LESSONS FROM OPERATIONS

SURVEILLANCE FOR NAZIS

REGENSBURG Mil Gov Detachment F1D3 has instigated a system whereby a person, after once having been removed from office because of Nazi activities, is kept under surveillance for any possible future underground connection. In addition to a Fragebogen, the subject is fingerprinted in accordance with the system now being carried out by the FBI in the US. A picture of the individual is also obtained and goes with the case record. Follow-up checks by special investigators are conducted every two weeks. The detachment not only maintains a case file on all individuals in this category, but also has a card index file which gives in abbreviated form a complete list of the pertinent information. This system, according to the detachment, provides a constant security check upon dismissed personnel.

LANDRAT ISSUES BULLETIN

DETACHMENT E1H2 reports that the Landrat at New-Ulm issues a weekly bulletin to the local Burgermeisters containing Mil Gov information and instructions.

FRANKFURT NURSES REGISTER

THE Frankfurt Health Department has been directed by Detachment E1D2 to announce by newspaper and radio the compulsory registration of all nurses, regardless of creed. The measure, which it is hoped, will alleviate a critical shortage, will subject nurses to duties in hospitals and in public health work. Similar registration will be undertaken throughout the Enclave.

REGISTRATION UNSUCCESSFUL

IN MUNICH, Detachment F1F3 stated that the city-wide registration was unsuccessful for the purposes of the Welfare Department because the registration papers failed to provide a space showing from which city or area the person originally came. This would have helped enormously in returning the refugees to their respective zones, whether or not they were willing to leave Munich.

NATIONALS TO REPORT

AMERICANS, including nationals of all North and South American countries now residing in Frankfurt, have been ordered by Detachment E1D2 to submit a comprehensive report as to their activities during the past six years, a list of all documents substantiating their claim to nationality, and a statement as to what they wish to do in the future.

RESTORE BREMEN PARKS

IN ORDER to clean up and restore the parks and public gardens in Bremen, Detachment E2C2 addressed a call to boys between the ages of 12 and 16 to register for work. Listed as a civic duty, the boys were put to work under the direction of school personnel.

PROTECTING MONUMENTS

CIVIL and religious agencies were directed by Detachment F1F3 to as-

semble crews at all important monuments to store fragments of masonry, and statuary within the buildings and sites. This was done so that important and salvagable monuments would not be additionally damaged by US Army engineers, who are beginning work on the removal of debris from Munich.

RESTORE COMMUNICATIONS

AS A RESULT of several meetings with Third Army signal personnel and the close cooperation of the G—5 Section, one of the biggest problems in the operation of Mil Gov in Bavaria, communication between the various detachments, is being successfully solved.

A directive was published by Army, reports Detachment E1F3, which places the responsibility of installing communications for Mil Gov detachments throughout Bavaria on military commanders. In general, the plan provides for telephone centrals at six key points — Munich, Nuremberg, Ansbach, Wurzburg, Regensburg and Augsburg — and lines from those centrals to the seperate Kreise. The plan also provides for telegraph service to the Regierungsbezirk detachments as well as to the major Stadtkreis detachments. As the comprehensive plan is expected to take some time before being realized, monthly reports are required from military commanders on the progress attained.

INFORMANT SYSTEMS USED

INFORMANT systems established in military labor service units continue to pay dividends, says Oise Intermediate Section, Com Zone. Although there has been no widespread subversive activity in any of these units, occassionally it is necessary to remove individuals because of subversive tendencies.

DAILY MEETINGS HELD

IN AUGSBURG, the Mil Gov Detachment holds daily meetings on policy with the Bürgermeister and Landrat. Preparations have been made for the opening of an emergency school for rapid basic training of middle and higher German civilian officials. The course will last for one month.

MIXED ADVISORY COUNCILS

ORDERS have been issued to the Bürgermeisters and Landrat of Schwab München to begin organizing advisory councils whose political complexion will be as mixed as possible.

RENTAL OF STORAGE FACILITIES

DETACHMENT I 11 D 2 directed that the Landrat of Friedberg's office serve as the contracting agency with civilian food interests, farmer groups, and similar organizations with regard to rental of storage facilities in Wehrmacht. warehouses.

POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE

"DETACHMENTS generally do not seem to realize the value and possibilities of a political intelligence section and but few understand the importance of gathering information on community trends for use in planning Military Government activities. Through civilian 'investigators' information can be gathered on the political leanings of the population: what the average German is thinking and talking about,

his complaints and his opinions with respect to American occupation. Carefully selected individuals attached to a Special Branch section could contribute much valuable information about the community, along with any other work of an investigative nature which might be assigned them. Persons could be used to gather information about civil employees by checking the accuracy of their Fragebogen and by following various leads and conferring with different individuals. In the course of their work they would pick up considerable information which, when brought to headquarters and sifted, would furnish interesting material for the detachment's weekly reports to higher headquarters. Files could be retained on the local level for a study of trends and, at the same time,such information coming in from the field weekly to Zone Headquarters via Military District Detachments would indicate political developments and assist in shaping Military Government policy."

— Col. Henry Parkman, Jr., following a recent USFET tour of inspection.

PWS RETURN TO WORK

OF THE 3,612 discharged PWs who returned to the Frankfurt area during June, 760 were referred to jobs on the day they reported for registration at the Arbeitsamt. About 80 per cent of these 760 workers were, according to Detachment E1D2, distributed among the following occupational groups: agriculture, commercial and clerical construction, metal trades, transportation and wood-working industries.

NOTORIAL FEE SET

THE chief judge of the Offenbach Amtsgericht was instructed by Detachment F2B2 to inform all notaries that the maximum fee on Military Government signature forms will be set at 2 RM per signature.

REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

DETACHMENT E1D2, Frankfurt, reports that a separate department has been established in the Frankfurt municipal government whose responsibility is the rehabilitation of homes in the city. Among the functions of the department will be the establishment of priorities for repair, and the coordination of production of all construction materials.

COLLECTING RUBBLE FOR AIR-STRIPS

PROCEDURE has been perfected by Det. H2D2 in Hanau and 851st Aviation Engineers for collection of rubble required for the foundation of a new airstrip. The rubble will be obtained from locations in Hanau recommended by the City Engineer. German labor will be used under military supervision, and necessary transportation and equipment will be furnished by the 851st. By this plan the needed material for the construction job will be obtained and at the same time clearing of important thoroughfares in the city will be expedited.