

proper camps. The POW conditions found in prisons run by civil authorities continued to be unsatisfactory in comparison with POW camps operated by the military. The Team observed no marked change in the POW conditions reported in October, 1969.

Relief:

When the Team visited the Third Marine Commando Division, January 17 to 22, 1970, it found that there was no adequate organization for relief. Some possible reasons for this were: (a) a lack of law and order in the confused aftermath of the war; (b) insufficient transportation available; and (c) the inadequate distribution system.

The Team visited the larger centres, villages off the main roads and the supply base in Port Harcourt and talked to military and relief officials in Port Harcourt and in the field. The Team reached the following conclusions:

- a) Although there were adequate stocks of relief material in the main ports and other bulk storage areas, the transportation available allowed only an inadequate relief programme. One of the reasons for this lack of transport was that vehicles which could have been used for relief had been unlawfully requisitioned by soldiers for carrying loot.
- b) At first there appeared to be inadequate organization for relief distribution in the main refugee centres, and in particular in Owerri. Towards the end of the visit, the distribution system was orderly with both the army and relief organizations operating distribution centres. Relief and military transportation was being used to move refugees from the relief areas back to their homes as well as for carrying supplies.
- c) Negligible amounts of supplies were getting to the villages off the main roads.

During the final visit to the relief area from January 27 to 31, 1970 the Team observed the following:

- a) There was evidence of considerably more transportation being used for relief purposes.