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10 May 1967

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THRU: Commanding Officer USASC CRB ATTN: SP&O APO 96312

THRU: Commanding General 1st Logistical Command ATTN: AVCA-GO-O ADC 96307

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1. (U) References:

a. AR 870-5.

b. USARV Reg 1-19.

c. USARV Reg 870-2.

2. (U) Operational Report - Lessons Learned for the period ending 30 april 1967 is attached as Inclosure #1.

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OPERATIONAL REPORTS-LESSONS LEARNED (RCS CSFOR-65)

SECTION I - SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. (C) Significant Events of the command for the period ending 30 April 1967.

a. The 63d Maintenance Battalion and assigned/attached units closed the reporting period at the following strengths:

| HQs & Main Spt Co - | <u>0</u> 18 | <u>wo</u> 4 | <u>EM</u> 262 | <u>AGG</u> 284 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 148th Sup & Sva Co | ь | 0 | 243 | 249 |
| 578th Light Eq Mnt Co | 5 | 3 | 153 | 161 |
| POL Co (Prov) (18 GM Pltn) | 1. | 0 | 70 | 71 |
| 290th QM Det | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 255th QM Det | 0 | . 0 | 8 | × 8 |
| 543th Sig Det | | 0 | | |
| TOTALS | 30 ⁻ | 7 | 736 | 773 |

b. During the reporting period, the battalion supported approximately 16,000 Free World Military Assistance Forces troops, comprised of approximately 120 units, located in the Nha Trang Subarea Command (NTSAC) zone of responsibility. Major areas in which support was provided were:

(1) Direct and limited general support maintenance for all material and equipment in the zene, less medical, avionics, cryptographic, aircraft and aircraft ermamont.

(2) Contact team and technical assistance services consisting of; on site maintenance, review and recommendations of units maintenance/PLL procedures, advice on organizational maintenance responsibilities and Material Roadiness Expediting (MRE).

(3) Supply of Class I. I. & W. III, IIIA and Repair Parts: In addition to US and class supported, support was provided to Republic of Korea troops (Class I, III & IIIA only), US Navy elements, US Air Force elements, 5th Special Forces Group-elements, civilian contractors and other US Government agencies.

| (4) Bakery: 8,000 lbs of brea | are baked and distributed daily |
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| to local troop messes, commissary accou | t are baked and distributed daily ats and other FUMLE units AP INTERVALS: |
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(5) Laundry, Bath and Graves Registration Services: Laundry and Bath services were provided at Nha Trang, Phan Rang, Tuy Hoa and Dong Tre. Graves Registration personnel are located with the 8th Field Hospital in Nha Trang.

c. Other logistical activities during the period included POL re-supply and other supplies to Khanh Duong in support of the 101st Airborne Infantry Brigade (See Inclosure # 1).

d. Battalion units continue the training program pursuant to 1st Logistical Command Training Directives.

c. Units assigned to this organization publish a monthly newsletter pertaining to support pervices provided. These newsletters provide timely information of general and special interest to all customors. More than 300 copies are distributed each month.

2. (U) Key personnel Assignments:

a. LTC Gerald F 1.222.4 Nuts assugged to the 63d Maintonance Battalion and assumed command 30 April 1967, replacing MAJ Paul E. Floyd who assumed duties with the Socurity, Plans & Operations (SP&O) Section, Nha Trang Subarea Command.

b. CPT Brent H. Laurence assumed command of the Hoadquarters and Main Support Company on 26 April 1967, replacing CPT Coleman O. Bevis Jr. who returned to CONUS to attend the Ordnance Officer Career Course.

3. Distinguished visitors during the period:

a. MG C. W. Eifler, Commanding General, 1st Logistical Command.

b. BG Shelton E. Lollis, Deputy Commanding General, 1st Logistical Command.

c. BG Rhee, Commanding General, 100th Logistical Command, ROKA.

d. COL N. A. Gage Jr., Commanding Officer USASC CRB.

e. COL Cleason, Officer of MACV J4.

f. COL Stenfield, Officer of MACV J4.

g. COL Leonard R. Daems, Chief of Staff, CRBSC.

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SECTION II, PART I-OBSERVATIONS (LESSONS LEARNED)

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1. (U) <u>ITEM</u>: Assignment instructions and port calls are not always received in time to rotate on scheduled DEROS.

DISCUSSION: Requiring a soldier to stay in country past his DEROS impairs the morale and efficiency of the unit, as well as causing hardship to the man and his family. Assignment instructions, and/or port calls issued sufficiently in advance of DEROS will insure timely departure from Vietnam upon completion of the required one year tour of duty.

OBSERVATION: This organization and its attached/assigned units maintain charts projecting 30-day losses. This allows notification to be given to the NTSAC Personnel Section at least fifteen days in advance of DEROS, should nonreceipt of assignment and/or port call instructions occur.

2. (U) <u>ITEM</u>: Reduced mission efficiency and performance occurred when the Main Support Company Tech Supply personnel were used temporarily to pick repair parts at Cam Ranh Bay.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: A minimum of six (6) personnel and three (3) each 2 1/2 ton trucks, were required daily to transport repair parts from Cam Ranh Bay Depot to Nha Trang. Since Tech Supply's personnel and vehicles were always used for this purpose, manpower availability within this platoon was seriously decreased, hampering mission capabilities in the warehouse operation. In addition, equipment availability for mission requirements was seriously impaired during day time operations. Personnel were constantly required to perform operator maintenance on vehicles during night hours to insure their readiness for the following day. This caused increased morale and fatigue problems among personnel.

OBSERVATION: Action was taken to request transportation to haul repair parts from Cam Ranh Bay to Tech Supply. This released urgently needed manpower and equipment to the Tech Supply Section. Warehouse operations, as a result, made tremendous strides forward. Improved mission operations have occurred, to include increased stockage and issue performance, improved location procedures, increased management of Vietnamese personnel, and institution of company level-classes in warehouse operations.

3. (U) ITEM: Warehouse refusals have occurred due to many reasons; Immediate issue of due-outs, improper issuing of parts to customers, inaccurate recording of physical inventoried quantities, inexperienced Vietnamese help, and lack of trained military personnel in large scale warehouse operations.

<u>OBSERVATION</u>: A formal program has been initiated in the Tech Supply Section to attempt to significantly lower the rate of warehouse refusals. A system has been devised in which DD Form 1348-1 receipt documents are filed

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in Julian Date sequence for future reference. Whenever a refusal occurs within the warehouse, these forms are cross referenced. In this manner, errors can more easily be rectified and appropriate future actions be taken to insure that faults do not recur. Formal classes for both Vietnamese National and military personnel have tremendously improved internal operating procedures and personnel management. To date, this program can be attributed to lowering the rate of warehouse refusals by approximately 25% and is expected to better operations even more fully as time progresses.

4. (U) <u>ITEM:</u> Many duplicating and office machines have been evacuated to Okinawa for repair, only because repair parts were unobtainable thru normal supply channels.

DISCUSSION: Each time a piece of equipment is evacuated out of country which could have been repaired on-site or within established local maintenance facilities, unnecessary time and expense is incurred.

OBSERVATION: A blanket purchase agreement with Gestetner in Bangkok, Thailand was obtained enabling repair parts to be directly ordered and shipped to local maintenance facilities. In only the short period of time that this contract has been in effect, the office machine repair section has repaired five machines which previously would have been evacuated out-of-country for repair. This improved management action is enabling units to receive their urgently needed equipment back from repair in a much shorter period of time.

5. (C) ITEM: Mission performance is being curtailed due to a critical shortage of fast moving, heavily demanded repair parts for all major types of equipment.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: At the present time many repair parts cannot be obtained quickly enough to satisfy demands received. and as a result, "deadlined status of equipment" has increased.

<u>OBSERVATION</u>: The Collection, Classification and Salvage (CC&S) Point has been used extensively as a secondary source for repair parts. Currently, the CC&S Point issues approximately 50 line items daily direct to customers on valid due-outs from supply channels. However, this is at best a stop gap measure. Emergency requisitions are being placed to attempt to get repair parts and also to bring shop stocks up to required levels.

6. (U, <u>ITEM</u>: The promotion system has been partially inadequate for personnel within this organization.

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<u>DISCUSSION</u>: Promotions to grades of E-5 thru E-7 have been few and far between during the past months, even though personnel are eligible and promotable vacancies in grade are available. Higher headquarters has



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been notified of this problem and inquiries have been sent out. To date, no suitable answer or remedy to this problem has been received.

OBSERVATION: It is recommended that battalion headquarters be authorized as the convening authority for promotions to E-5 thru E-7. In this way, stripes will not turned away due to excesses which are not necessarily attributed to this organization.

7. (U) ITEM: The problem of procuring repair parts is paramount in the field of maintenance and, thus, dictates the use of all legitimate means available to obtain the necessary parts in order to maintain the most respectable "Equipment Deadlined For Parts" status possible.

DISCUSSION: Two months ago, the 578th Light Equipment Maintenance Company (GS), had an average backlog of approximately 166 pieces of equipment per month. This figure does not represent a totally unrespectable quantity, nor does it represent the best efforts on the unit's part. Therefore, other sources, in addition to normal supply channels, were sought in an effort to legitimately obtain repair parts, thereby reducing the backlog, 1st Logistical Command was informed of the problem and through their coordination, we were able to review the assistance of the Qui Nhon Support Command Depot. A list of all parts needed to reduce the backlog was furnished to Qui Nhon. All parts on-hand were issued and the remainder are presently being searched and will be issued to the 578th LEM Company as they are located. As a result of this outside effort, the backlog has decreased from 166 to 103 pieces in the last two months.

OBSERVATION: The need to continually make follow-ups on normal requisitions and exhaust other legitimate means to obtain the necessary repair parts, is a constant task and of the utmost importance in the maintenance field. This practice, if observed daily, can have a tremendous effect on lowering the backlog and ultimately getting the equipment back into the hands of the users, which is our paramount mission.

8. (U) <u>ITEM</u>: Frequent technical inspections performed by operators under the supervision of qualified inspectors help keep vehicles off deadline and keep our mechanics' work down to a minimum.

DISCUSSION: When operators come in for dispatches, and also when they return with the vehicles, it has been found that a technical inspection at these times aids in keeping time-consuming maintenance jobs down to a minimum. With this emphasis on operator preventive maintenance, mechanics now have more time to do the work they have been trained for.

OBSERVATION: With the aid of frequent technical inspections, it is hoped not only to continue to keep mechanics' work down to a level which they can handle, but also continue to keep equipment off deadline. This is very helpful to all battalion units because of a shortage of trained organizational maintenance mechanics.

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9. (U) <u>ITEM</u>: Personnel vacancies such as Cooks, Mechanics, Signal Repairmen (Field Radio Repairmen, Telephone & Teletype repairmen) and Engineer Repairmen are not being filled as required prior to normal rotation.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: Replacements are not being received fast enough to train them with experienced personnel in the particular jobs which are essential to the mission of the units of this organization.

<u>OBSERVATION</u>: Replacements should be sent as early as possible to replace the personnel who will be leaving. It is essential to train and cross-train personnel under experienced technicians, especially in the case of persons directly out of school.

10. (U) ITEM: Lack of R&R Spaces.

DISCUSSION: Nearly all the men in this organization prefer to go on R&R with their friends. Under the current policy, spaces are limited for the number of personnel that can go to the same place at the same time.

<u>OBSERVATION</u>: It would be an asset to the morale of the man to have several allocations to the same area at the same time, providing the men that want to go at R&R together the opportunity to do so.

11. (C) <u>ITEM</u>: Lack of proper water line illumination for Shell Oil Company Tankers.

DISCUSSION: On 14 April 1967, a Shell Oil Company Tanker, the Amastra, was blown up while sitting in the POL mooring in the Nha Trang Harbor. It is believed that lack of proper water line illumination for the tanker was a contributing cause to the successful sabotage act. Had there been proper water line illumination and alert guards, this incident may have been avoided.

OBSERVATION: Shell Oil Company Tankers presently provide 100% of the bulk fuel supply for the Nha Trang area. It is a major importance to all concerned to insure that everything possible is done to protect these tankers. This organization is providing five (5) 700 watt lamps to supplement the water line illumination capability of the tankers.

12. (U) ITEM: Marking of Hydraulic Fluid, 7808.

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DISCUSSION: It has come to the attention of the Director of POL for Vietnam that Vietnamese Nationals are using Hydraulic Fluid, 7808, as a salad oil.

OBSERVATION: To prevent the consumption of 7808 by the local nationals, each box of 7808 must have a scull and cross bone on the boxes and the word "Poison" written in Vietnamese.

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- 13. (C) ITEM: Shortages of Generator Repairmen (MOS 52D) seriouly hampors mission operations.

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<u>DISCUSSION</u>: The generator repair mission of the battalion is large and particularly critical since many customers are high priority signal units. In order to neet the repair mission, personnel have been cross-trained from other related mechanical fields, raducing capabilities in these fields.

<u>OBSERVATION</u>: Generator repairmen must be assigned to units of this battalion. Continued close coordination with the NTSAC Personnel. Section will be maintained.

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SECTION II, PART II - RECOMMENDATIONS

1. (U) Further emphasis must be placed on the timely procurement and distribution of port calls to insure that additional requirements are planned for during rotational humps. To keep personnel beyond their schedulod DEROS results in a decrease in morale and efficiency of personnel concerned. A leveling out of the hump could be acheived by allowing personnol to rotate after their individual replacements are received, if prior to their schedulod DEROS.

2. (U) Individual battalion size units should be given the authority to convene boards for the selection and promotion of enlisted personnel to the grades E-5 through E-7. Further, authority should be given to t promote a man occupying a position to the next higher grade, when a cancellation is received to fill a vacancy.

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HEADOUARTEES, NHA TRANG SUBARTA COMMAND, APO 96240 13 May 1967

TC: Commanding Officer, US Army Support Command, Cam Ranh Bay, APO 96312

1. (U) The enclosed Operational Report submitted by the 63rd Maintenance Battalion reflects the activities of the battalion for the period indicated.

2. (C) This command concurs with the report with following comments.

a. Reference Para 6. The Nha Trang Subarea Command-54th General Support Group is operating under a proposed TD and PTOT combined. Presently, the only authorization for requisitioning personnel is the TOE of the 54th General Support Group, since the TD and MTOT have not yet been approved. This situation results in the Nha Trang Subarea. Command appearing to be overstrength while in reality it is not due to assigned missions. Consequently, certain promotion allocations have not been received by this headquarters.

b. This headquarters is experiencing serious personnel shorteres which require it to either draw upon subordinate cormands for personnel. or transfer certain logistical staff functions to the 63rd Maintenance Battalion. In April, the logistical functions of this headouarters were absorbed by the 63rd Maintenance Rattalion. As a result of this roorganization, the 63rd Maintenance Battalion Commander performs the additional duties of the Logistical Officer, Nha Trang Subarea Command. Therefore the comments in the report pertaining to logistics are those of this command.

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Headquarters, US Army Support Command, Cam Ranh Bay, APO 96312 2 JUN 1967

THRU: Commanding General, 1st Logistical Command, APO 96307 Commanding General, US Army Vietnam, APO 96307 Commander-in-Chief, US Army Pacific, APO 96558

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

(U)1. The inclosed Operational Report submitted by the 63rd Maintenance Battalion adequately reflects the activities of the unit for the period indicated with the following comments.

a. Section II, Part I, paragraph 1 is not appropriate for inclusion in this report. This command makes every effort to secure assignment instructions and port calls as soon as possible from higher headquarters and promptly dispatch to subordinate elements.

b. Section II, Part I, paragraph 6 is not appropriate for inclusion in this report. Major subordinate headquarters must insure that promotions are distributed on a fair and equitable basis and the location of promotion boards is a command prerogative.

c. Section II, part I, paragraph 10 is not appropriate for inclusion in this report. This command makes every effort to allocate to major subordinate units blocks of R&R quotas. A COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE

d. Section II, Part I, paragraph 13 is not appropriate for inclusion in this report. Personnel are requisitioned to fill outstanding and projected vacancies and are assigned equally as they arrive to authorized vacancies or to fill mission requirements.

e. Section II, Part I, paragraph 13 is not appropriate for inclusion in this report. Generator Repairmen (MOS 52D) are assigned to units on an equitable basis as they become available.

f. Comments in paragraph 2a and b, 1st Indorsement covering personnel shortages are inappropriate for inclusion in this report. However, such problems are currently under study.

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(U)2. This indorsement is regraded UNCLASSIFIED when separated from classified inclosures.

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HEADQUANTERS, 1ST LOCISTICAL CO.A. D. APO 96307

TC: Deputy Commanding General, US Army Vietnam, Affw: AVENC-DL, APO 96307

1.W)The Operational Report-Lessons Learned submitted by the 63d Maintenance Batualion for the quarterly period ending 30 April 1967 is forwarded.

2.(C)Reference page 4, paragraph 5; and page 5, paragraph 7: Actions discussed in "Observations" are in accordance with Standing Operating Procedures established by this command. The hed Ball Express system was desirned to provide repair parts to remove equipment from deadline. The Red Ball Expanded system was designed to provide repair parts for acticipated demands. Comments in the referenced paragraphs are too remenal to provide a sufficient basis for action.

3.(6)Reference page 8, paragraph 1: Continuous emphasis is placed upon the timely produrement and distribution of port cells. Provisions for early return of person ell to reduce a rotational hand within a unit are outlined in USARV Page let 1-1 and USARV Regulation 614-9. Personnel will not be held beyond normal DELOS without their consent, unless the provisions of AR 600-31 apply. Strict compliance with USARV negulations 614-9, 614-30, and USARV Page let 4-1 will eliminate the problems of retaining personnel beyond their DEROS and allow timely procurement of port calls.

4. (WReference page 8, paragraph 2: Contents in paragraph 1a, 2d Indorsement, are appropriate.

5.16) The 63d Maintenance Eattalion engaged in combit service support. for 89 days durin. the reporting period.

6.(WConcur with basic report as modified by indorsements. The report is considered adequate.

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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375

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

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 30 April 1967 from Headquarters, 63d Maintenance Battalion (DS) as indorsed.

2. Pertinent comments follow:

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a. Reference item concerning promotions, paragraph 6, page 4 and paragraph 2, page 8: Nonconcur.

(1) AR 600-200 (paragraph 7-2b) allows authority to promote to grades E5 and E6 to be delegated down to commanders of battalions and any similar or higher echelon organizations which are authorized a commander in grade of lieutenant colonel or higher. Based upon the remarks in paragraph 6, page 4 and in the 1st and 2d Indorsements, it appears that E5 and E6 promotion authority has been withheld from battalion commanders at 54th General Support Group (Hq, Nha Trang Subarea Command), which is indeed a prerogative of command (paragraph 7-2d, AE 600-200). Authority to promote to grade E7, however, can be delegated down to commanders of organizations authorized a commander in grade of colonel or higher only; hence this precludes the commander of the 63d Maintenance Battalion from exercising the authority he desires.

(2) The few promotions in the battalion indicate the group overages comsume the battalion vacancies; therefore, no cumulative vacancies are accrued against which allocations for promotion can be issued. It should be noted that the promotion system in USARV works as prescribed for the rest of the Army as set forth in AR 600-200.

(3) With regard to receiving cancellations of requisitions, it must be recognized that promotion allocations seldom equal the numbers of cancellations received in any command. Those received are distributed as equitably as possible among the various major commands in USARV. There is nothing, however, which should preclude a qualified candidate at any level from competing for a position vacancy at any other level, not merely one which exists in his own organization, and potentially to be promoted into the position. The theory behind the system is that if promotion authority is held at the highest possible level, the selection base is broader and the best qualified men in the command will be promoted.

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b. Reference item concerning assignment instructions and portcalls, paragraph 1, section II, part I, page 3, paragraph 1a, 2d Indorsement and paragraph 3, 3d Indorsement: Concur. Every effort is made by this headquarters to expeditiously process and dissominate assignment instructions to subordinate commanders for all personnel in sufficient time to accomplish ad inistrative out processing actions before flatts. Further improvement of the assignment procedures can be made by hereithent of the army, office of remonal operations by providing more timely notification to this headquarters of individuals' areitments. Opecial attention by the 63d maintenance mattalion to insure that individuals are reported for reassignment at the proper the will also greatly assist in solving this problem.

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HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 7 SEP 1967

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

This headquarters has reviewed subject report and concurs in the report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

HEAVRIN SNYDER

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1. Class I issue to the 101st Airborne Division in Operation Summerall.

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(All Types of Maintenance & Equipment)

| Tctal | Jobs | No. 2 Tod Received | <u>DS</u> 4,931 | <u>GS</u> 927 | |
|-------|------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
| Total | Jobs | Completed | 4,782 | 913 | |
| Total | Jobs | Evacuated | 201 | 38 | |

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