OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FOR LANDKREIS MEMMINGEN
APO 403 US ARMY

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report of Landkreis Memmingen for Period 24 November to 1 December 1945.

TO : Office of Military Government for Regierungsbezirk Schwaben, APO 403, US Army.

1. Location of Detachment.

Memmingen (L 48-WX-8235).

2. Civil Administration.

A Flüchtlings-Kommission responsible to the Refugee Commissioner at the Regierungsbezirk level was set up during the week. Dr. Göggl is the present head of the Commission for the Kreis and will have charge of assigning billets for an expected number of 15000 German evacuees from Czecho-Slovakia and Austria.

Functional control over Trade & Industry, Agriculture & Food, Public Welfare and Labor, Public Work & Utilities, Transportation was relinquished by the Detachment during the week.

3. Political Intelligence.

A meeting of the Communistic Party took place on 25 November 1945 at which the principal speaker was State Minister Schmidt from Munich. Mr. Schmidt discussed de-Nazification in general and suggested that prisoners of war who were no party members be exchanged for active members of the NSDAP. He also gave assurance that the KPD would work hand in hand with other democratic parties in rebuilding Germany.

The results of the Austrian election were greeted with great joy by the population.

4. Public Relations.

Nothing to report.

5. Press and Radio.

Intendant Erich Schmidt presented the people of Kreis Memmingen with a diversified program of entertainment including a Marionette show of "Hansel and Gretel", a musical concert of the works of Beethoven, and a comedy "The Fond Relatives".

The German movie house continues to draw large crowds, some of the patrons attend two or three performances. The population is using the movie not only as entertainment but also as a means of learning and perfecting their use of the English language.

6. Public Safety.

a. Police. Blackmarket activities are still going on, but on a very small scale. Minor crimes have also decreased during the past week. On the night of November 20, a Polish Exprisoner of War by the name of Edward Florysiak, stationed near Murnau, Germany, treacherously attacked a number of German civilians, children, women, and old men. The ex-soldier was apparently drunk and was arrested by the Military Police. The ex-soldier was wearing a complete American uniform, the overcoat having a Polish insigna on the left sleeve.

b. Subversive activities. None.

c. War crimes. None.

d. Concentration camps. None.

e. Political prisoners. None.

f. Special Branch. Special Branch vetted 260 fragebogens, of these 30 were in the mandatory dismissal category, 36 in the adverse recommendation category, 68 in the no adverse recommendation category, and 126 indicated no evidence of Nazi activity.

7. Legal and Prisons.

a. Legal.

(1) Military Government Courts. Three (3) sessions of the Summary Military Court were held on the 23, 26, and 27 November 1945, Information concerning cases as follows:

Offense	Violation	Guilty	not guilty	Dismissed	Sentence
Black market	Art II, German Penal Code	2	-	-	32 days imprisonment 3000 RM Fine
Stealing of American Property	Ord.No.1,Art 1, Section 19	3	-	-	2 - 2 months in jail 1 - 1 month in jail.
Attempted theft	Art 242,43 German Penal Code	1	-	-	1 month imprisonment
Disobeying Official Order	Ord.No.1,Art2, Section 21	1	-	-	3 months imprisonment
Unlawful printing	Law No.191	1	-	-	500 RM Fine
Falsefication of Fragebogen	Ord.No.1,Art II,Section 33	-	1	-	Accused found not guilty
Violation against interest of the Allied Forces	Ord.No.1,Art II,Section 43	1	-	-	30 days imprisonment 1000 RM Fine

There are 19 cases pending.

(2) German Courts. The licenses for 6 lawyers, who were approved by Special Branch, were prepared and sent to Augsburg for approval by the Chairman of Lawyer's Advisory Committed.

b. Prisons.

There are 58 prisoners in the Landgefängnis, Memmingen, six of these prisoners are being held by CIC.

8. Finance.

a. The Reichsbank at Memmingen procured 21.700.- RM in small denominational coins and notes consisting of the following:

RM 1.--	=	10.000.--
RM 2.--	=	10.000.--
10 Pfennig	=	1.500.--
1 Pfennig	=	200.--

b. Deposits at local banks continue to increase.

c. The revenues of the Hauptzollamt have been decreasing monthly. This can be mainly attributed to the fact that practically all of the Customs Inspection Posts (Zollaufsichtsstellen) were without personnel for a long period of time which did not allow adequate examination of the tax paying industries. Although the personnel difficulties have now been solved, the new employees lack the necessary experience. However, this difficulty should be overcome as soon as the new personnel becomes thoroughly acquainted with their responsibilities.

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9. Property Control.

a. The property of Johann Fritz, lumber merchant at Erkheim was taken under control when the owner thereof was placed under arrest.

b. The Landrat was appointed custodian of all Luftwaffe properties in the Kreis and is presently engaged in setting up appropriate offices to care for the same.

c. 44th Air Depot Group of the GAF Control Section is continueing the search, assemblage and disposition of all Luftwaffe properties within the Landkreis Memmingen.

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10. Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives.

The Buxheim collection was inspected by an evacuation team with the idea of an early removal in mind. After the removal of the collections at Fussen the team plans the removal and restoration of the Buxheim collection.

11. <u>Public Health.</u>

The following new cases of infectious diseases were reported for the period ending 28 Nov 1945:

Diphtheria	10 (2 deaths)
Gonorrhea	16
Syphilis	4

Other than the increase in the number of Diphtheria cases general health conditions remain the same.

12. Displaced Persons.

a. Number of Displaced Persons living in the Memmingerberg camp:

Poles	3
Latvians	825
Lithuanians	565
Estonians	495
Russ. emigrants	47
Czechs	7
Ukrainians	5
Americans	4
total	1951

b. Number of Displaced Persons entered the camp during this week:

Estonians	9
Lithuanians	14
Russ. emigrants	1
Latvians	3

c. Number of Displaced Persons evacuated:

Nationality	Origin	Location	Destination
3 Latvians	Latvia	Kr. Memmingen	Russia

13. Public Welfare.

a. During this week 56 new applications were received while 121 cases were cancelled.

b. The new applicants are mostly refugees from Austria.

14. Civilian Supply.

Release of 8 pounds dye - still a very critical shortage - was given to this Landkreis for dyeing of former German uniforms.

Attempts to get some lubricants out of the 7th Army area were made.

Necessary preparations of all kind were made for repatriation of German people coming from Austria, Czecho-Slovakia etc.

15. Agriculture, Food & Food Distribution.

a. Agriculture & Food.

(1) Stocks according to reports:

	Stock	Consumption	Surplus
Flour	969	703	266
Nährmittel	210	57	153
Marmelade	111	-	111
Coffee-Substitute	265	20	245
Sugar	35	20	15
Dried Peas	38	-	38
Oil	11	-	11
Meat	687	103	584
Butter	450	93	357
Cheese	900	31	869

(2) Cattle delivered to slaughter house

377 cattle
43 pigs
294 calves

(3) Meat: Since the reduction of the meat ration to 200 gr, the supply of meat is adequate. The cattle assessment has been abolished, and the deliveries for Berlin have been reduced approximately 50%.

(4) Potatoes: The delivery of potatoes decreased to 350 dz. However, the supplies allocated to Munich are still being furnished. The supplies for other regions, which have been ordered by the Bayer. Staatsministerium, will be delivered according to schedule.

(5) Eggs: There was no collection of eggs in the Landkreis Memmingen during the period covered by this report, due to the ending of the laying season.

(6) Bread-grains: The amount of bread-grains on hand is 9748 dz. The supply of bread-grain is sufficient to meet the present requirements.

b. Forestry.

(1) Woodcut last week:

	State forest	Kreis	Private
Leaf wood	80 fm	-	-
Pine wood	450 "	130 fm	30 fm
Pit wood	250 "	90 "	130 "
Fuel wood	280 rm	90 rm	260 rm

(2) Status of wood cutting program:

	Quota	Amt cut	Amt Transp.
US Army	6020 rm	5720 rm	5720 rm
City of Memmingen	20000 "	18000 "	16600 "
City of Augsburg	5000 "	4700 "	-
UNRRA	5000 "	2300 " of pit wood requisitioned	4340 "
		2700 rm Fuel wood	
PWE Camp, Memmingen	2500 "	2350 "	2100 rm

(3) Working conditions.

The POW's of Memmingen camp worked fewer man hours than in the previous week. The frequent change in workers, greatly inhibits production.

(4) Transportation.

During the last week 800 ster of fuel wood was delivered to Memmingen. 600 ster was distributed for civilian use.

Office for Foodsupply A.

Weekly report of food ex- and imports of the Landkreis Memmingen from 23.11.45 incl.28.11.45.

Import This week ctw = dz	Total figures since first report ctw.=dz	Kind of goods		Total export this week ctw. = dz	Total figures since first ctw. = dz
470	26 878	grain	Getreide	-	2 290
13	742	flour	Mehl	1 604	26 721
-	15 919	potatoes	Kartoffeln	-	22 223
353	6 502	meat and sausages	Fleisch u. Fleischwaren	237	15 825
30	90	butter	Butter	310	11 132
-	-	butterlard	Butterschmalz	-	732
50	735	Cheese	Käse	660	23 163
-	-		Rahm	-	497
-	-		Trockenmilch	-	784
-	596	sugar	Zucker	*	276
7	494	groceries	Nährmittel	23	748
10	169	noodles	Teigwaren	-	117
-	1 016	coffee-substitute	Kaffee-ersatz	4	627
-	176	jam	Marmelade	-	58
-	-	cookingoil	Speiseöl	-	1
-	1 349 843	eggs	Eier	-	1 290 501
-	1 175	fruit and vegetables	Obst und Gemüse	-	126
-	1 512	salt	Salz	-	157
-	29	or else	Sonstiges	-	-

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16. Trade and Industry.

This report was submitted by authorized civilian agency to civilian authorities in Augsburg.

17. Labor.

a. Total number of workers in Kreis Memmingen: No change. Male: 16 467, Female: 16 494 (incl. independent workers).

b. Category of laborers available:

Office-workers, household-workers, metal-workers.

c. Local needs:

Dairy-workers (milkers)	303
Farm-workers (team-drivers)	193
Carpenters	14
Masons	10
Cabinet-makers	12
Unskilled construction workers	314

d. Some of the manpower available cannot be used as unskilled construction labor as there is no working clothing available and quite a few have doctors certificates excempting them from hard labor.

e. There was a call for forty (40) homeworkers in the town of Ottobeuren to manufacture toys and children's playthings, which afforded an opportunity to employ mostly war invalids.

f. Ten (10) of the civil service employees, who were dismissed by order of the Military Government, reported for work, eight (8) were unable to do hard work (as certified by doctors), one (1) had been employed as unskilled construction worker, and one (1) is unable to do any kind of work.

18. Public Utilities.

Water works.

The supply of water, during the period covered by this report amounted to 2900 cbm, which is sufficient to accomodate the present needs of the population. Restoration of the water system at Martinskirche which was destroyed when air raid shelters were constructed, is in progress. At present there are 13 men employed at the water works.

Sewers.

The sewerage system accomodates 60% of the normal civil population. The sewerage pits, which are not connected to the sewerage system, are emptied periodically by a suction apparatus. The material is then dried and distributed to farms in the vicinity of Memmingen for use as fertilizer.

The repair work of the canal in the Luitpoldstrasse and Allgauerstrasse is proceeding according to plan. During the week one (1) foreman and three (3) workmen were so engaged. A shortage of skilled laborers prevented further repairs of the filter beds.

Gasworks.

It is expected that if the repair work at the gasplant continues at the present rate, the plant can resume operations at partial capacity in approximately one month, provided sufficient coal can be obtained. The following personnel are employed at present:

masons	3
locksmith	5
pipe layers	4
assistants	8
officials	4

19. Communications.

a. Post. With the extension of the mail service to all zones of occupation, the mail and parcel traffic have increased rapidly. During the past week there have been approximately 17.000 letters per day.

b. Telephone. Twenty new telephone connections were installed within the Landkreis during the past week.

c. Telegraph. The telegraph service is not being used to a very great extent. During the past week approximately eight telegrams per day were sent through the local office.

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20. Transportation.

The tire situation is still as vitaly critical as it was during the last few weeks. Attempts in salvaging bad tires were made in so far as after arrangements with a certain plant at Pforzheim tires will be taken to this place for repair.

Several new batteries were located at Memmingen coming from different places outside of this area.

According to a directive two (2) civilian vehicles were sent to Augsburg for disposal.

The civilian motor pool is now disbanded. All unimportant spare parts, tools, and cannibalization parts were brought to Augsburg to a centralized pool, responsible for Swabia.

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21. Education and Religion.

A public meeting of Jehovos Witness was authorized on 29 November 45 in Memmingen. The subject for discussion was "The might of the Demons". Attendance was small.

The secondary schools are ready to open as soon as approval of the application is received. A new supply of the text books will be available on 3 December 45 and distribution of these books will be made as soon as they are catalogued.

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