

CHAPTER 6

MILITARY POLICE PRISONER OF WAR UNITS

6-1. Military Police Escort Guard Company (TOE 19-47)*a. Mission and Assignment.*

(1) The primary mission of the military police escort guard company is to provide supervisory and security personnel for the evacuation and movement of enemy prisoners of war and civilian internees.

(2) In the combat zone, military police escort guard companies are assigned to the military police brigade/group as required. Escort guard companies are normally assigned one per corps.

(3) In the COMMZ, the military police escort guard company is normally assigned to and employed by the prisoner of war brigade.

b. Organization. The military police escort guard company is organized to include a company headquarters and three escort guard platoons, each consisting of a platoon headquarters and four escort guard squads. The unit organization is shown at figure 6-1.

c. Capabilities and Limitations.

(1) When employed at full strength, the unit has the capability to evacuate the following numbers of enemy PW/CI by the methods indicated:

(a) Marching : 1,000 to 1,500

(b) Vehicle : 1,500 to 2,000

(c) Rail : 2,000 to 3,000

(2) The unit is a category II unit (AR 310-25) and is not adaptable to type B organization.

(3) The unit provides its own unit level supply and mess. This unit is dependent upon appropriate elements of the corps or theater army for medical, chaplain, finance, personnel administration services, transportation of prisoners of war, and organizational maintenance support.

(4) Individuals of the unit can engage in effective, coordinated defense of the unit's area and installation.

(5) Using organic transportation, the unit is 22 percent mobile. The unit is 100 percent transportable in US Air Force aircraft.

d. Employment.

(1) The military police escort guard company is assigned to and is employed by the prisoner of war brigade for the evacuation and

movement of enemy prisoners of war and civilian internees from the combat zone to designated prisoner of war camps in the COMMZ. Personnel of the unit are dispatched to the combat zone to evacuate, as directed, captured enemy personnel from the corps PW holding areas. When assigned to the corps, the unit is under the command and control of the military police group for enemy prisoners of war and civilian internees evacuation and custody from the division collecting points. The company (or elements thereof) may also be part of a military police task organization task force.

(2) Escort guard teams from the escort guard company go forward to the division (and separate brigade) collecting points to accept custody of the prisoners of war from division (and separate brigade) military police. Prisoners thus accepted are evacuated directly to the corps PW holding areas. At times certain prisoners may be held temporarily in a corps PW holding area. At other times the escort guard company may evacuate prisoners of war all the way from division collecting points to prisoner of war camps in the communications zone.

(3) The specific responsibilities and functions of the subordinate elements of the military police escort guard company are discussed below:

(a) Company headquarters. The company headquarters provides command, control, unit administration, supply, maintenance, and mess for the company. The company commander's principal assistant is the company first sergeant. In addition, the headquarters includes necessary mess, supply, maintenance, and administrative personnel. The company headquarters operates the company communications system which ties together the systems of the subordinate platoons and of higher headquarters.

(b) Three military police escort guard platoons. The company organization includes three identical escort guard platoons. Each platoon, under the supervision of a platoon leader and platoon sergeant, performs escort guard missions as assigned by the company commander. The four identical escort guard squads of each platoon

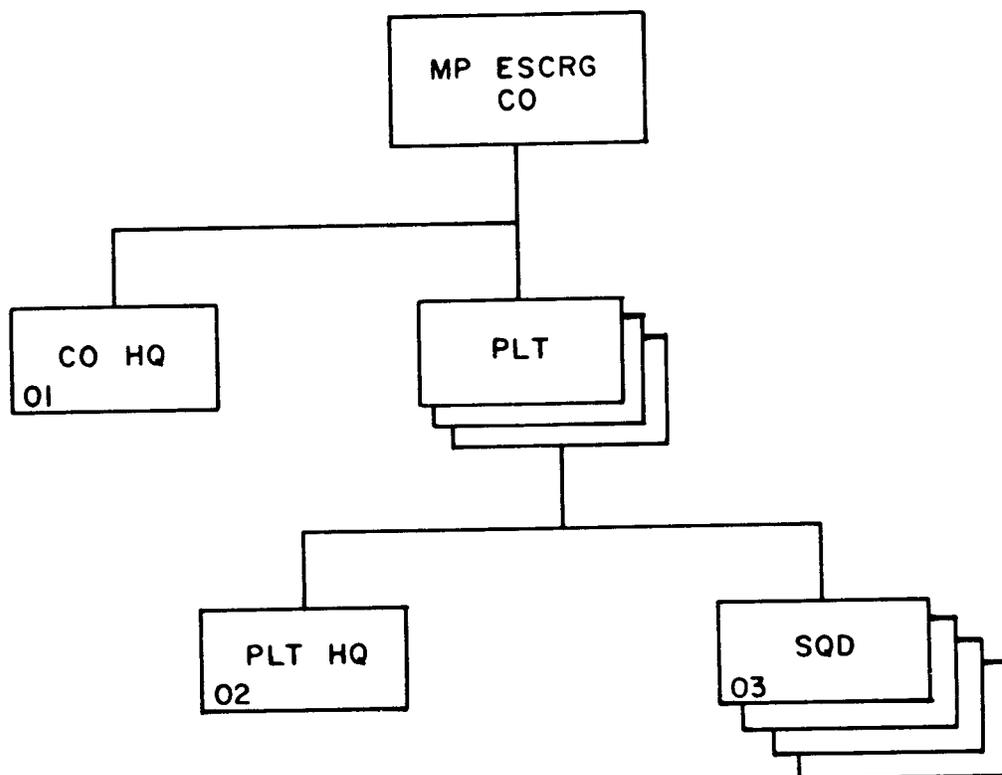


Figure 6-1. Military Police Escort Guard Company (TOE 19-47).

constitute the direct-worker elements for accomplishment of the escort guard functions.

6-2. Military Police Prisoner of War Processing Company (TOE 19-237)

a. Mission and Assignment.

(1) The primary mission of the military police prisoner of war processing company is to receive, search, and process prisoners of war and civilian internees, prepare and process reports and records, assign an internment serial number to each prisoner of war and civilian internee and furnish all compiled information to the Branch United States Prisoner of War Information Center.

(2) This unit is assigned to the military police PW brigade on the basis of one per corps.

b. Organization. The unit is functionally organized to provide PW processing services and includes a company headquarters and three processing platoons. The unit organization is shown at figure 6-2.

c. Capabilities and Limitations.

(1) This unit is capable of processing approximately 90 PW per hour.

(2) Each platoon is capable of operating independently and is composed of a platoon headquarters and two specialized sections responsible for the receiving and processing of personnel.

(3) This unit is designated a category III unit (AR 310-25) and is not adaptable to a type B organization.

(4) Individuals of this company can engage in effective and coordinated defense of the unit area or installation.

(5) The PW processing company is 50 percent mobile in organic vehicles but is not organically equipped to transport PW. The unit is 100 percent transportable in US Air Force aircraft.

d. Employment.

(1) General.

(a) The prisoner of war processing company is assigned to the military police prisoner of war brigade.

(b) The unit, or elements thereof, is attached to and located with one or more prisoner of war or civilian internee camps designated to receive and process prisoners of war or civilian internees.

(c) This company may operate as a company in one location or in separate locations by platoon.

(d) The prisoner of war processing company commander reports directly to the military police prisoner of war brigade commander. Except for policy matters, direct and informal coordination is maintained with the commander of

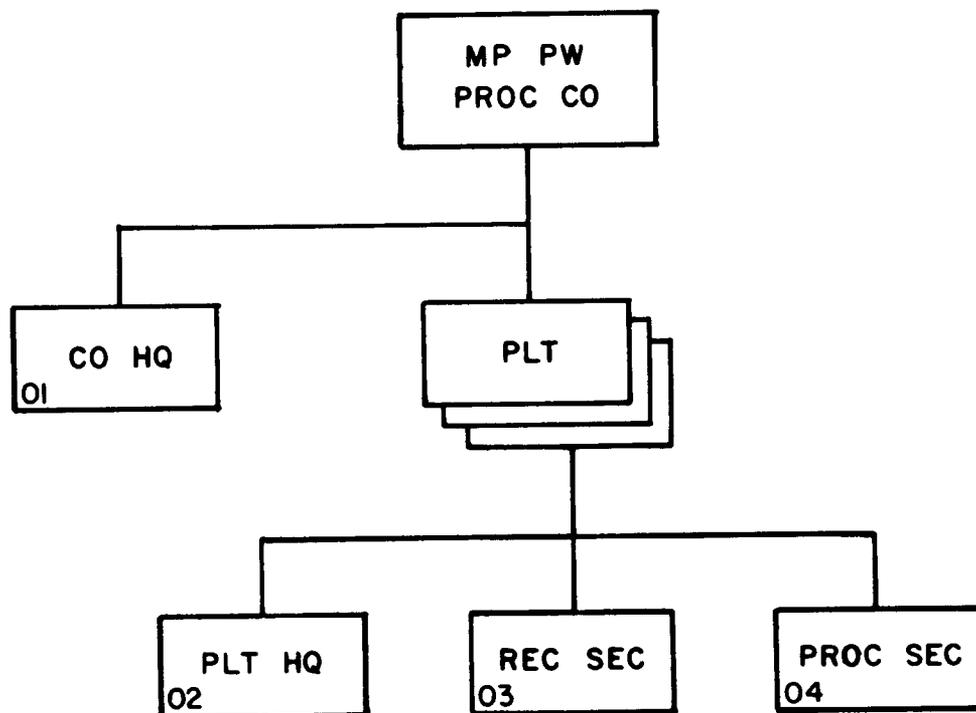


Figure 6-2. Military Police Prisoner of War Processing Company (TOE 19-237).

the prisoner of war camp to which the unit is attached.

(2) The MPPW processing company is organized functionally to provide for the administrative processing, identification, and classification of PW. The company normally operates by platoons. The physical deployment of a processing platoon during operations is determined by the physical layout and size of the building or tent to be used (fig. 6-3). Provisions are made for the continuous movement of PW from one functional section to another, and for sufficient space between sections to allow for the efficient functioning of each section. In the processing operation, accuracy and efficiency are primary considerations. To prevent monotony and to insure the continuous functioning of the platoons in the event of personnel losses, each member of the platoon is trained to handle at least one additional processing assignment. Changes of personnel between sections are made as necessary to insure continuous and efficient movement of PW during processing. Each unit determines through practice the most logical arrangement of personnel.

(3) Interpreters are assigned to each platoon as necessary. PW may be used to assist the platoon in the processing procedures.

(4) The objective of administrative processing is to accomplish the following functions. Details concerning these requirements are contained in AR 633-50:

(a) *Preparation of DA Form 4237 (Prisoner of War Personnel Records)*. This is the basic personnel record accomplished for each PW held in United States custody.

Note. DA Form 4237 is the form prescribed in STANAG 2044 for this purpose.

(b) *Assignment of Internment Serial Numbers*. Each PW internee is assigned an internment serial number. This official number will serve as an additional means of identification for each internee while in United custody.

(c) *Preparation of DA Form 2663-R (Fingerprint Card)*. When accomplished, this form provides for the positive identification of the processed PW.

(d) *Personal effects*. Personal effects that internees are not permitted to keep are impounded and a receipt given thereof.

(e) *Issuance of identity cards*. Each PW who does not have an identity card issued by his government is issued an identity card at the time of processing. All CI are issued an identity card.

(5) The specific functions of a processing platoon are as discussed below:

(a) *Receiving section*.

1. As the PW or CI enters the processing building or tent, he is directed to a member of the receiving section (station 1) who asks the PW or CI to remove his personal possessions and place them on a tray. The receiver records the name of the PW or CI on DA Form 4237 (Prisoner of War Personnel Record) assigns him an internment serial number, prepares and attaches the PW

identification band (para 3-17). The receiver then directs the PW or CI to the searcher (station 2) at the same time moving the tray containing the personal possessions to the inspector (station 3). The inspector examines the effects while the search is being conducted.

2. The PW is carefully searched for concealed weapons; signal devices; papers or books containing any invisible writing; pictures, maps, or sketches of military or naval installations; equipment or implements of war; and other unauthorized articles that may have been overlooked in previous searches. If any such articles are found, they are placed with the other effects of the PW or CI on the tray before the inspector. The inspector informs the clerk of the articles belonging to the PW or CI that are to be confiscated and those that are to be impounded. All impounded articles are recorded in a special property register and a receipt given to the PW or CI for money or items of value. These articles are also recorded on DA Form 4237 and are placed in a container which is marked with the name and internment serial number of the PW or CI, and any other required information.

3. The PW or CI then moves to the weigher (station 4) where he is weighed, his height is measured, and he is examined for identifying marks. These data together with his age are recorded on DA Form 4237. The PW or CI is then handed his form and directed to the processing section (station 5).

(b) Processing section.

1. The noncommissioned officers of the processing section assign PW or CI to interpreters (station 6). When required, certain selected and trusted PW or CI may be used as interpreters. Members of the processing section should memorize the items of information required on DA Form 4237. A thorough knowledge of the reasons behind each question on the form is of assistance in obtaining the required information.

2. The questioning of a PW or CI is confined to obtaining the information necessary to complete DA Form 4237. When the information has been recorded, the interpreter initials the form, hands it to the PW or CI, and directs him to the photographic section (station 7).

(c) Photographic section.

1. At least three men are needed to prepare the identification boards (station 8). These men prepare the identification boards on the basis of the information contained on DA Form 4237 and have the PW or CI verify them.

2. The camera group consists of the photographer and his assistant. The assistant (station 9) receives each PW or CI and his iden-

tification board, directs the PW or CI to the spot designated, has him face the camera, and places the board. After the picture is taken, the assistant turns the PW or CI for a profile view. The PW or CI should stand during the photographing. After the photographs have been taken, the PW or CI is directed to the fingerprint section (station 10).

(d) Fingerprint section.

1. The fingerprint makes certain that the hands of the PW or CI are clean and-free from any oily substance. He then applies the ink and takes the print, being careful to prevent smudging or smearing of the fingerprint card.

2. The PW or CI is then directed to cleanse his hands with the materials provided for this purpose and is sent to the records section (station 11). Completed forms will be sent to records section.

(e) Record section. This section completes the processing by typing the information secured by the preceding sections. DA Form 4237 is checked carefully for correctness and completeness. When any mistake or omission is found, the form is returned to the responsible section and further processing of the PW or CI is delayed until the correction is made. The forms are held until the photographs are received from the photographic section. When the photographs are received, they are attached to the form, care being exercised that the correct pictures are attached to the proper forms. Each member of the record section initials all the records handled by him.

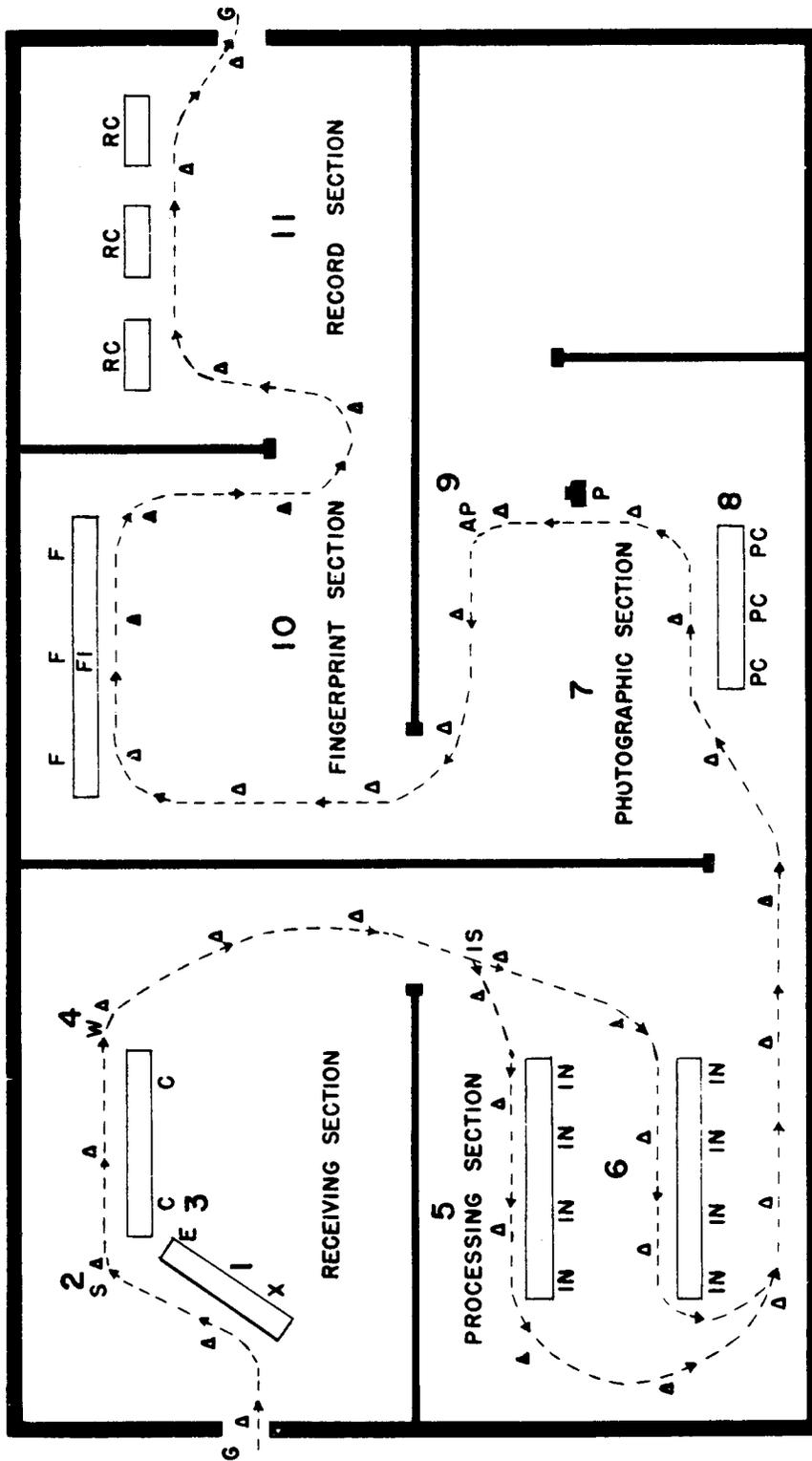
6-3. Military Police Guard Company (TOE 19-247)

a. Mission and Assignment.

(1) The primary mission of the military police guard company is to provide static guard services for prisoners of war and civilian internees and perform security for military prisoners, installations and facilities.

(2) In the combat zone, the military police guard company is assigned to the military police brigade, TASCOM, to provide security for enemy PW, civilian internees, and military prisoners. When employed for a limited physical security mission, it may be assigned to the military police brigade, TASCOM, for attachment to the headquarters or organization operating the logistical installation or complex to be protected.

(3) In the COMMZ, as in the combat zone, the military police guard company is assigned to provide security for enemy prisoners of war, civilian internees, and military prisoners. This unit is also assigned to provide railway guard



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| Δ | PRISONER OF WAR | IS | PROCESSING SECTION SERGEANT | PC | IDENTIFICATION BOARD CLERK | FI | FINGERPRINT INKER |
| G | GUARD | IN | INTERPRETER | P | PHOTOGRAPHER | F | FINGERPRINTER |
| X | RECEIVER (INTERPRETER FROM PROCESSING SECTION) | IN | IN | AP | ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHER | RC | RECORD SECTION CLERK |
| E | INSPECTOR (SECTION SERGEANT) | | | | | | |
| S | SEARCHER (INTERPRETER) | | | | | | |
| C | CLERK | | | | | | |
| W | WEIGHER (BASIC) | | | | | | |
- STATIONS ARE NUMBERED I TO II**

Figure 6-3. PW processing operations.

services to the transportation command of TASCOM.

b. Organization. The military police guard company is functionally organized to provide static security guard services and includes a company headquarters, three guard platoons, and a machinegun section. The organization of the company is shown in figure 6-4.

c. Capabilities and Limitations.

(1) When employed in the combat zone for the guarding of enemy PW, the military police guard company is capable of operating a corps PW processing station to include the guarding of up to 1,500 PW on a 24-hour basis.

(2) When employed in the COMMZ for guarding, this company has the capability of providing security for 2,000 to 4,000 PW on a 24-hour basis.

(3) The unit provides its own mess, organizational maintenance, administration, and unit supply. It is dependent upon a higher headquarters or other designated unit for personnel service support and for external communications.

(4) The guard company is a fixed organization and is approximately 25 percent mobile on organic transportation.

(5) The guard company is a category III unit (AR 310-25) and is not adaptable to a type B organization.

(6) Individuals of the unit can engage in

effective, coordinated defense of the unit's area or installation.

d. Employment.

(1) In the combat zone the military police guard company is a subordinate unit of the military police brigade/group, and is normally employed as an element of the composite battalion. The company (or elements thereof) may be part of the military police support task organization for a division task force.

(2) The specific responsibilities and functions of the subordinate elements of the guard company are discussed below:

(a) Company headquarters. The company headquarters provides command and control, unit administration, supply, mess, and communications for the company. It includes the company commander; first sergeant; and mess, supply, communications, and clerical personnel.

(b) Three guard platoons. Each of the three guard platoons consists of a platoon headquarters and three identical guard squads. Under the supervision of the platoon leader and platoon sergeant, the ten-man squads perform security guard duties as directed.

(c) Machinegun section. The machinegun section includes four machinegun squads, each consisting of a squad leader and three security guards. The section provides up to four machinegun posts as directed.

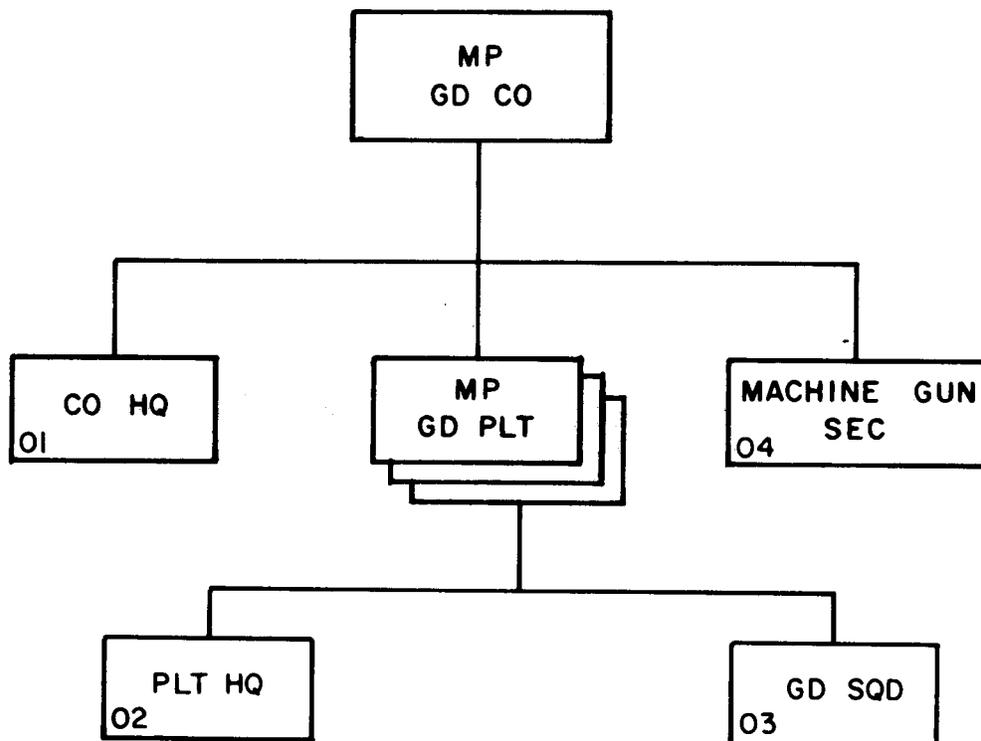


Figure 6-4. Military police guard company (TOE 19-247).

6-4. Military Police Prisoner of War Command (TOE 19-252)

a. Mission and Assignment.

(1) The mission of this unit is to provide command, administration, and logistical assistance to assigned PW/CI camps and other assigned/attached units.

(2) The PW command is established as a separate and major subordinate command of TASCOM.

b. Organization. The PW command consists of a TOE headquarters and headquarters company and assigned TOE military police units (fig 6-5) as follows:

- (1) Headquarters and headquarters, PW camp.
- (2) Headquarters and headquarters detachment, MP battalion (Team AD).
- (3) MP guard companies.
- (4) MP escort guard companies.
- (5) MP processing companies.

c. Capabilities and Limitations.

(1) To perform assigned mission for up to 10 PW/CI camps and other units assigned or at-

tached for the evacuation, processing and guarding of PW/CI.

(2) This unit is designated a category III unit and is not adaptable to a type B organization.

(3) The mobility of this unit is fixed.

(4) Individuals of this unit can engage in effective, coordinated defense of the unit area of responsibility.

d. Employment.

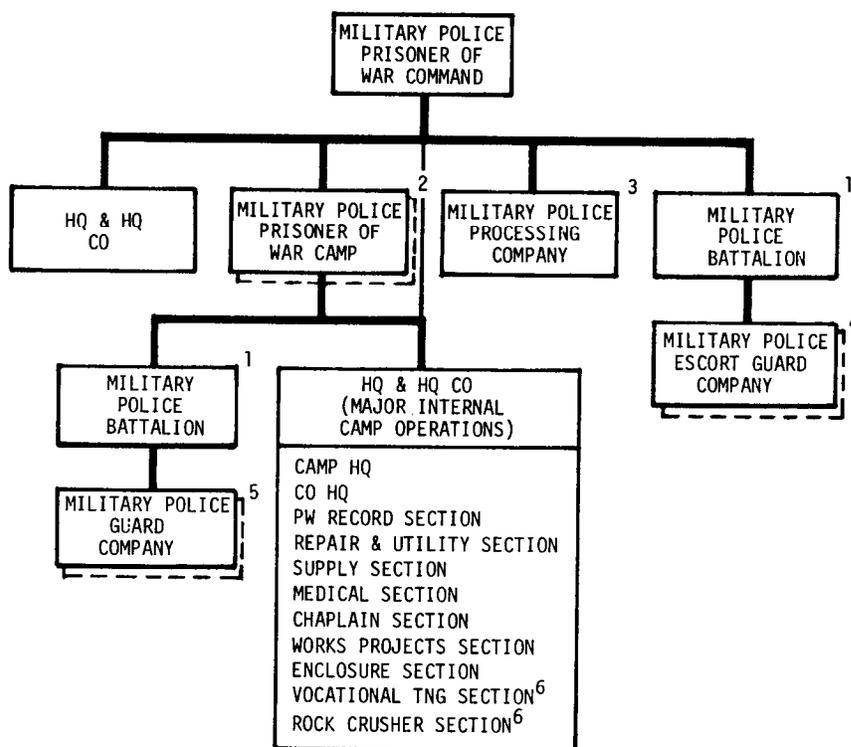
(1) Military police PW commands assigned to TASCOM provide command, control and uniformity of operations of PW/CI camps.

(2) The PW command commander utilizes his staff to conduct visits and inspections of PW/CI camps to assure compliance with policies and directives and to provide technical assistance as required.

6-5. Military Police Prisoner of War Camp (TOE 19-256)

a. Mission and Assignment.

(1) The primary mission of the headquarters and headquarters company, military police PW camp, is to provide command, administration,



- 1. SUPERVISES UP TO 6 MP COMPANIES.
- 2. UP TO 10 MP PW CAMPS PER MP PW COMMAND.
- 3. NORMALLY 1 PER CORPS SUPPORTED.
- 4. NORMALLY 3 PER CORPS SUPPORTED.
- 5. AS REQUIRED BASED ON PW POPULATION.
- 6. PROVIDED BY AUGMENTATION.

Figure 6-5. Military police PW command (TOE 19-252).

logistical support, and security guards for the operation of a 12,000-man PW/CI camp (fig 6-6).

(2) This unit is assigned to the PW brigade or PW command.

b. Organization. The headquarters and headquarters company, PW camp, is organized to provide a command and control element for the direction and support of assigned or attached units. It consists of a camp headquarters and a headquarters company, which includes required staff sections. The organization of this company is shown at figure 6-7.

c. Capabilities and Limitations.

(1) To perform assigned mission for 12,000 PW/CI and one military police battalion consisting of three to six military police companies assigned to secure the camp.

(2) To provide food, clothing, dispensary medical care, preventive medicine, and religious and recreational facilities for PW/CI.

(3) To provide and maintain utilities, including heat, lights, water, cooking facilities, and sanitation.

(4) To supervise the work projects of the PW/CI.

(5) To perform organizational maintenance on organic equipment.

(6) The headquarters and headquarters company, PW camp, is a category III unit and is not adaptable to a type B organization.

(7) The mobility of this unit is fixed.

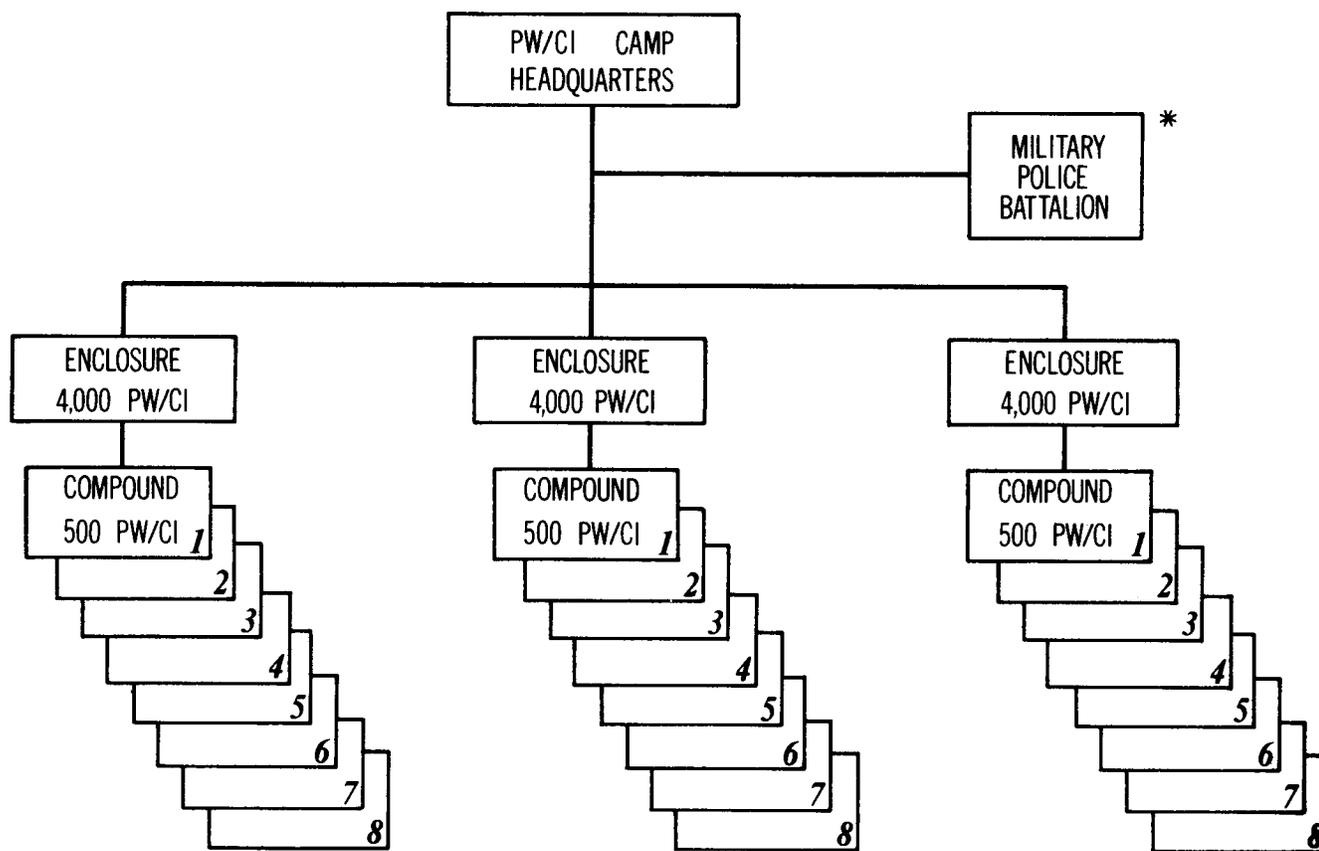
(8) Individuals of this organization can engage in effective coordinated defense of the unit area or installation.

d. Employment.

(1) The headquarters and headquarters company, PW camp, is a major operating element of the prisoner of war brigade or prisoner of war command.

(2) Each camp has 1 to 3 enclosures, each with a capacity for 4,000 PW. Each enclosure consists of up to 8 compounds, with a capacity of 500 PW or CI in each compound.

(3) One military police battalion comprising up to six military police guard companies is assigned to this unit to provide required security.



* Supervises up to 6 MP Companies

Figure 6-6. Organization of PW camp.

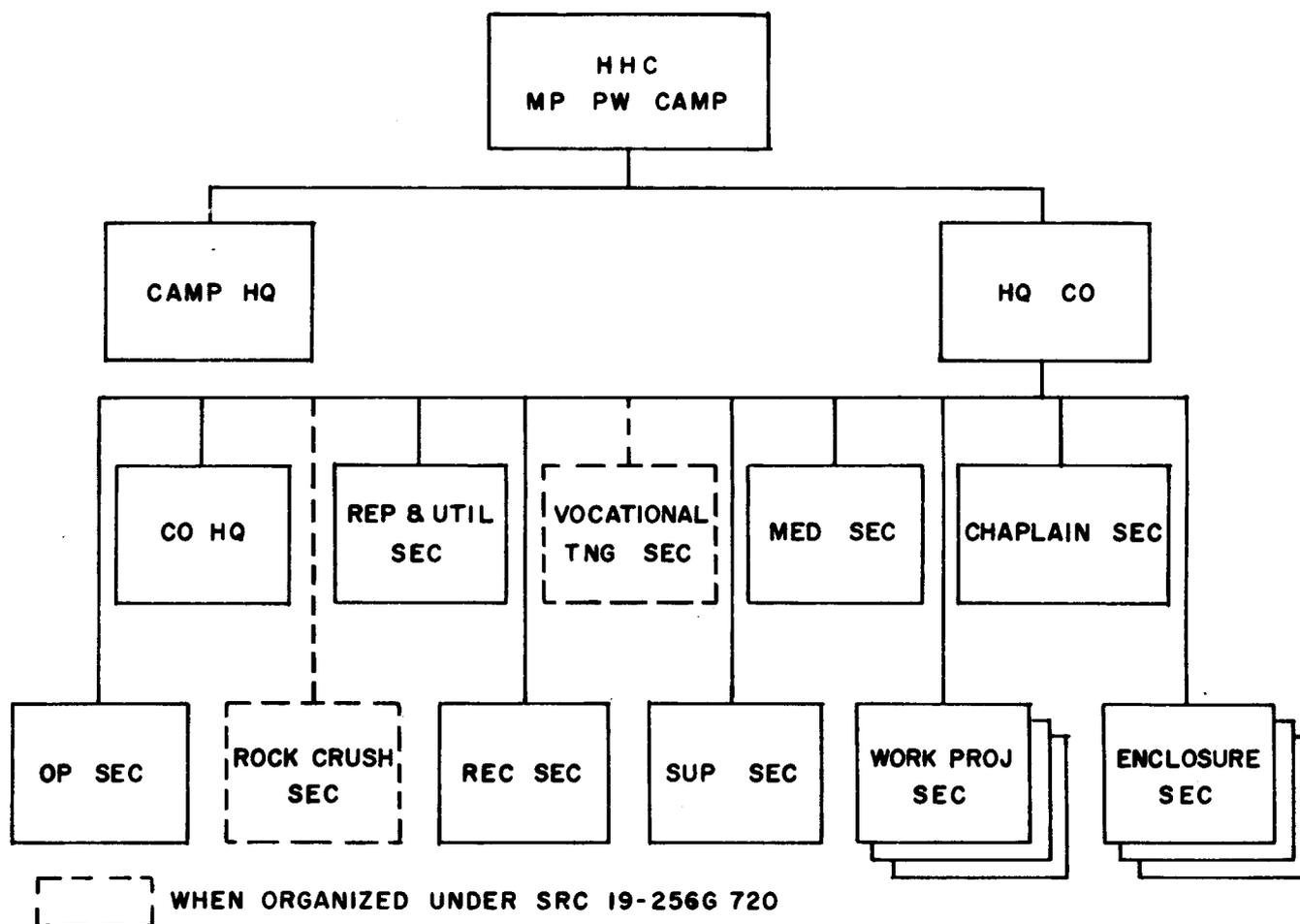


Figure 6-7. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Military Police PW Camp (TOE 19-256).

(4) The responsibilities and functions of the camp staff and functional sections are discussed below:

(a) *Camp headquarters.* The camp headquarters provides command and control, unit administration, intelligence, and logistical supervision. Included is a chemical staff specialist and a mail examiner.

(b) *Company headquarters.* The company headquarters provides supply and mess for assigned military personnel and transportation and communications for the camp.

(c) *PW record section.* The record section operates as a central record section for all PW in the camp. The section maintains permanent PW records. A PW fingerprint file is maintained. The record section prepares the internee strength report and such other reports concerning PW as may be required.

(d) *Repairs and utilities section.* This section is responsible for the normal repair and upkeep of buildings and grounds and for maintenance of utilities, to include fire prevention and fire protection. The functions performed are sim-

ilar to those performed by the engineer section of a post, camp, or station. This section is supplemented by skilled and semiskilled PW labor.

(e) *Supply section.* The supply section is responsible for requisitioning, receiving, and issuing all supplies and equipment required for operation of the PW camp and assigned military units. The supply section maintains prescribed supply records and prepares required reports.

(f) *Medical section.* The medical section provides dispensary type medical service for PW and camp military personnel. The section performs, as required, preventive medicine services, such as mosquito suppression, lice and vermin eradication, inoculations, and vaccinations. Qualified enemy Retained Personnel are used to assist in the medical care of PW. The chief of section, as senior medical officer, advises the camp commander as to the health of the command.

(g) *Chaplain section.* This section provides religious services for assigned military personnel. The section directs and coordinates the religious program for PW. Enemy retained religious

personnel are used to the extent possible to administer to the religious needs of PW.

(h) *Works projects section.* This section provides personnel to supervise PW used on labor projects outside the PW enclosure. Technical supervision is provided by the agency utilizing PW labor; however, the PW assigned to such projects are supervised by a member of the works project section to assure proper treatment and employment. The section maintains a record of each work project, levies requirements on enclosures for PW manpower required, and arranges for administrative details, such as messing, transportation, and guards.

(i) *Enclosure section.* Each enclosure section is responsible for the internal and immediate administration of the enclosure, to include control of PW movements, the operation of messing and supply facilities, the preparation of required reports, and the supervision of all other PW activities conducted within the enclosure.

(j) *Vocational training section.* This section directs and coordinates the educational and vocational training programs and recreational activities of PW/CI. The educational program normally places an emphasis on basic courses, such as reading, writing, geography, mathematics, languages, music, art, history, and literature. Vocational training may include barbering, tailoring, carpentry, metal working, painting, shoe repairing, and such other arts and crafts, and a variety of other related activities.

6-6. Military Police Prisoner of War Brigade (TOE 19-282)

a. Mission and Assignment.

(1) The primary mission of the headquarters and headquarters company, military police PW brigade, is to provide command administration and logistical assistance to assigned PW/CI camps and other units assigned or attached for the evacuation, processing, and guarding of PW/CI.

(2) The military police PW brigade is a major subordinate headquarters of the personnel command, TASCOC.

b. *Organization.* The headquarters and headquarters company, military police PW brigade, provides the command and control element for the direction and support of assigned PW/CI camps and other assigned and attached military police units. It consists of a command section, a headquarters company, and a number of staff sections, as shown in figure 6-8.

c. Capabilities and Limitations.

(1) To perform assigned mission for up to five PW/CI camps.

(2) This is an austere headquarters with only those personnel and material resources sufficient to carry out its mission.

(3) This unit is a category III unit (AR 310-25) and is not adapted to a type B organization.

(4) This unit is 25 percent mobile.

(5) Individuals of the unit can engage in effective, coordinated defense of the unit's area or installation.

d. *Employment.* The PW brigade is a major subordinate headquarters of the personnel command, TASCOC, serving as the control headquarters for all military police units conducting PW/CI operations in the COMMZ. The specific responsibilities and staff functions of this unit are:

(1) *Command section.* This is the command element of the brigade and coordinates the activities of the other organizational elements of the headquarters.

(2) *Company headquarters.* The company headquarters provides the personnel and equipment for the command, training, unit supply, organizational maintenance, communications, and unit personnel service for the company.

(3) *Assistant Chief of Staff, Personnel and Administration section.* The brigade ACofS, Personnel and Administration, exercises staff supervision over administrative support and personnel functions of the headquarters and subordinate units. Included in the staff element are personnel who assist in the administration of prisoners of war and civilian internees.

(4) *Assistant Chief of Staff, Security, Plans and Operations section.* This section provides extensive planning for the employment and training of subordinate units of the PW brigade and for the operation and security of the PW/CI. It prepares plans and orders to implement the PW support mission of the brigade and of its subordinate units.

(5) *Assistant Chief of Staff, Services, Supply, and Maintenance section.* This section provides coordinating staff supervision over services, supply, and maintenance support for the brigade headquarters, the PW/CI camps, and subordinate units.

6-7. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment Military Police Battalion (Team AD, TOE 19-500)

[Not a TOE PW unit but can be attached to and command various PW units.]

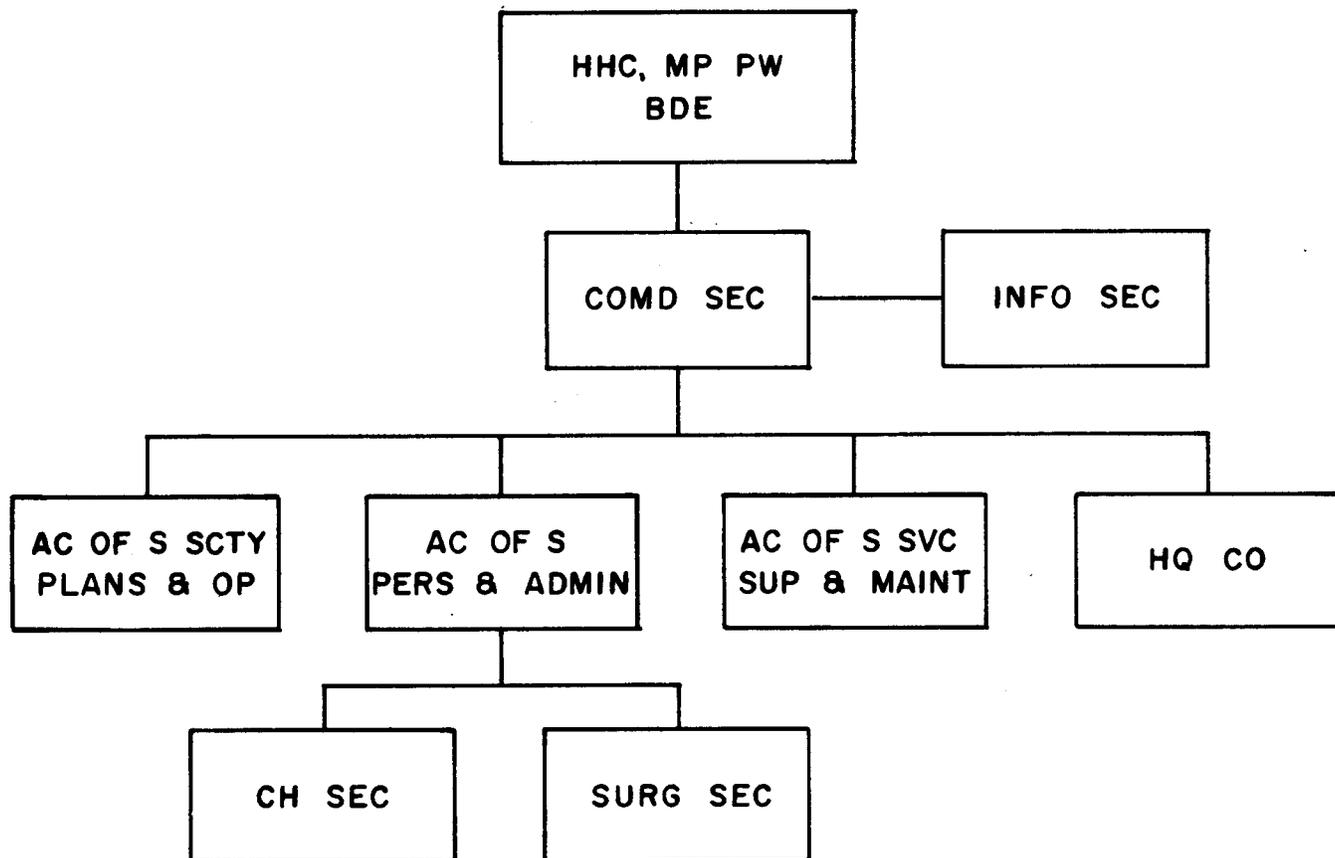


Figure 6-8. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, MP PW Brigade (TOE 19-282).

a. Mission and Assignment.

(1) The primary mission of the headquarters and headquarters detachment, military police battalion (AD), is to command, plan, supervise, coordinate, and control the operations of two or three military police companies; i.e., guard and PW ESCRG companies, plus other assigned or attached units, including indigenous military and paramilitary police units.

(2) In the combat zone, one headquarters and headquarters detachment, military police battalion (AD), is assigned to the military police brigade/group, for prisoner of war and civilian internee evacuation and custody.

(3) In the COMMZ, one headquarters and headquarters detachment, military police battalion (AD), is assigned to each PW camp to provide a command and control headquarters for three to six military police guard companies.

b. Organization. The detachment provides a command and control headquarters for the direction of assigned and attached military police companies and comparable units. It includes the minimum number of personnel necessary for this direction and is organized without component organizational elements. In actual practice the battalion commander tailors the unit to include a

battalion headquarters and headquarters detachment, the latter including a number of staff sections as shown in figure 6-9.

c. Capabilities and Limitations.

(1) To perform assigned mission for assigned military police guard and escort guard companies.

(2) The detachment is 65 percent mobile.

(3) The unit is a category II unit (AR 310-25) and is not adaptable to a type B organization.

(4) The detachment depends upon one of the assigned or attached military police companies (or other unit) for mess and maintenance support. When separate mess and maintenance facilities are required, appropriate teams of TOE 29-500 must be provided.

(5) The unit depends upon a higher headquarters or other designated unit for personnel service support. When such external personnel service support is not provided, a personnel section augmentation is required.

(6) The detachment can defend itself and its installations against limited hostile ground attack. Members of this unit can engage in effective, coordinated defense of the unit area or installation.

d. Employment.

(1) In the combat zone the headquarters and

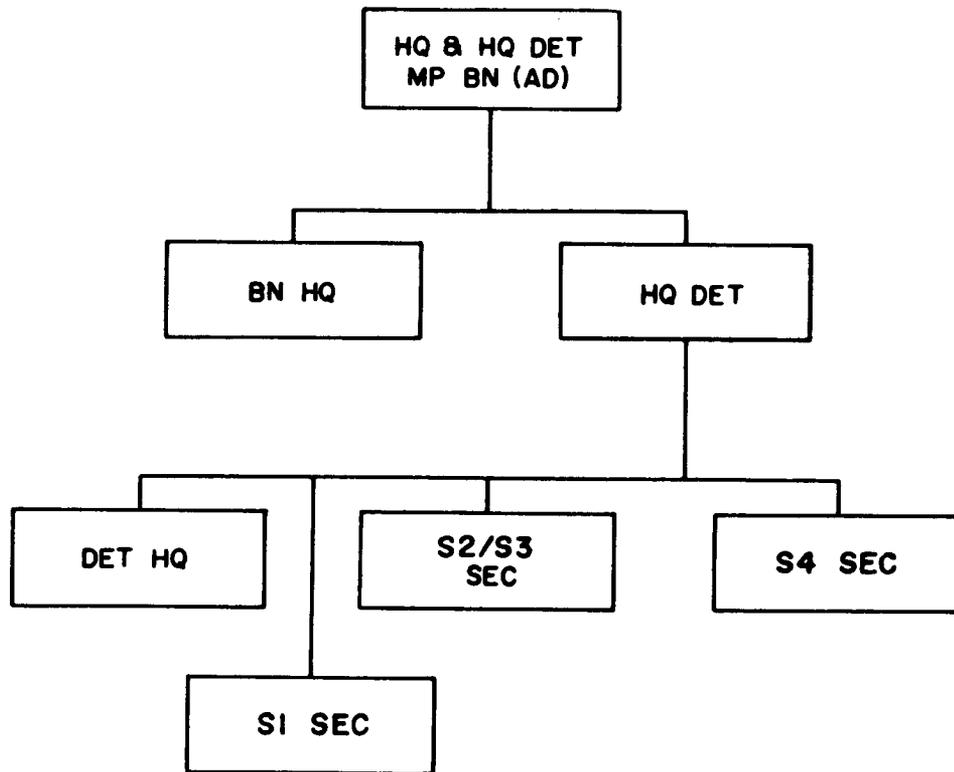


Figure 6-9. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, MP Battalion (Team AD, TOE 19-500).

headquarters detachment, military police battalion (AD), is a subordinate unit of the military police brigade/group, which serves as the control headquarters of tailored military police support task organizations.

(2) In the COMMZ the headquarters and headquarters detachment, military police battalion (AD), is a subordinate unit for PW operations, of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Military Police Prisoner of War Camp (TOE 19-256).

(3) It provides a command and control headquarters for three to six military police guard companies.

6-8. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Branch United States Prisoner of War/Civilian Internee Information Center (TOE 19-503)

a. Mission and Assignment.

(1) The unit mission is to provide a central agency in a theater of operations for the receipt, processing, maintenance, dissemination, and transmittal of required information and data relating to enemy PW/CI interned in the theater, and American PW/CI about whom information is received from theater sources.

(2) This unit is assigned to theater army headquarters. It may be attached to and placed

under the operational control of the military police PW brigade.

b. *Organization.* This unit comprises a detachment headquarters and a center headquarters. The center headquarters has an administrative division, a branch enemy prisoner of war/civilian internee information bureau made up of a bureau chief and five branches, and a branch American prisoner of war information bureau. The organization of this unit is shown at figure 6-10.

c. Capabilities and Limitation.

(1) Provides a centralized PW/CI information service to the theater commander.

(2) Maintains specific records and prepares and disseminates reports for up to 500,000 PW/CI held by the United States Armed Forces in a theater of operations.

(3) The mobility of this unit is fixed.

(4) This unit is designated a category III unit (AR 310-25) and is not adaptable to a type B organization.

(5) This unit depends on other units for mess, personnel records administration, vehicle maintenance, resupply of all classes of supply, and automatic data processing support.

(6) Individuals of this organization can engage in effective, coordinated defense of the unit area or installation.

d. Employment.

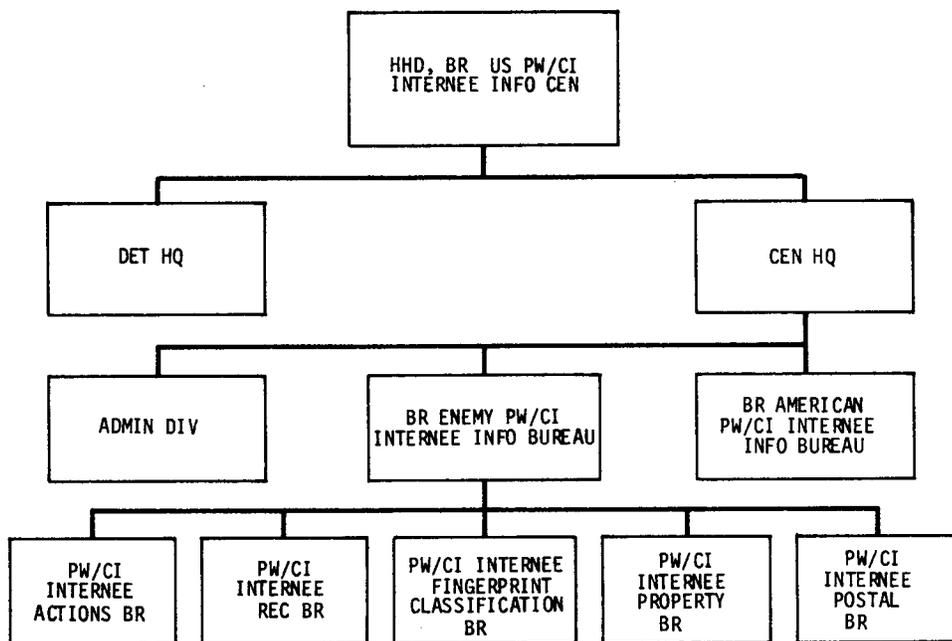


Figure 6-10. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Branch US PW/CI Internee Information Center (TOE 19-503).

(1) The USPW/CIIC provides for the discharge of national responsibilities imposed by the Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoner of War of August 12, 1949 and Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons of August 12, 1949. In the discharge of this national responsibility, this unit operates as a branch of the United States Prisoner of War/Civilian Internee Information Center located in CONUS and directly transmits to that agency reports, and data as prescribed by Headquarters, Department of the Army regulations and directives. As an information service for the theater, this unit provides such PW/CI information, data, and reports as are required and is responsive to all using elements including the PW brigade and the PW/CI camps as primary users.

(2) The administrative division of the USPW/CIIC (Br) consists of a division chief and other administrative personnel. It performs certain administrative functions and services to relieve other operating elements of the center headquarters of the routine internal administrative workload.

(3) The Branch Enemy Prisoner of War/Civilian Internee Information Bureau is composed of the bureau chief and five operating branches: a PW/CI actions branch, a PW/CI records branch, a PW/CI postal branch, a PW/CI fingerprint classification branch, and a PW/CI property branch. It is responsible for the handling of all enemy PW/CI administrative matters with-

in the center except for the machine reproduction of PW/CI rosters, data, and information.

(a) The PW/CI actions branch receives and prepares replies to all inquiries from individuals and agencies concerning PW/CI; compiles statistics; directs preparation of and dispatches special and routine PW/CI rosters, reports, and statistical data; and maintains an office correspondence file.

(b) The PW/CI records branch receives and processes all PW/CI reports and records and establishes an individual file for each PW/CI processed and interned in the theater. Primary processing actions include the review of each PW/CI basic personnel record for completeness and accuracy, the preparation of individual PW/CI record folders, and subsequent updating actions on the basis of daily changes from each camp submitted by transceiver to the automatic data processing facility. Included in the individual files is all official and unofficial correspondence received or dispatched which relates to individual PW/CI. Upon repatriation, release, death, or escape, all individual PW/CI records maintained by the PW/CI camps are forwarded for inclusion in the bureau files. Individual files also are maintained for the filing of information concerning identified "killed-in-action" enemy personnel. Close coordination is maintained with the PW/CI actions branch with respect to the preparation and dispatch to the United States Prisoner of War/Civilian Internee Information Center in CONUS of all inactive files (repatriated, released,

deceased, escaped, or internationally transferred PW) and the preparation and retention of appropriate disposition records.

(c) The PW/CI fingerprint classification branch receives two fingerprint cards for each PW/CI processed in the theater and is responsible for classifying and recording the fingerprint impressions which appear thereon. The central fingerprint file maintained by the branch is searched to determine whether the PW/CI has been previously processed and, if so, the PW/CI record branch is notified. If the PW/CI has not been previously processed, the proper fingerprint classification is entered on the two fingerprint classification cards. One of them is placed in the central fingerprint file and the other transmitted to the PW/CI actions branch to accompany published orders directing transfer or assignment of the subject PW/CI to a permanent internment camp. The branch also provides centralized PW/CI identification service for all PW/CI camps in the theater.

(d) The PW/CI property branch accepts custody from PW/CI camps of personal valuables, including money and documents of importance to next of kin of deceased or escaped PW/CI or which were not returned to repatriated or released PW/CI. Personal valuables and documents of enemy personnel "killed-in-action" are also accepted. Administrative actions include property documentation, preparation of letters of transmittal and shipment of property to the United States Prisoner of War/Civilian Internee Information Center in CONUS or through the intermediary of the International Committee of the Red Cross to the Power on which the PW/CI depended, and the maintenance of appropriate records of disposition.

(e) The PW/CI postal branch receives, sorts, and dispatches all incoming PW/CI mail consigned to it. Such mail will generally include letters and packages addressed to camps from which the PW/CI have been transferred; addressed to deceased, escaped, repatriated, or released PW/CI; or on which the address is partially illegible.

e. Branch American Prisoner of War Information Bureau. This bureau provides a central agency within the theater of operations for the reception, collection, recording and dissemination of information concerning US Army, Navy, and Air Force personnel in enemy custody. Sources of information include G2, enemy propaganda broadcasts, letters received by theater personnel and prisoner of war information bureaus operated by allied forces. Information so received is documented and disseminated, as appropriate, to The

Adjutant General of the Army and to his counterpart in the Navy and in the Air Force. The collected information is also furnished to the COMMZ and theater Army commanders for record purposes and forwarding through personnel channels to Department of the Army for information and/or action. Information concerning allied personnel in enemy custody is transmitted to the prisoner of war information agency of the Power concerned.

6-9. Military Police Prisoner of War Branch Camp, Processing and Advisory Teams (TOE 19-550)

a. Mission and Assignment.

(1) To provide command and administrative control for a PW branch camp.

(2) To receive and process PW.

(3) To provide advisory assistance to an allied or indigenous force in PW operations to include PW camps, information centers and processing facilities.

(4) Teams or combinations are assigned as required to perform the mission.

b. Organization (See TOE 19-550).

c. Capabilities and Limitations.

(1) These teams have individual capabilities as indicated in TOE 19-550. The capabilities of units organized under this TOE will vary with the size and composition of the units.

(2) These teams are not adaptable to a type B organization.

(3) Individuals of these teams can engage in effective, coordinated defense of the team's area or installation.

d. Basis of Allocation. As indicated in the detailed breakdown of individual teams (TOE 19-550).

e. Category. The category of each team will depend upon the area of employment of the units to which assigned or attached or other varying conditions under which teams may operate (AR 310-25).

f. Mobility. The degree of mobility must be computed for each specific combination of teams and/or composite units to be used. All teams are air transportable in US Air Force aircraft.

6-10. Defense Against Enemy Aircraft

In any combat theater, all MP PW units must realize the threat of attack from enemy aircraft and be prepared to take action against the attack. Large volumes of small arms fire have

proved capable of destroying both high speed and low speed aircraft or disrupting their attack. Therefore, emphasis must be placed on aggressive engagement of hostile aircraft with organic non-air defense weapons. Effective and safe employment of these weapons necessitates adequate

training. All personnel must be well trained and kept current on aircraft identification, techniques of firing at aerial targets, fire discipline, and response to control methods. Aerial gunnery techniques generally applicable to all small arms and automatic weapons are presented in FM 23-65.