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1. SECTION I. SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

NOT REPRODUCIBLE a. GENERCL: During the period 1 May 1969 through 31 July 1969, the 41st Civil Affairs Company was engaged in supporting pacification and revolution ry development (RD) programs, implementing civil affairs programs, initiating civic action projects, and providing refugee assistance within II Corp Tactical Zone (CTZ) in the Republic of Vietnam (RVN).

The mission of the 41st Civil Affairs Company is to provide civil affairs support to tactic l operations and the revolutionary development and prefic tion programs within II CTZ. Tasks implied by this mission are to strengthen the Government of Vietnem (GVN) by willizing and strongthening GVN channels, assisting GVN officials to become effective and responsive to the needs of the people, and informing the people of the appropriate existing GVN channels; to improve coordination enong US/FWMAF, FVM.F, and GVN elements involved in the profilection program; to increase ARVN and Regional Force/Popular Force (RF/PF) support of the civil affairs aspect of p cific tion; to determine civil affairs needs and resources and provide a basis for coordination and continuity by development of area surveys in areas of operations; and to support and utilize the Handet Evoluction System (HES) for evolution of civil offairs requirements.

To accomplish this mission, ten TOE civil / ffairs pl'toons and soven provisional planoons are deployed throughout IT CT2. One of the TOE platoons is attached in support of the 4th Infantry Division, and four TOL plotoens are attached to the 29th Civil Affairs Company in I CT2.

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The majority of the seventeen platoons in II CTZ are attached to M.CCORDS Advisory Teems for administrative and logistical support. Utilizing the area concept of employment, the platoons have been placed in direct support of the District/Province Senior Advisor (DSA/PSA), and under operational control of company he dquarters in Nha Trang. The platoons are deployed within II CTZ as follows: Binh Dinh Province: Platoons 6, 11, 13, Provisional 13A, 14, and Provisional 14A; Binh Thuan Province: Platoons 4 and 7; Darlac Province: Platoon 2; Khanh Hoa Province: Platoon 1 and Nha Trang Provisional; Phu Yen Province: Platoon 12; Pletku Province: Platoons 8 (attached to 4th Infantry Division), 9, Provisional 9A, and 15; and Cam Ranh Provisional Platoon in the autononous city of Cam Manh.

b. INTELLIGENCE: All personnel, particularly Pletoon Communders and Public Safety Supervisors, receive an intelligence briefing and security/ intelligence orientation upon assignment to the unit. Intelligence and security lectures are conducted by I FFORCEV G-2 during each Quarterly Platoon Commanders! Conference. Company staff officers attend regularly scheduled intelligence briefings, and review intelligence documents received by the unit. Information pertinent to the operation or security of Platoons in the field is disseminated by rapid means. Plateon Commanders routinely contact the appropriate intelligence collection officers in their areas of operations to insure a mutual exchange of information which will provide a better understanding of current intelligence requirements and a clearer concept of the general intelligence and security situation. A number of platoons have made significant contributions to the collection of information on the location, population, local industry, economy, education, welfare, and security of the villages within their areas. Occasionally, valuable information concerning VC activity or the Viet Cong Infrastructure (VCI) is also obtained. Recently, at great personal risk, a Montagnard voluntarily provided a CA platoon in Binh Thurn Province with information concerning the regular passage of VC through his village. This information was passed to the 44th ARVN Regiment. An imbush was set up, resulting in five KLA and seven weapons captured. A bunker was also uncovered and destroyed as a result of this intelligence information. Several of the platoons and the National Police (NP) have been conducting joint PSYMAR campaigns directed at identification of the VCI by the people. Eight VCI were identified by one villager at Plui Exor, approximately five kilometers north of Edap Enong in Ploika Province. The people of Plai Ra Drung also reported that ten villagers from Edap Enang were taking rice into the jungle, evidently for the VC. Public Safety Supervisors (PSS) are providing coordination between the National Police Field Force (NPFF) and the District Intelligence Operations Control Center (DIOCC) in an effort to identify the VCI and target the NPFF toward then.

C. UPERATIONS AND TRAINING ACTIVITES:

(1) Plans: The 41st Civil affairs Company is continuously reviewing its programs and assessing its resources to insure that platoon assets

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and capabilities are properly utilized in support of the pacification program in II CTZ. As a result, two provisional platoons were recently organized from within the company and deployed to Binh Dinh Province. These platoons were formed in an effort to provide adequate civil affairs advisory personnel in support of province pacification programs, particularly for Binh Dinh Province.

Following initial deployment under the area concept, the platoens relied heavily upon civic action projects to establish themselves in an area and to maximize the implet of the pacification and revolutionary development programs. Due to the success of, and increased emphasis upon the pacification program, many platoens are reducing their involvement in civic action programs and are placing increased emphasis and attention upon development of civil affairs advisory roles. Platoen 12 in Phu Yen Province, Platoen 15 in Pleiku Frovince, and the Cam Kanh Provisional Platoen have been given the responsibility for coordinating and supervising the conduct of military civic action programs and monitoring province pacification plans and programs.

(2) Operations: During this reporting period the 41st Civil Affairs Company continued to provide technical assistance and support to all aspects of civil affairs/civic action programs within II CTZ. Total effort expended in civil affairs/civic action activities was 4,178 man-days. Cash expenditures and value of commodities distributed in support of civil affairs/civic action programs totaled 6,618,419 picsters, equivalent to \$56,088. Inclosure 1 is a list of commodities distributed. In addition, 410 USAID/CARE kits, such as resettler, school, masch, and woodworking, were distributed. The platoons also assisted in the distribution of 164,980 pounds of foodstuffs and 6,745 pounds of clothing. Platoon efforts in support of civil affairs programs were divided among five general arces, with social welfare receiving 32% of total effort, refugees 23%, education 16%, economic development 16%, and transportation 13%.

Platoon commandors continue to work under the promise that a successful civil affairs platoon is one that works in an area and eventually is no longer needed since the government and the people will have progressed to the point that they no longer require assistance. The dim therefore is for the platoons to work themselves out of a job. The primary conduit for achieving this goal is the ability of the people to utilize GVN channels and decrease their dependence upon the platoons. Coupled with this is the ability of the people to hendle their own projects with a minimal amount of assistance from the platoons. To develop this ability to its utmost, the platoons have been placing increased emphasis on self-government, the use of GVN channels, and the involvement of the people in the projects. The Village Self Development program (VSD) provided added impetus to selfgovernment and community development. An excellent example of village development and community spirit is the village of an Hiep, Binh Thuan Province. The people wanted to construct an irrigation complex, and the

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CA platoon from Phan Thiet provided assistance by obtaining rapid approval for use of AIK funds. The irrigation project was enthusiastically begun and quickly and efficiently completed. The people then turned their attentions to two more irrigation projects, which were also completed with dispetch. A request for materials to construct a dam was submitted through GVN channels. The RD Council, however, refused to support the project. Undaunted, the people began work on the project without GVN assistance. The CA platoon provided some meterial assistance, but the mejority of the materials were provided by the people. The people completed the project with little instruction or supervision from the CA platoon. The speed with which the people of an Hiep have completed their self-help projects is indicative of their growing community spirit. Increased awareness on the part of local officials for the need for intelligent planning is becoming apparent. The Song Mao Ca platoon and the CORDS representative worked with the village council in developing a plan for the resettlement he mlet of Canh Dien, Binh Thuan Province. The streets, temples, house lots, wells, and market places were layed out in a manner that provides for officient utilization of the available land and allows for future expressions while at the same time avoiding conflict with Chan customs. The hamlet plan was fully developed before land clearing or construction began.

Social welfare programs included well construction and improvement, housing construction, and medical assistance and hospital/dispensary improvements, as well as distribution of commodities to displaced or needy persons and the support of orphanages. The platoons contributed to the construction or repair of 128 dwellings, 12 wells, 141 latrines, and 6 dispensaries and hospitals. The water system at Liem Binh, Binh Thuan Province, has proved can be procured locally, no skilled labor is required for installation, and the design allows for future additions. A great many people have expressed interest in this type of project, and it may serve as an example for other villages to emulate. The people are justifiably proud of their accomplishment, and it has done a great deal for the community spirit. The people in Xuan Phong, Binh Thuan Province, hove completed a dispensory with their own labor and the technical assistance of the CA platoon. As soon as medical supplies become available, this dispensary will provide constant medical attention for the people of the hamlet. The Nha Trang Provisional Platoon is drilling shallow wells with a locally constructed hand auger. If the wells are successful, one of the m jor health and sonitation problems in the lowland areas will have been alleviated. The Ca. platoon in Ban Me Thuot, Darlac Province, is assisting the people of Buon Jat in constructing a 1500 meter canal to divert water from a nearby stream into the hamlet and book to the stream. This will provide a continuous flow of fresh water for the people of the hamlet. Local volunteer labor is presently being used and progress is relatively slow. During a MEDCAP in Plai Monu, Platoon 15, Plaiku Province, noted a definite decline in the health of the villegers. Although there is a dispensary in the nearby Vietnemese village of Le Chi, the Nontegnards apparently do not visit the dispensery. The plateon is gethering information concerning

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medical support capabilities of GVN in the province. Using this information, the platoon intends to develop a plan to improve MEDCAPS by insuring that GVN representatives are available to provide treatment. Also, by publicizing the locations of dispensaries close to various villages, it is hoped to increase the use of existing GVN medical facilities by the Montegnards as well as the Vietnamese. The Ca platcon in Bong Son, Binh Dinh Province, hes assisted the New Zueland medical term in construction of a dust-off pad at Bong Son Hospital. The platoon in Tuy Hoa helped construct an incinerator for Phu Yen Province Hospital. At Plei Ia Lou, Pleiku Province, high sickness and donth rates among the very young and vory old ware a result of dehydration caused by diarrhea and unlnutrition. The Emlnutrition was a problem with a known cause. However, medical specislists could not determine the quact cause of the diarrhea. The provisional platoon attacked the problem of malnutrition by supplementing the villagers diet with canned goods and later with bulgar and rolled wheat. Pleiku Province Public Health personnel, sided by the platoon medics, began intensive treatment of the people using tetracycline as the primary medicine. Platoon personnel also began an intense program for improving the senitary conditions of the village. As a result of these cumbined efforts, the rate of sickness in Plei Ia Lou is dropping. Previously, two or three deaths a day were common; now the rate is one every two or three days. The majority of platoons have been conducting training programs to provide indigenous medics for the local dispensaries. Many platoons have also boun conducting health and sanitation classes for the people. Forty-eight nurses, aides, and medics have been trained. A total of seven health and senitation classes have been presented to 925 people. MEDCAPS were conducted by a ma jority of the platoons, with 22,978 people being treated and 8,439 immunizations administered. In addition, 743 pounds of health items such as sup were distributed.

of prime importance to the civil affeirs program is the development of education and educational facilities. The success of the various other progrems depends upon the level of education in the area and the ability of the people to comprehend and carry out the project. Four new schools were built and five were repaired. Twenty-one construction classes were presented to 119 people, and 980 students received English language instruction in forty-one classes. The platcon in Tam Quan, Binh Dinh Province, recently found that a need for improvement of the school situation existed in Ngos an hamlet. Although 150 students wanted to attend the hamlet school, there was only spice in the school building for sixty-five. A frame building large enough for the hamlet's needs was constructed and roofed with palm thatch and rice straw. This building will serve as a temporary measure until a permanent school building can be constructed by the GVN. The RD Cadre of Thei Lai and Hoe Trung had been conducting classes for school children in two dilapide ted houses. A permanent school building had been requested through GVN channels. In the meantime, the platcon at Bong Son, Binh Dinh Province, provided a GP medium tent to be used as a temporary school building, and donated fifty annunition boxes for the construction of school desks.

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Projects to improve economic conditions included market places, agricultural projects, and irrightion systems. One market place, one dam, and four irrigation systems were constructed. The cattle innoculation program initiated in Khanh Duong, Khanh Hoa Province, has been completed. Over 420 cattle, comprising 98% of the local cattle population, were innoculated for Kinderpest and Hemorrhagic Septicemia. A rabbit raising project has been started in Song Mao, Binh Thuan Province. The people built rabbit pens, and three doe rabbits, previously bred, were distributed to selected recipients. " female from each litter is to be returned to village control three months after birth. These will be bred and distributed to other selected recipients. In this manner, a majority of the villagers will soon have rabbit raising projects started. This program will provide a protein supplement to their diet, as well as forming the basis for a local industry. Platoons in Binh Dinh Province are also supporting the market places of De Duc, Tam Quan, and Trung Luong, as well as construction of social welfare centers in Pleiku and Cam Ranh. The lighting system for Phu My, Binh Dinh Province, is progressing slowly. When completed, street lights will run throughout the city and each home will be allowed two lights. The task of distributing the lighting to the homes will be handled by a Vietnamese District Committee which is being set up. The Public Safety Supervisors are assisting the National Police in reducing black market activities and establishing fair price controls,

Projects to improve transportation facilities included the building or repair of twenty-eight kilometers of road, three culvert, and eight bridges, The platoon at Tuy Phuoc, Binh Dinh Province, provided materials for resurfacing approximately one kilometer of the road running through Tuy Thuoc. The work was accomplished by the families living along the road. The platuon is also helping rebuild the byidge leading into Hung Nghia hamlet, and is involved in the planning and construction of two suspension bridges in the hamlets of Hung Thanh and ap Xi. The bridge in Hieu Xong was completed by the people working under the supervision of the CA platoon from Tuy Hoa, Phu Yen Province. The people organized themselves well, and the oridge was completed in half the normal time due to their industriousness. The people of Hoa Thuan, Binh Thuan Province, also worked hard to complete the bridge into their hamlet. The platoon from Ban Me Thuot, Darlac Province, helped repair a bridge on QL 214 over the Dak Lieng shrean. The seventy-one foot span had been damaged by a VC satchel cahrge, and finally collapsed. The bridge was raised to word level through the use of bridge jacks and cribbing meterial, Construction of the An Dong and Lei Duc, Binh Dinh Province, bridges has been completed along with mjor road repairs. The completion of these transportation arteries are contributing significantly to the pacification. Improved transportation facilities improve economic conditions by providing for easier transport of produce to market, Improved transportation also increases security by increasing the speed with which reactionary forces sen be moved from place to place. The problems of traffic control and traffic

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safety that are inherent in improved roads are being handled by the National Police and platoen Public Safety Supervisors. Traffic control programs have been instituted, and speed limit signs have been erected. In Ban Me Thuot, Darlac Province, traffic speed zones and pedestrian cross-walks have been devised to reduce the accident and injury rates. Other platoons are also conducting information programs and traffic safety campaigns.

(3) Ma. INING. During the reporting period, five officers attended the five-day M.CCURDS Advisor Orientation Course conducted in Saigon. This course is of definite value to personnel who are not trained in civil affairs prior to their arrival in Vietnam, and has provided added impetus to the civil affairs programe

A total of 528 man-hours were devoted to instruction im military subjects. Thirty-three Information Bulletins were published during the period. These contained command and general information such as crime prevention, safety, and character guidance. Articles of importance or special interest to civil affairs personnel, such as agriculture, construction, and resources utilization, were also published.

During the period 2-4 July, the 41st Civil Affairs Company assisted CURDS Region II in conducting a Civic Action Orientation Course for the S-5's from units in II CTZ. Subjects covered included functions of an S-5, relationship between the S-5 and the civil affairs platoon, reports and records, project evaluation and selection, development of a civic action program, preparation of an area survey, utilization of the HES reports, civil affairs lessons learned, and functions and capabilities of the various CORDS agencies.

The 41st Civil Affairs Company's fifth quarterly Platoon Commanders' Conference was conducted in Nha Trang during the period 14 through 16 May. The purpose of the conference was to conduct a periodic review and analysis of the company's operations and to update guidance to the plateon commanders. In addition, a series of guest speakers and sominars provided an effective exchange among the plateon commanders and the COHLS organization. LTG Corcoran, CG I FFURCEV, presented the opening remarks, and stressed the importance of civil affairs units in bridging the gap between the Vietname se people and the FWrinF.

A Public Safety Supervisors Conference was conducted 7-8 May by the Public Safety Division, CORDS, with all Public Safety Supervisors (PSS) from the 41st Civil Affairs Company in attendance. The purpose of the conference was to acquaint the PSS with the public sofety program and the functions of the National Police (NP). The scope of the public safety

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program, functions of the PSS, and programs in support of the NP and public safety were discussed. By increasing awareness of those programs and by obtaining assistance and support, the Public Safety Division of CorDS will be able to enhance the public safety effort at district level. PSS's were requested to contact their local NP to determine what type of programs were needed, and what type of assistance they could provide.

(4) PSYW.R: The civil affairs platoons continue to capitalize upon the compatability of civil affairs and PSYOP activities. The platoons contine to engage in combined operations with PSYOP Teams, ARVN POLWAR Teams, Cultural Drama Teams, armed Propaganda Teams, Chieu Hoi, and VIS. Many of the platoons conduct MEDCAPS while the PSYOP units show movies or play music with a PSYOP theme, distribute propaganda leaflets, or conduct PSYOP lectures. The platoon in Khanh Duong, Khanh Hon Province, has obtained a 5kw generator to operate a movie projector, and arrangements have been made for VIS to accompany the platoon on MEDGAPS. The platoon in Tuy Phoue, Binh Dinh Province, has made arrangements with the MACV PSYOPS Team to accompany them on MEDGAP/DENTCAPS. A loudspeaker truck will aid in announcing the presence of medical personnel and also create a large gathering. Recently, many of the plateons have joined with the PSYOP units and the National Police in conducting PSYOP campaigns directed at the VCI or designed to increase public awareness of safety. PSYOP units have assisted the platoons and National Police in printing and distributing safety leaflets and posters, and in making efforts to involve .. RVN units in combined PSYOP/civil affairs campaigns. Upon the request of the 142nd RF Company the 8th PSYOPS Team provided movies for the people of Tra Ba II (Pleiku area). Attendance was good and the HF Company and PSDF provided outstanding security. In the future, requests for PSYOPS support will be sent through GVN channels in an attempt to involve the 20th POLWAR Battalion in the program. This should increase the effectiveness of the PSYOPS efforts while improving the image of the GVN. It should also provide excellent training for the Vietnamese POLWAR unit, which is similar to a civil affairs/PSYOPS unit.

d. LOGISTICS: Primary military supply support for the unit is provided by the 148th Supply and Service Company and maintenance is provided by the 129th Main Support Company, both of which are located in Nha Trang. Deployed platoons are generally attached to US units in or near their area of operations for supply and maintenance. The support received by company headquarters in Nha Trang has been relatively good, but difficulty has been experienced in obtaining some items of equipment, such as radios and components, vehicle repair parts, replacement vehicles, and TOE authorized weapons. Low unit priority has contributed to this problem. The deployed platoons are experiencing some difficulty in obtaining support from the units to which they are attached for support, but this problem is slowly being resolved.

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e. PERSONNEL: The personnel situation has remained relatively static during the reporting period with personnel in-puts generally balancing the losses of personnel due to rotation. Personnel statistics are included as Inclosure 2.

f. TRANSPORTATION: The unit is experiencing minor difficulty in delivery of necessary items of military, medical, and civilian supply to deployed platoons. The loss of critical items has been reduced by having these items hand-carried by platoon members when the return to their platoons.

2. SECTION II. LESSONS LE.RNED:

a. PERSONNEL: None

b. OPER.TIONS:

(1) ITEM: MEDCAPS versus training qualified medics.

(a) UBSERVATION: MEDCAPS, although beneficial in that they provide immediate aid, do not solve the problem of medical aid and facilities when US/FWMAF troops depart. MEDCAPS also serve to belittle the importance of the Vietnamese dispensary.

(b) EVALUATION: There can be no denying that MEDCAPS are beneficial, both medically and from a PSYOPS point of view. This still does not fill the void that will be left once our troops depart. MEDCAPS also have their limitations in that they are often one-shot affairs in certain locations, and do not afford the people regular care and attention. It has also been found that a great many of the medical problems handled by MEDCAPS could have been avoided had proper preventive medicine techniques been practiced. These preventive medicine techniques can be taught and handled by the local dispensary. As a result of MEDCAPS it has also been found that people will avoid the Vietnamese dispensary. and wait for the MEDCAP. This has the effect of fostering dependence. where there exists a clear alternative, i.e., the Vietnamese dispensary. It has also been noted that another detriment in regard to MEDCAPS is that they are performed with no regularity so as to give the people an idea of when to expect them.

(c) RECOMMEND.TIONS: MEDCAPS should be restricted to areas where there are no dispensaries. The time, effort, and manpower utilized on MEDCAPS should be spent training Vietnamese medics and nurses, thereby building up the dispensaries. A great deal of effort should be spent teaching

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preventive medicine techniques since this will avoid many of the problems handled by MEDCAPS and dispensaries. By following these recommendations we achieve two vory important goals of civil affairs, 1,0,, fostering independence and the utilization of GVN sources.

c. TRAINING: None

d. INTELLIGENCE: None

e. LOGISTICS: None

f. ORGANIZATION:

(1) ITEM: Assignment of Medical Doctor.

(a) OBSERV.TION: The doctor assigned as Public Health Officer should attend the preventive medicine course.

(b) EVALUATION: The Public Health Officer finds himself in a unique situation in that he is the sole doctor in a unit that has civil affairs responsibility for the entire II CTZ. It becomes unrealistic to expect him to be able to give medical treatment in any manner which would reach the vast numbers within his jurisdiction. It is because of this reason that he must teach preventive medicine techniques, e.g., latrine and well sanitation, food care, etc. This is the only means by which he can reach a great number of people. It therefore becomes imperative that he have a background in preventive medicine. The doctor presently assigned does not have this background, and readily admits that it has been a handicap.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: a medical officer, before being assigned to a civil affairs unit, should attend a six-week preventive medicine course.

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DA. Headquarters I Field Force Vietnam, APO -96350 1969 AUG 1969

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

1. This headquarters has reviewed subject report and concurs.

2. The following comments are mades

a. Reference Section II para 2b(1)(c). A letter will be forwarded to US units operating within II CTZ explaining and re-emphasizing the need for proper coordination of MEDCAPS at Province level. The guidance for MEDCAPS will conform with Annex B, Medical Civic Action Programs (MEDCAPS) of Joint Directive 1-69, dated 21 May 69.

b. Reference Section II para 2f(1)(c). This headquarters concurs and recommends that this evaluation be forwarded through medical channels.

c. Reference Incl 2. Casualty figure for July 69 is changed to read "one casualty."

FOR THE COMMANDER :

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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY, VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375 25 3 369

TC: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT, APC 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 July 1969 from the 41st Civil Affairs Company.

2. Comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning "MEDCAPS versus training qualified medics", section II, page 9, paragraph 2b(1); concur. A careful evaluation should be made before restricting MEDCAPS to areas where there are no dispensaries. In some cases, where the population density is high, ARVN and RVN civilian medical facilities are inadequate to support the patient load. The essential elements of this recommendation are recognized in existing MEDCAP guidance publications.

b. Reference item concerning "Assignment of Medical Doctor", section II, page 10, paragraph f(1); concur. This headquarters will forward the recommendation to the Office of the Surgeon General by separate correspondence.

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GPOP-DT (19 Aug 69) 3d Ind SUBJECT: Operational Report of HQ, 41st Civil Affairs Company for Period Ending 31 July 1969, RCS CSFOR-65 (R1)

HQ, US Army, Pacific, APO San Francisco 96558 17007 69

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

This headquarters concurs in subject report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

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Cement	1\$3 _: 870	pounds
Lumber	71,019	board feet
Paint	5,302	gallens
Bricks	5,000	each
Sand, Grevel, and Fill	3,652	cubic meters
Sandbegs	2,000	each
Reinforcing Bar (REBAR)	1,112	kilos
Paper	1,000	pounds
A sphalt	935	gallons
Pipe (2 ^½ ")	820	linear fect
Rope	600	linear foot
Culvert	481	linear fect
Tin Roofing	470	shoets
Ammunition Boxes (wooden)	403	each
Neils	215	pounds
Canvas Cots	150	each
Pierced Steel Plank (PSP)	59	shoots
Howitzer Gannisters (expended	1) 50	each
Steel Pickets	50	oa ch
55-gallon Drums (empty)	42	each
Pump Parts	40	sots
Asbestos Roofing	30	shoots
M-38 Planking	30	sheets
Reinforcing Wire	6	rolls
GP Medium Tent	1	each

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