

RESUME -- STAFF MEMO FOR GEN CORNING

At 1845, 9 June, Gen Corning received a call from the Sheriff of Lawrence County informing him of heavy rains in the Hills and possible flooding.

Gen Corning gave the information to COL Lemaster who immediately alerted the staff duty officer to have the battalion commanding officers ^{or their representatives} report to Headquarters for a briefing on possible disaster assistance.

COL Lemaster was in the process of briefing the battalion COs when the initial flood water hit the city. He immediately activated the EOC instructing each Battalion CO to get adequate help for dispatching their units on

missions. ^{Duty NCO called MSCA officers} At 1915 the EOC received a call from the State Highway and Sheriff's office requesting us to block the Nemo Road and Highway 40. ^{All Troops in the KC Area were recalled by Radio + RV between 1915 & 1945} Vehicles and personnel were dispatched to accomplish this. At about the same time, we had received word on the possible flooding below Canyon

Lake and dispatched personnel to assist the police in alerting these residents. At 1945 we dispatched first reaction teams to rescue missions.

At 2000 hours we had approximately 800 Guardsmen with vehicles ready to react to rescue missions on call. At approximately 2300 hours we received word that the city police and fire departments were flooded out of

their facilities and that we and the Sheriff's office were the only ones receiving calls for assistance. ^{E. J. Chelberg, MSCA Officer sent to County EOC} By 7:00 o'clock on 10 June we have record of dispatching over 100 rescue missions. Those people reporting back

Hundreds more performed by Guardsmen on their own in disaster area. (Many sent on missions stayed in area for as much as 12 hours)

were reporting that extreme darkness hindered their efforts in rescue. They could hear people calling for help but it was impossible to see them or locate them. At 2330 hours, Friday, 9 June, additional Guard units not on annual field training were ordered to report for duty. This involved about 900 people. At the same time we also alerted the 741st Transportation Co and the South Dakota Air National Guard to be prepared for possible alert to furnish additional manpower.

No power - water -

(2952 Guardsmen, self supporting, were applied to Rescue - search and evacuation)

Saturday, 10 June, we primarily continued reaction to search, rescue, and body recovery missions. On this date also, the 854th Water Supply Co established water purification and distribution points *And assumed responsibility for city supply of peak water*. The Medical Co *(tot - typhoid)* was treating casualties and preparing to give shots to approximately 40,000 residents and Guardsmen. Some medical treatments rendered were two coronary patients and several cut-and-bruise patients. *Teams of medical to outlying areas*

(Air action 1085th)

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Sunday, 11 June, our mission was primarily search, rescue, evacuation, air supply (of food and medical), and body recovery. At this time we also received missions for security of the cities of Rapid City and Keystone, SD. At this time we had approximately 3,000 National Guardsmen on duty.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday were spent primarily in body search with a detailed search of Rapid Creek from the Fairgrounds to above Hisega Lodge, Box Elder Creek, the Keystone area, and Fort Meade Dam Site.

On Tuesday, 13 June, two bridges had been completed by the National Guard engineers and a third bridge was erected but the approaches were yet to be completed. Believed to be in operation by Wednesday.

14 June, withdrawal plan (attached) was presented to the Governor and approved.

June 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20. Continued supporting body recovery, removal of debris, bridge approaches, Fort Meade Dam lowering, and spillway.

17 June. Heavy rains within the city caused flooding in various areas of the city. 17 reaction teams with 5-ton trucks, rope flashlights, and radios were dispatched to various areas of the city where flooding conditions existed.

18 June. Security mission ended.

19 June. Due to the lack of dump trucks to haul debris in the Operation Bulldozer area, 15-ton dumps were dispatched to assist.

20 June. Request from Sheriff's office to search about a 60 city block area again. Dispatched trucks, front-end loader, dozer, and wrecker. Building road into city dump. Fort Meade Dam to be blown today or tomorrow AM.