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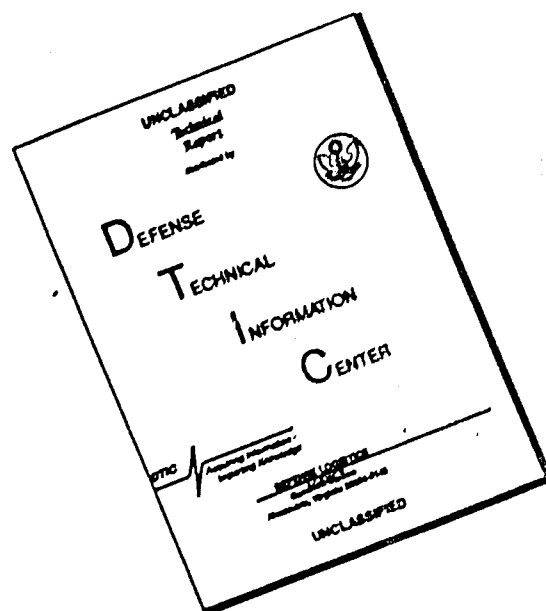
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Commander in Chief, United States Army Pacific, AFM#: APOF-DF, APO 96356
Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, AFM#: AVHOC-DS, APO 96373
Commanding Officer, 18th Military Police Brigade, AFM#: AVHOC-O, APO 96491

1. (C) Operations: Significant Activities.

a. Mission: The mission of Headquarters, 89th Military Police Group is to command, plan, supervise and control the operations of four military police battalions which provide combat, combat support and combat service support for the United States Army, Vietnam, within III and IV Corps Tactical Zones, Republic of Vietnam.

b. Organization: See Inclosure 1.

c. Personnel, Discipline and Discipline:

(1) Decorations:

(a) Silver Star:	1
(b) Legion of Honor:	4
(c) Soldier's Medal:	1
(d) Bronze Star (Valor):	12
(e) Bronze Star:	166
(f) Army Commendation Medal (Valor):	7
(g) Army Commendation Medal:	454
(h) Purple Heart:	2

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(2) Key personnel assignments and departures:

<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Job Title</u>
2 Aug 69		LTC Karl E. Nestler	XO, 89th MP Gp
6 Aug 69		CPT J.E. McAllister	S1, 89th MP Gp
28 Aug 69		CPT R.S. Tutinco	S4, 89th MP Gp
	1 Sep 69	CPT Albert C. Boyd	S1, 89th MP Gp
	25 Sep 69	MAJ R.L. Woye	S4, 89th MP Gp

(3) Casualties:

(a) Battle losses	<u>Off</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>1</u> Killed	0	0	0	0
<u>2</u> Wounded	0	0	0	0
(b) Non-battle losses				
<u>1</u> Killed	0	0	1	1
<u>2</u> Wounded	0	0	14	14

(4) Reenlistments:

	<u>Eligible</u>	<u>Reenlistments</u>
(a) 1st Term RA	65	17
(b) RA Career	42	41
(c) AUS	85	0
(d) Other	0	0
(e) Total	192	60

(5) Civilian Personnel:

- (a) Authorized: 89
- (b) Employed: 91

(c) Authority: 18th MP Bde letter, subject: Transmittal of Civilian Personnel vouchers, dated 27 September 1969.

(6) R&R:

<u>Month</u>	<u>% Utilized</u>
August	91%
September	77%
October	73%

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(7) Strengths:

(a) As of 1 August 1969:

<u>AUMI</u>				<u>ASX</u>			
<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
133	9	3126	3268	127	9	3289	3425

(b) As of 31 October 1969:

<u>AUMI</u>				<u>ASX</u>			
<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
123	9	2923	3055	121	9	2814	2944

(8) Extensions of overseas tours:

(a) Total extensions		<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	August	0	174	174
	September	1	125	126
	October	0	68	68

(b) Under IL 89-735 (6 Mo)		<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	August	2	60	62
	September	2	51	53
	October	3	41	44

(9) Discipline, Law and Order:

(a) Special Courts - 16

(b) Summary Courts - 6

(c) Article 15, UCMJ - 174

(10) Congressional Inquiries: 23

(11) Publications:

(a) Letter of Instruction, 89th MP Group Saturation Enforcement Search 4 August 1969.

(b) Reenlistment Program, 13 September 1969.

(c) Organization and Functions Manual, 14 September 1969.

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- (d) Methods of Apprehension, 17 September 1969.
- (e) Safety Program, 21 September 1969.
- (f) Policy - Vehicle Maintenance, 21 September 1969.
- (g) Incident Reporting Program, 1 October 1969.
- (h) Physical Security Program, 5 October 1969.
- (i) Letter of Instruction, Employment of Infantry, 10 October 1969.
- (j) Operation Plan 70-5 (Disaster Relief), 24 October 1969.

d. Intelligence and Counterintelligence.

(1) Intelligence spot reports continue to be received on a timely basis from subordinate battalions and 18th Military Police Brigade. 228 police intelligence spot reports (PISR) were received while 657 serious incident reports (SIR) were processed. Newly established incident reporting program has enhanced timeliness and accuracy of PISR and SIR.

(2) Dissemination of intelligence data was increased. Each Monday the Group S-3 briefs the staff on the USARV Intelligence Summary for the previous week. Sources of intelligence data were expanded by the weekly acquisition of Delta Military Assistance Command Periodic Intelligence Report and the daily acquisition of Royal Thai Army Volunteer Force Intelligence Summaries.

(3) A special briefing on the Phoenix Program was conducted for newly arrived staff officers and battalion commanders and staffs.

e. Plans, Operations and Training.

(1) Group OPLAN 70-69 (Disaster Relief) was published in implementation of 18th ABDE OPLAN 70-69. Long Binh Post OPLAN 2-69 was tested once by 89th MT Group and once by Long Binh Post during the period. Group OPLAN 64-69 (Reserve Reaction Force for USARV Installation Stockade) was tested once during the period.

(2) The mission of Operation OPLAN 70-69 continued to be the safeguarding of cargo transported by commercial contractors. US personnel committed to OPLAN 70-69 operations per 24 hour period totalled one officer, 16 non-commissioned officers and 71 enlisted men. Iops, Evans and Robbins International Limited (VERIL) replaced Thileo Ford as the contractor to transport US Government cargo within the III and IV Corps Tactical Zones on 1 October 1969. During the reporting period 28,267 vehicles were monitored for a daily average of 307 vehicles. A total of 10,653 vehicles were escorted. During the reporting period there was one reported cargo diversion of a total value of \$3,200.00.

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(3) Operation BELISHED LADILLA which involved the exchange of personnel between the Air Force Security Police, 3rd Combat Support Group (AFCSG) and the 89th MP Group was initiated. The exchanges were designed to promote better understanding of the duties and responsibilities of the two services.

(4) An 89th IE Group Surveillance Enforcement Squad (SES) was activated and employed for concentrated enforcement and suppression of offenses in especially designated high offense areas. During the period the SES was employed a total of four times, directed against vice and illegal money operations in the Long Binh and Vung Tau areas.

(5) Personnel ceilings imposed by USARV required a drawdown of 311 spaces from 18th Airborne TOE authorization. 89th IE Group absorbed the 311 space drawdown with the result that two infantry companies, Company B, 52d Infantry and Company D, 87th Infantry were brought to zero strength while Company C, 52d Infantry was drawn down 43 infantry spaces. Physical security missions of Dong Hai ICL Jett, Corrido Sango Site and Depot District were terminated. One platoon of Company C, 87th Infantry, opened to 95th IE Bn, assumed physical security mission at Long Binh Ammunition Supply Depot, which was previously performed by Company D, 52d Infantry.

(6) Turnover of Blackhouse Base Camp to 18th ABW Division terminated Blackhouse discipline, law and order and convoy commitments. Personnel resources were retained by 720th IE Battalion.

(7) Two group conferences were held during the reporting period; 111 and 112 Corps Tactical Zone Troop Marshal Conference and 111 and 112 Corps General and Staff Conference. These conferences served to standardize operations and present battalions with current information on status of contemporary units.

(8) Fifteen company size teams entered the Troop Marshal General District Team Match, held during October 1969. Scores were forwarded to the Military Police Association.

(9) Program of instruction was developed for company grade officer training program. The course lasts three days and is designed to be taught to every company grade officer assigned within 89th IE Group.

f. Communications Activities.

(1) During the reporting period 32 announced and unannounced inspections of 89th IE Group units were conducted. Although operators' maintenance of communications equipment had improved, need still existed for continued emphasis in this area. Expanded communications class prescribed for in-country training should result in a continued advance in operators' maintenance.

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(2) Approximately 5000 reports from 89th MP Gp. telephone transmissions were monitored by COMSEC personnel for a one month period. Only two minor discrepancies were recorded which indicate emphasis on communications security has been adequate.

g. Logistics.

(1) A total of 20 command and staff inspections and/or technical assistance visits were made to subordinate units.

(2) Six of the 14 M113/M115A1 armored personnel carriers which were on hand were turned in. Since these armored personnel carriers were committed to contingency missions in the SRIG area, four M-100 (M1-706) command cars were committed as replacement vehicles.

(3) During the reporting period a total of 901 M16A1 rifles were issued to replace M14 rifles on hand.

(4) A prescribed load list was submitted and approved by 1st Logistical Command for the 57 river patrol boats on hand in the 89th MP Gp. Repair parts have finally started arriving in RVN with some regularity.

h. Civic Action.

(1) A civic action fund drive was conducted throughout the reporting period. The goal was \$300,000 VN or approximately \$100 VN per unit. The drive exceeded all expectations and resulted in a total contribution of \$432,222 VN to the 89th MP Group Civic Action Fund.

(2) Materiel was supplied to An Hoa Hung, and Long Binh Ten villages of the tactical area of responsibility (TAOR) for construction of school desks. The school desks will equip the first high school in the TAOR. Other educational support consisted of blackboards, purchased for the Long Binh Ten School, repair materials for the An Hoa Hung School and continuing English class instruction by all battalions.

(3) An Hoa Hung received materiel for construction of a foot bridge which links the village to outlying hamlets, machinery and material for the installation of a 65 meter sewer system, and tin for repair of the roof of the civic building.

(4) Materiel for minor bridge repair was provided to Long Binh Ten and equipment was furnished for minor road repair throughout the TAOR.

(5) Weekly medical and dental civic action programs have been supported by the 95th and 720th MP Bns throughout Bien Hoa province and the TAOR.

(6) Materiel was provided the 5th Quan Canh Battalion, Saigon, for reconstruction of a Civic Center.

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

a. Personnel: Recognition for slain military policemen.

(1) Observation: No special recognition is afforded military policemen killed while performing police duties.

(2) Evaluation: Military police confront extremely hazardous situations in the performance of routine discipline, law and order duties and are often killed while attempting to apprehend dangerous felons. Civilian police agencies have forms of recognition for men killed in these circumstances but the Army has no current comparable program. Formal recognition would enhance military police morale and offer relatives of deceased military policemen some solace for their loss.

(3) Recommendation: That Department of the Army develop an appropriate decoration for military policemen killed in the line of duty.

b. Intelligence: None.

c. Operations: None.

d. Organization: None.

e. Training: None.

f. Logistics: Physical security contract review.

(1) Observation: Contracts with civilian transportation firms are often negotiated without consultation of security personnel.

(2) Evaluation: Military contracts with civilian commercial carriers have been sealed without consideration for the physical security aspects of the contract. Contracts made in haste because of an apparent bargain price have cost the government more in terms of pilferage and cargo diversions, and ultimately, in terms of damage to the local economy, than a more expensive but more secure contract.

(3) Recommendation: That qualified physical security personnel review military contracts with civilian commercial carriers prior to approval.

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g. Communications: None

h. Material: None.

i. Other: None.

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1. (U) Basic correspondence has been reviewed and is considered correct or modified below.
2. (U) Reference item concerning civilian personnel, paragraph 1d, (1) The 89th Military Police Group is authorized 36 civilian personnel under Program 6 Civilianization and 807 by Augmentation TDA P5-WFPAWA-77, 1 October 1969, for a total authorization of 843.
3. (U) Reference item concerning recognition for slain military police, paragraph 2a, page 7: Concur. Due to the uniquely hazardous nature of military police functions, special recognition should be afforded to those in line of duty. However, criteria governing the award should specify that the death resulted from non-combat military police duty as opposed to combat duty in order to preclude conflict with established combat decorations.
4. (U) Reference item concerning security aspects of military operations with civilian commercial carriers, paragraph 2f, page 7: Concur. A review of operations OVERTAKE reports since 1 October 1969 reveals a significant increase in cargo loss/pilferage subsequent to contracting Pope, Evans, and Robbins International Limited (PERIL) to transport US cargo within III and IV Corps Tactical Zones. Preliminary investigations indicate major security deficiencies on the part of PERIL. Appropriate reports and recommendations have been forwarded through the USARV Provost Marshal to the Logistical Command and a detailed surveillance of contractor security procedures continues.



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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY, VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 9637 1

To: Commander in Chief, United States Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOF-DT,
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 October 1969 from Headquarters, 89th Military Police Group.

2. Comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning 'Recognition for slain military policemen,' page 7, para 2a; and 1st Indorsement, para 3: nonconcur. The Department of the Army has three existing decorations that are appropriate for award to Military Policemen for heroism in performance of duty. The Soldiers Medal; for heroism not involving actual conflict with an armed enemy which involves risk of life. The Bronze Star; awarded in connection with military operations in combat for heroism or achievement. And the Army Commendation Medal is appropriate recognition for heroic deeds of Military Policemen. The criteria for these decorations are outlined in AR 672-9-1.

b. Reference item concerning 'Physical security contract review,' page 7, para 2f; and 1st Indorsement, para 4: concur. It is a normal function of negotiation of procurements that the contracting officer coordinate with the requiring activity on acceptability of a proposed contractor, price and other factors considered. Since procurement requirements for commercial carriers are developed by Transportation elements, the physical security personnel should make their desires known to appropriate transportation offices.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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Assistant Adjutant General

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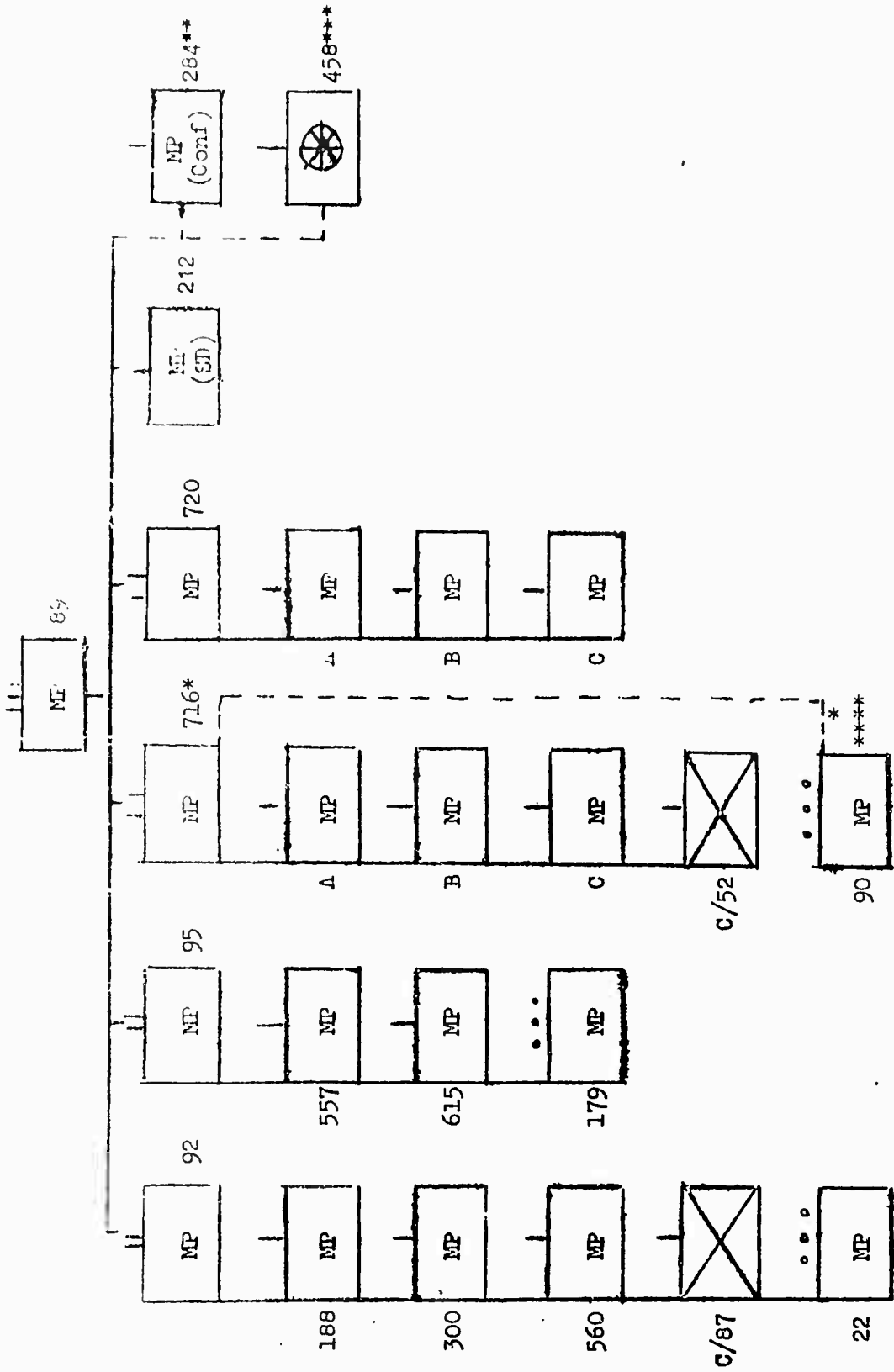
TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

This headquarters concurs in subject report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:



D. A. TUCKER
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Asst AG



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Organization Chart

COMMAND ATTACHED

- * OPCON to USA/HAC
- ** Assigned to 18th MP Bde, attached to 89th MP Gp for administration, logistics, and military justice.
- *** Assigned to 18th MP Bde, attached to 89th MP Gp for administration, logistics, and military justice; elements OPCON to 92d and 720th IIF Bns.
- **** Assigned to 18th MP Bde, attached to 89th MP Gp for administration, logistics, and military justice.

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