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SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

General: LTC Edward P. Metzner has provided superb leadership and keen insight into all phases of the MACCORDS effort in Chuong Thien Province. He is extremely conscientious and personally has given the guidance and understanding to all problems and programs (military and civilian). Always concerned with the individual, he has worked closely with every one in order to develop a dynamic, functioning team.

He has displayed a unique empathy and understanding for the Vietnamese people and culture. Because of this, he has developed lasting friendships and rapport which have served to make him an outstanding advisor in the truly "total" sense.

His excellent understanding of the "development" problems in Vietnam and his mature guidance and judgement have especially given the NLD program in Chuong Thien a real boost. Through his efforts the following programs have been able to develop more effectively:

(1) The In-Province RD Cadre Training Program has been expanded to include literacy classes, medical training, and education (teacher) classes. These better trained and more prepared cadre have gone out into the RD hamlets and contributed greatly to an expanded and improved pacification effort. This has been essential, particularly in view of the shortage of qualified Technical Cadre on the RD teams. A renewed effort for improved hamlet defense and indigenous self-help projects (i.e. rural schools have been actually built by people from locally procured materials) has been initiated.

(2) An improved land reform program became a reality when local officials, Saigon administrators, and American advisors worked hand in hand to register over 400 applications for titles to previously owned French land.

(3) He has constantly encouraged the upgrading of hamlet and village officials among his Staff and Chuong Thien. Public Administration courses have incorporated a system of follow up visits by a member of the Province Administration with an Advisory Team member. This has spurred new interest and provided incentive to all the district government officials.

(4) He has continually worked toward the proper control, accountability, and proper distribution of commodities and the development of an efficient logistics system.

LTC Metzner's unusually close relationship with the Province Chief and the confidence that he has developed from such an association have contributed immeasurably to the expansion of the whole RD effort in Chuong Thien. The Province Chief actually seeks his advice and consults with him on all matters. LTC Metzner initiated a series of letters to the Province Chief in addition to the Quarterly Review of Pacification. These letters have been beneficial in providing information, assistance and reinforcing comments previously made, and are of great value to the Province Chief. The confidence developed from this has helped

develop a real positive effort in Chuong Thien which is being expended against tremendous odds (i.e. VC control about 75% of Province)

Military Planning and Conduct of Operations

During the period of Dec 1967 to August 1968 there has been a continual improvement in the quality of RF/PF forces, with the exception of the slight setback suffered during the TET offensive. As PSA LTC Metzner has employed all of the knowledge gained during his military career to advise the Province Chief on training, deployment and use of RF/PF forces. With his close attention to detail he has constantly pointed the way for improvements which have resulted in a professionalism in RF forces which is comparable or exceeds that of ARVN forces. LTC Metzner has worked with his military staff closely and developed each individual so as to gain the maximum effort from each advisor.

Infrastructure

During this period there has been continual emphasis on establishment of a DEGCC within each subsector and a Phung Hoang Committee at sector level. The Police Special Branch has worked to establish target folders on the VCI infrastructure and files which could be used to demonstrate to the Vietnamese the advantages of an intelligence collation system. Samples have been presented to the Province Chief and under the advice of the PSA the Province Chief has accepted with enthusiasm the system and has instructed his subordinates to adopt the system.

Military Intelligence

The Vietnamese have begun to use air resources to exploit processed intelligence more efficiently and effectively as they have learned to understand more fully its limitations and capabilities.

Evaluation of Vietnamese intelligence is now more systematic, as the Vietnamese now are beginning to submit written reports with the agents CODE DESIGNATOR on it. This system also insures more equitable payment of the respective agents, because we know how much intelligence we are receiving from the agents, and we are more effectively able to evaluate the information.

The Vietnamese have a long way to come as far as sophisticating the collection techniques but there has been a significant step in the right direction.

Public Safety

In April 1968 an orientation program for the prisoners in the National Police jail was initiated by the coordinated efforts of JUSPAO, VIS, PSD, and the National Police.

In May 1968 inspections of the jail were begun by the Public Health Service Chief resulting in a gradual improvement of facilities and provisions of commodities for the prisoners.

An English training course commenced in July open to selected police force members.

National Police Culture Drama team was organized and held the initial performance for Vi Thanh citizens and hospital patients in July.

Public Health

An RD cadre Medical training program graduated 22 people in three separately conducted courses. An intensified course consisted of training in clinical and field treatment, immunizations, disease recognition and treatment and obstetrics.

A helicopter site is being constructed adjacent to the new hospital to provide rapid access to the military and civilian services. This will reduce transit times by 15 minutes and remove the possibilities of further injury in the long uncomfortable ride to the air strip.

The new hospital which has been under construction for a year is almost completed. Under LTC Metzner's interest for the best facility possible many improvements in plans have been made.

The MEDCAP I program has really become effective and changes to improve it have been submitted to the Province Chief.

Refugees

A 15 hectare demonstration vegetable garden project in Vi Nghia in which 31 families participated was initiated.

~~Project Recovery was completed~~ (Compensation for TEF refugee victims of Vi Thanh, Hoa Luu and Kien Hung) under trying circumstances.

Pacification Fund Support

A low cost social welfare kitchen in Long My was established and used to support PF dependents, widows and orphans. It was perhaps the only major example of military civic action (RE/PF contributed money and labor) in the province in 8 months.

A women's group (officer's wives) in Long My coordinated welfare projects to aid PF families and needy civilians. Examples of their current projects include: Low cost tailoring, haircuts, vocational training in sewing (A similar group now being started in Vi Thanh by Mrs Dao, the Province Chief's wife).

General and timely economic support (through AIF funds) has been provided on a self-help basis to:

a. Public Education:

- (1) Financial assistance for Rev Lieu's school in Vi Thanh
- (2) Repair of numerous schools damaged by VC

(3) Purchase of Educational aids and equipment not funded in Budget

b. Public Health:

(1) Repair of dispensaries damaged by VC

(2) Construction of heli-pad at Province Hospital

Circle Action/Perops

Food commodities for PF's and their dependents have been received and are continually being distributed. (i.e., rolled oats, cooking oil, milk, etc).

MIP/RD (Motivation and Indoctrination Program for Revolutionary Development) got off the ground after being almost non-existent since October 67. Although the system did not have the authorized strength of MIP/RD Cadre, the sector formed ~~Mobile Indoctrination Teams~~ which started the program.

A PSYOP Coordination Center (POC) was established to effectively handle and exploit the use of Psychological operations within the province. A permanent member from every area of provincial operations, i.e., Chieu Hoi, VIS, RD Cadre, etc., was appointed to work at the POC.

The amount of support for PSYOP has increased two fold, (i.e., Leaf flights, Cultural Drama Teams, nightly mobile loudspeaker operations). Coordination has been established between the team and ~~that PSYOP is in~~ for use of special U-10 and U-47 flights anytime they are needed.

A contingent from 85, Chieu Hoi Center (APT's) and National Police now accompany almost every tactical operation within the province. They distribute printed material, check people for proper identification, conduct loudspeaker operations and hold sick calls for the local populace.

Night loudspeaker operations aimed at the VC have been initiated throughout the province. Based on intelligence, the loudspeaker teams move within 500 meters of a village, hamlet, or area around an outpost and talk to the VC, knowing that the VC have returned to the surrounding area.

MEDCAT's are now being conducted at the rate of almost three a week and sick calls at the civilian and military hospitals treat almost 500 people on a daily basis.

Commodities (i.e., clothing and toys) are being received from friends and relatives at home for issuance to refugees and the needy throughout the province. A "Clothes for the Needy" program has been established within Team 48 and all personnel have been encouraged to participate.