

UNCLASSIFIED

AD NUMBER

AD861474

LIMITATION CHANGES

TO:

Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited.

FROM:

Distribution authorized to U.S. Gov't. agencies and their contractors;
Administrative/Operational Use; 14 MAY 1969.
Other requests shall be referred to Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development (Army),
Attn: FOR-OT-UT, Washington, DC 20310.

AUTHORITY

AGO D/A ltr, 29 Apr 1980

THIS PAGE IS UNCLASSIFIED

THIS REPORT HAS BEEN DELIMITED
AND CLEARED FOR PUBLIC RELEASE
UNDER DOD DIRECTIVE 5200.20 AND
NO RESTRICTIONS ARE IMPOSED UPON
ITS USE AND DISCLOSURE.

DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT A

APPROVED FOR PUBLIC RELEASE;
DISTRIBUTION UNLIMITED.

**Best
Available
Copy**



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

AD 861474

IN REPLY REFER TO

AGDA (M) (22 Oct 69) FOR OT UT 692208

31 October 1969

SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned, Headquarters, 52d Signal Battalion, Period Ending 30 April 1969

SEE DISTRIBUTION

1. Subject report is forwarded for review and evaluation in accordance with paragraph 5b, AR 525-15. Evaluations and corrective actions should be reported to ACSFOR OT UT, Operational Reports Branch, within 90 days of receipt of covering letter.

2. Information contained in this report is provided to insure appropriate benefits in the future from lessons learned during current operations and may be adapted for use in developing training material.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Kenneth G. Wickham

KENNETH G. WICKHAM
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

1 Incl
as

DISTRIBUTION:

Commanding Generals

US Continental Army Command
US Army Combat Developments Command

Commandants

US Army War College
US Army Command and General Staff College
US Army Air Defense School
US Army Armor School
US Army Aviation School
US Army Field Artillery School
US Army Infantry School
US Army Ordnance School
US Army Quartermaster School
US Army Signal School
US Army Southeastern Signal School

D D C
RECEIVED
NOV 19 1969
REGULATED
B

UNCLASSIFIED REPORT

DISTRIBUTION NO FOREIGN WITHOUT APPROVAL OF
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR FORCE DEVELOPMENT
(ARMY) ATTN FOR OT UT. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 52D SIGNAL BATTALION
APO San Francisco 96215

SCCPV-SG-VD-0

14 May 1969

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52d Signal Battalion for
Period Ending 30 April 1969, RCS CSFOR-65 (R1) (U)

SEE DISTRIBUTION

1. Section 1, Operations: Significant Activities.

a. Mission: During the reporting period, the 52d Signal Battalion established and maintained communication facilities in support of MACV Advisory Teams in the IV Corps Tactical Zone, RVN.

b. General: The 52d Signal Battalion performs its mission under control of its parent unit, the 2d Signal Group and has been operational during the entire 89 days reporting period.

c. Activities:

(1) A ceremony was held on 18 February 1969 at Company A, 52d Signal Battalion, Can Tho Army Airfield, RVN, commemorating the Tandem Switch Cutover. This marked the first of six Tandem Switches to become operational in the Republic of Vietnam.

(2) Principle Staff Change.

(a) A change of command ceremony was held on 26 April 1969, at 1600 hours. At this time, Lieutenant Colonel Donald R. Wong assumed command of the 52d Signal Battalion vice Lieutenant Colonel Gerald R. Jennings who departed for assignment as comptroller, 1st Signal Brigade (USASTRATCOM). During the change of command ceremony Lieutenant Colonel Jennings was awarded the Bronze Star and the Air Medal.

(b) Captain George Soo assumed duties as Battalion S-4 upon departure of Captain John A. McDougle on 20 February 1969.

(c) Captain Robert P. Parris assumed command of the 324th Signal Company upon departure of Captain John F. Lukas on 12 March 1969.

FOR OT UT
692208
Inclosure

14 May 1969

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52nd Signal Battalion
for Period Ending 30 April 1969, RCS CSFOR-65 (RI) (U)

(3) Distinguished Visitors.

(a) Brigadier General Robert Terry, Commanding General, USASTRATCOM Pacific, on 18 February 1969 visited HQ, and Company A, 52nd Signal Battalion.

(b) Brigadier General Thomas M. Rienzi, Commanding General, 1st Signal Brigade (USASTRATCOM), on 18 February 1969 visited HQ and Company A, 52nd Signal Battalion; he also attended the change of command ceremony at Can Tho Army Airfield on 26 April 1969.

(c) Major General George S. Bekhart, Senior Advisor IV CTZ, was reviewing officer at the 52nd Signal Battalion change of command ceremony on 26 April 1969 at Can Tho Army Airfield.

d. Personnel and Administration

(1) The 52nd Signal Battalion's actual assigned strength (735) was 69% of the authorized strength (1066) at the end of the reporting period. The Battalion was sufficiently staffed to perform its mission.

(2) Key personnel shortages at the end of the reporting period are identified below. Shortages will be eliminated during the next quarter if present recruitments are filled.

MOS	DESCRIPTION	AUTH	ACTUAL	SHORTAGES	
				THIS QTR	PAST QTR
05C	RTT Oper	63	41	22	13
31E	Fld Radio Rpm	8	5	3	0
31N	Tact Ckt Contr	16	9	7	2
36H	Dial Gen Off Rpm	15	11	4	5
51L	Rfrg Sp	4	2	2	0
72B	Comm Cen Sp	107	84	23	20
72C	Tel Swbd Oper	125	65	60	46
76Y	Gen Supply Clk	10	9	1	0

(3) There was a 22.4% decrease in enlisted promotion allocations this quarter. However, only 92.3% of the allocations were used due to the lack of position vacancies in grade of E6.

(4) During the reporting period, the following awards and decorations were approved for members of this command:

14 May 1969

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52nd Signal Battalion
for Period Ending 30 April 1969, RCS CSFOR-65 (RL) (U)

<u>MEDAL</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>LAST QTR</u>
Silver star	0	0	0	0	0
Legion of Merit	0	0	0	0	0
BSM "V"	1	0	0	1	0
BSM	2	8	3	13	5
Air Medal	0	0	1	1	0
Air Com "V"	9	0	1	10	0
Air Com	15	27	3	45	7
Purple Heart	0	0	0	0	0
Certificate of Achievement	0	12	2	14	0

(5) During the reporting period, 91 hometown news releases were made as follows:

<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>THIS QTR</u>	<u>LAST QTR</u>
19	23	49	91	197

e. Intelligence

(1) Enemy Activity: Enemy incidents increased in the 52nd Signal Battalion areas after TET and continued through mid-March. On 12 Apr 69, terrorist action caused three casualties, 1-KIA and 3 WIA.

(2) Defense Measures: Guidance and procedures have been emphasized on action to be taken during rocket and mortar attacks. Knowledge of these procedures will be an item of special interest on all inspections conducted by the Battalion S-2 Officer.

(3) Physical Security Program: This program consists of inspections of all assigned signal sites. Areas of command interest are Physical Security Plans, Practice Alerts, Security of Weapons and Ammunition, revetting and structure of bunkers and security of the perimeters.

(4) Zone Defense: The Commander of the 52nd Signal Battalion has been designated the IV Zone Defense Coordinator of the Can Tho Military Defense Posture. The purpose of this defense posture plan is to prescribe security requirements, alert conditions and defensive measures for all U.S. Forces and U.S. Civilian personnel within the IV Zone Sector (Can Tho City) as counter measures against civil disturbances and natural disasters

14 May 1969

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52nd Signal Battalion
for Period Ending 30 April 1969, RCS CSFOR-65 (R1) (U)

or enemy actions which threaten internal security. A Communications Defense Net (FM Radio) is presently being used as a back-up system for the telephonic warning system in operation. The alert system has been enhanced by this newly organized Military Defense Posture Plan.

(5) Counterintelligence Inspections: These inspections are conducted by 2nd Signal Group. Emphasis is placed on control and safeguarding of classified information.

(6) Security Violations: None.

f. Organization.

(1) On 1 May 69, upon direction of the 2nd Signal Group, the 327th Signal Company and the 3rd Platoon, 267th Signal Company were detached from the 52nd Signal Battalion, and they were attached to the 972nd Signal Battalion.

(2) Organization Chart Enclosed.

g. Operations.

(1) Mobile Riverine Force Communications: On 7 and 21 February 1969, the arrangement of the communication system for the Mobile Riverine Force was changed leaving two fixed azimuth systems (FAS) operating. These systems were FAS2 (CTO - VLG), and FAS4 (VLG - DTM). All three locations (CTO, VLG and DTM) operated a variable azimuth system (VAS) to the mobile riverine unit. Likewise, all the locations were prepared for activation and channelization on call. However, on 3 Apr 69, 2nd Signal Group directed deactivation of all systems.

(2) Deactivation of VHF Systems 77UHQ2, 77UH72, 77UHB8, 77UHB9: During the period 11-19 Feb 69, VHF systems operated between Soc Trang and Can Tho (77UHQ2) and between Soc Trang and Bac Lieu (77UH72) were deactivated. This action was made possible by the activation of the ICS which now carries all circuits previously handled by VHF systems. Likewise, the VHF system between Bac Lieu and Gia Kai (Relay Station) - Ca Mau was deactivated and replaced by the activation of the Ca Mau to Bac Lieu ICS. Activation of this system enabled the dismantling of the relay system, and the reassignment of equipment (AN/MRC-54) and personnel.

(3) Activation of IV CTZ O&I Net: On 12 Feb 69, the IV CTZ O&I Net (Operation and Intelligence) and the four division nets were reported fully operational; the Net initially consisted of four stations (BLU, SDC, CLH, MTH) plus Can Tho, the Net control station. During the last week of March (MACV LOI 44-66) the IV CTZ O&I Net was restructured, and included the following changes:

(a) Deletion of five stations (SCT, RGA, VTH, VLG and LXN)

14 May 1969

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52nd Signal Battalion
for Period Ending 30 April 1969, RCS CSFOR-65 (R1) (U)

(b) Elimination of the Division and Special Zone Nets.

(c) Activation of one net (IV Corps O&I) serving the remaining nine stations from the NCS at Can Tho.

During the month of April, this new O&I Net was so arranged that full duplex operations was realized. This was accomplished by the NCS transmitting on one frequency and the outlying stations being assigned a separate transmitting frequency. Operations were further enhanced via the subdivision of the outlying sites: Six (6) stations were assigned one transmit frequency and the remaining three (3) outlying stations were assigned a different transmitting frequency. This network allows a station from both subdivisions to transmit to the NCS simultaneously.

(4) Installation of New Electrical Power Distribution System at Vinh Long. On 22 Feb 69, the construction of a new electrical power distribution system was completed. The present system is engineered to provide the following advantage: The capability to manually switch from one generator to another without disrupting the electrical power service.

(5) Activation of Can Tho Tandem Switch: Can Tho Tandem Switch which was activated 23 Feb 69, gave subscribers in the Can Tho area direct distance dial capability to all areas of Southeast Asia. The Can Tho Tandem Switch is an integral part of the Southeast Asian Automatic Telephone System (SEA-ATS) now being implemented. The SEA-ATS program has been designed to provide U.S. and Free World Forces in Vietnam and Thailand with modern commercial quality common - user telephone system. After the SEA-ATS program is fully implemented, it will yield the following advantages:

(a) Class "A" subscribers will be able to dial directly to any other dial telephone exchange subscribe in Vietnam and Thailand.

(b) Class "C" subscribers will be able to place calls within their dial central office area, and to subscribers of other dial central offices connected by secondary trunking.

(c) The SEA-ATS program was further implemented by the activation of two multi-frequency trunks to Da Nang on 8 Apr 69. Likewise, on the 24 Apr 69 an additional direct dial primary trunk was activated between the Tandem Switch and DTE. A total of 24 inter-office trunks are installed.

14 May 1969

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52nd Signal Battalion
for Period Ending 30 April 1969, MCS CSFOR-65 (R1) (U)

(6) Temporary Establishment of AAM-79 System: On 5 Mar 69, the temporary establishment of the AAM-79 System between Tri Ton and Long Xuyen was completed. Previously, Tri Ton could not gain access to area communication except by using the ARVN communication system; consequently, all messages had to be relayed by FM radio from Tri Ton to Chi Lang. The primary purpose of the AAM-79 system was to provide Tri Ton Headquarters necessary area communication access to 44th STZ HQ located at Cao Lanh and IV Corps HQs located at Can Tho.

(7) Alternate Routing of Circuits Through ICS: On 28 Mar 69, a truck up rooted a guy wire causing the tower at Dong Tam to collapse. This required alt-routing of over twenty circuits from IV Corps area to Dong Tam. Company A accomplished this by alternate routing these circuits through ICS by using contingency pairs from the AN/MSG-73 van to ICS. Other circuits that needed to be alternate routed from IV Corps area were done via corps area communication systems.

(8) Up Grading of MACV HF/RTT Command Net (Replacement of AN/GRC-26D with AN/GRC-122 Equipment). The AN/GRC-26D system was replaced by the AN/GRC-122 single side band system in Mar 69. Employment of the AN/GRC-122 equipment has provided generally better and more reliable communications over the command net.

(9) Activation of AAM66 System: On the 2 Apr 69, the 12 channel (FCM) AN/GRC-50 system (AAM66) was activated replacing the AA274 system. This system was activated to make maximum use of current FCM assets, shorten transmission path, and provide multi-path access to the 44th Special Tactical Zone area.

(10) Establishment of 77UH29 Trunk Group (Can Tho to Dong Tam). The 77UH29 trunk group from Can Tho to Dong Tam was established on 23 Apr 69, by deactivating one (1) corps area 12 channel trunk group (AH267) and re-establishing it as a 12 channel DCS trunk group which is part of the AAM 31 & 32 system. The main reason this change was brought about was to allow the equipment (TRC-29) used to carry the PCA circuits to be released for use in the I Corps Tactical Zone.

(11) Establishment of the GRC-50 Test Shot (VTH-CTO). On the 24 Apr 69, the antenna was installed at Can Tho for the GRC-50 test system from Can Tho to Vi Thanh. The purpose of the test system was to check the feasibility of replacing TRC-24 equipment (first generation) with GRC-50 equipment. This is the first step in an extended range project to replace all AN/TRC-24 equipment used in the battalion as AN/GRC-50 assets are made available.

14 May 1969

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52nd Signal Battalion
for Period Ending 30 April 1969, NCS CSFOR-65 (RI) (U)

(12) Relocation of AN/TRC-97 (Troposcatter Station). During the month of Apr 69, the TRC-97 Troposcatter Radio located at Bac Lieu had to be relocated because of the poor horizon angle obtained at the MACV site; the station was relocated at the ICS site. This new site has given improved quality of communications. Theoretically, the relocation of the AN/TRC-97 provides a 99.99% reliability.

(13) Relocation of MTC-1 from Long Xuyen to Cao Lanh. The MTC-1 switchboard from Long Xuyen was relocated to 44th Special Tactical Zone HQ in Cao Lanh where optimum utilization could be realized, releasing the MTC-10 switchboard from Cao Lanh which was returned to 2nd Signal Group contingency assets. An MTC-3 switchboard was installed at Long Xuyen. The MTC-3 was powered with an external 48 volt storage battery source so that common battery signaling and transmission power would be provided. By providing the transmission (talk) power from a common source (the switchboard) continued use of the T. - 236 telephones was made possible.

(14) Redistribution of the An Thoi Outside Plant. Upon deactivation of 12 channel AN/TRC-24 system 77UH3J (ATO-DGG) portions of the outside cable plant were no longer being utilized and/or required. LOI 36-69 was issued eliminating the 300 pair cross connect terminal plus two 100 pair cross connects at the former ATO VHF site. This rearrangement permitted more efficient use of cable plant plus facilitating the capability to expand.

h. Training.

(1) The OJT program within the 52nd Signal Battalion has increased the proficiency of the personnel. Also, it enables incoming personnel to grasp the operations and to become familiar with the employment and arrangement of the equipment used in the battalion. Each assigned unit is presenting a OJT program in the fields of MOS shortages. Cross training is being conducted to increase the proficiency of those personnel who are working in related MOS Fields. This is done to enable them to acquire those additional MOS skills which are critical to the accomplishment of the mission. 454 personnel were cross trained in the 3rd Ctr, FY 69. The following chart indicates the MOS breakdown:

<u>MOS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PERS TNG IN MOS</u>	<u>PERS CROSS-TNG</u>	<u>TOTAL TNG THIS CTR</u>	<u>TOTAL TNG LAST CTR</u>
05B	Radio Operator	0	11	11	40
05C	Radio TTY Oper	25	13	38	35
31E	Fld Rad Rpmn	0	0	0	1
31J	TTY Rpmn	8	0	8	5

SCCFV-SG-VD-0

14 May 1969

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52nd Signal Battalion
for Period Ending 30 April 1969, RCS CSFOR-65 (R1) (U)

<u>MOS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PERS TNG IN MOS</u>	<u>PERS CROSS-TNG</u>	<u>TOTAL TNG THIS CTR</u>	<u>TOTAL TNG LST CTR</u>
31L	Fld Rad Hel Rpmn	13	2	15	9
31M	Rad Hel Carrier ATTN	94	9	103	135
31N	Tactical CKT ENL	14	0	4	14
31S	FLD GEN COMSEC RPMN	16	0	16	
31Z	Army Area Comm Ch	10	1	11	13
32D	Fixed Station Cntl	11	5	16	13
32F	Fixed Ciphony Rpmn	1	1	1	0
360	Pole Lineman	36	9	45	14
360	DF System Rpmn	7	0	7	10
36H	Dial Central Rpmn	11	0	11	5
63B	Wheel Veh Rpmn	6	8	14	11
63C	Gen Veh Rpmn	5	2	7	0
71H	Personnel Sp	2	2	4	13
72B	Comm-Cen Sp	55	11	66	75
72C	Tele Swbd Oper	45	16	61	51
76U	El Parts Sp	1	2	3	0
76Y	Gen Supply Sp	0	4	4	2
94B	Cook	11	2	13	2
71B	Clk Typist	0	4	4	11

(2) Special Training Projects

(a) Special Training, consisting of the USMTF 1st Signal Brigade courses, is used in conjunction with the OJT program for cross training of personnel as well as a refresher training for senior supervisory personnel. Also, it serves as a means to introduce new equipment and increase the proficiency of already qualified personnel.

14 May 1969

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52nd Signal Battalion
for Period Ending 30 April 1969, RCS CSFOA-65 (R1) (U)

(b) Although cable splicers are not authorized in the battalion TO&E, the USATF Cable Splicer School Graduates enabled the 52nd Signal Battalion to become self-supporting in this area.

(c) 57 personnel were trained at the USATF this reporting period as compared to the 33 personnel the previous period.

(d) The following chart illustrates the allocations and the number of battalion personnel attending USATF courses during the 3d QTR FY 69.

<u>USATF School Projects</u>	<u>Number Attending</u>	<u>Allocations</u>
Carrier Opr Crs	3	3
Sys CTL Crs	2	2
Tech Fac Controller Crs	1	1
CMT Restoral Crs	3	3
AN/TnC-111/117 Crs	7	7
AN/GRC-50 Maint Crs	2	2
FLL Crs	4	4
Ckl Splicer Crs	6	6
Mode V Maint Crs	1	1
FCM Sys Maint Crs	6	6
AN/GRC 106 Maint Crs	1	2
Gen Oper Crs	15	15
Micro Wave Oper Crs	5	5
Tel Key Sys Maint Crs	1	1
Total allocations	<u>57</u>	<u>58</u>

SCCFV-SG-VD-0

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52d Signal Battalion
for Period ending 30 April 1969, ACS CSFOA-65 (R1) (U)

1. Logistics: During the period 1 Feb 69 through 30 Apr 69 the following significant activities have been taken place in the field of logistics.

(1) Mr. Gaffney, engineer technical representative, presented a three day generator operator maintenance course during this period. Twelve men of this Battalion were trained.

(2) Evacuation procedures established at end of last quarter for FCM module printed circuit boards have significantly reduced the repair and return time from Sacramento Army Depot. The repair time presently averages 2 to 3 weeks as compared to 2 to 3 months in the past.

(3) The establishment of a Class IV construction material account at the 490th General Support at Vung Tau has provided this battalion access to bunker material.

(4) The Battalion Electrical Maintenance Facility was upgraded in March to include rewiring, and paneling, which provided better lighting and facilitated keeping apparatus clean. Seven air-conditioners were installed providing better working conditions thereby enhancing production.

(5) The turn-in of excess 1st generation communication equipment (AN/TRC-24 and associated carrier equipment) to 2d Signal Group has greatly reduced the maintenance load in the battalion.

2. Section 2. Lessons Learned: Commander's Observation, Evaluations, and Recommendations.

a. Personnel: None

b. Operations.

(1) Installation Instructions on IDLE Line Termination Network (TA-691/TT).

(a) Observation: The incorrect installation of IDLE Line Termination Network TA-691/TT on switchboard SB-86/P.

(b) Evaluation: Installation instructions contained in para 41 of POM: 11-5805-304-20 (Dated December 1965) issued with the kit, only mentions installation of two pairs to trunks, numbers 29,30. The instructions are incomplete for the installation of the SB-86/P for termination of all carrier derived trunks which is an additional capability not identified in the instructions. Although supplemental instruction was issued for the installation of the kits, generally site personnel installed the kits IAW PCMM 11-5805-304-20.

14 May 1969

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52nd Signal Battalion
for period ending 30 April 1969, MCS CSFOR-65 (R1) (U)

(c) Recommendation: when issuing Idle Line Termination kits to personnel for installation, complete and detailed instruction should accompany the kits, to include deletion of paragraph 4I, FOMM 11-5805-304-20.

(2) Inefficient Utilization of CTO Local Tandem (Inter-Office) Circuits.

(a) Observation: Inefficient utilization of Inter-Office circuits (CTO DTE to CTO TANDEM) was a recurring problem because of general subscriber instructions in the directory.

(b) Evaluation: Explanation for calling the manual switchboards within the CTO Tandem area was not detailed enough in the local telephone directory. For a local subscriber to call a manual switchboard off the local exchange, he should dial 0 for the local operator. Can Tho Telephone Directory had instructions to dial 931-0121 which meant accessing the tandem through a tandem trunk (Inter-Office). These instructions were furnished IAW 1st Signal Brigade for all of South Vietnam. In order for the tandem equipment to give the subscriber the local Can Tho LTE operator, still another tandem primary trunk had to be accessed, thereby utilizing two (2) tandem primary trunks from Can Tho tandem to Can Tho DTE when the call could have been made using no tandem primary trunks. This resulted in heavier use for an already overloaded Can Tho Tandem Switch to Can Tho DTE Trunks.

(c) Recommendation: To solve the above mentioned problem, changes were made to the new telephone directory. These changes consist of the insertion of supplementary instructions to local subscribers trying to call manual switchboards off their local DTE. These instruction inform the local subscriber to call his local Operator by dialing Zero (0) instead of dialing 931-0121. This was done by adding supplemental instructions to operator/subscriber Dial Code listing. Recommend that South Vietnam telephone directories be appropriately annotated for the respective tcn areas.

c. Training. Reduction in the Retainability Prerequisite for Attendance to USATFS Schools.

(a) Observation: Six month retainability prerequisite for personnel in critical MOS to attend USATFS Schools was difficult to meet.

(b) Evaluation: Presently a retainability requirement of six (6) months must exist in order that personnel can be sent to USATFS Courses. This retainability requirement has precluded the attendance of qualified personnel to these classes. This problem is further aggravated during a personnel shortage period.

14 May 1969

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52nd Signal Battalion
for Period Ending 30 April 1969, ACS CSFOA-65 (R1) (U)

(c) Recommendation: Personnel in critical MOS Fields and with three months remaining prior to DEROS be granted a waiver on the six month retainability prerequisite for courses of instruction of two weeks or less durations.

d. Intelligence: None

e. Logistics.

(1) Supply Facility

(a) Observation: Facilities at battalion headquarters are inadequate. They do not provide space for vehicle movement, loading and unloading supplies effectively, nor the most desirable methods for storage and issue of supplies.

(b) Evaluation: Units cannot be serviced adequately by battalion S-4 due to the limited space for vehicles and facilities to receipt, storage and issue of expendable, Class II and VII and Class IV Supplies.

(c) Recommendation: That the property book section be located in an area for ease of vehicular movement, loading and unloading of supplies and adequate warehouse and administrative space. This would facilitate conducting all supply transactions from one central location. Additionally, this would provide subordinate units more expedient service in that they too would have only one source from which to obtain all type of supplies.

(2) Direct Support Maintenance.

(a) Observation: Return time of automotive equipment turned in for direct support repairs, has been excessive. This was due to lack of parts and adequate personnel at DSU, consequently, many items of equipment were turned in as unserviceable.

(b) Evaluation: This has constituted a hardship to some of the units within the battalion. Equipment density has been reduced which hinders the mobility of the units.

(c) Recommendation: More emphasis be placed on reducing the return time of turned in equipment for repair and rapid replacement of turned in unserviceable equipment.

f. Organization. None


g. Others. None

SCCFV-SG-VD-0

14 May 1969

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52nd Signal Battalion
for Period Ending 30 April 1969, H&S CSFOR-65 (R1) (U)

1 Incl
as


DON H. WONG
LTC, SigC
Commanding

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - CINCPACAF
- 3 - CG, USARV
- 1 - CG, 1st Signal Brigade
- 1 - CG, USASMA TCCM
- 6 - CO, 2d Signal Group

SCCPV-SC-CO (14 May 69) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52d Signal Battalion for
Period ending 30 April 1969, ICS CSFOR-65 (A1)

DA, HQ, 2d Signal Group, APO SF 96491

THRU: Commanding General, 1st Signal Brigade (USASTRATCOM), ATTN:
SCCPV-OP, APO SF 96384
Commanding General, USARV, ATTN: AVHCC-DST, APO SF 96375
CINCUSAFAC, ATTN: GPOP-DT, APO SF 96558

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

1. Subject report is forwarded in accordance with 1st Signal Brigade
Regulation CCPVR 1-19, dated 12 July 1968 as changed.

2. The report has been reviewed and is concurred in by this Headquarters.


RUSSELL R. CURINGTON
Colonel, SigC
Commanding

SCCPV-OP-SD (14 May 69) 2d Ind

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52nd Signal Battalion
for Period Ending 30 April 1969, RCS CSFOR-65 (R1)

DA, HQ, 1st Signal Brigade (USASTRATCOM), APO 96384 5 June 1969

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGC-DST,
APO 96375

1. Subject report is forwarded in accordance with USARV Regulation 525-15.
2. The report has been reviewed by this headquarters and is concurred in with the following comments concerning referenced paragraphs:

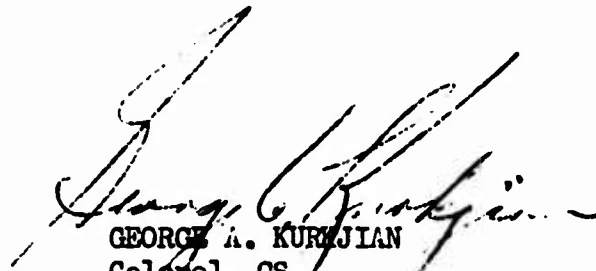
a. Paragraph 1d(1), page 2. While the 52d Signal Battalion personnel strength was at a level below the overall Brigade strength level, the assigned strength level was well within the limits necessary for performance of the Battalion's mission.

b. Paragraph 1d(2), page 2. Input of these MOS's continues at a slow rate of fill. All efforts are being made to assure equitable distribution of these MOS's within the Brigade.

c. Paragraph 1d(3), page 2. Promotion allocations are distributed on a pro rata basis in accordance with the Group's reports of the number of personnel eligible. There has been a corresponding decrease in promotion allocations received from Headquarters USASTRATCOM.

d. Paragraph 2e(2), page 12. The unit will be advised by this headquarters to write a letter to the support organization requesting faster turn around time for equipment in maintenance. If problem is not resolved this headquarters should be notified in writing, through channels, of actions taken at the unit level.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


GEORGE A. KURJIAN
Colonel, GS
Chief of Staff

CF:

Commanding General, United States Army Strategic Communications Command,
ATTN: DCSOPS, SCC-OPS-RT, Fort Huachuca, Arizona
Commanding Officer, 2nd Signal Group, APO 96491
Commanding Officer, 52nd Signal Battalion, APO 96215

AVHGC-DST (14 May 69) 3d Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52d Signal Battalion for
Period Ending 30 April 1969, RCS CSFOR-65 (R1) (U)

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY, VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375 22 JUN 1969

THRU: Commanding General, United States Army Strategic Communications
Command-Pacific, APO 96557

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

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 30 April 1969 from Headquarters, 52d Signal Battalion.

2. Reference item concerning installation instructions on Idle Line Termination Network (TA-691/TT), section II, pages 10-11, paragraph 2b(1); concur. Preliminary Operating Maintenance Manual (POMM) 11-5805-304-20 is misleading as to the capability of the TA-691/TT. Paragraph 4i of POMM should be modified to reflect that: (1) All 4 pairs of the TA-691/TT may be utilized on an SB-86/P and need not be restricted to the civilian trunk drops, and; (2) that, if used solely on civilian trunk drops, the 2 pairs indicated as spares in paragraph 4i of the POMM may be utilized to provide idle line termination on an additional TA-207 jack field. This matter should be referred to the Materiel Readiness Directorate, U.S. Army Electronics Command at Fort Monmouth, N.J., proponent agency for the POMM. Action has been initiated to disseminate this information within USARV.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



A.R. GUENTHER
CPT. AGC
ASST. ADJUTANT GENERAL

Cy furn:
52d Sig Bn
1st Sig Bde

SCCP-OP (14 May 69) 4th Ind

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 52d Signal Battalion for
Period Ending 30 April 1969, RCS CSFOR-65 (R1)

Headquarters, U. S. Army Strategic Communications Command-Pacific, APO
San Francisco 96557 25 APR 1969

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

1. Subject report is forwarded in accordance with AR 525-15.
2. This headquarters has reviewed subject report and concurs with subject report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



FRANK C. MAHIN
Colonel, GS
Chief of Staff

CF:
CG, USARV
CG, 1st Sig Bde
CO, 52d Sig Bn

GPOP-DT (14 May 69) 5th Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report of HQ, 52d Signal Battalion
for Period Ending 30 April 1969, RCS CSFOR-65 (R1)

HQ, US Army, Pacific, APO San Francisco 96558 23 SEP 69

THRU: Commanding General, US Army Strategic Communications
Command, Fort Huachuca, Arizona 85613

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


1. This headquarters concurs in subject report as indorsed,
except as follows.

2. Reference paragraph 1d(1). The weekly PACOM strength and
deployment report as of 15 August 1969 (copy furnished DA)
shows the following authorized and operating strengths:

	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>OPERATING</u>
52d Sig Bn	737	792
107th Sig Co	350	236
324th Sig Co	<u>140</u>	<u>133</u>
TOTAL	1227	1161

Based on subject report, the 52d Signal Battalion and sub-
ordinate units have 94% of personnel authorizations.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:


D. A. TUCKER
CPT. AGC
ASST AG

Cy furn:
DA, ACSFOR
CG, USASTRATCOM-PAC

SCC-PO-CERA (14 May 69) 6th Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report of HQ, 52nd Signal Battalion for Period
Ending 30 Apr 69, RCS CSFOR-65 (R1)

Headquarters US Army Strategic Communications Command, Fort Huachuca,
Arizona 85613 1 9 OCT 1969

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

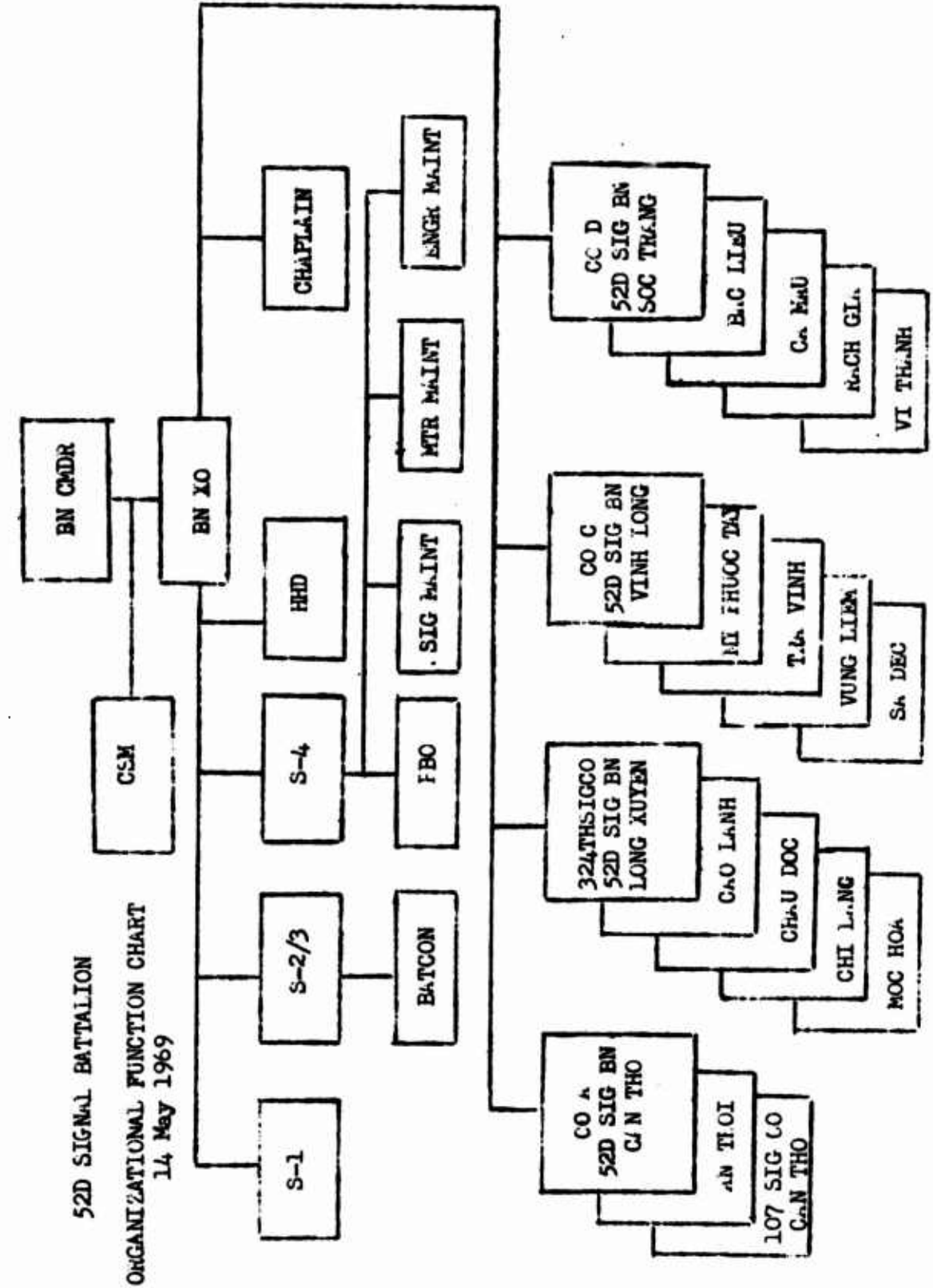
1. This Headquarters has reviewed the operational report, Lessons-
Learned for the period ending 30 April 1969, from Headquarters, 52nd
Signal Battalion, and concurs with subject report.

2. In reference with paragraph 2, 3d Ind, concur with the recommen-
dation, and a copy of this report will be forwarded to Materiel
Readiness Directorate, US Army Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth,
New Jersey, for review.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Robert A. Mall
ROBERT A. MALL
Captain, AGC
Asst Adj Gen

CF:
CG USASTRATCOM-PAC



Incl 1

UNCLASSIFIED

Security Classification

DOCUMENT CONTROL DATA - R & D

(Security classification of title, body of abstract and indexing annotation must be entered when the overall report is classified)

1. ORIGINATING ACTIVITY (Corporate author) HQ, OACSFOR, DA, Washington, D.C. 20310		2a. REPORT SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED	
		2b. GROUP	
3. REPORT TITLE Operational Report - Lessons Learned, HQ, 52d Signal Battalion			
4. DESCRIPTIVE NOTES (Type of report and inclusive dates) Experiences of unit engaged in counterinsurgency operations, 1 Feb 69 to 30 Apr 69.			
5. AUTHOR(S) (First name, middle initial, last name) CO, 52d Signal Battalion			
6. REPORT DATE 14 May 1969		7a. TOTAL NO. OF PAGES 23	7b. NO. OF REFS 1
8a. CONTRACT OR GRANT NO.		8b. ORIGINATOR'S REPORT NUMBER(S) 692208	
b. PROJECT NO. N/A		8c. OTHER REPORT NUM(S) (Any other numbers that may be assigned this report)	
c.			
d.			
10. DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT			
11. SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES N/A		12. SPONSORING MILITARY ACTIVITY OACSFOR, DA, Washington, D.C. 20310	
13. ABSTRACT			

DD FORM 1473
1 NOV 68

UNCLASSIFIED

Security Classification