Chapter 14

Military Police

8th Military Police Group (Criminal Investigation)

The 8th Military Police Group was established to provide planning, direction, and supervision for the criminal investigation work required by the U.S. Army in Vietnam. It was located at Long Binh. In July 1972, it became part of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Center, Vietnam Field Office. A provisional Military Police Group (Criminal Investigation) had been formed on 3 November 1966 in charge of all criminal investigative work in Vietnam except for metropolitan Saigon area.

18th Military Police Brigade

18th Military Police Group

Arrived Vietnam: 4 September 1966
Departed Vietnam: 20 March 1972
Location: Long Binh
Previous Station: Fort Benning
Authorized Strength: 1960 1967
HIC 58 51 219

Commanders

Col. Thomas E. Godfrey
Brig. Gen. Paul W. Gustafson
Col. W. W. Branchburg
Colonel Paul M. Tarnarback
Colonel Harold W. Pender


The 18th Military Police Brigade was established on 20 May 1966 and sent to Saigon. It was the first of its kind in Vietnam. Its mission was to provide security for the 458th Civil Affairs Group, which was responsible for the conduct of operations in the area. The brigade also had control of a 23-square-mile area, including military installations in the vicinity of Saigon.

92d Military Police Battalion

Arrived Vietnam: 12 April 1966
Departed Vietnam: 5 February 1970
Previous Station: Fort Bragg
Authorized Strength: 1960 1968
HIC 30 27

The 92d Military Police Battalion was deployed to Vietnam from Fort Bragg to provide command, control, staff planning, criminal investigation and supervision for organizational administration, training, operations, and logistics of assigned or attached military units. It was stationed at Tan Son Nhat and provided support to Saigon and was subordinate to the 8th Military Police Group.

93d Military Police Battalion

Arrived Vietnam: 26 August 1966
Departed Vietnam: 20 December 1971
Previous Station: Fort Stilwell
Authorized Strength: 1960 1970
HIC 30 27

The 93d Military Police Battalion was initially stationed at Qui Nhon. It moved to Phu Thanh in 1967 and to Phu Bai in 1968 for operation, providing support to the 2d Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery. In 1969, the battalion moved to Da Nang and was involved in operations in the II Corps Tactical Zone of Vietnam.

95th Military Police Battalion

Arrived Vietnam: 11 April 1966
Departed Vietnam: 14 April 1972
Previous Station: Fort Riley
Authorized Strength: 1960 1970
HIC 20 27

The 95th Military Police Battalion was stationed at Tan Son Nhat and after August 1968 at Long Binh. It was responsible for providing military police support in the III Corps Tactical Zone of Vietnam under the control of the 8th Military Police Group.

9th Military Police Battalion

Arrived Vietnam: 16 March 1966
Departed Vietnam: 20 December 1971
Previous Station: Fort Benning
Authorized Strength: 1960 1969
HIC 19 28

The 9th Military Police Battalion was stationed at Long Binh. It was responsible for providing military police support in the III Corps Tactical Zone of Vietnam under the control of the 8th Military Police Group.

76th Military Police Battalion

Arrived Vietnam: 20 August 1966
Departed Vietnam: 20 April 1972
Previous Station: Fort Lewis
Authorized Strength: 1960 1969
HIC 20 28

The 76th Military Police Battalion was stationed at Cam Ranh Bay (for operation, providing military police support in the III Corps Tactical Zone of Vietnam under the control of the 8th Military Police Group. In April 1972, it went to Long Binh.

594th Military Police Battalion (Army)

Arrived Vietnam: 31 August 1966
Departed Vietnam: 31 July 1972
Previous Station: Fort Lewis
Authorized Strength: 1966 1970
HIC 202 205 337

The 594th Military Police Battalion was not sent to Vietnam to enforce military law, order, and regulations; to control traffic and streetcar; to control individuals and protect property; to handle prisoners of war; to secure checkpoints and move supplies; and to maintain order on the battlefield. Instead, it was stationed at Qui Nhon in 1967 and at Phu Thanh in 1968. The battalion was later relocated to Da Nang and then to Saigon, providing support to the 1st Corps Tactical Zone of Vietnam.

720th Military Police Battalion (Army)

Arrived Vietnam: 16 October 1966
Departed Vietnam: 13 August 1972
Previous Station: Fort Lewis
Authorized Strength: 1966 1970
HIC 995 337

The 720th Military Police Battalion was stationed at Da Nang in Vietnam (for operation, providing military police support for the 1st Corps Tactical Zone of Vietnam under the control of the 8th Military Police Group. In August 1970, the battalion relocated to Da Nang but in 1971, it went back to Long Binh.)
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* One platoon only in country at the time.

1 Second tour in Vietnam.

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TO: BG Shufelt

This comes as a surprise, but I think VO/PW has done a credible job.

The foregoing notwithstanding, BG Lemitzer's information and memory seem real.

The money he said was certainly not a figment of his imagination; nor was the young, naive USMC officer.

Instead of worrying about flight manifests and bombardments, at the outset, I suggest:

Finding out when Lemitzer was G-3, II FFY.

Finding out who the COX was; querying him.

Querying the then J-2, MACV, and/or COMUSMACV (if living), his deputy, etc. ($100K is a large sum of money and the operation was of such a nature that senior military officers would probably have been dished.)

Then work the problem.

Charles L. Desaulniers

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