properly. Members of the assembled group will adhere to the principles of dispersion and cover for protection against detection and fire.

c. S-4 will advise G-4 and S-3 as to the location and number of vehicles available for transporting troops.

d. Ammunition vehicles will remain under unit control.

#### SECTION IV

#### COMBAT

23. INFANTRY.- a. Existing tactical principles and doctrines are applicable.

b. Battalion commanders will familiarize themselves with the plans of fires proposed by commanders of field artillery units attached to, or in direct support of, their commands and, after coordinating these with their own plan, for taking prompt steps to approve the plans of fires or to inform the artillery of any changes desired.

c. (1) Front-line infantry battalions are responsible for the anti-air and antimechanized defense of their areas to include  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile in rear of the MLR or ID. Regiment will augment and coordinate this defense, where necessary. (See par. 18 & 19)

(2) The AT Company will reconnoiter and select positions thereto, for all-around antimechanized defense of the regimental area to include one mile in rear of the MLR or ID. The company will be centrally located so as to insure quick movement to meet an attack from any direction. During daylight hours one platoon will be held in readiness for an immediate move to selected positions. If wire or radio communication to the regimental CP is not established the platoon leader thereof will remain there until relieved. The C.O. AT Company will coordinate the antimechanized defense of the regimental area.

(3) (a) The Headquarters Commandant, unless otherwise directed, is responsible for the air and ground protection of the regimental CP. All enlisted men on duty at the CP, except those on duty with Staff Sections, are available for this purpose.

(b) The regimental reserve, unless otherwise directed, will furnish to the Headquarters Commandant, the following additional troops for the protection of the CP:

- 1 Rifle Platoon
- 1 Cal. .30 MG Platoon

d. When in division reserve the regiment will be prepared to furnish the Division CP air and ground protection. It will normally employ a minimum of one rifle platoon, one cal. .30 MG Platoon, and one 37-mm AT gun section in the organization of this defense.

infantry  
with the  
protection for

Authority 735017  
By JN NARA Date 03/07/06

units will supplement their antimechanized  
) and tank obstacles. They will provide  
ids in their sectors.

f. In combat the Service Company will establish the rear echelon of the regiment and operate the following activities:

- Supply Officer's Office
- Receiving and distribution of all supplies, including ammunition
- Regimental Class-I DP
- Second echelon motor maintenance
- Regimental Ammunition DP

24. FIELD ARTILLERY.- a. The 915th FA Bn habitually is in direct support of the 359th Infantry when the latter is engaged. During movements of CT 359 all elements of the 915th FA Bn are attached thereto. When the combat team enters into action as part of the division team, the artillery therewith reverts to division control. When the 359th Infantry is not engaged, the 915th FA Bn remains under the command of the Division Artillery Commander.

b. The commander of the 915th FA Bn, attached to or in direct support of the 359th Infantry, is responsible, in conference with the ~~Commanding Officer 359th Infantry~~ *Commanding Infantry*, for prompt formulation of a plan of fires to support the action of the infantry, and for submitting the plan to the Regimental Commander for approval or desired changes. The plan of fires will include fires to be requested from those light and medium battalions which have been directed to reinforce the fires of the 915th FA Bn.

c. The 915th FA (when attached) is charged with the antimechanized defense of its own position area and with such additional areas and approaches as may be specifically directed by the CT Commander.

d. The 345th FA Battalion is habitually in general support. In the event it is ordered to reinforce the fires to CT 359, the commander of the 915th FA Bn will assign it fire missions.

25. ENGINEERS.- Company C, 315th Engineer Battalion will perform the following:

- a. Reinforce the antitank defense of the combat team on call.
- b. Reconnoiter forward areas and routes and initiate work to overcome obstacles and to facilitate cross-country movements to insure the uninterrupted advance of foot and motor elements.
- c. Furnish supervision for the organization of the defensive position.
- d. Operate the water DP.

#### SECTION V

#### INTELLIGENCE

26. GENERAL.- a. The instructions contained in this section are routine. In any situation appropriate additional missions will be given as required.

b. Units in contact will initiate energetic action at once to determine enemy strength, composition, disposition, location of flanks, movement, and attitude.

c. Contact with enemy having once been made should never be lost. Special emphasis must be placed on maintaining contact during the night.

d. Aggressive and continuous reconnaissance must be insisted upon. Such action will not commit to action the battalion as a whole but serve rather as a basis for the CT Commander to make plans for coordinating action.

27. REPORTS.- a. The following information will be included in all reports:

- (1) Type, composition and strength of enemy forces (with identification if known).
- (2) Their location (flanks, column length).
- (3) Their activity and dispositions; speed and direction of mobile forces. If a truck column, the nature of load (empty, personnel, portec artillery, etc.)

(4) Nature of terrain, if applicable (ridge or defile, swamps, nature of artificial obstacles, etc.)

(5) Time and place of observation.

(6) Unit or agency making report.

**b. FLASH WARNING MESSAGES** - Will be used in reporting an attack or approach of hostile:

(1) Air force

(2) Parachute troops

(3) Airborne Troops

(4) Tanks

Such messages will be sent in the clear direct to G-2, 90th Motorized Division, and to S-2, 359th Infantry by the most expeditious means available. (See Appendix No. 3 to Annex No. 2, 90th Motorized Division SOP). They will have priority over all other messages. To send a flash warning message announce FLASH MESSAGE to the answering operator.

**c. URGENT MESSAGES** - Information regarding the following will be sent by urgent message:

(1) Approach or presence of hostile forces in strength.

(2) First contact with enemy.

(3) First artillery fire received.

(4) Use of chemicals by enemy.

(5) Reinforcements to, or withdrawal of, enemy troops with whom in contact.

(6) Location of obstacles or demolitions.

(7) Hostile defensive works, including land-mine fields.

(8) Hostile horse cavalry, mechanized reconnaissance vehicles, or truck columns.

(9) Important errors in maps.

(10) New identifications of enemy organizations or units.

**d.** Infantry battalions will report location of own front lines by overlay when possible every two hours (on the even numbered hour) during daylight and whenever there is any important change.

**e.** The 915th FA Bn will report to CT CP the location of enemy batteries, including calibers if known; all movements of hostile artillery, including type of prime mover; areas in which enemy artillery fire is falling, including caliber and direction when known. It will also report any enemy movements and activities observed.

**28. PRISONERS AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.**- **a.** The examination of prisoners by battalions and other subordinate units will be conducted as rapidly as possible and will be limited to matters of immediate tactical importance to the unit concerned. Prisoners will be sent to the rear under guard as rapidly as possible to G-2 via CT S-2. Identifications and information of hostile strength, composition, and dispositions obtained from prisoners will be sent to CT CP and thence to Division at once (See par. 27 c. supra).

**b.** Documents and insignia found on prisoners and enemy dead, such as personal correspondence, situation or operation maps, and copies of tactical orders and instructions will be sent back with first report submitted after their capture.

**29. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE.**- **a.** Marked maps, secret and confidential documents and codes will not be taken into the front lines. If capture is imminent, they will be destroyed.

**b.** Captured personnel will give ONLY NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER.

**c.** All commanders will be alert to correct faulty concealment and camouflage including use of lights in our own installations and will examine aerial photographs and aerial observer's reports of such installations for needed changes.

SECTION VI

SUPPLY AND EVACUATION

**30. GENERAL.**- When the location of any supply or evacuation installation is announced it will be taken for granted that the installation is ready to operate except when a specific hour of opening is announced.

DECLASSIFIED  
 Authority 735017  
 By JM NARA Date 03/07/06

(b) The Regimental Munitions Officer forms and dispatches ammunition trains to the Division Control Point (DAO) where the train commanders obtain an order (OFM 302) on the supply point for a definite amount of ammunition. The Regimental Munitions Officer will by personal visit or telephone to the DAO before dispatching ammunition trains, advise the DAO of his needs in order to permit preparation of transportation order (OFM 032) for delivery to the train commander as he passes, enroute to the supply point.

(c) Ammunition trains report to supply points, obtain ammunition, and return to the Regimental Ammunition DP via the DAO where the train commander's transportation order (OFM 302) is validated and completed and he submits the following information to the Division Munitions Officer:

- Amount of ammunition delivered to troops
- Road condition and route used
- Difficulties encountered
- Any other pertinent information that might be of value to other train commander or to the DAO.

(d) The Regimental Munitions Officer will render reports of ammunition (OFM 303) daily at time prescribed in the administrative order.

(3) Ordnance Maintenance.- The Division Ordnance Maintenance Section will dispatch Contact Team No. 359 to make regularly scheduled and emergency visits to units to provide service beyond that authorized to be performed by unit personnel.

32. EVACUATION OF WOUNDED.- a. Battalion medical personnel assembles the wounded in their areas, administer first aid, and prepare them for movement to the rear.

b. Co. C, 315th Med Bn evacuates battalion aid stations to collecting stations by hand or wheeled litters. The wounded are transported by ambulance from collecting stations, or advanced loading posts, to the division clearing stations.

c. Ambulances will operate as far forward as the tactical situation permits. Maximum use will be made of ambulances to expedite the evacuation of the wounded.

d. After contact has been gained and the Combat Team is engaged, Co. C 315th Med Bn will revert to control of its battalion commander. This transition will be a progressive development.

33. PRISONERS OF WAR.- See FM 30-15.

SECTION VII

SIGNAL COMMUNICATION

34. GENERAL.- a. Signal communication standing operating procedure of the CT 359 will conform with the Division procedure (see Annex No. 2 to Provisional Division (SOP) -- Signal Communication, dated July 24, 1942).

35. MESSAGE CENTERS.- a. In the field message center operation will be continuous at all CP's of the combat team.

b. Every vehicular radio station team will be able to encryptograph messages during movement. Message center personnel will be attached to radio teams as required.

36. RADIO.- a. All commanders and communication officers will be prepared to do without radio for long periods of time as a result of enemy jamming, especially when a major operation is in progress. Plans must constantly be in mind to insure continued efficient communication.

37. RENDEZVOUS POINTS.- All commanders of CT 359 will insure that operations can be carried out with a minimum of communications. Rendezvous Points will be selected by Commanders of CT 359 at the beginning of each operation, for the purpose of transmitting instructions in person to subordinate commanders or their representatives. The Rendezvous Point will be changed from time to time as the situation dictates.

HEADQUARTERS 359TH INFANTRY  
Camp Barkeley, Texas

CKF/JEC/rab

November 11, 1942

ANNEX NO. 1 )

GO NO. 11 )

MOTOR MOVEMENT ONE (MM1)

1. DESCRIPTION. - a. This motor movement is designed to motorize one combat team (field strength, T/O less 10%).  
b. Division furnishes 86 trucks (Truck Group A).

No. of Trucks	Unit furnishing	Capacity	
		Men Sitting	Men Standing
4 - Misc	415th QM Bn furnishes Truck Group Commander and 3 section leaders with transportation.		
48 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ T	415th QM Bn	1200	1536
13 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ T	315th Med Bn	325	416
6 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ T	315th Engr Bn	102	132
3 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ T	Hq Btry 90th Div Arty	51	66
9 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ T	345th FA Bn	153	198
3 - Motor Maintenance Trucks with crews	415th QM Bn.		
86	TOTALS	1831	2348

MOTOR MOVEMENT TWO (MM2)

1. DESCRIPTION. - a. This is a simultaneous shuttle movement of the three Combat Teams. The entire division, less three infantry battalions (1 per CT) and dropped loads, moves in the first echelon. Dropped loads and two battalions move in the second echelon, and one battalion (Div Res) moves in the third echelon.

b. Each infantry regiment moves itself, less 9 rifle companies (175 men each, approx.) and portions of battalion headquarters and heavy weapons companies with its organic transportation.

2. ASSIGNMENT OF MOTOR TRANSPORTATIONa. 1st Echelon

- (1) CT 357th less 1 inf bn.  
19 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ T trks 343rd FA Bn and Truck Group B
- (2) CT 358th less 1 inf bn.  
19 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ T trks 344th FA Bn and Truck Group C\*
- (3) CT 359th less 1 inf bn.  
19 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ T trks 915th FA Bn and Truck Group D\*

b. 2nd Echelon

- (1) 1 bn each of CT's NOT furnishing Div Res:  
1 Plat Co A (Trk) 415th QM Bn for each bn.\*

\* The CO Co A 415th QM Bn is responsible for the assignment of platoons to CT's and Div Res.

3. COMPOSITION OF TRUCK GROUPS

No. of Trucks	Unit Furnishing	Capacity	
		Men Sitting	Men Standing
4 - Misc	345th FA Bn furnishes Truck Group Commander and 3 section leaders with transportation		(less than 20 mi.).
3 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ T	Hq Btry 90th Div Arty	51	66
25 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ T	345th FA Bn	425	550
6 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ T	90th Signal Co	120	135
4 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ T	315th Medical Bn	100	125
2 - Motor Maintenance Trucks with crews	345th FA Bn.		
	TOTAL	696	876

b. TRUCK GROUP C

<u>No. of Trucks</u>	<u>Unit Furnishing</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	
		<u>Men Sitting</u>	<u>Men Standing</u> (less than 20 mi.)
4 - Misc	415th QM Bn furnishes Truck Group Commander and 3 section leaders with transportation		
24 - 2½T	415th QM Bn	600	720
4 - 2½T	315th Med Bn	100	125
2 - Motor Maintenance Trucks with crews	415th QM Bn		
TOTAL		700	845

c. TRUCK GROUP D

<u>No. of Trucks</u>	<u>Unit Furnishing</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	
		<u>Men Sitting</u>	<u>Men Standing</u> (less than 20 mi.)
4 - Misc	415th QM Bn furnishes Truck Group Commander and 3 section leaders with transportation.		
24 - 2½T	415th QM Bn.	600	750
6 - 1½T	315th Engr Bn	90	114
2 - Motor Maintenance Trucks with crews	415th QM Bn		
TOTAL		690	864

d. Truck Groups B, C, and D are set up to transport 6 rifle companies of approximately 175 men and detachments of battalion headquarters and heavy weapons companies, when reinforced with 19 - 2½T trucks of the CT Artillery.

4. ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION. - a. When Truck Groups B, C, and D are each reinforced by ½ truck company (2½T) (1 Plat), each CT moves three battalions in the 1st echelon of IM 2.

MOTOR MOVEMENT THREE (M3)

1. DESCRIPTION. - a. This moves the entire division in one echelon. Higher authority supplies 4 truck companies, motorizing the division, less Rr Ech. 1½ truck companies, capacity 1800 men, are attached to each infantry regiment, leaving one platoon, Co A, 415th QM Bn, in reserve.

By order of Colonel FALES:

JAMES E. CASEY  
Major, 359th Inf.  
S-3

OFFICIAL:

DISTRIBUTION

CO ✓ AT ✓  
Ex.O ✓ A ✓  
S-1 ✓ B ✓  
S-2 ✓ C ✓  
S-3 ✓ D ✓  
S-4 ✓ E ✓  
Pers. F ✓  
1st Bn. b G ✓  
2nd Bn. b H ✓  
3rd Bn. b I ✓  
Hq. Co. ✓ K ✓  
Serv. ✓ L ✓  
File ✓ M ✓

JAMES E. CASEY  
Major, 359th Inf.  
S-3

Regt. Mtn Co. ✓  
Trans Co. ✓  
Regt. Comm. Co. ✓  
C.O. Hq. Commandant ✓  
C.O. AT " " ✓  
C.O. Med. Det ✓  
Div 2  
315. Cyp. Bn 2  
315. Med Bn 2  
915. FA Bn 2  
90th Sig Co. 2  
Div. Atty Comm. 2  
Div. Comm. Asst 2

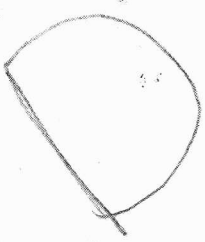
1st Bn Hq. Co. ✓  
2nd Bn Hq. Co. ✓  
3rd Bn Hq. Co. ✓



DECLASSIFIED

Authority 735017  
By DA NARA Date 03/07/06

*735017*



PROVISIONAL REGIMENTAL GAS SOP

359TH INFANTRY REGIMENT  
CAMP BARKELEY, TEXAS  
14 SEPTEMBER 42

	<u>SECTION</u>
GENERAL . . . . .	I
PERSONNEL . . . . .	II
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT . . . . .	III
SUPPLY . . . . .	IV

SECTION I -- GENERAL

1. This SOP is effective this date and will remain so for the duration of this regiment's training period in the Zone of the Interior. All personnel within the regiment will comply with the provisions herein stated, insofar as they are affected.

DISTRIBUTION

- AT
- A
- B
- C
- D
- E
- F
- G
- H
- I
- K
- L
- M
- Med. Det.

SECTION II -- PERSONNEL

2. The regimental gas personnel will consist of the following:
- 1 Regimental Gas Officer
  - 1 Regimental gas non-commissioned officer (appointed by Regimental Gas Officer)
  - 1 Battalion Gas Officer (appointed by Battalion Commanding Officer)
  - 1 Battalion gas non-commissioned officer (appointed by Battalion Gas Officer)
  - 2 Company gas non-commissioned officers (appointed by Company Commander)

3. The Regimental Gas Officer is responsible that a high degree of proficiency in defense against chemical attack is maintained throughout the regiment. He will conduct monthly training inspections to see that this standard is maintained. These inspections will be held during scheduled chemical warfare defense training and battalion commanders will arrange for time and place with the Regimental Gas Officer. He will hold meetings of all gas personnel to coordinate training. He will submit every Saturday, on forms supplied, a report to Division Gas Officer. A copy of this report will be submitted to Regimental Headquarters.

4. The Battalion Gas officers will conduct bi-monthly training inspections and will see that companies schedule instruction to correct any deficiencies noted. They will submit to the Regimental Gas Officer on Friday of each week a report in duplicate covering the following:

- a. All changes in gas personnel.
- b. Condition of gas masks issued to troops.
- c. Caliber of gas sentries.
- d. All incapable gas non-commissioned officers.
- e. Duties performed and time consumed.

5. The regimental gas non-commissioned officer will act as the Regimental Gas Officer's assistant.

6. The Battalion gas non-commissioned officers will act as the Battalion Gas Officers' assistants.

7. The company gas non-commissioned officers assist the company commanders in all matters pertaining to defense against chemical attack. They assist the Battalion Gas Officer whenever he is in the area on an inspection. They instruct the gas sentries. They inspect the gas alarm system, gas proof shelters and see that food and water receive adequate protection.

DECLASSIFIED  
 Authority 735017  
 By DA NARA Date 03/07/06

8. All men will be instructed in the duties of gas sentries. Men who show promise of becoming highly proficient in this course will be appointed gas sentries and will be given further instruction. Gas sentires will be given a refresher course once a month.

9. Companies will schedule a minimum of two hours per month in Chemical Warfare Defense. Periods will not exceed one hour in any one day.

SECTION III - PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

10. Gas masks will be worn only during actual chemical warfare training or inspections. Masks should always be handled with the greatest care. Masks turned in to the supply room will be disinfected immediately under the supervision of a gas non-commissioned officer.

11. All companies will have gas alarms. They will be carried every time the troops go out to the field on a company or larger problem. Once a week each company will have a practice alarm. The alarms will not be employed for any purpose other than to give the alarm for a gas attack.

12. All companies will become proficient in the construction, use, and mechanics of gas proof shelters.

SECTION IV - SUPPLY

13. All chemical supplies to be used as training aids will be obtained through the Regimental Gas Officer.

14. The Regimental Gas Officer will inspect protective equipment throughout the regiment at the same time the companies are holding their prescribed showdown inspections. Company commanders will notify the Regimental Gas Officer of the date and time of these inspections.

15. The Battalion Gas Officers will inspect the protective equipment of their battalions once a month.

16. The company gas non-commissioned officers will constantly supervise the maintenance of chemical warfare protective equipment.

By order of Colonel DEDICKE:

JAMES E. CASEY  
 Major, 359th Inf.  
 S-3

OFFICIAL:

*James E. Casey*  
 JAMES E. CASEY  
 Major, 359th Inf.  
 S-3

DISTRIBUTION: "A"  
 CG - 2  
 RGO - 1  
 BGO - 1  
 Gas NCO's - 1 ea

DISTRIBUTION

CO AT ✓  
 Ex.O A ✓  
 S-1 B ✓  
 S-2 C ✓  
 S-3 ✓ D ✓  
 S-4 E ✓  
 Pers. F ✓  
 1st Bn. ✓ G ✓  
 2nd Bn. ✓ H ✓  
 3rd Bn. ✓ I ✓  
 Hq. Co. ✓ K ✓  
 Serv. ✓ L ✓  
 File ✓ M ✓  
 Med. Det. ✓