



MILITARY POLICE RAILWAY SECURITY

Railway security in western Europe after the war was the responsibility of General Headquarters, Military Railway Service, Paris, France, which had two subordinate headquarters known as the First Military Railway Service, Strasbourg, France and the Second Military Railway Service, Brussels, Belgium with each responsible for a section of railway security. By the end of 1945, the General Headquarters, Military Railway Service had been inactivated and the responsibility for railway security was transferred to the Railway Security Division, Office of the Theater Provost Marshal, United States Forces, European Theater. On 1 January 1946, the mission for railway security was assigned to the 6869th Military Police Headquarters Detachment under the operational control of the Railway Security Division. Four military police battalions and four antiaircraft artillery battalions were assigned to the 6869th to safe-guard all United States mail and supplies in transit by rail in the theater and were strategically located in France, Belgium and Germany along the rail supply routes.



6869th MP HQ DETACHMENT



383rd
MP Bn



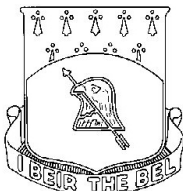
385th
MP Bn



390th
MP Bn



397th
MP Bn



115th
AAA (Gun) Bn



379th
AAA (AW) Bn



537th
AAA (AW) Bn



547th
AAA (AW) Bn

On 1 June 1946, the responsibility for railway security was transferred to the First Military Police Service Group and the 6869th MP Detachment became a component of the group to supervise the operations of the German Railway Police Force. Three of the four anti-aircraft artillery battalions were inactivated and replaced by the 381st and 388th Military Police Service Battalions. (The 397th MP Battalion began wearing a new distinctive insignia.)



FIRST MP SERVICE GROUP



6869th MP Det



381st MP Bn



385th MP Bn



388th MP Bn



390th MP Bn



115th AAA (Gun) Bn

397th MP Bn

During the next 22 months, railway security in France and Belgium was transferred from the First Military Police Service Group resulting in the inactivation of the 383rd MP Battalion in December 1946 and the 390th MP Battalion and the 115th AAA (Gun) Battalion in January 1947. In August 1947, the 397th MP Battalion was inactivated as a result of overall personnel reduction in the theater. In April 1948, operational control of the German Railway Police Force was transferred to the German Railway Administration and the 6869th MP Detachment was inactivated. On 20 June 1948, the First Military Police Service Group was inactivated and its mission assumed by the 7747th Military Police Service Group. On 1 September 1948, the group was redesignated as the 7747th Military Police Railway Security Group and reorganized as a non-TOE unit.



7747TH MP RAILWAY SECURITY GROUP



381st MP Bn

385th MP Bn

388th MP Bn

By November 1948, the 381st, 385th and 388th MP Battalion had been inactivated and replaced by the 540th MP Company. On 20 September 1951, the 540th MP Company was redesignated the 540th MP Railway Guard Battalion and the 7747th MP Railway Security Group was inactivated.



540TH MP RAILWAY GUARD BATTALION

Berlin
Detachment

Bremerhaven
Detachment

Frankfurt
Detachment

Furth
Detachment

Mannheim
Detachment

Munich
Detachment

On 15 March 1956, the 540th Military Police Railway Guard Battalion was inactivated and replaced by the 570th Military Police Company (Railway Guard).



570th MP COMPANY (Railway Guard)

On 1 April 1966, the 570th Military Police Company (Railway Guard) was reorganized and redesignated as the 570th Military Police Platoon (Railway Guard). On 17 March 1990, the platoon was reorganized and redesignated as the 570th Military Police Company. On 15 August 1995, the 570th Military Police Company was inactivated in Germany.