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5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), 1ST SPECIAL FORCES  
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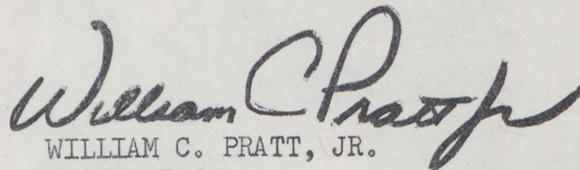
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SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

SEE DISTRIBUTION

1. Attached TOE MS-1, dated 10 August 1969 supersedes TOE MS-1, dated 15 June 1968 and is effective upon receipt.
2. Commanders will organize units as depicted in the attached table. No change in strength ceilings, rank structure or organization is authorized without written approval of this headquarters.
3. Authorizations for the separate Mobile Strike Force Commands will remain as per current authorization documents from this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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- 5 - MACV
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- 3 - IFFV
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- 12 - Co D
- 6 - B-55
- 5 - VNSF-HC

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION )  
AND EQUIPMENT )  
NO. CIDG/MS-1 )

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 5TH SFGA, 1ST SF  
APO 96240, 10 Aug 1969

MOBILE STRIKE RIFLE COMPANY

Designation: Mobile Strike Rifle Company, Airborne Mobile Strike Force

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SECTION I

GENERAL

ORGANIZATION

1. MISSION:

- a. Constitute a Corps Tactical Zone reserve reaction force.
- b. Conduct combat operations within the CIDG camp TAOR to relieve enemy pressure on the camp.
- c. Reinforcement of CIDG camp defense systems when attack is imminent.
- d. Reinforce CIDG camps under attack.
- e. Conduct mobile guerrilla type operations.
- f. Conduct small scale conventional combat operations as part of a multi-company force.
- g. Conduct raids, ambushes, combat patrols, and search and destroy operations in designated areas.
- h. Constitute a reaction and exploitation force responsive to hard intelligence produced by reconnaissance units.
- i. Conduct limited reconnaissance in support of operations.

\* This table supersedes TOE CIDG/MS-1, dated 15 June 1968.

2. ASSIGNMENT: Organic to the Airborne Mobile Strike Force of the Mobile Strike Force Command.
3. CAPABILITIES:
  - a. To conduct small scale conventional type operations.
  - b. To conduct separate mobile guerrilla operations for durations up to thirty days in enemy controlled areas.
  - c. To participate in "Eagle Flight" (Heliborne Exploitation Force) operations.
  - d. To conduct search and destroy operations as a part of a multi-company size effort (Airborne Mobile Strike Force).
  - e. To participate as part of an exploitation force reacting to hard intelligence generated by reconnaissance.
  - f. To be inserted into an area of operations by helicopter, parachute assault, or overland for the purpose of conducting combat operations.
  - g. To conduct limited reconnaissance in support of operations.
4. MOBILITY: This unit is completely foot mobile and capable of performing heliborne and parachute assaults.

#### EQUIPMENT

1. This table is the authority to requisition and issue in accordance with procedures directed by Headquarters, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces.
2. Individual allowances for all grades are listed in Section III.
3. Allowances of equipment authorized herein may be decreased or omitted at the discretion of the VNSF and US Special Forces Detachment Commanders. Equipment excess to the authorized allowances will not be requested without prior approval of Headquarters, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces.
4. This table authorizes the M-16A1 Rifle and the M-79 Grenade Launcher. In the event these weapons are not available, the Cal .30 M2 Carbine and the Cal .30 Browning Automatic Rifle will be issued as in lieu of items.
5. Basic loads will be determined by TA 1-68, dated 30 November 1968.

SECTION II  
ORGANIZATION (PERSONNEL)  
DISTRIBUTION

Para	Line	Designation	Str	2LT	WO	MSG	SGT	CPLI	CPL	PVTI	Rmk
01		<u>Co Headquarters</u>									
	01	Company Cmdr	1	1							01
	02	Executive Officer	1		1						
	03	First Sgt	1			1					
	04	Radio Opr	1					1			
	05	Medic	1					1			
02		<u>Mortar Sect</u>									
	01	Section Ldr	1				1				
	02	Gunner	1					1			02
	03	Asst Gunner	1						1		
	04	Ammo Bearer	1							1	
03		<u>Recon Sect Hq</u>									
	01	Sect Ldr	1				1				
04		<u>Recon Sqd (3)</u>									
	01	Sqd Ldr	3					3			
	02	Scout	6						6		
	03	Grenadier	3						3		03
	04	Rifleman	6							6	
05		<u>Rifle Plt Hq (4)</u>									
	01	Plt Ldr	4			4					
	02	Plt Sgt	4				4				
	03	Radio Opr	4						4		
	04	Medic	4						4		
06		<u>Rifle Sqd (12)</u>									
	01	Sqd Ldr	12				12				
	02	Asst Sqd Ldr	12					12			
	03	Grenadier	12						12		03
	04	Sr Rifleman	24						24		
	05	Rifleman	60							60	
07		<u>Wpns Sqd (4)</u>									
	01	Sqd Ldr	4				4				
	02	Asst Sqd Ldr	4					4			04
	03	Machine Gunner	4						4		04
	04	Asst Gunner	8							8	
		Totals	184	1	1	5	22	22	58	75	

## RECAPITULATION

Para	Line	Designation	Strength	Rmk
		Company Commander	1	
		Executive Officer	1	
		First Sergeant	1	
		Radio Operator	5	
		Medic	5	
		Mortar Section Leader	1	
		Mortar Gunner	1	
		Asst Mortar Gunner	1	
		Ammunition Bearer	1	
		Reconnaissance Section Leader	1	
		Reconnaissance Squad Leader	3	
		Scout	6	
		Grenadier	15	
		Senior Rifleman	24	
		Rifleman	66	
		Rifle Platoon Leader	4	
		Rifle Platoon Sergeant	4	
		Rifle Squad Leader	12	
		Assistant Rifle Squad Leader	12	
		Weapons Squad Leader	4	
		Assistant Weapons Squad Leader	4	
		Machine Gunner	4	
		Assistant Machine Gunner	8	
		Totals	184	

## REMARKS:

- 01 - Armed with Pistol, Cal .45 and Rifle, M-16A1.  
 02 - Armed with Pistol, Cal .45 and Mortar, 60mm.  
 03 - Armed with Pistol, Cal .45 and Grenade Launcher, 40mm, M-79.  
 04 - Armed with Pistol, Cal .45 and Machine Gun, 7.62mm, M-60.

SECTION III  
EQUIPMENT  
DISTRIBUTION

Para	Line	Item Description	Allowance	Rmk
01		<u>Company Headquarters</u>		
		Binoculars, 6x30	2	
		Camera, 35mm, Half-frame	1	
		Compass, Lensatic	2	
		Cookpot, w/cover 8"	1	
		Flashlight	2	
		Kit, medical, M3A	1	
		Knife, Bayonet, M-16 w/scabbard	5	
		Machette, w/sheath	1	
		Magazine, pistol, Cal .45	3	
		Magazine, rifle, M-16	45	
		Panel, air/ground recognition set	1	
		Pistol, Cal .45	1	
		Pouch, magazine, pistol, Cal .45	1	
		Pouch, universal	10	
		Radio, AN/PRC-25	1	
		Radio, HT-1	2	
		Rifle, M-16A1	5	
		Tool, entrenching, w/cover	2	
		Watch, wrist, non-maintainable	2	
02		<u>Mortar Section</u>		
		Binoculars, 6x30	1	
		Compass, Lensatic	1	
		Cookpot, w/cover 8"	1	
		Flashlight	2	
		Knife, bayonet, M-16 w/scabbard	4	
		Machette, w/sheath	1	
		Magazine, pistol, Cal .45	3	
		Magazine, rifle, M-16	27	
		Mortar, 60mm	1	
		Pistol, Cal .45	1	
		Pouch, magazine, pistol, Cal .45	1	
		Pouch, universal	8	
		Radio, HT-1	1	
		Rifle, M-16A1	3	
		Tool, entrenching, w/cover	1	
	Watch, wrist, non-maintainable	1		

Para	Line	Item Description	Allowance	Rmk
03		<u>Reconnaissance Section Headquarters</u>		
		Binoculars, 6x30	1	
		Compass, Lensatic	1	
		Flashlight	1	
		Knife, bayonet, M-16 w/scabbard	1	
		Magazine, rifle, M-16	9	
		Pouch, universal	2	
		Radio, HT-1	1	
		Rifle, M-16A1	1	
		Tool, entrenching, w/cover	1	
		Watch, wrist, non-maintainable	1	
04		<u>Reconnaissance Squads (3)</u>		
		Binoculars, 6x30	3	
		Camera, 35mm, Half-frame	3	
		Compass, Lensatic	3	
		Cookpot, w/cover 8"	3	
		Flashlight	3	
		Knife, bayonet, M-16 w/scabbard	18	
		Launcher, Grenade, 40mm, M-79	3	
		Machette, w/sheath	3	
		Magazine, pistol, Cal .45	9	
		Magazine, Rifle, M-16	135	
		Pistol, Cal .45	3	
		Pouch, magazine, pistol, Cal .45	3	
		Pouch, universal	36	
		Radio, HT-1	3	
		Rifle, M-16A1	15	
		Tool, entrenching, w/cover	6	
		Watch, wrist, non-maintainable	3	
05		<u>Rifle Platoon Headquarters (4)</u>		
		Binoculars, 6x30	4	
		Compass, lensatic	4	
		Cookpot, w/cover 8"	4	
		Flashlight	4	
		Kit, medical, M3A	4	
		Knife, bayonet, M-16 w/scabbard	16	
		Machette, w/sheath	4	
		Magazine, rifle, M-16	144	
		Pouch, universal	32	
		Radio, AN/PRC-25	4	
		Radio, HT-1	8	
		Rifle, M-16A1	16	
		Tool, entrenching, w/cover	4	
		Watch, wrist, non-maintainable	4	

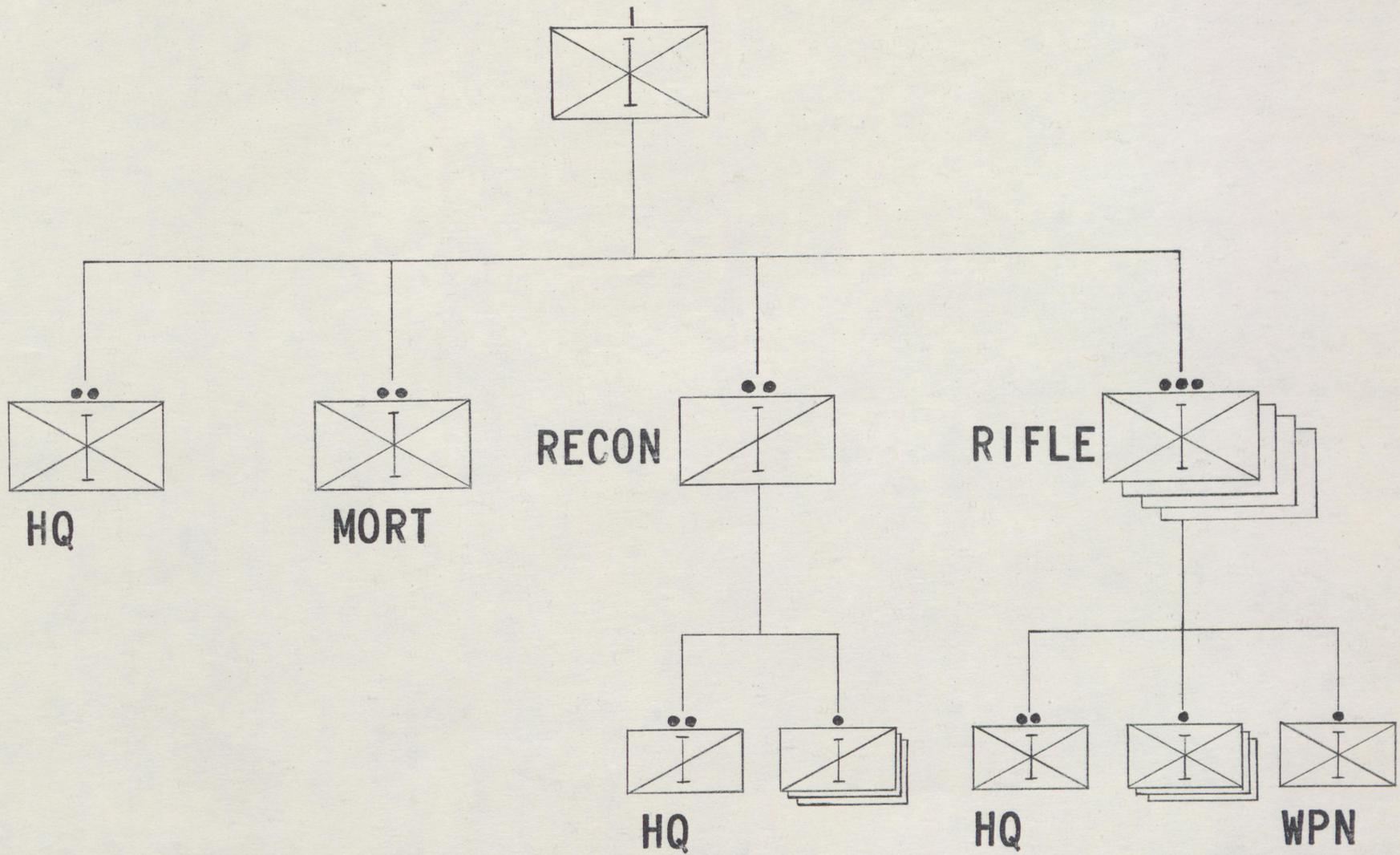
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06		<u>Rifle Squads (12)</u>		
		Cookpot, w/cover 8"	24	
		Flashlight	12	
		Knife, bayonet, M-16 w/scabbard	120	
		Launcher, grenade, 40mm, M-79	12	
		Machette, w/sheath	24	
		Magazine, pistol, Cal .45	36	
		Magazine, rifle, M-16	972	
		Pistol, Cal .45	12	
		Pouch, magazine, pistol, Cal .45	12	
		Pouch, universal	240	
		Rifle, M-16A1	108	
		Tool, entrenching, w/cover	120	
07		<u>Weapons Squads (4)</u>		
		Binoculars, 6x30	4	
		Compass, lensatic	4	
		Cookpot, w/cover, 8"	8	
		Flashlight	12	
		Knife, bayonet, M-16 w/scabbard	20	
		Machette, w/sheath	8	
		Machine Gun, 7.62mm, M-60	8	
		Magazine, pistol, Cal .45	24	
		Magazine, rifle, M-16	108	
		Pistol, Cal .45	8	
		Pouch, magazine, pistol, Cal .45	8	
		Pouch, universal	40	
		Rifle, M-16A1	12	
		Tool, entrenching, w/cover	16	
08		<u>184 Individual Members</u>		
		Belt, black, w/buckle	184	
		Belt, pistol	184	
		Blanket, wool	184	
		Boots, jungle, pr.	368	
		Bowl, metal, individual	184	
		Canteen, w/cup and cover	552	
		Hammock, indigenous	184	
		Harness, field	184	
		Hat, camouflage	184	
		Helmet, steel, parachutists, w/liner	184	
		Jacket, camouflage	552	
		Jacket, field	184	
		Packet, first aid, individual	184	
		Poncho	184	
		Rucksack, indigenous	184	
		Socks, pr.	552	
		Sweater, wool, OD	184	
		Trousers, camouflage	552	

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Para	Line	Item Description	Allowance	Rmk
09		<u>RECAPITULATION</u>		
		<u>Engineer Items</u>		
		Compass, lensatic	15	
		Flashlight	36	
		Machette, w/sheath	41	
		Tool, entrenching, w/cover	150	
		<u>Medical Items</u>		
		Kit, medical, M3A	5	
		Packet, first aid, individual	184	
		<u>Ordnance Items</u>		
		Binoculars, 6x30	15	
		Knife, bayonet, M-16, w/scabbard	184	
		Launcher, grenade, 40mm, M-79	15	
		Machine Gun, 7.62mm, M-60	8	
		Magazine, pistol, Cal .45	75	
		Magazine, rifle, M-16	1440	
		Mortar, 60mm	1	
		Pistol, Cal .45	25	
		Rifle, M-16A1	160	
		<u>Quartermaster Items</u>		
		Belt, black, w/buckle	184	
		Belt, pistol	184	
		Blanket, wool	184	
		Boots, jungle, pr.	368	
		Bowl, metal, individual	184	
		Canteen, w/cup and cover	552	
		Cookpot, w/cover, 8"	41	
		Hammock, individual	184	
		Harness, field	184	
		Hat, camouflage	184	
		Helmet, steel, parachutists w/liner	184	
		Jacket, camouflage	552	
		Jacket, field	184	
		Panel, air/ground recognition set	1	
		Poncho	184	
		Pouch, magazine, pistol, Cal .45	25	
		Pouch, universal	368	
		Rucksack, indigenous	184	
		Socks, pr.	552	
		Sweater, wool, OD	184	
		Trousers, camouflage	552	
		<u>Signal Items</u>		
		Radio, AN/PRC-25	5	
		Radio, HT-1	15	
		Camera, 35mm, Half-frame	4	
		Watch, wrist, non-maintainable	11	

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REMARKS: 01 - Allowance authorized only when climatic conditions warrant issue.



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