

A US Army Mobil Training Team from Fort Gulick, Canal Zone has been in Bogota, Colombia to conduct a course of instruction aimed at solving a dilemma in the Colombian Army's Grupo Paez #1 Mechanized Battalion. <sup>RECOMMENDANCE</sup>

The dilemma revolved around <sup>radio</sup>communications within the battalion. The unit has had in its possession for some time ~~radio~~ Military Assistance Program supplied mobil radios, but without having fully qualified operators ~~within~~ in the battalion. And this problem was not restricted to this one battalion, but extended throughout other mechanized units in <sup>by MTT OR 17 FD</sup> the Colombian Army.

To remedy this situation, USMILGP in Bogota requested a radio operations Mobil Training Team. The original idea was to select certain Officers and NCO's from the <sup>RECOMMENDANCE</sup> ~~mechanized~~ battalions to come to Bogota and attend the four week course. Upon arrival of the team, however, plans were changed so that ~~only officers and NCO's~~ 8 officers and 17 NCO's from the Grupo Paez #1 only attended the course. Later, several of these ~~students~~ better students were to be recommend by the MTT members as instructors. They would then conduct ~~courses~~ radio operations courses for officers and NCO's in the other mechanized battalions.

The MTT Team Chief was Captain John W. Wood, Jr, Company E, 8th SFG (ABN), Fort Gulick. His team of instructors consisted of three sergeants: SFC Emilio I. Fregoso, Company B; SSG William V. Olds, 401st ASA Det.; and SGT Jerald L. Bocrie, Company .

The courses were conducted at the <sup>US ARMY CAMP ONKENT</sup> ~~US ARMY~~ <sup>outside Bogota</sup> ~~military post~~ (Seahub) in Bogota, and were broken down by days to be spent on the various radios available to the battalion: 1st week; PRC-6, PRC-10, GRC-19; 2nd week: GRC-87; Horizontal antennae 292; 3rd week: VRC-10; ~~VRQ-3~~ VRQ-3; 4th week: Written exams, practical exams, and three days of laboratory in which the men were given the chance to practice more with the various radios while

the instructors were available to answer ~~more~~ their questions.

RECONNAISSANCE

The Grupo Paéz #1 Mechanized Battalion is equipped with Armored

Personnel Carriers, half-tracks, scout cars, and jeeps. It is

1 of 4 Caval groups in Col-A.  
has mission of internal security with emphasis  
on the capital city of Bogotá Bogotá

largest & best equip tact  
unit in city.

1 ~~comp~~ <sup>company</sup> troops on P.O. assignment  
outside Bogotá

rec. support from 91 Hqs

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