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### UNIT | LOCATION | GRID | MISSION
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1st Bn, 321st Arty | FSB Whip | YC688R77 | DS 2d Bde
Btry A | FSB Shield | YC74 | |
Btry B | FSB Whip | YC56 78 | |
Btry C | (5 Tubes) FSB Lash | YC67G | |
(105mm ML02)

6th Bn, 33rd Arty | Phu Bai | YD872138 | |
Btry A | FSB Thor | YC61 835 | |
Btry B | FSB Panther II | YD79 | |
(105mm ML01)

A Btry, 1st Bn, 40th Arty | FSB Sally | YD639271 | GSR, 101st Abn Div
(105mm SP ML08)

4th Bn, 77th Arty (UH-1C) | Camp Eagle | YD814153 | GS, 101st Abn Div
Btry A (AH-1G) | Camp Eagle | YD814153 | |
Btry B (AH-1G) | Camp Eagle | YD814153 | |
Btry C (AH-10) (UH-1C) | Camp Evans | YD541318 | |

2d Bn, 11th Arty | FSB Pike | YC667747 | |
Btry A | (5 Tubes) FSB Whip | YC588878 | |
Btry B | FSB Lash | YC670667 | |
Btry C | FSB Berhtesgaden | YD35011 | |
Btry D | FSB Evans | YD541318 | |
(155mm ML441)

2d Bn, 138th Arty | Gia Le | YD829150 | GSR 101st Abn Div
Btry A | FSB Bastogne | YD628098 | |
Btry B | Phu Bai | YD881427 | |
Btry C | LZ Sam | YD869841 | |
(155mm SP ML08)

1st Bn, 33rd Arty | Gia Le | YD829150 | GSR 101st Abn Div
Btry A | Vic FSB Son | YD782029 | |
Btry B | FSB Roy | ZD05728 | |
Btry C | FSB Bastogne | YD628098 | |
(8in SP M10)

Btry A, 2d Bn, 94th Arty | FSB Evans | YD541318 | GS XXIV Corps
Btry B, 2d Bn, 94th Arty | Gia Le | YD829150 | |
Btry C, 2d Bn, 94th Arty | FSB Nancy | YD435395 | |
(8in SP M10)

Btry D, 1st Bn, 44th Arty | Phu Bai | YD872150 | GSR XXIV Corps
(40mm M22a1)

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UNIT      LOCATION      GRID     MISSION

Sec Btry G, 65th Arty (quad 50)

Sec Btry G, 29th Arty (SL)

(c) Btry D, 2d Bn, 320th Arty continued to be attached to the 3d Bn, 506th, Phan Theit, RVN. Additional fire support bases used during the reporting period include:

- FSB Birmingham: YD702102, FSB Zon (ARVN) YD472011
- FSB Airborne: YD355071, FSB Geronimo YD691202
- FSB Rakkaas: YD481935, FSB Cannon YD478029
- FSB Currahoo: YC398949, FSB Tomahawk YD117014
- FSB Fist: YC866836, FSB Thor YD664835
- FSB Nuts: YD757854, FSB Carroll YD348193
- FSB Nancy (ARVN): YD633995, FSB Brick YC835995
- FSB Bradley (ARVN): YL27123, PK 17 (ARVN) YD647284
- FSB Tiger (ARVN): YL251088, FSB Quick I YD906029
- FSB Eagle's Nest: YD405036, FSB Sledge YC059928

(d) On 1 May 1969, the Division was continuing operation KENTUCKY JUMPER.

(1) 1 May: Div Arty continued support of operation KENTUCKY JUMPER, MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER and BRISTOL BOOTS.

(2) 4 May: Btry A, 1st Bn, 321st Arty moved by air to FSB SHIELD (YC744644) from FSB BIRMINGHAM (YD702102) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER.

(3) 5 May: Btry B, 2d Bn, 11th Arty moved three (3) howitzers by air from FSB WHIP (YC588878) to FSB BIRMINGHAM (YD702102) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER.

(4) 6 May: Btry B, 2d Bn, 320th Arty moved by air from FSB ROY (ZD057028) to FSB FIST (YC866836) to support Operation BRISTOL BOOTS. Btry B, 12th ARVN Arty moved by air from FSB PISTOL (YC902902) to FSB FIST to support Operation BRISTOL BOOTS. Btry A, 1st Bn, 321st Arty moved by road from FSB BIRMINGHAM (YD702102) to FSB ROY (ZD057028) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER. Btry C, 2d Bn, 32th Arty moved by air from FSB PISTOL (YC902902) to FSB PIKE (YD667747) to support Operation BRISTOL BOOTS. Div Arty TFS-25 Radar unit moved by air from FSB PANTHER II (YD795106) to FSB SABER (YD972187). The Div Arty C&C aircraft (TDI-6) experienced tail rotor failure and crashed at grid YD708940, results: Div Arty CO, Pilot and one passenger slightly shaken, aircraft sustained major damage.

(5) 7 May: Btry A, 1st Bn, 321st Arty moved four (4) howitzers by road from FSB ROY (ZD059032) to FSB BIRMINGHAM (YD702102) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER. Btry B, 1st Bn, 321st Arty moved by air from FSB WHIP (YC588878) to FSB
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ROY (YD059032) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER. Btry A, 2d Bn, 320th Arty moved by air from FSB LOS BANCS (AT832998) to FSB THOR (YD664835) to support Operation BRISTOL BOOTS. Btry A, 5th Bn, 33d Arty moved by air from FSB THOR (AT832998) to FSB LOS BANCS (AT832998) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER.

1st Bn, 321st Arty forward CP moved by air from FSB WHIP (YD590878) to FSB SALLY (YD639271). LTC Pulley assumed command of the 2d Bn, 319th Arty from LTC HAIULL.

Btry C, 4th Bn, 77th Arty credited with 1 VC killed, mission fired on grid YD58075.

(6) 8 May: UH-1 aircraft hit a 105mm howitzer belonging to Btry C, 2d Bn, 319th Arty at FSB AIRBORNE (YD355071), one (1) W/H wounded (minor), aircraft sustained moderate damage, howitzer sustained minor damage (repaired & operational). Btry C, 2d Bn, 319th Arty moved six (6) of its organic howitzers by air from FSB RAKKASAN (YD488195) to FSB AIRBORNE (YD355071) to support Operation APACHE SHOW. Two (2) howitzers of Btry B, 2d Bn, 319th Arty were moved by air from FSB BERCHTESGADEN (YD435011) to FSB AIRBORNE (YD355071) giving Btry C, 2d Bn, 319th Arty eight (8) howitzers to support upcoming operation. Btry C, 2d Bn, 11th Arty moved three (3) howitzers by air from FSB EVANS (YD541318) to FSB AIRBORNE (YD355071) to support upcoming operation. Operation MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER terminated at 1200 hours.

(7) 9 May: Btry A, 2d Bn, 319th Arty moved by air from FSB BLAZE (YD536020) to FSB CURRAHEE (YC398949) to support Operation APACHE SHOW. Btry B, 11th Arty moved by air from FSB PSIST (YD468636) to FSB NUTS (YD757854) to support Operation BRISTOL BOOTS. Btry D, 2d Bn, 320th Arty moved by air from FSB FIST (YD468636) to FSB NUTS (YD757854) to support Operation BRISTOL BOOTS.

Btry B, 34th Arty (ARVN) moved by air from FSB NANCY (YD435011) to FSB AIRBORNE (YD355071) giving Btry C, 2d Bn, 319th Arty eight (8) howitzers to support upcoming operation. Btry C, 2d Bn, 11th Arty moved three (3) howitzers by air from FSB BIRMINGHAM (YD704101) and Btry C, 2d Bn, 11th Arty moved 1 howitzer by air from FSB BERCHTESGADEN (YD355011) to FSB CURRAHEE (YC398949) to support Operation APACHE SHOW.

(8) 10 May: Btry A, 11th ARVN Arty moved by air from FSB NANCY (YD435595) to FSB TIGER (YD521088) to support Operation APACHE SHOW. Btry B, 2d Bn, 11th Arty moved one howitzer by air from FSB LSSH (YD673660) to FSB CURRAHEE (YD399849) to support Operation APACHE SHOW. 2d Bn, 319th Arty moved its CP by air from Camp EVANS (YD541318) to a forward location at FSB EAGLE'S NEST (YD45036) to support Operation APACHE SHOW. Operation APACHE SHOW became effective 0001 hours.

(9) 10 May: Battery A, 1st Bn, 321st Arty moved by air from FSB BIRMINGHAM (YD704101) to FSB RAKKASAN (YD490198) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER. Btry A, 34th Arty (ARVN) moved by air from FSB 2ON (YD742011) to FSB GÉRONIMO (YD691502) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER. DIVARTY METRO STATION moved by air from FSB BLAZE (YD536020) to FSB CURRAHEE (YC398949) to support Artillery units supporting Operation APACHE SHOW.

(10) 12 May: 2d Bn, 319th Arty reported FSB EVANS (YD541318) received 5 122mm rockets at approximately 2330 hours. Results: 4 US W/H, 1 US Civ W/H, probable damage to aircraft parked near perimeter, Arty including 2W/H engaged suspect.
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Grid X063243 and YD793527. Btry B, 6th Bn, 33d Arty reported a round in a 105mm How (M101A) at FSB PANTHER II (YD795106) exploded while personnel were attempting to eject round with ejector. Results: 4 US injured, 1st Bn, 33 Arty reported FSB BASTOGNE (YD628298) received approximately 46 RPG and mortar rounds causing slight damage. Some rounds direct hits on parapets detonating section walls. Results: 0 US. 5th Bn, 3rd Arty reported firebase sniper fire, RPG's and fragments from explosion of 175 rounds, 18 30mm. 4th Bn, 77th Arty reported 1 UH-1G aircraft developed engine failure at grid YD521059. Results: aircraft forced down nose damage, no casualties, crew extracted. Ground troops secured aircraft overnight, aircraft to be extracted tomorrow.

(1) 13 May: 2d Bn, 11th Arty reported a UH-1G about to eject round with ejector. Results: 4 US injured. 1st Bn, 11th Arty reported FSB PANTHER II (YD628298) received approximately 46 RPG and mortar rounds causing minor damage. Some rounds direct hits on parapets detonating section walls. Results: 0 US. 5th Bn, 33d Arty reported a round in a 105mm How (M101A) at FSB PANTHER II (YD795106) exploded while personnel were attempting to eject round with ejector. Results: 4 US injured.

(2) 11 May: 2d Bn, 1319th Arty reported a round in a 105mm How (M101A) at FSB PANTHER II (YD795106) exploded while personnel were attempting to eject round with ejector. Results: 4 US injured.

(3) 12 May: Btry C, 1st Bn, 33d Arty moved by air from FSB BASTOGNE (YD628298) to FSB PANTHER II (YD795106) to support Operation APACHE SNOW. Btry A, 2d Bn, 11th Arty moved by air from FSB BASTOGNE to FSB BIRMINGHAM (YD704101) to support Operation APACHE SNOW.

(4) 13 May: Btry C, 1st Bn, 33d Arty moved by air from FSB BASTOGNE (YD628298) to FSB PANTHER II (YD795106) to support Operation APACHE SNOW. Btry A, 2d Bn, 11th Arty moved by air from FSB BASTOGNE to FSB BIRMINGHAM (YD704101) to support Operation APACHE SNOW.

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(16) 16 May: ATRY C, 1ST LN, 319TH ARTY, 1ST BN, 319TH ARTY and ATRY B, 2ND LN, 319TH ARTY, 1ST BN, 319TH ARTY moved to FSB THOR (YD64583) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUNIPER. 2ND LN, 319TH ARTY, 1ST BN, 319TH ARTY moved to FSB TOMAHawk (YD55360) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUNIPER.

(15) 17 May: One (1) unknown caliber mortar round reported fired on an unknown location. Results: 12 unknown caliber mortar rounds. Mortar fire (EFC round). 2ND LN, 319TH ARTY, 1ST BN, 319TH ARTY moved three (3) howitzers by air from FSB THOR (YD66483) to FSB EVANS (YD541218) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUNIPER.

(16) 19 May: 2ND LN, 319TH ARTY reported 12 unknown caliber mortar rounds. Results: 322mm rockets and 7x82mm mortar rounds. Artillery from 2ND LN, 319TH ARTY and ATRY C, 1ST LN, 319TH ARTY moved to FSB TOMAHawk (YD55360) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUNIPER. 1ST LN, 319TH ARTY moved to support Operation KENTUCKY JUNIPER.

(17) 20 May: ATRY B, 2ND LN, 319TH ARTY and ATRY C, 1ST LN, 319TH ARTY moved to FSB TOMAHawk (YD55360) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUNIPER. 2ND LN, 319TH ARTY, 1ST BN, 319TH ARTY moved to FSB TOMAHawk (YD55360) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUNIPER.

(18) 21 May: ATRY B, 2ND LN, 319TH ARTY and ATRY C, 1ST LN, 319TH ARTY moved to FSB TOMAHawk (YD55360) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUNIPER. 2ND LN, 319TH ARTY, 1ST BN, 319TH ARTY moved to FSB TOMAHawk (YD55360) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUNIPER.

(19) 22 May: ATRY B, 2ND LN, 319TH ARTY and ATRY C, 1ST LN, 319TH ARTY moved to FSB TOMAHawk (YD55360) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUNIPER. 2ND LN, 319TH ARTY, 1ST BN, 319TH ARTY moved to FSB TOMAHawk (YD55360) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUNIPER.

(20) 23 May: 2ND LN, 319TH ARTY, 1ST BN, 319TH ARTY moved to FSB TOMAHawk (YD55360) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUNIPER.

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314th Artillery, fired a mission, Grid YC30359907, Results: 6 NVA killed by artillery.

(21) 21 May: 2d Bn, 11th Artillery reported FSB AIRBORNE (YD355091) received approximately 4,880mm mortar rounds. Results: No casualties, no damage. 2d Bn, 11th Artillery reported FSB CURRAH (YC398949) received 6x122mm rockets. Results: No casualties, no damage. Btry A-B, 2d Bn, 319th Artillery; Btry A, 2d Bn, 11th Artillery; Btry A, 2d Bn, 22d Artillery; and 4th Bn, 77th Artillery engaged suspected launch site. 2d Bn, 319th Artillery reported an artillery incident at Grid YC325-025. 13 personnel wounded by Btry C, 4th Bn, 77th Artillery (ARA). Personnel came from 1st Bn, 30th Infantry, in support of 39th Artillery, and were supporting FSB AIRBORNE (YD355091) when 122mm mortars were fired. Results: No casualties, no damage.

(22) 24 May: 2d Bn, 11th Artillery reported FSB AIRBORNE (YD355071) received 12x60mm mortar rounds. Results: No casualties, no damage. Infantry mortars fired counter mortar missions at suspected launch site. 2d Bn, 320th Artillery fired supporting fires.

(23) 25 May: 2d Bn, 319th Artillery moved an MPQ-4 Radar by air from FSB EVANS to FSB CURRAH (YC398949) to support Operation APACHE SOW.


(25) 27 May: 2d Bn, 319th Artillery reported FSB AIRBORNE (YD355071) received unknown calibers, 4 US KHs, 7 US MHA, 2 US MFA (MEXEDVAC). Unknown mortar was fired by Btry C, 2d Bn, 319th Artillery at FSB AIRBORNE (YD355071) on 27 May 1969. 2d Bn, 319th Artillery reported FSB AIRBORNE (YD355071) received 8-9x122mm rockets (one dud was located). Results: No casualties, no damage. One ARA section, 4th Bn, 77th Artillery, on station, engaged suspected mortar and rocket locations.

(26) 28 May: 2d Bn, 319th Artillery reported FSB BRADLEY (YD273123) received unknown calibers, 7 US KHs, 7 US MHA, 3rd 1st pistol rounds, 7 US MFA, 13 ARVN KHs, 12 ARVN MHA, 1 ARVN MFA. Btry C, 2d Bn, 319th Artillery fired supporting fires.

(27) 29 May: 2d Bn, 11th Artillery reported FSB CURRAH (YC398949) received four (4) 122mm rockets. Results: No damage or casualties. Btry B, 2d Bn, 11th Artillery and 4th Bn, 77th Artillery (ARA) engaged suspected location. 2d Bn, 319th Artillery fired supporting fires.

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Arty reported Artillery incident. Btry C, 2d Bn, 155th Arty, fired 3 rounds on suspect location, no casualties, 3 min., all MEDEVAC, 1st Bn, 319th Arty, road from FSB SALTY (YD653271) to LZ 114 (2E21773).

(29) 30 May: All Division Artillery ceased offensive actions in observance of Passover. Artillery reported FSB SALTY received 12-15 unknown caliber mortar rounds, 142 twin 40mm (Dusters) and Btry A, 321st Arty, 13th Arty fired on suspect location. Defensive targets were fired for search, 13th Arty fired due to proper clearance due to Cease Fire.

(30) 31 May: Cease Fire in observance of Jewish Holy Days. Div Arty immediately began H&I fires. Message from Div Arty to Co to all in Co. No LZ's will be declared green prior to 15 minutes after H-Hour. JRA will stay on station and tube arty will be prepared to fire immediately if until insertion is completed and LZ is green, but insertion will not begin until prior to H-Hour plus 15 minutes.

(31) 1 June: 1st Bn, 321st Arty reported 4x 227mm rockets, 321st Arty reports 2x 107mm rockets, 6th Bn, 321st Arty reports 3x 107mm rockets, 378th Inf (Recon SET) and PFC CARR received mortar rounds while serving in a SO party with 36 En, 5th Arty. 319th Arty reported FSB TIGER (YD251088) received 4x 122mm rockets or 140mm howitzers. Results: No casualties or damage. Artillery and Infantry reports no suspect location. PHU 411 received 8x 227mm rockets, Resides: 3x 107mm rockets, 1x 107mm rocket. JRA was dispatched. Counter Artillery and Mortar Rocket Platoon fired 3x 140mm rounds.

(32) 2 June: 1st Bn, 321st Arty reported 1x 122mm rocket (YD255412), 20 mortar rounds. Results: No casualties or damage. Suspect location was 4x 107mm and 81mm. No Artillery fired. Btry C, 6th Bn, 321st Arty, 5th Arty, D Troop, 14th Artillery from FSB SALTY (YD653271) to guard suspected location. Artillery KENTUCKY JUMPER. Btry C, 2d Bn, 320th Arty, 1st Arty, 727th Inf (Infantry), Div Arty CO, departed on emergency leave. Co B, 320th Arty, remained at DIVARTY CO.

(33) 3 June: 2d Bn, 319th Arty reported FSB TIGER (YD251088) received 122mm rockets, one at 1450 hrs, one at 1500 hrs, one at 1600 hrs. Results: No casualties, no damage. 321st Arty 1st Arty received a call for fire from DIVARTY CO (LTC Janson) 1st Arty.

(34) 5 June: 1st Bn, 321st Arty reported Artillery 2d Bn, 155th Arty, 1st Arty, fired 8x 107mm rockets in support.

(35) 7 June: Operation ANEBA 220N terminated.

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\\ 1 June: Counterbattery Rendezvous began at 0001 hrs. Btry A, 1st Bn., 319th Arty; Btry C, 2d Bn., 319th Arty; and Btry B, 12th Arty ARVN fired counter rocket fire. 1st Bn., 321st Arty reported FSB Stogone (YD62098) received 12x60mm rocket damage. Btry C, 1st Bn., 321st Arty was attacked with 60mm rockets and a ground attack force estimated as 2 NVA companies. Btry B was attacked with mortars, MG's, and small arms. Results: 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA; Btry B, 2d Bn., 11th Arty FDS received direct hits; total casualties 1 KIA, 1 WIA, 13 US WIA, (19 KIA). Btry C, 1st Bn., 83rd Arty; Btry A, 1st Bn., 83rd Arty; Btry C, 2d Bn., 11th Arty; Btry B, 2d Bn., 319th Arty; Btry A, 2d Bn., 319th Arty, and 1st Bn., 77th Arty (74-6) fired counter mortar and direct fire.

10 June: Camp Eagle received a rocket and ground attack: Hotel and fire support received RPG's and small arms. Results: No casualties; one water tank destroyed. DIV ARTY fired counterbattery plans. 4th BN, 77th Arty, dispatched and Flare/Gun ships were employed in Hotel sector and area of FSB Panther II (YD797109). PHU BAR (YB1513) reported it received four 122mm rockets. Results: 1 KIA, 3 WIA casualties, one 5 ton truck moderate damage, two 5 ton truck slight damage, one generator slight damage. Counterrocket plan successful. DIV ARTY, 2d BN, 319th Arty reported FSB CURRWE (YD13989) received 1x82mm round and 7x122mm rockets. Results: 1 US WIA. Btry A, 2d Bn., 319th Arty; Btry B, 2d Bn, 319th Arty; Btry B, 2d Bn., 11th Arty; Btry C, 2d Bn., 319th Arty, and 1st Bn., 77th Arty (74-6) fired counter mortar and direct fire.

14 June: Btry C, 2d Bn., 11th Arty moved by road from FSB Birmingham (YD10949) to FSB Berkeley (YD40241) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER.

14 June: Btry C, 2d Bn., 319th Arty moved 1 Gun by road from FSB BLAZE (YD24013) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER.

14 June: Btry C, 2d Bn., 11th Arty reported FSB BERNSTEIN (YD42403) received RPG, small arms, and a ground attack by an estimated 75-100 NVA sappers. The attack came from NW, W, and S. Results: Enemy 30 NVA KIA (20 located inside perimeter), 3 NVA WIA, captured 8 RPG's, 2 launchers, 8 AK-47's, miscellaneous medical supplies, 72 RPG rounds, 80 satchel charges. 11 US KIA, 47 WIA. 2d BN, 319th Arty reported FSB BERNSTEIN (YD42403).
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received 1x122mm rockets. Results: 1 US WHA, 8 US WHA, 22 in, 11th Arty (2 tubes) conducted, in conjunction with 2d BN, 17th Cav, an Arty raid on FSB BRICK (YD35043), 2d BN, 11th Arty (2 tubes) moved by air from FSB BECHTELEN, (YD32043) to FSB BRICK and returned to FSB BECHTELEN. A total of 12 targets were fired expending 443 rounds. (Special Intel Tgt). Btry C, 1st BN, 83d Arty engaged 5 targets expelling 25 HE rounds. Btry A, 2d BN, 319th Arty fired in defense of FSB CURRANCE (YC39849). Results: 19 NVA killed by artillery.

(4.1) 15 June: Btry A, 2d BN, 319th Arty reported FSB CURRANCE (YC39849) received incoming RPG rounds and ground attack (satchel charges and small arms). Results: Enemy: 34 NVAs KIA. Friendly: 3 US WIA (minor). Special Intel Tgt: Btry C, 1st BN, 83d Arty engaged 31 targets expelling 34 HE rounds. Results: 12 bunkers destroyed and 8 bunkers damaged.

(4.2) 16 June: 6th BN, 33d Arty reported PHU BAI (YD3813) received unknown number of 122mm rockets. Results: No casualties. Damage: 1 rocket hit PX building. Special Intel Tgt: Btry C, 1st BN, 83d Arty fired on 6 targets expelling 47 HE rounds. Results: 1 bunker destroyed. Others damaged.

(4.3) 17 June: 2d BN, 319th Arty reported FSB CURRANCE (YC39849) received 50+60mm and 82mm incoming mortar rounds. Results: Enemy unknown. Friendly: Btry A, 2d BN, 319th Arty; 10 US WIA (6 MEDevac); Btry D, 2d BN, 11th Arty; 1 US WIA. Damage: 1 howitzer (155mm) - Btry E, 2d BN, 11th Arty, direct hit, heavy damage.

(4.4) 19 June: 2d BN, 138th Arty reported FSB's TANJHUK (ZD61043), BOX (ZD65042) and LOS BANOS (YD32998) and District Headquarters at PHU LOC received approximately 175-190 60mm and 82mm mortar rounds, unknown number of RPG rounds, small arms fire and satchel charges. Results: Enemy: 10 NVAs KIA. Friendly: Btry C, 2d BN, 138th Arty; 6 US WIA, 22 WIA; Btry B, 1st BN, 83d Arty; 6 WIA. Damage: Btry C, 2d BN, 138th Arty 3-155mm howitzers SF moderate damage, 1-3577 (FDC) light damage, 9 vehicles light damage. Camp EAGLE (YB60763) received 1x122mm rocket in 4th sector (426th 37mm 3-3948) Class II & IV storage area. Results: No casualties, light damage to storage area. One ML-2 twin 40mm of Btry B, 1st BN, 14th Arty moved by road from FSB BOX (ZD 61444) to FSB CURRANCE (YC39849) to support Operation MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS.

(4.5) 21 June: Btry A, 83d Arty moved by road from FSB CANNON (YD36042) to FSB BLAZE (YD536020) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER.

(4.6) 22 June: Btry A, 12th Arty ARVN moved by air from FSB CURRANCE (YC39849) to FSB-17 (YD37295) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER. Btry B, 2d BN, 320th Arty moved by road from FSB BLAZE (YD536020) to FSB BASTOGNE (YD622042) to continue support of Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER.

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23 June: 3d Bty, 2d Arty, 173rd Bty moved by road from FSB BIRMINGHAM to support Operation KENTUCKY.

27 June: FSB BIRMINGHAM (YD-60271) received 2 rounds of 20mm rocket fire. Both rounds landed inside perimeter, no casualties, no damages. Btry A, 3d Bty, 173rd Arty fired 15-20 20mm rounds at suspect launch site. Grid YD65215. One (1) howitzer of Btry A, 1st Bty, 40th Arty conducted an Arty Raid to fire on special intell targe of oppo-

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During 7 July operations, artillery engaged enemy targets, including 57mm and 37mm mortars, and one 105mm howitzer. 

(57) 7 July: Fire on 31st Arty Btry, 2d Bn, 13th Arty and 3rd Arty Btry, 13th Arty, 3rd Arty, and 1st Arty received barrage fire from FSB BLAZE (D536020) and FSB CANON (D566020). No casualties.

(58) 8 July: Btry A, 1st Bn, 32nd Arty, 9th Arty moved to Camp CHICKABOO (Y39020) and continued fire support.

(59) 9 July: Btry B, 2d Bn, 32nd Arty moved by road from FSB BASTOGNE to FSB BLAZE (D536020) and changed from OP 400 1st Bn, 32nd Arty to OP 400 2d Bn, 32nd Arty to support Operation MONTGOMERY STEREO.

(60) 11 July: 1st Bn, 13th Arty, 31st Arty, and 33rd Arty Btry, 31st Arty received 4x122mm rockets. 13th Arty Btry C, 2d Bn, 13th Arty Btry, and 33rd Arty and 4th Bn, 77th Arty fired counterartillery in defense of Dong Da Training Center.

(61) 21 July: 1st Arty Btry B, 32nd Arty reported results of 4x122mm rocket fire.

Results: No casualties, no damage.
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13th Arty; Btry B, 6th Bn, 33rd Arty; Btry B, 6th Bn, 94th Arty and 4th Bn, 77th Arty fired counter mortar and counter rocket targets in defense of Hue.

(62) 13 July: Btry A, 377th Arty reported LOH received ground fire at grid YD30980. Altitude 400 feet. No damage.

(63) 14 July: 2d Bn, 11th Arty reported PPC D.R. Snuck, at FSB BERKSHIRE (YU424012), removed fuze from projectile, the fuse then detonated in his left hand. Fuse lot #14-1-4O2-2 is being checked to see if defective.

(64) 15 July: FO team with 1st bn, 3d ARVN reported received mortar fire at 1335 hrs, grid YC334927. Results: 1 US WH, 3 US WH, Btry A, 2d Bn, 319th Arty reported VR ship down vic YC3596. FO Lt. Middleton wounded in arm. Extensive damage to aircraft from 20x447 rounds. Btry B, 12th Arty (105mm ARVN) moved from FSB SABER (YD97187) to FSB SABER (ZD59928) to support Operation CAMPBELL STREAMER.

(65) 16 July: Btry A, 1st Bn, 321st Arty moved by road from Camp EVANS (YD535115) to ROCK CRUSHER (ZD510025) and by air to FSB SABER (ZD59928) to support Operation CAMPBELL STREAMER. Btry A, 1st Bn, 331st Arty conducted an Arty Raid (Caissou XXXII) firing intell targets and recon by fire missions in the western portion of the 3d Bde AO. The unit moved two howitzers by road from FSB BLAZE (YD53620) to FSB CANNON (YD78029), fired on 10 targets, expended 78 HE rounds and returned to FSB BLAZE (YD53620). TPS-25 Radar moved by air from PANTHER II (YD79109) to Camp EVANS (YD535115) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER.

(66) 17 July: 1st ARVN LNO reported HUE received 2x3640 rockets. Results: 1 PF WH, Btry B, 2d Bn, 94th Arty; Btry C, 2d Bn, 138th Arty and Btry B, 6th Bn, 33rd Arty fired in defense of HUE. FSB GERMANO (YD691020) received ground and mortar attacks. Friendly: 3 ARVN WH, 9 ARVN WH. Enemy: 3 VC KIA, 1 FW, 6 LNO. Btry C, 2d Bn, 138th Arty and 4th Bn, 77th Arty fired in support of FSB SABER. 32 rounds 140mm from 4th Bn, 77th Arty received ground fire during LZ prep at Grid YD30940. Aircraft hit with .50 caliber rounds while flying at 600 ft NW.

(67) 18 July: Btry C, 2d Bn, 138th Arty moved from PHU BA (YD2813) by road to FSB QUICK I (YD560910) for Arty Raid (Caissou XXXII) and returned to PHU BA. Fired on 18 targets, expended 325 rounds. NFQ-4 radar moved by air from FSB ROY (YD59932) to FSB CURRUS (YD39849) to support Operation MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS. Eagle Base Defense conducted Operational Exercise. ARA, 4th Bn, 77th Arty, launched within two minutes of notification.

(68) 19 July: FSB INOC reported HUE received 2x122mm rockets. Results: Impact Grid YD788220, no casualties, no damages. Btry B, 6th Bn, 33rd Arty; Btry C, 2d Bn, 138th Arty; Btry D, 2d Bn, 94th Arty and 4th Bn, 77th Arty fired countermortar and counterrocket targets and suspect enemy locations in defense of HUE. FSB BIRMINGHAM (YD701041) received 1x122mm mortar rounds; all landed 13
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outside perimeter; no damages, no casualties. Btry C, 1st Bn, 321st Arty; Btry A, 2nd Bn, 138th Arty fired at suspect mortar locations: YD700060, YD700064, YD590050 and YD590061. PFC Hassel, Btry B, 2nd Bn, 138th Arty, at FSB CURRAINS (YD985099) picked up a dud 2.75 rocket, it exploded, killing him.

(69) 20 July: Btry B, 2nd Bn, 320th Arty fired one round in support of Co C, 2nd Bn, 137th Inf that wounded one man with a shell fragment in the arm.

(70) 21 July: 1st AVN reported LONG RIVER Training Center (vic YD8728) received 6x122mm rockets. Results: Ammunition dump hit and burned, one man destroyed, no casualties. Btry B, 2nd Bn, 138th Arty; Btry A, 2nd Bn, 138th Arty; Btry B, 6th Bn, 33rd Arty; and 4th Bn, 77th Arty fired counter mortar and counter rocket targets in support of LONG RIVER.

(71) 23 July: Div Arty VR ship spotted 1x122mm rocket on ground at Grid YD85106. Fired on target with M4A1, 4th Bn, 77th Arty, rocket destroyed.

(72) 24 July: Btry C, 2nd Bn, 11th Arty (3 howitzers) moved from FSB AIRBORNE (YD355071) by air to Camp EVANS (YD535315) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER. FO Team (2nd Bn, 319th Arty) with Company C, 1st Bn, 327th Infantry, reported receiving incoming mortars, Grid YC 307895. 3 FO party members wounded. RTO was MEDEVAC. Btry A, 2nd Bn, 319th Arty expended 56HE in support of Btry C, 2nd Bn, 11th Arty (3 tubes) moved by air from FSB AIRBORNE (YD355071) to Camp EVANS (YD535315) to support Operation MONTGOMERY RENDEZVOUS.

(73) 25 July: Btry A, 2nd Bn, 11th Arty moved by road from Camp EVANS (YD541318) to ROCK CRUSHER (ZD012018) and by air to FSB SLEDGE (ZC059928) to support Operation CAMPBELL STREAMER. Btry C, 2nd Bn, 319th Arty moved by air from FSB AIRBORNE (YD355071) to Camp EVANS (YD535315) to support Operation KENTUCKY JUMPER. A CH-47 dropped a 105mm Howitzer and its "piggy-back" load of ammunition attempting to come out of FSB AIRBORNE (YD355071). Ammunition rolled into trash dump and burned. Howitzer sustained minor damage.

(74) 26 July: FSB AIRBORNE (YD355071) officially closed. HAM HOA and HUE received incoming rockets. HAM HOA: 16 84mm rockets. Results: 1 truck destroyed, no casualties. HUE: 2x122mm rockets. Results: No casualties, no damages. Btry C, 1st Bn, 321st Arty; Btry A, 2nd Bn, 138th Arty; Btry C, 2nd Bn, 138th Arty; Btry B, 6th Bn, 33rd Arty; Btry B, 2nd Bn, 138th Arty and 4th Bn, 77th Arty (ARA) fired cleared color plan targets and suspect rocket launching site targets in support of HUE and HAM HOA. During the firing, Btry A, 2nd Bn, 138th Arty fired a round (15cm) while tube was still in loading position. It rose through a bunker of Btry C, 1st Bn, 321st Arty, also located at HUE BIRMINGHAM YD02102, destroying the bunker. No explosion, round not located, no casualties.
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(75) 28 July: Btry A, 1st BN, 40th Arty moved by road from FSB SALLY (ID 512227) to FSB BIRMINGHAM (ID704101). LTC Edward S. Bassam assumed command of the BN, 40th Arty. LTC Richard H. Wittington assumed duties as 40th Arty 3-5.

(76) 30 July: Btry A, 1st BN, 40th Arty moved from FSB SALLY (ID 704101) to FSB BLAZE (ID536020) by road.

(77) 31 July: Btry A, 1st BN, 40th Arty moved by road from FSB BLAZE (ID 536020) to LZ BROWN (ID32962) to support Operation MONTGOMERY Rendezvous. MEDICAL BN 2/4, 4th BN, 77th Arty; had an engine failure NW of FSB SALLY (ID 704101). Forced landing resulted in no casualties. FSB BIRMINGHAM (ID32962) received fire on the FSB; no damage to Artillery.

(78) 30 July: Btry A, 1st BN, 40th Arty moved from LZ BROWN (ID32962) to LZ to the YC32934 in support of 1st BN, 5th Cav. Btry C, 1st BN, 321st Arty (G tubes) moved by road from FSB BIRMINGHAM (ID704101) to Camp EAGLE (YB02163) to reinforce 3rd Aug for General Support.

4. (G) Organizational Structure. See Incl 1

5. (0) The following number of days units engaged in:

   a. Training 56
   b. Troop movement 46
   c. Operations 92

6. (C) During US/Army operations were conducted during the reporting period. These operations are continually upgrading the operational capability of the 1st ARW Division Artillery. Currently, Forward Observer teams are held. They provide the ARW infantry units to assist in normal artillery missions. In order to assist Operations KENTUCKY JUMPER, MONTGOMERY Rendezvous, and CAMPBELL SISTERS, U.S. and ARW artillery are allocated at each of two fire support bases and the ARW and U.S. battery FDC’s are allocated in the same bunker. Also, a Quick Fire channel has been opened between a U.S. battalion and one of the ARW districts.

7. (C) Section 2 Lessons Learned, Commander’s Observations, Evaluations, and Recommendations:

   a. Personnel:

      (1) OBSERVATION: That the Aerial Artillery Battalion falls short of the
          U.S./Army assignment criteria of 50% experienced aviators per unit.

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(2) EVALUATION: In the Battalion's role of delivering ordnance against the enemy targets, many times extremely close to friendly elements, expert and flying skill are of paramount importance. While engaged in ordnance delivery, the aircraft must be flown with the utmost precision and the pilot's mind must be alert and devoted to the ever changing tactical situation. If aviators are not experienced, they must devote their minds to flying tasks and as a result, the monitoring of the tactical situation deteriorates. The initial period of training, from arrival until attaining the desired expertise level, is characterized by firing incidents and aircraft accidents due to inexperience of personnel who fill the cockpits.

(3) RECOMMENDATION: That the input to AH-1G transition courses should include a minimum of 50% experienced pilots. Ideally 100% RVN experienced personnel should attend AH-1G transition courses.

b. Operations:

(1) (a) OBSERVATION: The space provided for an artillery battery on a hilltop fire support base (FSB) often is not sufficient for the positioning of six 155mm howitzers.

(b) EVALUATION: When a howitzer section is left in a rear area due to lack of space on a FSB, the section is not being fully utilized and often is not efficiently supervised. If the personnel are retained on the FSB, their howitzers in the rear, the section integrity and teamwork is lost. The tendency is to distribute the section personnel amongst the other units on the FSB. Additionally, when a howitzer and its section personnel are separated, maintenance of the piece suffers.

(c) RECOMMENDATIONS: That one howitzer section complete (personnel and howitzer) be rotated from the FSB periodically and replaced by the howitzer section located in the rear.

(2) (a) OBSERVATION: On 17 May 1969, 2d Bn, 319th Arty fired chemical shell CS on grid YD326985. All data was computed for an adjustment with HE. When CS was fired the first 2 volleys missed the target completely.

(b) EVALUATION: Due to the difference in lot and weight of projectile (CS and HE) steps listed below should be used. If not, then CS should be used in adjustment and in fire for effect.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: Recommend that when CS is to be used in fire for effect missions and HE is being used in the adjustment, that one check round of CS be fired before fire for effect is called to assure complete accuracy.

(3) (a) OBSERVATION: In some areas there is a lack of natural registration points.
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(b) EVALUATION: Due to the canopy, steep terrain, inaccuracy of plotted trails and size of stream intersections, a lack of suitable registration points exists.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That car bodies or some other well defined object be placed in a suitable area, be surveyed in, and be used as registration points. A survey program to establish registration points is being instituted by Division Artillery.

(4) The MOUNTAIN MET.

(a) OBSERVATION: Utilization of a mountain Met message becomes progressively more important as the difference in height \((dh)\) between the met station and the battery altitude increases beyond 300 meters.

(b) EVALUATION: Table D in the tabular firing tables is based upon the assumption that a standard temperature and density lapse rate exist in the atmosphere. This assumption does not introduce an appreciable error into the gunnery problem until \(dh\) becomes greater than 300 meters. If a visual met station with a capability to measure surface temperature and pressure (density derived) was positioned in mountainous areas, then a correlation could be conducted at the weather station. Consequently a more correct density and temperature could be predicted for the mountainous area. This technique proved very successful at FSB SLEDGE (ZC060925).

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That visual met stations be habitually positioned with artillery units that occupy fire support bases that introduced a \(dh\) greater than 300 meters.

(6) Co-locating ARVN and US Fire Direction Centers.

(a) OBSERVATION: Co-locating ARVN and US fire direction centers provides centralized control, more flexibility and more responsive artillery fire in an area of operations.

(b) EVALUATION: When operating in a large AO it is difficult to maintain centralized control of the artillery available. At the present time the 2d Brigade AO extends approximately 100Km from northwest to southeast. Operation CAMPBELL STREAMER is being conducted in the southern portion of the AO with five infantry battalions (3 US and 2 ARVN). Three 105 batteries (2 US and 1 ARVN) two 155mm batteries and one 8” battery are available to support the operation. With only three close support batteries available to support five battalions, it is necessary to maintain centralized control, yet with such a large AO it is not feasible to displace the Battalion CP. The ARVN 105mm battery and one US 105mm battery were positioned on the same firebase and the battery FDC’s were co-located. Control of all artillery available to support the operation was maintained by moving a battalion jump FDC to the firebase. The jump FDC conducted tactical fire directions while the parent
units of the batteries checked firing data. This arrangement has provided responsive artillery of all calibers to all maneuver elements. Both US and ARVN artillery are responsive to either US or ARVN maneuver elements. A major advantage is that all artillery can be adjusted by either US or ARVN forward observers. Although US forward observers are provided to ARVN maneuver elements:

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That US and ARVN FDC's be co-located when possible.

c. Training:

(1) OBSERVATION: The liaison sergeant is often required to take charge of the liaison section and its duties whenever the liaison officer is absent. As such, he is required to know the duties and procedures which are inherent to the task.

(2) EVALUATION: Division Artillery conducts a liaison officer course on an irregular schedule. This course covers the duties of the LNO and is highlighted with live demonstrations.

(3) RECOMMENDATION: That NCO's who are or will be working in liaison sections be given the opportunity to attend the Division Artillery Liaison Officers Course. (This training is being instituted by Division Artillery).

d. Intelligence: None

e. Logistics:

(1) (a) OBSERVATION: That the sensor amplifier of the Stabiliti Control Augmentation System (SCAS) in the AH-1G attack helicopter created availability problems.

(b) EVALUATION: During this past quarter, the Aerial Artillery has experienced failure of four sensor amplifier units. This required retrograde of the unit to CONUS for repair and return to this Battalion. To date, none of these sensor amplifier units have been returned, even though more than sixty days have elapsed. The AH-1G is not a stable weapons platform capable of giving direct fire support close to friendly elements when the sensor amplifier is not installed. At the present time sensor amplifier units are being changed from one aircraft to another in order to maintain maximum flyable aircraft in a mission ready status.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That maintenance float sensor amplifier units be maintained at DS Maintenance Company level or at the 70 Detachment level to provide optimum aircraft availability.

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1. Escape, Evasion and Survival: None

2. Combat: None

(1) Incl

(2) (Organizational Structure) to

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SUBJECT: ORLL of 101st Airborne Division Artillery for Period Ending 31 July 1969 (U)

TO: Commanding General, XXIV Corps, ATTN: AVU-GCT, APO 96308

29 Aug 69

The ORLL for the 101st Airborne Division Artillery has been reviewed and the following comments are submitted:

Section II: (C) Lessons Learned.

Para 7a: Personnel.

Para 7a(1): Concur (G1). a. Comments concerning personnel contained in paragraph 7a, basic document, are substantially correct but need amplification for clarity.

b. The term "experienced aviators" is defined by the Commanding Officer, 4th Battalion, 77th Artillery, as an aviator serving his second or subsequent tour in Vietnam. The number of hours flown, type aircraft, duty position, or other factors are not considered in this classification.

c. The 4th Battalion, 77th Artillery has 102 aviators assigned and of this number 21 (20.6%) are experienced. Seventy, of the 102 (69%) aviators assigned are AH-1G qualified and 20 (28.6%) of these 70 aviators are experienced.

d. Thirty-five aviators have been sent by the 4th Battalion, 77th Artillery to Vung Tau for AH-1G qualification. Of these 35, 13 (37%) are experienced aviators. The other 35 AH-1G aviators arrived from CONUS school trained in the AH-1G, and 7 (20%) of these 35 are experienced aviators.

e. There is a total of 21 experienced aviators in the 4th Battalion, 77th Artillery, and all but one are AH-1G qualified. The significant statistics are recapitulated below:
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AVIATOR STATUS 4TH BN (ARA), 77TH ARTILLERY

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1. The 4th Battalion, 77th Artillery has approximately the same experience level as the 2/17th Cavalry and D Company of the 101st and 158th AHB’s. In Cobra qualified personnel, the USARV goal of 25% experienced aviators is exceeded.

Para 7b: Operations.

Para 7b(1): Concur (G3). Space on a fire base is frequently critical due to terrain and other considerations. Internal rotation is a good concept. No action needed by this headquarters.

Para 7b(2): Concur (Chemical Officer).

Para 7b(3): Concur (G3).

Para 7b(4): Nonconcur (Weather Detachment). The division presently has twelve (12) Air Force trained weather observers, who are operating various weather stations throughout the area of operations. Location 6, 5th Weather Squadron currently maintains a sufficient number of weather stations at various altitudes in the area of operations from which the artillery unit can obtain data.

Para 7b(5): Concur (G3). It is the policy of this division that operations will be combined and in close coordination with ARVN forces. The co-location of headquarters and FDC’s assists greatly in control and coordination.

Para 7c(1): Training: Concur (G3). No further action necessary.
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Para 7e(1): Logistics: Concur (G4).

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DA, Headquarters, XXIV Corps, APO SF 96308  5 SF 1968

TO:  Commanding General, United States Army, Vietnam, APO SF 96375

1. The O RLL of 101st Airborne Division Artillery has been reviewed at HQ
XXIV Corps and is forwarded in accordance with USARV Reg 525-15.

2. Except as noted below, Concur with the report as endorsed by 101st Air-
borne Division (AM).

   a. Reference item concerning personnel, section II, page 15, paragraph
7a; Concur.  Recommend the reporting unit's recommendation concerning the
input of a minimum of 50% experienced pilots be forwarded to the appropriate
office in DA for consideration.

   b. Reference item concerning firing of chemical shell, section II, page
16, paragraph 2b(2) Nonconcur.  FT 105-H-6, provisional supplement number
Nov 67, outlines the procedures to be used when firing cartridge, tactical
CS, XM629.

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SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned
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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY, VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT.

1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 July 1969 from Headquarters, 101st Airborne Division Artillery.

2. (C) Comments follow:

   a. (C) Reference item concerning "Personnel," section II, page 15, paragraph 7a; nonconcur.

      (1) An examination of the experience level of AH-1G aviators assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (AH) as of 1 September 1969, revealed that of the 202 AH-1G qualified aviators assigned, a total of 51 are presently serving a second tour in RVN. This gives an overall experience factor of 25 percent, slightly above the DA objective of 25 percent experienced aviators for RVN as a whole, as well as for this particular aircraft. The assignment of AH-1G aviators to subordinate units (Div Arty) within the 101st Airborne Division (AM) is controlled internally. Approximately 20 percent of the assigned aviators in USAV are serving a second tour in RVN.

      (2) To raise the experience level in Cobra units would require the reduction of experience levels in other aviation units, or an increase of the DA objective of 25 percent. An increase in the DA objective would shorten the turn-around time between tours for all aviators. Due to the shortage of aviators, an increased experience level for aviation units is not feasible at this time.

   b. (U) Reference item concerning "Mountain Met," section II, page 17, paragraph 7b(4), and 1st indorsement, paragraph 7b(4); nonconcur. Air Force weather stations do not provide artillery units with the necessary information to compute metro corrections for artillery firing data. Visual metro stations enable artillery units to obtain this data in areas where there is a difference in altitude of over 300 meters between the battery and the metro station.
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 c. (C) Reference item concerning "Logistics," section 11, page 18, paragraph 7e; concur. The unit is advised to submit a request to change the SCAS float authorization IAW USA&V Message 42722, dated 21 June 1969, subject: Change in Avionic Float Requisitioning Procedures.

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