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

AVCA-MB-GA-01
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.


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 (U) Uas 44th Medical Brigade, 11 May 1966 (Effective date, 21 April 1966):

- 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 MD) (Dispensary)
- 2nd Mobile Army Surgical Hospital
- 48th Medical Detachment (Team KE) (Surgical)
- 51st Medical Company (Ambulance)
- 70th Medical Battalion (New)
- 85th Evacuation Hospital

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142d Medical Detachment (Team KA) (Dispensary)
152d Medical Detachment (Team KA) (Dispensary)
163d Medical Detachment (Team OA) (Dispensary)
169d Medical Detachment (Team KA) (X-Ray)
528th Medical Laboratory (Mobile Section)
57th Evacuation Hospital
134th Medical Detachment (Team OA) (Dispensary)

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, MED
85th Evacuation Hospital
142d Medical Detachment (Team KA) (Dispensary)
152d Medical Detachment (Team KA) (Dispensary)
163d Medical Detachment (Team OA) (Dispensary)
463d Medical Detachment (Team KA) (X-Ray)
528th Medical Laboratory (Mobile Section)
542d Medical Company (Clearing)

Effective 8 June 1966, the 61st Medical Battalion, MED and the 98th Medical Detachment (Team KO) were assigned to the 43d Medical Group (GO 14, Hq 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 assigned or organic medical support capability.

2. Supervise professional medical services of subordinate 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.
(6) Provide battalion-level supply and organizational maintenance to assigned or attached units in the Can 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 562nd Clearing Company.

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

3. (U) Command. Colonel Ralph E. Comrant, 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, 069396, Medical Corps, who served as group commander from 21 June to 25 July 1966. Lieutenant Colonel Robert R. Hall, 070398, 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 4th 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 (FMAF) located in Corps Tactical Zone II-South (CTZ II-S) which includes the provinces of Darloc, Khanh Hoa, Minh Thuan, Tuyon Du, Quang Duc, Lon Dong, and Binh Thuon."

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 Can 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 (IFFORV) directed operations were medically supported by 43d Medical Group. Major (brigade-size) operations supported included John Paul Jones, Hawthorne, Paul Revere, Saugareagd and Hooker.

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b. Selected Medical operational and statistical data are
Appendex (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 in-
crease of eight (8) enlisted spaces. Of particular importance to this
command are the requested spaces, two (2) medical records Specialists
(NOS 710) and six (6) radio operators (NOS 65B). Action on this
request is pending.

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

ROBERT M HALL
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SELECTED MEDICAL STATISTICAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

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HEADQUARTERS, 4th Medical Brigade, LSG 63307, 1 September 1969
TO: Commanding General, 1st Logistical Command, LTN: AVOC-CH-II, LSG 63307

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 (716) positions requested in the NMC submitted 25 May 1969 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, USMACV. There is no anticipated change in the current system within the foreseeable future.

5. (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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TO: Commanding General, United States Army, Vietnam, APO 96307

1. (U) Forwarded in accordance with AR 1-19 and 1100.7 regulation 870-2.

2. (U) Concur with the Operational Report of the 33rd Medical Group as indorsed.

For the Commander:

Tel: Lynx 834

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ALLEN M. DOYLE
CFO, AMC

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SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period Ending 31 July 1966 (RCS GSFOR-65)

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY, VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96307 28 SEP 1965

TO: Commander-in-Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GSOF-II

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 FRCO for Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 43rd Medical Group, which established the requirement for eight additional men, was dispatched to USIRAC 6 September 1966.

FOR THE COMMANDER

R. J. THORNTON
1st Lt. AGC
Asst Adjutant General
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HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 22 NOV 66

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 LTOE for the 43d Medical Group is being processed by this headquarters against a USARV assigned priority of January 1967.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

[Signature]

L. J. Chatfield
MAJ, AG
Asst AG
**Operational Report - Lessons Learned, 43d Medical Group**

Experiences of unit engaged in counterinsurgency operations, 1 May to 31 Jul 66.

**CO, 43d Medical Group**

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