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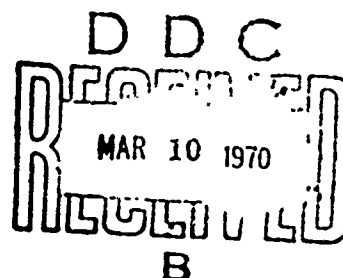
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1. Section I. Operations: Significant Activities.

a. Provost Marshal Office, Korat Area Detachment, Special Troops, US Army Support, Thailand.

(1) 6 Sep 69: Major Ulmont C. Nanton assumed command of the detachment and duties as area Provost Marshal.

(2) 13-17 Oct 69: Installation Physical Security Inspection conducted of Camp Friendship as follow-up to inspection conducted on 11 Jun-10 Jul 69.

(3) 20 Oct 69: Physical Security Inspection of Hqs, 7th RRFS and subordinate elements.

(4) 21-22 Oct 69: Physical Security Inspections were performed on signal site elements of the 442nd Signal Bn.

(5) 26-28 Oct 69: VIP security and escorts were provided to General Haines, Commanding General, US Army Pacific during his visit to Camp Friendship.

(6) 28 Oct 69: Escorts were provided to visiting Thai military dignitaries.

b. Provost Marshal Office, Sattahip Area Detachment, Special Troops, US Army Support, Thailand.

(1) 8 Aug 69: Area Provost Marshal assumed supervision of the security guard force at Camp Lightning.

(2) 22 Aug 69: Area Provost Marshal conducted a tour and briefing for Col Lopez, Provost Marshal, USMACTHAI/JUSMAGTHAI.

(3) 4 Sep 69: Conducted orientations for newly assigned personnel to Sp Trps, Sattahip Detachment.

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(4) 10 Sep 69: Conducted briefing and tour for CSM
MacConnell, CSM, USARSUPTHAI.

(5) 17 Sep 69: Safety seminar conducted by area Provost
Marshal for personnel attending the CPO supervisors course.

(6) 2 Oct, 6 Oct 69: Orientations for newly assigned per-
sonnel of Sp Trps, Sattahip Detachment and 9th Logistical Com-
mand, respectively.

(7) 18-20 Oct 69: Joint Patrol operations conducted with
personnel assigned to the US Coast Guard Cutter, Sabago.

c. Provost Marshal Office, Bangkok Area Detachment,
Special Troops, US Army Support, Thailand. None.

d. 13th Military Police Company, Bangkok.

(1) 11 Aug 69: CPT John A. Smith assumed command of the
13th MP Company.

(2) 23 Oct 69: A records management inspection was con-
ducted of the company operation by representatives from the
AG section, Hqs USARSUPTHAI. No major deficiencies were re-
vealed.

e. 219th Military Police Company, Korat.

(1) 4 Oct 69: CPT Everett S. Johnson assumed command of
the 219th MP Company.

(2) 25-31 Oct 69: Close liaison conducted with TMP Korat
Detachment, Special Troops, resulting in more effective organ-
izational maintenance operations.

f. 281st Military Police Company, Sattahip.

(1) 6 Sep 69: CPT Charles W. Darnell assumed command of
the 281st MP Company.

(2) 7 Oct 69: Phanom detachment, operating at Camp Charn
Sinthrope, returned to the company headquarters as a result of
the closing of aforementioned installation.

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(3) 23 Oct 69: Due to the closing of Camp Lightning, the four (4) man detachment at that location returned to the company headquarters.

g. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 40th Military Police Battalion, Korat.

(1) 19 Sep 69: 2LT James E. McGuire assumed command of the detachment.

(2) 3 Oct 69: In anticipation of the USARSUPTHAI reorganization, various Provost Marshal operations which came under the direct staff supervision of the 40th Military Police Battalion reverted to the operational control of the Provost Marshal, USARSUPTHAI. Such operations as the physical security section, serious incident reports section, statistical analysis section, therefore moved to the office of the Provost Marshal, USARSUPTHAI.

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

a. Personnel.

(1) OBSERVATION. For the past seven months, this unit has been operating with an NCO strength in grades E7 and E8 at approximately a 50% level of that authorized by TOE.

(2) EVALUATION. Military police enlisted personnel operate as independent elements and require continuous, experienced NCO supervision. With operational requirements continuously expanding, an acute need for qualified non-commissioned officers exists in all of the subordinate elements of this organization. A lack of experienced leaders effects each unit in all functional areas and lessens the supervisory capacity of the commander. Shortcomings arising from this situation are readily apparent.

(3) RECOMMENDATIONS. That DA fill requisitions presently outstanding for E7 and E8 personnel in MOS 95B40 and continue to maintain a minimal level of 80% fill for those positions.

b. Operations.

(1) OBSERVATION. In areas where personnel from more than one military service are assigned, effective enforcement is

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achieved through utilization of joint service patrols.

(2) EVALUATION. In outlying areas in the northeast sector of Thailand, complaints and dissatisfaction were voiced by Army elements when the only enforcement elements available were USAF personnel. US Army Military Police were assigned to the area on a rotational basis and operate jointly with the Air Force Security Police. This has proven to be a very effective enforcement operation realizing an increase of voluntary compliance with rules and regulations on the part of Army personnel.

(3) RECOMMENDATIONS. That joint service enforcement activities be utilized in all areas where personnel from more than one military service are assigned.

(1) OBSERVATION. Within a small stockade (less than 20 prisoners) it is difficult to conduct a meaningful military training program consistent with Army regulations, due to the small custodial staff available.

(2) EVALUATION. Since the majority of prisoners confined to the USARSUPTHAI Stockade were found to lack a high school education or its equivalent, an effective GED group study course was established to upgrade the educational level of the prisoner and provide him the opportunity to return to his unit or a civilian status a more productive individual. This program is the standard high school GED program run by Army Education Centers and is conducted by an enlisted man with a college degree in education.

(3) RECOMMENDATION. That maximum use of the GED programs and USAFI correspondence courses be considered for use at small stockades to provide the prisoners with a meaningful education and training program while meeting DA training requirements.

(1) OBSERVATION. Due to limited custodial personnel it is difficult for a small stockade (less than 20 prisoners) to establish a worthwhile counseling program for prisoners consistent with Army requirements.

(2) EVALUATION. Prisoners require a means of redress to discuss personal problems. A small stockade normally does not have senior enlisted personnel in adequate numbers to effectively function as counselors in addition to their normal

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responsibilities. Additionally, the close identification of custodial personnel in a small stockade with the restrictive measures necessary to the operation, limits their ability to project the helpful, interested attitude necessary for effective prisoner counseling.

(3) RECOMMENDATIONS. That small stockades consider the use of senior enlisted personnel from resources outside the confinement detachment as part time counselors. These counselors should have approximately five (5) to ten (10) prisoners assigned to them for periodic counseling sessions and should visit their assigned prisoners weekly.

c. Training.

(1) OBSERVATION. To effectively comply with mandatory training requirements, a need exists for classroom facilities for units.

(2) EVALUATION. Classroom presentations are an integral portion of the training program. At the present time only limited space is available. Attempts to procure available classroom space are generally unsatisfactory. The end result is a hinderance to unit training programs.

(3) RECOMMENDATIONS. In view of the current reorganization anticipated for USARSUPTHAI, recommend that consideration be given to the utilization of vacated buildings as classroom facilities, available on a centralized basis, to all lodger units in each area.

d Intelligence. None.

e. Logistics.

(1) OBSERVATION. This organization is extremely limited in its logistical and maintenance capabilities due to the deletion of maintenance and supply personnel from the TOE.

(2) EVALUATION. TOE authorizations in both the headquarters and in subordinate units do not provide supply personnel (MOS 76Y40) or maintenance personnel (MOS 63C40), and other units are required to provide the necessary support. In practice, this organization must utilize untrained personnel to perform many of these essential functions. This results in a diversion of

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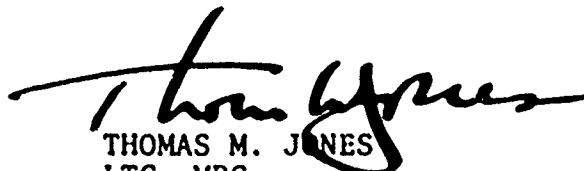
badly needed MP personnel to these support functions. However, due to the lack of training and/or experience in maintenance/supply, they are handicapped in performing these jobs. The split responsibilities for these basic functions are directly contrary to the Army functional organization and to good management principles. In the USARSUPTHAI reorganization this unit has requested both logistical and maintenance personnel positions for the headquarters and the separate companies.

(3) RECOMMENDATIONS.

(a) That these personnel positions be restored to this unit's TOE.

(b) In the interim period, prior to formal permanent authorizations, recommend that one (1) automotive parts specialist (MOS 76S20) be assigned to the free (3) military police companies.

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Organizational Chart


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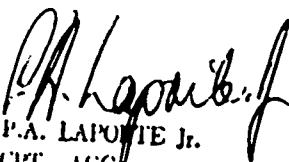
The Operational Report of the 40th Military Police Battalion has been
reviewed and is forwarded with the following comments:

a. Reference para 1g(2). The USARSUPTHAI Provost Marshal's
assumption of control of various military police activities throughout
the command has resulted in an increased responsiveness to the
Commanding General, USARSUPTHAI.

b. Concur with para 2a. Currently the battalion has 100% of
authorized E8 strength and 50% of authorized E7 strength in MOSC 95B.
The present NCO shortages plus projected losses are currently on
requisition. Validation of enlisted personnel requisitions by OPO, DA
cannot be controlled by this headquarters. Cancelled requisition
items normally necessitate re-requisition action at our level with
an early fill request. At the present time there is one E8, four E7
validated requisitions and 1 Section II requisition item pending can-
cellation for promotion purpose. There is one EM, PMOS 95B40, HHC,
USARSUPTHAI, performing duty in MOSC 71M40 (Chaplain Asst) who is
chargeable to the authorized 95B strength of this command. This NCO,
although possessing PMOS 95B40, was not considered qualified in that
MOS due to lack of experience. Another factor to consider is the sub-
mission of Section II requisitions throughout calendar year 1969 for
promotion purposes. From January 1969 through November 1969, only
one EM was promoted to Grade E7 in MOSC 95B40 although three individuals
held promotion list status in that MOSC during this period. Lack
of promotions can be attributed to the relatively low sequence standing
of the individuals on the promotion list.

c. Concur with para 2e. Assignment of automotive repair parts
specialists on an overstrength basis will be contingent upon avail-
ability within the command. Currently, a shortage is projected
beginning in the early calendar year.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


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CPT ACC
Asst. Adjutant General

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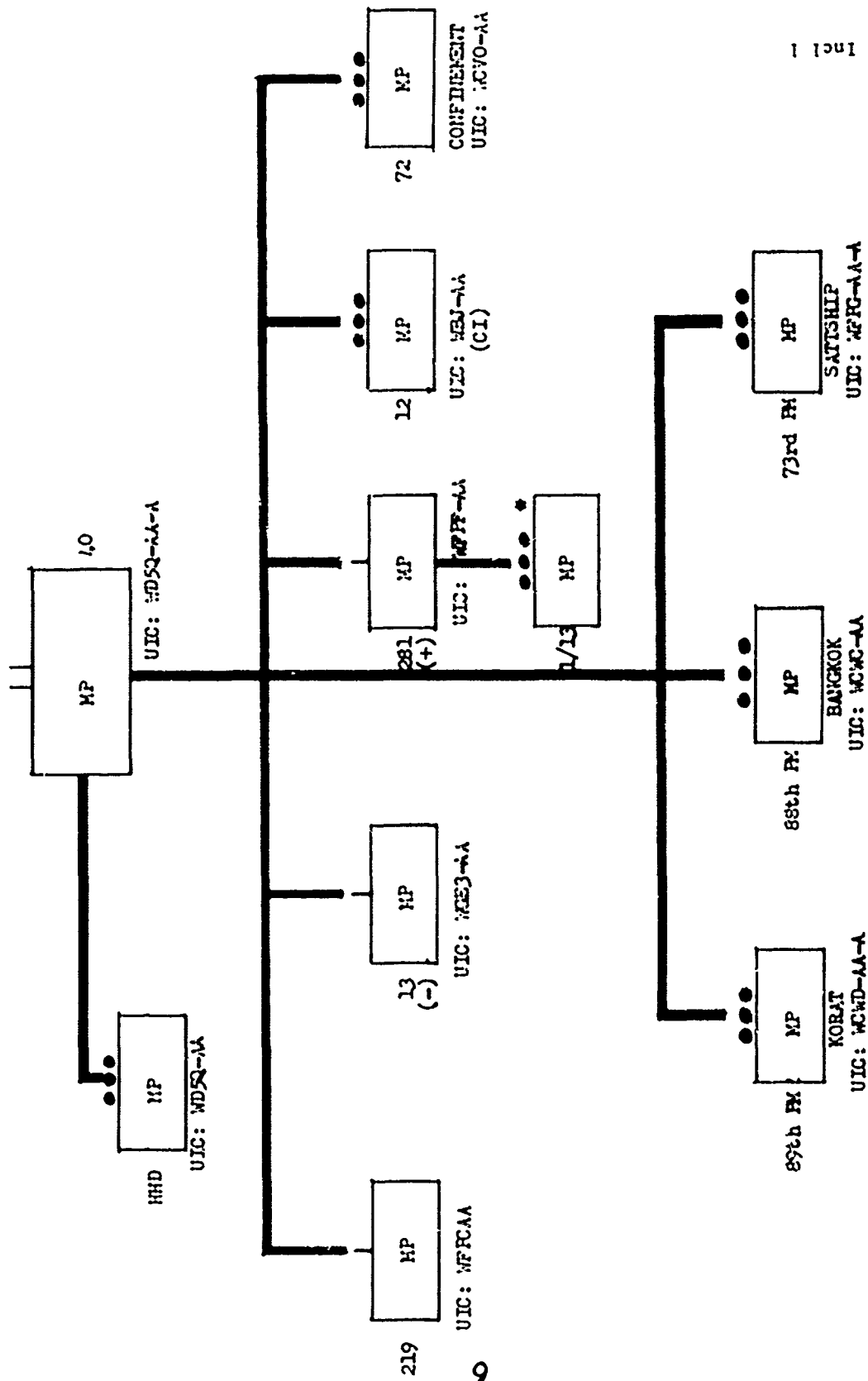
This headquarters concurs in subject report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:



C. L. SHORTT
CPT, AGC
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40th MILITARY POLICE BATTALION ORGANIZATION



* 1 Platoon detached from 13th MP Co and attached to 281st MP Co.

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