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(6) Detachment one.

b. Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division Support Command.

(1) Throughout the reporting period the 25th Infantry Division Support Command Headquarters elements and subordinate units have participated in Operation Toan Thang, Phases II and III by supporting the operation from the facilities located at Cu Chi, Dau Tieng, Tay Ninh, and Duc Hoa as well as providing logistical support to the Naval operations at Go Dau Ha. Support Command also continued its responsibility for base camp defense at Cu Chi Base Camp until 20 March 1969. On 20 March the base camp defense was transferred to 2nd Brigade.

(2) During the week of 2-9 March, the USARV Annual General Inspection Team conducted its inspection of the Support Command Units.

(3) Command emphasis was placed on the retrograde of salvago and CONEX containers, upgrading the living conditions in all areas of the Support Command, and management of resources. Increased command and staff visits to supported units greatly assisted in upgrading the supply, maintenance, and ammunition status of the Division.

(4) Improvements in the Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Band include construction of:

- (a) 10' X 32' personnel bunker
- (b) Four secondary fighting positions
- (c) 20' X 48' maintenance building and grease rack
- (d) 20' X 60' BOQ
- (e) Mess hall water tower with a 3,000 gallon tank
- (f) Renovation of supply room
- (g) 10' X 16' EM washroom and repairs to EM shower
- (h) Ammunition bunker

c. Band, 25th Infantry Division Support Command

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(1) The 25th Infantry Division Band participated in the following public performances:

Categories and totals

Award ceremonies	17
Change of command ceremonies	7
Miscellaneous ceremonies	7
Serenades, arrivals and departures of troops, etc	47
Service club concerts	12
Civic action, MEDCAP concerts	3
Formal retreats	28
Buglers	84
Fire support base concerts	10
Miscellaneous concerts	8
Solo concerts	1
Hospital concerts	3
Total commitments	<u>227</u>

(2) An increased emphasis has been placed on Fire Support Base concerts. A seventeen piece stage band has been formed and is functioning on various concerts. In addition, woodwind and brass ensembles have been formed to provide background music for religious and other activities. The accordionist has been traveling with the Chaplain and presenting numerous religious and secular concerts.

(3) Two 20 piece bands have been formed to travel around the Cu Chi Base Camp presenting impromptu march and "pop" concerts. The Division Band has been asked to perform on Saigon AFVN-TV in the near future.

d. S-4, 25th Infantry Division Support Command

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(1) A greater command emphasis was observed to utilize the Tay Ninh and Cu Chi Base Camps' stand down areas (Tay Ninh Holiday Inn and the Cu Chi Hilton facilities respectively). This resulted in a reduction in the requirement for super contact teams in support of the First and Second Brigades. Company sized stand downs at Day Tieng were supported utilizing the maintenance and supply facilities of the Support Command Forward augmented by Adjutant General and Finance teams from Cu Chi.

(2) Operational control of the Cu Chi Hilton stand down facility was transferred to the 2d Brigade on 18 April 1969.

(3) During this period, the Division Support Command Maintenance Management Inspection Team, under the operational control of the S-4, Support Command, conducted 83 inspections, ranging from Command Maintenance Management Inspections to Vehicle Roadside Inspections.

e. S-5, 25th Infantry Division Support Command.

(1) The civic actions and psychological operations program continued with medical civic action programs, promotion of projects, and the distribution of food and equipment to the Vietnamese people.

(2) The following was accomplished during the quarter:

(a) MEDCAPS	154
(b) Patients treated	6,890
(c) Food distribution	28,132 lbs.
(d) Health kits distributed	400
(e) T-shirts distributed	400
(f) School kits, distributed	400
(g) Lumber distributed	97,750 board feet
(h) Amount of money spent	\$VN 229,600
(i) Cu Chi Market place upgraded	
(j) Posted traffic signs on the highways vicinity of Cu Chi.	
(k) Two band concerts in the villages vicinity of Cu Chi.	

(1) A garbage collection plan was executed in support of the sector pasturization plant for the Swine Growers Association.

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## f. The Support Command Chaplain.

(1) The Chaplain activities for the quarter include the Chaplain's work with Support Command units, Protestant coverage for the 3/4 Cav, and hospital visitation performed in coordination with the Division Chaplain.

(2) A total of 87 services were held during the quarter with a total attendance of 2,226 personnel. There were 16 group activities held with an attendance of 403 personnel.

(3) On Sunday the Support Command Chaplain has services at 725th Maintenance Battalion, 3/4 Cav, and at the Support Command Chapel, as well as an evening service at the Support Command Chapel. This evening service has been started during the past quarter. Seven religious films have been shown at these evening services. A choir has been started at the Support Command Chapel with an average of 6 personnel attending practice each week.

(4) During the week the Support Command Chaplain covers the 3/4 Cav units in the field. This usually involves 3 trips to the field each week. The Chaplain usually stays overnight in the field after having a religious service. Counseling for Protestant personnel in the 3/4 Cav has also been provided during this quarter.

## g. Division Ammunition Office.

(1) The 25th Division Ammunition Office continued Class V support of all units operating within the 25th Division Tactical Area of Operations. This included operation of the Cu Chi ASP.

(2) The total capacity of the ASP was reduced from approximately 1340 tons to 694 tons.

## (3) Total divisional issues during the quarter:

<u>ASP ISSUES</u>		<u>THRU FUT LONG BINH TO BATTERY</u>	
<u>Total Tons</u>	<u>Tons/Day</u>	<u>Total Tons</u>	<u>Tons/Day</u>
Feb 2,977	106.3	2,161	77.2
Mar 2,928	94.5	2,076	66.9
Apr 2,562	85.4	1,817	60.6

## (4) Trailer loads of retrograde loaded and shipped to Long Binh ASP.

Feb	28
Mar	31
Apr	27

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(5) The Cu Chi Ammunition Supply Point was transferred to the 1st Logistical Command at the end of the reporting period.

## (h) Division Transportation Office

(1) The Division Transportation Section continued to coordinate and schedule the operations of all resupply convoys within the Division Area of Operations. Command emphasis was placed upon centralized control of Divisional assets, maximum utilization of 48th Transportation Group through put assets, and minimizing trailer turn around times. A large degree of success was achieved as the number of divisional trucks moving between Cu Chi and forward supply elements at Dau Tieng and Tay Ninh maximized during the period. Tonnage hauled from Long Binh directly to the consumer without double handling maximized during the period while the number of trailers requiring more than 2 1/2 hours to off load minimized during the middle of the period. A total of 601 convoys were scheduled in the area of operations with a total volume of 22,051 vehicles. These schedules can be broken down as follows:

## (a) Cu Chi-Tay Ninh

MONTH	NO. OF CONVOYS	NO. OF VEHICLES
Feb	54	664
Mar	61	837
Apr	60	551
Total	175	2,052

## (b) Cu Chi-Dau Tieng

Feb	54	775
Mar	61	988
Apr	30	918
Total	145	2,681

## (c) Long Binh-Tay Ninh

Feb	54	3,517
Mar	62	4,742
Apr	60	4,475
Total	176	12,734

## (d) Long Binh-Dau Tieng

Feb	54	1,110
Mar	62	1,421
Apr	60	1,248
Total	176	3,779

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## (e) Long Binh-Cu Chi

Feb	37	589
Mar	8	175
Apr	<u>1</u>	<u>28</u>
Total	<u>46</u>	<u>792</u>

## (f) Cu Chi-Duc Hoa

Feb	9	67
Mar	12	106
Apr	<u>8</u>	<u>79</u>
Total	<u>29</u>	<u>252</u>

(2) The Division Transportation Section coordinates the requirements for US Air Force airlift for unit movement and resupply in support of operations. Airlift data concerning USAF support is as follows:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CARGO</u>	<u>TROOPS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>
Feb	310	12,743	670
Mar	494	17,395	840
Apr	<u>274</u>	<u>13,490</u>	<u>848</u>
Total	<u>1,078</u>	<u>43,628</u>	<u>2,358</u>

(3) The Division Transportation Office continued to operate the hold baggage sections at Cu Chi, Tay Ninh, and Dau Tieng. At the end of the reporting period a contractor from Saigon Headquarters Area Command undertook the Cu Chi mission while the Division Transportation Office continued with the Dau Tieng and Tay Ninh mission. Data concerning the Division baggage section is as follows:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>PERSONNEL PROVIDED SERVICE</u>	<u>PIECES</u>	<u>WEIGHT (LBS)</u>
Feb	679	988	84,428
Mar	861	1,232	101,259
Apr	<u>760</u>	<u>1,181</u>	<u>57,944</u>
Total	<u>2,300</u>	<u>3,401</u>	<u>243,631</u>

## i. 341st Airfield Support Detachment (ASD)

(1) The 341st ASD operates the Cu Chi Army Airfield.

(2) Air Traffic activity at the Cu Chi Airfield is summarized below:

Rotary Wing	159,236
Fixed Wing	6,920
Total Activity	166,156

(3) The helicopter rearm point was destroyed during an enemy attack on Cu Chi Base Camp on 26 February 1969. A new facility was put into operation on 17 March 1969. A summary of issue experience for the reported

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period is as follows:

2.75 Rocket	38,619
40mm	36,220
7.62 Cart	1,825,225
Flares	5,414

(4) Aviation fuel expenditures from the Cu Chi AAF aircraft fuel service activity are as follows:

JP/4	2,181,230 gallons
AVGAS	43,250 gallons

(5) The Cu Chi runway was closed on 14 April 1969 for resurfacing. A 1400 foot strip was kept open for use of CV7A and lighter aircraft during the construction period.

j. Deputy Installation Coordinator 25th Infantry Division Support Command.

(1) The Commanding Officer, Support Command is the Cu Chi Installation Coordinator.

(2) The following projects were completed during this period:

- (a) Constructed revetments for the central dialing system.
- (b) Constructed revetments for 12th Evacuation Hospital.
- (c) Constructed revetments for 25th Medical Battalion.
- (d) Constructed revetments for 40th Medical Detachment.
- (e) Constructed revetments for Communications Center.
- (f) Completed Division Rearm Point.
- (g) Completed Cobra revetments.
- (h) Completed Crash rescue station.
- (i) Completed Paving 1,500 foot of runway.
- (j) Completed Intelligence production center.
- (k) Completed MAD Rearm Point.
- (l) Cleared perimeter around Cu Chi Base Camp.
- (m) Completed CG's Mess Extension.

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- (n) Completed PX concessionaire building.
- (o) Reconstructed 18 culverts.
- (p) Constructed 24 sumps.
- (q) Completed renovating WOQ's and BOQ's at 12th Evac Hospital.
- (r) Constructed ASP Office.
- (s) Passenger terminal waiting area 8th Aerial Port completed.
- (t) Constructed local national in and out checkpoint.
- (u) Reconstructed ASP berm, fence and passage ways.
- (v) Constructed baffle wall at dustoff pad 12th Evac Hospital.
- (w) Constructed Post Engineer warehouse.
- (x) Opened two sanitary fills.
- (y) Constructed shallow well Post Engineer Compound.
- (z) Renovated dust off pads at 12th Evacuation Hospital.
- (aa) Constructed 8 chinook revetments.
- (bb) Erected 3 porta-kamp classrooms.
- (cc) Erected special services library trailer.
- (dd) Completed communications center building.
- (ee) Constructed 8 20'x48' BEQ's.
- (ff) Completed 2 20'x96' BEQ's
- (gg) Completed 2 20'x48' Dispensary's
- (hh) Completed 1 20'x70' BEQ.
- (ii) Completed 3 20'x60' BOQ's.
- (jj) Completed 3 20'x45' maintenance sheds.
- (kk) Completed 2 20'x96' BOQ's.
- (ll) Completed 2 grease racks.
- (mm) Completed 1 20'x30' shower.

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- (nn) Completed 1 8'x16' shower.
  - (oo) Completed 1 10'x30' shower.
  - (pp) Completed 1 4,000 sq ft. mess hall.
  - (qq) Completed painting 90% of 12th Evacuation Hospital.
  - (rr) Completed base camp defense TOC.
  - (ss) Completed 10 bunkerline towers.
  - (tt) Installed central power in area #1-total bldgs 586.
  - (uu) Constructed two helicopter revetments for 159th Medical Detachment (dustoff)

k. Detachment 1. The personnel assigned to Detachment 1 are utilized primarily for operation of the three post exchanges at Cu Chi, Dau Tieng, and Tay Ninh. They also operate other facilities for which no TO&E personnel are authorized. Examples are the ice cream plant, the contract laundry, labor office and office of the Deputy Installation Coordinator. Though these personnel are assigned to Detachment 1, they are normally attached to the unit responsible for the operational control of the facility they operate.

1. 25th Administration Company.

(1) During the past three months, there has been a concerted effort to replace all tents in the company area and general improvement of the buildings. Since January, there have been eleven tents taken down and replaced by new permanent buildings. The old area is now being cleared to allow room for more construction. Some of the various other projects which have been completed during the past three months include; new mess hall sump, new shower point sump, new supply room annex, new mess hall storage area, new arms room, new Vietnamese latrine, new garbage racks and repairing of existing shower points. There are other projects which are now under construction or are in the planning stages. These include a K&J shop which is near completion, and a new area for the motor pool.

(2) Strength increases were noted when the 10th Finance and marksmanship training school personnel were added to the company.

(3) In order for a portion of the company area to be used as a stand down area various buildings had to be relocated. The company theater, mail room, supply room and the barber shop were relocated to create the required space for the proposed stand down area.

m. 25th Medical Battalion.

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(1) Throughout the period the 25th Medical Battalion continued to provide Division level medical service to the 25th Infantry Division and attached units. Headquarters and A Company and C Company continued to staff the 60 bed Arthur E. Lewis Dispensary at Cu Chi Base Camp. Company B supported Dau Tieng Base Camp with a 40 bed capacity and Company D continued to support Tay Ninh Base Camp with a 50 bed dispensary.

(2) Statistics for the quarters operations are as follows:

(a) Medical Totals:

Patients treated - 16,306

Disease - 12,939

Non-battle-injuries - 1,324

Injured, result of hostile action 2,043

Lab test - 7,976

Immunizations - 10,457

Prescriptions filled - 13,232

X-Ray - 10,145

(b) Supply and Service:

Line items issued - 11,078

MEDCAP Line items issued - 1,323

Maintenance work orders received - 92

Work orders completed - 63

Work orders awaiting parts - 29

Eyeglasses ordered (Pairs) - 2,132

Bulk pharmacy items issued - 33

(c) Field Sanitation Team Training: Jan - 6; Feb - 36; Mar - 47.

(d) Insect and Rodent Survey:

Adult Mosquitoes:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Cu Chi</u>	<u>Tay Ninh</u>	<u>Dau Tieng</u>
Jan	32	50	3

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Feb	39	55	9
Mar	32	34	9

## Larval Mosquitoes:

Jan	5	11	N/A
Feb	1	14	N/A
Mar	1	3	N/A

## \*Rodents processed:

Jan	69	44	0
Feb	21	35	0
Mar	42	23	1

\*Blood, spleen, ectoparasites, etc examined for plague, endo  
parasities, etc.

## (e) Water examinations (presence of coliform bacteria)

Jan	120	39	17
Feb	32	38	8
Mar	55	16	17

(f) Miscellaneous: Assigned two people to Division Surgeon's Office to assist the preventive Medicine Program. Coordinated dusting by PA&E in the Cu Chi Area, with the recent plague epidemic.

(3) The following lodger units attached to the 25th Medical Battalion supported the 25th Infantry Division with the following services for the quarter ending 30 April 1969.

## (a) 159th Medical Detachment (Dustoff)

Total missions - 2503  
Total patients evacuated - 6298  
US Patients evacuated - 2790  
ARVN patients evacuated - 1897  
VN civilians evacuated - 1395  
Other - 216  
Total medical resupply missions flown for blood - 13  
Total flying time - 1446.3 hours.

## (b) 40th Medical Detachment (Dental Service)

Instructions in oral hygiene - 772  
Prophylaxis of dental personnel - 1278  
Caries Prevention treatments - 1278  
Group lectures - 48  
Personnel attending lectures - 3226  
Self-applied prophylactic treatments - 772

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(c) During this period, Data Collection Section #2 of the US Army Wound Data and Munitions Effectiveness Team collected data on approximately 540 munitions wound or death cases. The entire Team contains 3 sections - one in Cu Chi, one with the 1st Infantry Division and one with the 4th Infantry Division. The Team Headquarters is in Saigon. During the reporting period the Section at Cu Chi (Section #2) contained 8 personnel. Each wound case required the section to obtain medical data pertaining to wound size, length of wound tract, wound incapacitating effects, and human behavioral aspects. All cases required interviews with combat troops in order to obtain data pertaining to the circumstances of acquiring the wound, the munition involved, field first aid given, protective gear worn by the casualty and the tactical situation. Medical data and other data were supplemented with photographs and diagrams as appropriate. Damaged protective equipment and wounding agents (fragments/bullets) were collected with the case as available. All data items for each case were completely correlated by the section and forwarded to the Team Headquarters in Saigon.

o. 25th Supply and Transport Battalion.

(1) The 25th Supply and Transport Battalion continued its logistical support missions for all units operating within the divisional area of operations. Additional support requirements were experienced when the US Naval facility at Go Dau Ha was picked up as a permanent customer, the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment operated out of Dau Tieng for approximately two weeks, and elements of the 1st Cavalry Division moved into and out of the division area as required. Command emphasis was placed on purging excesses and salvage from the area of operations. Major rewarehousing and inventory projects were undertaken to isolate excesses and prepare for the rainy season. Command emphasis was also placed on truck maintenance to reduce the deadline rate for all wheeled vehicles. A large amount of effort was expended isolating particular Class II & IV line items for which customer demands existed while continued zero balances were experienced. A serious deficiency was noted with expendable supplies.

(2) Class I Supply

(a) On Hand Status

	A-Rations	C-Rations
Stockage Objectives (days)	3	10
On hand (days)	3	12.5

(b) Rations issued (for Cu Chi and Dau Tieng)

Feb	670,000
Mar	676,000
Apr	535,000
Total	<u>1,881,000</u>

(c) The drop in rations issued was due to the transfer of non-divisional troops who were operating in the division area of operations.

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(3) Concept of Operations:

(a) The issue at Cu Chi is for divisional and non-divisional units at Cu-Chi and Dau Tieng, who are operating in the division area of operation.

(b) Issues to Tay Ninh divisional units are accomplished by the 277th S&S Battalion, a 1st Logistical Command unit, as a part of their area support mission in Tay Ninh.

(4) Class II & LV

(a) Deletions to ASL during quarter: 168

(b) Total lines on ASL: 3,753

(c) ASL Status

	Feb	Mar	Apr
ASL Lines stocked	3,804	3,360	3,753
ASL Lines at zero balance with due out	1,240	650	382
Total requests received	16,814	14,124	16,848
Total requests received for ASL	14,709	12,303	13,965
Total requests filled ASL	9,352	8,220	8,066
Total requests priority 1-10	1,322	932	576
Total warehouse refusals	254	78	23
Units supported	84	84	84
Per Cent Demand Accomodation	87.4	84.2	84.6
Per Cent Demand Satisfaction	62.8	66.8	56

(5) Class III

Consumption Rates (gallons)	Daily	Quarterly
(a) JP/4 Cu Chi	36,220.5	3,258,195
Dau Tieng	13,533.3	1,228,000
Duc Hoa	7,903.3	711,300
Tay Ninh	47,512.0	4,276,100

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(b) AVGAS	Cu Chi	765.9	68,935
	Dau Tieng	191.1	18,400
	Duc Hoa	211.8	19,070
	Tay Ninh	576.0	51,900
(c) Diesel	Cu Chi	29,368.1	2,643,135
	Dau Tieng	6,044.4	551,000
	Tay Ninh	17,977	1,549,000
(d) MOGAS	Cu Chi	11,784.2	1,057,340
	Dau Tieng	6,044.4	551,000
	Tay Ninh	17,977	1,549,000

## (6) Services

## (a) Graves Registration

Deceased US Military Personnel processed:	396
US Civilian Personnel processed:	1
ARVN Personnel processed:	72
Vietnamese Civilian Personnel processed:	55
Enemy Personnel processed:	5
Total Processed:	529

(b) Laundry Contract (bundles): 19,719

## (c) QM Bath Section

Total showers:	120,240
Daily Average:	60,150

## (e) Duc Hoa Rearm Point Ammunition Issues:

7.62 mm:	795,600
40mm:	4,160
2.75 Rocket:	7,827
50 Cal:	4,600

## (f) Dau Tieng Rearm Point Ammunition Issues:

7.62mm:	1,506,100
40mm:	15,665
2.75 Rocket:	6,078

## (g) Tay Ninh Rearm Point Ammunition Issues:

7.62mm:	1,056,000
40mm:	16,000
2.75 Rocket:	15,408
50 Cal:	4,800

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## (h) Salvage retrograde Summary:

Cu Chi: Loads	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
S&P's	103	104	75	282
Low Boys	2	11	29	42
Dau Tieng:				
S&P's	35	35	49	119
Low Boys	3	3	6	12

## (i) Transportation Utilization Summary:

Total Mileage:	147,035
Average Mileage per day:	1,652
Total Tonnage:	15,813
Average per day:	177.7

## (7) Significant activities:

(a) A complete wall to wall inventory of the Class II & IV yard was conducted.

(b) The DSU Improvement Program was implemented as directed by 1st Logistical Command. Within this program the following was accomplished:

Project Clean: To determine the validity of requirements and postings in both automated and manual supply and maintenance DSU's. The 25th S&T began the project on 17 Mar 69 and completed the project on 27 Apr 69. The following was accomplished:

Number of cards reviewed	3641
Number of errors corrected	581
Number of requisitions cancelled	192
Value of cancelled requisitions submitted	\$61,985.00
Number of new requisitions submitted	1,424
Value of new requisitions	\$1,827,654.48

Project Count: To improve the validity of storage locators and the balances reflected on stock record cards. The first phase is the accomplishment of an accurate location survey (95%) followed by 100% inventory with at least 90% accuracy between actual balances on hand and those reflected on stock record cards.

## Location Survey:

Number of storage locator cards at start of location survey: 2129

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Number of lines surveyed:	1959
Number of lines in agreement with storages location:	1940
Number of new lines identified and recorded:	257
Number of storage locator cards at completion of location survey:	N/A

Inventory status:

Not started, pending completion of location survey.

Project Rags: Reconciliation of requests/requisitions to assure each is valid and that materiel is continuous in nature. Each unit reconciles their requests each 30 days. The DSO receives a machine print out of valid dues-out from the depot. Reconciliation with depot is accomplished quarterly.

(c) Large excesses of Class I and II & IV were purged from the Dau Tieng forward support area. These totaled 212 ASL lines in the amount of \$96,166.00.

(d) During the past quarter, 461 excess line items were retrograded from Cu Chi, to depot stock. Total dollar value to these items was \$727,750.62.

(e) The training program for helicopter external lift continued with monthly classes sponsored by 25th S&T Battalion and 25th Aviation Battalion. Each class trained approximately 40 personnel.

(f) With personnel augmentation provided from the 383d Parachute Detachment, the S&T Battalion parachute rigger personnel conducted an on site inspection and inventory of each divisional units air deliver equipment. A survey of air delivery sling use indicated that slings used infrequently may retain several additional months of service life. Authority was granted for up to an additional six months service life if the sling has been properly maintained and is classified serviceable.

(8) PX Operations

(a) Dollar value sales: Cu Chi    Dau Tieng    Tay Ninh    Total

Feb	1,009,268	249,500	579,704	1,838,472
Mar	959,478	211,300	536,122	1,706,900
Apr	908,642	213,829	689,471	1,811,942
Total	<u>2,877,388</u>	<u>674,629</u>	<u>1,805,297</u>	<u>5,367,314</u>

(b) Beverage distribution (Cans of beer and soda)

Feb	1,672,000	561,000	1,486,000	3,719,000
Mar	1,427,000	476,000	1,259,000	3,162,000
Apr	3,012,000	1,507,000	3,012,000	7,531,000
Total	<u>6,111,000</u>	<u>2,544,000</u>	<u>5,757,000</u>	<u>14,412,000</u>

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(c) PX Contact Support: In addition to base camp post exchange service, contact PX service, to include sales of snacks, toilet and high demand items and barber service are provided on request to troops in the field.

n. 725th Maintenance Battalion.

(1) During the reporting period, the 725th Maintenance Battalion continued to provide direct support maintenance and repair parts support to the division in all its operations. Command emphasis was placed upon isolation of excesses and rewarehousing in preparation for the rainy season. Implementation of the DSU improvement program was accomplished with the following results as of the end of the reporting period:

(a) Project Clean: Completed.

15,387 cards reviewed.

7,089 corrections posted.

2,507 requisitions cancelled.

7,270 requisitions initiated.

205,615 dollars value of cancelled requisitions.

800,789 dollar value of requisitions initiated.

(b) Project Count: Location survey - Company E wavered as a result of 96% locator accuracy on spot checks. Remainder of tech supply survey 40% completed.

Inventory - E Company 20% completed, remainder of tech supply 5% complete.

(c) Project Strip: Have identified over 300 fringe items in the Company A tech supply yard.

(2) Two new items of equipment were fielded by the division during this period: The M551 Sheridan and XM706 Commando Car. In both cases the support push package failed to arrive in sufficient time to effect a smooth introduction of the item into the units.

(3) Operations: The following jobs were completed by this Battalion during the reporting period:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u> (As of 26th)	<u>TOTAL</u>
Wheel Vehicles	175	263	220	658
Track Vehicles	124	156	96	376

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Small Arms	673	1185	743	2601
Artillery	103	61	57	221
Engineer	23	37	26	886
Generators	120	207	137	464
Signal	1839	2378	2063	6280
Office Machines	155	115	96	366
Other	242	354	302	898
Aircraft	243	283	148	674
TOTALS	3697	5093	3888	12624

(a) An all-time low backlog figure of 243 was reached on 29 April 1969. This represents about 1½ days work.

(b) New turn-in procedures for unserviceable items were implemented by Ch #2 to the 725th Maintenance Battalion External SOP.

(c) During the period, required repair parts generally became more plentiful as evidenced by reduced backlog rates.

(d) Performance data during this period reflects the improvements made to the entire supply system. Demand accommodation continued at about the 80% level but demand satisfaction increased to 48%. This increase was accomplished in spite of the zero balance rate increasing from 30% to 50%. Requisition volume increased from about 15,000 to over 20,000 per month.

(e) A complete location survey was conducted by Company "A" Tech Supply. Over 5,000 excess fringe items were identified and shipping action was initiated.

(f) All externally stored supplies have been elevated for drainage and provisions made for overhead shelter in preparation for the rainy season.

(g) Automotive: Certain critical repair parts continue to be the primary cause of deadlining vehicles in the Division. These are:

¼ ton	Fuel Pumps	2910-678-1856
	Major assemblies such as engines, transfers, transmissions	
¾ ton	Water pump	2930-632-4048
	Engines	2805-649-8548
2½ ton	CV Boats	2530-741-0883
	Engines	2815-010-5169
	Crossmembers and the special hardened bolts.	
	Torque Rods	3110-100-1720
	Injector Pumps	2910-968-6317
5 ton	CV Boats	2530-832-7123
	Injector Pumps	2910-017-9778

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Torque Rods	2530-784-1722
10 ton Front axles	2520-902-5537
Pwr Steering Pump	2530-924-3075

(h) The deadline rate for generator sets has decreased considerably since the last reporting period. The biggest factor that has attributed to this is the increased emphasis being placed by units in performing their organizational maintenance responsibilities. In addition, a formal training program for all generator operators and supervisors has been initiated. Resupply of many critical generator repair parts continues at a very slow rate, however, the closed loop support program should more than compensate for this handicap.

(i) The inability to obtain many repair parts for construction and heavy lift equipment greatly handicaps the expedient repair and return to user of critically needed equipment. Critical repair parts that are in short supply for engineer equipment are listed below:

<u>NOUN</u>	<u>END ITEM</u>	<u>FSN</u>
Packing	Loader, scoop H90CM	5330-820-0761
Seal	" " "	2530-798-4690
Injection Pump	" " 645M	2910-111-2622
Fan Belt	" " H90CM	3030-920-6712
Power Steering	" " 645M	P/N 3050882-4
Lift, Left	" " "	3805-043-5343
Lift, Right	" " "	3805-010-0199
Oil Separator, filter	250CEM Compressor	4030-907-6932
Speed Control Valve	" "	2920-930-5755
Transmission	Forklift MLT-LCH	3010-999-4761
Pump, Fuel	" MHE199	3920-922-6559
Pump, Assembly	" "	2815-930-5694
Cam Follower	" "	3930-930-0615
Ignition Kit	3KW Gen Set	2920-575-3504
Coil	" " "	2920-342-3783
Ignition Repair Kit	" " "	2920-225-4841
Points	" " "	2920-575-3584
Gen Assy (AC)	1.5 KW Gen Set	6115-903-5395

(j) During the 90 day period concerned aircraft operational ready availability has remained at 78%. This was a drop of about 2% over the previous period with a maximum availability of 84% and minimum of 73% during the period. Three (3) areas of concern has caused fluxuation during the period. The tail rotor assembly on the OH6A has had numerous tip cap bonding separations. To date twenty-one (21) equipment improvement reports have been submitted, and answers received indicated a design engineering change in progress. No date is available as to when improved items will be in the supply system. The only solution at present is to replace the defective assembly.

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Aircraft lube oil, MIL-L-7808, has been in short supply. Due to the critical shortage an effort was made to change as many components as possible to the new improved MIL-L-23699 lube oil. There was considerable differences of opinion as to which components could be converted without damaging or contaminating the item. At present OH-6A's are using only MIL-L-23699. The UH1 type aircraft are using 23699 in the engines, however the gear boxes and main transmission have no authority at this time for conversion to the new type oil. Change over authorization is still pending outcome of message from USARV to AVCOM. The third area contributing to the fluctuation is availability. An aircraft which is a candidate for the 2200 hour Rebuild program may reach its turn-in point during the later part of the report period. When the aircraft is turned in all the operational hours are transferred with the aircraft, thus an aircraft which has had a high operational availability status for the period will not be reflected on the Monthly Army Aircraft Inventory Status, and Flying Time Report (DA 1352) for the unit during the month. The gaining organization is required to report the aircraft status for the month.

(k) Prior to the arrival of the first SHERIDAN near the end of January the project team came over to brief all personnel on the method of handling the push packages, deprocessing, crew and DSU training, etc. The original concept was to train the entire 3/4 Cav Sq and the DSU, break out and process all repair parts and then send the vehicles into combat. Eighteen Sheridans arrived at the end of January. B Troop was trained for one week and was deployed on 8 February 1969 when the ammunition arrived. At this time DSU training had not been started, the PLL and ASL had just arrived and had not been sorted or stored. The NETT Team was forced to do all maintenance as well as training, disrupting and delaying the interim training program by several weeks. The next Troop, A Troop, became operational one week later on about 14 February 1969. Vehicles started to come in for repair with leaking recoil seals. The remainder of the vehicles arrived on 15 February 1969 to make a total of 27 vehicles and 3 float vehicles. Six days later almost all of the vehicles were observed to have leaking recoil seals. An Allison representative later verified that the leaks had been caused by a manufactures defect in one of the brass rings. This sudden increase in the deadline rate further upset the training. Seals were not in country. A special shipment was made primarily through the efforts of LTC Barrowclough the head of the M551 project team. He acquired seals after a period of 10 days and the deadline rate was reduced. During the operation of the Sheridans, it was discovered that many more Turret Power Supplies were burning out than had been anticipated. The reason for this has still not been positively determined, however it is believed to be caused by keeping the Turret Power on at all times while on an operation. This is necessary because the firing circuit requires a 20 second warm-up time, a delay which can be fatal in combat. Some power supplies have come in. The last few requisitions were canceled without action because WECOM expects this theater to be able to rebuild these items. Approximately 60 repair parts and some highly sensitive electronic equipment is required to accomplish this although almost all the parts are available at organizational or DS level.

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Upon reaching 700 to 1000 miles, noticeable wear was encountered on the pulleys and fan belts. The fan tower and generator pulleys are aluminum. It is believed they are too soft to withstand the abrasive effect of the dust. Although attempts have been made to expedite the shipment of this part, to this date no results have been seen. In the current engine failure problem, five engines have been burned out due to poor filters. Improper cleaning of the filter by pounding it against the hull has dented the filter allowing dirt to pass around the filter and into the engine. The proper method of cleaning requires a high pressure air hose. As this is not available, the units have been cleaning the filters by holding them in front of the gun tube and using the scavenger system to blow out the dust. In all cases and on all problems we have contacted all persons involved with the M551 project, requesting assistance. The problems have been discussed with Major Wilkerson of 1st Logistical Command, Captain Burndt, Project Control Officer and through Division G4 to USARV G4. Assistance was rendered by technical representatives from the various commands and the manufacturer involved with each problem. Each of these various departments have been going through channels in an attempt to solve the problems and acquire repair parts. At present the parts needed are enroute to RVN. However, the present problem is magnified as the units have been changing parts from deadlined vehicles to keep others running in the field, so that actually each of the 16 vehicles presently deadlined will need an airfilter, pulleys and belts, and a power supply.

(1) The density of AN/PFS-5 radars has increased to sixteen (16). The overall support for this radar set has improved but there still exists some problem areas. Many repairmen are not school trained. Repair parts supply is inadequate because of the non-availability of certain parts. Many parts are obtained through Company E Technical Representative in Long Binh. The 147th LEM Company also supplies repair parts and repair and return programs provide some parts. In that maintenance at the direct support level is hampered due to the lack of repair parts and school trained personnel, radars have been evacuated to a higher maintenance level thus causing further delay in returning the radar to an operable status.

## 2. Section 2, Lessons Learned: Commanders' Observations, Evaluations, and Recommendations.

### a. Personnel

(1) Authorized grade of Graves Registration Section Sergeant.

(a) OBSERVATION: The current MTO&E 10-7G of Co A Supply and Service authorized an E-6 (NCO) as Graves Registration Section Sergeant. Graves Registration sections organized under MTO&E 10-7H such as the 1st Air Cavalry Division, are authorized a grade of E-7 (NCO).

(b) EVALUATION: Due to the critical and sensitive nature of Graves Registration activities and degree of technical knowledge necessary, the responsibilities of Graves Registration Section Sergeant require an authorized grade of E-7 (NCO).

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(c) RECOMMENDATION: That the grade level of the Graves Registration Section Sergeant be upgraded to E-7 (NCO).

(2) Aviation Maintenance MTO&E Action.

(a) OBSERVATION: Numerous MOS deficiencies exist in the Shop Supervisor MOS 67240. In addition a few minor changes were required to align present MOS authorization with those required to support aircraft currently assigned to the 25th Infantry Division.

(b) EVALUATION: A request has been submitted to update the present TO&E 55-89G as changed by MTO&E USARPAC 55-089G to reflect the last changes in AR 611-201. Requested changes will not alter the present grade or strength authorization.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: Action be taken through command channels on the recommendation made by the 725th Maintenance Battalion.

b. Operations - None.

c. Training - None.

d. Intelligence - None.

e. Logistics

(1) Zero Balance ASL Items.

(a) OBSERVATION: The Division Supply Office currently has 1422 ASL items at zero balance.

(b) The zero balance problem is acute on high demand items such as: Stencils, plastic eating utensils, correction fluid, insecticide, and 2 OZ. bottles of insect repellent, etc. These expendable items are requested in bulk quantities for stockage on a 12 priority. This low priority does not provide for sufficient speed in the receipt of these items to allow proper service to customers.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That depot procedures be revised to provide prompt service on high demand items.

(2) Aircraft Lube Oil (MIL-L-7808)

(a) OBSERVATION: Aircraft Lube Oil (MIL-L-7808) is in short supply within the theater.

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(b) EVALUATION: A maintenance and supply directive received during the period encouraged the use of MIL-L-23699 in all aircraft where applicable. The change over was accomplished for all aircraft except the CH-47 and OH-6A engines, MIL-L-7808 oil remained critical. The resultant effect was the generation of a maintenance problem (which oil where and when) as well as a supply problem (required stockage of two oils in place of one) all because one oil became short.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That revised theater stockage objective be established and present demands met, if the aircraft for which it is required are to continue operations.

(3) Intra Theater Depot Support

(a) OBSERVATION. With the non-availability of some items at the Long Binh Depot it has recently become necessary to send personnel to depots at Da Nang, Quin Nhon and Cam Ranh Bay to pick up required items. On 10, 11, and 12 April 1969, personnel were sent to all of the above depots to pick up air delivery equipment and 50 cal machine guns. On 28 and 29 April 1969 personnel were sent to Cam Ranh Bay to pick up stencils, ink, corrective fluid, insecticide, AN/GRC 106 radios and typewriters.

(b) EVALUATION: These trips cause a loss of time and manpower. This situation has been created by the failure of the ICC to direct depots other than Long Binh to ship items to 25th Infantry Division. In those cases where the ICC has directed shipment from Quin Nhon, the requests were sent back annotated "canceled not authorized customer."

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That the ICC implement a system that will allow shipments from depots other than primary supporting depot.

(4) Ammunition Storage on RASP Trailers.

(a) OBSERVATION: During the last half of February and the month of March, the ASP kept trailers loaded with various types of ammunitions on hand in preparation of the TET Offensive.

(b) EVALUATION: The rolling ammunition supply point (RASP) trailers were utilized to hold and issue the ammunition and therefore reduced the requirements for combat essential missions when the Division was undergoing heavy contact.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: When heavy ammunition requirements are foreseen, continue the RASP program.

f. Organization: - None.

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