

CHAPTER 7

SPECIAL GUARDS

Section I. GENERAL

67. When Detailed

Special guards are detailed when it is impractical to use members of the main guard to guard property or an area. Ordinarily they are governed by the same general principles as the main guard. Special guards follow safety procedures outlined in appendix D.

68. Purpose

Special guards protect vehicles, buildings, equipment, supplies, and other property not protected by the main guard. They enforce special regulations in regard to parks or other property being guarded.

Section II. PARK GUARDS

69. General

Motor parks and tank parks are usually guarded by elements of the main guard. When this is impractical, special park guards are posted.

70. Duties

a. Neither the noncommissioned officer nor members of the park absent themselves from the vicinity of the park unless so ordered.

b. Park guards are not employed for police and fatigue duties at the park except in an emergency.

71. Control of Park Guards

Park guards are under the immediate control of their commanders.

72. Noncommissioned Officers of the Park Guard

a. The noncommissioned officer receives orders from his company commander. When relieved, he turns over all orders to his successor. He instructs his guards in their general and special duties, including safety procedures; exercises general supervision over his entire guard; insures that the guardroom is orderly and clean; and checks the motor vehicles, equipment, and property which he is to protect. Immediately upon going on duty he inspects the area for fire hazards and insures that keys are in vehicles so that they may be moved in case of fire. Before relieving his predecessor, the noncommissioned officer examines all locks, windows, and doors; if any are found insecure, he reports that fact to his company commander when reporting for orders. He personally posts and relieves each guard, taking care to verify the property responsibility of the guard who comes off post. He sees that the guard who goes on post knows the property for which he is responsible.

b. All vehicle returning to the motor park are reported to the noncommissioned officer of the park guard so that he may have knowledge of his added responsibility. He notifies the guard on post of any

changes in the number of vehicles.

c. Other duties of the noncommissioned officer of the park guard include—

(1) Promptly reporting to the company commander any unusual occurrence and any abuse of vehicles or property.

(2) Answering guard calls promptly.

(3) In case of fire, insuring that all firefighting measures, as outlined in paragraph 73, are promptly carried out.

(4) Permitting no vehicles or equipment to be taken from the park except by proper authority.

(5) Designating another member of the guard to take charge and assume responsibility for the post whenever it becomes necessary for him to leave the post.

73. Park Guards

a. Park guards are governed by the regulations for guards on main guard duty.

b. They receive orders only from the commanding officer, the park commander (the officer of the day and officers and noncommissioned officers of the guard when the guard is part of the main guard), and the noncommissioned officer of the park guard.

c. In the field or when so directed by proper authority, the guard, upon being posted, verifies the number of motor vehicles and/or equipment for which he is responsible, and, upon being relieved, gives that number to his successor.

d. In case of fire, the guard sounds the alarm as prescribed in his special orders. Upon sounding the alarm the guard takes such action as is deemed necessary to prevent the spreading of the fire.

Section III. OTHER SPECIAL GUARDS

74. General

Train guards, boat guards, and other guards are detailed as special guards when it is impractical for the main guard to guard the areas or property involved.

75. Duties

The duties of special guards are prescribed by the commanding officer to fit the specific needs.

76. Civilian Guards

Civilian guards are used when authorized by proper authority. They receive their orders and perform their duties as the installation commander may direct.