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⑥ Lessons Learned
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 1ST BATTALION, 63D ARMOR [U].
Fort Riley, Kansas 68442

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SUBJECT: ⑨ Operational Report - Lessons Learned, RCS CSFOR - 65

no. 1 for period ending 31 Mar 67.

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development
Department of the Army
Washington, D.C. 20310

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1. (U) References:

- a. AR 1-19 dated 26 May 1966.
- b. DA Message 805034 from ACSFOR dated 10 May 1966

2. (C) Significant Organization or Unit Activities:

a. This report, the first, will cover the general events from 1 January 1967 to 28 February 1967, as well as the required reporting period 1 to 31 March 1967.

b. General description of activities. The unit was engaged in training, and reorganized under the G-Series TOE. A detailed listing of significant events is listed on Annex A.

c. Personnel:

(1) During the period, 1 January 1967 to 31 March 1967, the unit gained 168 enlisted personnel of which 132 were deployable (see para #3 under Commanders Comments). During the same period the unit lost 155 individuals. The major causes for personnel loss were:

(a) Non-deployables; Normal ETS, retirements, physical profile (who were transferred to other units).

(b) Personnel in line companies who could not be cleared

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for access to Confidential Information were transferred to other units.

(2) Known enlisted gains plus personnel currently assigned will provide the battalion with a 107% fill of authorized enlisted strength.

(3) 96% of currently assigned and joined personnel are MOS qualified. The known shortages are generally in the middle NCO grades particularly in the 11E MOS (Tank Commander). A table showing the strength build up is found in ANNEX B.

(4) The Battalion has all authorized combat arms officers assigned. There is one known officer loss between now and deployment.

(5) Both Maintenance Warrant Officers assigned to the Battalion are non-deployable. Both are recent returnees from South East Asia. Their replacements are projected for assignment 90 days prior to deployment.

(6) It is anticipated that the Battalion Surgeon and the Medical Operations Assistant will join the Battalion just prior to deployment.

(7) A request was submitted on 4 March 1967 for the assignment of an Air Force Forward Air Controller and his team by 1 June 1967, for the unit training period.

(8) All newly assigned officers and non-commissioned officers have been assigned a sponsor and have been sent letters of welcome.

d. Operations: The battalion did not participate in any exercises or operations during the period.

e. Training and Organization:

(1) 128 Trainees received advanced individual training in various MOS's during the period. This training was completed on 1 April 1967.

(2) The unit sent 187 individuals to off-post schools for

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MOS and M551 training for a total of 581 man weeks. A total of 112 individuals attended post schools for formal MOS training for a total of 458 man weeks of schooling. During the period a total formal schooling initiated or completed outside the unit was 1,039 man weeks. A break out is shown in Annex C.

(3) A general plan for training during the period and projected until the personnel readiness date is included in Annex D. Highlights of this training are listed below:

(a) Tank Gunnery (2-27 May) with emphasis on night firing and rapid target engagement at close ranges.

(b) Maneuver phase (7 June 29 July) emphasis on night operations, Amphibious operations, and operation from a "Base Camp".

(c) Platoon and company ATTS during July.

(4) Organization:

(a) The Battalion was reorganized under TOE 17-35G 25 January 1967 by 5th US Army General Order #16.

(b) On 7 March the Battalion Commander, S-3, S-4, and Maintenance Officer visited the US Army Armor School and participated in a conference concerning required modifications to the TOE based on two factors:

(1) Area of Anticipated Deployment:

(2) Peculiarities of General Sheridan M551. A request for modification of TOE 17-35G for this will be submitted through channels on 15 March 1967. (Highlights are listed in para #3 of this report).

f. Intelligence and Security:

(1) The Battalion has initiated a program of weekly intelligence briefing, frequency and detail will increase as deployment date nears.

(2) The CONFIDENTIAL Classification of the General Sheridan

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has required that strong security procedures be established. All personnel who require access to the vehicle in the normal performance of their duties must be cleared for a minimum of CONFIDENTIAL. Clearances granted to personnel of this unit are as follows:

- (a) Top Secret - 13
- (b) Secret - 63
- (c) Confidential - 467
- (d) Crypto - 15

g. Logistics:

(1) Supply:

(a) All new items authorized by the G Series TOE were placed on requisition during January 1967. The Battalion was given expected delivery dates on most items during the first half of April, but one item (Telephone TA 312/PT) was given a date of 15 July.

(1) Critical items at the present time appear to be one (1) M113 Armored Personnel Carrier authorized by the "G" Series TOE and the M16E1 Rifle authorized to deploying units.

(2) Request for M113 Armored Personnel Carrier to replace M114's have been cancelled. It is presumed that the requisitions will be honored prior to deployment.

(b) Anticipated delivery dates of the M551 are during the months of April, May and June.

(1) 34 during April

(2) 15 during May

(3) Remainder (Including Support "FLEET") during June.

(c) Turn in of the M48A3 Tanks on hand is planned upon

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receipt of the new vehicle. Complete inventories of BILI items have been made and packing boxes built by Post Engineer Personnel for shipment of the BILI.

h. Maintenance:

(1) CMMI scores obtained by this Battalion during the period 1 thru 8 March 1967 were as follows: HHC 84, A Co 92, B Co 86, and C Co 90.

(2) Maintenance personnel:

(a) Direct and General Support Maintenance Personnel have been authorized to perform "On Site" Maintenance in the Battalion Motor Park. This is highly desirable since it will reduce the time lost in preparing vehicles for support maintenance and also will reduce the exposure to security violations.

(b) Organizational Maintenance personnel will assist post personnel and will in the process gain more detailed knowledge of the vehicle.

(c) The Army Tank Automotive Center has provided two (2) M551 trained personnel to assist this unit by:

(1) Instructing crewmen and maintenance personnel on the M551 Vehicle.

(2) Providing technical assistance when required.

(d) The Electronics Command and Cleveland Tank Plant will have personnel available to assist in any problems that may arise.

(3) Maintenance Facilities:

(a) Post Field Maintenance has been given shop and office space on the Battalion Motor Park.

(b) Office space has been designated for the various equipment commodity commands in order that all maintenance efforts will be located in a centralized area.

(4) Maintenance Training:

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(a) The following courses were given at Fort Knox, Kentucky and were attended by maintenance personnel assigned to this unit:

(1) Tracked Vehicle Mechanics Transition Courses were presented 18-25 March 1967 and 8-15 April 1967.

(2) Turret Mechanics Transition Course is to be presented 8-22 April 1967.

(b) The maintenance officer, motor sergeant and senior recovery sergeant attended a three (3) week course at Warren, Michigan which was presented by the US Army Tank Automotive Center. This course pertained to the automotive portion of the M551 vehicle. The maintenance officer and the senior recovery sergeant will attend a turret course at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

(c) Maintenance courses have been established through the Army Tank Automotive Center to instruct maintenance personnel of this unit who were not available to attend other formal instruction. This instruction will be presented in the battalion motor park with special interest being on "Quarterly Maintenance Services".

(5) Repair Parts and Prescribed Load List.

(a) Prescribed load lists have been obtained from the US Army Armor School and the Army Tank Automotive Center.

(b) The two (2) lists are presently being reviewed with comparisons being used to initiate a recommended prescribed load list for this unit.

(c) A request for increased stockage is being prepared to increase the amount of repair parts for deployment.

(6) Liaison has been established with the US Army Armor School, and the US Army Armor Board for a direct exchange of maintenance information.

(7) Due to the presence of the representatives from the various commodity commands, the overall training of the maintenance personnel will increase.

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3. Commanders Observations and Recommendations:

a. Personnel.

(1) It is recommended that this unit be augmented by the addition of a personnel section as outlined in letter this Headquarters dated 1 April 1967, Subject "Reorganization of Armored Unit". This unit now operates as a separate Tank Battalion and it is anticipated that it will continue in this status after deployment.

(2) It is recommended that all previous enlisted requisitions be cancelled when a unit is notified of it's D-1 status. There have been several cases of double fill and assignment of non-deployable personnel to this unit. This has caused unnecessary hardships. Also there have been cases of RVN returnees being erroneously coded and assigned to this unit only to be reassigned.

(3) Timely issuance of orders has been a problem. Some personnel have known about their assignment to this unit only after receiving letters of welcome, others have arrived before this unit has received their orders. There also has been an inconsistency in assignment instructions i.e. personnel with the same reporting date have been given different instructions regarding their choice of moving dependents to this station.

b. Training:

(1) The only training experience gained to date is at special courses conducted at Fort Knox. The concept of this transition training is sound and should be continued when future units are organized.

(2) It is recommended that this battalion be advised officially of the exact status of ammunition tests, and any restrictions that may be placed on training during the next 120 days.

c. Organization: The amphibious capability and 17 ton combat weight of the M551 has effected greatly our organization under TOE 17-35G. Major adjustments considered necessary to the TOE are:

(1) Substitution of a light weight AVLB for the 60 ton M48/M60 series AVLB now authorized. An aluminum AVLB mounted on the M113 chasis (still under development) would more adequately meet the needs of the battalion.

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(2) Substitution of the lighter M578 VTR for the M88. The heaviest vehicle in the battalion other than the M48 AVLB, weighs less than 20 tons.

(3) Adding a mechanized infantry squad and two additional M113's to each tank company. One M113 would carry the squad while the second M113 would serve as a company CP. The mechanized infantry squad is recommended to provide the tank company a local security element needed in South East Asia.

(4) Substituting tracked, amphibious cargo carriers, M584 for some of the wheeled vehicles in the battalion support platoon and the tank company. This would enable the battalion to resupply the tank companies in spite of water barriers and difficult terrain.

Further modifications to the TOE to tailor it for employment in South East Asia are:

a. The unit is considering the substitution of 81 mm mortars for the 107 mm mortar in the heavy mortar platoon. The minimum range of 1000 meters characteristic of the 107 mm would appear to limit its use in the type of warfare being conducted in South East Asia. Recommendations from South East Asia would be most useful.

b. Addition of a third and fourth M113 AVLB and of a third M113 ambulance to provide better combat support for tank companies operating independently.

c. Substitution of the M113 for the M114.

d. Substitution of the M16E1 rifle for the M14.

e. Other minor modifications such as enlisted grade structure, firing data tables, and other items to numerous to mention in this report are being considered

d. Intelligence and Security: Early declassification of the M551 components would greatly reduce both administration and security problems.

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e. Logistics:

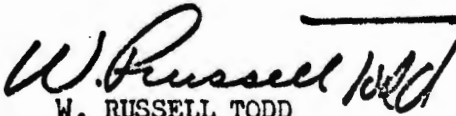
(1) There have been many questions concerning supply and maintenance peculiar to the M551 and the anticipated employment of the unit which remain unsolved. These include:

- (a) Support after deployment.
- (b) Availability of Ammunition.
- (c) Means of recharging CO2 now required as part of the gun scavenger system.
- (d) Proper PLL authorizations.
- (e) Means of recharging the freon main fire extinguisher.

(2) It is expected that these and many other questions will be resolved when the anticipated representative of the various commodity commands are available at this station.

f. Other: There is a definite need for information concerning the specific mission of this unit and the anticipated arrival of the M551 to include support plans. This has been partially solved by liaison trips to Fort Knox and the Cleveland Tank Plant. It would be of great assistance to receive a briefing on the overall plans for this unit.

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HEADQUARTERS FORT RILEY, Fort Riley, Kansas 66442

TO: Commanding General, Fifth U.S. Army, ATTN: ALFGC-TN, 1660 East Hyde Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60615

1. (U) References.

a. AR 1-19, 26 May 1966.

b. DA message 805034, 10 March 1967.

2. (C) In compliance with paragraph 1a above the following comments are submitted:

a. Personnel.

(1) Concur with comments and recommendations made by CO, 1/63 Armor.

(2) The following additional comments on personnel are added:

(a) Officer Assignment. Early action taken by Armor Branch, OPO, to fill officer requirements of the battalion materially improved ability of the unit to assume its new mission.

(b) Non-deployables (Paragraph 3a(2), Basic Communication). Assignment by DA of a limited number of non-deployables to a deploying unit must be expected. Records that are out of date, family problems, and other factors make this highly likely. Early identification of these personnel is required by the unit concerned to permit an appropriate additional fill from DA.

(c) Personnel Section. (Paragraph 3a(1), Basic Communication). Commander's recommendation on augmentation of the unit with a personnel section is considered highly desirable. This unit is currently operating as a separate tank battalion and as such, is responsible for maintaining its own personnel records. Further, the unit's anticipated future role in Southeast Asia will in all probability require it to operate independently. Consequently, it is essential that the request submitted by the unit on 1 April for a personnel section augmentation be approved.

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(d) Availability of MOS qualified EM. Lack of other armor units at Fort Riley makes availability of personnel in MOS needed by 1/63 Armor unlikely.

b. Intelligence and Security. Declassification of M551 (Paragraph 3d, Basic Communication). Concur with the commander's recommendation on early declassification of the M551. Such restrictions increase administrative and security requirements of the unit concerned.

c. Training. Status of Ammunition Tests. (Paragraph 3b(2), Basic Communication). Concur with the commander's recommendations on advising the unit of the status of ammunition tests. Information is essential to future planning in the battalion.

d. Organization.

(1) Substitute AVLB (Paragraph 3b(1), Basic Communication). Concur with the unit commander's recommendation on substitution of a light weight AVLB for the currently authorized 60 ton M48/60 series AVLB. A lighter weight vehicle will more adequately meet the needs of the unit.

(2) M578 VTR (Paragraph 3c(2), Basic Communication). Concur with unit commander's recommendation on the substitution of the lighter M578 VTR for the M88. A recovery vehicle of this nature is more adequately tailored to the needs of the battalion under its current configuration.

(3) Infantry Squad and Additional M113's (Paragraph 3c(3), Basic Communication). Concur with the recommendation to add one squad of mechanized infantry and two additional M113's per tank company. The addition of the infantry squad will provide the combat elements of the battalion with local security when the units are operating without attached infantry. The second M113 provides the tank company with a mobile command post in keeping with its armored mission.

(4) Tracked Amphibious Cargo Carriers (Paragraph 3c(4), Basic Communication). Concur with the substitution of tracked, amphibious cargo carriers, M584, for some wheeled vehicles in the battalion support platoon. Substitution would provide greater mobility of operations in Southeast Asia.

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(5) Substitution of 81mm Mortars for 107mm Mortars (Paragraph 3c(5)(a), Basic Communication). Nonconcur with the substitution of 81mm mortars for the 107mm mortar. The 107mm mortar provides the battalion fire support comparable to that furnished by direct support artillery. It also allows unlimited movement without regard to direct support artillery.

(6) Additional AVLB's and M113 Ambulances (Paragraph 3c(5)(b), Basic Communication). Concur with comments on the addition of M113 AVLB's and a third M113 ambulance. Additions are essential to independent operations.

(7) Substitution of M113's for M114's (Paragraph 3c(5)(c), Basic Communication). Concur with substitution of the M113 for the M114. Experience in Southeast Asia has shown the M113 to be a more suitable vehicle for operations of this nature.

(8) M16E Rifles (Paragraph 3c(5)(d), Basic Communication). Concur with the substitution of the M16E rifle for the M14.

e. Logistics.

(1) Supply.

(a) Telephone TA 312/PT (Paragraph 2g(1)(a), Basic Communication). Unit is short 6 of 27 telephone sets, TA 312. Items are on station requisition A55 750-70 18-0803. Confirmed EDD is 15 July 1967.

(b) M16 Rifles (Paragraph 2g(1)(a)1, Basic Communication). Unit is short 276 M16 rifles. Current distribution schedule is 30 days prior to ERD (15 Aug).

(c) M113 Armored Personnel Carriers (Paragraph 2g(1)(a)1 and 2g(1)(a)2, Basic Communication). Unit is short 1 M113 as a result of reorganization and 9 M113's as deployable substitutes for the M114. Station requisition A55750-7023-0808 for 10 each M113's was cancelled as DA allocated. No firm EDD is available. Information from HQ, Fifth U.S. Army, indicates availability either immediately prior to deployment or to be issued in-country.

(d) M551 (Paragraph 2g(1)(b), Basic Communication). No firm anticipated delivery date of the M551 has been received as of 11 April. It is anticipated that delivery schedule will be confirmed

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during the week of 10 April with the first new tanks being delivered to the installation within the next 15 days. This delay in the distribution schedule also has resulted in this installation not receiving a support list to properly requisition the repair parts required. Discussion with Rock Island on 10 April revealed that the support list would be released at the time the first shipment of vehicles is released. The 1/63 Armor has been instructed to prepare a PLL based upon the prescribed load list used in test problems by the Armored School and Army Tank Automotive Center. A request will be initiated for parts to support the M551 program while at Fort Riley and to deploy with the unit.

(2) Other Support. Support of the M551 (Paragraph 3e, Basic Communication). All unsolved problems concerning supply and maintenance of the M551 are being explored by the G-4. It is anticipated that these areas will be resolved in sufficient time to conduct programmed training. These areas should not delay unit deployment.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH UNITED STATES ARMY, 1660 East Hyde Park Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois 60615 18 MAY 1967

TO: Commanding General, United States Continental Army Command, Fort
Monroe, Virginia 23351

(C) This headquarters concurs in the comments and recommendations provided by the unit commander and the installation commander with the following exceptions and additions.

a. Personnel.

Para 3a(2) of the basic letter states "all previous enlisted requisitions should be cancelled when a unit is notified of its D1 status" to prevent assignment of non-deployables. Para 2a(2)(b) of the 1st Indorsement should add that the responsibility for cancelling outstanding requisitions when a unit changes status is the responsibility of the unit commander.

b. Operations.

Nonconcur with para 2d(5), 1st Indorsement. Concur in para 3b(4)(a), basic communication, in that the 1000 meter minimum range of the 107mm mortar would limit use of this weapon by the unit in Southeast Asia.

c. Training and Organization.

Reference para 3b(2), basic letter. Ammunition has been released to Fort Knox and Fort Riley. No restrictions on training for the next 120 days because of ammunition are anticipated.

d. Intelligence.

Early efforts at reevaluation of the security classification assigned components of the M551 should be made by the appropriate headquarters.

e. Logistics.

(1) Supply, reference para 2e, 1st Indorsement.

(a) Para 2e(1)(b). The unit reverted to a C-1 status effective 18 April 1967 in accordance with USCONARC message 55903 ATOPS-RE-TP, dated 15 April 1967. As a STRAF unit, this unit is not authorized the M16 rifle.

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(b) Para 2e(1)(c). Comment for (a) applies. Unit is authorized the M114 (Carrier C&R) unless approved MTOE authorizes the deletion and adds a like quantity of M113's (Carrier, Personnel).

(c) Para 2e(1)(d). Five each, M551, were received on 24 April; 12 each M551 are enroute and expected to arrive on post 28 April; five each will be shipped from the vendor on 28 April; the remaining 37 each M551 are expected to arrive by 31 May. All M551's will have new family radios installed prior to shipment from the vendor. The support list of repair parts received with the first five Sheridans has been reviewed and the station ASL adjusted accordingly. Essential parts are currently being requisitioned with no difficulty expected at this time.

(2) Reference para 3c(1), basic letter: Substituting the developmental AVLB mounted on the M113 chassis for the AVLB M48 mounted on the M60 chassis is sound, providing the developmental item will become available for issue to the unit in time to meet contingency missions.


(3) Reference para 3c(2), basic letter: Substituting the light recovery vehicle M578 for all five medium recovery vehicles M88 should be related to the substitution of the scissor bridge launchers mentioned in para (2) above. In the event the M48/M60 mounted AVLB is retained in the TOE/MTOE, one each M88 should also be retained.

(4) Reference para 3c(4), basic letter: This substitution of cargo carrier M548 should be for the truck, cargo, five ton, 6x6 LWB on a one for one exchange (quantity is 20 each).

(5) Reference para 3e(1)(c), basic letter: Recommend that maintenance support plan be revised to incorporate essential instructions relative to the means of recharging the CO2 scavenger system and freon fire extinguisher system for all units utilizing the M551 weapons system regardless of where the unit may be located.

(6) Reference para 2e(4)(b)(2), basic letter: Request for modification of TOE 17-35G has not been received by this headquarters. Upon receipt and review, this headquarters will forward with appropriate recommendations.

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Headquarters, United States Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe,
Virginia 23351 20 JUN 1967

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army, Washington, D.C. 20310

(C) The observations and recommendations of the Commander, 1st
Battalion, 63d Armor together with evaluations of intermediate headquarters
are concurred in subject to the following comments:

a. Personnel:

(1) The status of 1st Bn, 63d Armor changed from a D-1 to
a C-1 as of 15 April 1967. An MTOE action covering this unit as a STRAF
unit has been forwarded to Department of the Army. This action would
provide a personnel section for the unit.

(2) As indicated in the comments of CG, 5th US Army (2d Ind),
cancellation of outstanding personnel requisitions is a unit responsibility.
In some instances personnel will already be enroute and orders cannot be
cancelled. Personnel who are non-deployable will be reassigned upon arrival
at the installation.

(3) The losing unit is responsible for timely notification of
an individual of his selection for assignment to a D-1 unit and the forwarding
of copies of assignment orders to a gaining unit. Guidance has been published
(Ltr, ATPER-MPD-E, HQ USCONARC, 3 Jan 67, Subject: Movement of Dependents)
in regard to personnel who have received erroneous instructions regarding the
movement of dependents.

b. Training:

(1) It is anticipated that other units to be equipped with the
M-551 will require transition training. Coordination has been effected with
the Armor School to provide this training on an as required basis.

(2) A total of 616 rounds ctg 152mm TP-T ammunition from March
production was released to Ft Riley on 5 May 67. There has been no further
release to date. Informal information from Ft Riley, 25 May 67, reveals that
because of summer training (reserve and ROTC units) ranges will not be avail-
able from 1 June until after 12 August, therefore, no more ammo is required
until about 15 August 1967. Sufficient quantities of TP-T should be available
at that time to allow qualification firing by tank crews; however, availability
is contingent upon release of the ammunition by US Army Materiel Command.

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c. Organization: Concur with unit commander's observations and recommendations except that the following organizational recommendations are no longer considered appropriate in view of change from D-1 to C-1 status:

(1) The addition of a mechanized infantry squad and two additional M113's to each tank company.

(2) The further modifications to the TOE to tailor it for employment in SEA.

d. Intelligence and Security: Concur.

e. Logistics:

(1) The change in status (to C-1) of this unit has resolved many of the questions regarding employment of the unit.

(2) Recommend Department of the Army and US Army Materiel Command develop a discussion model supply and maintenance support plan for a deployed M551 unit.

(3) Due to the critical shortage of M88 Medium Recovery Vehicles, substitution of the M578 Light Recovery Vehicle in the 1st Bn, 63d Armor is being considered. The M88's, so released, would be redistributed to the training base and other higher priority requirements.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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1ST BATTALION, 63D ARMOR SIGNIFICANT EVENTS 1 JAN-31 MAR 1967

- 1 Jan 1967 "C" Co assigned personnel and equipment taken out of limited storage.
- 16 Jan 1967 Unit notified it was being placed on D-1 Status.
- 25 Jan 1967 Authorized to reorganize under G Series TOE.
- 28 Jan 1967 Receive 126 personnel for advanced individual training in various MOS.
- 1 Feb 1967 Battalion Change of Command Ceremony.
- 3 Feb 1967 Unit visited by a team from DA ACSFOR and informed the unit would be equipped with the General Sheridan M551.
- 6 Feb 1967 Unit Motor Officer and Motor Maintenance Sergeant (ES) started a 3 week course on the M551 at the US Army Tank Automotive Center.
- 7 Feb 1967 Battalion Commander and Asst. S3, visited Fort Knox to coordinate transition.
- 20 Feb 1967 Visit by 5th Army Commanding General, General Michaelis.
- 25 Feb 1967 Battalion Commander visited Cleveland Tank Plant to see Mock up of the M551 in the South East Asia Configuration.
- 1 Mar 1967 5th Army Command Maintenance Management Inspection.
- 5 Mar 1967 Started selective out processing of non-deployable personnel.
- 6 Mar 1967 First M551 Transition Course started at Fort Knox.
- 7 Mar 1967 Bn CO and Selected Staff visited the Armor Center to discuss TOE changes.
- 25 Mar 1967 Office File complete
- 27 Mar 1967 NCO fill started arriving.

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Fort Riley, Kansas 66442

DEPLOYABLE PERSONNEL

GRADE	AUTH	ASSIGNED		
		25 Jan 67	28 Feb 67	31 Mar 67
E-9	1	1	1	1
E-8	7	3	3	5
E-7	17	3	3	13
E-6	62	20	21	26
E-5	173	11	13	21
E-4	155	23	23	34
E-3	143	77	136	187
E-2	4	174	159	192
E-1	0	89	41	4
TOTALS	562	401	400	491

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1ST BATTALION, 63D ARMOR
Off Post Schools 1 Jan - 31 Mar 1967

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PERSONNEL</u>
Sr Officer Preventive Maint Crse	N/A	Fort Knox	1 wk	1
Armor Crewman's Course (M551)	N/A	Fort Knox	3 wks	146
Track Vehicle Mechanic	63C	Fort Knox	7 wks	6
Track Vehicle Mechanic (M551)	63C	Fort Knox	1 wk	15
Turret Mechanic	45G	Fort Knox	9 wks	4
M551 Maintenance Course	N/A	Centerline, Michigan	3 wks	2
Welder	44C	Aberdeen, Maryland	10½ wks	1
Supply Ordnance	76D	Aberdeen, Maryland	8 wks	1
Jungle Warfare School	N/A	Canal Zone	2 wks	8
Ground Surveillance Radar Mech	26C	Ft Huachuca, Arizona	6 wks	2
Combined Services Support	N/A	Alameda, Calif	1½ wks	1

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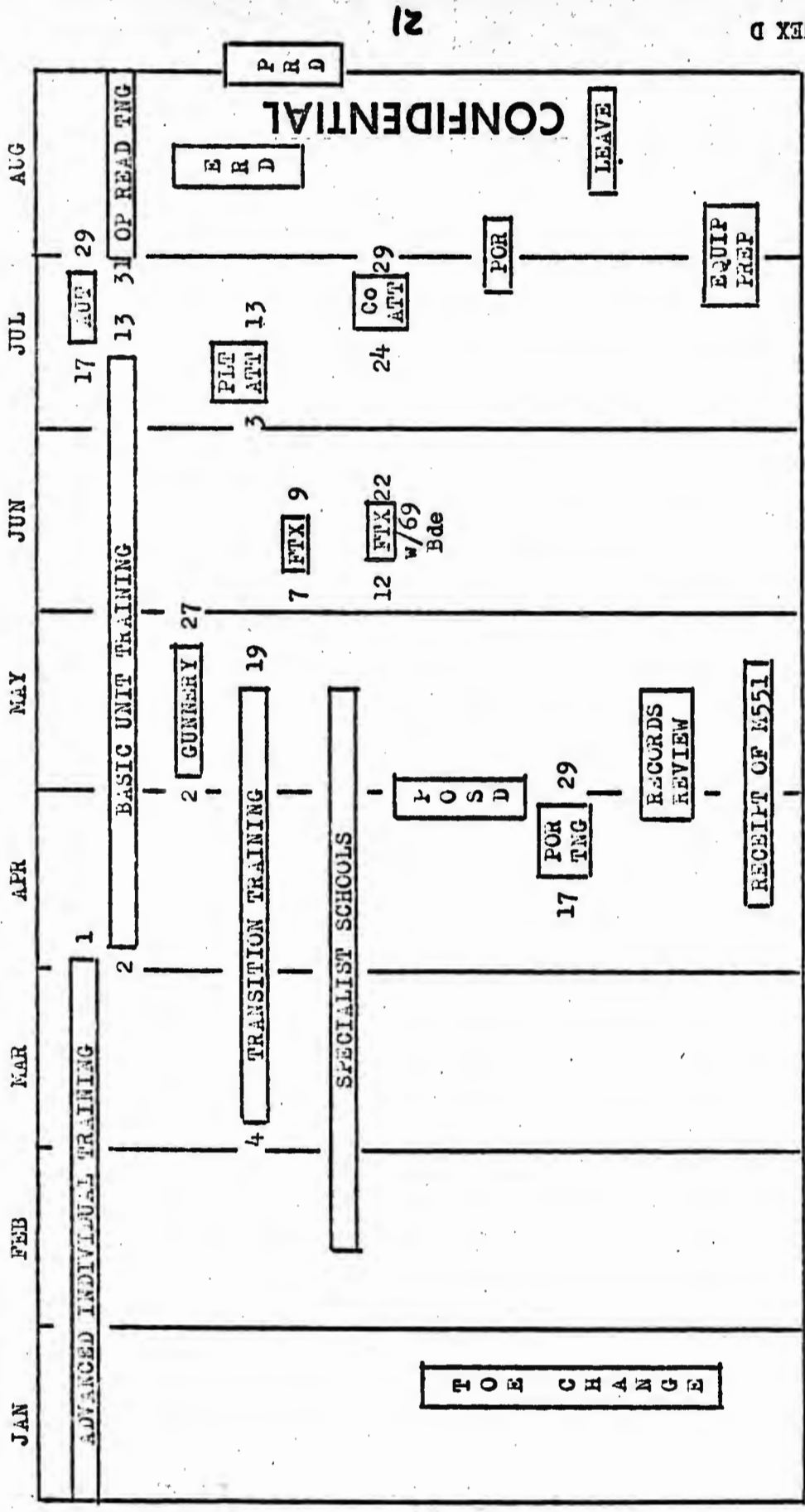
ON POST SCHOOLS

NCO Academy	N/A	Fort Riley	5 wks	9
Mess Steward's Refresher	N/A	Fort Riley	2 wks	2
Prescribed Load List	N/A	Fort Riley	1 wk	3
Projectionist	N/A	Fort Riley	1 wk	12
Clerk	70A	Fort Riley	4 wks	11
Supply Clerk	76A	Fort Riley	4 wks	7
Wheel Vehicle Mechanic	63B	Fort Riley	4 wks	17
Automotive Maintenance	63A	Fort Riley	4 wks	41
Cooks	94B	Fort Riley	4 wks	5
Physics	N/A	Fort Riley	12 wks	3
Electronics	N/A	Fort Riley	12 wks	3

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**MASTER READINESS PLAN
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