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1. (C) Operations: Significant Activities.

a. Mission. During the period 1 August through 31 October 1970, the 18th Military Police Brigade provided military police support throughout the Republic of Vietnam (RVN), to US Army tactical, logistical and installation commanders. This support included the following: law enforcement; criminal investigation; physical security for installations, inland waterways, ships, ports and billets; combat support escort for military convoys and 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 police patrols, and population and resources control checkpoints with the RVN National Police (Canh Sat), ARVN Military Police (Quan Canh) and other Free World Military Assistance Forces; and the confinement of military prisoners in the USARV Installation Stockades.

b. Organization. An 18th Military Police Brigade organizational chart is attached as Inclosure 1 with their locations shown at Inclosure 2. Major subordinate headquarters of the brigade are shown below:

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

c. Personnel, Morale and Discipline.

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(2) Key Personnel Assignments and Departures:

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Wounded

| 2   | 0  | 4  | 6     |

(b) Non-battle Losses

Killed

| 0   | 0  | 4  | 4     |

Injured

| 1   | 2  | 11 | 14    |

(4) Reenlistments:

Eligible | Reenlistments |
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63       | 11            |

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(b) RA Career 42 42
(c) AUS 59 0
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(b) As of 31 October 1970 (Total Brigade)

| OFF  | WO   | EM   | TOTAL |
| 209  | 97   | 4540 | 4846  |
| 229  | 88   | 4698 | 5015  |

(7) Extensions of Overseas Tours:
(a) Total Extensions

| OFF  | EM | TOTAL |
| 1    | 184| 185   |
| 3    | 225| 228   |
| 0    | 134| 134   |

(b) Under PL 89-735 (6 Mos)

| OFF  | EM | TOTAL |
| 0    | 39 | 39    |
| 0    | 37 | 37    |
| 0    | 41 | 41    |

(8) Discipline, Law and Orders:
(a) General Courts - 0
(b) Special Courts - 42
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(c) Summary Courts - 0
(d) Article 15, UCMJ - 289
(9) Congressional Inquiries: 123
(10) Publications:
18th MP Bde Reg 600-2, Prisoner Escort to US Disciplinary Barracks, 1 Oct 70
18th MP Bde Reg 623-105 (Suppl 1), Officer Efficiency Report, 9 Oct 70
18th MP Bde Cir (0) 210-3, Station List, 1 Oct 70
18th MP Bde Form 8, Flight Info Form, 28 Aug 70
18th MP Bde Form 13, SOI/SSI, Hand Receipt, 11 Oct 70
18th MP Bde Form 54, Interview Board Proceedings, 8 Oct 70
18th MP Bde Form 107, Monthly Stockade Status Report, 21 Aug 70

(11) Public/Command Information Activities: During the quarterly period (August-October), the Brigade received very diversified news coverage. Military publications which printed Brigade releases included The Army Times, MACV Observer, Stars and Stripes, The MP Journal, The Griffin and the USARV Reporter.

(12) Civic Action: During the reporting period, 33,280 VN$ were expended from the Brigade Assistance-in-Kind (AIK) Civic Action Imprest Fund in support of pacification and civic action programs. The projects included painting a dispensary in Cong Thanh, buying and installing windows in the Bien Hoa Police Station and buying new fishing nets for the prisoners on Phu Quoc Island.

(13) Historical Program: Section I of Operational Reports - Lessons Learned as submitted by all Brigade elements were reviewed for historical accuracy.

d. (U) Intelligence and Counter-Intelligence.

(1) During the reporting period, the Brigade processed intelligence documents from lateral and higher headquarters in the form of intelligence summaries, periodic intelligence reports, and intelligence spot reports. Pertinent information was analyzed, extracted, and disseminated to using units as required through messages, periodic intelligence reports intelligence spot reports and liaison visits.

(2) Routine coordination continues to be effected with the following units to insure timely exchange of police and tactical information and intelligence: USARV DCSOPS, Intelligence & Security Div; Army Operations Center, I Field Force G2, II Field Force G2, XIV Corps G2, 702d Military Intelligence Detachment and Long Binh Post G2.

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(3) Daily briefings were presented throughout the reporting period to inform the Brigade Commander and his staff of current friendly and enemy-initiated actions. Weekly Order of Battle briefings were also presented along with a forecast of enemy activity for the week ahead.

(4) Continual after-duty hours security checks were made throughout the Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment by the Intelligence Officer.

(5) Incoming personnel received an oral, unclassified security orientation, and personnel pending leave, DEROS or SEROS received an oral debriefing by the Intelligence Officer.

(6) Seven requests for TOP SECRET clearances were processed. Twenty SECRET clearances were granted and twelve SECRET clearances were validated.

(7) A total of 228 SECRET documents were on hand as of 31 October 1970. No TOP SECRET, and 37 SECRET documents were received during the quarter.

(8) A 100% inventory of all SECRET documents was conducted on 7 October 1970. All documents were on hand or properly accounted for through certificates of destruction or receipts to subordinate units. During the quarter 27 documents were found to be of no further use, and were destroyed.

(9) The Brigade Police Information Report was published monthly during the quarter. The PM, 3d Bde, 9th Inf Division and PM, 199th Light Inf Bde were dropped from distribution. The PH, USAF; PM D/WRC; PM, 4th Transportation Command; PM, USAHAG; and Director of Public Safety, USAF, for NPs 1 and 4 were added to the distribution list.

(10) Effective 1 September 1970, the 18th Military Police Brigade Signal Office initiated a comprehensive program of internal CONSEC monitoring. Specific areas of interest include, but are not limited to: use of the CIRCE Wheel Code, NESTOR utilization, radio/telephone procedures, maintenance of communications equipment and storage and handling of crypto material. Each military police battalion is monitored for a one month period to insure an adequate opportunity to evaluate all aspects of CONSEC. Radio nets are sampled on a random basis and, whenever possible, the monitoring is unannounced. To date, one military police battalion has been monitored with the following results:

(a) FM radio/telephone procedures throughout the battalion were outstanding.

(b) No security violations were noted.

(c) Radio transmissions were kept to an absolute minimum and procedural errors were few in number.

(d) Use of the CIRCE Wheel Code is presently being expanded, as it was not being used uniformly among PM offices.

(e) The communications: maintenance program of one detachment was rated unsatisfactory.

This monitoring program will continue among other Brigade units to insure that a satisfactory CONSEC posture is being maintained.

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e. Operations and Plans.
(1) Publications.
(a) Change #1 to 18th MP Bde Reg 525-45.
(b) Change #1 to 18th MP Bde Reg 190-30.
(c) 18th MP Bde Cir 213-2.
(d) Change #1 to 18th MP Bde Reg 190-8.
(2) Operational Activities.
(a) On 21 August 1970, a platoon-size element of the 458th Trans Co (PBR) was attached to the CO, 16th MP Group. Logistical and maintenance support for the waterborne assets remained the responsibility of the CO, 458th Trans Co (PBR).
(b) The Operations Section, coordinated all input and edited materials for the day-long Commander's Conference held on 9 October 1970. Subjects discussed during the conference covered many areas of command interest which would enhance the overall effectiveness of the 18th MP Bde.
(c) A PBR Inspection Checklist, comprised of sections dealing with operations, maintenance, and the communications equipment on PBR's and BN's, was established for use on future monthly inspections. The checklist was first used in an actual inspection on 26 October 1970, with extremely satisfactory results. The Brigade's PBR Inspection Team will inspect each PBR site monthly until final disposition of the PBR assets is made.
(3) Civilian Personnel.
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(4) Plans. During the reporting period, Brigade OPLAN 9-70 (Tuy Hoa) (U) dated 25 Sep 70 was published. This SECRET plan implements USARV OPLAN Tuy Hoa (C) dated C5716000F Sep 70 and provides instructions to the Commanding Officer, 16th Military Police Group to redeploy personnel and equipment to Tuy Hoa in prescribed phases in preparation for assuming responsibility for discipline, law, and order functions from the Air Force.
(5) Force Development.
(a) On 24 August 1970, MTOE 19-500G for the 8th Military Police Group (Criminal Investigation), was submitted to Hqs, USARV. The new MTOE documented an addition of 2 officers, 11 warrant officers and 40 enlisted personnel.
ith the bulk of the added warrant officers and enlisted personnel being criminal investigators. Four merihana detector dog handlers and dogs were also included. A total of 53 personal spaces was requested from the USARV Debit/Credit Account since the brigade already had a significant amount of trade-off spaces pending because of other earlier MTOE submissions (Da Nang Military Police Detachment (PM) and the 284th Military Police Company (Confinement). On 5 Sep 70, USARV returned the MTOE to brigade approving the four enlisted spaces for the dog handlers but disapproving the remaining 49 spaces due to pending higher priority requirements and the shortage of personnel spaces resulting from USAVN troop redeployments.

(b) Currently a new Brigade MTDA is being prepared to activate a 146 man customs unit to operate country-wide customs inspections at ports of debarkation and APCs. Concurrently, MTOEs are being prepared to change Company C, 52d Infantry to a 160 man MTOE 19-35G Military Police Company and inactivate the 458th Transportation Company (FBR). This planned inactivation date of the 458th Transportation Company (FBR) is tentatively scheduled for 1 April 1971 and it is envisioned that the 167 personnel spaces will be utilized as trade-off spaces to activate the customs unit and augment the personnel strength of Company C, 52d Infantry concurrent with its redesignation as a Military Police Company.

(c) At the present time, as required by USARV directives, 16 detailed MTOEs are being submitted for 39 brigade units. The purpose of this one-time requirement is to provide Headquarters, USARV and USARPAC with an automated current MTOE data base which will allow future MTOE changes for brigade units to be processed in approximately one-half the time required under the current system. USARV's target date for submission of the MTOE's was 31 Oct 70.

(6) Organization.

(a) The diminishing Marine and expanding Army involvement in the Da Nang and MR 1 areas necessitated the following unit relocations during the period:

1 188th Military Police Company completed its move from Long Binh to Da Nang on 7 Aug 70.

2 HQ, 504th Military Police Battalion relocated from Phu Bai to Da Nang on 13 Aug 70.

3 HQ, 16th Military Police Group relocated from Nha Trang to Da Nang on 31 Sep 70.

(b) The Military Police Detachment (Confinement) (Provisional) which was activated 15 Jul 70 assumed control of the USMC Confinement Facility at Camp Land, Da Nang on 10 Aug 70. The facility is now called U.S. Army Vietnam Installation Stockade, Da Nang (USAIVIS, DITG). It serves as a pre-trial confinement facility for US Army units and a confinement facility for other services located in MR 1 and MR 2.

(7) Physical Security Survey Seminar. HQs, 16th Military Police Brigade, conducted a 3 day Physical Security Survey Seminar 22-24 Oct 70. Lectures and discussion evolved around physical security principles,
problems and survey report preparation. This seminar was attended by 26 personnel representing brigade, division and field force personnel. The purpose of the seminar was to instruct military police personnel to conduct physical security surveys and to advise commanders at all levels concerning physical security matters.

(8) Pre-Annual General Inspections. The 18th Military Police Brigade conducted Pre-Annual General Inspections of the 504th and 720th Military Police Battalions during this quarter. The objective of these inspections is to assist and prepare subordinate units for their respective Annual General Inspections. These inspections are designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the unit in carrying out assigned missions and include inquiries into the status of discipline, efficiency and economy. The inspections cover all functional areas of command to include personnel matters, morale and welfare, records administration, physical and classified security, operations and training, supply and maintenance, and mess and funds. Emphasis is placed on Department of the Army and USAV major and special subjects and areas of interest.

(9) Sentry Dogs. During the past quarter new operational sentry dog commitments were initiated at 5 new installations: POL Storage Yard, DaNang; 500-600 Storage Yard, DaNang; Camp Land, DaNang; Dong Ba Thin Army Airfield; and Tuy Hoa Army Airfield. Redeploymenr resulted in the termination of sentry dog employment at Ty Minh and the 483rd Field Storage Yard, Long Binh. Sentry dogs employed at Pleiku were redeployed to Tuy Hoa. Total sentry dog employment increased over the last quarter from 342 sentry dog teams to 359 sentry dog teams.

(10) Patrol Dogs. The brigade received 2 patrol dog teams on 28 Oct 70. A 90 day, 4-chase evaluation program has been developed for implementation by the 212th MP Company (SD). It is hoped that the patrol dogs will prove successful in areas where the sentry dog is handicapped such as populated and work areas.

(11) Status of the new detention facility, USARVIS (LBN). Construction on the new 120-cell maximum security cell block for the USARVIS (LBN) is 45% completed as of 31 Oct 70. Estimated completion date is 19 Dec 70.

(12) USAV Installation Stockade (LBN). On 1 August 1970, the stockade population was 392. By 31 October 1970, the population had dropped to 355. During the quarter, 766 prisoners were received into confinement and 803 were discharged. There were 48 prisoners separated from the service by administrative discharge and 117 prisoners were returned to duty as a result of clemency actions.

f. Logistics. Information pertaining to the XM706 Armored Car (V-100) is being forwarded to EQ, USAV, and the Tank Automotive Command (TACOM). This information is primarily a notification of the critical shortage of replacement parts, even utilizing appropriate requisition channels. Also covered was the lack of training of personnel at the organizational maintenance level and their marked inability to properly repair the V-100.


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a. Personnel.

(1) Assignment of Additional Mechanics.

(a) OBSERVATION: Sufficient numbers of trained maintenance personnel are not assigned to this headquarters.

(b) EVALUATION: Under normal standards one mechanic is authorized for each twelve motor vehicles. At the present time, no mechanics are authorized for the XM706 vehicles. Because of the inherent shortage of trained mechanics (MC63B), military police (MC69B) have had to be trained in the maintenance of this vehicle. There has been no in-country training program for the XM706; therefore, more time is necessary for the personnel to become familiar with this equipment.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That additional maintenance personnel be assigned to alleviate the organizational maintenance problem with the XM706 Armored Car.

b. Intelligence. None.

c. Operations.

(1) Sentry Dog Sliding-Scale Commitment.

(a) OBSERVATION: A sliding-scale, or nonstatic, commitment of sentry dog teams utilizing the concept of employing varying numbers of sentry dog teams nightly appears sound.

(b) EVALUATION: During the period 24 Aug - 5 Oct 70, sentry dog teams were committed to approved posts at Dong Ha Thin Army Air Field. The Commanding Officer, 10th Aviation Battalion requested that sentry dogs be employed on his perimeter as soon as possible, but, due to other existing commitments, available resources were limited and insufficient to provide coverage for all survey approved posts. Intelligence reports at that time indicated increased enemy activity in the area and the requestor felt that the presence of sentry dog teams on the installation perimeter, regardless of the number, would greatly enhance security. Initially only four (4) sentry dog teams were available for commitment to ten (10) posts. Based on the request of the unit to be supported, and with the approval of the Brigade Commander, a sliding-scale commitment was assumed. The number of teams used nightly varied from three (3) to a maximum of nine (9). It was decided, with resources limited as they were, to limit those posts manned to a single six-hour shift per night, and the time of greatest criticality was determined to be from 2200-0400 hours. Those teams available were employed nightly on varying approved posts. Close, in fact, daily coordination had to be made between the supported and the supporting unit to insure perimeter guard forces (bunker and tower guards) could be adjusted to provide security for those portions of the perimeter not patrolled by sentry dog teams. No significant problems were encountered and this method of employment proved very successful. The key, of course, is that daily coordination be affected between the supported and supporting unit to no gap in the perimeter security results.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That a sliding-scale commitment be considered for future employment of sentry dog teams when available resources do not permit assuming a firm commitment.
(2) Reduction of Waiting Time Prior to CONUS Prisoner Shipments.

(a) OBSERVATION: When shipping prisoner personnel to CONUS via Bien Hoa Air Base, it has been necessary to have the escort and prisoner personnel report to that base four hours prior to ETD of aircraft. This appears to be far in excess of the necessary time to process the shipment for onward movement.

(b) EVALUATION: Normal procedures are that if the ETD of the aircraft is 1000 hours, it is necessary for the shipment to depart USAVIS at 0530 so that it would arrive at Bien Hoa Air Base at 0900. Upon arrival, the OIC inquires as to the time shipment will be processed. Usually this processing time is set for two hours prior to ETD by the Air Force. In the interim the escort and prisoners remain in the bus outside the terminal. However the processing takes approximately only 20 minutes and the rest of the time till the aircraft’s ETD is consumed in waiting in the bus that transported them there. This waiting could be the direct cause of a disturbance by the prisoners and also creates a security risk when the prisoners get restless.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: The reporting time at Bien Hoa Air Base should be established not in excess of 2½ hours prior to ETD of the aircraft as is the case presently at Tan Son Nhut Air Base. This will not only reduce the possibility of an incident but will also be a savings in the amount of per diem paid.

d. Organization. None.
e. Training. None.
f. Logistics. XM706 Modifications.

(1) OBSERVATION: There are several problems with the XM706 Armored Car which cannot be corrected at this level.

(2) EVALUATION:

(a) The tire demounter, FSN 6910-683-9362, is incapable of mounting or demounting the steel sidewall tires.

(b) There are no provisions to mount a spare tire nor is one authorized in the OEM or BILL.

(c) There is a critical shortage of repair parts in country (e.g., accelerator cables, differentials, tires, transfer assemblies, engines, clutch assemblies, and transmissions).

(d) The fuel tanks are located behind the front wheels and have no fire prevention sealant. This is an extremely vulnerable combination in the event of hostile fire or vehicle collision.

(3) RECOMMENDATIONS:

(a) A tire demounter capable of mounting steel sidewall tires should be fabricated and authorized at battalion level.

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(b) One spare tire per vehicle should be authorized in either OVM or BILL and mounted on vehicle.

(c) A comprehensive study should be conducted to determine the reason for repair parts shortages for the XM706.

(d) Install a collapsible or fireproof type fuel tank.

| g. Communications. |
| h. Material. None. |
| i. Other. None. |

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TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT,
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1. This Headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned
for the quarterly period ending 31 October 1970 from Headquarters, 18th
Military Police Brigade.

2. Comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning "Force Development," page 6, paragraph
1e(5)(b): nonconcur. On 23 November 1970 this Headquarters disapproved
the request for redesignation of Company C, 52d Infantry as a Military
Police Company. Unit has been so advised.

b. Reference item concerning "Assignment of Additional Mechanics,"
page 9, paragraph 2a(1): nonconcur. Mechanics are not normally authorized
one per twelve vehicles as stated in reference paragraph. AR 570-2 contains
a formula which is used to compute the number of automotive mechanics a unit
requires. Factors to be used in the formula depend upon the number and
type of vehicles and trailers required and category of the unit. A random
check of the 18th MP Bde units shows that automotive mechanics requirements
are correct. HHD, 18th MP Bde has no mechanics (MOS 63B or 630); however,
Section 1 of the MTOE states that "This unit is dependent upon one of the
assigned or attached Military Police or other units for mess and motor main-
tenance support." If a unit in the 18th MP Bde is found to have fewer mech-
anics required than the amount computed by AR 570-2, the unit should submit
a change to its MTOE/TDA in accordance with AR 510-49 and appropriate space
trade-offs must be made. Unit has been so advised.

c. Reference item concerning "Logistics. XM706 Modifications," page
10, paragraph 2f. A new tire demounter has been developed by TACOM and
is presently awaiting funds to release this item for production. A change
in OVM for the XM706 Armored Car authorizing a fifth tire and rim to be
carried on the vehicle is awaiting approval by the Combat Development
Command. TACOM is currently testing different gas tank versions to reduce
fires and is considering incorporation of the M113 fire suppression kit
into the XM706. A study has been made by USARV to determine reasons for
repair parts shortages. Loss of initial repair parts, lack of valid requisitions, and large demands over relatively short time periods have contributed to this problem. Action is being taken by USARV to correct this situation. A New Equipment Training Team from USATACOM is presently in RVN to provide operator and maintenance training on the XM706. Unit has been so advised.

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This headquarters concurs in subject report as indorsed.

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