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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 92D MILITARY POLICE BATTALION
AFO San Francisco 96307

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SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 July 1966,
Reports Control Symbol CSFCR - 65 (U)

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

1. (U) Reference: USARV Regulation 870-2, dated 19 July 1966,
Subject: Operational Reports - Lessons Learned (RCS CSFCR - 65).

2. (U) In compliance with above reference, the following report is submitted:

SECTION 1

SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATION OR UNIT ACTIVITIES (C)

During the reporting period, the battalion relegated much of its time to making preparations for the reception of new units, which were to be deployed to the Republic of Vietnam from stations in CONUS and further assigned to this headquarters.

The immediate problem encountered was the acquisition of adequate billeting, motor pool, and storage space. A request for facilities for these units and the battalion headquarters was processed through Group to higher headquarters on 10 July 1966, but at the end of the reporting period, facilities were still unavailable. The battalion headquarters and two companies are presently located in tents at Forshing Field until such time as facilities are made available in the Saigon Area Proper.

Station property was requisitioned for all incoming units and much of it was received in time for issue upon the companies arrival in country.
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Through coordination with higher headquarters and units to be supported, projected missions for these companies were determined prior to their arrival and the battalion was able to facilitate a smooth integration into programmed duties.

Also during the period new battalion regulations, SOP's and policies were published to augment those published by higher headquarters.

The battalion headquarters training consisted of at least eight hours of training per week.

Subjects covered were:

a. Basic Vietnamese Phrases.
b. Weapons Safety.
c. CBR Refresher (to include "Use of Auto Injector Syrette" and "Effects of Atropine").
d. Character Guidance.
e. Code of Conduct.
f. Command Information
g. Counterguerrilla Warfare Training.
h. Counterinsurgency Training.
i. Field Sanitation and Personal Hygiene.
k. Map Reading.
l. Military Courtesy.
m. Physical Training.
n. Riot Control Training.
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o. Safeguarding Defense Information.
p. Search and Seizure.
q. Survival, Escape, and Evasion.
r. Weapons Training and Familiarization.

The first company to arrive in the Republic of Vietnam was the 300th Military Police Company on 25 June 1966. It was organized under TOE 19-97F, but had originally been activated and organized under TOE 19-57F on 8 December 1965 when it was scheduled for deployment to Okinawa.

During the period, 28 February 1966 and 22 April 1966, the unit personnel received training in accordance with ATP 19-1, Third Army Circular 350-33, and PCR/POW Regulations. The company was given its Annual Army Training Test, between 30 April 1966 and 2 May 1966, and received a "Satisfactory" rating.

On 5 May 1966, after the unit was ready for deployment and had packed most of its equipment, notification was received to reorganize under TCZ 19-97F and also that the unit was being diverted for service in the Republic of Vietnam.

From 12 May to 29 May 1966, FOH leave was granted to all personnel who desired it.

The unit received a Readiness Inspection from Headquarters, Third US Army, Office of the Inspector General on 17 May and on 19 May, the unit equipment was out loaded for shipment to Oakland Army Terminal. At this time the unit was still receiving TOE items of equipment which caused some last minute repacking of conexes.

The main body left Fort Benning on 5 June for Oakland Army Terminal and arrived in the Republic of Vietnam on 25 June.

The second unit to arrive was the 188th Military Police Company on 2 August 1966. It was first alerted for overseas deployment to Thailand in January 1966, but was later diverted for service in Vietnam. The unit was reorganized under the provisions of TOE 19-97F on 28 January 1966 with an authorized strength of 3 officers and 134 enlisted.
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personnel. ATP training was conducted from 29 February 1966 to 3 April
1966 using ATP 19-1 for the unit training program. On 20 April 1966,
the unit completed ATT 19-1 and achieved a rating of "Excellent".

During the period 1 May to 6 July, the unit completed PCT/PCI of
all personnel and equipment.

On 20 June 1966, the company was notified of the change of destination
from Thailand to the Republic of Vietnam. In view of this change of desti-
tination, the unit requested turn-in of eight sedans and issuance of eight
1-ton trucks, but the time factor precluded this action from being taken.
Vehicles and other equipment were shipped by rail on 24 June 1966.

PCT leave of 15 days was granted to personnel during the period
29 April - 23 June 1966.

On 6 July 1966, the main body of the company departed Fort Meade,
Maryland, its home station, by commercial air to Oakland Army Terminal.
There it departed by ship for the Republic of Vietnam.

SECTION 2
COMMANDERS OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (U)

Part I - Observations (Lessons Learned)

Personnel (C)

Item: PCT Leave.

Discussion: Prior to the move of the 188th Military Police Company,
some of the filler personnel were granted PCT leave by losing commands
before reporting to the 188th Military Police Company. As a result
these people missed much of the ATP Training. DA Circular 614-8 indicates
that the granting of PCT leave is at the discretion of the commander of the
alerted unit.

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Observation: Personnel designated as filler for alerted units should
not be granted FOM leave by losing commands.

Item: Personnel records of deploying units should be screened and
corrected by home station host units, prior to departure for overseas.

Discussion: Personnel records of the 300th Military Police Company
were in poor condition. Many mistakes had to be corrected by this head-
quarters, upon arrival in country. The unit had been attached to a newly
activated Military Police Battalion and apparently there was a lack of
organized guidance, prior to movement. Many of these errors could have
been eliminated, prior to movement, if proper screening had been accom-
plished.

Observation: Home station host units should be assigned to deploy-
ing units to advise and assist the deploying units. These host units
should be units which have the capability for giving assistance in the
entire range of personnel, logistics, and maintenance.

Operations (C)

Item: Mission Briefing.

Discussion: The overseas destinations of both Military Police
Companies were changed immediately prior to their deployment dates.
No information relative to their missions was made available until
the units arrived in country.

Observation: Units should be given a mission statement, however
lacking in detail, to permit readjustment of plans previously accom-
plished.

Item: The necessity for Air Cover for Convoy Security.
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Discussion: This unit had the mission of providing convoy security
for the 90th Replacement Battalion, between Long Bien and Tan Son Nhut,
during the hours of darkness. Coordination with units responsible for
route security of the highway between point of origin and point of desti-
tination, revealed that any reaction forces available from these respons-
sible units, could not react in time to provide the necessary backup
convoy protection. As a result, an attempt was made to obtain air cover
to provide immediate response to any hostile action. Liaison with the
United States Air Force Tactical Aircraft Control Center at Tan Son Nhut
Airfield and Command Military Region Tactical Operation's Center reveal-
ed that aircraft could not be released from their normal missions to
provide the cover. However, there were a number of aircraft on alert
status that could be called on for support if the convoy were attacked.

The reaction time for all aircraft was at least five minutes,
due to the alert status of the crews, but even this time interval is
not sufficient since a well timed ambush could result in the destruction
of a lightly protected convoy before any aircraft could arrive.

Observation: Convoys, consisting mainly of unarmed personnel such
as with the movement of personnel replacements for the 90th Replacement
Battalion, must be moved during the daylight hours or should have close
air support. Reaction times for ground forces and alert aircraft are too
great to provide adequate security for unarmed personnel.

Training and Organization (U)

Item: Training for Alerted Units.

Discussion: The 186th Military Police Company and 300th Military
Police Company were alerted far enough in advance of their deployment
date to enable them to carry out ATP training and participate in an
ATT. This training was necessary due to the large number of filler
personal assigned to the companies.

Observation: Units should be alerted far enough in advance of
deployment date, so as to allow units to participate in an Army Train-
ing Program. The successful completion of an Army Training Program
facilitates the immediate employment of personnel upon arrival in
country.

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Intelligence - None

Logistics

Item: Repacking by Port Authorities.

Discussion: Newly deployed units were instructed in CMIS to pack a given number of conex containers and to utilize conex inserts and pallets for any remaining equipment. However, at Oakland Army Terminal, pallets were later repacked into additional conex containers with equipment from other units, resulting in the loss of some items during shipment.

Observation: Unit integrity must be maintained when shipping equipment overseas to preclude loss.

Part II - Recommendations - None

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To: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVCO-DV, APO 96307

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

1. Information and observations as outlined in attached Operational Report of Lessons Learned, 92d Military Police Battalion, have been reviewed by this headquarters.

2. This unit received its first two companies just prior to the close of the reporting period. Comments contained in report apply generally to CONUS activities of deploying units.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

JAMES R. BARKER
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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY, VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96557

TO:  Commander-in-Chief, United States Army, Pacific, HQ: ORP-AM
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1. The Operational Report-Lessons Learned submitted by the 92d
   Military Police Battalion for the quarterly period ending 31 July 1966
   is forwarded herewith.

2. Concur with the basic report and the preceding endorsement.

3. Reference Section II, Part I, The Necessity for Air Cover
   for Convoy Security: Since early September replacements are being
   moved only during daylight hours.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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This headquarters concurs in the basic report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

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