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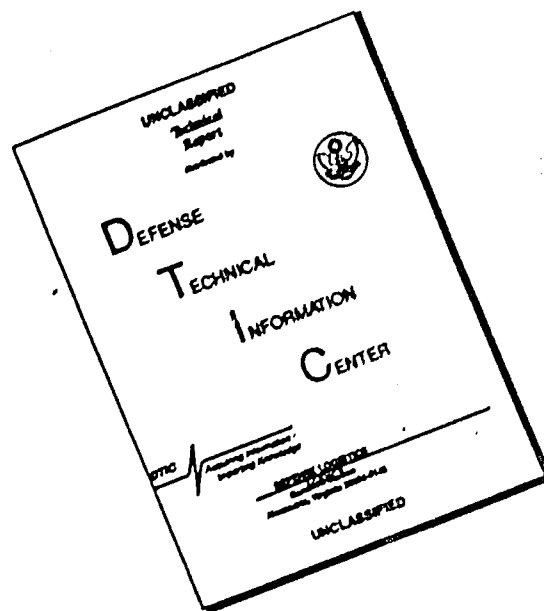
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1. Operations: Significant Activities.

a. Mission. During the period 1 August 1969 through 31 October 1969, 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, inland waterways, 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; and operation of combined police patrols and population and resources control checkpoints with the National Police (Canh Sat), ARVN Military Police (Quan Canh), and, when appropriate, with Free World Armed 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. Organization. An 18th Military Police Brigade organization chart is attached as Inclosure 1. Major subordinate headquarters of the Brigade are shown below.

- (1) 8th Military Police Group (Criminal Investigation).
- (2) 16th Military Police Group.
- (3) 89th Military Police Group.

c. Personnel, Morale, and Discipline.

(1) Decorations:

Legion of Merit	7
Soldier's Medal	2
Bronze Star (V)	29
Bronze Star (A)	2

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Bronze Star (S)	279
Air Medal -	7
Army Commendation Medal (V)	30
Army Commendation Medal (A)	13
Army Commendation Medal (S)	485
Purple Heart	7

(2) Key personnel assignments and departures:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
August	COL Oliver E. Kier	DC/CoFS, 18th MP Bde		6 Aug 69
	CPT Perry L. Shonkwiler	Asst S4 Officer		30 Aug 69
	COL Wallace E. Hawkins	DC, CoFS, 18th MP Bde	1 Aug 69	
	CW2 John McSheehan	Food Service Tech	22 Aug 69	
	1LT James P. Murray	Asst Corr Off	15 Aug 69	
September	CPT James A. Svobodny	Escort Officer		5 Sep 69
	CPT David K. Hardy	Admin Officer		9 Sep 69
	CPT Stephen Hodges	Bde Judge Advocate	8 Sep 69	
	CPT Virgil Sprayberry	Asst S4 Officer	18 Sep 69	
October	CPT Richard Taylor	Bde Judge Advocate		1 Oct 69
	1LT Ben A. Hinson	Admin Officer		2 Oct 69
	CPT James W. Rankin	Admin Officer	2 Oct 69	
	1LT William Taylor	Detachment Commander	11 Oct 69	
	CW2 Mack H. Dugger	Pers Off, 284th AF Co	15 Oct 69	

(3) Casualties:

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(a) Battle Losses	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1 Killed	0	0	2	2
2 Wounded	2	0	11	13

(b) Non-battle Losses

1 Killed	0	0	1	1
2 Wounded	0	0	2	2

(4) reenlistments:	<u>Eligible</u>	<u>Reenlistments</u>
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(a) 1st Term RA	125	23
(b) RA career	52	46
c AUS	184	2
(d) Other	0	0
(e) Total	361	71

(5) Civilian Personnel: Brigade Headquarters is authorized two local national direct hire employees under Program 6 - Civilianization. Daily hire personnel are employed by Brigade Headquarters Detachment as needed.

(6) R & R:

<u>Month</u>	<u>% Utilized</u>
Aug	94.4
Sep	86.4
Oct	89.0

(7) Strengths:

(a) As of 1 Aug 69 (Total Brigade)

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<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
216	96	5183	5525	253	92	5342	5687

(b) As of 31 Oct 69 (Total Brigade)

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<u>AUTH</u>				<u>ASG</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>
246	96	4872	5214	240	88	4807	5135

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

(a) Total Extensions	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Aug	4	0	336	340
Sep	1	0	246	247
Oct	3	0	201	204

(b) Under PL 89-735 (6 Months)	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Aug	4	0	86	90
Sep	1	0	84	85
Oct	3	0	95	98

(9) Discipline, Law and Order:

(a) Special Courts - 23

(b) Summary Courts - 2

(c) Article 15, UCMJ - 412

(10) Congressional Inquiries: 90

(11) Publications:

18th MP Bde Reg 58-4, Ch 1, Military Police Vehicles, 20 Aug 69

18th MP Bde Reg 190-30, Physical Security, 16 Sep 69

18th MP Bde Reg 190-33, Physical Security Inspections, 24 Oct 69

18th MP Bde Reg 190-36, (C), Security Against Underwater Swimmer Attack (U), 14 Oct 69

18th MP Bde Reg 190-91, Police Information Program, 12 Sep 69

18th MP Bde Reg 345-11, List of Approved Recurring Reports, 18 Aug 69.

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18th MP Bde Reg 385-2, Major Unit Safety Committees, Groups and Battalions, 9 Aug 69

18th MP Bde Reg 385-10, Organizational Safety Program, Battalions and Companies, 10 Aug 69

18th MP Bde Reg 525-15, Operational Reports-Lessons Learned, 14 Oct 69

18th MP Bde Reg 525-30, Operational Personnel Resources and Commitments, 24 Sep 69

18th MP Bde Reg 525-45 (C), Waterway Security Operations (U), 11 Oct 69

18th MP Bde Reg 623-1, Ch 8, Officer Efficiency Reports, 16 Aug 69

18th MP Bde Reg 672-1, Ch 1, Decorations and Awards Program, 23 Sep 69

18th MP Bde Reg 750-3, Organizational Maintenance, 20 Oct 69

18th MP Bde Cir 210-3, Station List, 1 Oct 69

(12) Public/Command Information Activities:

(a) During the quarterly period, Brigade received very diversified news coverage. Military publications which printed Brigade news releases included The Army Reporter, The MACV Observer, Stars and Stripes, Army Times, Army Digest, and The MP Journal. Primary outlets for the quarter have been The Army Reporter, The MACV Observer, and The MP Journal. The September issue of The MP Journal contained a 13-page feature concerning Brigade operations and activities since September 1966.

(b) Press assistance was provided to Metro-Media News concerning Canadians within the Brigade who desired to become U.S. citizens. Other assistance to the press during the quarter included CBS and The Overseas Weekly.

(c) A photographic laboratory was established at Brigade Headquarters during September 1969. This facility has significantly improved the quality of photographs and the efficiency of the Information Office, which is now more responsive to photographic support requirements throughout the Brigade.

(13) Civic action:

(a) During the report period, 110,380VN\$ were expended from the Brigade Assistance-in-Kind (AIK) Civic Action Imprest Fund in support of pacification programs. Saigon, An Hoa Hung, An Xuan, Long Binh Tan, and Tran Van Cac were among the villages/cities assisted. Projects completed consisted of one school painted, one school renovated, one school constructed, one drainage

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system installed, and one footbridge constructed. Additionally, desks were constructed for two schools and blackboards were installed in another.

(b) In October 1969, the USARV Installation Stockade completed and released 1200 cement blocks to the 2d Civil Affairs Group for utilization in support of pacification projects.

(14) Historical Program:

(a) Section I of Operational Reports-Lessons Learned, submitted by eleven Brigade units, were reviewed for historical accuracy.

(b) Two combat after action reports, six tape-recorded end of tour interviews, and a historical study of convoy operations were prepared and forwarded to the Office of The Chief of Military History (OCMH).

(c) Assistance was rendered to Mr. Ed Williams and other members of Army Artist Team IX, and to Mr. Gil Williams of the Army Pictorial Center, who visited various Brigade areas to conduct research and photograph Military police operations.

(d) One command wide assistance visit was made to Brigade units to orient newly assigned historians on the goals of the history program, and to review records management within the history program.

(e) A recommendation for award of the Meritorious Unit Citation to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 18th Military Police Brigade was prepared and forwarded to Headquarters, USARV.

(f) Members of the 46th Military History Detachment participated in the following activities in order to research and photograph military police operations: Brigade tactical area of responsibility (TAOR) overflight; Quan Loi convoy overflight and ground escort; TAOR ground sweep; and, TAOR and Dong Nai River waterway security patrols.

(g) A display of combat art work was presented at USARV Headquarters in conjunction with the 28th Anniversary of the Military Police Corps on 26 September 1969.

d. Intelligence and Counter-Intelligence.

(1) Prior to 16 August 1969, all Intelligence Spot Reports from subordinate units were received by the USARV Serious Incident Reports (SIR) Section which is operated by Brigade S3. On that date, however, the Brigade Intelligence Office began operating on a 24-hour basis in order to relieve the SIR Section of this responsibility. Intelligence reports are now received and recorded by personnel who are more familiar with applicable procedures and the type of information needed. Since the implementation of the program, 603 intelligence spot reports have been received and processed.

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These reports were compiled into intelligence summaries and disseminated daily to subordinate, lateral and higher headquarters.

(2) During the report period, the Brigade processed intelligence documents from 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 through messages, periodic intelligence reports, spot intelligence reports, and liaison visits.

(3) 18th Military Police Brigade Regulation 190-91, Police Information Program, was published on 12 September 1969. This new regulation superseded Brigade Regulation 190-32, and re-stated policy pertaining to the collection of what had formerly been labeled "police intelligence". In order to avoid all confusion with tactical intelligence, the term "police intelligence" was eliminated and replaced with the term "police information". Police information is criminal and general police data which includes currency manipulation, blackmarket, gambling and confidence activities, vice, counterfeiting, changes in local operant, and other information of police interest. Input received from subordinate units for Police Information Reports published subsequent to dissemination of this regulation was of significantly higher quality. This information was compiled and published in three monthly Police Information Reports during the quarter.

(4) Clandestine surveillance and listening device checks were made of the Brigade Command and Control Center and the Intelligence Office. No deficiencies were noted.

(5) Continual after duty hours security checks were made throughout Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment by the Intelligence Officer. No deficiencies were noted.

(6) A total of 158 SECRET documents were on hand as of 31 October 1969. No FOR SECRET documents were received during the quarter.

(7) All incoming personnel received an oral, unclassified security orientation, and personnel pending leave, R&A, or DDOS received an oral debriefing by the Intelligence Officer.

(8) A 100% inventory of all SECRET documents was conducted on 9 October 1969. All documents were on hand or properly accounted for through certificates of destruction or receipts to subordinate units. Sixty-three documents were found to be of no further use and were destroyed, bringing the total number of SECRET documents destroyed during the quarter to 104.

(9) Sixty-eight requests for and 23 validations of security clearance were processed. Twenty-six security clearances were granted.

(10) Daily briefings were conducted throughout the reporting period to inform the Brigade Commander and his staff of current friendly and enemy

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Source: Operational Report-Los Angeles, California, 10th January
Police Office, Los Angeles, 31 October 1993, CS 600-0, (02)

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(11) Routine security clearances to be afforded with the following units to insure timely processing of personnel file information and intelligence: COMNAVFOR and Amphibious Force; 3d, 11 Field Forces, Vietnam; 702d Airborne Infantry Battalion; Vietnam National Air Command; G2, Long Binh Post; G2, 1 Field Force, Vietnam; Air Security, Plans, and Operations Section, 1st Logistical Command. During the reporting period liaison was established with G2, 1st Military Assistance Command, and G2, XXIV Corps. Weekly periodic reports are received from these sources.

(12) Inspections of swimming pools during the 1968-1969 period revealed a need for increased compliance with the provisions of 15-380-5, 380-6, 380-7, 380-8, and 380-9, and 380-10, 380-11, 380-12, 380-13, 380-14, 380-15, 380-16, 380-17, 380-18, 380-19, 380-20, 380-21, 380-22, 380-23, 380-24, 380-25, 380-26, 380-27, 380-28, 380-29, 380-30, 380-31, 380-32, 380-33, 380-34, 380-35, 380-36, 380-37, 380-38, 380-39, 380-40, 380-41, 380-42, 380-43, 380-44, 380-45, 380-46, 380-47, 380-48, 380-49, 380-50, 380-51, 380-52, 380-53, 380-54, 380-55, 380-56, 380-57, 380-58, 380-59, 380-60, 380-61, 380-62, 380-63, 380-64, 380-65, 380-66, 380-67, 380-68, 380-69, 380-70, 380-71, 380-72, 380-73, 380-74, 380-75, 380-76, 380-77, 380-78, 380-79, 380-80, 380-81, 380-82, 380-83, 380-84, 380-85, 380-86, 380-87, 380-88, 380-89, 380-90, 380-91, 380-92, 380-93, 380-94, 380-95, 380-96, 380-97, 380-98, 380-99, 380-100, 380-101, 380-102, 380-103, 380-104, 380-105, 380-106, 380-107, 380-108, 380-109, 380-110, 380-111, 380-112, 380-113, 380-114, 380-115, 380-116, 380-117, 380-118, 380-119, 380-120, 380-121, 380-122, 380-123, 380-124, 380-125, 380-126, 380-127, 380-128, 380-129, 380-130, 380-131, 380-132, 380-133, 380-134, 380-135, 380-136, 380-137, 380-138, 380-139, 380-140, 380-141, 380-142, 380-143, 380-144, 380-145, 380-146, 380-147, 380-148, 380-149, 380-150, 380-151, 380-152, 380-153, 380-154, 380-155, 380-156, 380-157, 380-158, 380-159, 380-160, 380-161, 380-162, 380-163, 380-164, 380-165, 380-166, 380-167, 380-168, 380-169, 380-170, 380-171, 380-172, 380-173, 380-174, 380-175, 380-176, 380-177, 380-178, 380-179, 380-180, 380-181, 380-182, 380-183, 380-184, 380-185, 380-186, 380-187, 380-188, 380-189, 380-190, 380-191, 380-192, 380-193, 380-194, 380-195, 380-196, 380-197, 380-198, 380-199, 380-200, 380-201, 380-202, 380-203, 380-204, 380-205, 380-206, 380-207, 380-208, 380-209, 380-210, 380-211, 380-212, 380-213, 380-214, 380-215, 380-216, 380-217, 380-218, 380-219, 380-220, 380-221, 380-222, 380-223, 380-224, 380-225, 380-226, 380-227, 380-228, 380-229, 380-230, 380-231, 380-232, 380-233, 380-234, 380-235, 380-236, 380-237, 380-238, 380-239, 380-240, 380-241, 380-242, 380-243, 380-244, 380-245, 380-246, 380-247, 380-248, 380-249, 380-250, 380-251, 380-252, 380-253, 380-254, 380-255, 380-256, 380-257, 380-258, 380-259, 380-260, 380-261, 380-262, 380-263, 380-264, 380-265, 380-266, 380-267, 380-268, 380-269, 380-270, 380-271, 380-272, 380-273, 380-274, 380-275, 380-276, 380-277, 380-278, 380-279, 380-280, 380-281, 380-282, 380-283, 380-284, 380-285, 380-286, 380-287, 380-288, 380-289, 380-290, 380-291, 380-292, 380-293, 380-294, 380-295, 380-296, 380-297, 380-298, 380-299, 380-300, 380-301, 380-302, 380-303, 380-304, 380-305, 380-306, 380-307, 380-308, 380-309, 380-310, 380-311, 380-312, 380-313, 380-314, 380-315, 380-316, 380-317, 380-318, 380-319, 380-320, 380-321, 380-322, 380-323, 380-324, 380-325, 380-326, 380-327, 380-328, 380-329, 380-330, 380-331, 380-332, 380-333, 380-334, 380-335, 380-336, 380-337, 380-338, 380-339, 380-340, 380-341, 380-342, 380-343, 380-344, 380-345, 380-346, 380-347, 380-348, 380-349, 380-350, 380-351, 380-352, 380-353, 380-354, 380-355, 380-356, 380-357, 380-358, 380-359, 380-360, 380-361, 380-362, 380-363, 380-364, 380-365, 380-366, 380-367, 380-368, 380-369, 380-370, 380-371, 380-372, 380-373, 380-374, 380-375, 380-376, 380-377, 380-378, 380-379, 380-380, 380-381, 380-382, 380-383, 380-384, 380-385, 380-386, 380-387, 380-388, 380-389, 380-390, 380-391, 380-392, 380-393, 380-394, 380-395, 380-396, 380-397, 380-398, 380-399, 380-400, 380-401, 380-402, 380-403, 380-404, 380-405, 380-406, 380-407, 380-408, 380-409, 380-410, 380-411, 380-412, 380-413, 380-414, 380-415, 380-416, 380-417, 380-418, 380-419, 380-420, 380-421, 380-422, 380-423, 380-424, 380-425, 380-426, 380-427, 380-428, 380-429, 380-430, 380-431, 380-432, 380-433, 380-434, 380-435, 380-436, 380-437, 380-438, 380-439, 380-440, 380-441, 380-442, 380-443, 380-444, 380-445, 380-446, 380-447, 380-448, 380-449, 380-450, 380-451, 380-452, 380-453, 380-454, 380-455, 380-456, 380-457, 380-458, 380-459, 380-460, 380-461, 380-462, 380-463, 380-464, 380-465, 380-466,

e. Operations and Plans.

(1) upward downward:

(a) 18th Military Police Brigade was established on 11 October 1969. This organization superseded all previous commands and units for internal security (i.e., our lines, and constitutes the basic mechanism for internal security and controls over all such assets and activities. Cooperation with 354th, 1st Logistical Command, and 354th to insure effective integration of Brigade with 354th and 1st Logistical Command in the overall security of waterway activity in a wide area of the river and the area of the 354th's area of interest, Vung Ro Bay, Cat Lo, and the area of the 354th's area of interest, 1st Logistical Command and 354th. The new organization contains the line guidance pertaining to the internal security of the river, coordinated and lined patrol operations, and the internal security of river patrol operations. As a result, Brigade's internal security operations have been clarified, standardized, and are effectively centralized.

(b) On 9 October 1967, the meeting between the 93rd and 97th Military Police Battalions was a friendly one. These battalions operate in the northern and southern portions of the DMZ, the 93rd in the Corps Tactical Zone. The previous boundary was an order of line drawn at 13°15' north latitude, which directed the 97th Military Police Battalion area, and the 93rd in June 1966 to Day within the 97th Military Police Battalion area. The new boundary is a line corresponding to the southern limits of Hainan, Phu Son, and Phu Tan Provinces. Advantages of this realignment are obvious to the 97th Military Police Battalion. Patrols and operations are easier to maintain within the battalion, and within areas of operations correspond with the 93rd and 97th Military Police Battalions.

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Support Commands, and the new boundary corresponds with that used by Quang Nam and National Police units which operate in close coordination with Brigade elements. Necessary redeployment of personnel and equipment, and shifting of area responsibilities was minimized, and effected with no significant problems or incidents.

(c) During September 1969, Brigade elements conducted comprehensive tests of starlight scope utilization in support of military police operations. The 18th Military Police Brigade currently employs 26 A./PVS-1 starlight scopes in various operations throughout Vietnam. The effectiveness of this device was evaluated, as required; the only significant disadvantage incurred resulted from interference of artificial light. Appropriate reports were forwarded to Combat Developments Command, Military Police Agency.

(d) Brigade policies and procedures for management of operational personnel resources and commitment were significantly modified during September 1969. Revised procedures were implemented of 18th Military Brigade Regulation 12-30, dated 24 September 1968. Previously, it was necessary for battalion and company commanders to submit weekly reports to the preparation of monthly reports. Under the revised regulation, detailed guidance has been provided, and the numerous reporting requirements have been deleted. As a result, management of resources has been enhanced, reports are more meaningful, and preparation of battalion and company level reports requires only five and three hours, respectively, thereby reducing the number of manhours expended.

(e) On 1 September 1969, Brigade implemented an intensive traffic safety enforcement program throughout RVN. Areas and times of greatest accident frequency were identified and additional traffic enforcement staff, patrols were employed utilizing all available rear speed limiters and mirror boxes. A patrol was placed upon the station and correction of unsafe driving practices. As a result, 3035 traffic citations were issued during September, as compared to 1613 in August, and fatal traffic accidents were reduced from 67 to 45. These statistics reveal the effectiveness of the program and emphasize the correlation between increased enforcement efforts and decreased traffic fatalities. The Brigade intensive traffic safety enforcement program will continue throughout the upcoming year, and has been initiated within Vietnamese programs to reduce fatal traffic accidents.

(f) A Meritorious Unit Citation awards ceremony was conducted at Brigade Headquarters on 31 October 1969. The Brigade Headquarters Detachment received the First Oak Leaf Cluster, while the 40th Military History Detachment and the 90th Transportation Company (ASLT) each received the basic award. The award was for the period 20 March through 31 October 1968, and was promulgated by General Order Number 2058, Headquarters, USAFV, dated 11 June 1969.

(2) Force Movement:

(a) On 14 August 1969, General Order Number 38, Headquarters, 18th Military Police Brigade, realigned the terms of attachment of the 458th

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(3) Brigade OPNAV 181-69 (3), 210930 September 1969 provides implementing instructions to Brigade units in support of contingency reinforcement in I, II, and III Corps Tactical Zones.

(a) Brigade OPNAV Blackhorse (3), dated 281000 August 1969 provides implementing instructions to the 89th Military Police Group in support of relocation and security of units from the Blackhorse installation.

(4) Physical Security Survey School: The 18th Military Police Brigade quarterly Physical Security Survey School was conducted during the period 18-24 August 1969. The purpose of this quarterly school is to train military police personnel to conduct physical security surveys and advise commanders at all levels concerning physical security matters.

(5) JSARV Installation Stockade:

(a) On 1 Aug 69, the Stockade population was 496; on 31 Oct 69, the population was 362. During the report period, 901 prisoners were received into confinement, and 945 were released; 163 individuals were separated from the service through administrative discharge; 160 prisoners were returned to duty as a result of command clearance actions. It is significant that the overall recidivist rate of 9.7 percent remained stable during the quarter.

(b) A cement block construction project was begun in the Stockade on 18 September 1969, and has been proven an effective means of providing gainful employment for prisoners. The program also supports AF/FF dependent housing construction and civic action projects in the Long Binh area.

f. Logistics.

(1) All Brigade M-14 rifles are presently being exchanged for the M-16 rifle under a systematic replacement program implemented and controlled on a priority basis by JSARV. The exchange for all Brigade elements should be completed by December 1969. The M-16 rifle will provide Brigade personnel with a lighter weapon which is capable of delivering increased firepower.

(2) Throughout the report period, the Brigade maintenance assistance team continued to conduct pre-CMI and post-CMI inspections, and routine assistance visits to subordinate Brigade elements. A Food Service Section Consisting of one warrant officer and one NCO has been established under the Brigade S4. These personnel operate in conjunction with the maintenance assistance team, and conduct approximately two staff visits and two inspections of Brigade mess halls per week. Additionally, a logistics readiness awards program has been established to recognize those units which maintain an exceptional readiness posture.

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(3) Increased command emphasis continued to be exerted throughout the report period in the area of property accountability and cost reduction. A comparison of the last four Quarterly Reports of Operational Loss shows the savings which have been realized:

1 October	- 31 December	1968:	\$5311.55
1 January	- 31 March	1969:	\$3954.25
1 April	- 30 June	1969:	\$3679.53
1 July	- 30 September	1969:	\$2431.99

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

- a. Personnel. None.
- b. Intelligence. None.
- c. Operations.

(1) OBSERVATION: Starlight scopes (A/PVS-1) have been tested and proven effective in support of military police operations throughout the Republic of Vietnam.

(2) EVALUATION:

(a) Starlight scopes have proven most effective in combat operations conducted within the Brigade tactical area of responsibility (TAOR), and in combat patrol operations conducted in conjunction with logistical installation security activities. In these situations, interference from artificial light sources is minimal, and maximum potential of the device is realized. Artificial light or intense glare, which conceivably could be induced by a resourceful enemy, causes a temporary cessation of operation, and a corresponding interruption of continuous area coverage.

(b) These scopes are moderately effective when utilized on river patrol boats in port and inland waterway security operations. Most ports have well-lighted dock areas which limit the detection of on-shore movement and unauthorized vessels.

(c) Starlight scope operators must be thoroughly trained in order to attain maximum proficiency with the device. Experience indicates that maximum utilization time by one individual is approximately 30 minutes, after which eye fatigue tends to reduce operator effectiveness.

(d) Despite the significant disadvantage resultant from artificial light or intense glare, the starlight scope is considered vastly superior to other devices having a similar purpose. Unlike infra-red devices, its ability to intensify available light without disclosing its location renders the starlight scope particularly suitable for use in clandestine operations.

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(3) RECOMMENDATION: That starlight scopes be made available to all military police units engaged in area, waterway, or installation security operations.

d. Organization.

(1) OBSERVATION: Military police customs responsibilities were substantially increased during unit redeployment under Operation KEYSSTONE and Operation CLEAR ADJUST. This involvement is expected to further increase in view of possible future air withdrawal. The necessity for a military police customs inspection unit in RVN is clearly indicated.

(2) EVALUATION:

(a) Customs enforcement is a police-related activity which is currently being performed by Air Force, Transportation Corps, and replacement battalion personnel. In support of unit redeployments, Brigade presently provides customs inspection support on an area basis. This concept places an additional burden upon local provost marshals and available military police resources, both of which are fully committed to higher priority missions.

(b) The unit concept would provide for customs enforcement by a highly-trained, professional, **single-mission** unit with centralized control, thereby relieving provost marshals of this complex responsibility. Additionally, it would facilitate deployment of customs personnel throughout RVN based upon mission requirements and priorities.

(3) RECOMMENDATION: That a customs unit be organized in RVN as a separate element of the 18th Military Police Brigade.

f. Logistics. None.

g. Communications. None.

h. Medical. None.

i. Other. None.



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1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 October 1969 from Headquarters, 18th Military Police Brigade.

2. Comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning "Operations", section II, page 12, paragraph 2c; concur. The recommendation should include only MP units in the Republic of Vietnam. Other commands should evaluate the starlight scope for use in their areas of operations to determine its effectiveness and desirability for issue.

b. Reference item concerning "Organization", section II, page 13, paragraph 2d; concur. The comment appears to have merit. Upon receipt of a MTOE proposal, it will be evaluated and processed by this headquarters. Trade-off spaces must be identified by officers, warrant officers and enlisted in order to organize the desired customs unit.

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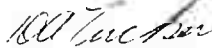
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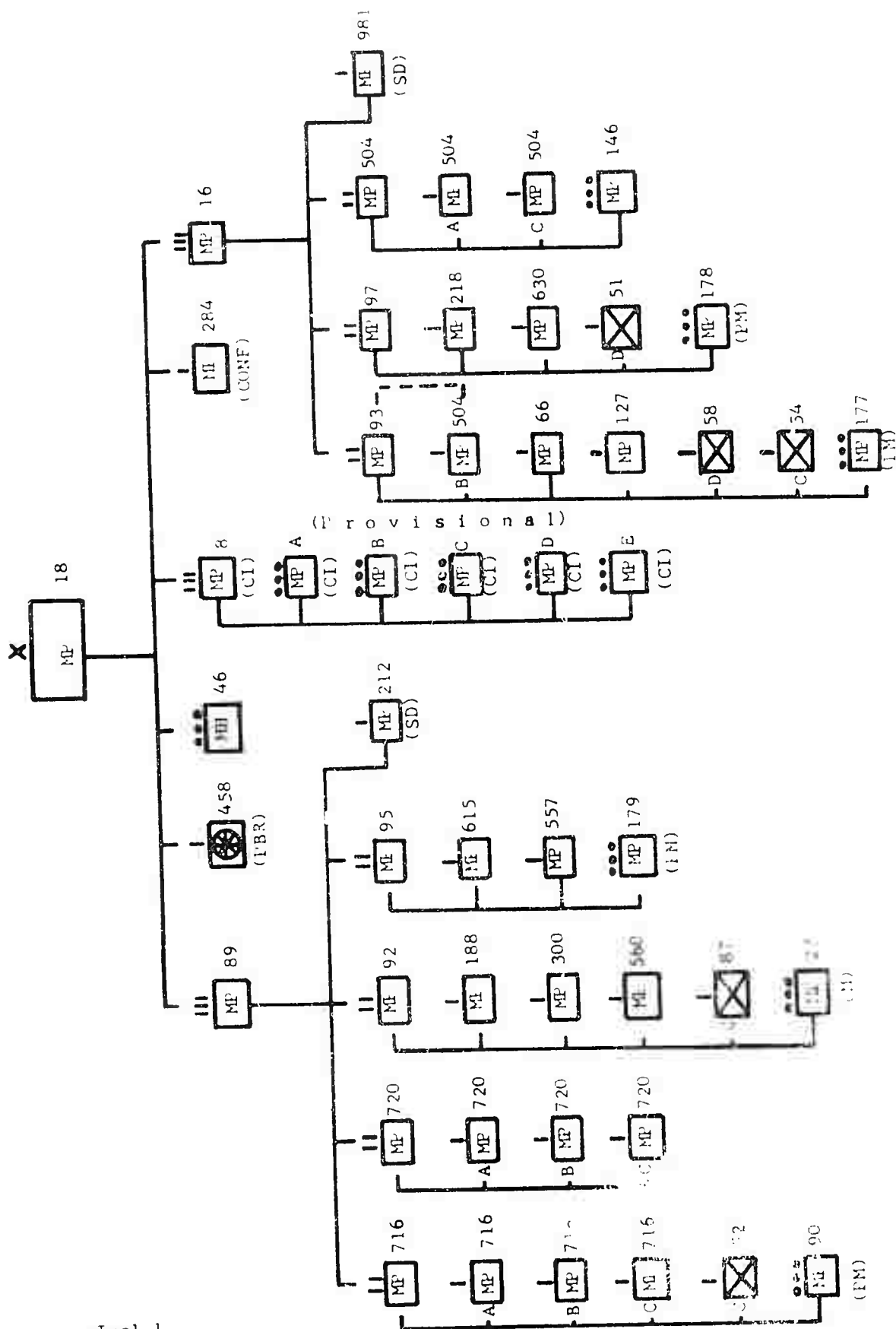
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This headquarters concurs in subject report as indorsed.

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