



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS
7th SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), 1st SPECIAL FORCES
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA 28307-5270



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30 August 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, 1st Special Operations Command (Airborne),
ATTN: SGS (MAJ Hollins), Fort Bragg, NC 28307-5200

SUBJECT: Annual Historical Review

1. The 7th Special Forces Group has experienced significant historical events during 1989. On Ft. Bragg, the Group moved the Group Headquarters Company, Group Support Company, all line Companies, Motor Pool, Scuba Locker, Rigger facility and Communication Complex into the new Special Forces Complex off Reily and Yadkin Road intersection. This was done in conjunction with the implementation of the new LTO&E. In August 1990 the 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group returned to CONUS with two of its companies for permanent basing on Ft. Bragg.

2. Operationally, the Group continued to conduct missions in support of the SOUTHCOM Theater of Operations. Numerous Deployments for Training and Mobile Training Teams continued to deploy throughout Latin America. The Security Enhancement augmentation to Panama, the Group continued to send a Company with its six ODAs to Panama for a three month rotation which culminated in conducting Operation "Just Cause". The requirement for Special Forces in Panama continued in "Promote Liberty" employing all of 3rd Battalion, and one half of 2nd Battalion conducting Foreign Internal Defense. The priorities for operations has shifted to the ICA, Andean Ridge countries and the 7th Special Forces Group continues to deploy elements on these Counter-Narcotic Operations.

3. POC this headquarters is Col Moore, 432-1607-3110.

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FUNDING

1. FY 90 Funding Level. The Group was funded at approx \$1,830.00 for FY 90. The DFT program was funded at about 2.8 million.
2. FUNDING ISSUES: The group was overall adequately funded. Our participation in Just Cause and Promote Liberty caused the Group to deviate significantly from its' original spending plan for FY 90.

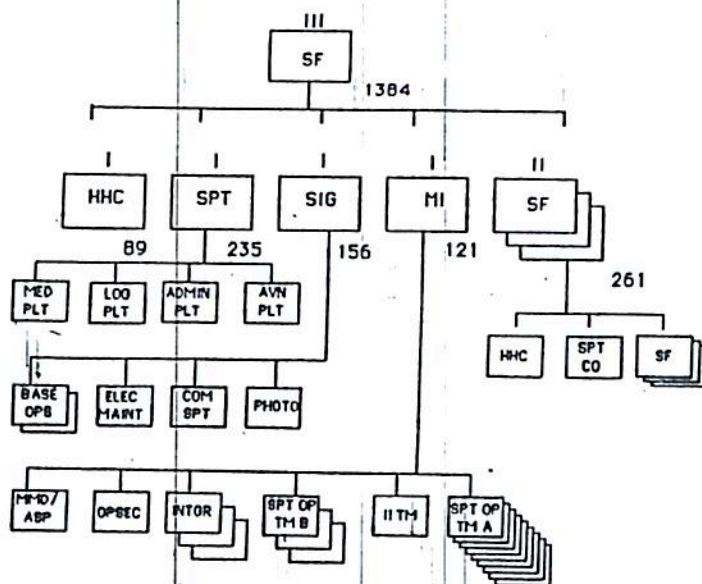
ORGANIZATION

1. Calendar year 1989 marked a major command directed change to the organization structure of 7th SFG(A). As directed, 7th SFG(A) transitioned from the HTOE series to the LTOE Series. The transition began in July 1989 and went into effect 1 October 1989.
2. The major change/impact of the NOW LTOE was the power down of support assets from Group level to Battalion level and the transfer of the aviation platoon to its present unit 160th Avn Bde. This conversion was intended to provide the battalions better support with support assets more responsible/answerable to the battalions. Additionally make the battalions more readily, deployable because they would be already packaged configured with their support slice. The transfer of the aviation platoon was to improve the logistics support for the platoon.
3. Anticipated organizational changes for 1990 is the reduction of the number of Military Free Fall and Under Water Operations detachments per battalion, 3 ea per battalion to 2 and possibly 2 ea per battalion to 1 in 1991.

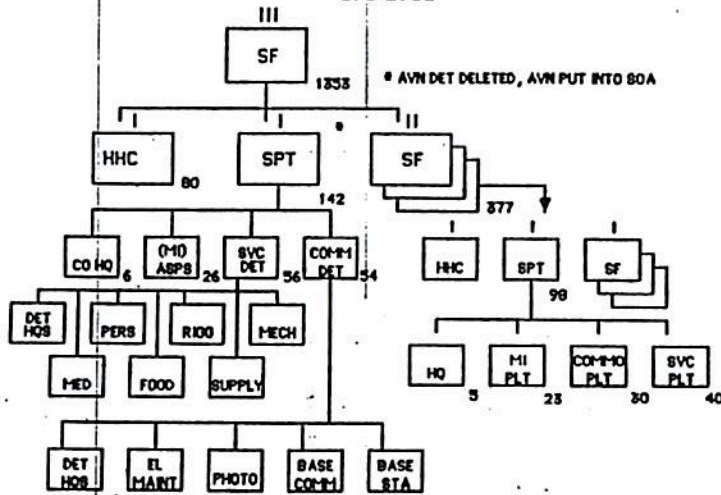
EQUIPMENT

1. ~~The move to the LTOE from the current MTOE was accomplished in an expeditious manner. Numerous problems and shortfalls were identified and temporary solutions were implemented.~~
2. The following new systems were authorized and fielded:
 - M24, Sniper Rifle
 - Stinger, hand-held, surface-to-air, missile system
 - MK19, 40mm, Automatic Grenade Launcher
 - MC4 Ram Air Parachute System
 - AN/PVS 7 NVG
3. The Material Management Activity (MMA) was activated under the USASOC. The 7th Special Forces Group was required to transfer 12 personnel to resource the MMA. The MMA's first major task was to establish a Consolidated Property Book and field the Class IX, Unit Level Logistics System (ULLS) to include the accompanying hardware and software.

SFG H-SERIES

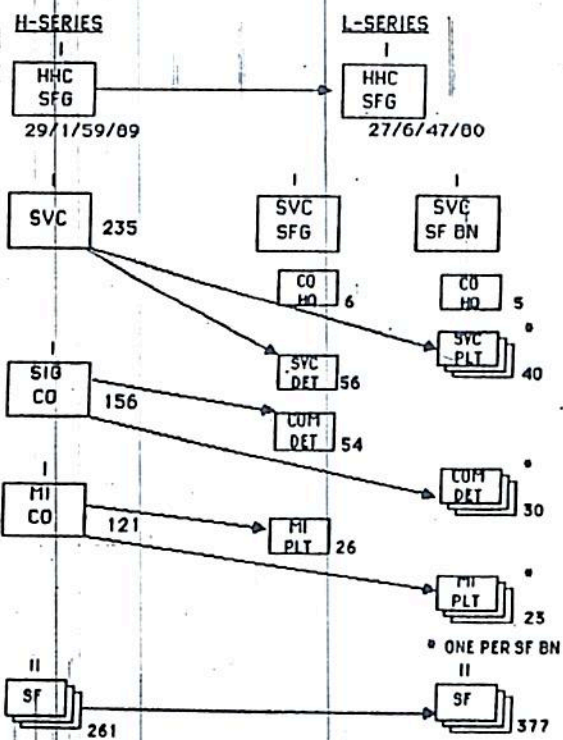


SFG LTOE



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H/L SERIES TOE CONVERSION



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