

WAR DEPARTMENT
SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
WASHINGTON

January 18, 1943



MEMORANDUM for Assistant Secretary of War.
(Attention: Colonel Wm. P. Scobey)

Subject: Instructions for Military Police Escort
Guard Companies stationed at War Reloca-
tion Centers.

1. Attached is a rough draft of a proposed
letter to be sent through the Service Commands to
the Commanding Officer of each Military Police
Escort Guard Company on duty at War Relocation
Centers.

2. Your remarks and recommendations are
requested.

For The Provost Marshal General:

B. M. Bryan,
Brigadier General,
Director, Aliens Division.

Incl.
Rough Draft.



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February 2, 1943

SUBJECT: Cooperation of Military Police Escort Guard Companies
and War Relocation Project Officials.

TO: Commanding Officer,
321st Military Police Escort Guard Company,
Minidoka Relocation Center,
Eden, Idaho.

THROUGH: Commanding General,
Ninth Service Command,
Fort Douglas,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

1. The primary mission of Military Police Escort Guard Companies stationed at War Relocation projects is to prevent unauthorized persons including evacuees, from entering or leaving the project areas. In addition to this primary mission, the Commanding Officer of the Military Police Escort Guard Company may be called upon by the War Relocation Project Director, in the event of an emergency, to assume full and sole command of the entire project. When complete control of the entire project has been assumed by the military, it is suggested that all administrative facilities of the War Relocation Authority be used to the maximum under army supervision.

2. In order to carry out the primary mission as well as the emergency mission, it is essential that all personnel of the guard company, and most particularly the officers, should understand the responsibilities which may fall upon them both within and without the projects when requested to assume complete control. To be prepared to accomplish the above missions, it is essential that the Commanding Officer of the guard company have the full and complete confidence of the Project Director and that all company officers be informed of all essential facts and circumstances pertaining to the operation of the project.

3. It is suggested that all matters concerning the administration of the project be handled directly between the Commanding Officer of the guard company and the Project Director. In this connection it is essential to confer with the Project Director himself, rather than with a subordinate, regarding any action or problems which may arise. Arrangements of conferences

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with any subordinate person without the prior knowledge of the Project Director may result in a feeling on the part of the Project Director that he is being by-passed and treated as a mere figure-head. Under no condition should the Project Director be given any opportunity to feel that he is being circumvented.

4. If invited by the Project Director, it would be advisable to attend all or as many of his staff conferences as is possible. While attending these conferences, it would be wise not to criticize his action or comments but to listen carefully to all decisions in order that the Commanding Officer of the escort guard company may be prepared better to assume control of the project should such control be requested. In the event the commanding Officer believed changes are required, it is suggested that he present his ideas to the Project Director privately, and that he endeavor to effect a full and frank discussion of these problems.

For The Provost Marshal General

B. M. Brown,
Brigadier General,
Assistant Provost Marshal General,

NOTE: Copies sent to all War Relocation Centers 2-2-43.

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January 21, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL BRYAN:

Subject: Instructions for Military Police Escort
Guard Companies stationed at War Reloca-
tion Centers.

1. The draft of proposed letter of instructions to
Commanding Officers of Military Police Escort Guard Companies
on duty at War Relocation Centers is approved.

2. The following suggestions are made:

- A. It might be wise to determine whether or
not War Relocation Authority has any
suggestions to make.
- B. The company commanders might be instructed
that they should refrain from criticizing
the project director's policies and adminis-
tration except to the project director
himself.

For the Assistant Secretary of War:

(SIGNED)

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