

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL  
9TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO San Francisco 96370

AVDE-PM

25 July 1967

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

TO: Commanding General  
18th Military Police Brigade  
APO San Francisco 96491

1. During the period 8-16 July 1967 a composite platoon from the 720th Military Police Battalion, commanded by First Lieutenant Gordon L. Locke, supported the 9th Infantry Division during Operation PADDINGTON. This was a combined operation involving elements of the Vietnamese, Australian and United States Armed Forces and was conducted in Phuoc-Tuy Province, Vietnam.
2. The primary mission of the platoon was to provide traffic control over approximately 19 miles of road which was used as the MSR during the operation. This road was in very poor condition and was so narrow that several miles of the roadway were restricted to one-way traffic.
3. At the start of the operation the platoon was required to establish traffic control measures to assist the Australian and American tactical and logistical units in getting into their initial positions. Due to the limited road net, this required development and execution of a detailed and carefully timed traffic control plan. This was accomplished in an outstanding manner and each unit was moved to its assigned area with a minimum of confusion and delay. The Australians involved in the operation expressed amazement at the efficiency of the operation.
4. During the logistical buildup for the operation, the platoon provided traffic control and escorts for over 650 vehicles which were moved over the restricted MSR during one day. This was an amazing feat considering the poor condition and width of the MSR. During the operation the platoon coordinated all traffic movement on the MSR keeping traffic flowing smoothly and efficiently. Their outstanding performance of duty was a source of many favorable comments by both the Australian and American participants in the operation.
5. The men of the platoon worked long hours under adverse conditions without complaint and performed each task in a highly professional manner. Worthy of special note was the outstanding performance of the following individual members of the platoon:

Lt Gordon L. Locke, 05421491  
Sgt Don R. Dellecese, RA11308376

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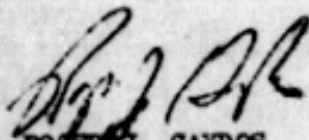
Sgt William Albright, Ra13858780

Sgt James L. Talbert, US53407087

6. The enthusiasm, professional knowledge and competence demonstrated by all members of this platoon reflects great credit upon them, the 18th Military Police Brigade, the Military Police Corps, and the United States Army.

/s/ David R. Roberts  
/t/ DAVID R. ROBERTS  
LTC MPC  
Provost Marshal

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ROGER J. GAYDOS  
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