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10 November 1966

SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period Ending
31 October 1966 (RCS CSFOR-65)

THRU: Commanding Officer
Vung Tau Sub-Area Command
APO San Francisco 96291

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development
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The Operational Report of Lessons Learned of this headquarters for the
period 1 August 1966 thru 31 October 1966 is forwarded in accordance with
Army Regulation 1-19 and USARV Regulation 870-2.

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SECTION 2

Significant Organizational Activities of the Command for the Period
Beginning 1 August 1966 and Ending 31 October 1966.

1. LTC John T Coughlin II commanded the 2nd Maintenance Battalion (DS) during the period of the report.
2. The 574th Supply and Service Company, 229th Supply and Service Company and 148th Ordnance Company were removed from attachment this command on 30 August 1966.
3. On 24 October 1966 the 50th CS Det (LEM) organized under TOE 29-500D, Team CA, joined this command.
4. Attached and assigned strength by month during period:

<u>1 Aug</u>	<u>31 Aug</u>	<u>30 Sept</u>	<u>31 Oct</u>
* 771	278	181	309

* Includes 574th and 229th Supply and Service Companies.

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SECTION 2

PART I Observations (Lessons Learned)

1. Personnel. NONE
2. Operations. NONE
3. Training and Organization. NONE
4. Intelligence. NONE
5. Logistics:

Item: Additional Technical Assistance teams from the different commodity commands for critical items in Vietnam.

Discussion: Recently a technical assistance team arrived in Vietnam from the US Army Weapons Command consisting of highly skilled technicians for the M109 Howitzer (SP). Each team member was an authority in a particular area of the weapon, i.e., panoramic telescope technician, cannon technician, chassis & engine technician. These technicians provided a source of information on publications, repair parts and maintenance procedures. Their visit was keyed to training of Field and Organizational Maintenance Mechanics and assistance in removing equipment from deadline. High mortality repair parts were brought to Vietnam by the team.

Observation: Commodity Commands should deploy additional technical assistance teams for critical items, i.e., generators, forklifts, radios which have a high failure rate. Frequency of visits could be keyed to new equipment, increase trends of repair parts, changes to maintenance procedures, and Equipment Improvement Recommendations (EIR's).

Item: DSU Tech Supply Operations require standardized detailed operating procedures.

Discussion: The current program to mechanize stock accounting in field TOE Direct Support Units has, as an additional benefit, a detailed and rigid procedure for ancillary manual operations. The inflexibility of the machine enforces the adherence to these procedures. The end result will be that men who have worked in one unit will be readily familiar with the procedures in a new unit as far as mechanized stock control is concerned.

In other areas such as receiving, bin storage, open storage, and packaging there is no such standardization. This results in inefficient practices, poor arrangement, and poor supply performance. TM 743-200 provides much valuable information but it is intended for a depot type of operation. Each unit must develop its own detailed procedures, based frequently upon very narrow experience in the field of repair parts supply.

Section 2. PART I Observations (Lessons Learned) (Cont)

Observation: Repair parts supply is so vital that a standard system should be established for all USU's to follow. This should include use of storage aids, storage plans, field preservation procedures, systems for identification and marking of supplies, use of indigenous personnel in the operation, and handling, distribution and transportation of parts.

6. Other. NONE

SECTION 3

PART II. Recommendations

See Part I: OBSERVATIONS (Lessons Learned)

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18 November 1966

THRU: Commanding Officer, US Army Support Command, Saigon, APO 96307

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

Report from Commanding Officer, 2d Maintenance Battalion is considered
accurate and adequate for the reporting period.

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AVCA SGN-GO (10 Nov 66)

2nd Ind

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HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND, SAIGON, APO San Francisco 96307 2 DEC 1966

THRU: Commanding General, 1st Logistical Command, APO 96307
Deputy Commanding General, United States Army, Vietnam, APO 96307
Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, APO 96558

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

1. Forwarded in accordance with paragraph 9, AR 1-19, dated May 1966.

2. Reference Section 2, Part 1 (Observations), Paragraph 5 Logistics:

a. Visits by Technical Assistance Teams from AMC have been coincident with the introduction of new or modified equipment. There are, in addition, technical experts from the commodity commands stationed in Vietnam whose assistance, recommendations and advice are invaluable in sustaining the operability of selected equipments. Assistance has been requested, and received, from AMC in areas of logistics when unforeseen or unprogrammed requirements have arisen. The technical assistance program provided by AMC is highly successful and no changes are recommended by this command.

b. Operations in field supply activities are necessarily flexible under the guidelines and requirements of regulatory provisions. Mechanization of stock record accounting does not reduce this flexibility. No advantage can be seen for the implementation of standard operations, facilities or layouts beyond the guidance given in Department of the Army Technical and Field Manuals. It is intended that the initiative, imagination and discretion of the commanders concerned be used to resolve area peculiar problems in the operation of supply activities. This headquarters has completed an evaluation of supply activities and organizations in Vung Tau and the recommendations thereof are now being implemented.



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3d Ind

SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 October 1966
(RCS CSFOR-65)

HEADQUARTERS, 1st Logistical Command, APO 96307

11 DEC 1966

TO: Deputy Commanding General, US Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGC-DH, APO 96307

1. The Operational Report - Lessons Learned submitted by the 2d Maintenance Battalion (DS) for the quarter ending 31 October 1966 is forwarded herewith.

2. The 2d Maintenance Battalion engaged in combat support operations for 92 days during this reporting period.

3. Concur with the basic report as modified by the comments contained in the preceding indorsements. The report is considered adequate.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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4th Ind

SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the Period Ending
31 October 1966 (RCS CSFOR-65)

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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96307

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-OT
APO 96558


1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 31 October 1966 from Headquarters, 2d Maintenance Battalion (DS) as indorsed.

2. Pertinent comments are as follows:

a. Reference Paragraph 5, Part 1, Section 2, Page 2 and Subparagraph 2a, 2d Indorsement: Concur with the indorsing headquarters; nonconcur with the unit for reasons stated in the 2d Indorsement. In addition, units may request technical assistance as per procedures outlined in USARV Regulation 700-4.

b. Reference Paragraph 5, Part 1, Section 2, Pages 2 and 3 and Subparagraph 2b, 2d Indorsement: Concur with the indorsing headquarters; nonconcur with the unit for reasons stated in the 2d Indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


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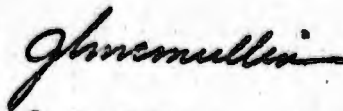
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HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 4 JAN 1967

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

This headquarters concurs in the basic report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:



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