

MTT Shelton (MTT ~~had~~ BL 404-67X), composed of four Officers and 13 EM ^(see list of team members) arrived in Bolivia late April, 1967 to ~~five~~^{xx} train the Bolivian Army's 2nd Ranger Bn. ~~Second and third for last weeks~~ The Bn, consisting of about 650 men, is stationed at La Esperanza, a community of ~~about~~ less than a thousand, which is located some 50 kilometers north of Santa Cruz.

The 2nd Ranger Bn is a Military Assistance Program supported unit. It has received M-1 Rifles, M-2 Carbines, ~~xxxxxx~~ 3.5 bazookas, 60 and 81 mm mortars, and other assorted equipment.

The training began with classroom work ~~intended~~ to acquaint the soldiers with their weapons and moved into squad, platoon, and Bn tactics. The latter two weeks were concerned with sharpening the men to function as groups and ~~in~~ with the testing of what they had been taught. (See attached training schedule for last two weeks). These tests were conducted first on a company level ~~in~~ where they were given a "guerrilla" camp to find, attack, and capture and then on the Bn level with a two-week field problem. The latter was held in the hills east of Santa Cruz ~~and bordering on an area currently involved in guerrilla activity.~~ ^{and included concurrent to advanced training -}

During the training, a number of visitors came to ~~Esperanza~~ La Esperanza to view progress. Among them were General Robert W. Porter, CG SOUTHCOM, and other high ranking SOUTHCOM Officers. They viewed demonstrations of the training and discussed future needs with the MTT chief, MAJ Shelton.

MTT members also contributed in other ways. Among them, a five room, ^{to house 270 students} brick school ^{the school is named La Escuela de la Amistad.} This project was launched by the team with the aid of various local and American companies. The team arranged for the donation of material and equipment and launched the project. It is expected to be completed in time for this years final exams in November ^{and the bldg will carry a plaque listing the MTT officers & contributing companies name}. The team medics also conducted many 'sick calls' at various schools and medical facilities as well as helping the Bn establish a dispensary. The sick calls were primarily brief medical examinations and the distribution of shots and drugs as needed to cure minor ailments.