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1. (C) Operations: Significant Activities.
   a. Mission. The Commanding Officer, 93d Military Police Battalion provides Military Police and Provost Marshal type services to sub-area coordinators, tactical units, commanders without organic military police, and others, as directed by the Commanding Officer, 16th Military Police Group.
   c. Personnel, Morale and Discipline.
      (1) Decorations:
         (a) Legion of Merit
         (b) Soldier's Medal
         (c) Bronze Star with "V"
         (d) Bronze Star Meritorious
         (e) Air Medal
         (f) Army Commendation Medal with "V"
         (g) Army Commendation Medal Meritorious
         (h) Purple Heart
         (i) Brigade Certificate

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2) Wounded
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2) Injured
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(a) 1st Term RA

22 12

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(c) AUS

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(9) Discipline, Law and Order:
(a) General Courts 1
(b) Special Courts 4
(c) Summary Courts 0
(d) Article 15, UCMJ 47

(10) Congressional Inquiries: 9

(11) Publications:
(a) 93d MP Bn Reg 350-3, Training, Range Safety; revised 1 Nov 69.
(b) 93d MP Bn Leg 385-10, Safety, Organizational Safety Program; published 25 Dec 69.
(c) 93d MP Bn Reg 600-10, Personnel - General, Character Guidance Program; published 27 Dec 69.
(d) 93d MP Bn Reg 360-61, Army Information; Command Information; published 27 Dec 69.
(e) 93d MP Bn Reg 37-17, Financial Administration, Piaster Expenditure Reduction Program; published 9 Jan 70.
(f) 93d MP Bn OPLAN 70-69, Disaster Relief; published 4 Nov 69.
(g) 93d MP Bn OPLAN 101-69, Steel Cable; published 30 Nov 69.

Operations:
(1) The 93d Military Police Battalion area of responsibility extends from the Cambodian border on the West to the South China Sea to the East. From the I Corps/II Corps boundary on the North to the Southern boundary of the provinces of Phu Yen, Phu Bon, and Pleiku. The five provinces in the 93d Military Police Battalion area of responsibility are Binh Dinh, Pleiku, Kontum, Phu Bon and Phu Yen.

(2) The 93d Military Police Battalion provided Military Police resources in the following manner.
(a) Direct support of combat units.

1. The 93d MP Bn provides one MP Squad in direct support of the 173d Airborne Bde at LZ Uplift.

2. The 93d MP Bn escorted an average of 22 convoys per day over an average distance of 1,046 miles per day.

3. The 93d MP Bn communication section, having established one of the best radio re-trans nets within the 18th MP Bde, is capable of maintaining PK radio contact with Pleiku and LZ Uplift. The two (2) re-trans nets are located at Vung Chua Mountain and Hong Kong Mountain. This re-trans system is used to control convoy escorts on QL #1 and QL #19.

(b) Control of PW's in US Custody.

1. The 93d MP Bn guarded a total of 76 PW's during the reporting period at the 71st Evac Hospital, Pleiku, 17th Field Hospital, An Khe, 67th Evac Hospital, Qui Nhon.

2. The 93d MP Bn escorted 96 PW's from PW Hospital and LZ English to AVN PW Cages and Hospitals.

(c) Specialized physical security measures.

1. During December 1969, D/58th Infantry Company conducted a 12 man reconnaissance patrol daily throughout the Vung Chua Mountain for the purpose of determining enemy movement.

2. On 12 December 1969, the D/58th Infantry Company committed eight (8) personnel for pipeline security in the Tuy Hoa area. This commitment is for an indefinite period of time.

3. The 66th Military Police Company was given the unit mission of escorting convoys on QL #19 from intersection QL #1/QL #19 to An Phu, and on QL #1 from Gia An in the North to Vung Ro Bay in the South.

4. On 19 December 1969, the 458th Trans Detachment (TFR), because of turbulent seas, relocated its docks within the Qui Nhon Harbor. They are now located adjacent to HQ 5th TTF (CRLO6236). On 11 Jan 70, the 458th Trans Detachment (TFR) completed the relocation of the assigned personnel from Camp Granite to the Qui Nhon docks area. This move provided the detachment a greater degree of security and provides a ready reaction force in their area of operation.

5. The 93d MP Bn provides security to three (3) large electropower ships. The 93d MP Bn also provides security for PX and ammo ships off and on loading in the Qui Nhon Inner Harbor.

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The 93d MP Bn provides security for an average of eleven (11) ships per month in the Qui Nhon Harbor. Each ship is in the harbor approximately four days.

During this reporting quarter the 1st platoon, 981st MP Co (AD) has provided a total of thirty-two (32) sentry dogs daily at three locations within the 93d MP Bn area of responsibility. The ABD utilizes a total of twenty (20) sentry dogs, An Son, a total of seven (7) sentry dogs, and Camp Granito a total of five (5) sentry dogs. These sentry dogs are committed only during nighttime. The 3d platoon, 981st MP Co (SD) utilizes a total of 65 dogs daily at Pleiku and An Khe. Facilities protected by the dogs are the ASP in Pleiku (46 dogs) and the ASP and Class I, II and IV Yards in An Khe (19 dogs).

(d) Discipline, Law and Order.

1. On 21 Jan 70, 8/501st MP Bn (6) was relocated from Pleiku to An Khe. One MP Platoon remained in Pleiku to provide DLO type missions. The primary reason for the company headquarters relocation was due to a reduction of US military population in Pleiku.

2. The 93d MP Bn utilizes a total of 36 day-nightime Military Police motorized patrols throughout its area of operation. These patrols perform traffic, highway and DLO type missions.

3. The 93d MP Bn utilizes a total of 20 day-nightime combined police patrols throughout its area of operation.

4. The 93d MP Bn operates 7 MP Checkpoints in its area of operation. Five of the seven are 24 hour posts.

5. 2,557 Military Police Reports were initiated by the three PMO's (Qui Nhon, An Khe & Pleiku) assigned to the 93d MP Bn during this reporting period.

a. Training. None.

f. Intelligence. The 93d MP Bn processed a total of 195 Intelligence Spot Reports (ISR) received from the three Offices of the Provost Marshal (Qui Nhon, An Khe & Pleiku).

g. Force Development. None.

h. Communications. The 93d MP Bn commo section installed a radio remote system on top of Vung Chua Mountain. This remote FM system has given the Office of the Provost Marshal twice the commo range that he previously had with his patrols.

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1. Logistics. None.

2. Civic Action.

1. On 15 Dec 69, the 93d MP Bn accepted the financial support for
   two (2) students in the Qui Nam Normal College. This college trains
   teachers who, upon graduation, assume teaching positions throughout I
   Corps and II Corps areas. The 93d MP Bn also pays the salary of one
   student teacher for the Qui Nam Normal College who teaches at the Qui
   Nam Poor House. The purpose of the Poor House School is to bring the
   substandard educational level up to the level where they are accepted
   into the Vietnamese public school system. The cost of this civic action
   program is 7,100$VN p/m month.

2. The 66th IC Co contributes the unit's mass garbage to the Trinh
   Vuming Elementary and High School, Qui Nam, for feeding of their domes-
   tic animals.

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

   a. Personnel.

   (1) Programming of Replacement Personnel.

   (a) OBSERVATION: Personnel continue to be infused into infantry
       units with a retainability of three to six months. Many of the infused
       non are "problem" personnel of other units with numerous disciplinary
       problems in their background.

   (b) EVALUATION: A more just program for infusing personnel with a
       LRB Bn should be initiated. Individuals with obvious attitude and dis-
       ciplinary problems should not be accepted, and if accepted should not be
       programmed into the same unit, regardless of retainability.

   (c) RECOMMENDATION: A continuing effort must be made at all levels
       to properly screen, classify and assign these type individuals so that
       no one unit is literally filled up with this type replacement.

   (2) Employment of W/N Personnel.

   (a) OBSERVATION: Vietnamese females entering or exiting military
       compounds are often poorly searched or not searched at all. Local Na-
       tionals responsible for this search are either poorly motivated or symp-
       thetic toward the pilferer.
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Mr. Commandant, 63rd Military Police Battalion

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ADDITIONAL: This situation allows the 63rd Military Police Battalion to conduct a systematic pillage of the entire enemy's territory. It also allows the excellent quality of personnel and pilots to be used in sabotage activities. The utilization of Marine Corps personnel at these gates would enhance this systematic pillage and potential sabotage.

CONCLUSION: That the feasibility of employing M.C.'s in this situation that in future stability operations M.C.'s be utilized in this type of duty.

- Intelligence
- Estimates

- Need for Greater Degree of Flexibility in Commitments

- CONCLUSION: Commanders at company level must be given ample latitude to employ their forces quickly to meet new situations.

- OBJECTIVE: Any units in Vietnam, up to Bn size, can not commit forces unless approval is given by a higher level of command. This situation can prove disastrous when a command decision is needed immediately.

- CONCLUSION: That a command be given the authority to commit forces two levels below the command i.e., a company should be able to commit a squad, a battalion should be able to commit a platoon, and a company should be able to commit a company, indefinitely.

- Prefabricated Sentry Dog Kennels

- OBSERVATION: Many man-hours and much material are wasted as kennels are planned, built and then discarded due to a unit relocation or faulty construction.

- OBSERVATION: Despite a standard blue print, many kennels have been built to units relocate or the need for sentry dogs decreases. These permanent structures are then left for the ravages of the weather or the material scavengers. This is a waste of money for the United States Government.

- CONCLUSION: The feasibility of using a standard prefabricated kennels should be studied. These kennels could rapidly be moved from one location to another. An increase or decrease of dog strength could be compensated by adding or taking off individual dog units.
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(1) OBSERVATION: The MP Dut (PM) presently allocated to a Battalion operating under the military police area concept role are too under staffed and under equipped to carry out their mission without augmentation.

(2) EVALUATION: Under the area police concept, a military police battalion size unit is spread out. This necessitates the setting up of several Provost Marshals Offices for adequate control. Under the present set-up personal and equipment to staff and use these offices must come from resources within the line military police companies.

(3) RECOMMENDATIONS: That in future planning, consideration be given to increasing the size of MP Dut (PM) under the military police area concept.

e. Training. M-16 Rifle Training.

(1) OBSERVATION: Personnel arriving in Vietnam are not adequately trained with the M-16 rifle.

(2) EVALUATION: Personnel are not familiar with the care, cleaning and utilization of the M-16 rifle. Although this is an old problem, it must be stressed again. Training of these personnel after they got into Vietnam is time consuming and could be costly if an attack came prior to an individual being completely trained with it.

(3) RECOMMENDATIONS: That training centers be made aware of this problem and insure that trainees just don't go to a range and shoot a few rounds down-range. A thorough evaluation of weapons training should be given at training camps to insure individuals are "qualified" with their weapons.


(1) OBSERVATION: Present 60 H.P. outboard motors utilized to power the Boston Whaler are underpowered.

(2) EVALUATION: A more powerful single engine in the 85 - 100 H.P. class is needed to power the Boston Whaler. The present engine must be run at a high RPM in order to meet the operational requirements placed upon it during daily commitments. Operating for prolonged times at high RPM's results in excessive breakage of drive trains and excessive down-time spent in maintenance.

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(3) RECOMMENDATION: Instead of having two 60 H.P. engines power a
1/2 ton Volkswagen, one 85 - 100 H.P. engine would not only do a better job,
but in the long run prove more economical.

a. Communications. None
b. Material. None
c. Other. None

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Organizational Chart

LTC, MC

Commanding

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SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned, 93d Military Police Battalion  
Period Ending 31 January 1970, APO 96238 (R2) (U)

DA, HEADQUARTERS, 16TH MILITARY POLICE GROUP, APO 96238 21 February 1970

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

Commanding Officer, 18th Military Police Brigade, ATTN: AVBGC,  
APO 96238

1. (U) The Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the Quarterly Period  
ending 31 January 1970, for the 93d Military Police Battalion, APO 96238,  
is submitted.

2. (U) This command considers the report adequate. The following comments  
refer to the parts of the report indicated.

   a. Reference paragraph 1c(7), Strengths: Authorized strengths for both  
the beginning (i.e., 1 Nov 69) and end (i.e., 31 Jan 70) of the reporting  
period are incorrect. The errors are caused by two factors: the failure  
to include two attached sentry dog platoons, and the failure to reflect a  
twenty space reduction in each of two assigned infantry companies. The  
correct figures are:

      (1) As of 1 Nov 1969.

      | AUTH | ASG |
      |------|-----|
      | OFF  | WO  | EM  | TOTAL |
      | 34   | 2   | 923 | 959   |
      | 28   | 2   | 796 | 826   |

      (2) As of 31 Jan 1970.

      | AUTH | ASG |
      |------|-----|
      | OFF  | WO  | EM  | TOTAL |
      | 34   | 2   | 883 | 919   |
      | 29   | 2   | 803 | 831   |

   b. Reference paragraph 1d(2)(d)1: In addition to the reasons cited,  
the move of company headquarters and one additional platoon of Company B,  
504th MP Battalion from Pleiku to An Khe was caused by a need to achieve  
greater flexibility in highway operations on QL 19, and in anticipation of  
impending troop redeployment. The "(6)" or line 1 of the referenced para-  
graph, is a typographical error.

   c. Reference paragraphs 1d(2)(d)2 and 3: The 93d MP Battalion operates  
a total of 36 patrols daily. Of these, 20 are combined patrols. These  
figures do not include vehicles deployed in support of convoy escort and  
highway operations.
SUBJECT: Operational Report—Lessons Learned, 593d Military Police Battalion
Period ending 31 January 1970, RCS, CHqR-65 (R2) (U)

d. Reference paragraph 2a(1): Nonconcur. Assignment of "problem" personnel into infantry units did occur for a time during the summer of 1969. This was especially true of Company D, 58th Infantry, 393d MP Battalion, and involved a large number of men with permanent and temporary physical profiles which rendered them ineffective. The problem was resolved before the beginning of period covered by this report, and did not occur throughout the reporting period.

e. Reference paragraph 2a(2): Nonconcur as stated. Specifically, nonconcur with the employment of U.S. female personnel in the area of operations of the 593d MP Battalion, for three reasons: the battalion operates no large-scale resources control checkpoints; the general security conditions throughout the area make such a move inadvisable; and adequate billets would be difficult to procure. However, this command supports the concept of employing female military personnel in a resources control role during stability operations when the following three conditions exist: first, that a very large scale resources control operation, which warrants their employment, is in effect; second, that they will be employed in a relatively secure area; and third, that adequate billets are available. Such conditions are in effect at my Ca checkpoint, Cam Ranh Bay, where more than 10,000 indigenous employees are checked daily. This command again recommends the employment of female U.S. personnel at my Ca checkpoint.

f. Reference paragraph 2c(1): Nonconcur. Present degree of physical force provided by 18th HP brigade Regulation 190-8 is adequate. Under the Command/Provost Marshal Concept, the Battalion Commander is responsible for military police operations and commitments in his area. Although he is exercising that responsibility through subordinates, it cannot be delegated. Consequently, authority to redeploy elements should be retained by Battalion Commanders. Whether Battalion and Group Commanders should have greater authority is a question of judgement. Given present circumstances and conditions: i.e. centralization of military police support at Brigade level, authority down to Battalion level to meet emergency requirements; excellent communications; no change is recommended.

g. Reference paragraph 2c(2): Concur. In the past year, two permanent (and expensive) sentry dog kennels have been abandoned by this command when sentry dog support at the installation was no longer required. The kennels were fixed installations and could not be moved. This command is now working with supported units to secure kennel construction at no less than seven locations in I and II Corps Tactical Zone, in order to deploy sentry dogs to support the physical security of these installations. All of the proposed new sites, plus the twelve locations presently supported by sentry dogs, will eventually be abandoned as a result of Viet Namization." The saving to be realized by the development of a prefabricated, knockdown kennel, both in Vietnam and elsewhere, would be considerable.
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Period ending 31 January 1970, MSG, SFCH-69 (R2)(U)

h. Reference paragraph 2d. Nonconcur. The present structuring of the<br>cells is considered adequate. The problem described by the 93d MP Battalion<br>is a result of a local situation, which has been resolved locally through<br>augmentation of the 1st cell to meet unusual requirements.

i. Reference paragraph 2e. Concur. The low level of familiarity of<br>military policemen arriving in Vietnam, with the M-16 rifle, has been men-
tioned before by subordinate units of this command. It remains a problem to<br>be resolved.

j. Reference paragraph 2f: Noneconcur. The present Boston whisker en-
gines are more than adequate if properly used and maintained.

H. W. ELLIOTT
LTC, NFC
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SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned, 93d Military Police Battalion, Period Ending 31 January 1970, RCS GSFR-65 (R2) (U)

DA, HEADQUARTERS, 18TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, APO 96491

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGC-DST, APO 96375

1. (U) Basic correspondence and 1st Indorsement have been reviewed and are considered adequate as modified below.

2. (U) Reference item concerning replacement personnel, paragraph 2a(1), page 9, basic correspondence: Nonconcur. See paragraph 2d, page 2, 1st Indorsement.

3. (U) Reference item concerning employment of WAC personnel, paragraph 2a(2), page 9, basic correspondence and paragraph 2e, page 2, 1st Indorsements: Concur. A high degree of efficiency could be obtained by utilizing WAC personnel in that they would not be subject to threats and violence and would not tend to be sympathetic toward the people being searched. VN female searches are subject to threats, violence, ostracism andOLL left. Since over two thirds of LNDH personnel are female, the US Government is subject to tremendous losses of property and currency until proper searches of female employees can be accomplished.

4. (U) Reference item concerning need for greater degree of flexibility in commitments, paragraph 2c(1), page 10, basic correspondence: Nonconcur. See paragraph 2f, page 2, 1st Indorsement.

5. (U) Reference item concerning prefabricated sentry dog kennels, paragraph 2c(2), page 10, basic correspondence and paragraph 2g, page 2, 1st Indorsements: Concur. This headquarters is exploring development of purchase of portable kennels. Land Warfare Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, has been asked to supply twenty-five portable kennels to this headquarters for testing.

6. (U) Reference item concerning modification of MP Det (PM), paragraph 2d, page 11, basic correspondence: Nonconcur. See paragraph 2h, page 3, 1st Indorsement.

7. (U) Reference item concerning M-16 rifle training, paragraph 2e, page 11, basic correspondence and paragraph 2i, page 3, 1st Indorsement: Concur. There is a definite need for more intensive and better supervised training with the M-16 prior to personnel arriving in Vietnam.

8. (U) Reference item concerning boston whaler motors, paragraph 2f, page 11, basic correspondence: Nonconcur. See paragraph 2j, page 3, 1st Indorsement. A more powerful motor would cause the boston whaler to be over powered, therefore becoming a safety hazard. The boston whaler has no mission which would justify sacrificing safety for power.
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SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned, 93d Military Police Battalion, Period Ending 31 January 1970, ROS CSPOR-65 (R2) (U)

W. E. HAWKINS
Colonel, MFC
Deputy Commander

CF:
CO, 16th MP Gp

This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report—Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 January 1970 from headquarters, 93d Military Police Battalion and concurs with the comments of informing headquarters.

1. Comments follow:
   a. Reference item concerning "Employment of WAC Personnel", page 7, paragraph 2c(2); 1st Indorsement, paragraph 2e; and 2d Indorsement, paragraph 7; nonconcur with the employment of WAC personnel in the area of operations of the 93d MP Battalion as acceptable billet are not available. However, recommend utilization of WAC personnel at those installations having large scale resources control operations warranting their employment. They have been effectively utilized on a trial basis at Long Binh and at My Cau checkpoint, Cam Ranh Bay. WAC not to be utilized for the sole purpose of searching Vietnamese females. Utilization at the gate should be an additional duty limited to not more than twice weekly. No action at USARPAC or DA is recommended.

   b. Reference item concerning "Need for Greater Degree of Flexibility in Commitments", page 10, paragraph 2c(1); 1st Indorsement, paragraph 2f; and 2d Indorsement, paragraph 4; nonconcur with basic, concur with 1st and 2d Indorsements. Limitations on the commitment of forces are a matter of command prerogative.

   c. Reference item concerning "Prefabricated Sentry Dog Kennels", page 10, paragraph 2c(2); 1st Indorsement, paragraph 2g; and 2d Indorsement, paragraph 5; concur. No action by USARPAC or DA is recommended at this time since the 18th MP Brigade has requested Land Warfare Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, to provide portable dog kennels to this headquarters for testing.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

L. D. MURRAY
CPT, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General
SUBJECT: Operational Report of HQ, 93d Military Police Battalion for Period Ending 31 January 1970, RCS CSPOR-65 (R2) (U)

HQ, US Army, Pacific, APO San Francisco 96558 16 APR 1970

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

This headquarters concurs in subject report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

L.M. OZAKI
CP, AGO
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### Operational Report - Lessons Learned, HQ, 93d Military Police Battalion

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