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Page 13, Para 2-a(1), (Added) (d) Command Action: N/A

Page 13, Para 2-a(2), (Added) (d) Command Action: CO, 504th MP Bn has implemented frequent assistance visits by Bn S-4 to the units in order to provide guidance to the inexperienced personnel working in the Bn Supply Rooms.

Page 14, Para 2-c(1), (Added) (d) Command Action: CO, 504th MP Bn has issued detailed instructions in the form of policy letters, SOP's and briefings with PM's under his command in order to reinforce the role of the military police at VN/American Confrontations.

Page 15, Para 2-f(1), (Added) (d) Command Action: The importance of organizational maintenance has been stressed at all levels within the Bn to insure that proper and timely maintenance is performed.

Page 15, Para 2-g(1), (Added) (d) Command Action: The problem has been partially alleviated through the use of radio relays utilizing equipment currently available within the battalion.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

[Signature]

JOHN A. CAPRIO
CPT, INF
Adjutant
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1. (C) Operations: Significant Activities:
   a. Mission: To provide area military police support and provost marshal services in Military Region 1 to Sub-zone Commanders/Coordinators, tactical units, units without organic military police support and others as directed by the Commanding Officer, 16th Military Police Group, utilizing personnel and equipment resources assigned or attached to the 504th Military Police Battalion.
   c. Personnel, Morale, and Discipline:
      (1) Decorations:
         (a) Legion of Merit - 1
         (b) Bronze Star (V) - 4
         (c) Bronze Star (S) - 51
         (d) Army Commendation (S) - 117
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(e) Discipline, Law and Order:

(a) General Courts - 1
(b) Special Courts - 4
(c) Summary Courts - 0

(d) Article 15, UCMJ - 82

(9) Congressional Inquiries: 17

(10) Publications: LOI 157-71, Leave and Pass Policy, dated 30 June 71, and unnumbered LOI for Vehicle Control, dated 1 Sep 71, were published by Headquarters, 504th Military Police Battalion.

(11) Public/Command Information Activities:

(a) The following stories were published in the 18th Military Police Brigade Newspaper "Roundup".

1 US Consul Dedicatges PMO - June edition
2 The 504th Has Been There - June edition
3 Dentist MP "Santa" Join To Aid Asians - June edition
4 Narco's Hurt Pushers - July edition
5 Thru The Mist of the Hai Van - August edition
6 Memorial Services For Babin - September edition
7 Camp Babin Dedication - September edition
8 Tots Received Toys From Across The Sea - September edition
9 504th Marks Organization Day - September edition
10 Mai Loc Crew Fierce Felines - October edition
11 Woodstock A Rolling Stone - October edition
12 Charlie Shows Pistol Power - October edition
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(b) The following is a list of hometown news releases by month, for a total of 304:

1. May - 23
2. Jun - 10
3. Jul - 22
4. Aug - 24
5. Sep - 175
6. Oct - 50

(12) Civic Actions:

(a) Co C, 504th MP Bn assisted in the evacuation of local nationals from a flooded hamlet approximately one mile north of Quang Tri Combat Base.

(13) Historical Programs: The Battalion Historical program is kept by the Battalion Information Specialist.

(a) 15 May - Organization Day: On Armed Forces Day, elements of the 504th MP Bn gathered at Camp David Land, Vietnam, to pause and mark the 30th Anniversary of the 504th MP Bn to include the 5th Anniversary of the 18th Military Police Brigade. Two historical dedications were made at this time. A Memorial Monument was dedicated in memory of those military policemen who gave their lives in support of operation Lam Son 719. A Memorial Library was also dedicated to SP4 Jacob E. Babin, who was killed in action on Highway QL-9.

(b) 26 July - Camp Bihan Dedication: Co A, 504th MP Bn in Phu Bai dedicated a monument to SP4 Jacob E. Babin, who was killed in action in March 71 during contact with enemy along Highway QL-9. The structure is located in Phu Bai at Company "A" cantonment area.

(c) 25 September - 30th Military Police Anniversary: The 30th Anniversary of the Military Police Corps was celebrated in full ceremony at Camp David Land. Adjutant's dedication speech, the placing of floral wreath on monument, and social and athletic events capped the day's activities.

d. Intelligence and Counterintelligence

(1) Intelligence is collected from the following sources:

(c) Intelligence Spot Reports from higher headquarters.
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(b) Intelligence Spot Reports from subordinate units.

(c) Local MI units.

(d) Sector and XXIV Corps G-2.

(e) National Police.

(f) 101st LiF Div (ABN) G-2.

(2) Intelligence Spot Reports: Information generated by MP road patrols has provided timely information on highway condition which has been a great help in regulating convoys thereby preventing convoys from stacking up on the highway and becoming a potential enemy target.

(3) Counter-Intelligence: Support is provided by local MI units plus inspections by 16th MP Gp and 18th MP Bde S-2s.

(4) Intelligence Spot Reports processed — 87

(5) Security Actions processed — 84

Communications and COMSEC Activities:

(1) In July 1971, a military police administrative net operating on 69.00 MHz was established in MP allowing any one with an FM radio to contact military police for assistance or to report an accident or other incidents. This net requires units to call military police by using the name of the local city/town plus the word military police.

(2) Due to parts not being available at support maintenance level, this battalion has experienced a high rate of dead line radio equipment. One contributing factor is that support maintenance must hold equipment for 90 days before they can send it on to the next echelon for repair when they do not have the parts or capability for repairs. This has impaired the units communication capability.

(3) Number of RTT messages processed during the period of 1 Nov thru 30 Apr 71 — 4400 compared to 3524 messages for the current period 1 May thru 31 Oct 71. The following is a breakdown by month for the current period:
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MONTH           MSG PROCESSED
May             507
Jun             528
Jul             622
Aug             726
Sep             653
Oct             488

f. Operations and Plans

(1) Publication of OPORDS and OPLANS
   (a) OPORD 1-71 (Operation Miss America USO Show) dated 15 Aug 71.
   (b) OPORD 2-71 *(Drug Suppression Raid) dated 31 Aug 71.
   (c) OPLAN 3-71 DaNang, 23 Jul 71 (Movement of Company C)
   (d) OPLAN 4-71 *Base Defense Plan, Camp David Land, 10 Oct 71.

(2) Review of Significant Operational Activities
   (a) Miss America USO Show '72

   Mission: To provide VIP escort and security, pedestrian and vehicle traffic control, stage security, and crowd control during the stay of the Miss America Show Troupe during their visit to DaNang during the period 16-19 Aug 1971.

   Narrative Summary of the Operation:

   a. Personnel tasked for the mission, which consisted of 5 officers and 36 EM of the 504th MP Bn, and 2 officers and 44 EM from other security agencies, were briefed as to their responsibilities on 16 Aug 71.

   b. The Show Troupe arrived by helicopter at Camp Baxter at 1545 hours, 16 Aug 71, and were quartered at China Beach R&R Center. The troupe visited the China Beach USO, Camp Carter, 95th Evac Hesp, and performed in a show at the Freedom Hill Amphitheater during their tour
of the Da Nang area. Due to prior coordination with supported and supporting units, the security and escort mission was executed without incidents and the troops departed safely at 0815 hours, 19 Aug 71, from 15th Aerial Port.

Weather conditions did not affect this operation as the weather was clear and sunny.

(b) Operation Lam Son 810

Mission: The battalion furnished direct military police support in the areas of traffic control, road security, control of local nationals, and discipline, law and order.

Narrative Summary of the Operation:

During the period 6 Sep 71 to 26 Sep 71, eight military policemen from Co C, 504th MP Bn provided military police support for Operation Lam Son 810 at Mai Loc.

Co C, 504th Military Police Battalion established a CP at Mai Loc to coordinate the control of vehicles and personnel entering and leaving Mai Loc. The area of operations included the fire support base (GC YD 107553), MSR roadway from the intersection of QL-1 and QL-9 at Dong Ha, west along QL-9 to Cam Lo and south from the intersection at Cam Lo to the FSB and military police patrols were deployed to keep the area clear of all LN.

Generally weather conditions did not affect the military police operation but during tropical storm periods, road patrols and vehicle movement were kept to a minimum.

Combined Police Raid in Dong Ha City, Cam Lo Village, and Quang Tri City was conducted on 2 Sep 71.

Mission: To confiscate marijuana and narcotics and apprehend the sellers of marijuana and narcotics in Dong Ha City (Hwy QL-1), Cam Lo Village (Hwy QL-9), and Quang Tri City (Hwy QL-1).

Narrative Summary of the Operation:

A total of twelve men were used on the operation; four National Policemen, two NNS personnel, one military police officer, three military policemen, one National Police advisor and one enlisted M-113 operator.
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The twelve man force moved along QL-1 and QL-9 in the M-113, with the operator attempting to purchase marijuana or narcotics. As a purchase was effected, the National Police deployed from the M-113, confiscated the evidence, apprehended the subjects and searched the immediate area for additional marijuana or narcotics.

As a result of the operation, 20 marijuana cigarettes and 140 vials of heroin were confiscated. The concealment of National Police in the M-113 produced excellent results.

Weather was not a factor in this operation.

Combined Police Raid of Wooded Area East of the Sacred Heart Orphanage was conducted on 31 Aug 71.

Mission: To secure the wooded area east of the Sacred Heart Orphanage, apprehend all US/VN personnel in the area and confiscate all marijuana and narcotics found on their person or in the area.

Narrative Summary of the Operation:

The task force for the operation was comprised of a platoon from Co E, 50th INF, two 16 man QC strike forces, two National Police strike forces, 20 men from the 504th MP BN, four military police officers, 2 shos and 1 OH-58A.

The task force departed XXIV Corps at 1715 hours by motor transport and proceeded south along Hwy 13 to the access road to the orphanage. The airmobile force consisting of two Hueys with 8 men each departed LZ 3 and proceeded to the wooded area east of the orphanage. The trucks arrived at the detrucking area at 1730 hours and the troops detrucked and formed into two US blocking forces and two VN strike forces. At 1735 hours the blocking forces were in position, the Hueys landed and blocked the north and south end of the wooded area and the VN strike force deployed to the wooded area. The operation was executed efficiently but met with negative results. Reports indicate that the VN received warning and evacuated the area before the arrival of the task force.

Emergency Evacuation of VN Civilians from Flooded Hamlet in Quang Tri Province:

Mission: To evacuate VN from a flooded hamlet one mile north of Quang Tri Combat Base.
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2 Narrative Summary of the Operation: The Song-Vinh-Phouc River overflowed and caused the hamlet (GC YD 270580) to be flooded. Co C, 504th MP Bn began emergency evacuation of LN residents at 1000 hours, 27 Oct 71. The victims of the flood were transported to the Orphanage on Quang Tri Combat Base. Co C, 504th MP Bn suffered one EM casualty who was wounded by sniper fire during the evacuation.

(f) Employment of Sentry Dogs

1 1 Jul 71, 11 Sentry Dogs were employed at ASP 103, Phu Bai, RVN.

2 5 Jul 71 - 500 Yard US Army Depot turned over to civilian control thereby releasing 5 sentry dogs.

3 2 Aug 71 - ASP 101, Quang Tri, closed and 22 sentry dogs were released for redeployment.

4 3 Aug 71 - Assumed duties at ASP 103, Phu Bai, RVN, 7 dogs employed.

5 3 Aug 71 - Increased sentry dog operations at Quang Tri POL Tank Farm, 23 dogs being used.

6 20 Aug 71 - Sentry dogs removed from US Army Depot, DaNang, Covered Storage Area, USAF DaNang Annex and the POL Package Yard for releasing 22 dogs.

7 20 Aug 71 - 20 Sentry dogs deployed to ASP 107, DaNang, RVN.

8 23 Aug 71 - POL Tank Farm, Quang Tri, was closed releasing 23 dogs.

9 27 Aug 71 - Assumed sentry dog operations at ASP 105, Chu Lai, RVN, 24 dogs employed.

(3) Force Development: Effective 30 Jun 71, the 595th MP Co (SD) was reorganized under MTO&E 19-500EF518. The major adjustment was updating of equipment and deleting of 2 lieutenants, MOS 09110, MP.

(4) Organization: On 17 Aug 71, the 595th MP Co (SD) was relocated from East DaNang (China Beach) to Camp David Land bringing all units of the 504th MP Bn located in the DaNang area together on one compound. Kennels and support facilities at Camp Land had been used to house the US Marine Dogs prior to withdrawal of the US Marines.
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(5) Training: In accordance with the new Department of the
Army training policy, training was adjusted to comply with the new
policy. Emphasis has been directed to those topics most relevant to
the mission. Due to current mission, long working hours, and the
lack of facilities, classroom training on a regular basis has not
been practical.

(6) Logistics: In general logistical support was adequate for
sustained operation. The only problem area encountered was with
maintenance support for radio equipment and motor vehicles.

2. (U) Lesson-Learned: Commander's Observation, Evaluation and
Recommendations

a. Personnel

(1) Replacement Personnel:

(a) Observation: The efficiency of the personnel section is
hampered by the inability to program officer and enlisted replacements.

(b) Evaluation: The battalion receives replacements with little
or no advance notice. In cases of a large number of personnel arriving
at the same time, the proper assignment and utilization cannot be
given the degree of attention required due to the lack of billeting
space for the replacements at the battalion. This situation results
in hurried processing and assignment of these individuals.

(c) Recommendations: That when possible furnish the battalion
with advanced information on the assignment of personnel to the
battalion, preferably in the form of an advance print out.

(2) Shortage of Supply Personnel:

(a) Observations: The shortage of qualified supply personnel
has resulted in numerous time consuming and mission hampering problems.

(b) Evaluation: The battalion has had to operate with less
than authorized personnel both in MOS and grade for over one year.
Consequently the supply sergeant slots are being filled by SP4's and
E-5's with inadequate experience or job knowledge. Unit supply rooms
operations have been required by necessity to function at a lower level
of performance which is not in keeping with the high standards
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(a) Recommendations: That an effort be made in the assignment of qualified supply personnel to units with existing shortage.

b. Intelligence: None.

c. Operations:

(1) Military Police and Confrontations:

(a) Observation: Military Police investigative patrols are often put in fear of their life at the scene of incidents which result in confrontations with the local populace.

(b) Evaluation: Investigation of the accidents, protection of US property and personnel falls under the responsibilities of the military police. The VN/American confrontations have become increasingly volatile situations in the recent months. Military police patrols have been firebombed, fired upon, beaten and threatened with grenades by VN at the scene of confrontations. The military policemen are to a great extent dependent upon the VN police for protection from the populace.

(c) Recommendations: That the policy for making solatium payments be reviewed. The VN at the scene of a traffic accident will seldom cooperate without being paid off by a solatium payment. If they were made aware of the fact that solatium payments would not be made if US government personnel were harmed or property were damaged, perhaps the VN would become less violent at the scene of a confrontation.

d. Organization: None

e. Training:

(1) Guard Mount Training

(a) Observation: Guard mount training has proven to be an effective means of training military policemen.

(b) Evaluations: Due to present mission commitments, training has primarily oriented towards guard mount training. Discussion groups are the most effective means of training in race relations and drug abuse but guard mount training serves very well for concise reinforcement training at frequent intervals.
(c) **Recommendations:** That guard mount training in military police units be continued as a training vehicle in addition to formal classroom training.

(d) **Command Action:** The command has reviewed the guard mount training and found it to be beneficial enough to be adopted as an integral part of the Battalion Training Program.

f. **Logistics:**

(1) **Direct Support Maintenance of Military Police Units**

(a) **Observation:** Direct support maintenance units are not responsive enough to provide adequate maintenance to operating military police units.

(b) **Evaluation:** The down time for 1/2 ton vehicles and AN/VRC-46 radios turned in for higher echelon maintenance was prohibitive. Consequently, units were hesitant to turn any items in to DS maintenance facilities and in order to continue to meet commitments unit were forced to "scrounge" and borrow the necessary parts.

(c) **Recommendations:** That an inquiry be made to ascertain the availability of parts to determine if more effective direct support maintenance can be obtained for the military police units.

g. **Communications:**

(1) **Long Range Communications**

(a) **Observation:** Radio communications available to the 504th MP Bn do not have the long range communications capability required for effective police coverage of the battalion's area of operations.

(b) **Evaluation:** The 504th MP Bn has responsibility for an area of operation approximately 240 miles north to south and 83 miles east to west. The size of the area of operations has presented radio communications between military police operations and military police patrolling QL-1.

(c) **Recommendations:** Radio communications with the capabilities of a GRC-106 would afford the battalion effective communications throughout MR-1. This could be used as a command net between the battalion headquarters, sub-elements and critical relay sites, where trained operators would be available. This would allow information to be passed to the relay sites by AN/VRC-46 for relay to the patrol's headquarters by using AN/VRC-106.
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h. Materials: None.

i. Other: None.

RUSSELL E. FARMER
LTC, MPC
Commanding

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DA, HEADQUARTERS, 16TH MILITARY POLICE GROUP, APO 96349 2 December 1971

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

Commanding General, 18th Military Police Brigade, ATTN: AVBGC-0, APO san Francisco 96349

1. (U) The 504th Military Police Battalion's ORLL for the semi-annual reporting period ending 31 October 1971 is submitted.

2. (U) The inclosed report has been reviewed and is considered adequate. The following comments refer to the referenced sections of the report:

   a. Reference para 1f: Operations and activities should have been reported in chronological order as required in AR 525-15. Unit has been notified.

   b. Reference para 1f(5): Last sentence should read: "It has been learned through experience that guard mount training is a practical way of giving training to personnel performing military police duties under current conditions."

   c. Reference para 2a(1): Concur. The advance notice of both officer and enlisted replacements would simplify the reception of incoming personnel and provide greater flexibility in assignment procedures.

   d. Reference para 2a(2): Concur, however, this headquarters has no control over this assignment problem.

   e. Reference para 2a(1): Nonconcur. Solatium payments are made to individuals who have suffered a loss or injury, and although the perpetrator of violence at a confrontation maybe the recipient, this may not always be the case. Procedures should be established to make solatium payments away from the scene of the incident and only after a time lapse of 24 hours.

   f. Reference para 2a(1): Concur. When kept short and concise, guard mount training is an effective vehicle for Commanders and Provost Marshals to meet training requirements or to pass-on information of a pertinent nature.

   g. Reference para 2f(1): Concur. Down time for vehicles requiring major components is 45 to 60 days. The operational mission coupled with
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the present shortage of 1/4 ton trucks (31) within the 504th Military Police Battalion makes the length of down time unacceptable.

h. Reference para 2g(1): Nonconcur. Radio equipment presently on hand within the 504th Military Police Battalion is capable of providing adequate radio communication throughout their AO utilizing, when necessary, radio relay sites.

DAVID J. ANDERSON
LTO, MPC
Commanding

CF: CO, 504th MP Bn
AVBGC-O (18 Nov 71) 2nd Ind

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DA, Headquarters, 18th Military Police Brigade, APO 96491 16 December 1971

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHDO-DO, APO 96375
Commanding Officer, 504th Military Police Battalion, APO 96349

1. Comments on Significant Activities: None.

2. Comments on Lessons Learned:

   a. Page 13, para 2a(1), Replacement Personnel: Concur. Lack of advance notice concerning replacement personnel adversely affects the local personnel management program. However, under the present system, the final assignment for these personnel cannot be determined until the individual's arrival in RVN. Due to the present situation of rapid withdrawals and last minute diversions of replacement personnel, this problem is further magnified.

   b. Page 13, 2a(2), Shortage of Supply Personnel: Concur.

   c. Page 14, para 2c(1), Military Police and Confrontations: Nonconcur. As a matter of custom and USARV command policy, solatium payments are made as a gesture of friendship and good will. However, the utilization of Combined Police Patrols at the scenes of accidents/incidents has proven invaluable in dispersing and reducing the seriousness of confrontations. This command highly stresses Combined Police Patrols at all accident/incident scenes off US controlled installations.

   d. Page 14, para 2e(1), Guard Mount Training: Concur.

   e. Page 15, para 2f(1), Direct Support Maintenance of Military Police Units: Concur.

   f. Page 15, para 2g(1), Long Range Communications: Concur with para 2h of 1st Ind.

3. Basic correspondence has been reviewed and is considered adequate.


PAUL M. TIMMERBERG
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding
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Headquarters, United States Army Vietnam, APO San Francisco 96375

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

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 31 October 1971 from Headquarters, 504th Military Police Battalion and concurs with comments of indorsing headquarters.

2. Additional comment follows:

Reference item concerning Logistics, paragraph 2f, page 15. Delays in DS maintenance are most generally the result of lack of repair parts. Availability of repair parts is directly contingent upon sufficient demand data. "Scrounging" and borrowing repair parts does not generate demand data and therefore leads to parts shortage and delays in maintenance. Adherence to established procedures and improvements in the supply system now being implemented should result in considerable improvement.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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504th MP Bn
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SUBJECT: Operational Report—Lessons Learned, HQ 504th Military Police Battalion, Period Ending 31 October 1971, RCS CSFOR-65 (R3)

HQ, US Army, Pacific, APO San Francisco 96558 30 MAR 1972

TO: HQDA (DAFD-ZA) WASH DC 20310

This headquarters concurs in subject report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

M. L. MAH
ILT, AGC
Asst AG
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CO, 504th Military Police Battalion

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