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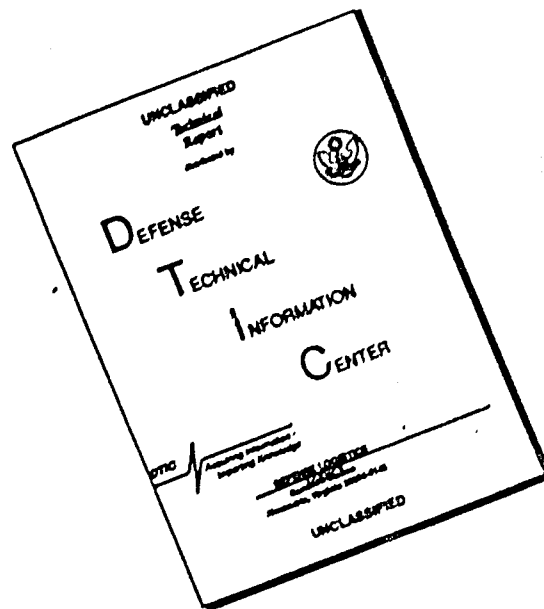
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UIC: W-BXD-A (U)

TO: Headquarters
United States Army Vietnam
ATTN: AVBGE (AST)
APO 9630

1. (U) Reference ARV Regulation 1-1, dtd 8 February 1967
Subject: Operational Report - Lessons Learned (RWS CSFOR-65)
2. (U) The following report is submitted in accordance with above reference.

SECTION I

SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATION OR UNIT ACTIVITIES

A. (C) Command Section:

1. (C) During the period for which this report is rendered the 720th Military Police Battalion was engaged in support missions within III and IV CTZ, Republic of Vietnam. In addition to the continuation of the security and escort missions provided for the resupply and personnel convoys, combat support was also provided to the 1st Infantry Division and 101st Airborne Division on Operation Quicksilver, and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment on Operation Fargo. Joint police operations in conjunction with the RVN National Police (Canh Sat) and ARVN Military Police (Quan Sam) increased during the reporting period with the addition of Joint Police Highway Patrols on highway 1A operating out of the Thu Duc National Police Headquarters and the continuation of the Joint Police Patrols in the Tan An area. The escort of Prisoners of War from capturing units in the III and IV CTZ to the ARVN III and IV Corps Prisoner of War Camps and the mission of guarding other Prisoners of War being treated in United States Medical facilities on Long Binh Post continues to be provided by this battalion. The Commanding Officer, 179th Military Police Detachment continues to receive support for the performance of law enforcement missions throughout the III Corps area. The battalion also continued operations in its area of tactical responsibility to

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the south of the Long Binh Post complex. The mission was to conduct operations to search for enemy Viet Cong/No. 10 Vietnam Army Forces for stabilization of the police area, in order to provide additional security for Long Binh Post, Headquarters, 10th AVN and 1st Logistical Command. Upgrading and maintenance of air base facilities in the area of TAOR and an extensive civic action program were being maintained.

2. (C) During the reporting period the average strength of the Battalion was 68: 16 officers, 32 sergeants, and 73 enlisted men.

3. (FOUO) The Battalion continued to be organized as follows:

a. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 720th Military Police Battalion.

b. Company A, 720th Military Police Battalion.

c. Company B, 720th Military Police Battalion.

d. Company C, 720th Military Police Battalion.

e. 615th Military Police Company.

4. (FOUO) Changes in Officer Personnel

LTC Robert Winkler assumed duties as Battalion Commander on 1 December 1967.

Major Fred Williams assumed duties as Battalion Executive Officer on 15 November 1967.

Major Gordon B. Moody assumed duties as Battalion Executive Officer on 22 December 1967.

Major Leroy Victor assumed duties as Battalion Executive Officer on 27 January 1968.

Captain Steven Vass Jr. assumed duties as Battalion S3 on 20 November 1967.

Captain Ronald J. Perry assumed duties as Assistant S3 on 11 December 1967.

Captain Paul A. Grimmer assumed command of Company B, 720th Military Police Battalion on 11 December 1967.

1LT Kenneth G. Orth assumed duties as Battalion S4 on 2 November 1967.

2LT Carl Vance Jr. assumed duties as Battalion S4 on 23 December 1967.

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1LT Dale R. Price assumed command of Company C, 720th Military Police Battalion on 17 January 1968.

B. (FOUO) Personnel, Morale and Discipline:

1. (U) Inspections: No major inspections were conducted. Periodic inspections of the companies were conducted on a spot-check basis.
2. (U) Unit funds: All companies have continued to maintain established unit funds and their accounts and assets are considered adequate.
3. (U) Mess Hall: The mess hall continued to serve high quality meals to an average of 800 persons per meal.
4. (U) Battalion Recreation: The outdoor theater and volleyball court continued to be used considerably during the reporting period. Additionally, the battalion constructed a softball field and basketball court for use in intramural activities.
5. (U) Discipline: During the reporting period there were no serious disciplinary problems.
6. (U) R&R: The battalion continues to make maximum use of both in-country and out of country R&R opportunities.
7. (U) Safety
 - a. A program of intensive daily training and supervision was made necessary by an increase in careless driving of vehicles and accidental discharges of firearms. These measures have reduced the number of incidents toward the end of the quarter to reasonable proportions.
 - b. No fires were reported during the reporting period.
 - c. Traffic safety: The traffic accident rate increased from 9 accidents during the last period to 10 in this quarter. This increase can be attributed to the increased exposure rate which was necessitated by an increase in operational missions. Driving safety is an item of command interest and intensive training is continuing to be accomplished on a daily basis.
8. (U) Malaria Control: There were no cases of malaria reported in the battalion during the months November 1967 through January 1968.
9. (FOUO) DELETED, HQS, DA

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10. (U) Awards and Decorations

- a. Bronze Star: 13
- b. Air Medal: 0
- c. Army Commendation Medal: 106
- d. Purple Heart: 10

11. (U) Civic Action:

a. The Battalion supports the 89th Military Police Group Civic Action program by aggressively participating with local and government officials in projects designed for the benefit of the local nationals.

b. The battalion S5 section coordinates all civic action activities within the battalion and provides liaison with district advisors and other civic action and civil affairs sections. Among the activities presented were the Medcap program in the various villages of the Battalion TAOR and the presentation of instructional and entertainment type movies. In coordination with units of 159th Engineer Group, bridges throughout the area were

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refurbished to withstand a class 10 military load to facilitate movement of equipment and supplies into the area to promote other projects. Several of the RF/PF outposts were strengthened tactically by means of mutual support and hard work on the part of both RF/PF personnel and military policemen working together. School supplies were provided through coordination with USAID and CARE for the two schools in the TAOR.

C. (FOUO) Plans and Operations

1. (FOUO) During the reporting period the battalion expended ninety-two days in direct support of combat operations in the III CTZ, ninety-two days in general Military Police support in the III CTZ and ninety-two days in direct support of Military Operations in the III and IV CTZ.

2. (FOUO) Operations

a. Company C provided one officer, 31 EM, ten $\frac{1}{4}$ ton trucks and five M-60 machine guns in direct support of the Provost Marshal, 1st Infantry Division, Phu Loi Base Camp, to perform discipline, law and order, and convoy escort duties.

b. Company B and C provided 26 EM, seven $\frac{1}{4}$ ton machine gun trucks and one V-100 Commando Armored Car for daily resupply convoys from Long Binh Post to Tay Ninh, RVN and return. The operation is in support of the 25th Infantry Division. During these convoys occasional enemy initiated incidents occurred, however, none were of a serious nature.

c. The 615th MP Company provided personnel for combined patrols with Vietnamese National Police in the vicinity of Tan An, RVN.

d. The 615th MP Company provided seven personnel in support of the 101st Airborne Division at Bien Hoa Air Base during the deployment of the 101st from the Saigon area to their operational areas.

e. Company A guarded an average of 75 prisoners daily in United States medical facilities on Long Binh Post. Twenty-one MPs were used daily in this mission.

f. Company C provided escort, security and traffic control for personnel convoys in support of the 90th Replacement Battalion, Long Binh Post. Convoy escort was provided replacements/returnees between Long Binh Post, Tan Son Nhut, and Bien Hoa Air Bases.

i. For a period of 40 days during the reporting period Company C provided one officer and 28 EM in direct combat support to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment during Operation "FARGO".

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j. The Battalion continued its general mission of exercising command and control of assigned and attached units; furnishing direct support to the Commanding Officer, 179th Military Police Detachment; and providing military police support to units within the III and IV CTZ as directed by the Commanding Officer, 89th Military Police Group. The Battalion also continued its mission in the tactical area of operational responsibility during Operation "Stablize".

D. (U) Training

1. (U) Battalion training is supervised by the S3 section. Training has been implemented for specialized pieces of equipment and increased awareness of responsibilities in both military police and counterinsurgency duties.

2. Daily fifteen minute training sessions at guard mount formations were instituted by the S3, in order to stress items that need continued emphasis, such as military courtesy, weapons safety, security measures, etc.

E. (FOUO) Intelligence and Counter-intelligence

1. (FOUO) Intelligence: An extensive intelligence gathering network has proven to be very productive in the battalion TAOR. This system of information utilizes Vietnamese intelligence agents, village officials, RF/PF troops, and National Police to the utmost advantage. The amount of intelligence received has continuously expanded, necessitating the utilization of five civilian interpreters to gather and disseminate information. The emphasis on intelligence gathering at the lowest level has continued and this has enhanced the material presented in the intelligence bulletins prepared by the Battalion S2.

2. (FOUO) Counter intelligence: All units within the battalion have been continuously oriented on the procedures to be followed when handling classified documents in accordance with appropriate security regulations. Personnel were instructed in the hazards of "loose talk" and the procedures for reporting of all possible SAEDA incidents. Security checks are made after duty hours to insure subordinate commands are complying with security precautions and regulations. Destruction of classified documents is in accordance with security regulations.

F. (FOUO) Maintenance

1. (FOUO) Maintenance

a. In order to insure proper maintenance of organizational equipment inspections are conducted on a continuing basis.

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b. The problem of FILL for $\frac{1}{2}$ ton and $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton vehicles has improved during the reporting period.

2. (U) Logistics

a. The attached mortar section used 747 rounds of 81mm ammunition, 75 HE, 70 illumination, and 2 white phosphorus.

b. There were no combat losses during the reporting period.

c. Requisitions are generally handled expeditiously although some items still require constant follow up action to replace stocks before they are depleted.

G. The V-100 Commando Armored Cars have had a superior performance record. Though spare parts are difficult to obtain, the V-100 has had a record of admirable performance under all circumstances and it is desired that additional V-100s be acquired for use in the combat and combat support missions.

SECTION II

OBSERVATIONS (LESSONS LEARNED)

PART I

PERSONNEL (U)

Item: (U) TOE 19-35F provides for an augmented personnel section.

Discussion: By authority of GO 143 III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas, dated 25 June 1966, TOE 19-35F provides for an augmented personnel section consisting of one warrant officer, one personnel management specialist (E5), and one personnel administration specialist (E4). No warrant officer is assigned to this unit as personnel officer. The authorized personnel section is inadequate to serve four line companies and a headquarters detachment.

Observation: The personnel section of a 19-35F TOE battalion should be augmented in order to meet established requirements.

Item: (U) Need for an assistant armorer.

Discussion: TOE 19-37F does not provide for assistance for the company armorer. Current mission requirements necessitate that an armorer be on call to issue, receive and account for various firearms, and ammunition. A serious reduction of efficiency takes place because of the long hours of duty without sufficient assistance.

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Observation: The lack of an assistant armorer causes extremely long hours and reduced efficiency of the authorized armorer in a 19-37F Company.

Item: (U) TOE 19-37F provides for a motor sergeant (E5).

Discussion: Recently both armor and infantry TOEs have been revised to make motor sergeants an E6 allocation. This change in the combat arms grade authorization necessitates a reevaluation of the TOL authorization for motor sergeants assigned to a 19-37 military police company. The utilization of new equipment such as V-10Cs and armored personnel carriers by military police necessitates increased training and experience on the part of the motor sergeant. An up-grading of the motor sergeant in rank commensurate with his responsibilities is necessary.

Observation: TOE 19-37F does not effectively reflect the importance and/or responsibility of the position of company motor sergeant.

OPERATIONS (FOUO)

Item: (FOUO) The need for aviation support to the 19-35F TOE (Army or Corps) Military Police Battalion.

Discussion: The need for aviation support has become readily apparent during the numerous and varied combat support missions assigned to the battalion. With the establishment of a TAOR and an increased area of operational responsibility for the support of the army divisions and separate brigades, the necessity for aviation support, within the military police brigade down to battalion level has increased.

Aircraft could be used in many facets of military police operations to include convoy escort missions, route reconnaissance, escort of prisoners of war and support of the battalion TAOR.

The current method of attempting to control movement from within the convoy is ineffective when compared to the amount of control provided by an airborne observer. The aerial observer could effectively control the convoy and at the same time perform route reconnaissance to determine the condition of the roads and detect VC attempts to interdict convoys, thus preventing the possible loss of lives and critical cargo.

The evacuation of enemy prisoners of war currently requires that PW evacuation teams move long distances through marginally controlled areas to pick up and transport PWs. This exposure to hazards, presents what could be a serious problem in effecting anti-escape and evasion techniques in response to actions by PWs. The addition of aircraft would facilitate the movement of small groups of prisoners more securely and with greater rapidity, thereby reducing the possibility of the PW escaping or being injured or killed in an escape attempt.

The addition of aviation support to the military police battalion

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would also greatly enhance the effectiveness of the battalion TAOR by providing on call aerial observation and exploit to the maximum the numerous reports of enemy activities in the area. A helicopter capability would also be of great tactical advantage for the rapid deployment of reaction forces into the area of the TAOR which is inaccessible to other means of transport.

Observation: The addition of an aerial capability would enable the military police battalion to perform its duties with an ever higher degree of success.

Item: (FOUO) Military Police in Counter Insurgency Operations

Discussion: During the reported period it has been the battalion's experience that military police continue to be ideally suited for counter-insurgency operations. The military police provide security for the hamlet and village officials in conjunction with the popular forces in the area.

The influence of the military police has been made known to the general public and as such the presence and the knowledge of the security offered by the military police fosters cooperation.

Since the last reporting period it has been confirmed that military police through their training and background in search techniques and security safeguards and procedures have been able to accomplish the security of the villages and hamlets with minimum difficulty and a good deal of success. The superior number of vehicles and radios of the military police have been found to be a great asset in control and coordination of operations.

Military Police have become quite proficient in infantry tactics during the period. Definite improvement in techniques of patrolling, conducting sweeps and search and cordon operations have been noted.

With the same military police being in the same areas daily, a feeling of mutual trust and respect has developed between the military police and the local populace. This has fostered the intelligence effort since the people trust and are willing to inform the military police concerning VC activity. The military police have been excellent sources of intelligence information mainly due their reporting procedures. As they became more knowledgeable of the area and their responsibilities the reporting procedures were greatly improved.

The operation of joint checkpoints and patrols in various locations have been effective in helping secure the area. Many detainees and several confirmed VC have been discovered by these joint patrols and checkpoints.

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Observation: Military Police continue to be suited for employment in counter-insurgency type operations.

Item: (U) The requirement for additional armored cars has been reemphasized during the operational period.

Discussion: The battalion currently has three V-100 Commando Armored Cars. Their use by the battalion in the field has shown that an armored car is ideally suited for the military police missions performed by this battalion. With an increased number of V-100s the 720th MP Battalion would be able to more effectively support combat missions. In addition, the armament of the V-100 affords the crew members better protection from small arms fire than the $\frac{1}{2}$ ton armored vehicle.

Observation: A very definite need exists for additional V-100s.

Item: (FOUO) The need exists for increased numbers of M-60 machine guns, gun mounts and AN/VRC 47 and AN/PRC 25 radios for the 19-35 series TOE battalion.

Discussion: Participation by the 720th MP Battalion in numerous convey escorts, combat support missions and direct combat patrols has shown that current operating allowances for M-60 machine guns, AN/PRC 25 radios and AN/VRC 47 or AN/VRC 12 series radios is not sufficient to fulfill the requirements of the assigned missions. Especially acute is the lack of M-60 machine guns. Each company is authorized 3 by TOE, and current requirements are necessitating additional machine guns to be hand receipted, subject to recall, from other units to fulfill demands for their use on escort and other patrol missions.

The requirement for AN/PRC 25 radios is readily apparent, especially in the TOE where it is essential that all foot and water patrols have a communications capability. The current TOE does not provide a means of communication for military police operations in a vehicular mounted.

Increased vehicular support of missions has put a strain on the use of AN/VRC 47 or AN/VRC 12 radios within the battalion. Vehicles such as the V-100 or Armored Personnel Carrier are delivered without proper mounts, power supplies or communications equipment therefore making it necessary to substitute one of the TOE radios from patrol vehicles.

Observation: That the TOE 10-37F military police company has an increased requirement for M-60 machine guns, mounts, AN/VRC 47 or AN/VRC 12 series radios and AN/PRC 25 radios.

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ITEM: (U) Boston Whalers for utilization as water patrols in the TAOR.

Discussion: The 720th Military Police Battalion currently uses four engineer pontoon boats powered by 25hp outboard engines. Experience has shown that these boats are generally unsatisfactory for control of civilian movement on waterways. The necessity for more maneuverable boats with the capability of more rapid movement over numerous water ways which interlace the area has been demonstrated repeatedly by incidents which due to the lack of speed and maneuverability hindered water patrol operations.

Observation: That engineer pontoon boats are an unsatisfactory substitute for the Boston Whaler.

Intelligence: NONE

LOGISTICS (FOUO)

ITEM: (FOUO) Repair parts

Discussion: During the reporting period this battalion has been averaging 30% to 50% zero balance of repair parts resulting in the deadlining of vehicles for excessive lengths of time.

Observation: That command emphasis be placed on stockage of repair parts.

ITEM: (FOUO) Availability of 1/2 ton vehicles

Discussion: 1/2 ton vehicles (M151) are not available for issue to fill 02 priority requisitions in spite of repeated follow up action. This problem affects the capability to perform the assigned missions and still allow the proper performance of maintenance.

Observation: That 1/2 ton vehicles which are necessary for the mission of the unit are not available through normal supply channels.

CIVIC ACTION (U)

ITEM: (U) US personnel often show a disregard for Vietnamese customs, practices and desires.

Discussion: When US Forces work in Vietnamese hamlets and villages, they are often unprepared to cope with the many and varied customs, practices and desires of the local populace. This results primarily from a lack of interest on the behalf of the individuals of the unit and the unit as a whole. In most cases, the Vietnamese are interested in establishing good rapport with American units, however, many units fail to appreciate the efforts of the indigenous personnel and the desires of the hamlet and village chiefs. This is demonstrated in the manner in which some units start civic actions projects without consulting the townspeople as to their needs.

Observation: Some units do not appreciate the needs of the Vietnamese when scheduling civic action projects and therefore the objective of the project

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is not realized.

Item: (U) procedures for solatium payments are clearly defined but not widely known by organizations which might require their use.

Discussion: Solatium payments may easily be obtained to make initial payments toward claims filed by Vietnamese nationals. Solatium payments are prescribed in MACV Directive 25-5 and allow for units to obtain plaster funds from its financial center.

Observation: Solatium payments are easily obtained as prescribed by MACV Directive 25-5.

Part II

RECOMMENDATIONS

Personnel (U)

Personnel Section Augmentation (U)

That the augmentation as approved by AFCE be approved and implemented.

Assistant Armorer (U)

That a change be made to the existing and future 19-37F TOE series to provide for an assistant armorer.

Motor Sergeant (U)

That future 19-37F TOEs reflect the change in grade structure to upgrade the existing motor sergeant to 25.

Technical Sergeant (U)

Aviation Support (U)

That helicopter of aviation support be provided to 19-35F TOE type battalions in combat support roles.

Military Police in Counter-Insurgency Operations (FCUC)

That the Military Police are effectively accomplishing this mission and the division should remain with the Military Police.

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V-100 Augmentation (U)

That the V-100 Commando Armored Cars be authorized on a basis of six per company in a military police battalion.

Increased M-60, AN/VRC 47 or 12 and AN/PRC 25 Augmentation (FOUO)

That the 19-35 military police battalion be authorized 21 additional M-60 machine guns per company; 4 AN/VRC 47 or AN/VRC 12 radios per company and 8 AN/PRC 25 radio sets per TOC company.

Boston Whalers (U)

That Boston Whalers are superior to engineer pontoon boats for use on water patrol and that existing pontoon boats be replaced as soon as possible.

Logistics (FOUO)

Repair Parts (U)

That command emphasis be placed on improving the availability of repair parts.

M151 Availability (FOUO)

That command emphasis be placed on filling mission essential O2 priorities for vehicles which are necessary for mission requirements.

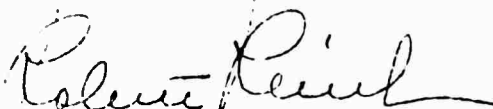
Civic Action (U)

Disregard of Local Vietnamese Customs (U)

That in country orientation briefings for newly arrived personnel be initiated explaining Vietnamese customs and methods of dealing with the people.

Solatium Payments (U)

That MACV publicize more widely the method used to procure funds and their availability as a civic action gesture.


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FM, 720TH MILITARY POLICE GROUP, 100000, 9 February 1968

TO: 321 DHTALUHI

1. (U) Reference item concerning Personnel, Section II, Part I, page 7 and 8. Shortage in personnel section of 720th Military Police Battalion is well known. The recommended staff section for personnel section will solve this problem.
2. (FOL) Reference item concerning Aviation Support, Section II, Part I, page 8. Concur: Aviation Support to military police battalions of this Group will greatly assist in convoy escort missions, route reconnaissance, escort of prisoners of war and support of military police battalion operations.
3. (FOL) Reference items concerning Counter-Intelligence Operations, Section II, Part I, page 9. Concur: Military police are well suited for counter-insurgency operations. However, utilizing military policemen for counter-insurgency missions puts a heavy strain on the very limited military police resources in-country and detracts from the capability of this Group to perform its normal combat missions. In view of the significant successful employment in the counter-insurgency role, continuing command efforts should be made for increased military police personnel.
4. (U) Reference item concerning V-100 Commando, Section II, Part I, page 10. Concur: The need for V-100's has been continually demonstrated during the reporting period. The V-100 application to military police combat support is unlimited.
5. (FOL) Reference item concerning 19-35 series T8E1 battalion assignment, Section II, Part I, page 10. Concur: An operational need exist for the mentioned items. Additional 19-35 and reports were requested and forwarded to this Headquarters on 10 October 1967. The disposition should be made for needed by the battalion.
6. (U) Reference item concerning Boston Whaler, Section II, Part I, page 11. Concur that current engineer pontoon boats be replaced with Boston Whalers. Boston Whalers have proven superior to engine pontoon boats as utilized in the battalion's Task. This unit is issued six (6) Boston Whalers on 27 February 1968.

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2. (1) Reference item concerning... 31 January 1961 for the 740th Military Police Group, 1st AF, 1st AF, 1st AF.

3. (1) Reference item concerning... 11. Concur: Unit should oversee requirements for...

4. (1) Reference item concerning... 11. Concur: This is a very high priority item. Consideration for priority to military...

5. (1) Reference item concerning... 11. Concur: This is a very high priority item. Consideration for priority to military... before US funds and materials support are tapped.

10. (1) Reference item concerning... 12. Concur: Advance payments are available from a union support finance center and are obtainable upon presentation of claims sheet...

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HEADQUARTERS, 18TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, APO 96491

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1. (U) Reference item concerning Personnel Section, Section II, pages 7 and 12 and 1st Ind: The latest MTOE action, submitted by this headquarters on 19 Oct 67 (MTOE 19-36G) provides for a Personnel Section consisting of a unit personnel technician (WO), a personnel management specialist (E5) and a personnel administrative specialist (E4).

2. (U) Reference item concerning Assistant Armorer, Section II, pages 7 and 12: Concur with recommendation. In a combat zone an assistant armorer is a necessity.

3. (U) Reference item concerning TOE 19-37F Provides for a Motor Sergeant (E5), Section II, pages 8 and 12: Concur that motor sergeants in TOE 19-37 should have the grade of E6. The number of vehicles and heavy maintenance load in a combat zone justifies that E6 motor sergeants be authorized.

4. (C) Reference item concerning Aviation Support, Section II, pages 9 and 12 and 1st Ind: Concur that not only this battalion but all elements of the brigade require aviation support. Brigade confidential letter AVBGC, subject: Aviator Requirement for USARV, dated 13 Dec 67, stated that this brigade required 500 flight hours per month for convoy control, road reconnaissance, use in support of this command's TAOR and other military police activities and requested such an allocation. This request was not favorably considered by Headquarters, USARV.

5. (C) Reference item concerning "Military Police in Counter Insurgency Operations", Section II, pages 9 and 13 and 1st Ind: Concur with recommendation and 1st Ind. The following action has been taken to improve efficiency of the military police in such operations.

a. The Commanding General, 18th Military Police Brigade has requested funds for the initiation of a program known within the brigade as the 3,000 Piastre Program. This program is authorized under current MACV directives and is intended to provide on-duty military police with funds to obtain contraband weapons, explosives and essential intelligence information.

b. An interim program is currently being coordinated at military police group level with appropriate senior province advisors.

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6. (U) Reference item concerning Requirement for Additional V-100 Commando Cars, Section II, pages 10 and 13 and 1st Ind: Concur that there is a definite need for V-100's. A request has been submitted for 72 additional V-100's on a basis of four per 19-37 company. These companies will be activated when this command's MTOI Standardization is approved.
7. (C) Reference item concerning the Need for Increased Numbers of Radios and Machine Guns, Section II, pages 10 and 13 and 1st Ind: Concur that there is a need for increased numbers of radios and machine guns in 19-35 battalions. This brigade's MTOI Standardization increases the number of M60's and gun mounts by 18 per 19-37 company. The four V-100's requested per company will mount two M60's and a M1/100-47 radio. The AN/PRC-25 radios can be requested on 180 day temporary loan. MTOI's will not be submitted until the MTOI Standardization now at DA has been approved.
8. (U) Reference item concerning Boston Whalers, Section II, pages 11 and 13 and 1st Ind: Concur with recommendation and 1st Ind.
9. (U) Reference item concerning Repair Parts, Section II, pages 11 and 13: Concur. Command emphasis at USMNV level to make available repair parts is required. The situation described in GML is true throughout this brigade. Action by this headquarters has been initiated to ensure that units are establishing proper PRL's and complying with the provisions of AR 735-35.
10. (U) Reference item concerning Availability of 1/2 Ton Trucks, Section II, pages 11 and 13: Concur with 1st Ind. This headquarters has been advised that there is a theater wide shortage of 1/2 ton trucks. Resolution of this problem is beyond the capability of this headquarters.
11. (U) Reference item concerning Disregard for Vietnamese Customs, Section II, pages 11, 12 and 13 and 1st Ind: Concur with recommendation and 1st Ind. This headquarters has continually stressed the importance of improving US-Vietnamese relations.
12. (U) Reference item concerning Solatium Payments, Section II, pages 12 and 13 and 1st Ind: Concur with 1st Ind.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375 **15 APR 1968**

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT,
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 January 1968 from Headquarters, 720th Military Police Battalion as indorsed.

2. Pertinent comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning need for assistant armorer, page 7, section II, part I; page 12, section II, part II; and 2d Indorsement, paragraph 2. Paragraph 8c(20)(a), AR 310-32 provides for one armorer in all category II and III units when the unit has a minimum of 75 small arms. Since the units of the 720th Military Police Battalion fall into the above category, only one armorer is authorized.

b. Reference item concerning TOE 19-37F provides for a motor sergeant (E5), page 8, section II, part I; page 12, section II, part II; and 2d Indorsement, paragraph 3. Per AR 611-201, with change two, the rank of the unit motor sergeant is dependent on the number of wheel vehicle repairmen of lower grades. Since the Military Police Company organized under TOE 19-37F is authorized a total of three wheel vehicle repairmen in addition to the motor sergeant, the rank of the motor sergeant is E5.

c. Reference item concerning repair parts, page 11, section II, part I; page 13, section II, part II; 1st Indorsement, paragraph 7; and 2d Indorsement, paragraph 9: Concur. In order to improve supply performance for repair parts, 1st Logistical Command implemented a new supply management policy for DSU's. This policy provides for a reorder point at 75% of the requisitioning objective (RO), use of issue priority designator (IPD) 05 for new items added to the ASL, and use of Red Ball expanded procedures for requisitioning up to 25% of the RO on parts reaching a zero balance and required to repair assemblies critical to the operation of a major end item. Also, when recurring zero

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balances are experienced, the increasing of stockage levels up to twice the normal RO is allowed. The implementation of the above policy should greatly alleviate the repair parts problem in the next 60 to 90 days.

d. Reference item concerning availability of 1/4 ton vehicles, page 11, section II, part I; page 13, section II, part II; 1st Indorsement, paragraph 3; and 2d Indorsement, paragraph 10: Concur. USARPAC and this headquarters have advised DA of a continuing shortage of 1/4 ton trucks caused by increased requirements to loan these vehicles to ARVN. DA has recommended to DOD that these loans be converted to issues under MAP so that stocks may be replaced. This action is still pending. Currently, 381 vehicles are on loan, 123 additional vehicles have been directed to be loaned, and several hundred more are under consideration for loan. Depot stocks have been at zero balance since 6 December 1967. Approximately 800 1/4 ton trucks are due out to USARV units as a result of this situation.

3. Correct Unit Identification Code is WBXDAA.

4. A copy of this indorsement will be furnished to the reporting unit through channels.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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

This headquarters has evaluated subject report and forwarding indorse-
ments and concurs in the report as indorsed.

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