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ember and December 1970 and supervised the development of the survey report. The survey revealed that CTG 116.7 and CTG 116.8 (VAL-4), through a vigorous and comprehensive COMSEC Training Program, had achieved an outstanding COMSEC posture.

Ensign LOPEZ's greatest individual effort and contribution was reflected in the vast improvement in the security and handling of documents and equipments controlled through the RPS (Registered Publications System) by USN and USMC units in the Republic of Vietnam during 1970. To ensure proper RPS management he visited all USN and USMC RPS accounts in the RVN, with some accounts receiving two or three assistance visits. He conducted over 70 RPS Training Visits and Inspections of RPS accounts as specifically directed by COMNAVFORV. Because of his extensive knowledge in RPS administration he was requested to assist the NAVFORV staff in the development and drafting of ALNAVFORVs 042324Z/181 Aug 1970 and 012342Z/204 Sep 1970 which provided additional detailed guidance to commanders in the management of their RPS accounts. To assist commands in meeting RPS requirements for Custodian qualification he supervised the revision and constant updating of the RPS Custodian Course administered by the U. S. NAVCOMMSTA, Cam Ranh Bay. To assist RPS Custodians to keep abreast of current instructions he supervised the development of a 1 day RPS Refresher Course which covers accounting problems unique to in-country accounts in addition to changes in current instructions.

In addition to his many duties and projects Mr. LOPEZ also assisted in the development of a COMSEC Study of NGFS (Naval Gunfire Support) in July 1970; development of a COMSEC Study of CTF 115 operations in August 1970; and the initiation of a combined USN/VNN training program in which a combined briefing team conducted training in MR III and IV during 1970.

To accomplish his many assignments Ensign LOPEZ spent approximately 200 days, over half of his tour in the RVN, visiting U. S. Navy and Marine Corps units throughout the Republic of Vietnam, from the tip of the Ca Mau peninsula to USMC fire support bases north of Da Nang. He constantly disregarded personal safety and convenience in carrying out his assignments. Throughout his tour he was constantly exposed to the threat of enemy rocket, mortar, and sapper attack. His outstanding competence and intense personal desire to provide commands with only the most professional COMSEC guidance reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

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