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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DALO-SMT

31 DEC 2002

COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES COMMAND, ATTN: AOLO-LMRD, FT  
BRAGG, NC 28307-5200  
COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND,  
ATTN; ATBO-HSE, FT MONROE, VA 23651

SUBJECT: Supplemental Nutrition Requirements for Special Forces  
and Ranger Soldiers

References

- a. U.S. Army Special Operations Command, AOLO-LMRD, 24 Jun 02, subject: Supplemental Food Allowance.
- b. HQDA Message, DALO-SMT, 14 Oct 02, subject: Reduction in dining facilities authorized supplemental Basic Daily Food Allowance (BDFa).
- c. U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command Soldier Systems Center, Technical Report: Design, Development and Field Evaluation of the Combat Ration Carbohydrate Supplement Pack (CarboPack), Oct 02.
- d. U.S. Army Special Operations Command DCSLOG email with the HQDA, G-4, 25 Nov 02, SAB.

2. Reference 1.a. requested dispensation from proposed elimination of supplemental allowances to the Basic Daily Food Allowance because of nutritional needs associated with training and mission requirements citing a 1996 U.S. Army Institute of Environmental Medicine (USARIEM) study with Ranger forces. Reference 1.b. eliminated any supplemental BDFa based on continuing increases in the BDFa resulting from subsistence prime vendor which supplanted the need for a supplemental BDFa. Natick Soldier Center recently completed development of the CarboPack (reference 1.c.). This was proposed as a source of increased calories in lieu of the supplemental BDFa since it offered flexibility for both garrison and operational requirements. Reference 1.d. expressed concern that the Carbopack did not provide flexibility in meeting soldiers' nutritional requirements.

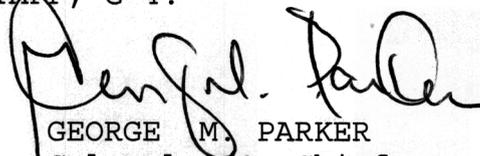
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3. Special Operations and Ranger units may continue the supplemental BDFA through fiscal year 2003. As part of a BDFA Re-engineering Study, the four Services will test a menu rather than food cost index approach for determining daily ration cost during the last six months of the fiscal year. Once the BDFA Re-engineering Study is complete, a proposal on continuance of the supplemental BDFA will be presented to your command. In the meantime, recommendations on management of the Carbo Pack would be appreciated prior to the Joint Operational Ration Forum meeting on 5 Feb 03.

4. HQDA (DALO-SMT) point of contact is Mrs. Adolphi, 703-614-6416 and Army Center of Excellence Subsistence points of contact are Mr. Ostrowski, 804-734-4861. and Ms. Salerno, 804-734-3366.

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