

Under the auspices of the US Military Assistance Program, the Colombian Army annually sends between 100 and 150 ~~enlisted~~ outstanding enlisted men to the School of the Americas ^{at Ft Gulick,} in the Canal Zone. In Colombia, the program is under the direction of the MILGP, USARSEC MAP Training Officer, Major Felix Vega who is also the MILGP Infantry Advisor to the Colombian Army. Though the men themselves are selected by the Colombian Army, Major Vega is in touch with their requirements and the spaces available at the School of the Americas.

This complement of 34 men that departed Bogota ~~enlisted~~ in late March were going to the School of the Americas to attend classes in five subjects. The subjects, number of students and course duration are: Engineer Road Grader Operator, 1 EM, 6 weeks; Engineer Tractor Operator, 4 EM, 7 weeks; Commo Chief-NCO, 1 8 EM, 14 weeks; Repair Parts Technician, 8 EM, 4 weeks; and Crane Shovel Operator, 3 EM, 7 weeks.

This training is not now available in Colombia. However, a school for some of the subjects is getting underway and is at the present time ~~scheduled~~ receiving MAP support in the form of training aids. The Colombian Army will, however, continue to send men to the Canal Zone for training and it is considered possible that some of the outstanding students may become instructors at the Colombian school.

The men selected for the training are those that have excelled in basic and advanced individual training and have expressed a desire to stay in the regular army in addition to the mandatory two years service. They are selected as 'prospective corporals' and promoted to corporal on completion of their courses. They are then assigned to units throughout Colombia in answer to critical needs ~~in~~ for trained personnel in the areas of communications, maintenance and engineer equipment operator. It is a type of training that will benefit not alone the individual but the entire country as the army is involved in both ~~military~~ counter-guerrilla campaigns and civic action work such as road construction.

DCS 300-4/67

Long Rd Grader op	- 1 -	31 April 12-May
" Trac op	- \$4 -	31 March 19 May
Comm Chief-NCO	- 18 -	9 July
Rep parts tech	- 8 -	30 Apr.
Crane Sh. Op.	- 3 -	19 May

MAP - under auspices of

Ft. Gulick - C2
School of the Americas

~~Est.~~ FY - ~100 - 150 during year
at Gulick from Colon

after leave & adv and
Tr. - those that excel
& desire to stay in RA
in add to ppl. 2 yrs
- are selected as propagandists

9 months

by Col.
Army

Corporals.

- Those are selected to attend C 2 courses
- on satis. completion of course, promoted to Corporal*

tr. that is not now avail in Colombia -
- school is being org but will cont to send students to C 2.
Some of better ones may become instructor

on completion of course,
they are assigned thru out
country in their new
skills.

~~—~~ type of tr will be
beneficial to mil & exp
country as a whole

Critical need in areas now:

- Comm
- maintenance
- eng equip ops.
- Tremendous need for
personnel in these areas -
- mil act
- civil action such
as road const.

N# 26 No slate
Continuation of CV's of
officers

N# 27 (No slate)
15 troops receiving
basic mechanics training
W & LTC in left backg.
MCU 2 officers
MCU master mechanic
(instructor)
OU troops watching
CU troops watch
MLS instructor in
foreground, 2 officers
in back

N# 28 (No state)
Various shots as 2 officers
of Comp Comm watch
jeep mounted machine
gun firing Almonst.

N# 29
gen shots of Bn area

(Briefing)
LTC ~~Capt~~ Hugo Alfonso Gamboa
Ramirez
Capt. Mario Montes Umaña ⁵⁻³
~~Capt~~ (Driver) Fabio Antonio Rodriguez
Sabogal

⁵⁻⁹
SFC Fermín F. Apodaca

Ord. Supply advisors

Udodaca - <sup>and (weapons
ammunition
vehicles)</sup>

- motor Sgt & Supply Sgt
of ~~Ord. Vehicles~~ - find

what reg ar - spec
veh tht ar deadlined

- this info - go to

M4 supply depot & check
for these items are avail.
if so - check why hasn't
been sent to unit.

(often because not reg
by unit or supp unit)

also - check signal supply
* (when S. Adv. is not avail)

also - advisor -

Vega (Also.)

Popayan - Br. Junin
(part of 3rd Regt - Cali)
2 Cos "Orden Publico"
- in area of trouble -
(counter-g, or -
mantain public order
in certain area -
abt 15 k so. Pop.

2 Cos in Training (basic)
1 Co - Adm. vehicles
^{partially}
~~partially~~ MAP ~~that~~ supp.
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Discuss problems
A - check maint of MAP
equip.
- try to cover any
areas where US can
help - co-ord req.
for materials
new / and / or on repair

- supply procedures

- observe training -
make suggestions as
to possible improvements

(Vega) also

Cali - protocol visit
to Bzde Com. & staff
HQ for all visited
plus see other
post

4th for -

- 1 inf Bn - Papayan / Pato / La
- 1 artil Bn - Buga
- 1 Caval Group - Specials
- 1 Eng Bn - Palmira

4° Lat No
76° Long West to Pacific coast.

Bureau of Army - MAP supply
Chinchuncho

though protocol discussed
overall problems of Bde at
higher level - in general

Pasto - Bn Bayaca
~~only~~ 3 ~~troops~~ Co
Orden Publico
area Dept Tarma near
Peru border
counter-g operations
against
~~Protestantes~~ (recent families
14 men killed)
1 basic Tr. Co - 126 men
recruit

144

Bn minus ~~3~~ ~~troops~~ small
training & admin detach
& on Tr. Company is
out on operation

(G-3) ~~adviser~~ & MAF officer
E-3 ← with - determine
here which units get
★ what vehicles -
decision based in
part on assignment
area, etc.

Spies - grupo cabal

normal adv. visit
- mech cand adv
Duf

similar trips made
on average each 2 wks

wk office work
of visit to units
within Bogota they advise

Operational & admin
duties / training

trips either by Army
see aircraft, other
AF / Navy sections
plus Col. AF aircraft
and Col. Comm. Airlines

Cpl. W. - in charge of MAPP Training by
Program - Maj. Vega - assistant
of supervisor - 100-150 am. vol.
to C-2. Ref DCs 300-A/67 1st shipment

Papayan to Cali on
AF Sec Aircraft.

all ~~kinds~~^{types} of land
trans - Army Sec
Vehicles - Col ^{unit & co} surface
trans.

→
purpose - visit &
discuss problem of
unit Comm - find
problems they have
maint Col equip as
well as equip supplies
than MAP.

As our operational
& maintenance problem
- equip & spare parts
as well as Col equip

* With Mech. Canal adv.

^{Calif} bulldozer - facultate C.A.
project

- Bde Comm would like to
see ^{early arrival} support vehicles
for (for example) Grupo
Calal in Spain - to
be more self-sustaining
while ops such as
Paso unit is now

~~The~~ discussed re-org
of Grupo Calal (due to
cancellation of ^{certain} MDP
equip) - which would
better utilize MDP
equip still to be supplied

Spiales

1- Maintenance - overall
1st echelon - MRP
material.

2 - briefing - discussion of
- ops / training / maintenance problems
- current disp. of
unit & support
problems - (some on
patrol bases).

W - " In Co ord w/ G-3
of Col. Army - Army Sec
would give us much
info as pass to
support vehicles.

- as material arrives

Informal demand of capital of mission
of route control - apply fire
rapidly - 1000 supplied (ambushed)

in Col - Ar Sec Chief
of admissions in Co and
Col Armi Staff & Command
make recommendations
as to distributions.

regimen
based on Public Order
situation in the country

"Carousel"
field expediency, recovery
of wheeled vehicles
driver training/
concurrent training
in carb function

Civ. Mech.
highly specialized
civilians hired by Col Army
units as instructors
for unit drivers & mech.

An Arsec goal is to
elim req for such
inst by use of MIT
assistance courses in
OE & U.S. (ref)
& by Adv. efforts ~~here~~
in Colombia to integrate
courses in Cal. Ar. school
system. This goal is
moving.

J

with wants - how to order
prints.
