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Subject: Operational Report - Lessons Learned, Headquarters, 80th
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This report is forwarded for review and evaluation in accordance
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result of this report should be forwarded to AJSFOK GCSG within 30
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benefits in the future from lessons learned during current operations and
may be adapted for use in developing training material.

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AVCD-5-90

11 August 1970

SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned of the 80th General
Support Group for Period Ending, 31 July 1970, RCS-CSFCR-65 (R2)

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1. (C) Operations - Significant Activities

a. Personnel (C)

(1) LTC Jerry Barrier replaced Major Larry L. Wiley as Group Logistics Officer. LTC Raymond Coursin replaced LTC Elmer Count as 92nd Communications Service Battalion Commanding Officer. LTC Cecil Little replaced LTC Robert Ratcliff as Commanding Officer, 57th Transportation Battalion in Chu Lai. LTC Clarence B. Ford replaced LTC Robert Gabriel as Commanding Officer, 1st Finance.

(2) Personnel turbulence remained high with little or no overlap time to allow for training of replacements by incumbents. Certain MOS skills remained in critically short supply, such as cooks and drivers. The overall command strength was 2,344 personnel.

(3) Employment of Local Nationals reached a new level as the authorized strength for Local National Direct Hires was raised to 696.

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Camp for Period From 31 Jul - 1970, AOS-13375-01 (22)

b. Operations

(1) Special Services continued to provide maintenance, along with the organization of special classes in the making of special crafts. The 80th Group Support Command Softball League has been organized into teams.

(2) The 80th GS Group Open Mens System gained two Officers of three NSO/SM Clubs during this period as it continued to support 13 clubs and now the 5th Transportation Command and XMIY Corps. 80th Group is now responsible for a total of 13 Clubs. Three more clubs are projected to be included in the Open Mens System in the next quarter. A grant of \$2,000 was given to the NSO/SM Club for purchase of the Camp Baxter Club (5th Transportation Command) and a loan of \$13,800 was received for purchase of the Camp Carter Club (DaNang Depot). A loan in the amount of \$11,000.00 was made to purchase the Camp Baxter Officers Club (5th Trans Command).

(3) A Traffic Safety Monitor Program was reinstated in an effort to reduce the number of safety violations and traffic offenses by 5th Trans Command vehicles.

(b) 525th QM Co (PF)

(a) The 525th QM Co (PF) continued to operate the petr 1 depot in DaNang. Fifteen T-5 tankers were received during this period. Average daily issues of the four (4) products were as follows: JPH 324,000 gallons, DF 167,320 gallons, AF 47,050 gallons, and MO 51,311 gallons. Utilizing the two (2) shuttle tankers assigned to I Corp, fuel was transferred to the Tan Ky and Chu Lai depots. The average daily transfer were as follows: JPH 4,976, 774 gallons, DF 3,013,499, MO 1477,331 gallons, and AF 387,000 gallons.

(b) On 29 June, the 527th QM Co (PFI) was attached to the 525th QM Co for all purposes except operational control which remained at the 525th QM Co command. The 527th QM Co Lab personnel were available and did not participate in this activity.

(c) 1 July saw this unit take over all local distribution of Shell Oil Company and the Navy. Five (5) commercial 2200 gallon trucks were hand received by this unit and six (6) commercial drivers were assigned to the commercial trucks. During the commercial truck and agency operations, the average daily delivery by this unit were as follows: DF 13,115,011 gallons, AF 15,084 gallons.

(5) Shell Finance Section

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SUBJECT: Operational Report - Loss of Readiness of Units in 1st Military Support Group for the period Ending 31 July 1970, RC: 0580.-15 (R2)

4. The 596th Maintenance Company provided DS level support to approximately 70 non-divisional units in the Chu Lai area. This unit is provided DS level back-up support to the 723rd Maintenance Battalion (Aerial Division) as desired by the 723rd. In addition, this unit provides DS level support for 400 M107 (SP Art) and 1000 M10 (SP artillery) in the 1st Military Region.

5. The 596th Maintenance picked up DS level maintenance responsibilities for approximately 24 pieces of heavy equipment from the 1st Land Clearing Engineer Company and 16 M12 Dusters from C Btry 1/4th Artillery. The 596th Land Clearing Company will be in the Chu Lai area for approximately 10 weeks. The 596th Maintenance has been provided a 6 man augmentation team to assist in their DS level support. There may be initial problems supporting the Dusters due to the fact that the 596th Maintenance has never supported this type of equipment. Problems anticipated are primarily in the areas of required publications and stockage of repair parts.

6. General Comment: 80th General Support Group's units have experienced initial difficulties in obtaining publications for very peculiar equipment that was taken over during the Navy phase-down. Examples were forklifts, pumps, cranes, etc. However, these have now been supplied from the Marine Publication Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and will assist materially after arrival.

(b) Technical Supply (Class II)

1. The 15th Tech Supply had a large quantity of MAF project code haul parts (MAF Project Code) on hand. Approximately 25% of the haul parts and Project Code were removed from stock and shipped to Philco Ford which is the major vehicle overhaul program for 1st Military Region.

2. From excess items on hand at the 15th Tech Supply, approximately 12 truckloads have been shipped to the Depot. Approximately 4 truckloads remain to be shipped.

(c) GS Activities

1. The 15th HEM Company (GS) continues to provide DS level support level services to include back-up support for all DS level units in 1st Military Region; overhaul of 5' selected items (subassemblies) to be returned to depot stocks; and repair and return to depot stocks of major end items (tactical vehicles, aircraft, etc.).

2. The 15th HEM Company is currently providing DS level support level items requirements for the fiscal year 70 overhaul program.

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In those areas that require repair, there was not lack of required repair parts and maintenance assets.

3. The FE 71e component overhaul program will be a two-year program over the 15th HEI Co and 80th Group. The overhaul program has been divided in such a manner so that the 80th Group has primary responsibility for majority of the vehicle component overhaul while the 15th will be primarily concerned with component and 1551 activities.

4. The 15th HEI Co group has been designated as the central collection point for all heavy vehicle repairable components that are to be overhauled. 1551, 1552 and 1553 activities in the 1st Military Region will ship their unserviceable (Code F) components to this unit.

5. The 15th HEI Co group has also instituted a 12T S&F trailer rehabilitation program that is focused on keeping trailers at their highest state of readiness regardless of proximity availability. The 15th has a quota of completing 2 per week and is on schedule.

(1) TFP (Trailer Transfer Point)

1. The availability of 12T S&F trailer assets has been increased by utilizing the 33rd Transportation Company for the responsibility for trailer major repair maintenance. A Trailer Transfer Point, DaNang, has been organized by 80th General Support Group with the primary mission of controlling and maintaining 12 ton S&F trailers within 80th Group in the DaNang area. This has proved to be quite successful in increasing the number of serviceable trailers available within limited resources.

(e) Engine Diagnostic School

The 80th General Support Group has instituted an Engine Diagnostic School consisting of 5 1/2 days of instruction. The school is designed to provide refresher training to organization personnel support activities personnel in the proper use of engine diagnostic test equipment. This for the 80th General Support Group has conducted five such courses and has trained 57 US and 23 ARVN students. This school has proved to be a success and has assisted greatly in the "Project Buddy" Co/ARVN training program.

(13) Logistics - Air Truck and Dumps

(a) Air Trucks:

1. During this Quarter, the 23rd ARVN Group transferred over 90% of its operations into the DaNang Service Area (previously 80th FEI Component War Zone Area). In this area, the 23rd is utilizing two warehouse buildings, and a large general facility. The War Zone Area at An Kham, DaNang, has been used as a Businessly Center, and their facility is currently being developed as a component of major 23rd Service Area

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Group for Liaison Engineer 31st Air, 1970, AFS 01.01-1 (12)

On 10 July 1970, construction started on a concrete pier in front of the pier facility that will be used for landing elements and major assets from the Sea Land Van containers. During this period, the 33rd CC&S Company opened a six-point "wash facility" at the Ferry Landing area for cleaning of material. A new vehicle storage area was also opened at the Ferry Landing area which will accommodate approximately 200 vehicles. This facility will be used for equipment that has been completely processed for shipment and delivery to the 10th Air Force. Construction on a second wash facility to be located near the Ferry Landing area was initiated on 21 June 1970 by US Navy 31st Air Force. This facility will be used as a final wash and preparation area for return to the pier.

2. During this Quarter, over 6,350 short tons of cargo were shipped thru Daikang Port facilities.

3. The 80th General Support Group initiated an inspection team in the Military Region Quality Assurance Teams (RQAITS) on 6 June 1970. The purpose of these teams is to insure that the material and equipment being returned to the US maintenance units and 33rd CC&S Company has been processed, inspected, and documented in accordance with applicable regulations and procedures. The effectiveness of these teams in the 80th General Support Group has been so successful that RQAITS may be expanded by the addition of teams in other parts of the scope of their operational area enlarged to encompass all of the Military Region.

(1) Property Disposal:

1. This Quarter proved to be a successful one for the Property Disposal activity in Daikang. During this quarter, the Property Disposal Agency was established in Daikang. The Property Disposal Agency in Daikang was established as a sub-division of this Agency. Operational control has been retained by the 80th General Support Group. Personnel strength has increased to five (5) personnel, including one permanent full-time local national personnel and four fully hired. Administrative and logistical support continued to be provided by the 80th General Support Group.

2. The sale of "items" at the 33rd CC&S facility was discontinued during this quarter, and the remaining items were moved to Daikang, where they will be placed for sale. All future sales will be conducted at the Daikang facilities.

3. The Chu Li Group contract was awarded to the 33rd CC&S Company. The contract was awarded on 21 July 1970 for a period of six months.

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SUBJECT: Operational Report - Missions Conducted by the 10th General Support Group, for Period Ending 31 July 1970, ACS CSPCR-65 (A2)

(14) Logistics - Material Management:

(a) Group Material Management Assistance Team - The Material Management Assistance Team inspected five (5) units assigned to the 10th General Support Group. The team also operated a roadside inspection station two (2) days a week for units assigned to the 10th General Support Group, and inspected approximately 20 vehicles, selected at random, per inspection day.

(b) USMCCM-ENG Annual General Inspections - Five assigned units were awarded overall satisfactory ratings for ASI's during this operating period. These units were 9th, 92nd Composite Service Battalion, 303rd Transportation Company, 60th Transportation Company, 151st Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company, and USA Mortuary Company. There were no unsatisfactory ratings within the Group during this same period.

(c) 1st Log Command Maintenance Management Inspections - Two units, the 47th Maintenance Company and the 33rd Supply and Service Company, were awarded overall satisfactory ratings during this period.

(d) 1st Log Command Instruct/Assist Team Visits - The 1st Log I&A team visited the 150th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company during this period.

(e) Training and Schools - The Section conducted two (2) of four hour classes on TAMPB records, one class at Daikang and one at Chu Lai. Training was also conducted at Chu Lai on Equipment Serviceability Criteria for all officers and ACO's in the 47th Transportation Battalion.

(15) Security, Plans, and Operations: (C)

(a) Intelligence:

1. Intelligence information continued to be received in Southern I Corps (CSM Lai) from the American Division. Other primary sources of intelligence were the 1st Marine Division, USMCV Corps, and USASMAVCOM, Daikang. Since the incorporation of the 1st Logistic Command into USANV, this command no longer receives a daily intelligence summary as it had received in the past on a country-wide basis.

2. Daily intelligence summary messages were received from USASMAVCOM, DNG, as were "flash" messages as information became known. This information concerned the Daikang area and vicinity and was made available to this Headquarters and subordinate units in a timely manner. This information was immediately passed to subordinate units upon receipt for necessary preparatory activities and alert status.

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SUBJECT: Operational Report - Losses and Road of the 80th General Support Group for Period Ending 31 July 1970, RGS GSNOR-65 (A2)

3 In conjunction with other headquarters in the DaNang Area, 80th General Support Group is weighing the possibility that recent incidents involving vehicles driven by US personnel and those driven by Local Nationals were staged by local terrorist/insurrectionary groups. These incidents began with demands for excessive amounts of money for damaged US vehicles involved in accidents with US vehicles. The latest incident involved personnel from 80th GS Gp who were all seriously wounded when a fragmentation grenade was thrown in their midst, only minutes after a Viet motor scooter had collided with the truck they were operating. A young Vietnamese boy also died in the incident as he was in the crowd around the accident scene. On the same day two other incidents occurred. In one of these, a Viet motor scooter threatened, with loaded weapons, an American soldier who had been involved in an incident involving his vehicle and that of a Local National. To counteract these incidents, stringent measures have been taken to minimize US vehicles and personnel from moving through DaNang.

(c) Operations:

1 Enemy activity was at a low level during this period insofar as it affected the operations of 80th GS Gp. Isolated incidents of sniper fire caused one man to be wounded in the arm and a grenade caused one man to be injured, not seriously, with the loss of one tanker truck. Several times during the reporting period, the enemy interdicted highway QLL by destroying bridges; however, convoy operations were not curtailed as replacement bridges or alternate routes were found immediately. There were no casualties in personnel or material sustained from enemy rockets or mortar during the reporting period.

2 Line haul of supplies and equipment continued throughout the reporting period by Divisional and non-Divisional units within the reporting area of responsibility, from Chu Lai to Phu Bai. The support included I-V, VII, and IX hauled by units from the 57th Transportation Battalion based in Chu Lai and the 22nd Composite Service Battalion in DaNang.

3 There were a total of 21 Serious Incidents reported during the period.

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

a. Personnel:

Self Service Supply Center (SSSC) Operation

(1) Observation: The 80th General Support Group assumed responsibility for the operation of a SSSC in the Chu Lai area on 1 Jun 1970 and in the Landing area on 15 June 70. These functions until that time were operated by the US Navy as Serv-Parts.

(2) Evaluation: The take-over of these operations were the most easily accomplished and successful of the many functions assumed from the US Navy during that general time frame. The primary reason for this successful take-over was the early availability of required personnel allowing adequate time for necessary cross training with Navy personnel. This was not possible in several other instances.

(3) Recommendations: That when future missions are assigned, an adequate number of qualified personnel be made available at least 15 days (30 desired) in advance of the take-over date to allow adequate cross training.

b. Intelligence: None

c. Operations:

(1) Club Mess System

(a) Observation: The extension of new open mess facilities to the United States Army Depot, DaNang, the Fifth Transportation Command, and the consolidation of XXIV Corps Open Messes all under the 80th GS Group stressed the Group's capacity to control and administer these clubs under the existing staff.

(b) Evaluation: With the additional command responsibility for open messes caused by the revision of the Army Open Mess System, it became evident that additional resources and additional command emphasis were necessary.

(c) Recommendation: That commands concerned make plans for centralized accounting, procurement, and management to include the physical facilities necessary. An experienced club officer was added to the 80th GS Group Staff to act as the Commander's advisor on club matters and to supervise the custodians of both the centralized Officer and NCO Messes to insure efficient and honest administration of the Open Mess System.

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(c) Recommendations: That the current requirement to fire weapons every six months be amended so that when any member of a crew served weapon is replaced, that crew member fire.

f. Logistics:

(1) Keystone Cabin:

(a) Observation: The 80th General Support Group was given the task of supporting a unit designated nickname Keystone Cabin which included accepting, processing, and disposing of all non-mission-peculiar unit reports.

(b) Evaluation: An extensive problem was created by not having the maintenance BN supporting the 80th Group that accepted the equipment perform point technical inspection and SPM classification with the Depot, Dilling. Depot technical assistance is also required in preparation, packaging, and preservation. The paperwork aspects of equipment turn-in was also understaffed and requires a pre-trained team to support S&S resources in future operations.

(c) Recommendations: That for any future depot maintenance operations:

1. That joint TI & SCRAM classification be performed by the maintenance BN supporting the S&S Company and the Depot that will eventually receive the turn-in equipment.

2. That the Depot receiving the turn-in equipment be given the task of providing technical assistance to the unit in preparation, packaging, and preservation.

3. That pre-trained paperwork team be obtained to augment limited S&S Company personnel resources.

(2) Laundry Operations:

(a) Observation: The 80th General Support Group assumed responsibility for the DENNY Laundry facility located at Camp Butler on 1 June 1970. The laundry was previously operated by the US Navy in support of the Navy hospital with a typical production of 1200 - 3000 lbs/day.

(b) Evaluation: On 3 June 70, the 80th General Support Group was directed to increase the output of the laundry to 200,000 lbs/monthly, 1 July 70. In an attempt to accomplish this, approximately 15 additional company size units were immediately added to meet the requirement. This resulted in a 2,000 lb backlog within 6 days and a washerman shortage. Corrective action was required with the subsequent removal of a portion of the additional units. The flow rates within the laundry had to be completely revised with extensive self-help instructions and the laundry had to operate at a size of about 1000 lbs/day sustained rate.

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Period Ending 31 July 1970, HQ 65FG (R2)

(c) Recommendations: That in future, most of this activity, before going forward, should be allowed to stabilize production rates as a ratio exercise.

(2) Publications for Heavy Equipment:

(a) Observations: During the last several months the 60th General Support Group assumed the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of heavy equipment such as forklifts, buses, cranes, etc. resulting in the heavy phase-down.

(b) Evaluation: Because much of the equipment was in poor condition, it has sustained a high failure rate since its turn-over to the Army. The lack of adequate technical publications has delayed and hampered the procurement of adequate repair parts.

(c) Recommendations: That in future transfers of their service equipment, adequate arrangements be made initially during planning conferences to insure that necessary manuals are turned-over with the equipment and they have been placed a priority requisition by the using unit.

(3) Retrospective Quality Assurance Inspections:

(a) Observation: On 19 May 1970, the General Support Group within Defense Support Command were directed to implement the Quality Assurance Program to include Deep Water which served as the main part of a check and recall retrograde items.

(b) Evaluation: The requirement for the implementation of the QA program was extensive and in the 60th General Support Group implemented the procedures during the retrograde activity. The procedures which allowed material of unsatisfactory quality to be returned into the CCS activity during an interim period. As a result, the retrograde process was held in the CCS facility and the retrograde activity was in the middle with extensive unsatisfactory quality items, little satisfactory condition items, and in some instances, no retrograde actions.

(c) Recommendations: That in future operations, the 60th General Support Group will receive specific guidance to insure that the QA implementation will be successful, and that quality assurance procedures such that procedures be established initially at DOWN and during the CCS activity.

g. Communications:

h. Material:

Undermanned Machine Tools by Carrier

(a) Observations: In machine tools were in poor condition

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SUBJECT: Current and Report-Orders Inventory of the 10th General Support
Brigade for Period Ending 31 July 1970, CS GSTR-45(40)

~~of numbered Finance Sections and in Division Finance Offices have been in-~~
country approximately the same. Very little of this equipment is in Depot
Stock.

(b) Availability: The unavailability of this equipment will place an unusually heavy demand on units for replacements in the second half of 1970. Division and numbered finance offices will be significantly impacted by the unavailability of public cost machines.

(c) Accounting: It has been proposed that USARV screen all financial elements for machine requirements and determine whether a sufficient number of replacement machines is available in-country.

I. Other - None.

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SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned of the 80th General Support Group for the quarterly period ending 31 July 1970 (RCS CSPOR-65) (R2)

TO: Headquarters, US Army Support Command, Da Nang, APO 96349

6 Jul 70

FROM: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGC-DST, APO 96370

1. (U) The Operational Report - Lessons Learned submitted by the 80th General Support Group for the quarterly period ending 31 July 1970 is forwarded.

2. (U) Pertinent comments follow:

- a. Page 13, para 2a. Concur. No further comment required.
- b. Page 13, para 2c(1). Concur. No further comment required.
- c. Page 14, para 2c(2). Concur in part. Responsibilities for unit postal officers are clearly outlined in paragraph 5a, AR 65-75. There is no objection for any unit postal officer to request guidance from the serving APO postal officer. During this reporting period, emphasis on mail services has been directed to the command through the monthly Commander's Report, four letters and an equal number of daily bulletin releases. This frequency is considered adequate without losing the impact of messages relating to mail services.
- d. Page 14, para 2c(3). Concur. No further comment required.
- e. Pages 14 and 15, para 2c. Concur in part. Paragraph 3a(2) of appendix II to USARV Suppl 1 to AR 350-1, dated 25 Jan 70, states that weapons firing "will be conducted at least semi-annually" and is not prohibitive with respect to time or frequency. Paragraph 4b of Appendix II to USARV Suppl 1 to AR 350-1, dated 25 Jan 70, clearly states that firing requirements include "other direct fire weapons the replacement is likely to use during his tour in RVN in addition to his assigned individual weapon."
- f. Page 15, para 2(1). Concur. No further comment required.
- g. Pages 15 and 16, para 2(2). Concur. No further comment required.
- h. Page 16, para 2(3). Concur. No further comment required.
- i. Page 16, para 2(4). Concur. As stated in para 2(4), experience proved that initiation of retrograde Quality Assurance Inspection Teams (RQAITS) should begin at the DSU, prior to the materiel being retrograded to the CG&S activity. This action precludes excessive handling of materiel loaded for shipment, insures that DSU's become familiar with inspection criteria, alleviates possibilities of a materiel backlog, and provides the time frame for the CG&S activity to complete processing requirements previously accomplished at DSU level. On 19 Aug 70, an additional RQAITS Team, RQAITS "North", was formed to service Northern Military Region 1.

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Acting on experience gained from initial formation of RQAITS Teams, RQAITS "North" was instructed to begin inspections at DSU level and all materiel in transit prior to 19 Aug 70 would be turned in without being inspected. This has proven to be the most effective solution.

j. Pages 16 and 17, para 2h. Concur. No further comment required.

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~~SUBJECT: Operational Report Lessons Learned of the 80th General~~

~~Support Group for Period Ending 31 July 1970, R33-2SFCP-~~

Headquarters, United States Army Vietnam, APO San Francisco 96374

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army Pacific, APO: SMP-02,
APO 96354

1. This Headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 July 1970 from Headquarters, 80th General Support Group and comments of indorsing Headquarters.

2. Comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning "Mail Room Inspection," page 14, paragraph 2c(2) and 1st Indorsement, paragraph 1c: concur. Responsibility of unit mail clerks and unit postal officers are in AR 15-25. The APO postal officer is available for any guidance necessary. This Headquarters will review the various unit mail clerk tests administered by APO postal officers to determine their validity and necessity for a standard type to be administered at each APO. This should raise the competency level of the unit mail clerks. This Headquarters has a continuing program of advising commanders of violations of mail handling procedures and preventive measures to be taken. Unit has been so advised.

b. Reference item concerning "Training on the M-70 Machine Gun," page 14, paragraph 2e and paragraph 2e, 1st Indorsement: nonconcur. Paragraph 7, USARV Supplement 1 to AR 350-1, Subject: Mandatory Training, enjoins commanders to establish a continuous weapons training program to insure that all personnel are proficient with their assigned weapons and are familiar with other direct fire and crew served weapons organic to their unit. In no way are units restricted to the amount of firing that may be conducted. Unit has been so advised.

c. Reference item concerning "Keystone Robin," page 15, paragraph 1 and paragraph 21, 1st Indorsement: concur. Recommend that a Keystone dedicated task force be established and trained on Keystone Operations and procedures prior to stand down dates of units to be processed in the Da Nang area. Team should obtain training in two ways: (1) By observing active Keystone operations in any APO processing redeploying units at that time and (2) By sending responsible individuals to the Redeployment Section, Supply Division WBAR for orientation and training on overall Keystone procedures. Unit has been so advised.

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d. Reference item concerning "Laundry Operations," page 14, paragraph 2f(2): concur. This Headquarters has disseminated information that FM 10-354 (Fixed Laundry Organization) provides guidance in establishing a production standard for fixed site laundry operations. Unit has been so advised.

e. Reference item concerning "Retrograde Quality Assurance Inspection Teams," page 16, paragraph 2f(4) and paragraph 2i, 1st Indorsement: nonconcur. It is not necessary to direct General Support Groups to implement quality Assurance procedures, the procedures should already exist. It is not acceptable to allow CC&S activity to continue to ship unsatisfactory material simply to enable a reduction in backlog. Unit has been so advised.

f. Reference item concerning "Material," page 16, paragraph 2h and paragraph 2j, 1st Indorsement: nonconcur. This does not appear to be a major problem country-wide. Several finance offices were queried, partial review was made of selected depot stocks. In addition, assets will be generated from future Keystone units. Unit has been so advised.

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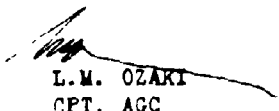
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This headquarters concurs in subject report as indorsed.

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