

Use of multichannel high frequency voice radio, radio teletype, and tactical satellite should be considered for interconnecting combat bases and should be extended below brigade level when practical. Normally, isolated relay stations cannot be established in the counter guerrilla operational environment. Therefore, the location of and distance between combat and/or patrol bases will seriously impact on the signal unit's ability to provide a reliable multichannel communications system. The signal officer must consider this when presenting his recommendations on base locations to the commander.

The composition of the signal element committed in support of the brigade should be modified to meet the requirements of the mission and the situation. The signal support element can be either in direct support or attached. A direct support role is normally more desirable as it affords the signal officer wider latitude and greater flexibility to meet changing support requirements. In all cases, the supported unit must provide security forces for the signal elements.

The brigade signal officer coordinates for signal augmentation required to construct, rehabilitate, and/or maintain civilian communications facilities.

GROUND SURVEILLANCE SECTIONS

Since most tactical operations against guerrilla forces involve the use of small-unit patrols, in favorable terrain the use of radar teams should be considered to assist patrols by locating activity, vectoring patrols, and receiving coded signals from patrols.

During the conduct of an encirclement, radar may be used effectively to give early warning of an attempted breakout by encircled forces.

Since densely vegetated areas limit the use of radar, its use around cleared combat bases and other strongpoints should be emphasized. If properly sited, radar can give early warning of impending attacks by picking up and reporting guerrilla movement into probable attack or assault positions and along avenues of approach.

When available, remote sensors (REMS) should also be used for surveillance and target acquisition.

SECTION IV TACTICAL SUPPORT ELEMENTS

General

Air Defense

Army Aviation