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44th Medical Brigade
1 January 1970 - 31 December 1970

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
Headquarters, 44th Medical Brigade  
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755

44MBDE-1  
1 April 1971

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1. Mission:
   a. The TOE mission of the 44th Medical Brigade specifies the provision of army level medical support within a field army and the command of all nondivisional medical units in the field army.

   b. The current role of the brigade includes training for the accomplishment of the TOE mission as well as coordinating and providing support for 22 CONARC or higher headquarters contingency plans and 8 Fort George G. Meade contingency plans. Two units are included on the USA Strike Troop List.

   c. 44th Medical Brigade personnel and equipment are involved in 18 permanent or extended mission commitments, the majority of which are at Fort George G. Meade. In addition, ROTC and reserve summer camps at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, PA, Camp Pickett, VA, and Camp Drum, NY, are heavily supported.

2. Organization:
   a. At the beginning of the reporting period Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 18th Medical Brigade, was organized under MTOE 08-112EOV01, dated June 1969.

   b. Effective 18 November 1970, First US Army G.O. #345 reorganized the 18th Brigade under G series MTCE 08-112GCAO1. Major changes were the addition of two officers and six enlisted men and a reduction in the personnel fill priority.

   c. On 16 December 1970, First US Army G.O. #450 directed two actions. First HHD, 18th Medical Brigade was inactivated and second, HHD, 44th Medical Brigade was reorganized and assigned to First Army. Personnel and equipment requirements of the 44th Medical Brigade were filled from assets made available by the inactivation of the 18th Medical Brigade. Mission, organization, structure, and MTOE remained the same. The net effect of G.O. #450 was the redesignation of the 18th Medical Brigade to the 44th Medical Brigade. Preservation of distinguished history was the decisive factor in the inactivation of the 18th Medical Brigade and replacement by the 44th Medical Brigade, previously operating in the Republic of Vietnam.
d. The following units were attached to the 44th Medical Brigade at the end of the report period:

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 44th Medical Brigade
(2) 10th Evacuation Hospital
(3) 28th General Hospital
(4) 212th Medical Detachment (RA)
(5) 249th Medical Detachment (Supply)
(6) 591st Medical Company (Amb)
(7) 630th Medical Detachment (Maint)
(8) 702d Medical Company (Clr)

e. The following previously attached units were inactivated during the reporting period as indicated:

(1) 888th Medical Company (Amb) - Inactivated - 1 February 1970
(2) 177th Medical Detachment (Ortho) - Inactivated - 30 April 1970
(3) 232d Medical Detachment (Surg) - Inactivated - 30 April 1970
(4) 29th Surgical Hospital (MBL(A)) - Inactivated - 15 May 1970
(5) 157th Medical Laboratory - Inactivated - 28 December 1970
(6) 28th General Hospital - Inactivated - 28 December 1970

3. Personnel:

a. Key command and staff personnel:

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b. Officer strength as of 31 December 1970: 40.

(1) MSC - 25
(2) AHC - 1
(3) WO - 14
(a) AVN - 11
(b) MEC - 1
(c) QM - 1
(d) ETO - 1

c. Total enlisted strength as of 31 December 1970 - 597.

d. Personnel figures indicate that at the end of the reporting period the brigade was assigned approximately 125% of its MTOE authorized strength. Excess personnel were generated as a result of the inactivation of the 23th General Hospital on 28 December 1970.

4. Training:

a. Units attached to the brigade are responsible for the scheduling and presentation of general, specialist, unit training, and the conduct of field exercises.

b. The following units successfully completed an Operational Readiness Training Test during the period 21 - 24 April 1970:

(1) Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, 14th Medical Brigade
(2) 10th Evacuation Hospital (SMRL)
(3) 28th General Hospital
(4) 212th Medical Detachment (R)
(5) 249th Medical Detachment (Supply)
(6) 630th Medical Detachment (Maint)

c. The following units conducted Field Training Exercises during 1st and 2nd Quarters FY 1971.
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(1) 702d Medical Company (Clr)
(2) 591st Medical Company (Amb)
(3) 212th Medical Detachment (RA)
(4) 10th Evacuation Hospital (SMBL)

d. The 44th Medical Brigade supported Reserve and ROTC summer camp ANACONDA during the period 15 May though 30 August 1970 at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pennsylvania, Camp Pickett, Virginia, Camp Drum, New York, and Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Support included medical subject instruction, equipment and facility displays, medical evacuation (air ground), billeting, escort, and equipment.

e. 44th Medical Brigade is tasked to provide 58 enlisted medical MOS slots for the operation of Kimbrough Army Hospital. In addition, the brigade coordinates an OJT/MOS proficiency training program with US Kimbrough Army Hospital, EFES Dental Clinic, First US Army Medical Laboratory, and Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. Normally 70 to 80 personnel participate in this second program on a 90 day rotating basis.

f. EFM - The second annual Expert Field Medical Pageant was conducted in November. Nine individuals received the award.

g. Funding deficiencies experienced by First Army made necessary the cancellation of all field training scheduled for the latter part of 1970.

5. Materiel:

Logistical and maintenance support provided the brigade in CY 1970 was considered adequate. Implementation of "G" series medical MTOE's was only partially accomplished because of restrictions placed on fund expenditures.

6. Patient Care and Evacuation:

a. Brigade personnel are continuously involved in all areas of patient care through special programs mentioned in the Training section.

b. Both air and ground evacuation support of the First US Army/MDW area of operations was provided by units of the 44th Medical Brigade. Evacuation missions were performed in support of training and contingency operations.
7. Assistance to Civilian Personnel:
   a. Elements of the 44th Medical Brigade provided medical and related support during the May demonstrations in Washington, D.C., protesting the Cambodian incursion. Brigade personnel and equipment, configured as an ambulance company and provisional truck company, operates under the control of the Commanding General, Military District of Washington.

   b. The brigade also supported, or prepared extensively to support, the National Postal Worker’s Strike, Operation Grid Square, and civil disasters in Jordan and Pakistan.

8. Inspections:
   a. The Annual General Inspection of the 44th Medical Brigade was conducted on 4 - 6 November 1970 with a resultant rating of "Excellent."

   b. Command Maintenance Management Inspection was completed on 9 November 1970 with a "Satisfactory" rating.

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