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1. (C) Section I. Operations: Significant Activities.
   a. (U) Mission. During the period 1 November 1968 through 31 January 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, 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; operation of combined population and resources control checkpoints with the National Police (CahCx Sat), ARVN Military Police (Quan Canh), and when appropriate, with Free World 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. (U) Organization. The major subordinate headquarters of this command are shown below. An 18th Military Police Brigade organization chart is attached as Inclosure 1. A Brigade Station List, 18th Military Police Brigade Circular 216-3, dated 1 January 1969, is attached as Inclosure 2.

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

c. (U) Personnel, Morale and Discipline

   (1) Decorations:

   (a) Distinguished Service Cross: 1
   (b) Legion of Merit: 3
   (c) Soldier's Medal: 7

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| (a) Bronze Star (V) | 3 |
| (e) Bronze Star (S) | 53 |
| (a) Air Medal | 6 |
| (g) Army Commendation Medal (V) | 16 |
| (h) Army Commendation Medal (A) | 24 |
| (i) Army Commendation Medal (S) | 97 |
| (j) Purple Heart | 7 |

(2) Key personnel assignments and departures.

(a) Assignments.

(b) Departures.

(c) Casualties.

(e) Battle losses

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(5) Civilian Personnel. One Local National Direct Hire employee is authorized to the Brigade Headquarters on Augmentation TDA P5 WPEAA 99. Two additional civilian personnel are authorized by Program 6 - Civilianization. Daily hire personnel are employed by the Headquarters Detachment as needed.

(6) R & R.

Month | % Utilized
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November | 77.4
December | 64.4
January | 75.0

(7) Strengths.

(a) As of 1 November 1968 (Total Brigade).

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I. OTHER BRIEFING TEXT

II. SUMMARY OF BRIGADE ACTIVITY

1. Casualties

2. Evacuations

3. Total Extensions

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5. Discipline, Law and Order

(a) Court-Martial

(b) Summary Courts

6. Recent Events

- [List of recent events]

7. Comments

- [Additional comments]

8. Next Reporting Period

- [Next reporting date]
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385-40 Accident Reporting Procedures 7 Jan 69
551-5 ARVN Interpreter Program 3 Dec 68
600-1 Casualty Reporting 2 Dec 68
600-100 Officers Roster 28 Jan 69
600-160 Guards for Prisoner Shipment to US DB 2 Jan 69
600-201 Monthly Senior Enlisted Roster 28 Jan 69
600-206 Proficiency Pay for EM 23 Jan 69
623-1 Officer Efficiency Reports 27 Dec 68
672-1 18th MP bde Decorations and Awards Program 16 Nov 68
700-6 Periodic Logistics Report (PLR RCS AVHCD-35 (Rl)) 23 Jan 69
700-10 Reporting Procedures for Ammunition Expenditures and Losses (RCS GDOC-3) 23 Jan 69
750-4 Weekly Command Deadline Report (RCS AVHCD-14 (Rl)) 15 Jan 69

(b) Memorandums.

105-2 Message Control 31 Jan 69
105-3 Release of Messages 29 Jan 69
310-1 18th MP bde Numbered Publications 31 Jan 69
310-4 Forms Control Within the Brigade Headquarters 31 Jan 69

(12) Public Information/Command Information Activities.

(a) During the quarterly period, the Brigade received diversified news coverage. Military publications which published Brigade news included the Army Reporter, the MACV Observer, Stars and Stripes, the Army Times, Army Digest and the MP Journal. The primary outlet for feature items continued to be the Army Reporter which ran 10 releases during the quarter. Brigade news releases were also sent to, and published in, such in-country civilian news-
papers as the Vietnam Guardian, Saigon Daily News and Overseas Weekly. In hometown news coverage, feature or hard news "hometowners" were mailed to 165 43 publications. Fifteen of these newspapers returned courtesy copies of photo-feature articles used. Most of those received were given front page treatment. In addition, a number of individuals have notified the information office that stories about them have been seen by their families and friends. There is no way to accurately estimate the total number of releases printed. The Army Hometown News Center at Kansas City continued to be used as our primary distribution for non-feature news such as awards, promotions and new arrivals.

(b) The Brigade photo laboratory became operational this quarter and tremendously increased the office's operational efficiency.

(c) Press assistance was provided to Time magazine, the New Republic magazine and Overseas Weekly.

(13) Civic Action. The Brigade civic action fund disbursed $VN78,802 during the reporting period.

(14) History Program.

(a) Mr. John Wheat, Department of the Army combat artist, toured the 95th Military Police Battalion areas of responsibility making photographs and slides for later development into sketches and paintings.

(b) Continuing inspections of Daily Journals and Journal files for historical adequacy were conducted.

(c) Section I of Operational Reports - Lessons Learned submitted by Brigade units were reviewed for historical adequacy.

(d) Combat after-action interviews with members of the 720th Military Police Battalion participating in the Tay Ninh Convoy operation were tape-recorded and forwarded to Department of the Army.

(e) All commanders were reminded of the requirement to retire certain reports during January of each year and all units reported that necessary action had been completed.

(1) The "two-end" interview with a battalion commander was completed and recorded at Department of the Army.

d. (1) Intelligence and Counterintelligence

(i) During the reporting period, the Intelligence Branch processed intelligence documents from subordinate, lateral and higher headquarters in the form of intelligence summaries, periodic intelligence reports and
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Spot intelligence reports, pertinent information was analyzed, extracted and
disseminated to using units as required in the form of messages, intelligence
summaries, spot intelligence reports and liaison visits.

(2) In accordance with USARV Regulation 380-42, a clandestine surveillance
and listening device check was made of the S3 Conference Room, the Brigade Head-
quartes and the Intelligence Office. No deficiencies were noted.

(3) In compliance with paragraph 35, USARV Regulation 380-5, continuing
after duty hour checks were conducted of Headquarters, 18th Military Police
Brigade and Headquarters Detachment by the Intelligence Officer. No deficiencies
were noted.

(4) During the quarter, 1 Top Secret; 83 Secret; 1288 Confidential and
30 For Official Use Only documents were processed.

(5) A total of 203 Secret documents were on hand as of 31 January 1969.
Fifty-one Secret documents were destroyed during the quarter.

(6) There were 55 security actions processed during the quarter. These
included 7 requests for security clearances and 48 validations of security
clearances.

(7) Daily briefings were conducted throughout the reporting period to
inform the Commanding Officer, 18th Military Police Brigade and his staff of
current developments.

(8) Daily coordination visits continue to be made with the following
units to effect timely exchange of intelligence information: Headquarters,
USARV G2 and Army Operations Center; 525th Military Intelligence Group to
include the 3rd Battalion in Bien Hoa; Headquarters, II Field Force; 702d
Military Intelligence Detachment and the Long Binh Post S2.

(9) The Intelligence Branch published and disseminated the following
documents to provide staff guidance and procedures on matters of an intel-
ligence and security nature:

(a) Brigade Regulation 381-13, Reporting Road Conditions.

(b) Brigade Regulation 381-6, (C) Voluntary Informant Program (VIP) (U).

(10) The Intelligence Branch compiled data and published three monthly
Police Intelligence Reports during the reporting period.

(e) (C) Plans, Operations and Training.

(I) Briefings. The following distinguished visitors were briefed by

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this headquarters during the reporting period.

(a) LTG Michael S. Davison, Deputy Commander in Chief, US Army Pacific, 7 November 1968.

(b) Mr L. James Binder, Editor of Army Magazine, 1 December 1968.

(c) BG Charles W. Ryder Jr., GI, US Army Pacific, 7 December 1968.

(d) COL Kang Sang Hee, Provost Marshal, ROK Forces Vietnam, 12 December 1968.


(f) LTC Lam Quang Chinh, Province Chief, Bien Hoa Province, 21 December 1968.

(g) General James K. Woolnough, Commanding General, Continental Army Command, 24 December 1968.

(2) Plans.

(a) The 18th Military Police Brigade Campaign Plan (OPORD 1-69) was published on 31 December 1968 with an effective date of 1 January 1969 and provides for Brigade participation in military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 January to 31 December 1969. The Campaign Plan is implemented by all subordinate units.

(b) 18th Military Police Brigade Operations Plan 63-68 (Senior Officer Escort), provides for the movement of selected senior officers from their quarters to the USARV Army Operations Center in the event of an attack on Long Binh Post. An Armored Personnel Carrier or V-100 Armored Car will provide necessary security. The 89th Military Police Group is tasked with this mission.

(c) 18th Military Police Brigade Operations Plan 64-69 (Stockade Reaction Force) establishes procedures for returning uncontested control of the USARV Installation Stockade to the Correctional Officer following a major riot or disorder. Provisions are made for two 50-man reaction forces to support on-duty cadre personnel. The 89th Military Police Group and the 284th Military Police Company have been tasked to implement this plan.

(d) 18th Military Police Brigade Operations Plan 65-69 (Long Binh Post defense) was revised and republished on 28 January 1969. The 39th Military Police Group provides a mobile 50-man reaction force to the Commanding Officer, Long Binh Post, for use in the defense of the installation. A second 50-man force is provided upon deployment of the first. This plan also calls
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for the defense of the military police detention area on Long Binh Post in the event of enemy attack. All assigned and attached personnel participate in this phase of the plan.

(3) Operations.

(a) During the period 12 October to 22 November 1968, subordinate units of this Brigade conducted field tests of a commercially produced, expendable restraining device. Results of the evaluation were forwarded to the Commanding General, USARV on 25 November 1968. "Flex Cuff Ties" were found to be extremely useful in certain situations, but are not a satisfactory replacement for handcuffs and must be considered a supplement to, rather than a replacement for, more conventional restraining devices (see paragraph 2b(1)).

(b) On 4 November 1968, a request by the Brigade to be released from its Tactical Area of Responsibility adjacent to Long Binh Post was denied by the Commanding General, USARV. The Brigade was directed to refile the request in February 1969, following the arrival of the Royal Thai Army Volunteer Force.

(c) On 9 November 1968, a Letter of Instruction was published concerning port and inland waterway security operations in the III Corps Tactical Zone. Thirty-one river patrol boats are employed to secure the ports of Saigon, Newport, Cat Lai and Vung Tau and the logistical complexes at Cogido, Binh Hoa and the POL Jetty on the Dong Nai River. Ammunition Barges are escorted on the Dong Nai River daily and designated portions of the Dong Nai and Saigon Rivers are patrolled on a routine basis. Personnel resources are provided by the 89th Military Police Group, the 458th Transportation Company (PBR) and by the Republic of Vietnam National and Military Police, when available.

(d) On 25 November 1968, the Brigade S3 submitted a Memorandum to the Deputy Provost Marshal, USARV, requesting additional aviation support for military police units. Missions for which rotary wing aircraft are ideally suited include route reconnaissance, convoy escort, traffic control, inland waterway security, surveillance of a Tactical Area of Responsibility, maintenance of discipline, law and order and command and control. The value of these aircraft has been proven by the full time use of two light observation helicopters (OH-6A) in the III and IV Corps Tactical Zones. Additional aircraft are needed to expand operations in these Corps Zones, and to permit full-time operations to commence in the I and II Corps Tactical Zone (see paragraph 2b(3)).

(e) On 26 November 1968, members of the Brigade staff conducted an inspection of the 716th Military Police Battalion to determine if corrective action had been completed following that unit's Annual General Inspection and to offer assistance to the battalion in the various operational and administrative areas represented by inspecting personnel.

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(a) On 27 November 1968, a letter was published to subordinate units outlining the 18th Military Police Brigade policy in regards to the use of firearms by military policemen in the line of duty. As a general rule, only the minimum amount of force necessary to apprehend, secure, and detain an offender should be used. Firearms are employed only as a last resort under extreme circumstances, and never when minor offenses are involved. Weapons may be used in self defense, to prevent an illegal act attempted by force, or to prevent the escape of a prisoner in custody for committing a serious offense. Common sense must be applied to every situation.

(b) On 28 November 1968, a letter was published to subordinate commanders reviewing those provisions of the Geneva Conventions that pertain to the treatment of prisoners of war. The Brigade is responsible for the evacuation of detainees from PW collecting points to ARVN prisoner of war camps and for the security of prisoners under treatment at US medical facilities.

(c) On 3 December 1968, this headquarters published Brigade Regulation 561-5 to prescribe policies and procedures for implementation of the ARVN Interpreter Program. Revised reporting procedures were established in accordance with USARV guidance. In accordance with earlier policy, this regulation authorizes group commanders to reassign available interpreter resources without approval from this headquarters. On 29 January 1969, Headquarters, USARV authorized an increase in ARVN Interpreter strength from 56 to 66 personnel. Additional interpreters will be assigned initially in the III Corps Tactical Zone, but will be reassigned as necessary to meet commitments throughout the Republic of Vietnam.

(d) During the reporting period, members of the Brigade staff conducted comprehensive inspections of the following units to assist in the preparation of those units for Annual General Inspections:

1. 11 - 14 December 1968  92d Military Police Battalion
2. 15 - 21 December 1968  95th Military Police Battalion
3. 14 - 17 January 1969  94th Military Police Battalion

(e) The first in a series of bi-monthly "Commander's Notes" was published by this headquarters on 18 December 1968. The primary purpose of this document is to provide information and guidance to Commanders at all levels and key staff officers. Distribution is made down to and including non-commissioned officers in charge of separate squads and detachments.

(f) On 6 January 1969, a command letter directed subordinate commanders to implement a vigorous traffic safety program to include additional patrols, an increased number of roadside spot checks, trip ticket inspection by gate guards and more aggressive enforcement of existing regulations. If necessary, missions of lesser importance will be reduced to fully support this effort.
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(1) On 3 January 1969, approval was granted by the Commanding General, US Army Advisory Group, III Corps Tactical Zone, for the accomplishment of a defoliation mission on the banks of the Buang River in the Brigade Tactical Area of Responsibility. Arrangements are being made to borrow necessary waterborne defoliation equipment.

(2) On 12 January 1969, the 18th Military Police Brigade was directed by Headquarters, USARV, to discontinue four Naval Detainee Collection Points located at Tuy Hoa, Nha Trang, Vinh Long and Vung Tau. Collection Points at Qui Nhon, Cam Ranh Bay, Phan Rang and Can Tho will be retained to secure personnel detained by the US Navy until their status can be determined and appropriate disposition can be made.

(3) On 15 February 1969, Headquarters of the 458th Transportation Company (PBR) relocated from Vung Tau to Pershing Field, Saigon. The move was accomplished to facilitate command and control within the unit, whose heaviest commitment is in the area in and around the Capital Military District. Good transportation facilities available at adjacent Tan Son Nhat Air Force Base allow unit personnel to make frequent visits to detachments located elsewhere in II, III and IV Corps Tactical Zones.

(4) Training.

(a) During the period 6 - 10 January 1969, the 18th Military Police Brigade sponsored a Physical Security Survey Course to train military police personnel in methods of conducting physical security surveys. Forty-two students attended and successfully completed the course which included classroom instruction and practical exercises culminating in the completion of a Physical Security Survey by each student.

(b) On 24 January 1969, the 89th Military Police Group was directed to establish a centralized replacement training program. In the past, responsibility for replacement training could be delegated below group level. The 16th Military Police Group has been conducting group-wide replacement training for some time, with great success. The 89th Military Police Group program will include training for the Headquarters Detachment, 16th Military Police Brigade and certain units of the 8th Military Police Group (Criminal Investigation).

(5) Force Development.

(a) On 14 November 1968, USARPAC General Orders Number 722 reorganized the 212th Military Police Company (Sentry Dog) under Modification Table of Organization and Equipment 15-S05E 28/68. The unit is organized to provide 140 sentry dog teams with an authorized strength of 188 enlisted personnel and 5 officers.

(b) On 15 November 1968, changes to 18th Military Police Brigade Augmentation Table of Distribution and Allowances (TDA) reflected the authorization of an additional 200 Local National Direct Hire Security Guards designated for duty in the Saigon area. These personnel assumed the physical
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security mission of the 527th Military Police Company which was inactivated effective 1 October 1968. The augmentation TDA was revised and republished by Headquarters, USARV, with an effective date of 1 January 1969. Four previous changes, as well as a realignment of civilian personnel resources resulting from recent unit relocations, were incorporated into this new document. Current authorized civilian strength of the Brigade is 1038 augmentation personnel with an additional 63 spaces authorized by Program 6 - Civilianization.

(a) On 24 November 1968, USARPAC General Orders Number 750 activated the 13D Provost Marshal Detachment, organized in accordance with Modification Table of Organization and Equipment 14-5200ED, with a strength of 2 officers and 8 enlisted personnel. This unit was subsequently assigned to the 18th Military Police Brigade, the 89th Military Police Group and the 92d Military Police Battalion, and is located at Cam The to provide provost marshalling support to the IV Corps Tactical Zone.

(b) On 26 December 1968, a study was initiated to determine what increases in personnel and equipment would be necessary to enable the Crime Laboratory, commanded by the 8th Military Police Group (CI) at Long Binh, to provide support for US Army Support, Thailand.

(c) On 27 December 1968, this headquarters forwarded to the Commanding General, USARV, a proposed Table of Distribution and Allowances (TDA) requesting items of equipment to accomplish the variety of missions for which standard military police and infantry units are not organically equipped. The TDA is organized to allow the Brigade Commander the freedom of reassigning unit missions without reassigning mission-essential equipment. Missions involved include operations in the Brigade's Tactical Area of Responsibility, security of ammunition supply depots, ports, inland waterway and vessel security, and the operation of military police stations utilizing personnel organic to standard military police companies.

(d) On 1 January 1969, USARV General Orders Number 113 activated the United States Army Correctional Holding Detachment, USARV, which is assigned to the 18th Military Police Brigade and operated in conjunction with the USARV Installation Stockade, Change 7 to AR 165-2, which established the requirement for this unit, also directs that prisoners sentenced for a period in excess of 90 days will be reassigned to the Correctional Holding Detachment.

(e) On 26 January 1969, Company C, 52d Infantry was directed to reconvene by authority of USARPAC General Orders Number 303, in accordance with Modification Table of Organization and Equipment 7-12E 3/68. Although the General Orders are dated 27 June 1968, reconvening was delayed because copies of the MILS were not available.

(f) In January 1969, implementation of Program 6 - Civilianization was completed by the 18th Military Police Brigade. A total of 58 military spaces were identified and withdrawn from among 33 companies and detachments. At the end of the reporting period, 60 of the 63 authorized civilian substitutions were hired and working.
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I. Communications

1. Radio Teletypewriter Net.

(a) The Brigade Radio Teletypewriter Station (NCS) handled a total of 450 messages during the reporting period.

(b) Float items are not readily available within DSARs for all major components of the AN/GRC-46 Radio Set. Direct and general support units have not been able to accomplish the required repairs within a reasonable time (1-30 days), apparently due to a lack of repair parts. The result has been excessive down-time for individual stations within the DSAR.

(c) Request has been submitted to USARV for authorization of the transmitter-receiver components of the AN/GRC-46 members of the AN/GRC-60 radio equipment authorized under current military police group ITREs. With the required items on hand, each group headquarters would have the capability of immediately providing the required float radio equipment to replace inoperable equipment at RATT stations within the area of responsibility.

(d) The 93rd Military Police Battalion at Qui Nhon commenced on-line secure RATT operations on 20 January 1969.

(e) A RATT station has been established for Company C, 504th Military Police Battalion at Giai Tri and should be operational during the next reporting period.

2. AN/TBN-12 Series Radars.

(a) All units continue to experience difficulty in receiving whip antenna sections, antenna tie-down kits, AN/MIC-80 microphones, RF cables, and matching unit cables due to command-wide shortages.

(b) In view of the quantity of communications equipment noted on the command deadline report, all units have been directed to request direct exchange or turn-in of all RT-52 receiver-transmitters that have been in direct support maintenance in excess of forty-five days. Upon receipt of turn-in documents, units will then submit requisitions for replacement of like number of RT-52s.

(c) Units have been directed to maintain the necessary records to enable them to turn-in under "Project WES" all RT-524 receiver-transmitters that have a history of maintenance problems.
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(d) Units within the Hue-Phu Bai area continue to experience a high deadline rate despite positive actions taken by the 504th Military Police Battalion. These actions include command emphasis on operator training, preventive maintenance, and liaison visits with the direct support unit. The direct support unit continues to have a shortage of repair parts for the subject radios.

(2) Radio Base Stations.

(a) A portion of the proposal submitted to USARV for approval on 27 December 1968 includes a requirement for standard radio base stations at Provost Marshal Offices, battalion and company headquarters and other operational areas.

(b) Standard base station includes AN/VRC-12 Series Radio, AC-DC power supply and Antenna RC-49.

(4) Low Level Code. A requirement still exists for an operations code with a military police vocabulary to improve voice transmission security. Request for this code was originally submitted on 1 November 1967. Request was resubmitted on 10 December 1968 and is currently under review at USASA.

g. (6) Logistics.

(1) Reports of Survey. This headquarters has received 13) Reports of Survey during this fiscal year, a rate more than double that of last fiscal year. Final action has been taken on 13 of these surveys, with liability imposed on 15 surveys in amounts ranging from $12.50 to $994.66. Classes or procedures and preparation of Reports of Survey were given to all available company grade officers in an effort to alleviate the administrative errors common to these reports.

(2) Construction Projects.

(a) The USARV Installation Standards construction project is complete with the exception of one watchstand building outside the stockade to house additional custodial personnel. This project is expected to be completed by 28 February 1969.

(b) Construction of the Brigade headquarters bunker and tactical operations center was completed in December 1968. The bunker is equipped with extension telephone service for all Brigade command staff sections and remote radio service from the Brigade communication center.

(c) Approved FY 63 construction projects awaiting starts of construction are:

1. HHD, 13th MP Bn barracks and administration building.
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1. Hq, 8th MP Gp (CT) adn and barracks.

4. Approved FY 69 construction projects awaiting starts of construction are:
   1. Hq, 18th MP Bde.
   3. Hq, 93rd MP Bde.
   4. 720th MP Bn maintenance facilities

3. The Brigade received issues of 6 1/2 ton trucks during the month of January. Twenty-eight of these vehicles were transferred to the 50th Military Police Group to alleviate the critical shortage of 1 1/2 ton trucks in I Corps Tactical Zone.

4. With the assignment of a qualified maintenance officer to the Brigade headquarters, a meaningful technical assistance program has been initiated. Six technical assistance visits to subordinate units were conducted during the month of January.

5. Operation Moose. During the reporting period, the last elements of the 188th Military Police Company relocated from Pershing Field, Saigon to Can Tho. The net drop of Brigade personnel working in Saigon was only 19 due to the relocation of headquarters elements of the 458th Transportation Company from Vung Tau to Pershing Field.

(c) Logistical support to the USAHV Installation Stockade. All facilities destroyed during the prisoner riot of 29-30 August 1968 have been replaced and additional facilities have been constructed in a new compound to house the recently organized Correctional Holding Detachment. Technical assistance was furnished in supply administrative areas. Normal operations have been restored and all essential supply records have been reconstructed.

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

   a. Personnel. None.

   b. Operations.

   (1) Temporary Restrainting Orders.

   (a) OBSERVATION: A military policeman is normally issued one set of hand irons which he carries with him on duty. Once these hand irons are committed for use and until they are returned to him, the MP must rely on

field expedient means to secure additional persons if necessary. Situations such as raids, riots or civil disorders can occur in which the number of persons to be restrained exceeds the number of hand irons available to military policemen on the scene.

(b) EVALUATION. The USARV Provost Marshal furnished this headquarters with, and requested an evaluation of, an inexpensive nylon restraining device known commercially as a "Flex Cuff Tie." This disposable device, produced by the Kent Corporation of South Plainfield, New Jersey, was distributed to subordinate units for field testing during the period 12 October to 22 November 1968.

1 During the testing period, "Flex Cuffs" were successfully employed in two situations.

a As the result of a combined police raid in the city of Qui Nhon, more suspects were apprehended in a short period of time than there were hand irons immediately available. These light weight restraining devices were carried in quantity by military police and used to good advantage.

b Unit guards frequently request hand irons to secure potentially dangerous US military prisoners being released and transported to their units. When "Flex Cuffs" were available, they were issued to guards without regard for accountability and provided adequate security for prisoners in transit.

2 Several difficulties were encountered or anticipated.

a The plastic restraining devices are difficult to cut, and removal requires an extremely sharp knife or pair of scissors, not always readily available to military police. This problem is of minor consequence in mass arrest situations or as described above, but prevent the device from being used conveniently in routine operations.

b The composition of the "Flex Cuff" makes it vulnerable to destruction by fire. Heat from a burning cigarette can melt through the plastic in less than ten minutes. Flame from a cigarette lighter will melt the device in two minutes. A metal band or wire embedded in the plastic might alleviate this situation.

2 To be effective, and prevent a prisoner from working his hands free, the device must be tight around the wrists. As there is no "stop" mechanism, care must be taken to insure that circulation is not impaired.

3 Using units concur that this device is of considerable value in certain situations but is not a satisfactory replacement for hand irons and must be considered a supplement to, rather than a replacement for, more conventional restraining devices. Results of the evaluation were forwarded to Headquarters, USARV, ATTN: AVPM-PW, on 24 November 1968.
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(c) RECOMMENDATIONS: That the "Flex Cuff Tie" temporary restraining device
be made available in quantity to military police units for use in situations
such as those described above.

(2) Contraband Detection Devices.

(a) OBSERVATION: An increasing number of local nationals are obtaining
employment with US Forces. A major effort is required to safeguard against
the introduction of weapons and explosives into US installations and to pre-
vent the removal of pilfered items from government property. Contraband
may be concealed in vehicles, personal property or personal clothing. Indi-
vidual searches are time-consuming and limited by the number of security
personnel available and the number of civilian personnel involved.

(b) EVALUATION: In an effort to assist security guards in locating
contraband material, two metal detection devices were tested by units of
the 18th Military Police Brigade during the second half of 1968.

1. The Goldak Metal Detector Model 700 Commander, a commercial device,
was tested for a period of several months, primarily to identify metal objects
concealed in laundry bags and similar parcels. The device was reasonably
successful in alerting guards to metal of all types; however, several dif-
ficulties were apparent.

a. It was necessary to conduct searches in a completely metal-free
environment.

b. Operators were unable to differentiate between contraband material
and legitimate metal objects such as zippers, snaps and identification tags.

c. The device was not effective for searching personnel due to the presence
of objects such as rings, watches and medallions.

1. The number of fruitless hand searches which were required to follow-up
on detector readings tended to hamper operations.

1. Although material was sometimes found as a result of these searches,
to protect against the pilferage of non-metallic items only, spot checks of
all personnel and parcels were still required on a random basis.

2. To explore this approach further, six standard military mine detector
sets were obtained on 90-day loan and were tested extensively throughout the
Brigade.

a. In excess of 7,000 parcels and 2,000 personnel were checked dur-
ing the period of evaluation which ended on 20 December 1968.

b. Results were essentially the same as those described above. Mine de-
tectors were found to be even more sensitive than the Goldak device.
Due to the problems encountered, further use of these metal detectors was terminated; however, the problem of searching US facilities and guarding against pilferage continues. Requirements for hardware to assist in locating contraband, as well as a summary of the Brigade evaluation of metal detectors, were forwarded to Headquarters, USARV, ATTN: AVHGC-DST, on 21 January 1969.

(a) RECOMMENDATIONS: That additional means be found to assist in detecting hidden contraband.

(3) Aviation Support.

(a) OBSERVATIONS: During the period 1 July to 31 October 1968, the two light observation helicopters (OH-6A) dedicated to the 18th Military Police Brigade flew a total of 1,671 hours in support of brigade operations. This represents an average of 8.7 flying hours per day. The same general usage frequency has been maintained since 1 November to the present.

(b) DISCUSSION: The two helicopters have been utilized exclusively throughout the III and IV Corps Tactical Zones to enhance mission performance and provide improved support for tactical and logistical units.

Visual reconnaissance of critical convoy routes, such as the Tay Ninh and Kuan Lec routes, has reduced significantly the threat of ambush or other interruptions of convoy movements.

Visual reconnaissance is made of the Brigade's Tactical Area of Responsibility on a daily basis to provide command and control during periods of contact, monitor sampans and personnel and to locate actual or potential enemy firing positions directed toward Long Binh Post.

Through use of the helicopters, command and control is maintained over the river patrol boats operating on the Dong Nai, Nha Be and Saigon Rivers.

The aircraft provide an immediate reaction capability to reconnoiter and assess enemy interdictions of key lines of communication, such as road blocks, mining incidents and damage to or destruction of bridges. Extensive visual reconnaissance is conducted to survey the routes and provide a fast and efficient command link between widely dispersed units.

The helicopters are also utilized for traffic control, discipline, law and order, and criminal investigation activities.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That an aviation section be assigned to Military Police Brigades on a permanent basis.

c. Training. None.
d. Intelligence. None.
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e. Logistics:

(1) Status of 4 ton trucks.

(a) OBSERVATION: The operational capability of this command has been hampered during the past 90 days by shortages and high deadline rates of 4 ton trucks.

(b) EVALUATION: There have been very limited issues of new 4 ton vehicles during the past six months. The constant utilization of existing 4 ton assets over unimproved roads has resulted in their rapid deterioration. The reduction of vehicle assets through combat loss, salvage and accidents average five vehicles per week. Inadequate of present 4 ton resources in order to meet operational commitments has resulted in increased deadline for major component assemblies, some of which are in critical short supply in Vietnam. The combination of 4 ton shortages and high deadline rates reduced the number of vehicles available to military police units in I and II Corps Tactical Zones to 59.1% of their 4 ton authorization. Recent issues of 33 rebuilt and used 4 ton trucks have been shipped to units with the most critical shortages, leaving the command short 95 vehicles.

(c) RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That action be taken to keep the 18th Military Police Brigade at authorized level of 4 ton trucks.

2. That military police units continue to be given higher priority for direct support maintenance in order to reduce excessive deadline times at direct support level.

(2) Duplication of Reports.

(a) OBSERVATION: Some logistical reports duplicate, in all or part, information furnished in other logistical reports and special one time reports are sometimes used to answer specific questions when the required information has already been furnished in other reports.

(b) EVALUATION: Such duplication creates an excessive administrative burden on the operating level, reduces a unit’s time and ability to accomplish maintenance and supply actions, and puts an additional unnecessary burden on already overworked communications facilities.

1. Each of the following recurring reports duplicates in all or part information contained in all of the other listed reports:

   a. Periodic Logistics Report

   b. Army Equipment Status Report.
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2 The one time Equipment Density Report required by USARV unclassified message AVHCD-MD 45530, is an excellent example of duplication of the above reports. All items on this report were also reported, in greater detail, on the Army Equipment Status Report.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That staff and sub-staff sections at all levels coordinate their data collection efforts to eliminate unnecessary one-time reports and consolidate recurring reports where possible.

f. Organization. None.

g. Others. None.

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1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Lessons
Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 January 1969 from Headquarters,
18th Military Police Brigade.

2. (U) Comments follow:

   a. (U) Reference item concerning a Temporary Restraining Device,
      page 15, paragraph 2b(1); concur. Procurement action has been initiated
      for an initial issue of 200 devices per company for each of the 18
      companies in the brigade. Re-supply of this item will be based upon a usage
      experience factor to be determined three months after date of issue.

   b. (U) Reference item concerning Contraband Detection Devices,
      page 17, paragraph 2b(2); concur. A message from USAV IV to USAV CY
      and NCAECD, VA, on 0 February 1969, expressed an urgent requirement
      for cargo detectors.

   c. (C) Reference item concerning Aviation Support, page 18, para-
      graph 2b(3); concur in the requirement as stated in the observation and
      discussion. However, to assign an aviation section, as recommended by
      the 18th MP Bde., requires an approved LTOE. Assets to fill an LTOE
      must also be available. The DA aircraft input schedules indicate USAV
      will remain in an inventory deficit status into CY 70. The USAV air-
      craft distribution schedule currently establishes an aircraft fill cri-
      teria considerably less than 100 percent for most units already authorized
      organic aircraft. Procedure for submitting a concept plan and proposed
      LTOE is outlined in USAV Circular 310-44. Upon receipt of this re-
      quest, appropriate action will be taken.

   d. (C) Reference item concerning status of 1/4 ton trucks, page 19,
      paragraph 2c(1); concur. The 1/4 ton vehicle is in extremely short supply.
      USAV was tasked in November 1968 to provide 400 1/4 ton trucks for RVNAF
      modernization and expansion. To preclude a drawdown from USAV units,
      this commitment is being filled from COMUS receipts. It is anticipated
      that this commitment will be filled by late February, thereby freeing in-
      coming assets for distribution to USAV units. The 18th Military Police
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Brigade has been issued 58 ½ ton trucks since 1 Jan 69. This was made possible by termination of temporary loans and issue of vehicles which were either rebuilt or which became available through depot maintenance channels. Lateral transfer of an additional 36 vehicles has been directed.

e. (U) Reference item concerning duplication of reports, page 19, paragraph 2e(2)(b)1b; nonconcur. Every effort is made to eliminate both one-time and recurring reports that contain duplication of data. However, it should be noted that under the present DA regulations the Army Equipment Status Report (AR 711-5) is designed to reflect equipment authorizations and on-hand inventory status. The Quarterly Material Readiness Report (DA 2406) is designed to reflect equipment condition status.

f. (U) Reference item concerning duplication of reports, page 19, paragraph 2e(2)(b)1c, d, e, f, and 2; concur. Every effort is made to eliminate both one-time and recurring reports. This headquarters constantly reviews required reports in an effort to eliminate or consolidate reports. It should be noted that, of the six referenced reports, the Weekly Command Deadline Report and the Periodic Logistics Report are required by this headquarters, while the remaining four reports are DA requirements. The Periodic Logistics Report provides a commander the means of notifying this headquarters of logistical problems. The Weekly Command Deadline Report provides the operational status of selected items of equipment; this information is not available in any other form. Action recommended by higher headquarters; investigate the feasibility of consolidating the Army Equipment Status Report and the Materiel Readiness Report.

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

This headquarters has evaluated subject report and forwarding indorsement and concurs in the report as indorsed.

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