

HEADQUARTERS 90TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 90, U. S. Army

19 October 1945

SUBJECT: High Point and Overage Enlisted Personnel.

TO : Commanding General, Third U. S. Army, APO 403, U. S. Army.  
Attention: Inspector General.

THRU : CHANNELS.

1. The writer is one of twenty-six "high point and overage" enlisted men former members of 38th Machine Records Unit (M), Headquarters XX Corps, APO 340, U. S. Army, who were declared essential and held in that organization until the organization ceased operations 6 October 1945.

2. On 10 September 1945 the Commanding Officer of the 38th MRU was asked to submit a roster to XX Corps G-1 Section of personnel in the unit who had ASR scores of 65 and above (V-E Day Score) and personnel who were over 35 years of age. The required roster was forwarded to XX Corps G-1 Section with a letter stating that personnel readjustment between MRU's in Third Army had been completed on the assumption that the 38th MRU would be inactivated within two months. The letter further stated that further readjustment of the 38th MRU at that time would render the unit incapable of performing its primary mission.

3. During the latter part of September 1945 XX Corps Headquarters and XX Corps units were undergoing personnel readjustment. By the end of September 1945 the XX Corps had in most instances cleared all 70 and 80 point EM from XX Corps units. When the men in the 38th MRU complained to the Commanding Officer (1st Lt MORRIS KOLODITZKY) about being held, they were told that readjustment of MRU personnel would be accomplished by Third U. S. Army and not by Corps.

4. During the first week of October 1945 XX Corps was preparing to transfer XX Corps enlisted personnel with ASR scores of 66 and above (V-J Day Score) to "alerted units" for shipment to Zone of Interior. At that time the 38th MRU still contained EM personnel with ASR scores as high as 81 on the V-J Day computation.

5. The writer obtained an appointment with the XX Corps Inspector General (Colonel SPICER) and told him the story of the MRU personnel being held as "essential." Colonel SPICER stated that he knew of no authority for holding such enlisted men, and upon investigation it was revealed that no written authority existed. (It will be noted here that previously no member of 38th MRU had been declared essential and that personnel readjustment had been accomplished between Third Army MRU's just as readjustment had been accomplished between XX Corps units on basis of ASR scores. Many "key men" had already been released for shipment to the ZI).

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6. Lt KOLODITZKY, Commanding Officer of the 38th MRU, was called by XX Corps IG and G-1 Sections and was told to release the high point men in his command. Lt KOLODITZKY stated that the men could not be released on a Corps quota as they were already on orders to be transferred to Third Army. Lt KOLODITZKY called a meeting of 38th MRU personnel on or about 4 October 1945 and announced that the unit would cease operations on 6 October 1945, at which time the enlisted personnel would be transferred to the 39th MRU at Third Army Headquarters in order that they might be placed in an alerted unit under an Army quota.

7. On 6 October 1945 under provisions of paragraph 24, Special Order No. 275, Headquarters Third U. S. Army, dated 4 October 1945, the personnel of 38th MRU were transferred to 39th MRU, Headquarters Third U. S. Army, but the high point personnel remained attached to 38th MRU pending further orders for transfer to an alerted unit. Investigation at that time revealed that enlisted personnel of the 39th MRU with ASR scores 70 and above had already been transferred (with the exception of volunteers).

8. On 11 October 1945 under provisions of paragraph 3, Special Order No. 156, Hq Special Troops, Third U. S. Army, dated 9 October 1945, thirty-one former 38th MRU EM were transferred to 90th Infantry Division. A breakdown of the ASR scores for these thirty-one EM appears below:

<u>ASR Scores</u>	<u>No. of EM</u>
80 and above	5
70 - 79, incl.	19
Over 35 yrs age	2
66 - 69, incl.	5
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9. Upon arrival at the 90th Infantry Division the former 38th MRU men discovered that the 90th Infantry Division had already transferred out its own enlisted personnel with ASR scores of 70 and above as well as overage personnel. From all appearances the Division was to contain only personnel with ASR scores of 69 and lower.

10. A group of former 38th MRU high point men obtained an appointment with an Officer of the Inspector General's Section, 90th Infantry Division and were later told that XII Corps and Third U. S. Army IG Sections had been contacted by phone in regard to the complaint. No reply was received from either the XII Corps or Third Army IG sections so the writer presented the case to the 90th Infantry Division G-1. On 18 October 1945 the writer was informed by the 90th Infantry Division G-1 that the Division had received verbal authority to hold the recently assigned high point personnel, but that

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some information might be forthcoming in regard to disposition of enlisted men with ASR scores 80 and above.

11. A roster of the twenty-six former 38th MRU enlisted men who have ASR scores of 70 and above or are over 35 years of age is inclosed herewith for your information.

12. Request that, if possible, the twenty-six EM listed on inclosed roster who have ASR scores of 70 and above or are over 35 years of age be transferred to an alerted unit (or units) made up of personnel with comparative ASR scores, in the hope that these high point men may "be shipped from the theater in strict order of point priority" as provided in paragraph 4, Letter AG 370.01, Headquarters Third U. S. Army, Subject: "Personnel Readjustment-Officer and Enlisted Personnel," dated 5 October 1945.

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ROSTER OF HIGH POINT AND OVERAGE ENLISTED MEN  
 FORMER MEMBERS OF 38th MACHINE RECORDS UNIT  
 (MOBILE), HQ XX CORPS, APO 340, U. S. ARMY  
 NOW ASSIGNED TO 90TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ASR</u>
M Sgt	John J. Kral	32335490	80
T Sgt	Clifton L. Gallup	39570918	81
S Sgt	Anthony T. Auremma	32773170	70
S Sgt	George T. Chaney	33553515	71
Tec 3	William A. McLeod	31297485	71
Tec 3	Warn V. Toms	39180488	80
Sgt	Andrew P. Howard	32354276	78
Tec 4	Albert G. Deile	32567735	79
Tec 4	Edmund V. Kurz	32532773	74
Tec 4	Delmar H. Mander	36636379	71
Tec 4	Robert D. Young	34689873	71
Tec 4	Henry Cooper	32769706	70
Tec 4	William F. Lucid	32927194	67 - Over 35 yrs age
Tec 4	Ralph M. Tierney, Jr.	31380005	70
Tec 4	Harry K. Ransler	12106294	70
Tec 5	Thomas E. Search	32530282	79
Tec 5	Herman C. Blanke	32655780	59 - Over 35 yrs age
Tec 5	Joseph A. Capossela	32693018	79
Tec 5	Emery J. Mix	32838792	71 (Also over 35 yrs age)
Tec 5	Bertram C. Rogero	34538106	79
Tec 5	George C. Rosenkrans	32569863	81
Pfc	Carl Koren	32696656	80
Pfc	Alphonso M. Koepfle	34606740	78
Pfc	Samuel C. Mazzarella	33587714	77
Pfc	Robert C. Scranton	35607696	75
Pfc	William D. Summers	33544723	73