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1. (C) Section I. Operations: Significant Activities.

a. (U) Mission. During the period 1 May through 31 July 1968, the 18th Military Police Brigade provided military police support throughout the Republic of Vietnam to US Army tactical, logistical and installation commanders. Support consisted of law enforcement; criminal investigations; physical security for installations, ships, ports and billets; combat support escort for military convoys and escort of civilian contractor convoys; route security; traffic control; evacuation of Prisoners of War (PW) from combat unit collection points to Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) PW Camps; refugee control; operation of combined population and resources control checkpoints with the National Police (Canh Sat), ARVN Military Police (Quan Canh), and when appropriate, with Free World Forces. The brigade is also responsible for conducting tactical, civic action and population and resources control operations within an assigned tactical area of responsibility.

b. (U) Organization. The major subordinate headquarters of this command are shown below. A complete organizational chart of the 18th Military Police Brigade is attached as Inclosure 1.

(1) 16th Military Police Group.

(2) 89th Military Police Group.

(3) Military Police Group (Criminal Investigation)(Provisional).

c. (C) Personnel, Morale and Discipline.

(1) Decorations. During the reporting period, the following awards were presented to members of this command: 2 Silver Stars for Valor, 1 Soldier's Medal for Valor, 15 Legions of Merit for Service, 15 Bronze Stars for Valor, 15 Bronze Stars for Achievement, 185 Bronze Stars for Service, 10 Army Commendation Medals for Valor, 31 Army Commendation Medals for Achievement, 336 Army Commendation Medals for Service, 43 Air Medals and 15 Purple Hearts.

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(2) Key Personnel Assignments and Departures.

	<u>Assignments</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Departures</u>
May	CPT Stanley G. Spadoni 1LT Arthur Weinstein	Traffic Control Off Information Officer	CPT James E. Riley CPT John W. Lang III
June	MAJ Gunther Rathnow CPT David F. Prim CPT Robert R. Jorgensen	USARV G3 Liaison Intelligence Officer Traffic Control Off	CPT Bert D. Edmondson CPT Patrick I. Barney
July	LTC Frederick L. Gemmer CPT Norman D. Jarrel MAJ William E. Smith MAJ Havis L. Holloway CPT William T. Fanning CPT Joel I. Silverman CPT Thomas Saltzman CWL Claude C. Greasy	S3 Officer Adjutant S4 Officer Asst S3 Officer Aide-de-Camp Chemical Staff Off Asst S4 Officer Traffic Management Personnel Officer	LTC Samuel A. Lewis MAJ Dennis O'Malley MAJ William S. LeSeur Jr. MAJ Thomas C. O'Hara CPT Ralph A. Thomas Jr. CPT Wayne D. Fees CW3 James D. Mitchell

(3) Casualties

(a) Battle Losses

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1 Killed	0	0	10	10
2 Wounded	2	1	53	56

(b) Non-Battle Losses

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1 Killed	0	0	10	10
2 Injured	1	0	7	8

(4) Enlistments (1 May - 31 July 1968)

	<u>Eligible</u>	<u>Reenlistments</u>
(a) 1st Term Rat	77	16
(b) 2nd Term Rat	35	12
(c) AHS	398	3
(d) Other	1	1

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(5) Civilian Employees.

(a) This headquarters is authorized one Direct Hire Local National. In addition, two Local Nationals have been authorized under Program 6 Civilianization to replace a single military space scheduled to be lost in January 1968. Only one Local National is presently employed.

(b) Daily Hire personnel have contributed 368 man-days of manual labor to projects in the brigade headquarters area during the reporting period.

(6) This command continued to maintain a consistently high R&R utilization percentage during the last quarter. Utilization was:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
May	99.5%
June	100.0%
July	97.0%

(7) Strengths.

(a) As of 1 May 1968 (Total Brigade)

<u>AUTH</u>			<u>ASG</u>		
<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
240	63	5,273	238	68	5,435

(b) As of 31 July 1968 (Total Brigade)

<u>AUTH</u>			<u>ASG</u>		
<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
241	63	5,303	236	63	5,181

(8) Extensions of Overseas Tours. (Total Brigade)

(a) Total Extensions:

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
May	0	57	57
June	1	60	61
July	1	120	121

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(b) Extensions under PL 89-735 (6 months):

	<u>GFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
May	0	57	57
June	1	59	60
July	1	119	120

(9) Discipline, Law and Order. The following disciplinary actions were taken during the reporting period.

(a) Special Court Martial - 7

(b) Summary Court Martial - 9

(c) Under Article 15, UCMJ - 122

(10) Congressional Inquiries. There were 36 Congressional Inquiries during the last three month period.

(11) Publications. This headquarters has published the following documents.

(a) Regulation 28-5, Out-of-Country Rest and Recuperation, 28 Jul 68.

(b) Regulation 37-17, Plaster Expenditure Reduction Program, 22 May 68.

(c) Regulation 37-25, Rewards to Vietnamese Civilians for Weapons and Explosives, 1 May 68.

(d) Regulation 55-7, Control and Use of Cargo Transporter (CONEX), 1 May 68.

(e) Regulation 190-4, Combined Police Operations, 7 Jun 68.

(f) Regulation 190-9, Apprehension of Absentees, 4 Jul 68.

(g) Regulation 335-1, Personnel Inventory Report, 3 May 68.

(h) Regulation 360-81, Command Information, 13 May 68.

(i) Regulation 381-5, Intelligence Spot Reporting, 16 May 68.

(j) Regulation 381-13, Reporting Road Conditions, 17 Jun 68.

(k) Regulation 551-5, ARVN Interpreters, 30 May 68.

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(l) Regulation 600-206, Proficiency Pay for Enlisted Personnel, 4 May 68.

(m) Regulation 672-1, 18th Military Police Brigade Decorations and Awards Program, 26 May 68.

(n) Regulation 752-2, Medals, Attachments and Badges, 21 May 68.

(o) Regulation 750-10, Repair of Utility Clothing, 14 May 68.

(p) Circular 310-1, Index of Command Publications.

(12) Public Information Activities.

(a) Public Information. During the quarterly period the Brigade Information Office substantially increased its news coverage. Space was regularly obtained for the brigade in THE ARMY REPORTER, THE MACV OBSERVER, and STARS AND STRIPES. Two-page photo-feature centerfold spreads on the brigade appeared in the REPORTER, and STARS AND STRIPES SUNDAY MAGAZINE. Full single page photo-features, also prepared in this office, were printed in the OBSERVER and REPORTER, as were numerous shorter features. Statistics released by the USARV-IO for the ARMY REPORTER show that the brigade received coverage comparable to that received by full combat divisions. A new Brigade Public Information Regulation, 18th Military Police Brigade Regulation 360-1, was written. The major change in this regulation was the emphasis placed on battalion participation in the Brigade Information Program. The Information Officer (IO) attended a two-day IO conference in Saigon, and was able to confer with other officers and members of the press. Assistance was rendered to Bernard Weinraub of the NEW YORK TIMES, Ann Bryand and John Roemer of OVERSEAS WEEKLY and George Allen of ABC.

(b) Command Information. The Brigade Information Officer attends the daily command briefing and the weekly staff briefing. All command bulletins, newsletters, pamphlets and circulars have been reviewed, complied with and disseminated when possible. The "Chaplain's Corner" continues to be a regular feature of the ROUNDUP.

(c) Civic Action. A new civic action regulation, 18th Military Police Brigade Regulation 515-1, was written and approved. The Brigade Assistance in Kind Fund administered by the Information Officer, dispensed VN \$56,260. News releases gave particular emphasis to brigade civic action projects.

(d) Piaster Reduction Program. In this quarter, instructions were received from USARV establishing a voluntary \$10 per month maximum goal for piaster conversion. This new goal was implemented by the Information Officer in a revision of the Brigade Piaster Control Regulation.

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(13) Historical Program.

(a) The Brigade Historical Program was implemented by publication of Brigade Regulations Numbered 870-1 and 870-2 during May 1968.

(b) Taped combat after action interviews were conducted with members of the 716th Military Police Battalion who participated in the TET Offensive battles at the American Embassy, BOQ #1 and the Phu Tho Race Track. Also collected were copies of pertinent radio logs, daily journals, battle maps and photographs.

(c) Tape recorded exit interviews were conducted with departing battalion commanders and key staff officers at brigade and group level.

(d) Staff visits emphasizing proper maintenance of daily journals and records management were made to subordinate units.

(e) In an effort to awaken a historical interest within the units, a complete set of the official history of the US Army was obtained for battalion and larger organizations of the brigade.

(f) The Annual General Inspection was conducted during the period 10-14 June 1968. No deficiencies were noted for the 46th Military History Detachment and historical activities were rated excellent.

d. (U) Intelligence and Counterintelligence.

(1) During the reporting period the Intelligence Branch processed intelligence documents from subordinate, lateral and higher headquarters in the form of intelligence summaries, periodic intelligence reports and spot intelligence reports. Pertinent information was analyzed, extracted and disseminated to using units as required, in form of messages, intelligence summaries, spot reports and liaison visits.

(2) In compliance with paragraph 40, USARV Regulation 380-5, continuing after duty hours checks were conducted of Headquarters, 18th Military Police Brigade and Headquarters Detachment by the Intelligence Officer.

(3) In compliance with 18th Military Police Brigade Regulation 380-5, an announced Pre-IG Inspection was conducted of Headquarters, 97th Military Police Battalion, 7 - 10 May 1968, and Headquarters, Military Police Group (CI) on 12 May 1968. Headquarters, 16th Military Police Group and subordinate units were inspected 21 - 23 June 1968. Headquarters, 720th Military Police Battalion was inspected 13 - 15 July 1968.

(4) The Intelligence Branch compiled data and published three monthly Police Intelligence Reports during the reporting period.

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(5) During the quarter, no Top Secret documents were processed. There were 125 Secret, 1,270 Confidential and 15 For Official Use Only documents processed.

(6) There were 45 security actions processed by the Intelligence Branch during the quarter. These included 21 requests for security clearances, 21 validations of security clearances and 3 actions for revocation or suspension of clearances.

(7) Daily briefings were conducted throughout the reporting period to inform the Commanding General, 18th Military Police Brigade and his staff of current developments.

(8) A complete inventory of Top Secret and Secret documents was conducted on 3 June 1968, concurrent with a change of custodian of classified material. A total of four Top Secret documents and 220 Secret documents were inventoried. No deficiencies were noted. As a result of screening the classified files, three Top Secret documents and 18 Secret documents were destroyed in compliance with USARV Regulation 380-5.

(9) The Intelligence Branch was inspected by the USARV IG Team during the period 10 - 14 June 1968. No major deficiencies were noted.

(10) There were four Roundup operations conducted in conjunction with the 702nd Military Intelligence Detachment (MID). No Viet Cong/North Vietnamese personnel were identified, however, many draft dodgers and identification card discrepancies were found.

(11) The Intelligence Branch updated existing Brigade Intelligence Regulations and published Regulation 37-25 to establish guidelines for administering funds under the Voluntary Informant Program (VIP). The VIP is operational down to company level and has resulted in the purchase of two M1 rifles, a small amount of ammunition and six claymore mines. The VIP is augmented by propaganda leaflets from psychological operations units.

(12) Daily coordination visits continue to be made with the following units to effect a timely exchange of intelligence information: Headquarters, USARV G2 and AOC; Headquarters, II FFORCEV; 98th Advisory, Bien Hoa; 702nd MID; 525th MI Group, to include 3rd Battalion, Bien Hoa; and the Long Binh Post S2.

*. (C) Plans, Operations and Training.

(1) Briefings. The following visitors were briefed at this headquarters during the reporting period.

(a) LTG Frank T. Mildren, DCG, USARV, 25 June 1968.

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(b) LTC N. J. Berger Jr., Office of the Provost Marshal General, 29 May 1968.

(c) LTC R. H. Hamilton, Headquarters, USARPAC, 29 May 1968

(d) Mr. Bartimo, Department of the Army

(e) Mr. Durkin, Department of the Army

(2) Plans and Directives.

(a) Experience gained during the TET Offensive indicated that riot control agents could be used successfully in city fighting. On 17 May, a directive was sent to subordinate units outlining a training program for the use of these agents, and a maintenance program for dispersal equipment.

(b) 18th Military Police Brigade Operations Plan 81-68 was published on 8 July to implement the USARV Campaign Plan for the period 1 July to 31 December 1968. This plan provides for military police activities in support of the Free World Forces effort in the Republic of Vietnam.

(3) Operations.

(a) During the reporting period, this headquarters conducted three Pre-Annual General Inspections for the purpose of assisting subordinate commands in preparing for the Annual General Inspection. Units inspected were:

1 97th Military Police Battalion, 3 - 6 May.

2 16th Military Police Group, 21 - 22 June.

3 720th Military Police Battalion, 13 - 14 July.

(b) On 15 May 1968, the 16th Military Police Group effected coordination between the Provost Marshal, Pleiku and Major Theim, Officer in Charge, Quan Sanh Station, Pleiku, for US Military Police personnel to instruct the Quan Sanh on traffic control procedures. This project was implemented on 17 May 1968. Coordination was also effected between Provost Marshal, Hue, Chief Tien, Chief of Police, An Tac District, and Mr. Hong, National Police, Hue, for night bridge patrols to operate on an unscheduled basis rather than continuous patrol.

(c) Effective 20 May 1968, the 458th Transportation Company established its headquarters in Vung Tau, Republic of Vietnam. All personnel and equipment relocated from Cam Ranh Bay to Vung Tau, less those personnel required to man the Boston Whaler craft providing port security at Cam Ranh Bay.

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(d) On 23 May, a Senior Military Police Officers Conference was held at this headquarters. Items discussed included, customs and postal violations; privately owned firearms; confinement facilities; Vietnamese relations; police intelligence; counter-ambush techniques; employment of patrol boats, river (PBR); and military police battalion area of responsibility within the Republic of Vietnam.

(e) On 29 May 1968, two rotary wing aircraft (LOH-6) from the 120th Avn Co were dedicated for use by the 18th Military Police Brigade in command and control, route reconnaissance, surveillance, route security, convoy control, criminal investigation activities, and other brigade operational flights as are necessary.

(f) On 3 June, five Datsun Sedans were issued to the Military Police Group (CI) and are utilized as surveillance vehicles to monitor the movement of contractor and military vehicles carrying supplies and equipment between Saigon/Long Binh/Bien Hoa areas.

(g) The Annual General Inspection of Headquarters, 18th Military Police Brigade was conducted during the period 10 - 14 June. The mission of the brigade was being accomplished in a satisfactory manner (on a scale of satisfactory - unsatisfactory). Personnel were praised as professionally competent, enthusiastic, and devoted to duty.

(h) On 16 June, a letter was forwarded to USARV requesting that the Military Police Corps in the Republic of Vietnam be designated as combat support rather than combat service support. This request was based on the type mission being performed by military police units in this theater. Often military police are the first to face the enemy, and frequently provide the only security force available during hostile action. On 13 July, this request was approved by the Commanding General, USARV pending Department of the Army action. The designation as combat support will improve the brigade position on equipment priority lists, and is expected to enhance the capabilities of military police units in-country.

(i) On 8 July, a conference was held to discuss ambush and counter-ambush tactics and techniques. Senior commanders and other selected officers of this command attended. Items discussed included convoy planning; briefing and training of personnel; use of checklists; vehicle preparation; tactical support; aerial reconnaissance; rules of engagement and pursuit; and evasive actions.

(j) On 25 July, a Combined Police Agreement involving the Vietnamese National Police, the ARVN Military Police and the 18th Military Police Brigade was formally ratified by the heads of the three participating agencies at the National Police Headquarters in Saigon. This agreement established a Police Forces Central Operating Committee, wherein the Director General, Vietnamese National Police, the ARVNAF, Brigadier General and

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the Commanding General, 18th Military Police Brigade, served as members. The purpose of this committee is to control effectively and supervise the conduct of Combined Police Operations throughout the Republic of Vietnam. The Agreement further established Information Centers at the headquarters of each of the three participating agencies. The centers function as central collecting agencies for all information and reports regarding Combined Police Operations throughout the Republic of Vietnam. Current information is updated daily at each of the centers and the other parties to the Agreement are advised completely on all police activities throughout the four Corps Tactical Zones. In addition, the centers exchange data concerning offenses committed and all investigations wherein a vested interest is involved.

(k) The National Police, RVNAF Military Police and US Military Police are presently conducting combined waterborne security missions at Cat Lai, Saigon Port and Newport. These missions contribute to the overall security of these ports.

(4) Authorizations.

(a) On 4 May, a modification to TDA P5WPFEEA 9901 was submitted for the Military Police Group (CI)(Prov). This document requests an additional 21 Local National Direct Hire personnel spaces for clerk-typists. Personnel are presently on hand, and are required to support the number of operating criminal investigators currently authorized.

(b) Program 6 Civilianization, the directed conversion of US military personnel spaces to Local National Direct Hire personnel spaces, was initiated in this command on 29 May with the submission of TDA P5WPFEE 9900 for 63 civilian spaces. On 1 June, authority to recruit and hire the first 26 civilians was received and sub-vouchered to subordinate units. The entire program will be implemented over an eight month period ending in Jan 69.

(c) US Army Pacific, General Order Number 303, dated 19 June, implemented Department of the Army approved MTOE 7-18E for Company C, 52nd Infantry. Reorganization action is underway.

(d) On 10 June, a request was forwarded to USARV for the establishment of four MTOE 19-97G Military Police Companies to replace four MTOE 7-18 Infantry Companies currently authorized. The conversion of these units results in a savings of 32 personnel spaces, and provided units and personnel specifically trained and tailored to perform a physical security mission.

(e) On 9 July, approved MTOE's which standardize like units within the brigade were received from Department of the Army. Implementation

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is pending publication of a General Order by Headquarters, US Army Pacific.
Units affected are:

1 Under MTOE 19-36G

Hq Det, 504th MP Bn
Hq Det, 716th MP Bn
Hq Det, 720th MP Bn

2 Under MTOE 19-37G

Co A, 504th MP Bn
Co B, 504th MP Bn
Co C, 504th MP Bn

Co A, 716th MP Bn
Co B, 716th MP Bn
Co C, 716th MP Bn

Co A, 720th MP Bn
Co B, 720th MP Bn
Co C, 720th MP Bn

127th MP Co
218th MP Co
188th MP Co
300th MP Co
560th MP Co
615th MP Co
630th MP Co

3 Under MTOE 19-37G

66th MP Co
557th MP Co

4 Under MTOE 19-26G

HHD, 18th MP Bde

5 Under MTOE 19-27G

HHD, 16th MP Gp
HHD, 89th MP Gp

6 Under MTOE 19-500E

90th MP Det

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7 Under MTOE 19-500E

177th MP Det
178th MP Det
179th MP Det

8 Under MTOE 19-500E

HHD, 92nd MP Bn
HHD, 93rd MP Bn
HHD, 95th MP Bn
HHD, 97th MP Bn

9 Under MTOE 19-500E

MP Gp (CI)

(f) Revised TDA P5WFPEAA 99, dated 17 July 1968, supersedes TDA P5WFPEAA 99, dated 1 March 1968, with changes dated 1 May and 3 May 1968. This document authorizes an additional 49 Local National Direct Hire personnel for units of the brigade.

(g) A request was submitted by this headquarters for the assignment of 56 Army of the Republic of Vietnam interpreters, to units whose tactical mission makes the use of civilian interpreters impractical or impossible. The request was approved and school trained ARVN interpreters will commence arriving at selected brigade units during the month of August 1968.

1. (C) Communications Activities.

(1) Radio Teletypewriter Net.

(a) The brigade radio teletypewriter (RATT) station (net control station) received a total of 667 messages during the reporting period.

(b) The 92nd Military Police Battalion was issued an AN/GRC-46 RATT set on 8 July 1968. There are now nine stations in the brigade RATT net. Only four are operable with on-line secure equipment. The 504th Military Police Battalion and the 95th Military Police Battalion began secure RATT operations during the month of July.

(2) Low Level Codes. Brigade units are now using the new authentication/numerical codes. As a result, several attempts of imitative communications deception have been detected.

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g. (U) Logistics and Maintenance.

(1) Brigade Headquarters Building. During the reporting period the Deputy Commanding General, USARV approved the Brigade Commander's request for construction of a brigade headquarters building in the MP Cantonment area in lieu of the building being constructed on McArthur Loop. The new headquarters building, a 9100 square foot building similar to the type being constructed for brigade command building on McArthur Loop is scheduled for construction during the last half of FY 69. The approved site for the new headquarters building is on Galveston street between Iowa and Indiana streets.

(2) Report of Survey. The records concerning reports of survey for FY 68 were retired as of 30 June 1968, with the following results. A total of 160 surveys were processed during the fiscal year and the same number completed. Of the 160 processed and completed, 38 individuals were found liable ranging from \$57.00 for a .45 Cal pistol to \$1,787.00 for damages to a vehicle. During the month of July 1968, a total of 38 surveys have been processed. Four individuals were held pecuniary liable. These cases involved the loss of weapons.

(3) Operation Moose. The newly constructed crime laboratory was operational on 15 May 1968. This enabled the brigade to relocate a total of seven people from the Saigon area to Long Binh Post. There are no further plans to relocate remaining military police personnel now stationed in the Saigon area.

(4) Construction in the Long Binh Post Military Police Cantonment Area. A construction directive has been received by this command for the Brigade Headquarters Detachment under the self-help program. As yet, actual construction has not started due to a shortage of materials which are being diverted for construction in the Saigon area. The stockade expansion is under way with ground preparation almost completed. Delays could occur because of the shortage of certain types of lumber in the Saigon/Long Binh area. Construction directives have been issued and construction plans are being prepared for the 720th Military Police Battalion Headquarters building and Criminal Investigation Administrative Building. Headquarters buildings for the 89th Military Police Group, 95th Military Police Battalion and the maintenance shops for the 720th Military Police Battalion have been approved and programmed for FY 69-70. Permanent billets for the Criminal Investigation Division were approved by the Post Planning Board and were forwarded to USARV for funding and issuance of a construction directive. USARV indicates that because there is an excess of enlisted housing on Long Binh Post, further construction of troop billets is being deferred until a post wide realignment of excess housing is completed.

(5) Equipment. During the reporting period, the 18th Military Police Brigade has been designated as a combat support unit. This is expected to enhance the brigade's position on equipment priority lists for equipment essential to accomplish the mission of the brigade. USARV Headquarters

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still retains the prerogative of making distribution based on mission requirements. Issue of equipment will be based on the percentage of equipment on hand after taking combat losses and washouts into account.

(6) Radios and Installation Kits. VRC-12 series and PRC-25 radios continue to be in short supply. Approval action on MTOE's and the Brigade TDA which would authorize retention of radios issued on temporary loan, are still pending.

(7) M16 Rifles. Coordination with USARV G4, indicates that the supply of M16 rifles being received by USARV is only 500 per month for replacement of combat losses. Initial issue of M16 rifles to units still armed with the M14 rifle cannot be expected for some months to come.

2. (U) Section 2, Lessons Learned: Commander's Observations, Evaluations, and Recommendations.

a. Personnel: River Patrol Boat Assignments.

(1) OBSERVATION. Personnel receiving specialized Patrol Boat, River (PBR) training at the Naval In Shore Operational Training Center (NIOTC), Mare Island, California are not being properly screened by the Army prior to selection for the Training.

(2) EXPLANATION. The personnel attending the PBR course at NIOTC are attached to the Navy for training. Personnel are not being screened prior to attending the course, and on several occasions, personnel psychologically and technically unsuitable for the Army PBR program have been graduated and assigned for duty in RVN.

(3) RECOMMENDATIONS.

a. Personnel should be screened for technical and psychological aptitude in the PBR program before being sent to the NIOTC PBR School.

b. Transfer of personnel records of personnel completing the school be made at the time of school completion.

c. Personnel should be selected for the Army PBR program based upon the following criteria:

1. Minimum age 18 years.

2. One year enlistability upon completion of the PBR School.

3. All personnel be volunteers.

4. Operation: None.

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c. Training. Training of Junior Officers.

(1) OBSERVATION. Young military police officers assigned as area provost marshals lack sufficient training and experience to perform in a totally satisfactory manner.

(2) EVALUATION. It is not uncommon for military police officers of limited service and experience to be thrust into the position of provost marshal in a large and active area of responsibility. They have not received sufficient instruction during the basic officer's course to properly train them for this position. Although the responsibilities of this job can be learned through OJT, and by extensive research in various military police field manuals, this is a time-consuming process and considerable efficiency is lost during the training period.

(3) RECOMMENDATION. That the Military Police Basic Officer's Course include additional instruction on provost marshal activity in a theater of operation, and that a field manual devoted to this same subject be published to provide a single source document for use by junior officers.

d. Intelligence. None.

e. Logistics. Equipment Status Report.

(1) OBSERVATION. The consolidated equipment status report for 18th Military Police Brigade continues to reflect errors in equipment densities, although there has been some improvement during the last calendar quarter.

(2) EVALUATION. Brigade units continue to be hampered by a shortage of qualified supply personnel, and purification of the consolidated report remains a problem. Inexperienced personnel and frequent rotation of trained soldiers result in erroneous feeder reports. Human error on the part of automatic data processing equipment operators is responsible for numerous additional errors. The possible benefits of the consolidated equipment status report are lost due to its unreliability.

(3) RECOMMENDATION.

(a) That qualified supply personnel be made available to the 18th Military Police Brigade

(b) That training of automatic data processing equipment operators be improved, and that the work of these personnel be closely monitored to determine and alleviate the causes of frequent errors.

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f. Organization. Use of Infantry Companies to Provide Physical Security.

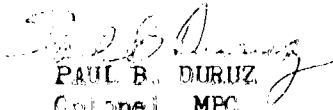
(1) OBSERVATION. Seven Infantry Companies organized under MTOE 7-18E are assigned to the 18th Military Police Brigade to provide physical security for selected installations. In some situations, Military Police Physical Security Companies organized under MTOE 19-97G, would be more suitable to accomplish a physical security mission.

(2) EVALUATION. Infantrymen assigned to MTOE 7-18E Companies require on-the-job training. Infantrymen assigned to this brigade are received from infantry divisions and their Vietnam tours are in most cases, more than half completed. Therefore, their utilization after the OJT is very limited. Military police, on the other hand, arrive in-country, trained, and ready to perform a security function. Benefits gained from the use of military police include better manpower utilization and better installation security. An MTOE action to convert four MTOE 7-18E Companies to four MTOE 19-97G Companies has been submitted.

(3) RECOMMENDATION. That under normal circumstances, MTOE 19-97G Companies be assigned to perform physical security missions in the Republic of Vietnam.

g. Other. None.

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1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned
for the quarterly period ending 31 July 1968 from Headquarters, 18th
Military Police Brigade.

2. Reference comment on item concerning shortage of qualified supply
personnel, page 15, paragraph 2e: Concur. Continued substitution of
lower grade personnel for MOS 76Y40 requisitions forwarded to Headquarters,
Department of the Army has resulted in this MOS remaining critically short
in USARV. Every effort is being made to obtain qualitative fill of 76Y40
requirements.

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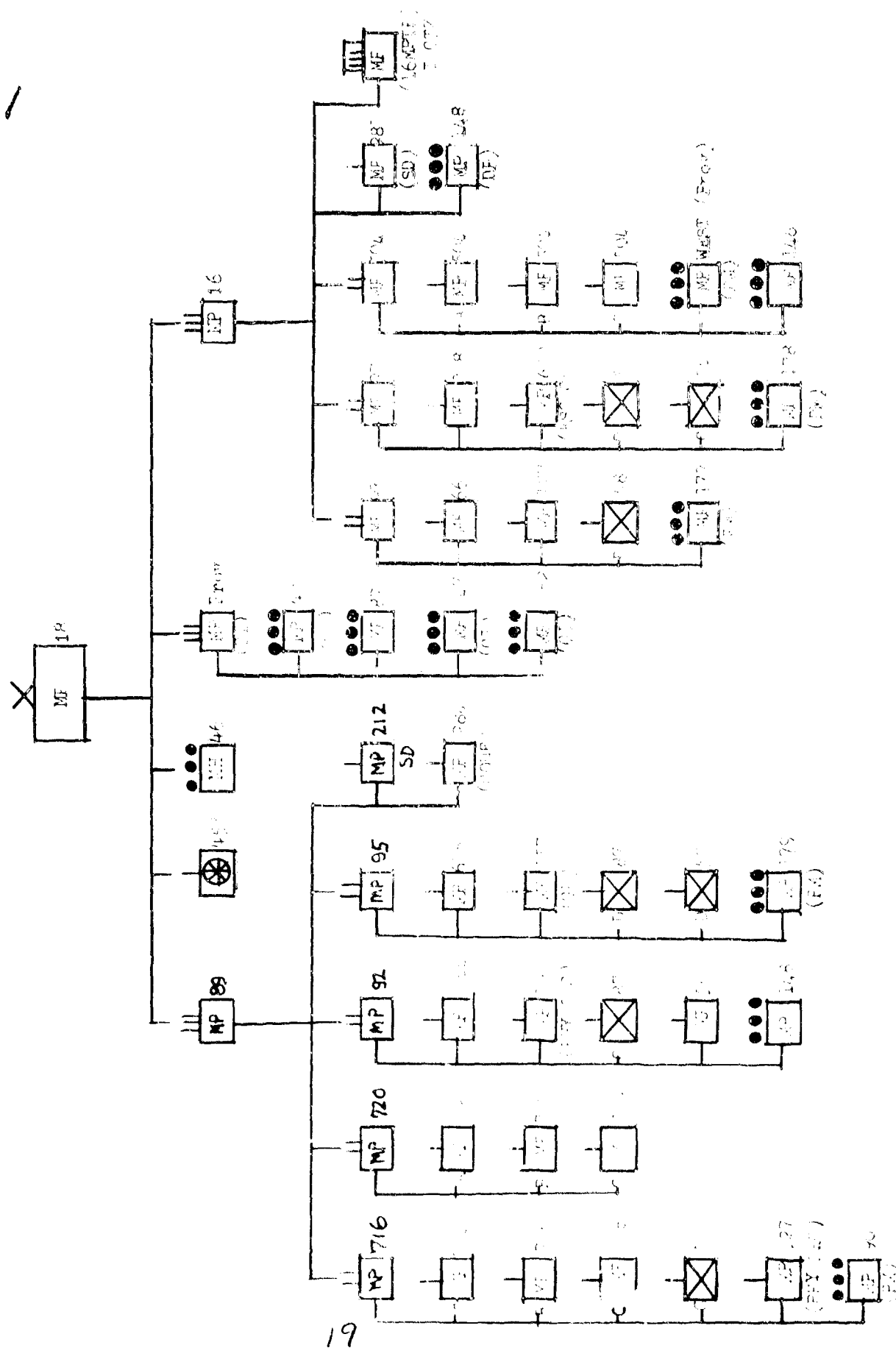
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