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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 43D MEDICAL GROUP
APO 96240

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23 August 1966

SUBJECT: Operational Report on Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period
Ending 31 July 1966, Reports Control Symbol GSGPO-28 (R1)

TO: Commanding Officer
44th Medical Brigade
APO 96307

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Section 1. Significant Organization or Unit Changes.

1. (U) General status. This command was operational in the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) for the entire three month period however there was a change in the geographical area of responsibility for medical support. The present area of responsibility is now located in Corps Tactical Zone II-South (CTZ II-S). See paragraph 4, mission.

2. (C) Organization.

- a. Annex A, Organizational Chart as of 31 July 1966.
- b. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 43d Medical Group, continued to be assigned to the 44th Medical Brigade.
- c. Units assigned to 43d Medical Group at the beginning of the reporting period were (GO 6, Hqs 44th Medical Brigade, 11 May 1966 (Effective date, 21 April 1965)):

- 6th Convalescent Center
- 8th Field Hospital
- 9th Field Hospital
- 136th Medical Detachment (Team MA) (Dispensary)
- 161st Medical Detachment (Team OA) (Dispensary)
- 498th Medical Company (Air Ambulance)
- 568th Medical Company (Clearing)
- 933rd Medical Detachment (Team KE) (Neuro Surgical)
- 523rd Field Hospital
- 575th Medical Detachment (Team MB) (Dispensary)
- 2nd Mobile Army Surgical Hospital
- 48th Medical Detachment (Team KA) (Surgical)
- 51st Medical Company (Ambulance)
- 70th Battalion HHD
- 85th Evacuation Hospital

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142d Medical Detachment (Team MA) (Dispensary)
152d Medical Detachment (Team MA) (Dispensary)
163d Medical Detachment (Team OA) (Dispensary)
463d Medical Detachment (Team KA) (X-Ray)
528th Medical Laboratory (Mobile Section)
67th Evacuation Hospital
134th Medical Detachment (Team OA) (Dispensary)

d. Effective 1 July, the following units were reassigned to
the 55th Medical Group (GO 9, Hq 44th Medical Brigade, 10 June 1966):

2d Mobile Army Surgical Hospital
48th Medical Detachment (Team KA) (Surgical)
51st Medical Company (Ambulance)
67th Evacuation Hospital
70th Medical Battalion, HHD
85th Evacuation Hospital
142d Medical Detachment (Team MA) (Dispensary)
152d Medical Detachment (Team MA) (Dispensary)
163d Medical Detachment (Team OA) (Dispensary)
463d Medical Detachment (Team KA) (X-Ray)
528th Medical Laboratory (Mobile Section)
542d Medical Company (Clearing)

e. Effective 8 June 1966, the 61st Medical Battalion,
HHD and the 98th Medical Detachment (Team KO) were assigned to the 43d
Medical Group (GO 14, Hqs 44th Medical Brigade, 22 June 1966).

The 61st Medical Battalion is located in the Cam Ranh Bay Area and the
98th Medical Detachment is at Nha Trang. The mission of the 61st
Medical Battalion is to:

- (1) Provide area medical service to units without an
assigned or organic medical support capability.
- (2) Supervise professional medical services of sub-
ordinate units.
- (3) Exercise custody of medical records and render
reports on patients treated as required by current directives.
- (4) Provide for the security of personnel, equipment,
facilities and billets of all elements assigned or attached.
- (5) Provide command, control and planning for all
elements assigned or attached.

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(6) Provide battalion-level supply and organizational maintenance to assigned or attached units in the Cam Ranh Bay/Phan Rang area.

(7) Provide dispensary facilities and 240 operational beds to be located in Tuy Hoa, utilizing assets of 563d Clearing Company when that unit is operational.

(8) Augment 8th Field Hospital, Nha Trang, with 240 operational beds, utilizing assets of 563th Clearing Company.

(9) Provide land evacuation support within its area of responsibility, utilizing ambulances of 418th Ambulance Company.

3. (U) Command. Colonel Ralph E Conant 065400, Medical Corps, was group commander from the beginning of the reporting period through 20 June 1966. His successor was Lieutenant Colonel Robert F Glock, 062936, Medical Corps, who served as group commander from 21 June to 25 July 1966. Lieutenant Colonel Robert M Hall, 070358, Medical Corps assumed command as acting commander on 26 July and served as group commander for the remainder of the reporting period.

4. (FOUO) Mission. A new Letter of Instruction to the 43d Medical Group was published by the 44th Medical Brigade on 12 June 1966. Following is an extract of the letter which defines the geographical area of responsibility: "The Commanding Officer, 43d Medical Group in support of United States Army, Vietnam (USARV) and other Free World Military Assistance Force (FWMF) located in Corps Tactical Zone II-South (CTZ II-S) which includes the provinces of Darlac, Khanh Hoa, Ninh Thuan, Tuyon Due, Quang Duc, Lam Dong, and Binh Thuan."

5. (U) Command Arrangements.

This headquarters experienced no major problems in coordinating support requirements with the Nha Trang Sub-Area Command of the United States Army Support Command Cam Ranh Bay.

6. (U) Personnel. No unusual problems were experienced in the field of personnel except as indicated in Section 2, para 1.

7. (U) Operations.

a. Within the geographical area of responsibility, all I Field Forces Vietnam (IFFORCEV) directed operations were medically supported by 43d Medical Group. Major (brigade-size) operations supported included John Paul Jones, Hawthorne, Paul Revere, Beauregard and Hooker 1.

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b. Selected Medical operational and statistical data are Appended (Annex B).

c. During Operation Paul Revere conducted by the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division continually from 10 May to the present, the 43d Medical Group provided all medical support until 1 July when the 55th Medical Group became operational. The 43d Medical Group provided back up support for the 55th during July and continued to provide Aero Medical Evacuation for all units in II Corps Tactical Zone. Medical regulating between groups was monitored by the 44th Medical Brigade MRO. No major problems were encountered.

d. The 6th Convalescent Center became operational on 15 May 1966 with a total of 180 operating beds. On 17 July 1966 the operating bed capacity was expended to 250.

e. Operating beds of assigned medical facilities totaled 1015 on 31 July 1966. Included was the 12th USAF Hospital (200 beds) for which this headquarters has regulating responsibility.

Section 2. Commander's Recommendations and Lessons Learned.

1. (U) Personnel Allocations.

a. Item: Lack of authorized personnel spaces continue to be a problem.

b. Discussion:

(1) A letter from this headquarters, dated 23 May 1966, was forwarded to 44th Medical Brigade requesting an MTOE of the Hq and Hq Det, 43d Medical Group. The MTOE was a request for an increase of eight (8) enlisted spaces. Of particular importance to this command are the requested spaces, two (2) medical records Specialists (MOS 71G) and six (6) radio operators (MOS C5B). Action on this request is pending.

c. Recommendation: That the MTOE as submitted be approved.

Robert M Hall
ROBERT M HALL
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ANNEX - A Organizational Chart

ANNEX - B Selected Medical Statistical and Operational data

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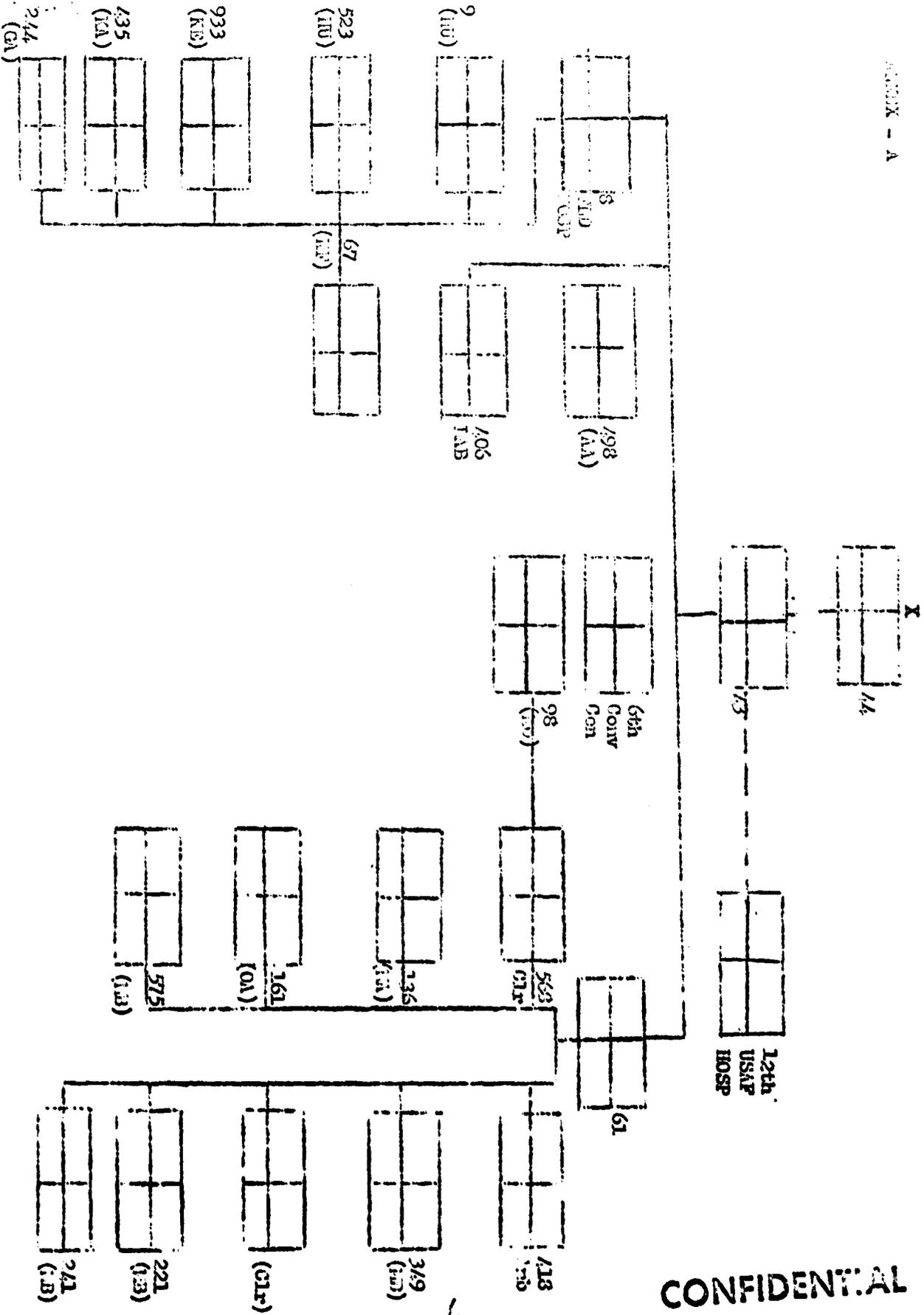
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ANNEX B, Operational Report on Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period
Ending 31 July 1966, 43d Medical Group, APO 96240

SELECTED MEDICAL STATISTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Ground Ambulance Evacuation</u>				
Missions	1057	1206	382	2545
Total Patients Evacuated	3739	4635	1129	9503
<u>Air Ambulance Evacuation</u>				
Missions	952	941	929	2822
Total Patients Evacuated	1648	2016	1851	5515

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TO: Commanding General, 1st Logistical Command, ATTN: AVC-GO-H, APO
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1. (U) This unit was operational during the entire period covered by the basic report.

2. (U) Reference Section 2, paragraph 1. b., basic report. It is felt that the requirement for two (2) Medical Records Specialists (71C) positions requested in the MTOE submitted 25 May 1966 no longer exists. At that time, all medical records and reports from subordinate units were forwarded to Medical Group headquarters for collation prior to being forwarded to higher headquarters. Under present conditions, all Hospitals, Clearing Companies, and Dispensaries forward all medical records and reports directly to the new Central Medical Records Agency at Headquarters, USARV. There is no anticipated change in the current system within the foreseeable future.

3. (U) Concur with all other provisions of the basic report, but do not concur with the recommendation of the Medical Group Commander for reasons stated in paragraph 2, above.

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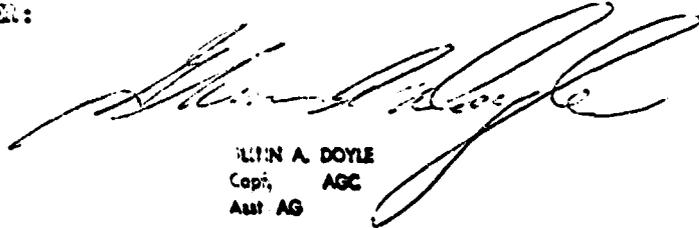
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TO: Commanding General, United States Army, Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGO-DH
APO 96307

1. (U) Forwarded in accordance with A. 1-19 and USAFV Regulation 870-2.
2. (U) Concur with the Operational Report of the 43rd Medical Group as indorsed.

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

1. (U) The Operational Report-Lessons Learned submitted by the 43rd Medical Group for the period ending 31 July 1966 is forwarded herewith.
2. (U) Concur with the comments contained in the basic report except Paragraph 1b, Section II.
3. (U) Concur with Paragraph 2, 1st Indorsement. The MTCB for Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 43rd Medical Group, which established the requirement for eight additional men, was dispatched to USARPAC 6 September 1966.

FOR THE COMMANDER



R. J. THORNTON
1st Lt, AGC
Asst Adjutant General

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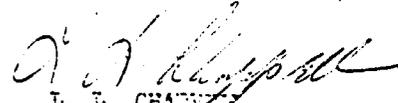
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HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 22 NOV 1966

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

The basic report is concurred in as indorsed. The MTOE for the
43d Medical Group is being processed by this headquarters against a
USARV assigned priority of January 1967.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:


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