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1. (U) Reference AR 525-15.
2. (U) IAW paragraph 8c (2), referenced regulation, the following are added.
 - a. Reference para 2a, page 14. Add subparagraph 2a (4), Command Action: Personnel have been shifted within the Group to insure an equal balance within each battalion. Letters have been forwarded to HQ, 18th MP Bde, referencing the problem and requesting assistance.
 - b. Reference para 2c (1), page 15. Add subparagraph 2c (1) (d), Command Action: Information concerning the aforementioned problems was forwarded to HQ, 18th MP Bde, as material for discussion by the Combined Police Council.
 - c. Reference para 2c (2), page 16. Add subparagraph 2c (2) (d), Command Action: N/A.
 - d. Reference para 2d, page 18. Add subparagraph 2d (4), Command Action: N/A.
 - e. Reference para 2g, page 18. Add subparagraph 2g (4), Command Action: N/A.

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1. (C) Operations: Significant Actions

a. Mission: Headquarters, 16th Military Police Group, provides command, staff planning, and control of three military police battalions within Military Regions 1 and 2 in the Republic of Vietnam and operational control of the USARV Confinement Facility (USARVIS), Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam.

b. Organization: See inclosure 1.

c. Personnel, Morale, and Discipline.

(1) Awards and Decorations	Number
(a) Legion of Merit	5
(b) Silver Star	0
(c) Soldiers Medal	0
(d) Bronze Star with "V"	23
(e) Bronze Star (Service)	182
(f) Air Medal	9
(g) ARCOM with "V"	25
(h) ARCOM (Service)	357

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- (i) Purple Heart 11
- (j) Good Conduct Medal 118-
- (k) 18th MP Bde Certificate of Achievement 200
- (2) Key Personnel Assignments and Departures
 - (a) Assignments

Name	Grade	Job Title	Date Asgnd Gp
Stephen W. Trescot	LLT	Gp Adjutant	Jul 71
Peter J. Ermer	CPT	Gp Adj/Dot Cmdr	Jul 71
John B. Reisz	CPT	Gp Asst S-3 Off	Jul 71
Richard Palmedo	SFC	Gp S-4 NCO	Aug 71
Robert J. DiFelice	LLT	Gp Traffic Control Off	Aug 71
Dwight L. Gentry	CPT	Gp S-4 Off	Sep 71
James C. Cashman	LTC	Gp XO	Sep 71
John A. S. Bokor	MAJ	Gp XO	Oct 71
Milton W. Bowman	CSM	Gp CSM	Oct 71

(b) Departures

Name	Grade	Job Title	Date Deptd Gp
Carl G. Swanson	LTC	Gp XO	Jun 71
Gary R. Krafft	CPT	Gp Asst S-3 Off	Jul 71
Stephen W. Trescot	LLT	Gp Adjutant	Jul 71
Thomas F. Stenehjem	SFC	Gp S-4 NCO	Aug 71
Johnny R. Dusenberry	MAJ	Gp Adj/Dot Cmdr	Aug 71
Dennis K. Morris	CPT	Gp S-4 Off	Aug 71
William E. Flanigan	CPT	Gp Traffic Control Off	Aug 71
Robert S. Payne	CSM	Gp CSM	Sep 71
James C. Cashman	LTC	Gp XO	Sep 71
William C. Baucr	SFC	Gp Pers NCO	Oct 71

(3) Casualties

(a) Battle Losses	OFF	WO	EM	TOTAL
<u>1</u> Killed	0	0	1	1
<u>2</u> Wounded	0	0	10	10

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(b) Non-battle Losses OFF WO EM TOTAL

1 Killed 0 0 2 2

2 Injured 0 0 17 17

(4) Reenlistments ELIGIBLE REENLISTMENTS

(a) 1st Term RA 181 1

(b) RA Career 57 2

(c) AUS 300

(d) Other 0

(e) Total 538

(5) R&R

Month Personnel

May 916

June 978

July 972

August 946

September 842

October 706

(6) Strengths

(a) US

1 As of 1 May 1971

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OFF WO EM TOTAL OFF WO EM TOTAL

87 6 1978 2071 76 4 1898

2 As of 31 October 1971

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OFF	WO	EM	TOTAL	OFF	WO	EM	TOTAL
85	6	2096	2187	77	6	2143	2224

(b) Local National Direct Hire

1 As of 1 May 1971

AUTH	ASGN
163	145
Authorization Voucher Number: USARV Voucher #383	

2 As of 31 October 1971

AUTH	ASGN
157	146
Authorization Voucher Number: USARV Voucher #383	

(7) Extensions of Overseas Tour

(a) Total Extensions (by Month)

	OFF	EM	TOTAL
May	0	29	29
June	0	75	75
July	0	36	36
August	0	23	23
September	0	28	28
October	0	24	24

(b) Under PL 89-735 (6 Month)

	OFF	EM	TOTAL
May	0	6	6
June	0	16	16
July	0	15	15
August	0	6	6
September	0	5	5
October	0	6	6

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(8) Discipline, Law and Order

(a) General Courts 2

(b) Special Courts 16

(c) Summary Courts 3

(d) Article 15s 263

(9) Congressional Inquiries 29

(10) Publications

(a) LCI

1 Unnumbered--Support of Confinement Facility (LBN), 10 Jul 71.

2 7-71--Redeployment of Forces--504th MP Bn--15 Jul 71.

3 Unnumbered--MP Administrative Review Report--14 Aug 71.

4 8-71--97th MP Bn--Mission--15 Sep 71.

5 9-71--Training--15 Sep 71.

6 Unnumbered--Combined Police Patrols--15 Sep 71.

(b) Regulations

1 16th MP Gp Reg 550-4, ARVN Interp. Det Program, 9 Jun 71.

2 16th MP Gp Reg 20-1, Acting Inspector General Activities and Procedures, 12 Jun 71.

3 16th MP Gp Reg 600-1, Casualty Reporting, 16 Jun 71.

(c) Circulars--negative.

(d) Supplements

1 16th MP Gp Suppl 1 to 18th MP Bde Reg 58-4, Motor Transportation, 30 Jun 71.

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2 16th MP Gp Suppl 1 to USARV Reg 604-5, Personnel Security Clearance, 8 Jul 71.

(11) Public Command Information Activities

(a) Five News Stories Released

(b) 33 Hometown News Releases

(12) Civic Actions

(a) The Group Headquarters engaged in no significant civic activities during the reporting period.

(b) On 27 Oct 71, the Seng-Vinh-Phouc River, Quang Tri Province, overflowed its banks causing severe flood conditions. C/504th MP Bn engaged in emergency evacuation procedures of indigenous personnel residing in the flooded area. Flood victims were transported to an orphanage on Quang Tri Combat Base. C/504th MP Bn suffered one EM casualty during the operation as a result of sniper fire.

(13) Historical Programs: The headquarters maintains a historical file containing pictures of former commanders, change of command ceremonies, promotion and dedication ceremonies.

d. Intelligence and Counterintelligence. Intelligence summaries continued to be received from 18th MP Bde, XXIV Corps, SRAG, and USARV.

(1) On 19 Jun 71, one classified document was discovered missing by the documents custodian, 16th MP Gp. The loss occurred between 17-19 June. On 17 June, the document, classified SECRET, was accounted for and, with other classified documents, was being prepared for destruction. On 19 Jun 71, the documents to be destroyed were removed from the classified container for destruction. It was then observed that copy 2 of two copies of one document was missing. Investigation determined that the missing document may have been destroyed by burning on 18 June, as a result of careless handling. The possibility of a compromise was considered remote, but not discounted. The subject of the lost document was "Truce Violation Reports" and contained instructions for the Tet Truce of 1971.

(2) Intelligence is collected from the following sources:

(a) Intelligence Spot Reports from subordinate units.

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- (b) Intelligence summaries from higher headquarters.
- (c) Local MI units.
- (d) Vietnamese police agencies.

(3) 238 Intelligence Spot Reports (ISR's) were processed by this headquarters during the reporting period.

e. Communications and COMSEC Activities.

(1) The number of RTT messages passed over the RTT net continued to increase. At the end of the reporting period (Sep, Oct), this headquarters received an average of over 1000 RTT messages per month. This is a 20% volume increase over the last reporting period. The rise in RTT traffic may be largely attributed to a steady increase in the number of serious incident reports and drug related reports processed by this headquarters. There were 5446 RTT messages received by this headquarters during the reporting period.

(2) The 16th MP Gp established an administrative military police radio net within MR 1 at Da Nang, Phu Bai, and Hue during July, 1971. The basic structure of the net provided any user with an FM radio, the capability of contacting the nearest military police station for assistance and/or for reporting drug transactions, traffic accidents, or other incidents of a police nature. In October, the net became operational in Military Region 2, at Tam Ranh Bay, Nha Trang, Tuy Hoa, Qui Nhon, and Pleiku, thereby giving coverage over the entire group area of operation.

(a) The AN/VRC-46 radio, with an AC-292 antenna, PP-2953/4 power supply, and the installation unit for the radio set AN/VRC-46 radio were used. This equipment provided an adequate communications system in order to operate the administrative net.

(b) In order to establish the net, each provost marshal office required one AN/VRC-46 radio, plus ancillary equipment over and above the equipment necessary to operate on the normal MP frequency.

(c) The required equipment had to be obtained from outside the Group's assets. Current MTOE's did not provide for the required power supplies to operate the AN/VRC-46 radios. High radio downtime rates due to repair parts shortages for the AN/VRC-46, plus normal MP operational requirement for radios, made it desirable that additional AN/VRC-46 radios be secured prior to installing the administrative net.

(d) An auxiliary power supply, consisting of one 1.5 kw generator,

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should be positioned at each PNC operating on the administrative net, since it is considered unrealistic to require two mobile units to act as the base station during periods of commercial power failure.

f. Operations and Plans

(1) OPOARDS and OPLANS: No OPOARDS or OPLANS were published during the reporting period.

(2) Review of significant operational activities. During the reporting period, the battalions of the 16th MP Gp conducted combat support operations, discipline, law and order, and security operations to include road security for convoy movements throughout Military Regions 1 and 2. Weather conditions did not pose a significant problem to military police operations. During periods of severe typhoon conditions, MP patrol operations were limited to on-call or emergency response only. However, weather conditions never prevented military police from responding when required. Occasionally some ADIOS missions (i.e. use of helicopters for the aerial detection of speeders) were cancelled or curtailed due to adverse weather; however no significant delays were noted.

(a) On 7 May 71, military police operations were established at Cha Rang Valley by the 93rd MP Bn.

(b) On 1 Jun 71, sentry dog operations were initiated at ASP 103 in Phu Bai.

(c) On 13 Jun 71, sentry dog operations at Phan Rang were terminated with resources transferred to Cam Ranh Bay. On the same day, the 97th MP Bn assumed DI&O responsibility for the USARV Heroin Detoxification Center located at Cam Ranh Bay. Thirty-two MPs from the 93rd MP Bn were attached to the 97th MP Bn for this mission.

(d) On 20 Jun 71, joint police checkpoints were established at Khanh Duong and Duc My, located on QL 21 between Ninh Hoa and Ban Me Thuot.

(e) On 5 Jul 71, military police operations in direct support of the 173rd Airborne Brigade were established at LZ Uplift during the brigade's standdown operations.

(f) On 5 Jul 71, sentry dog operations were terminated at the Class 500 Yard in Da Nang.

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(g) On 31 Jul 71, Port, Vessel, and Inland Waterway Security operations were terminated at Qui Nhon Harbor and turned over to the Vietnamese Navy. Personnel resources were transferred to parent unit for standdown of the 458th Transportation Company (PER).

(h) During July military police were placed into post exchanges doing a gross total business of over \$100,000 monthly. In MR 1 this included three PXs (China Beach, Freedom Hill, XXIV Corps); and in MR 2, eleven (Qui Nhon; Phu Tai; Cha Rang; Tuy Hoa AAF; Camp Melloway, Pleiku; 62nd Log, Pleiku; 22nd Repl Bn, Cam Ranh Bay; CRB Main Exchange; Nha Trang; Dalat; and Ban Me Thuot).

(i) On 1 Aug 71, sentry dog operations were terminated at ASP 101, Quang Tri Combat Base. Resources were transferred to POL security, Quang Tri and an ASP at Phu Bai Combat Base.

(j) On 4 Aug 71, military police operations were terminated at Bao Loc and LZ Uplift.

(k) On 18 Aug 71, military police operations were terminated at LZ English.

(l) On 18 Aug 71, 44 military policemen from the 93rd MP Bn were attached to the 97th MP Bn to support the Heroin Detoxification Center at Cam Ranh Bay.

(m) On 20 Aug 71, sentry dog operations were initiated at ASP 107 in Da Nang.

(n) On 23 Aug 71, sentry dog operations at Quang Tri Combat Base were terminated.

(o) On 27 Aug 71, sentry dog operations were established at the ASP on Chu Lai Combat Base.

(p) On 30 Aug 71, military police operations in support of the 173rd Airborne Brigade were terminated with resources transferred to Qui Nhon.

(q) On 6 Sep 71, military police operations in support of the 101st Airborne Division were established in Mai Loc, in connection with Operation Lam Son 810. A detachment from C/504th MP Bn established a CP at Mai Loc to coordinate and control personnel and vehicle movements in and around the Mai Loc fire support base.

(r) On 7 Sep 71, a combined police station was established at Camp Coryell, Ban Me Thuot. At this time, all unilateral police patrols and operations were suspended in lieu of combined police activities.

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(s) On 13 Sep 71, a US soldier riding in a convoy near Hue shot and killed a Vietnamese boy attempting to steal goods from his vehicle. The incident sparked large scale Vietnamese student demonstrations in the city of Hue. Several assaults by firebombing and rockthrowing were made on US vehicles, necessitating the rerouting of all US traffic around Hue.

(t) On 18 and 30 Sep 71, a military police task force composed of members of the 97th MP Bn conducted intensified search operations at the Myca Checkpoint, Cam Ranh Bay. Composition of the task force elements consisted of military police, PM investigators, Mung Guards and marijuana dogs. Several confiscations of heroin, marijuana, and weapons were made on both dates. Several Vietnamese nationals were apprehended attempting to gain access without authorization. Over 500 Vietnamese Installation Cards were invalidated for various reasons.

(u) On 25 Sep 71, military police from the 97th MP Bn were deployed by air to Whiskey Mountain to assist in the apprehension of 14 personnel, armed and barricaded in a bunker. All subjects were apprehended by military police and transported to the Long Binh Stockade. There were no injuries.

(v) On 6 Oct 71, sentry dog operations were terminated at Ban Me Thuet with resources transferred to Nha Trang.

(w) On 9 Oct 71, the 127th Military Police Company was assigned from the 93rd MP Bn to the 97th MP Bn. The transfer of the 127th MP Co was effected to support the USARV Heroin Detoxification Center at Cam Ranh Bay.

(x) On 12 Aug 71, the 97th MP Bn was relieved from OPCM to the 178th MP Det (PM). The CO, 97th MP Bn, assumed the mission of Area Provost Marshal for Military Region 2 (South), which consists of the seven provinces of Darlac, Khanh Hoa, Quang Duc, Tuyon Duc, Ninh Thuan, Lam Dong, and Binh Thuan. The 178th MP Det (PM) came under OPCM of the 97th MP Bn.

(y) On 1 Oct 71, the combined police station in Hue was closed between 1900 and 0700 hours on a daily basis as a result of student demonstrations.

(z) On 12 Oct 71, the 500th MP Co assumed MP operations from the 127th MP Co at Qui Nhon and Phu Cat.

(aa) On 25 Oct 71, military police support at An Khe was discontinued due to closure of 303 Buffalo. Resources were transferred to Qui Nhon.

(bb) On 31 Oct 71, joint police operations at Phu Cat Airbase were terminated.

(3) Serious Incident Reports

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(a) During the last reporting period (1 Nov 71 to 30 Apr 71) the 16th MP Gp processed 1518 serious incident reports which had occurred within Military Regions 1 and 2. In contrast to this, there were 2121 SIR's processed by the Group between 1 May 71 to 31 Oct 71.

(b) A comparative analysis of the two reporting periods is as follows:

(1) During the period 1 Nov 71 to 30 Apr 71, there were a greater number of US troops within the 16th MP Gp Area of Operations; however, at that time, a large number of these personnel were deployed to field units engaged in combat operations, limiting their contact to 16th MP Gp units.

(2) During the period 1 May 71 through 31 Oct 71, the total US troop strength in Military Regions 1 and 2 was significantly reduced through withdrawal and standdown operations. Conversely, the removal of US troops from combat operations brought a heavy influx of US personnel into troop enclaves such as Da Nang and Cam Ranh Bay areas. The increasing number of US troops in concentrated areas has contributed to a proportionate increase in the number of reported serious incidents.

g. Force Development

(1) On 21 Jun 71, a Drug Treatment Center (DTC) was established at the 6th Convalescent Center, Cam Ranh Bay. Due to an insufficient amount of military police resources within the 97th MP Bn to adequately support this activity, 32 military policemen from the 93rd MP Bn were attached to the 97th MP Bn. On 18 Aug 71, an additional 44 military policemen from the 93rd MP Bn were attached to the 97th MP Bn, again as augmentation to support the USARV Heroin Detoxification Center (DTC). On 10 Oct 71, the 13th MP Sdc published General Order 395 relieving the 127th MP Co from assignment to the 93rd MP Bn and further assigning the 127th to the 97th MP Bn. On 10 Oct 71, 49 military policemen attached to the 97th MP Bn returned to the 93rd MP Bn.

(2) On 12 Aug 71, the 18th MP Sdc General Order 336 relieved the 97th MP Bn from OPCON to the 178th MP Det (PM). The 97th MP Bn, under the provisions of General Order 336, assumed operational control of the 178th MP Det (PM) with responsibility for logistical and administrative support requirements.

h. Organization

(1) MTOE 19-500EP518, 595th and 981st MP Companies (ED), was approved and implemented by USARPAC 30 255 dtd May 71.

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(2) On 21 Jun 71, 32 military policemen from the 93rd MP Bn were attached to the 97th MP Bn for duty at the USARV Heroin Detoxification Center.

(3) On 31 Jul 71, the 458th Transportation Company Detachment (PBR) was detached from the 93rd MP Bn and deactivated.

(4) On 17 Aug 71, the 595th MP Co (SD) was relocated from China Beach, Da Nang, to Camp David Land, Da Nang. The relocation was brought about to improve control and provide for greater administrative efficiency.

(5) On 18 Aug 71, 44 military policemen from the 93rd MP Bn were attached to the 97th MP Bn for duty at the detoxification center.

(6) On 20 Sep 71, MTOE 19-37GP504, 66th MP Co, was approved and implemented by USARPAC GO 506, dtd 14 Sep 71.

(7) On 16 Oct 71, 49 military policemen from the 93rd MP Bn, attached to the 97th MP Bn for duty at the USARV Heroin Detoxification Center, were detached and returned to the 93rd MP Bn. The 127th MP Co assumed the MP mission at the detoxification center.

(8) On 27 Oct 71, the 66th MP Co assumed military police operations from the 560th MP Co in Pleiku.

i. Training

(1) All newly assigned personnel below the grade of E-7 are initially attached to the 97th MP Bn where they undergo an intensive four day training program (RVN Orientation) prior to receiving a duty assignment within the 18th MP Bde.

(2) The following subjects are presented to all incoming personnel at the in-country training center.

Subject	Hours of Instruction
General Orientation (Unit History)	2
US/Vietnamese Relations	1
Medical Orientation	1
Geneva Convention	1
Small Unit Tactics Refresher	1
Code of Conduct	1
Defensive Driving	1

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Military Courtesy	1
Physical Security	2
PI and Detainee Handling	1
Psychological Operations (PSYOPS)	1
Sapper Tactics/Counter Measures	2
Safety	1
Helicopter Flight Procedures	1
Map Reading	2
Escape and Evasion	1
VC/NVA Tactics	1
Mine: and Booby Traps	1
Convoy Escort Operations	1
SIMDA	1
Drug Suppression	2
Traffic Law Enforcement	1
COMSEC	1
Rules of Engagement	1
MP Records and Forms	1
Authority and Jurisdiction	1

31 Hours Total

(3) Sentry dogs and sentry dog handlers each receive a four week cycle of training at the 981st MP Co (SD) in Cam Ranh Bay prior to assignment within the 16th MP Gp.

(4) Mandatory training is conducted at each company and detachment level. Training is monitored by each battalion.

j. Logistics

(1) M73 and XM73E1 Machine Guns: The unreliability of the M73 has led to their replacement by the XM73E1. Test firings, conducted in late October 1970, indicated that 37% of the M73 guns malfunctioned under controlled conditions. Users indicated two possible reasons for the malfunction: the bolt, due to heat and possible expansion, frequently jumped from the bolt recess groove thereby causing the weapon to jam, and/or electrical failures in the firing system. As a result of these findings and opinions, the M73 is being replaced by the XM73E1. As of this date 50% of the total amount of M73 machine guns have been replaced by the XM73E1. There appear to be no major problems encountered in the use of the newer XM73E1. Battalions have been instructed to exchange the M73s on a one for one basis as equipment becomes available.

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(2) Foam-filled Tires for XM706: Foam-filled tires for the XM706 Armored Car proved to be unsuitable for use in the 93rd MP Bn and in the 504th MP Bn. Informal tests and day-to-day observations were conducted by these two battalions. There were indications of steering and braking problems to include excessive deterioration of brake linings. Tires were said to seem soft, as if flat. On curves the V-100 began to fishtail at 10 mph or more and left black streaks on the pavement. On wet roads the foam-filled tires failed to provide the steering and stopping responsiveness of the regular tires. On 8 Sep 71, the 18th MP Bde permitted the 93rd MP Bn and the 504th MP Bn to transfer the foam-filled tires to other units who reportedly approved the use of these tires. The 93rd MP Bn transferred their foam-filled tires to the 720th MP Bn; tires from the 504th MP Bn were transferred to the 101st Airborne Division.

(3) Direct Exchange Operations: Direct exchange of clothing is poor in the Da Nang area. This condition is caused in part by an overall shortage of tropical clothing items in RVN.

(4) Shortage of $\frac{1}{4}$ ton vehicles: The 16th MP Gp is presently short 61 $\frac{1}{4}$ ton trucks. Because of the current drawdown of US Forces in Vietnam and the corresponding reduction of new equipment and repair parts arriving in country, this situation is not expected to improve. Furthermore, in several instances newly issued M151A2s were received in a "stripped-down" condition and, for the lack of simple parts as wiper blades and shock absorbers, have remained inoperable for a length of time. Several units have reported problems with the rear shock absorbers of the Truck, Utility, $\frac{1}{4}$ Ton, M151A2. The shock absorbers break down within a short time of the vehicle being put on the road. As yet, no determination has been made of the reason for this malfunction.

(5) Personnel. During the reporting period, the 16th MP Gp has observed that requests for R&R to Sydney, Australia have far outnumbered all other requests combined. The ratio is estimated that Australia R&R requests outweigh all other requests two to one. The feedback from individuals who have taken an R&R in Sydney has been so impressive the demand will not be met before the cutoff of Sydney as an R&R site.

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

a. Personnel. Requisition of Soft Skill MOS Personnel

(1) Observation: During the period May 71 through Oct 71, numerous shortages have been noted in soft skill MOS categories, notably in the clerical, mechanical, supply, mess, and communications areas.

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(2) Evaluation: Efficiency of units is often greatly affected when trained personnel are not received to replace departing personnel. This presents a serious problem of diverting, in most cases, school-trained military policemen into unrelated jobs which are critical vacancies.

(3) Recommendations: That replacements for departing personnel be requisitioned in a more timely manner so as not to impair the mission of concerned units. Personnel holding these MOS fields affected by unit stand-down, should be dispersed to a gaining command within RVN as soon as possible.

b. Intelligences none.

c. Operations:

(1) Combined Police Activities:

(a) Observations: The uniform effectiveness of combined police activities is not universal throughout the group area of operations.

(b) Evaluation:

1 In many instances, Vietnamese National Police have failed to respond to incidents involving US/Vietnamese which have occurred during their normal 2½ hour dinner period, and are reluctant to work past the normal quitting times.

2 Vietnamese National Police personnel who do work with US Military Police during night operation, generally show up late and would prefer to sleep in the station, or return home early.

3 There is an apparent reluctance on the local level to counter the difficulties experienced with Vietnamese National Police.

4 A common failure of Canh Sat and Quan Canh personnel is late reporting for duty, early departure, and/or failure to report for scheduled commitments.

(c) Recommendations:

1 Stronger high level command emphasis, both American and Vietnamese, should be placed on combined police operations down to the operating levels to counter the experienced difficulties.

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2 Local US Provost Marshals and operations officers should be identified prior to assignment in RVN, in order that they may attend Vietnamese language courses. An advantage of a working knowledge of the language would be of immense value in establishing rapport between counterparts on the local level.

3 Military police officers assigned as Provost Marshals should remain as such for the duration of their tour in order to maintain a somewhat consistent working relationship with their Vietnamese counterparts.

(2) Drug Suppression

(a) Observation: During the period Jun 71 through Aug 71, a 90 day intensified drug suppression program was initiated throughout RVN. The campaign was a joint US/VN effort with the impetus for action upon RVN officials.

(b) Evaluation

1 A drug suppression team was established within each of the battalions' areas of responsibility. Each team operated under the cognizance of the Area Provost Marshal rather than at the local unit levels. This was considered necessary in order to properly utilize the teams and gain reciprocating results from their extended efforts, thus narrowing the possibilities of a "hit and miss" type operation. The methods of operation of the drug teams were fully coordinated with CID and with military/civil police when necessary.

2 Local drug suppression teams were established at the installation or sub-area levels to monitor and control all persons entering or leaving US controlled bases. The teams were effectively utilized in the searching of personnel and vehicles.

3 MP checkpoints were established at random locations throughout each battalion's AO with the responsibility to stop and search vehicles and personnel for drug related items. These checkpoints were not a significant deterrent to drug suppression activities.

4 Unilateral military police patrols in marked MP vehicles were generally ineffective in the drug suppression campaign except in the selective enforcement of off-limits violations. Off-limits regulations were the most effective working tool in the drug suppression program for military police operating off US installations. However, this method of enforcement was limited since military police are not authorized to enter VN establishments in order to check for the presence of US personnel.

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5 As the drug suppression campaign continued, personnel illegally involved with drugs became increasingly aware of the concentrated military police efforts and resorted to more adept methods of hiding or transporting drugs. VN are the primary source of drug supply to US personnel. Drugs are being sold by all classes of VN without regard to age or status.

(c) Recommendations:

1 The drug abuse program was initiated with little time for effective planning. The campaign received less than 14 days notice prior to its initiation. The incomplete planning thereby created a catch-up type attitude rather than the detailed, logical and thorough campaign that was intended. When joint efforts are to be conducted, an even greater planning phase is necessary. Consideration should have been given to one or two months planning in order to allow all concerned to begin on the same step with one common direction and purpose in mind.

2 Installations housing large troop populations should have their perimeter barrier inspected by trained physical security personnel. Inspections should be aimed at identifying areas where drug transfers may take place. Minimized reports should be forwarded to the zone coordinators who should insure compliance with recommendations. Clear zones should be established IAW USARV Reg 190-30 and maintained. Clear zones should be extended to a distance to make it difficult for personnel to throw money and drugs over the barrier. Regulations should be published and enforced, forbidding US and VN personnel from approaching the perimeter barrier.

3 MP support should be requested for unit "health and welfare" inspections by Group and Battalion Commanders. The staffs and personnel of the unit to be inspected should not be informed of MP assistance or the inspection until the military police are on the scene and have the area cordoned off.

4 VN female search monitors are relatively useless in detecting drugs in most cases. The women are neighbors and relatives of personnel being searched and are subject to intimidation and/or bribes. As the US military presence and the number of installations decreases, the possibility of utilizing VN police women, or VN women of the armed forces should be encouraged.

5 Specifically selected combined police teams should be formed to operate in VN built-up areas frequented by US military personnel. Teams should be authorized to enter VN establishments to authenticate the authority of US personnel therein.

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d. Organization

(1) Observation: The USARV Drug Detoxification Center at Sam Ranh Bay (6th Convalescent Center) was activated in June 1971. The 97th MP Bn assumed D&O responsibility for this operation. Due to the lack of an adequate number of military police resources to support the detoxification center, the 93rd MP Bn was tasked to provide a platoon to be attached to the 97th MP Bn. Again in July 1971, a greater need for additional military police personnel at the detoxification center necessitated tasking the 93rd MP Bn for an additional platoon to support the 97th MP Bn. Some logistical problems were met and overcome with little difficulty; e.g. hand and leg irons, XM-32 Riot Control Dispersers.

(2) Evaluation: The 97th MP Bn was not properly equipped to accept a D&O responsibility for the Detoxification Center. The necessity of bringing in additional MP resources from outside of the command sphere of the 97th MP Bn brought some problems in continuity and control. Billeting for attached personnel was poorly equipped to handle the influx. The ultimate action was reassigning a full military police company from the 93rd MP Bn to the 97th MP Bn in order to provide the necessary MP support for the Detoxification Center.

(3) Recommendation: During the planning of an operation, such as described above, the designation of a single military police unit, with the capability of supporting the activity should be considered. This would greatly enhance the effectiveness and command control of the operation.

e. Training: none.

f. Logistics: none.

g. Communications

(1) Observation: During the reporting period, a non-tactical military police radio net was established in Military Regions 1 and 2. The structure of the net provided any US unit with an FM radio, the capability of requesting an immediate military police response from the nearest MP station receiving the transmission. After the net became operational, it did not receive the anticipated usage.

(2) Evaluation

(a) The establishment of the net received personal command interest from major commanders; extensive publicity through messages and daily bulletin notices highlighted its innovation. However, the net had initially been used only infrequently and then primarily by MP personnel on special police aerial missions.

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(b) During communications checks over the administrative net, the MP desks could not be reached because the desk radio and the calling station were using different squelch positions.

(c) After publicizing the administrative net over the American Forces Vietnam Network, the amount of radio traffic began to increase significantly.

(3) Recommendation

(a) Prior to the actual operation of future administrative radio nets, all required equipment should be obtained, installed, and tested.

(b) All stations in the net should operate in the "Now On" squelch position and this fact should be published along with the call signs and frequency of the established net.

(c) When publicizing the use of such a radio net, the TV and commercial radio medias appear to have a greater troop audience than does printed matter.

h. Material: none.

i. Other: none.

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1. Comments on Significant Activities:

a. All references to "heroin Detoxification Center, "Detoxification Center" and " Drug Detoxification Center" should be "Drug Treatment Center (DTC)."

b. Page 10, para 1f (2)(w): The date of the move was 10 October 1971 not 9 October 1971.

c. Page 11, para 1h(1): These MTJE's were reorganized by USARPAC GO 401, dtd 29 July 71, deleting 2 officers.

d. Page 13, para 1i(3): The training period for sentry dogs and handlers is one week, not four weeks.

2. Comments on Lessons Learned:

a. Page 14, para 2a, Personnel. Requisition of Soft Skill MOS Personnel: Concur. However, due to the present situation of rapid withdrawals and last minute diversions of replacement personnel, it is not always possible to fill all shortages immediately. The 18th MP Bde is filling shortages in subordinate units as expeditiously as possible.

b. Page 15, para 2c (1) Combined Police Activities.

(1) Page 15, para 2c(1)(c)1: Concur. A Combined Police Council, composed of the ARVN Provost Marshal General, The Vietnamese National Police Chief, and the Commanding General, 18th MP Bde, has been established to effect coordination on a national level. A series of Combined Police Surveys have been conducted and recommendations made to the Council. GVN authorities are taking positive steps to correct noted deficiencies.

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These surveys will continue in the future with the intention of improving all aspects of Combined Police Operations.

(2) Page 16, para 2c(1)(c)2: Nonconcur. The expenditures for this training far exceed the return value that would be derived. Proper utilization of available GTN interpreters can achieve desired results. Additionally, the use of GTN interpreters will improve relations by showing US trust and faith in the reliability of the Vietnamese to perform all facets of police work.

(3) Page 16, para 2c(1)(c)3: Concur. This is the current policy of this command.

c. Page 16, para 2c(2) Drug Suppression.

(1) Page 17, para 2c(2)(c)1: Concur.

(2) Page 17, para 2c(2)(c)2: Nonconcur. While perimeter barriers and clear zones should be inspected, it does not take trained physical security personnel to identify areas where drug transfers may take place.

(3) Page 17, para 2c(2)(c)3: Concur.

(4) Page 17, para 2c(2)(c)4: Concur.

(5) Page 17, para 2c(2)(c)5: Concur. This recommendation will be presented to the Combined Police Council for consideration.

d. Page 18, para 2d Organization: Concur.

e. Page 18, para 2g Communications.

(1) Page 19, para 2g(3)(a): Concur.

(2) Page 19, para 2g(3)(b): Concur. This Hqs. has taken steps to adopt and publicize a standard squelch position. However, to facilitate

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netting with the PAC 25, the "Old" squelch position is being utilized.

(5) Page 19, para 2g(3)(c): Concur.

3. Basic correspondence has been reviewed and is considered adequate.


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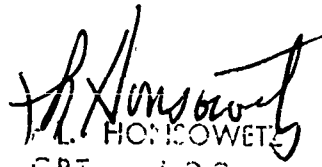
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from Headquarters, 16th Military Police Group has been reviewed and is con-
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