

Under the auspices of the US Military Assistance Program, the Colombian Army annually sends between 100 and 150 ~~men~~ 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 ~~xxxx~~ 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 to~~ 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 ~~mix~~ counter-guerrilla campaigns and civic action work such as road construction.

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Eng Rd grader op	- 1 -	31 April
" Trac op	- \$4 -	12 May 31 March 19 May
Comm Chief NCO	- 18 -	9 July
Ref parts tech	- 8 -	30 Apr.
Crane Sh. Of.	- 3 -	19 May

MAP - under auspices of

Ft. Gulick - C²
School of the Americas

~~Ad.~~ + 4 - ~100 - 150 during year
at Gulick from Colom

after basic + advanced
Tr. - those that excel
& desire to stay in RA
in add to abil. 2 yrs
- are selected as prospectives

9 months

by Col.
Army

Corporals.

- those are selected to attend. C 2 courses
- on satisfactory 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 instructors

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

— type of th will be
beneficial to ind. & esp
Country as a whole
Ovhd need in areas now:

- Commun
- maintance
- eng equip aps.
- Tremendous need for
personnel in these areas-
- mil act
- Civo action such
as road const.

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N# 26 No slate
Continuation of COs of
officers
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N# 27 (No slate)
13 troops receiving
basic mechanics training
W FLTC in left backg.
MCO 2 officers
MCO master mechanic
(instructor)
CO troops watching
CO troops watch
MCS instructor in
foreground, 2 officers
in back
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WT 28 (No slot)
various shots as 2 officers
of CompComm watch
jeep-mounted machine
gun firing demonst.

WT 29
gen shots of Br area

LTC (Briefing)

~~Capt~~ Hugo Alfonso Gamboa
Ramirez

Capt. Mario Montes Umana⁵⁻³

Capt (Driver) Fabio Antonio Rodriguez
Sabogal

SFC Fermín F. Apodaca

Ord. Supply advisor

Aguadaca -

ord (weapons
ammunition
vehicles)

- Motor Sgt & Supply Sgt
of Ord Vehicles - find
what reg ar - spec
veh tht ar deadlined

- this info - go to

MA Supply depot & check
for these items are avail
if so - check why hasn't
been sent to unit
(often because not req
by unit or supp unit.)

also - check Signal Supply

* (when S. Adv. is not avail)

also - advisor -

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Vega (Alo.)

Popayan - Bn. Junin

(part of 3rd Bgde - Cali)

2 Cos "Onden Pública"

- in area of trouble -

(counter-g, or -

maintain public order

in certain area -

abt 25k so. Pop.

2 Cos in training (basic)

1 Co - Adm. vehicles
partially ~~less~~ - MAP ~~less~~ supp.
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- discuss problems

& check maint of MAP

equip.

try to cover any

areas where US can

help - co-ord req.

for materials

new / and for on repair

- supply procedures

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- observe training -

make suggestions as
to possible improvements

(vega) also.

Cali - protocol visit

to Bzde Com. & staff
by far all visited
plus 200 other
post

As for -

3 inf Bn - Popayán / Pasto / Cali

1 intel Bn - Buga

1 Caval Group - Spike

1 Eng Bn. - Palmira

1^o Kat No

76° Long west to Pacific
west.

Bzde Staff: MSH, MSH, MSH
Bzde Inf: Bzde Inf, Bzde Inf, Bzde Inf

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

Pasto - On Boyaca
~~only~~ 3 ~~of~~ ^{of} 1 Co
Orden Público.
2 area Dept Narino near
Ecuador border
- counter - g operation
against
~~Aburritá~~ (Ecuadorian
14 men killed)
1 basic Tr. Co. - 126 new
recruits

On mines ~~Yer~~ small
training & adm. defect
& on Tr. Company is
out on operation

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

Spicel - grupo cabal

normal adv. visit

- mech Card adv

by Duf

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similar trips made
on average each 2 wks

wk office work
of visit to units
within Bogota they advia.

operational & admin
duties / training

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

Popayan to Cali or
at 5cc Aircraft.

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

Purpose - visit &
discuss problem w/
unit Comms - find
problems they have
mant Col equip as
well as equip supplies
them. MSA.

As Com, exp additional
& maintenance problem
- equip of spare parts
as well as Col equip

* with Mech Card adv.

Calif

- bulldozer - facilitate C.A. project
- Bde Com would like to see ^{early arrival} support vehicle for (for example) Grupo Ideal in Spikes - to be more self-sustaining while esp. such as Posts and so now

Also discussed re-org of grupo Ideal (due to cancellation of ^{Ortiz} MDP equip) - which would better ~~include~~ MDP equip still to be supplied

Spiales

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

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

W - "In co-ord w/ G-3
of Col. Army - Army Sec
work give as much
emphasis as possible to
support vehicle

- as material arrives

in Col - As Sec Chief
of advisors in C & ard
Col Arm staff & Command
make recommendations
as to distributions.
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regm
based on Public Order
situation in the country

Carousel

field efficiency - recovery
of wheeled vehicles
Driver training /
concurrent training
in carb function

Civ. Mech.

highly specialized
civilians hired by Col Arm
with instruments
for unit drivers & mech.

Informal Element of C & ard
of most
of these
are
hired
by Col Arm

An ARSEC goal is to
elim. ref. for such
mst by use of Mil.
assistance courses in
BZ & U.S. (ref)

My Adv. efforts have
in Colombia to integrate
courses in Cal. Ar. school
system. This goal is
moving. ==

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with wants - how to order
permits
