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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES  
72d DIVISION, 7TH MILITARY DISTRICT  
Office of the Judge Advocate General  
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19 November '44

SUBJECT: Duties of 72D AF Company, Definition of  
TO : All Units, 72nd Division

1. The following are the prescribed duties of the 72D AF Company. Additional duties will be defined from time to time.

- a. To see to it that members of the Army shall not violate and infringe the military law, municipal laws, local ordinances of our Civil Government, and Army rules and regulations, nor shall they become offenders of the civil populace or disturbers of peace and order in all free areas.
- b. To restore, preserve and maintain peace and order in enemy-occupied and recaptured towns or areas, and all other free zones.
- c. To assist, when necessary, civil officials in enforcing the civil and criminal laws of the Commonwealth Government.
- d. To arrest collaborators, saboteurs, criminals, looters, deserters, those on AWOL and malingering in the military service in all areas they are to be found, turning them over to the proper authorities and filing therewith affidavits, sworn statements and other pertinent papers regarding the circumstances of the arrests, and the charges against each of these offenders.
- e. To enforce military law, Army rules and regulations in all but enemy-occupied areas. Civilians violating should be investigated and their cases reported to military authorities with the ultimate aim of filing charges against them in Civil courts.
- f. To protect civilians in the present free areas as well as in enemy-occupied and recaptured cities, towns or areas from retaliatory acts and other abuses of soldiers, officers, Civil Government officials and employees and/or other civilians.
- g. To protect or help protect all Government properties and property rights, as well as properties and property rights of members of the Army, Civil Government officials and of other civilians.

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- h. To secure cooperation of the Civil Government and its agencies, in particular, and the civil populace in general.
- i. To disarm civilians of firearms, except those authorized by proper military or civil authorities, and to turn over these arms to the Division Quartermaster for record and disposition. A list in triplicate showing the owners of said arms should accompany the report to HQM72D, a copy to be furnished the G472D and a copy for MP Company's file.
- j. To assist the rescue parties in rescuing and saving friendly parachuting pilots and/or other airplane personnel in distress, and also their supplies and personal properties, and to report the same by radio, when possible, to the G072D, giving data as to full name, rank, serial number and branch of service. Said pilots should be attended to with the end in view of sending them to 7AD Hqs, care of Lt Col Romeo A. Intengan. Be guided by Field message no. 1, 12 November 44, of G072D.
- k. To capture or help capture alive all grounded enemy pilots and to turn them over with their personal effects and valuable papers of military information to the intelligence officers, with the ultimate purpose of reporting them to District Hqs, 7AD. Be guided by Field message no. 1, 15 November 44, of G072D.

2. Members of this unit must be respected and obeyed by Army personnel and civilians alike in the performance of their duties.

3. MP personnel, on the other hand, must be impartial, honest, just, righteous and straight at all times. Above all, abuse of authority must be avoided. Their guide in all their dealings should be; the means employed must be reasonably necessary for the legal purpose to be attained.

By order of Lt Col M A T A :

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