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APO 96240

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21 November 1966

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period  
Ending 31 October 1966. (RCS CSFOR-65) (U)

THRU: Commanding Officer  
44th Medical Brigade  
ATTN: AVCA-MB-PO  
APO 96307

Commanding General  
1st Logistical Command  
ATTN: AVCA-GO-H  
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Commanding General  
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United States Army, Pacific  
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APO 96558

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

1. SECTION I, SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATION OR UNIT ACTIVITIES:

1. (U) General Status - This command was operational in the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) for the entire 3 month reporting period, with headquarters in vicinity of NHA TRANG, KHANH HOA PROVINCE (Map, Vietnam, JOG G, 1:250,000, series L 1501, sheet ND 49-13, coordinates (CP 038522)). The area of primary responsibility for medical support continued to be the southern portion of the ARVN 11 Corps Tactical Zone. See paragraph 4, mission.

2. (U-FOUO) Organization

a. Annex A Organization Chart as of 31 October 1966.

b. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment 43d Medical Group continued to be assigned to the 44th Medical Brigade for command and operation control throughout the reporting period. This organization

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continued to be attached to Nha-Trang Sub-Area Command for administrative and logistical support.

c. All previous assignments and attachments remained in effect throughout the reporting period except as noted in paragraph d, below.

d. The following units arrived in-country and were assigned to this headquarters on dates indicated:

- (1) 7th Medical Detachment (MA) (31 Aug 66)
- (2) 440th Medical Detachment (RB) (16 Sept 66)
- (3) 516th Medical Detachment (AC) (31 Aug 66)
- (4) 563d Medical Company (CLR) (16 Sept 66)
- (5) 874th Medical Detachment (RB) (11 Sept 66)

e. Previous attachment of 98th Medical Detachment (KO) to HHD 61st Medical Battalion was revoked. This organization was attached to the 8th Field Hospital. (GO 63 HQ, 43d Med Gp dtd 4 Oct 66). EFF 5 Oct 66.

f. Individuals assigned to the Nha Trang sections of the 4th Medical Detachment (VFI) and 20th Preventive Medicine Detachment were attached to HHD 43d Medical Group for rations, quarters, and administration during the report period. This action was accomplished in order to provide more efficient support to these individuals.

3. (U) Command - LTC Robert M. Hall 070803, Medical Corps, served as acting group commander until 1 September 1966. His successor was COL Enrico D Carrasco, 065414, Medical Corps who assumed command on 2 September 1966, and served as group commander for the remainder of the report period.

4. (U-FOUO) Mission - The 43d Medical Group continued operation or operate Letter of Instruction dated 12 June 1966, as amended 15 August 1966 from HQ 44th Medical Brigade. The amendment to this LOI redefines the geographical area of responsibility to include "the Provinces of Darlac, Khanh Hoa, Tuyen Due, Quang Duc, Lam Dang, Binh Thuan, and so much of Phu Yen Province located south of horizontal grid line, BQ-CQ..." (Reference: Maps, VIETNAM, JOG G, 1:250,000 series L 1501, sheets ND 48-4 12, 16, ND 49-5, 9, 13.)

5. (U) Command Arrangements - This headquarters experienced no major problems in coordinating support requirements with the Nha Trang Sub-Area Command of the U.S. Army Support Command, Cam Ranh Bay.

6. (U) Personnel - The command experienced no unusual problems in the field of personnel.

7. (U) Operations

a. All I Field Forces Vietnam (IFFORCEV) directed operations within our geographical area of responsibility were medically supported

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by the 43d Medical Group. This headquarters, utilizing the assets of the 498th Medical Company (Air Amb), provided aero-medical evacuation throughout the II Corps Tactical Zone. A total of 6 major (Brigade size) I FFORCEV tactical operations were supported by this headquarters during the report period. Emergency medical support and aero-medical evacuation was provided during debarkation and deployment of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Operation ROBIN) and the 9th Republic of Korea Infantry Division (Operation STABLE).

b. Medical support responsibilities of the 43d Medical Group to Republic of Korea Forces, Vietnam were outlined in OPLAN 5-66, HQ 44th Medical Brigade, dated 1 October 1966. These responsibilities were:

- (1) Provide aero-medical evacuation for ROKFV in II CTZ as required.
- (2) Provide convalescent care for a minimum of 150 malaria patients.

c. The 6th Convalescent Center expanded its bed capacity from 250 to 1000 beds during the report period. Hospital and convalescent operating beds totaled 1561 on 31 October 1966. 200 USAF hospital beds for which this headquarters has regulating responsibility are included in the total. This headquarters also had 240 operational clearing company beds as of the end of the report period.

8. (U) Training - No unusual problems were experienced in the area of training. This headquarters continual to implement training directives of higher headquarters. Assigned and attached units continued to conduct command information, cross training and in-service instruction programs throughout the report period which were monitored by this headquarters.

2. SECTION 2 - COMMANDER'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED

1. (U) Command and Control

a. Item: Officer grade and branch structure of Medical Detachment (AC), TOE-8-500E, has hindered effective utilization of this type of unit by this headquarters.

b. Discussions:

(1) The Medical Detachment (AC) is designed to command and control two or more medical detachments, or their equivalent, numbering between 75 and 150 total personnel. Grade and branch structure of this unit provides for one (1) Captain MSC and one (1) Lieutenant MSC.

(2) 43d Medical Group has one Medical Detachment (AC) assigned. This detachment has been attached to the 61st Medical Battalion. Further, within 43d Medical Group, there are only two Medical Detachments (RB) which are suitable for assignment to a Medical Detachment (AC).

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(3) The 61st Medical Battalion has eight (8) TOE 8-500E dispensary organizations assigned. With three medical companies assigned in addition, a definite span of control problem exists for the battalion. Furthermore, the Battalion Headquarters must assume many of the administrative tasks for the dispensaries.

(4) Due to its existing grade and branch structure, formation of a provisional dispensary or medical service company, utilizing a Medical Detachment (AC) as company headquarters is not feasible.

(5) By addition and deletion of grade and branch positions as shown below to the Medical Detachment (AC), a suitable command structure would be created for centralized command and control of three to five TOE 8-500E dispensaries.

### ADDITIONS

<u>DUTY</u>	<u>DMOS</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>
Commander	3500	Major	MC
Executive Officer	3506	Captain	MSC
Medical Supply Officer	4490	Lieutenant	MSC

### DELETIONS

<u>DUTY</u>	<u>DMOS</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>
Company Commander	2900	Captain	MSC
Medical Admin Asst	3506	Lieutenant	MSC

(6) Company and detachment level administrative functions could be handled by appropriate headquarters personnel; while a single commander, rather than five to eight separate commanders, would be responsible to the battalion commander.

c. Observation: Experience in this command has shown the need for centralized control of the medical battalion commanders geographical area of responsibility. In areas where more than one dispensary is providing area medical service, coordination between these organizations is necessary to provide centralized area surgeon functions.

d. Recommendation: That consideration be given to the modification of grade and branch structure of the Medical Detachment(AC), as indicated in paragraph b(5) above, when circumstances require a centralized command of detachments serving one general area.

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COL, MC  
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HEADQUARTERS, 44th Medical Brigade, APO 96307, 7 December 1966

TO: Commanding General, 1st Logistical Command, ATTN: AJCA-GO-O, APO  
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Concur with comments contained in the basic report and with recommendation of the group commander.

  
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Headquarters, 1st Logistical Command, APO 96307 **12 DEC 1966**

TO: Deputy Commanding General, US Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVFPGC-DH, APO  
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1. The Operational Report - Lessons Learned submitted by the 43d Medical Group for the quarter ending 31 October 1966 is forwarded herewith.

2. Reference paragraph 1, Section 2, (U) Command and Control. The 43d Medical Group has been directed to submit an MTOE.

3. Concur with the basic report. The report is considered adequate.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96307 16 DEC '66

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GROP-OT  
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 31 October 1966 from Headquarters, 43d Medical Group as indorsed.

2. Concur with the basic report as modified by the previous indorsements.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

  
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Cpt, AGC  
Asst Adjutant General

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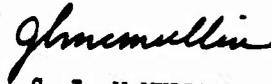
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27 JAN 1967

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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