

n. (U) Artillery

(1) The 101st Airborne Division Artillery (Airmobile) provided close and continuous fire support to maneuver units throughout the reporting period. Light howitzer battalions continued to provide direct support to the infantry brigades, with the 2d Bn (Ambl), 310th Arty (105) in direct support of the 3d Brigade; the 2d Bn (Ambl), 320th Arty (105) in direct support of the 1st Brigade; and the 1st Bn (Ambl), 321st Arty (105) in direct support of the 2d Brigade.

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SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), Period Ending 31 July 1970, RCS CSFOR-65 (R2) (U)

Battery D, 2d Bn (Ambl), 320th Arty (105) remained attached to the \_\_\_ Bn (Ambl), 506th Infantry in II Military Region.

The 2d Bn (Ambl), 11th Arty (155), the 4th Bn (Aerial Arty), 77th Arty, and A Btry (Avn), 377th Arty remained in general support of the division.

The following 108th Artillery Group units were located in the division area of operations in a general support role: Btry A, 2d Bn (8"/175) (SE), 94th Arty at C1; Btry A, 1st Bn (8"/155) (SP), 59th Arty at SF/OB Rakkasan; Btry B, 1st Bn (8"/175) (SP), 39th Arty at FS/OB Barbara; Btry C, 1st Bn, (8"/155) (SP), 39th Arty at Camp Evans; Btry A, 1st Bn (82/175) (SP), \_\_\_ Arty at FS/OB Bastogne; Btry B, 1st Bn (82/175) (SP), 83d Arty at FS/OB Birmingham; and Btry C, 1st Bn (8"/175) (SP), 83d Arty at FS/OB Veghel.

Btry B, 2d Bn (8"/175) (SP), 94th Arty of the 108th Artillery Group was located at Camp Carrol in Northern I Military Region and provided fires in general support of the division.

Btry D (M42), 1st Bn, 49th Arty and a section of Btry C (M55), 65th Arty of XXIV Corps Artillery were deployed in the division AO to provide fires for base and bridge security.

(2) Artillery fires were employed throughout the division area of operation to disrupt enemy lines of communication and infiltration routes. This was accomplished through artillery raids and fires in reaction to sensor activations, radar detections, serial surveillance, and intelligence. Extensive artillery fires were employed nightly in the "rocket belt" areas on the periphery of the populated lowlands and in the area adjacent to military installations.

(3) Throughout the reporting period, US and ARVN artillery units continued to employ coordinated fires in support of combined operations. The division artillery aerial surveillance program continued to locate and adjust fires on enemy forces and to provide observation for artillery registrations.

(4) During the period of heavy enemy contact in the vicinity of FS/OB Ripcord in July, Btry B, 2d Bn (Aml), 310th Arty suffered heavy damage when a CH47 aircraft crashed and burned in the 105mm ammunition storage area, causing a major fire on the firebase. All six 105mm howitzers of the battery were destroyed.

## (5) Repositioning of Artillery Support:

DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO
2 May	C/2-320	Tomahawk	Kathryn
3 May	A/2-11	Granite	Rakkasan
4 May	C/2-320 A/2-320 C/2-319	Veghel Bastogne Granite	Bastogne Shock Gladiator
9 May	B(-)/2-11 A/2-320	Eagle Shock	Bastogne Veghel
10 May	A(-)/1-321 A(-)/1-321 C(-)/1-321 C(-)/1-321	Birmingham Arsenal Evans Evans	Evans Evans Birmingham Arsenal
26 May	C/2-319 B/2-320	Birmingham Kathryn	Kathryn Brick
10 Jun	A/2-11	Rakkasan	Ripcord
14 Jun	A(-)/2-11	Ripcord	Rakkasan
16 Jun	B/2-11 B/2-11	Veghel Zon	Zon Veghel
22 Jun	A(-)/2-11 C(-)/2-11	Ripcord Arsenal	Shepherd Sarge
23 Jun	B/1-321 B/1-321 A(-)/1-321	Los Banos Musket Evans	Husket Los Banos Los Banos
24 Jun	A(-)/1-321	Los Banos	Evans
25 Jun	A(-)/2-11	Sheperd	Ripcord
26 Jun	C(-)/2-11	Sarge	Arsenal
6 Jul	A(-)/2-11	Rakkasan	Ripcord
9 Jul	B/2-11	Veghel	Sarge
11 Jul	B/2-11	Sarge	Vandergrift
16 Jul	B/2-11	Vandergrift	Veghel
18 Jul	B(-)/2-11 B/2-320	Veghel Brick	Kathryn Gladiator
23 Jul	A/2-11	Ripcord	Eagle
26 Jul	C/2-319 B/2-320	Kathryn Gladiator	Gladiator Kathryn
27 Jul	A/2-11	Eagle	Rakkasan
29 Jul	C/2-320 B/2-319	Bastogne Evans	Maureen Bastogne