

as the next day the police officers began to modify their hand and arm signals to match those of the student MPs. The riot exercise included transmission of the alert to the MP school, the motor march to the assembly area, the reading of the proclamation, and the use of smoke and force to disperse the rioters. The result became so realistic that many American advisors driving in Danang thought that an actual riot had occurred. The students threw up road blocks, broke up the mob into small groups, and maintained control over the selected 10-block area within thirty minutes after the proclamation had been read.

Captain Dan, an expert in firearms, conducted the FBI qualification firing course personally. His opening comment to the students during the pistol instruction was simply, "This weapon is like a wife, you must take good care of her and love her. . . . and in return she will take care of you." To prove his point and to quell the complaints from the students that the .45 caliber automatic was too big and awkward to handle, he called upon Mrs. Dan to put on a firing demonstration for the students. Result? There were only six holos out of the 113 students when the qualification firing ended. The course consisted of five firing positions: prone, sitting, standing, kneeling and hip shooting. It also included firing at close range, distant range and from behind barricades. The biggest emphasis was placed on hip shooting because the emergencies confronting the men in Vietnam do not permit sufficient time to bring the pistol to eye level for firing.

At the present time the students are in their "on the job training" cycle, they are working with regular Vietnamese and American military policemen stationed in Danang. Next month they will attend a 4-week driver training course sponsored by "I" Corps in Hue (the ancient capitol of Vietnam.) Upon completion of the drivers course, the students will return to Danang for their final examination. The examination will be conducted in two parts. The first test will be written and the second test will consist of practical application and demonstration. Those that pass will graduate as full fledged members of the "Quan Canh." Those that fail, will be transferred to other branches of the Vietnamese Army. Therefore, it is not surprising to note the outstanding training attitude displayed by the students in their work. They are quick to learn and seldom make the same mistake twice.

The future of the Vietnamese Military Police Corps is

(Below left) Students practice drawing and hip shooting at targets set on the seven meter firing line. The FBI qualification course is used at the school. (Below right) MP operations training begins. A typical 4-man patrol is being inspected by the Commandant of the Military Police School, Captain Vu Van Dan (right), and Maj William R. Clark, "I" Corps Provost Marshal.



(Above) Captain Vu Van Dan, School Commandant (right) and the author, Capt Peter Slusar, MAAG Advisor to the Military Police School, Danang, Vietnam.

bright. Plans are well under way for the opening of the new Military Police School in Vung Tau. With this move in mind, the Commandant is busily engaged in preparing programs of instruction, lesson plans, and training aids, as well as arranging for buildings and funds. Plans include many classrooms and training devices similar to those found in Fort Gordon, Georgia. Those under consideration are Maxville City, traffic control areas, crime scene stages, mock-ups of POW compounds and a physical security plant. There will also be a 12-lane FBI pistol qualification range.

To many of you who read this article, it will be reminiscent of our own MP Corps, which started over 20 years ago. It will be through the trained officers and NCOs that the backbone of the Vietnamese Military Police Corps will be established, and the familiar motto "Of The Troops And For The Troops" will become a reality in Vietnam.

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