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SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the Period Ending
31 January 1967 (RCS CSFOR-65)

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96307

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-OT
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 31 January 1967 from Headquarters, 1st Aviation Brigade.

2. Pertinent comments are as follows:

a. Reference Paragraph A3d, Section II, Page 2: The shortage in MOS 67W (Helicopter Technical Inspector) exists command-wide. However, the situation is improving steadily due to positive DA action to identify and/or to train qualified replacements for USARV. The 1st Aviation Brigade currently has assigned eighteen of the twenty-one MOS 67W personnel authorized (85 percent), and probably will be at 100 percent of authorization by mid-year.

b. Reference Paragraph B3, Section I, Pages 3 and 4: The current status of MTOE's is as follows:

(1) (Paragraph B3a) 1-77G Aviation Company (Airmobile): Forwarded to USARPAC on 22 November 1966.

(2) (Paragraph B3c) 1-77G Aviation Company (Escort Helicopter): Under study at this headquarters.

(3) (Paragraph B3d and B3k) 1-87G Aviation Support Detachment, and 1-256F HHC Aviation Battalion (Flight Facility): These two MTOE's have been combined and are being processed at this headquarters.

(4) (Paragraph B3f) 1-207E Air Traffic Control Company: Under study at this headquarters.

(5) (Paragraph B3i) 1-256F HHC Aviation Battalion (Capital): MTOE is being held in abeyance at the unit's request.

(6) (Paragraph B3j) 1-256F HHC Aviation Battalion (214th): Forwarded to USARPAC 23 March 1967.

(7) (Paragraph B3m) 1-257F Aviation Company (FW) Command Airplane: Under study at this headquarters.

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(8) (Paragraph B3p) 11-303E Signal Radio Operations Company (DECCA): Forwarded to USARPAC 17 March 1967.

c. Reference Paragraph D4, Section I, Page 8, concerning aircraft tool sets and kits: Concur. Headquarters, 1st Logistical Command, in coordination with the 14th Inventory Control Center completed a study in February to determine valid dues-in for tool sets and kits and to establish proper requisition objectives. In addition, MILSTRIP TWX requisitions were submitted on 19 February 1967 to appropriate CONUS supply sources for requirements in addition to those due in. These requisitions were submitted with an Issue Priority Designator (IPD) 02 and request for airlift. Receipts will be used to fill immediate requirements. Long standing low priority dues-in were given higher IPD's.

d. Reference Paragraph D5, Section I, Page 8, concerning flight helmets: Concur in demand. Approximately 1700 helmets arrived in USARV depots by 15 February 1967. An additional 12,475 are expected to arrive in RVN by 1 May 1967. Action has been taken to have helmets shipped from CONUS directly to RVN, and to insure that all stocks previously diverted to Okinawa are shipped to RVN.

e. Reference Paragraph D8, Section I, Page 9, pertaining to shortage of AN/PRC-25 radios: Concur with comment. All CONUS production is being shipped to RVN. Insufficient assets exist to meet all demands. Present stores are reserved for replacement of battle losses in combat units.

f. Reference Paragraph D15, Section I, Page 9, pertaining to interim heliport: Nonconcur with comment. The 24 helipads north of the 93d Evacuation Hospital were constructed to allow early deployment of the 45th Ambulance Company from Saigon to Long Binh. It was not originally planned nor constructed to the requirements of a permanent heliport, and current planning is to close down this interim facility upon completion of the permanent facility.

g. Reference Paragraph H6, Section I, Page 15: USARV concurred in the recommendation that a Life Support Agency be formed at DA level and forwarded correspondence to USARPAC on 29 December 1966. USARPAC forwarded a recommendation to DA on 20 January 1967 that the requirement be taken under study at DA with representatives from USARV and USARPAC in attendance.

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h. Reference Paragraph H13, Section I, Page 16: Concur. The shortage of flight surgeons exists command-wide. This has been brought to the attention to DA.

i. Reference Paragraph A1, Part I, Section II, Page 17, and Paragraph G5, Part II, Section II, Page 24: Concur with recommendation.

j. Reference Paragraph B1, Part I, Section II, Page 18, concerning Command and Control Headquarters: Concur. The aviation command structure and stationing plan must be responsive to tactical requirements. With the programmed increase in combat aviation companies and battalions, the span of control for the two aviation groups under the 1st Aviation Brigade will be stretched to its limits. USARV is presently staffing the requirement for an aviation command, two aviation brigades, and four aviation groups to provide adequate command and control for aviation resources in support of forces in RVN.

k. Reference Paragraph E2, Part I, Section II, Page 18; and Paragraph 3, Part II, Section II, Page 24: Concur. Action is being taken by I Field Force Vietnam, II Field Force Vietnam and Senior Advisor, IV ARVN Corps, to develop plans for the dissemination of artillery advisories in the respective areas. II Field Force Vietnam has published their plan. Publication of the I Field Force Vietnam plan is anticipated soon. Senior Advisor, IV ARVN Corps, has not advised this headquarters of the estimated completion date of his plan.

l. Reference Paragraph C1, Part I, Section II, Pages 19 and 20; and Paragraph 4, Part II, Section II, Page 24, concerning Avionics Maintenance: Concur. The 34th General Support Group has neither the critical skills nor the equipment to repair OV-1 peculiar avionics items and ground operated navigational equipment. The US Army Electronics Command (ELCOM) has been advised of this inadequacy. As a result, ELCOM personnel have been sent to RVN to explore the situation. USARV is presently working with ELCOM and the 34th General Support Group to obtain spaces and special test equipment to provide adequate support.

m. Reference Paragraph C5, Part I, Section II, Page 21; and Paragraph 6, Part II, Section II, Page 24, concerning the Need for Development and Procurement of Test Equipment concurrently with the Development and Procurement of Major Items: Concur.

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n. Reference Paragraph D1, Part I, Section II, Page 21; and Paragraph 1, Part II, Section II, Pages 23 and 24, Concerning Requests for Equipment in Excess of Authorized Allowances: The procedures for requesting equipment in excess of authorized allowances recently have been revised. The revision was disseminated to all commands by USARV Message 19073, 25 March 1967.

o. Reference Paragraph D2, Part I, Section II, Pages 21 and 22 and Paragraph 7, Part II, Section II, Page 24, Concerning Stockage of 165 Gallon Bituminous Kettles at Base Camps: Nonconcur with recommendation. Although effective for penepime distribution, the equipment is too sophisticated for use at base camp sites, and assets are limited in RVN. This headquarters has advised subordinate commands that desired results in applying penepime can be obtained with the use of simple, locally fabricated field expedient equipment. USA Engineer Command, Vietnam, is making drawings and specifications for the field expedient distributors, and 1st Aviation Brigade S-4 has been advised of the availability and source of the plans and specifications.

p. Reference Paragraph D3, Part I, Section II, Page 22, Pertaining to Repair Parts Shortages for XM-21 Armament System: Concur in discussion, nonconcur in observations. Shortages of selected repair parts for the XM-21 armament system exist. The maintenance support plan included simultaneous introduction of repair parts packages based on forecast requirements. Accurate repair parts requirements can be determined only with experience factors. Present shortages have developed through operational usage and unexpected sub-system failures. Supply action has been initiated to correct the situation.

q. Reference Paragraph D4, Part I, Section II, Page 22, Pertaining to Linked 7.62mm Ammunition: Concur with unit's requirement as stated. On 28 January 1966 this headquarters requested that the Army Ammunition Procurement and Supply Agency direct procurement of 7.62mm linked tracer ammunition packaged in 1500 round belts. This ammunition is now available in South Vietnam in 750 round belts. This quantity was chosen rather than the 1500 round belt because two 750 round belts would easily fit into the M548 containers.

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r. Reference Paragraph D5, Part I, Section II, Page 22, and Paragraph 8, Part II, Section II, Page 24, concerning maintenance facilities: Concur. Facilities are programmed for incoming aviation units concurrently with plans for the oversea deployment of these units. Construction backlog, operational support missions, shortages of some materials, and the uncertainty of the unit's ultimate location sometimes preclude the guaranteed completion of facilities by the time the unit arrives in the Republic of Vietnam.

s. Reference Paragraph D6, Part I, Section II, Page 22, pertaining to real estate: Concur with comments. USARV attempts to formalize occupancy agreements for all units or areas for which USARV has real estate responsibility. Because of the rapid buildup of the military forces of all nations in RVN, a critical shortage of suitable facilities exists. All facilities are utilized beyond their maximum utilization standards. When space requirements for new units with higher priorities and specific limitations develop, they are sometimes satisfied by command decisions to relocate existing units, based on operational necessity.

t. Reference Paragraph G1, Part I, Section II, Page 23, concerning dissemination of flight information: Concur. USARV is presently engaged in a joint program with 7th Air Force to enhance the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) service. It is anticipated that the criteria for information to be contained in a NOTAM will be revised and expanded to include all items that present a hazard to flight, with the exception of artillery firing. The proposed regulation submitted by 1st Aviation Brigade pertaining to dissemination of flight information is being studied for possible inclusion in a USARV publication.

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For those units reporting directly to Hq, USARV; six copies are required for all units reporting directly to this headquarters.

b. In order to provide up-to-date organizational information, each report from organizations consisting of more than one morning report unit will include in the body of the report or as an enclosure a list showing the organizational structure of the reporting organization. These lists will reflect organic or assigned units, attached units, and units under the operational control of the reporting organization.

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<p>ON procedures for other units.</p> <p>e. In order to meet the average rate established by USAR AC Reg 1-19, headquarters responsible for indorsing GILL's must insure that the copy being processed through channels arrives at Headquarters, USARV no later than 45 days after the end of the report period."</p>					
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Ref: USARPAC Reg 1-19, 23 Dec 66.

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HEADQUARTERS, 1st FIELD FORCE VIETNAM, APO 96350 10 MAR 1967

TO: Commanding General, 1st Aviation Brigade, APO 96307

1. (U) Concur with the contents of Operational Report of Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period Ending 31 January 1967 of 10th Combat Aviation Battalion, and the 1st Indorsement with the following comments.

2. (C) Reference Section I - Significant Unit Activities.

a. Reference paragraph 6a: USARV has advised this headquarters that there is a shortage of replacements of aviation MOS's in-country, but the general strength picture is improving.

b. Reference paragraph 6b: Part of the shortfall of personnel during fourth quarter of calendar year 1966 was the result of faulty requisitioning which has been corrected.

c. Reference paragraph 6c: USARV is aware of this and has taken it into consideration in allotting aviation replacements.

d. Reference paragraph 6d: It is believed that the present for duty strength figures are excessive because of the replacement problems experienced by the organization, and the general shortage of aviation personnel.

3. (C) Reference Section 2, Part I - Significant Unit Activities. Reference paragraph 2d: All pilots of CH-47 helicopters should be made aware of limitations involved in operations requiring sling loads at night. The greatest hazard is the lack of a visible horizon without which the pilot has a difficult time controlling the aircraft, and the risk of accident is high. The use of flares to illuminate the area will greatly reduce the danger of an accident, however, successful accomplishment of a night sling load mission requires an aviator with a high degree of skill and proficiency.

4. (C) Reference Section 2, Part II - Recommendations.

a. Reference paragraph 1: Appropriate action has been taken to improve the situation of shortages of critical MOS's.

b. Reference paragraph 2: The organization should submit an equipment improvement report (EIR) on the CH-47 windshield as outlined in TM 38-750, dated 15 January 1964.

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c. Reference paragraph 3: Units should be authorized to use aircraft for sole purpose of training newly assigned aviators. Attempts to conduct initial orientation and training in conjunction with service missions does not provide for proper standardization of training of new, assigned aviators.

d. Reference paragraph 4: A review of MACV Directive 381-21, with change, dated 22 April 1966, revealed that Part I of the report is unclassified and is transmitted telephonically, Part II of the report is classified CONFIDENTIAL and is transmitted electrically. There is no conflict inasmuch as the latest directive published always governs.

e. Reference paragraph 5a: The office of Customer Assistance, all Aviation Commands, and Director of Petroleum, Cam Ranh Bay, are aware of the critical need for go-no-go faxes, and are attempting to expedite delivery.

f. Reference paragraph 5b: In accordance with I FFORCEV Regulation 10-3, dated 1 January 1967, the Commanding General, Support Command, Cam Ranh Bay, as the installation coordinator, has the authority to appoint deputy coordinators as required.

g. Reference Inclosure 1 (Clearing Landing Zones):

The use of explosives to clear landing zones is of increasing interest to OPCOM organizations. Experimentation in this type of landing zone, clearance will be discussed at the next I FFORCEV Engineer conference.

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HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE, APO 96307

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVACC-DH
APO 96307

1. (U) This headquarters considers the Operational Report -- Lessons Learned for the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion to be adequate and concurs with the contents of subject report as indorsed, with the following comments.

2. (U) Reference Section II, Part II, Para 5a, Page 6: Information received from 1st Logistical Com and on 13 March 67 indicates that 20,000 Go-No-Go fuzes are presently on order. A delivery date has not been received. This headquarters concurs that these items are urgently needed and should be shipped as expeditiously as possible. The 10th Combat Aviation Battalion currently has the required items on requisition through Cam Ranh Support Command. To assist aviation units with refueling facilities, maintenance of equipment etc., USAFV G-4 Section recently commenced an inspection of all refueling facilities in RVN. This inspection should be to the benefit of all concerned.

3. (U) Reference Section II, Part II, Para 5b, Page 6: This headquarters forwarded a letter, subject: Establishment of a Sub-Area Command at Dong Ba Thin, to Headquarters, USAFV, on 20 February 1967 requesting that the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion be relieved of installation coordinator functions. This letter further recommended that 1st Logistical Com establish a Sub-Area Command at this location to relieve tactical units of the burden imposed by this added responsibility. A response to this letter has not been received.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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