

be trained jointly in such areas as language, area orientation, refresher combat training, and field training exercises.

## **BACKUP FORCES**

Individual training for LIC operations requires a higher degree of proficiency than individual training for conventional operations, because more reliance is placed on individual and small unit actions. Light infantry combat training is emphasized.

Unit training objectives are to develop unit capabilities to conduct the major IDAD activities of tactical operations, intelligence operations, psychological operations, populace and resources control operations, civil affairs, and advisory assistance operations. Unit security training for operations against guerrilla forces is similar to rear area security operations training for conventional war.

Units designated for LIC operations should begin intensified training immediately upon being alerted for deployment. After deployment to the host country, and prior to commitment to operations, units may be given a period of in-country training at host country training centers or in designated training bases or locations. This will assist individuals to become psychologically and physically acclimated to the host country environment. This will also allow commanders and staffs some time to coordinate and plan within their own command and to coordinate with civil and military host country, US, and allied organizations with which they will be cooperating. After commitment, readiness training should be continued and stressed between operations, using needed improvements identified in operations as the basis for training.

As soon as possible after being designated for LIC operations in a given area, commanders and staffs should determine training requirements by visiting the area and by using available data bases. If time permits, selected officers and noncommissioned officers may be sent to language schools and other service schools to prepare them for the mission. Designated support elements should be assembled as soon as possible and should be trained with the brigade. Supporting units should participate in counter guerrilla exercises with the brigade.

## **GENERAL PURPOSE FORCES**

Preparing general purpose forces for employment in LIC operations involves training in the primary areas of tactical operations, intelligence operations, psychological operations, populace and resources control, civil affairs, and advisory assistance operations. Combat units require intensive training in counter guerrilla operations to combat guerrilla tactical forces.

To obtain optimum results during training, units engaged in counter guerrilla operations training should be tailored or modified prior to each exercise. For example, vehicles may be withdrawn from the units to emphasize reliance on foot mobility and aviation support during training. Weapons, ammunition, and equipment required for operations are continuously assessed. Emphasis is placed on determining the essential load the individual and unit must carry and still maintain required foot mobility. Unit SOPs are developed stipulating the specific amounts and types of rations, clothing, equipment, and ammunition to be carried by each individual. An increase in the individual or unit loads seriously reduces the ability to move and fight.