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1. (C) Section I, Operations: Significant Activities:

a. Personnel:

(1) The 5th Battalion 42d Artillery remained assigned to the 23d Artillery Group, APO 96289, with the mission of General Support II Field Force Vietnam. During the reporting period, batteries of the battalion supported the 2d Battalion 4th Artillery in a General Support Reinforcing role; 2d Battalion 40th Artillery in a General Support Reinforcing role; 1st Australian Field Regiment in a General Support Reinforcing role; II Field Force Vietnam in a General Support role with priority of fires to 3d Brigade, 9th Infantry Division (US) with supporting fires provided to 25th ARVN Division and II Field Force Vietnam in a General Support role with supporting fires provided to Long Binh Special Zone.

(2) Base camp location of the battalion during period 1 November 1969 - 31 January 1970 was vicinity YT 045117 (Camp William S. Price).

(3) Command Changes:

(a) On 7 November 1969, Larry G. Baldwin, CPT, ADA assumed command of Headquarters Battery from Charles R. Teague, CPT, FA.

(b) On 10 December 1969, James W. Stanley, CPT, FA assumed command of Battery B from Francis Clements, CPT, FA.

(c) On 7 January 1970, Ronald L. Ashmore, CPT, FA assumed command of Service Battery from Kurt A. Meisenzahl, CPT, FA.

(d) On 12 January 1970, Kurt A. Meisenzahl, CPT, FA assumed command of Battery C from Michael G. Brown, CPT, FA.

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(4) Normal 91 activities were conducted during the reporting period.

(5) Personnel strength of the command as of 31 January 1970:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AUTH</u>			<u>ASGD</u>		
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WD</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WD</u>	<u>EM</u>
Hq Btry	17	3	113	20	3	128
A Btry	6	0	119	6	0	114
B Btry	6	0	119	6	0	113
C Btry	6	0	119	6	0	112
Svc Btry	2	3	85	2	3	88
TOTALS	37	6	555	40	6	555

(6) Critical MOS Shortages:

<u>MOS</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NR</u>
13A10	E3, E4	25
31G40	E5	3
36K20	E3, E4	6
71T20	E4	4

(7) Personnel changes during this quarter included:

<u>GAINS:</u>	<u>OFF</u>			<u>WD</u>			<u>EM</u>		
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WD</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WD</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WD</u>	<u>EM</u>
	13	1	163	14	1	175			

(8) Casualties:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Killed in Action	1
Wounded in Action	3
Missing in Action	0
Non-battle Dead	0
Non-battle Casualties	0

(9) Pertinent medical service statistics included:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Total Patient Visits	705
Admitted to Hospital	23
Evacuated	1
Return to Duty	20
Malaria Cases	3

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(10) Awards and decorations presented to members of this command:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Bronze Star w/V Device	0
Bronze Star	78
Air Medal	2
Purple Heart	4
Army Commendation Medal w/V Device	0
Army Commendation Medal	131

(11) Judicial and Non-Judicial Actions:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ART 15</u>	<u>SCM</u>	<u>SPCM</u>	<u>GCM</u>
Hq Btry	9	0	0	0
A Btry	6	1	0	0
B Btry	5	0	0	0
C Btry	5	0	0	0
Svc Btry	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTALS	36	1	0	0

(12) Reportable Accidents:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>
Hq Btry	0	0	0
A Btry	1	0	0
B Btry	3	0	1
C Btry	1	0	0
Svc Btry	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTALS	6	0	1

(13) R & R:

(a) Out-of-Country:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>
Australia	10	7	8
Bangkok	1	9	4
Hawaii	12	14	9
Hong Kong	5	2	3
Manila	3	0	1
Singapore	0	1	5
Taipei	2	0	0
Tokyo	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTALS	34	34	32

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(b) In-Country (Vung Tau):

	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>
OFF	1	1	1
MI	4	3	4
TOTALS	5	4	5

b. Operations:

(1) Deployment of the battalion and missions executed from the beginning of the reporting period.

(a) Headquarters and Headquarters Battery:

<u>Inclusive Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mission</u>
1 Nov 69 - 31 Jan 70	YT 045117 (Camp Price)	Battalion Support

(b) Service Battery:

<u>Inclusive Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mission</u>
1 Nov 69 - 31 Jan 70	YT 045117 (Camp Price)	Battalion Support

(c) A Battery:

<u>Inclusive Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mission</u>
1 Nov 69 - 26 Dec 69	XS 655620 (FSB Tan Tru)	GSR 2d Bn 4th Arty
27 Dec 69 - 31 Jan 70	XS 655620 (FSB Tan Tru)	GS IIFV P/F 3d Bde 9th Inf Div (US) w/Supporting Fires to 25th ARVN Div

(d) B Battery:

<u>Inclusive Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mission</u>
1 Nov 69 - 6 Dec 69	XS 547702 (FSB Thu Thua)	GSR 2d Bn 4th Arty
*7 Dec 69 - 26 Dec 69	XS 477984 (FSB Tra Cu)	GS IIFV P/F 5th SFG
**7 Dec 69 - 26 Dec 69	XS 547702 (FSB Thu Thua)	GSR 2d Bn 4th Arty
*27 Dec 69 - 31 Jan 70	XS 477984 (FSB Tra Cu)	GS IIFV P/F 3d Bde 9th Inf Div (US) w/Supporting Fires to 25th ARVN Div
**27 Dec 69 - 31 Jan 70	XS 547702 (FSB Thu Thua)	GS IIFV P/F 3d Bde 9th Inf Div (US) w/Supporting Fires to 25th ARVN Div

*2 Howitzers
**4 Howitzers

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(e) C Battery:

<u>Inclusive Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mission</u>
1 Nov 69 - 3 Nov 69	YT 034174 (FSB Concord)	GS IIFV P/F BHTAC
*4 Nov 69 - 6 Nov 69	YT 385261 (FSB Passion)	GSR 2d Bn 40th Arty
*4 Nov 69 - 21 Dec 69	YT 565385 (FSB Nancy)	GSR 2d Bn 40th Arty
*7 Nov 69 - 10 Nov 69	YT 303255 (FSB Cay Gao)	GSR 2d Bn 40th Arty
*11 Nov 69 - 2 Dec 69	YT 256277 (FSB Thoroughbred)	GSR 2d Bn 40th Arty
*3 Dec 69 - 26 Dec 69	YS 640898 (FSB Picton)	GSR 1st Australian Field Regiment
*22 Dec 69 - 26 Dec 69	YT 034174 (FSB Concord)	GSR IIFV P/F BHTAC
27 Dec 69 - 31 Jan 70	YT 034174 (FSB Concord)	GS IIFV w/Supporting Fires to Long Binh Special Zone

*3 Howitzers

(2) A Battery Activities: During the entire reporting period, A Battery was located in the vicinity XS 655620 (FSB Tan Tru). During the period 1 November 1969 thru 26 December 1969, A Battery had the mission of General Support Reinforcing 2d Battalion 4th Artillery. During the period 27 December 1969 thru 31 January 1970, A Battery assumed the mission of General Support II Field Force, priority of fires to 3d Brigade, 9th Infantry Division (US) with supporting fires provided to 25th ARVN Division. On 11 December 1969, A Battery received and passed the semi-annual Combat Readiness Evaluation conducted by 23d Artillery Group. During the period of 7 November 1969 thru 11 December 1969, a liaison team consisting of one officer and one enlisted man was attached to the 36th Ranger Battalion in the vicinity of XV 998248 (FSB Thunder) to support Task Force Sears. On 28 January 1970, A Battery received notice to practice implementation of II Field Force Artillery OPLAN 2-69: to provide artillery support to CMC/CMD in defense of the Saigon area, contingent upon the pending 1970 Tet Offensive. A Battery moved one howitzer, by road march, from FSB Tan Tru (vicinity XS 655620) to FSB Stephanie (vicinity XS 759902), occupied the position, registered and returned to FSB Tan Tru (vicinity XS 655620).

(3) B Battery Activities: At the beginning of the reporting period, B Battery was located in the vicinity of XS 547702 (FSB Thu Thua) with the mission of General Support Reinforcing the 2d Battalion 4th Artillery. On 7 December 1969, two howitzers displaced by airlift from FSB Thu Thua to vicinity XS 477984 (FSB Tra Cu) where they remained thru the reporting period. While operating in a split battery configuration, Bravo Zulu, at FSB Tra Cu was resupplied from Cu Chi by air with a total of 62 sorties. On 27 December 1969, B Battery at FSB Thu Thua and Bravo Zulu at FSB Tra Cu assumed the mission of General Support II Field Force, priority of fires to 3d Brigade, 9th Infantry Division (US) with supporting fires provided to 25th ARVN Division. From 3 December 1969 thru the end of the reporting period, one FO party consisting of one officer and two enlisted men was attached to the 1st Battalion 77th Artillery at Song Bo.

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From the beginning of the reporting period, 1 November 1969 thru 17 November 1969, B Battery had one FO party attached to the 3d Battalion 48th ARVN Infantry. During the period 18 November 1969 thru 2 December 1969, the FO party was attached to the 1st Battalion 48th ARVN Infantry. During the period from 3 December 1969 thru 11 December 1969, the FO party was attached to the 1st Battalion, 18th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 18th ARVN Division. On 6 December 1969, B Battery received and passed the semi-annual Combat Readiness Evaluation conducted by 23d Artillery Group. On 10 December 1969, B Battery received a USARV CMI and achieved a satisfactory rating. On 27 January 1970, B Battery received notice to practice implementation of II Field Force Artillery OPLAN 2-69: to provide artillery support to CMC/CMD in defense of the Saigon area, contingent upon the pending 1970 Tet Offensive. B Battery moved one howitzer, by road march from FSB Thu Thua (vicinity XS 547702) to FSB Sue (vicinity XS 753837).

(4) C Battery Activities: At the beginning of the reporting period, C Battery was located in the vicinity YT 034174 (FSB Concord) with the mission of General Support II Field Force Vietnam, priority of fires to Bien Hoa Tactical Area Command. On 4 November 1969, C Battery assumed a split configuration with two firing platoons, Charlie Alpha and Charlie Zulu, three howitzers each, and a headquarters element. Charlie Alpha moved by road march to vicinity YT 385261 (FSB Passion) with the mission of General Support Reinforcing 2d Battalion 40th Artillery. Charlie Zulu moved by road march to vicinity YT 565385 (FSB Nancy) with the mission General Support Reinforcing 2d Battalion 40th Artillery. The headquarters element moved by road march to vicinity YT 045117 (Camp William S. Price) with the mission of coordination and support of the two firing platoons. On 7 November 1969, Charlie Alpha moved by air lift to vicinity YT 303255 (FSB Cay Gao) with the mission General Support Reinforcing 2d Battalion 40th Artillery. On 11 November 1969, Charlie Alpha moved by airlift to vicinity YT 256277 (FSB Thoroughbred) with the mission of General Support Reinforcing 2d Battalion 40th Artillery. On 3 December 1969, Charlie Alpha moved by airlift to vicinity YS 640898 (FSB Picton) with the mission of General Support Reinforcing 1st Australian Field Regiment. On 22 December 1969, Charlie Zulu moved by road march to vicinity YT 034174 (FSB Concord) with the mission of General Support Reinforcing II Field Force Vietnam, priority of fires to Bien Hoa Tactical Area Command. On 22 December 1969, the headquarters element moved by road march to vicinity YT 034174 (FSB Concord) to rejoin the Charlie Zulu firing platoon. On 27 December 1969, Charlie Alpha moved by airlift and road march to vicinity YT 034174 (FSB Concord) to assume a complete battery configuration with the mission of General Support II Field Force Vietnam, supporting fires to Long Binh Special Zone. During the reporting period, the Charlie Alpha firing platoon of C Battery was resupplied by air with a total of 53 sorties. During the period 7 November 1969 thru 11 December 1969, an FO team consisting of one officer and one enlisted man was attached to the 36th Ranger Battalion in the vicinity of XV 998248 (FSB Thunder) to support Task Force Sears. On 2 January 1970, C Battery received a USARV CMI and achieved a satisfactory rating.

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(5) Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and Service Battery

Activities: Both batteries were located at the base camp, vicinity YT 045117 (Camp William S. Price) for the entire reporting period. On 1 December 1969, Service Battery received a USARV CMI and achieved a satisfactory rating. On 9 December 1969, Headquarters Battery received a USARV CMI and achieved a satisfactory rating. On 13 December 1969, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery received a No-notice Administrative Readiness Evaluation (NARE) inspection conducted by II Field Force Artillery and achieved a satisfactory rating. Both batteries continued their role of battalion support for the entire reporting period.

(6) Ammunition Expended and Missions Fired:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>ROUNDS</u>
A Battery	296	12,007
B Battery	766	13,979
C Battery	489	11,091
TOTALS	1,551	37,077

c. Training:

(1) During the reporting period, the battalion received a total of 90 days of training.

(2) Mandatory training was conducted in the following subjects: Character Guidance, Armed Forces Consorship, Code of Conduct, Command Information, Qualification in Arms, Helicopter Load Preparation, COMSEC, Supply Economy, Military Courtesy and Physical Security.

(3) Integrated training was conducted in the following subjects: First Aid and Emergency Medical Care, Prevention of Heat Injury and Counter-insurgency and Counterguerrilla Training.

(4) All batteries are continuing on-the-job training and cross training.

(5) During the reporting period, 1 November 1969 thru 31 January 1970, a total of 7 hours instruction on counter-sapper training was presented to all battalion personnel.

(6) The following classes were presented to select personnel:

(a) During the periods 26 October 1969 - 1 November 1969 and 29 December 1969 - 3 January 1970, three officers successfully completed the Fire Direction Officer's school conducted by II Field Force Artillery.

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(b) During the reporting period, 40 enlisted men attended the in-country orientation course conducted by the 199th Light Infantry Brigade at Long Binh, RVN.

(c) During the period, 17 November 1969 thru 25 November 1969, 2 enlisted men attended the Generator Operator and Maintenance Class conducted by the 185th Maintenance Battalion at Long Binh, RVN.

(d) On 12 November 1969, one officer and nine enlisted men successfully completed the Generator Operator School conducted at Camp William S. Price by Mr. William B. Brower and Mr. James H. Parrish, Equipment Specialist HISO USAMECOM.

(e) During the period, 24 November 1969 thru 29 November 1969, a two hour block of instruction on drug addiction was presented to all battalion personnel by the battalion medical section.

(f) On 7 January 1970, a 5 1/2 hour block of instruction on air rigging, helicopter load preparation, conducted by the Pathfinder Detachment, 11th Aviation Battalion, 12th Aviation Group was presented to key personnel from the rigging teams of each battery, totaling 4 officers and 33 enlisted men.

The class was observed by 11 officers and men of the 46th ARVN Artillery Battalion, III Corps Artillery, the associate Battalion to the 5th Battalion 42d Artillery as part of the Dong Tien (Forward Together) Program.

d. Intelligence: Air observers assigned to this battalion are airborne on a daily basis for the purpose of collecting and evaluating intelligence data. This data was compiled by the S2, 23d Artillery Group for the reporting period 1 November 1969 - 31 January 1970, and was distributed throughout the group. This information was used to provide intelligence targets and to update or reject previous information concerning enemy activity.

- (1) VR missions flown during reporting period: 100.
- (2) Adjust fire missions fired during reporting period: 21.
- (3) Registrations conducted during reporting period: 98.
- (4) Convoy coverage missions flown during reporting period: 3.
- (5) Intelligence targets fired while airborne during reporting period: 0.
- (6) Total air time: 296 hrs 30 min.
- (7) Route recon during reporting period: 1.
- (8) Targets given to tactical air during the reporting period: 1.

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(9) Targets given to Hunter/Killer teams during the reporting
period: 4.

(10) Targets denied during the reporting period: 14.

o. Logistics:

(1) Monthly deadline percentage:

(a) Vehicles: 2%

(b) Artillery: 2%

(2) Ammunition resupplied by Service Battery:

ROUNDS

HE	7,516
ILL	2,080
WP	632
ICM	405
TOTAL	10,633= 520.6 tons

(3) Miles travelled by Service Battery ammunition trains during
the reporting period: 37,446.

(4) Approximate tonnage of resupply during the reporting period:

Class - I	355
Class - II	25
Class - III	17
Class - IV	25
TOTAL	402 tons

(5) Number of sorties flown during reporting period: 115.

(6) Other pertinent information: None.

f. Other:

(1) Civic Action: During the reporting period the following
projects were completed:

(a) A well was repaired at Rach Kien Village, Can Duoc District.

(b) Funds were collected to buy uniforms for a soccer team in
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(c) A well was constructed in Si Phuoc Hamlet, Phuoc Loc Village.

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(d) A well was constructed in Bao Voi Sub-hamlet, Phuoc Loc Hamlet, Phuoc Loc Village.

(e) Construction of Tam Phuoc Village office was completed.

(f) A latrine, district medical station, Phuoc Loc Hamlet, Phuoc Loc Village was constructed.

(g) Assistance was provided for reconstruction of two homes: one destroyed by fire and one damaged by an enemy rocket.

(h) Lumber was provided to replace furniture in a school damaged by an enemy rocket.

(i) Coordination and processing of a medcap patient to the 24th Evacuation Hospital for repair of a cleft palate was completed.

(j) Five Christmas parties were presented to a total of 2,533 children; 2,533 bags of candy, 700 gifts, 60 gallons of kool-aid, 12 gallons of ice cream and 50 lbs of cookies were distributed.

(k) A training course in poultry raising for profit was established at the POW compound, Ho Nai, Ho Nai district.

(2) During the reporting period, the following civic actions were initiated:

(a) Swimming classes for boy scouts at Camp William S. Price Swimming Pool from Vinh Sang School.

(b) English classes to be taught to high school students at Vinh Sang School.

(c) Give assistance in the construction of a maternity hospital at Ba Tien Hamlet, Tam Hiep Village.

(3) Patients treated in the Medcap Program:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>VISITS</u>	<u>PATIENTS</u>
November	13	2,185
December	12	2,945
January	14	2,461
TOT LS	39	7,591

2. (C) Section II, Lessons Learned, Commander's Observations, Evaluation, and Recommendations:

a. Personnel: None.

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b. Intelligence: None.

c. Operations:

(1) Air-Transportable Fire Direction Center (FDC)

(a) OBSERVATION: During airmobile operations, the FDC is included in one of the initial lifts into a new fire support base. Prop wash from the subsequent sorties, lifting in the miscellaneous equipment to support the howitzers, caused the FDC to become inoperative by scattering the equipment, blinding the personnel with dust, and causing injury by flying debris. This, coupled with exposure to the elements for an extended period of time, greatly hampered the processing of accurate firing data until the air move was completed.

(b) EVALUATION: An air-transportable structure to house the FDC and related equipment would allow the FDC to be completely ready to process data in minutes, unaffected by prop wash, dust and the elements.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That two conex containers, with adjacent walls removed, be welded together, equipment such as charts, radios, batteries, lights and other necessary items be permanently or semi-permanently affixed inside, rigging attached for airlift, and the entire unit lifted by CH-47 into a designated position.

(2) Insertion of Fire Support Base Advance Quartering Party

(a) OBSERVATION: During airmobile operations, it was observed that aircraft commanders were positioning artillery equipment based on crew members' interpretation of what is desired on the ground. The chance positioning of equipment necessitated ground movement of heavy loads and resultant delay in occupation of position.

(b) EVALUATION: An advance quartering party of experienced personnel to prepare positions to receive elements of the battery would increase the efficiency of the platoon (battery) by having each installation correctly positioned and positions preprepared.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: Situation permitting, a quartering party should be inserted 24 hours prior to occupation of a fire support base.

d. Organization: None.

e. Training: None.

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f. Logistics: None

g. Communications:

(1) Protection of Telephone TA 312/PT

(a) OBSERVATION: During the rainy season, the TA 312/PT constantly causes problems due to excessive moisture.

(b) EVALUATION: By using a VT fuze can, with moisture liner intact, the telephone remains relatively moisture free during the rainy season. During the dry season, the moisture liner will protect the telephone from "sweating" and deterioration caused by direct sunlight.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: All sections exposed to the elements should incorporate the VT fuze can as a weather tight container for the telephone TA 312/PT.

h. Material: None.

i. Other:

(1) Infusion of Trained Vietnamese Medical Personnel Into the Medcap Program.

(a) OBSERVATION: Regular visits by medical personnel on medcap programs have caused the number of patients to increase at such a rate that medical personnel were unable to treat all patients requiring attention. Between visits, the sick or injured would resort to the "Chinese Medicine Man". This "Chinese Medicine Man" uses chants, leeches and other obviously medically unsound practices. The "Medicine Man", although completely ineffective and sometimes damaging, is available at all times, whereas trained medical personnel are available only on occasion.

(b) EVALUATION: Regular visits by medcap teams eliminate the need to win the confidence of the people, reduces the power of the "Medicine Man" or self appointed "doctors", and give the people qualified personnel to rely on. In the interim between medcaps, selected civilian nurses, trained and supplied with medicines by qualified personnel, would be available at all times. These nurses, associated with our medcap program, would soon win the confidence of the people and thereby accomplish our ultimate mission of making the villages self supporting.

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(c) RECOMMENDATION: Select and train civilian nurses, have them work with the medcap program in their villages and supply them sufficiently to handle emergencies in the event qualified doctors are not available.

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Period Ending 31 January 1970, RCS-CSFOR-65 (R2) (U)

DA, Headquarters, 23d Artillery Group, APO 96289 17 February 1970

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development
Department of the Army, Washington D. C. 20310

Commanding General, II Field Force Vietnam Artillery,
ATTN: AVFS-FAC, APO 96266

1. (U) This Headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report Lessons Learned for the period ending 31 January 1970, from Headquarters, 5th Battalion, 42d Artillery.

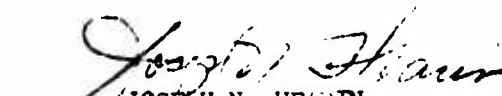
2. (U) Pertinent comments follow:

a. Reference Section 2, Paragraph 2c(1): An airmobile FDC, such as the one described, has been developed by IIFORCEV Artillery and is presently being employed in airmobile operations by both IIFORCEV Artillery and 23d Artillery Group units.

b. Reference Section 2, Paragraph 2c(2): Concur. Frequently the tactical situation in the position area to be occupied does not permit the insertion of a quartering party 24 hours in advance of the main body. As a minimum, an advance party, with the mission of organizing the position area and coordinating the arrival of the main body, must be inserted at the earliest possible time prior to occupation.

c. Reference Section 2, Paragraph 2g(1): Concur.

d. Reference Section 2, Paragraph 2i(1): Concur.


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DA, HEADQUARTERS, II FIELD FORCE VIETNAM ARTILLERY, APO 96266

TO: Commanding General, II Field Force Vietnam, ATTN: AVFBC-RE, APO
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This headquarters has reviewed the quarterly report of 5th Battalion, 42d
Artillery and concurs with operations and lessons learned during the
reporting period.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



R. G. PARRISH
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Adjutant

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Commander-In-Chief, US Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT, APO 96558

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
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This headquarters has reviewed and concurs with the Operational Report -
Lessons Learned of the 5th Battalion, 42d Artillery for the period ending
31 January 1970, as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


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This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 January 1970 from Headquarters, 5th Battalion, 42d Artillery and concurs with the comments of indorsing headquarters.

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