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SUBJECT

AVBAGC-0

Instructions for Review of OR-LL's

TO

FROM G-3

DATE 8 Oct 71

CMT 1

CPT Vollman/djs/2173

1. References:

- a. AR 525-15, subject: Operational Reports- Lessons Learned, dated 20 Nov 70.
- b. USARV Suppl 1 to AR 525-15, dated 8 Feb 71.
- c. Ltr, 1st Avn Bde, AVBAGC-0, subject: Preparation of operation reports- Lessons Learned (OR-LL), dated 7 Oct 71.

2. Previous OR-LL staffing by this Headquarters has been delayed because the preparation of comments has been inadequate or improper or has required an excessive amount of time. Because of the quantity of subordinate unit OR-LL's, this Headquarters is required to review and limit the time frame allotted for this purpose. Expeditious staffing and knowledgeable, pertinent comments are essential. Staff sections should review the entire report to insure factual data presentation and determine the validity of lessons learned.

3. To preclude delays in OR-LL staffing, the following procedures are established

a. Upon receipt, subordinate unit OR-LL's will be reviewed by the G-3 Section, and items appropriate for staff comment indentified. This does not eliminate the requirement for staff sections to thoroughly review each OR-LL and make additional comments where deemed appropriate.

b. A suspense date will be established by the G-3 Section which must be adhered to.

c. To provide time limit for staffing, each OR-LL will be hand-carried to the receiving section by the G-3 section.

d. Comments will be submitted in two copies, typed double space with 1" margins. Comments will be referenced by paragraph and page number as indicated in Inclosure 2.

e. Upon completion of comments, the OR-LL will be hand carried back to the G-3 Section.

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6. A sample lesson learned requiring comment is attached as Inclosure 1 and a sample comment addressing the problem area brought out in the lesson learned is attached as Inclosure 2.

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SAMPLE LESSON LEARNED

2. Section II, Lessons Learned

c. Training

(1) U-21 Transitions.

(a) Observation: The assignment of non-U-21 rated aviators on a six months extension reduces the capability of the unit to perform its mission. The aircraft time required to transition these aviators is not justified by the limited amount of operational use obtained from them later.

(b) Evaluation: This unit has recently gained six (6) fixed wing aviators under the six (6) month extension program. None were rated in the U-21s, although all were multi-engine rated. The operational commitments necessitate the use of all available aviators and aircraft continuously, and precludes the conduct of pilot transition training on a scheduled basis. Consequently, the period required to transition an aviator using the U-21s has been running from 1 to 2 months. In addition, 1st Aviation Brigade regulations require 250 hours multi-engine time in Vietnam before a pilot is eligible for aircraft commander. With the absence from the company for an authorized R&R and 7 day leave, plus a possible two (2) month transition period, these pilots will probably not attain aircraft commander status.

(c) Recommendation: Fixed wing aviators not rated in the U-21A should not be transferred to this unit unless they have at least nine (9) months of service available.

(d) Command Action: This unit has been recommending disapproval of all requests for extension to receive U-21 transition. Specific exceptions are made in individual cases especially if the aviator is an experienced, high-time multi-engine qualified pilot.