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SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned, 519th Military Intelligence Battalion (Field Army) (W)

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THRU: Commanding Officer
525th Military Intelligence Group
APO 96307

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

(U) The following report is submitted in accordance with USARV Regulation 870-2, dated 19 July 1966.

SECTION I
SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES (U)

1. (C) At the close of the reporting period the final draft of MTOE's for reorganization of the Battalion were under review in preparation to forwarding them to the 525th Military Intelligence Group. Strengths authorized in draft MTOE's for each company of the Battalion are as indicated below:

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2. (U) Mission for units under the draft MTOE's are as follows:

   a. Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC): To provide administrative and logistical support for the five companies of the battalion.

   b. Combined Documents Exploitation Center (CDEC) Company: To perform intelligence functions of document exploitation in fulfilling the requirements generated by J2, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, and J2, Joint General Staff.

   c. Combined Intelligence Center, Vietnam (CICV) Company: To provide intelligence in response to requirements generated by J2, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, and J2, Joint General Staff.

   d. Combined Materiel Exploitation Center (CMSEC) Company: To provide materiel exploitation in response to requirements generated by J2, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, and J2, Joint General Staff.

   e. Combined Military Interrogation Center (CMIC) Company: To perform intelligence functions of interrogation and document translation in fulfilling requirements generated by J2, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, and J2, Joint General Staff.

3. (U) The purpose of the reorganization and MTOE action as indicated above is to:

   a. Provide better control of personnel: Under the planned reorganization all personnel assigned duty in a combined center will be assigned to the company providing support for that center; e.g., all personnel performing duty at CICV will be assigned to the CICV Company.

   b. Realign personnel authorizations to parallel actual requirements for both MOS and strength.

   c. Realign equipment authorizations to parallel actual requirements for both types and quantities of equipment.

4. (U) The Annual General Inspection of the Battalion was conducted by the Inspector General, United States Army, Vietnam, (USARV) during the period 27 through 30 December 1965. A written report indicating results of the inspection has not been received at this Battalion. The Inspector General determined that the
the Battalion was accomplishing its mission satisfactorily.

SECTION II
PART I
OBSERVATIONS (LESSONS LEARNED) (U)

OPERATIONS

(U) Item: Terrorist Activities.

(U) Discussion: A hand grenade was tossed into a moving jeep by two unknown assailants riding a motorbike. The grenade exploded on the front floor of the passenger side of the vehicle. Both occupants of the jeep escaped with only minor injuries; however, the vehicle was a total loss. This incident occurred at an intersection in the vicinity of X584369524 (Saigon City Map, 1:;2,500 scale, series L909, Edition 1-1965 (FE)) at approximately 1110 hours, 5 January 1967. Two men riding on a motorbike were observed following the jeep for a short distance prior to approaching the intersection. As the jeep turned left at the intersection the motorbike pulled up on the right hand side of the jeep, and the passenger on the motorbike tossed the grenade into the jeep. After delivering the grenade, the assailants turned to the right fleeing the scene. The grenade was wrapped in a rag to either conceal it from view and/or silence the noise when landing in the jeep. The two occupants of the jeep managed to jump out of the jeep before the grenade exploded, and escaped with only minor injuries since the vehicle was traveling at a slow rate of speed.

(U) Observation: a. The possibility of escaping from similar incidents is greatly enhanced when the vehicle is moving at a slow rate of speed. Leaping from a fast-moving vehicle can be as dangerous as the results of the exploding grenade.

b. Beware of motorbikes carrying a passenger.

c. The rear seat of a jeep can be turned around so that persons occupying the seat can observe to the rear of the vehicle. By folding the rear portion of the canvas top forward and securing it on the underside of the top frame, passengers in the rear seat can make a quick exit. This is not recommended for vehicles that normally carry one individual as it makes the driver vulnerable to attack some distance from the rear of the vehicle.
SECTION II
PART II
RECOMMENDATIONS (U)

OPERATIONS (U)

That jeeps assigned to units in the Saigon area, and operated only in the Saigon area, be modified so that the rear passenger seat faces to the rear of the vehicle, if the vehicle normally carries more than one person. Further, the spare tire be removed from the mount and stored under the rear seat and that the rear portion of the top if it is used, be folded forward and secured to the top frame. Establish a policy such that when two or more persons occupy a jeep, configured in this fashion, one person be required to ride in the rear seat.

Cyril P. Metosh
LTC, AIS
Commanding
1. This headquarters in received the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 31 January 1967 from Headquarters 519th Military Intelligence Battalion and forward one copy of the report.

2. Pertinent comments are as follows:

a. The Commanding Officer did not state the number of days the unit was engaged in training, troop movement, and/or operations per USARV Regulation 870-2, para. 5a(1)(b).

b. In Section I, Significant Organization Activities, the Commanding Officer reports the progress of Modified Tables of Organization and Equipment for the Battalion. He cites theHTOE strength of the battalion at 995 personnel. Because Department of the Army carries the battalion at a strength of 1835 personnel it is recommended that the following be added as paragraph 4, Section I:

"Remaining spaces authorized this battalion under TUSA General Order 39, dated 25 January 1966, have been allocated to the 135th, 149th, and 525th Military Intelligence Groups under a reorganization of the military intelligence organization in Vietnam. This reorganization presently being implemented by MACV action, is being accomplished at the direction of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Headquarters, US Military Assistance Command, Vietnam."

FOR THE COMMANDER:

[Signature]

W. A. FREEMAN
Major, ATS
Adjutant

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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 January 1967 from Headquarters, 519th Military Intelligence Battalion (Field Army).

2. Reference Part I, Section II, Page 3; and Part II, Section II, Page 4: This headquarters recognizes the advantage of, and does not prohibit, reversing rear seats in the 2-ton vehicle. This can be accomplished at the organizational level without extensive modification to the vehicle.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

2LT. AGC

JERRY VAN HORN

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HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 16 MAY 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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Experiences of unit engaged in counterinsurgency operations, 1 Nov 66 to 31 Jan 67.

CO, 519th Military Intelligence Battalion

7 February 1967

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