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SUBJECT: Operational Report and Lessons Learned of 25th Infantry Division Support Command for Period Ending 31 October 1969
 (RCS GEFOR-65) (R1)

Commanding General
 25th Infantry Division
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1. Section I. Operations: Significant Activities.

a. The organization of the 25th Infantry Division Support Command during this reporting period was as follows:

- (1) Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Band, 25th Infantry Division Support Command.
- (2) 25th Administration Company.
- (3) 725th Maintenance Battalion.
- (4) 25th Supply and Transport Battalion.
- (a) 390th Quartermaster Detachment (Petroleum), Attached to the 25th Supply and Transport Battalion.
- (b) 341st Aviation Detachment (Division), 165th Aviation Group, Attached to 25th S.T. Bn.
- (5) 25th Medical Battalion.
- (a) 159th Medical Detachment (Air Ambulance), Attached to the 25th Medical Battalion.
- (b) 20th Medical Detachment (Preventive Medicine), Attached to the 25th Medical Battalion.

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(c) 40th Medical Detachment (Dental). Attached to the 25th Medical Battalion.

(d) Battle Damage Assessment and Reporting Team. Attached to the 25th Medical Battalion.

(6) Detachment 1, 25th Inf Div (Provisional), 25th AF Section.

E. Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division Support Command.

(1) The 25th Infantry Division Support Command and attached units participated in Operation TOAN THANG, Phase III. Support was provided from facilities located at Cu Chi, Tay Ninh and Duc Hoa. Additionally, support was provided to Navy units located at Go Dau Ha.

(2) During the reporting period the Division Logistical Operations Center (DLOC) was formed. The DLOC consists of the Support Command S2/3 Section and the Division Transportation Office. The DLOC provides the Support Command with a central point for the coordination of all tactical and logistical information needed to furnish the best possible logistical support to the Division. The nucleus of the DLOC is the Movement Control Center which provides a central point for all modes of logistical resupply, including logistical helicopters.

(3) To support the additional mission of rear area damage control a damage control plan was published by this headquarters which coordinated the activities of damage control for all units in Cu Chi Base Camp. In the event of a natural, man made disaster, or enemy attack the DLOC establishes a Damage Control Operations Center (DCOC). This provides a central point for damage reporting and allows rapid assessment and the establishment of priorities.

(4) The Support Command is presently publishing a Cu Chi Memorandum to establish guidelines for the internal physical security of the base camp.

(5) The Support Command continued conducting monthly logistical conferences. The October conference initiated "The New Look", in the Support Command Conference, whereby a topic of general interest is presented by one of the Division Support Command units. "The New Look" was very well received.

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c. Installation Coordinator, 25th Infantry Division Support Command.

(1) The Commanding Officer, Support Command is the G1 Chi Installation Coordinator.

(2) Areas of command emphasis for this period have been:

- (a) Continued work on drainage.
- (b) Central power plant and distribution system.
- (c) Perimeter defense projects.
- (d) Construction of troop welfare and morale facilities.
- (e) Improvement of area police.
- (f) Asphalt paving of base camp roads.
- (g) Improvement of sanitary field conditions.
- (h) Upgrading aircraft maintenance facilities.

(3) Major projects undertaken or continued are as follows:

- (a) Construction of fire station.
- (b) Improvement of perimeter defense.
 - 1. Continuation of perimeter berm.
 - 2. Continuation of perimeter fence.
 - 3. Initiation of perimeter lighting.
 - 4. Initiation of base camp defoliation and land clearing.
 - 5. Improvement of perimeter bunkers.
- (c) Rehabilitation of existing building for use as a MARS station.
- (d) Repair of maintenance ramps for 3d Squadron, 4th Cav and 725th Maint Bn.

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- (e) Electrical upgrade of facilities.
- (f) Rehabilitation of sumps.
- (4) The following major projects were completed during periods:
 - (a) Construction of Division Stand Down Area.
 - (b) Construction and upgrading of existing facilities for a Division Sniper School.
 - (c) Construction of four (4) BOC and two (2) BEQ for 25th Admin Co and HHC, 25th Infantry Division.
 - (d) Construction of an operations building for 372d RRU.
 - (e) Repair of 12th Evac and 25th Medical Battalion helicopter pads.
 - (f) Drainage of Warrior Pad, 25th Infantry Division heliport.
 - (g) Improvement to Lightning Bowl area.
 - (h) Opening of a sanitary fill outside of Laterite Gate.
 - (i) Construction of five (5) Chinook (CH-47) revetments.
 - (j) Construction of helicopter revetments for HQ, 3d Bde.
 - (k) Construction of revetted helicopter parking facilities for 725th Maintenance Battalion.
 - (l) Power plant and electrical distribution facilities within the scope of the project.
 - (m) Increased storage capacity at MSP 2.
 - (n) Hauling of sand and gravel with organic transportation for the base camp paving project.
- d. Division Transportation Office:

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(1) The Division Transportation Section continued to coordinate the requirements for U.S. Air Force Airlift for unit movement and resupply in support of Division operations. Special airlift data concerning USAF support is as follows:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CARGO (Tons)</u>	<u>TROOPS</u>
August	214	12,686
September	278	14,779
October	174	14,202

(2) The Division Transportation Section continues to supervise operations of hold baggage facilities at Cu Chi and Tay Ninh for the convenience of personnel located within the Division TAOL. These baggage facilities are capable of receiving baggage of rotating personnel, processing and delivering baggage to Headquarters Area Command Baggage Section, Tan Son Nhut. The baggage sections also process baggage of newly arrived personnel. Data concerning the Division baggage sections is as follows:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>PERSONNEL PROVIDED SERVICE</u>	<u>PIECES</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
August	878	1213	108,700
September	516	782	74,270
October	522	779	69,665

(3) The Division Transportation Office has assumed the mission of controlling all CH-47 & CH-54 type aircraft operating in support of the Division. This system allows the supported unit a single point of contact for all surface and air logistical requirements as well as improve the efficiency of the CH-47/54 operations. This mission entails receiving and screening Division requirements, intergrating modes, scheduling allotted aircraft, and monitoring the entire program. CH-47 aircraft are allocated to the Division on an aircraft basis with 6 blade hours per aircraft being the daily criteria. CH-54 aircraft are allocated on a mission basis only. The following is a breakdown of CH-47 support rendered to the Division since 1 September:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>ALLOCATED HOURS</u>		<u>HOURS FLOWN</u>		<u>SORTIES</u>		<u>AV. TONS</u>
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>PER HR</u>
September	744	24	765	25:15	1487	49	7.8
October	717	23.1	730	23:30	1744	56	8.76

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(4) The Division Transportation Section continues to coordinate and schedule the operation of resupply convoys within the Division TAOI. During the past quarter 726 convoys have been operated in support of base camps located at Cu Chi, Tay Ninh, and Dau Tieng with a total volume of 15,115 Vehicles. The operation of resupply convoys includes establishing schedules, receiving requirements and coordinating security forces and traffic control. All convoys operating on the Division MSR, either tactical, or logistical, are required to obtain clearances from the Division Transportation Officer. Highway continues to be the primary mode of transportation for this resupply of the Division Base Camps. Following is a breakdown of regular resupply convoys operated in the Division area:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>No. OF CONVOYS</u>	<u>No. OF VEHICLES</u>
(a) <u>Cu Chi to Tay Ninh:</u>		
August	62	622
September	60	601
October	<u>62</u>	<u>467</u>
Total:	184	1,690

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>No. OF CONVOYS</u>	<u>No. OF VEHICLES</u>
(b) <u>Cu Chi/Lai Khe/Di An/ to Dau Tieng:</u>		
August	62	474
September	60	286
October	<u>62</u>	<u>267</u>
Total:	184	827

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>No. OF CONVOYS</u>	<u>No. OF VEHICLES</u>
(c) <u>Long Binh to Tay Ninh:</u>		
August	62	3,291
September	60	2,800
October	<u>62</u>	<u>2,875</u>
Total:	184	8,966

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>No. OF CONVOYS</u>	<u>No. OF VEHICLES</u>
(d) <u>Long Binh to Dau Tieng:</u>		
August	62	1,076
September	60	1,219
October	<u>62</u>	<u>1,275</u>
Total:	184	3,570

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(e) Cu Chi to Duc Hoa:

August	11	76
September	13	112
October	<u>14</u>	<u>107</u>
Total:	38	295

e. Division Ammunition Office.

(1) In July the Division Available Supply Rate (ASR) of 2.75" rockets was drastically reduced. In order to assure that rockets were not fired indiscriminately, the DAO initiated a daily ASR and issue control procedure. G-3 was kept informed of the rockets used, and in order for rockets to be fired in excess of the daily ASR, G-3 had to give permission based upon its estimate of the necessity of the mission. In this manner the Division ASR of 2.75" rockets was not exceeded, but operations were not hampered.

(2) In June an accident causing multiple fatalities occurred at a field location because ammunition was being handled carelessly. As a result the Division Ammunition Officer visited all fire support bases, patrol bases, and other field locations for the primary purpose of inspecting the safety of ammunition storage and handling practices. These visits are continuing on a periodic basis.

f. Support Command S-4:

Support Command continues to monitor the status of certain Division logistics activities. The S-4 of Support Command processed the following reports during this quarter:

(1) Weekly Equipment Status Report.

Each divisional unit reports the status of major equipment in their unit. Weekly material readiness profiles are obtained from this report.

(2) Command Deadline Report.

DISCOM Units provide data in this report for command maintenance management by higher headquarters.

(3) Commanders Critical Item Lists.

DISCOM and other selected divisional unit commanders report, through DISCOM, shortages of equipment that hamper the accomplishment of the unit mission. Lists are consolidated by Division G4 and reported to the 1st Logistical Command which places issue priority on the items reported.

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(4) M16 Malfunction Report.

Submitted by DISCOM units, this report is consolidated and forwarded to Division G-4. It reports all malfunctions and quantity of rounds expended during the month.

(5) Material Readiness Selected Items.

All division units having these items provide in-put to DISCOM for consolidation. The report is key punched, machine printed, and edited prior to submission. Copies are provided to Division G-4, USAFV G-4 and Lexington Blue Grass Army Depot.

(6) ASL Monthly Status Report.

This feeder report to Division G-4, provided by 725th Maintenance Battalion, shows the monthly status of the Authorized Stockage Lists in Headquarters and "A" Company and "E" Company.

(7) Rifle/Distribution Exchange.

Feeder reports from all units assigned or attached to the Division are consolidated and forwarded to Division G-4. The report was initiated in March 1968 to properly manage the exchange of black chambered for chrome chambered rifles.

(8) Combat Vehicle Mileage Report.

Reports from all divisional units with combat vehicles are consolidated and forwarded to Division G-4. This report identifies over-mileage combat vehicles and provides management information for an effective exchange and rebuild program.

(9) Repair Parts Status Report.

All divisional unit reports are consolidated and reported to Division G-4. The report is used to identify repair parts problems within the Division. Profile points for the Commanding General's Logistics Readiness Award are also computed from the report.

(10) Equipment Density Lists.

All DISCOM units report authorized and on hand balances of major items of equipment (as identified in Appendix V, TM 38-750). Division uses this information for allocation of equipment to units and to verify data received from other sources.

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(11) Logistics Readiness Award.

Finalists for this award are selected from divisional units based on the units logistics readiness profile for the preceding month. The winners are determined by a maintenance management inspection conducted by the Division CIMM Team.

(12) Quarterly Material Readiness Report.

Reports are received from all Division units and consolidated by DISCOM S-4. This is a worldwide report that shows status of all equipment listed in Appendix III, TM 38-750. The report is key punched and machine printed, with copies being furnished Division G-4, USARV G-4 and Lexington Blue Cross Army Depot.

(13) Project Count.

The goal of this project is to insure at least 95% accuracy between actual location of material and the location reflected on stockage locator cards and at least 90% accuracy between actual quantities on hand and balance shown on stock accounting records. This report is obtained from 25th S&T Bn and 725th Maint Bn, consolidated and forwarded to Division G-4 for submission to USARV.

(14) Disposition of Excess Material.

This information is provided by the Division Supply Office and Division Material Office and forwarded to Division G-4 and used to collect, identify, classify and immediately evacuate all excess equipment, supplies, and ammunition.

(15) Classes of Supply Report.

This report, which consolidates division consumption of Class I through Class V supplies, is forwarded to Division G-4. The report is received from 25th S&T Bn, 725th Maint. Bn and the Division Ammunition Office.

g. Civil Affairs Office:

(1) The Civic Action and Medical Civic Action (MEDCAP) Program continued to receive support as follows:

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(a) MEDCAPS	165
(b) Patients treated	19,961
(c) Band Concerts	6
(d) Food Distribution	6,570
(e) Lumber Distribution	8,200 ft
(f) Health Kits	1,260
(g) School Kits	1,200
(h) Clothing	3,000 lbs
(i) Cement	9,720 lbs
(j) Tin Roofing Sheets	130
(k) Paint	52 gallons
(l) Soap	3,660
(m) Bricks	5,425
(n) Money Spent for C/A	938,580 \$V!!

(2) Several civic action projects were initiated, continued, and/or completed. The major projects which received support are listed below:

(a) Village offices were repaired.

(b) Two plague outbreaks were stopped. The first with DISCOM assistance and the second was handled entirely by Vietnamese.

(3) PSYOPS activities received increased emphasis and the following was accomplished.

(a) Leaflet drops	200
(b) Off-Post speaker missions	1,415
(c) Main gate radio broadcasts	240
(d) Special 6th PSYOPS Battalion broadcasts	10

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(e) Distribution of PSYOPS items (GVN T-Shirts, balls, caps, school kits, etc). 2,500

(4) Three (3) Kit Carson Scouts were assigned to this section to pass the Chieu Hoi message, gather intelligence and provide additional security for the MEDCAPS.

h. 25th Infantry Division Band.

(1) The 25th Infantry Division Band performed the following commitments during this period:

Categories and Totals.

Award Ceremonies	18
Change of Command Ceremonies	11
Misc. Ceremonies	21
Serenades	50
Service Club Concerts	10
Formal Retreats (Full Band)	24
Bugler Commitments	105
Miscellaneous Concerts	7
Fire Support Base Concerts	10
Solo Concerts	10
Hospital Concerts	4
Ensemble Concerts (Small Groups)	8
Mess Hall Concerts (Combo)	6
Traveling Serenades (A and B Bands)	5
Television Appearances	5
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	304

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(2) The two-band (A and B) concept of touring the base camps has continued and is proving to be very popular. It was learned that coupled with the mess hall concert a greater coverage of the base camp could be obtained. To date there has been 5 (five) videotapes made for the "Interlude" series on AFVN Saigon and more are in the planning stage. At this point the groups which have performed include; "The New Yorkers (accordion trio), the 25th Infantry Division Band Chorus, the "Tropic Lightning" Dance Band, the "Cu Chi Mountain Boys" (Hillbilly Group), and a "rock" combo recently formed. During this period the band appeared at Cam Ranh Bay, in Saigon at CMAC and II Field Force HQ, and made several journeys to Tan An and Rach Kien in support of the 3d Brigade, 9th Infantry Division. The Tropic Lightning News recently did a full page article with pictures depicting the activities of the Division Band.

(3) Band capabilities continue to expand with a recent influx of talented bandmen. A new "rock" music combo has been formed and will be utilized to entertain troops at fire support bases as well as Division base camp areas. A full band concert is being scheduled at the Vietnamese-American Association "University Day" celebration at Saigon on November 16th. Many of the NCOs and lower ranking EM are now capable of directing the band and thus supervising various musical functions. Operational capabilities of the 25th Infantry Division Band at present are:

- (a) A 48 piece concert band
 - (b) A 48 piece marching band
 - (c) A 25 voice chorus
 - (d) A 17 piece dance orchestra
 - (e) Two 15 piece touring bands
 - (f) A Dixieland Band
 - (g) Two combos
 - (h) Various Instrumental Soloists
 - i. 25th Infantry Division CMI Team.
- (1) During this quarter the CMI Team conducted the following inspections:
- (a) 29 CMI/AGI.

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- (b) 17 Courtesy.
- (c) 23 Roadside Spot Check (536 total vehicles inspected).
- (d) 4 Generator Spot Check (52 total generators inspected).
- (e) 2 Command Interest.

(2) A staff study was initiated this quarter to determine an appropriate command level for the assignment of the CIMI Team. At this time the CIMI Team is responsible to both CO, DISCOM and Division G-4. Lines of responsibility need to be more clearly defined to eliminate the possibilities of confusion and duplication of effort. The Team composition was also discussed with emphasis on organization as prescribed by AR 750-8.

j. Support Command Chaplain.

(1) In the month of August Chaplain Thomas McAndrew joined DISCOM. He has been assigned to DISCOM Forward at Tay Ninh to assist in proper provisions of denominational coverage on an area basis.

(2) During the quarter the DISCOM Chaplain Section had 108 religious services with 2774 attending. The section had 228 counselling cases. The section had 122 hospital visits. Monday night songfests were held for the benefit of the 12th Evacuation Hospital patients.

(3) Chapel facilities at Support Command Headquarters were improved inside and outside during the quarter. The chapel was painted inside as well as outside. New fluorescent lights and a electric organ were installed. The flower garden around the chapel entrance was completed.

k. 341st Aviation Detachment (Division):

(1) The 341st Aviation Detachment (DIV) has operational control of Cu Chi Army Airfield.

(a) Traffic count for the Control Tower, Cu Chi Army Airfield, for the last quarter, August - October, was as follows:

Rotary wing	156,276
Fixed wing	<u>7,394</u>
Total	163,670

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(b) Traffic count for the Ground Control Approach for the last quarter, August - October, was as follows:

August	286
September	203
October	<u>137</u>
Total	626

(c) The installation of guide wires on the Control Tower has reduced sway due to winds and greatly increased the stability of this structure. therefore, a potential safety hazard to all controller personnel has been reduced.

(d) A request has been submitted for the construction of three (3) concrete pads for the R/T group, generator and van of the Ground Controlled Approach Unit (GCA). This will enlarge the facility, eliminate the drainage problems and greatly increase working conditions for GCA maintenance personnel.

(2) The 341st Aviation Detachment (DIV) has operational control of the 25th Inf Div FOL Facility for aircraft.

(a) Fuel dispensed since August 1 totals 34,743 gallons for AvGas and 2,651,000 gallons for JP4.

(b) On 6 Sep 69 the FOL pump house burned down. On the morning of the 7th the FOL Facility was again operational, using two (2) 350 GPM pumps.

(c) Fire fighting and prevention classes have been intensified and the FOL area refurbished with the renovation of berms, cleaning out of the ditch surrounding the refuel point and the addition of new fire extinguishers.

(3) The 341st Aviation Detachment (DIV) has operational control of the 25th Inf Div Rearmanent Facility for aircraft.

(a) The following amounts of ammunition have been issued during the last three months:

Army rockets	8,112
Air Force rockets	8,563

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7.62mm rounds	3,630,985
40 mm rounds	54,450
Smoke grenades	11,458
Aircraft flares	4,074

(b) A 5KW generator has been installed. This supplies power for running lights for helipads and barricades at Re-arm and a landing pad at the POL Facility.

(c) Separate barricaded bins have been installed for unserviceable ammunition.

(d) Barricades within the "ready ammunition area" have been constructed to separate rockets by type.

1. 25th Administration Company:

(1) At the present time, the total strength for the Administration Company is 574 Enlisted personnel, 49 Commissioned Officers and 9 Warrant Officers.

(2) The 25th Administration Company has people stationed at Cu Chi, Tay Ninh, Cam Ranh Bay, Long Binh, Saigon, Camp Alpha and Tokyo, Japan.

(3) All officers have been relocated in the 4 new BOQ's under the control of the Headquarters Commandant.

(4) In an effort to improve sanitation in the messing area, the standing water in the holes were drained and asphalt was used to patch the holes. New walks have been constructed and many more are in a state of construction. These walks are being constructed out of salvage lumber.

(5) The ammunition storage facility is 90% completed and the rehabilitation of assigned bunkers has improved protective facilities on the bunker line.

(6) The new motor pool is presently being upgraded. This will provide a larger maintenance area and a better area to secure the vehicles during the hours of darkness.

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(7) At the present time, the 25th Administration Company is continuing to perform its mission with strong emphasis being placed on maintenance.

m. 25th Medical Battalion:

(1) Throughout the report period the 25th Medical Battalion continued to provide Division level medical service to the 25th Infantry Division. HQ & Co A, B Company and C Company continue to staff the 60 bed Arthur E. Lowie Dispensary at Cu Chi Base Camp. D Company continued to support Tay Ninh Base Camp with 50 beds.

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

(a) Medical Totals:

1	Patients seen	12,519
a	Disease	11,038
b	Non-battle injuries	1,048
c	IRHA	436
2	Lab tests	8,235
3	Immunizations	4,715
4	Prescriptions filled	12,325
5	X-Ray	5,055

(b) Supply and Services:

1	Line items issued	5,372
2	Medcap line items issued	1,069
3	Maintenance work orders received	115

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A	Work orders completed	109
B	Work orders awaiting parts	6
A	Goggles ordered (Pairs)	3180
5	Bulk pharmacy items issued	5

(c) Dental support, provided by the 40th Medical Detachment was as follows:

1	Total treatments	14,660
2	Oral actions	1,041

(d) Preventive dentistry:

1	Instruction in oral hygiene	4389
2	Prophylaxis of dental hygiene	1704
3	Cavity prevention treatments	3163
4	Group lectures	67
5	Persons attending lectures	3495
6	Self-applied prophylaxis treatment	1495

(e) The 159th Medical Detachment (HA), attached to the 25th Medical Battalion provided evacuation to divisional and non-divisional units:

1	Total patients	2467
2	Total missions	1370
3	Nationality of patients:	
a	U.S.	1031
b	ARVN	712

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a	VN Civilians	663
d	VC/NVA	61
4	Medical resupply for blood	10 hrs
5	Flying time	1246 hrs
6	Average aviator time	114 hrs
7	Aircraft availability	78%
8	Flyable	78%
9	In maintenance	22%

n. 25th Supply and Transport Battalion:

(1) Significant improvements are being made in the Battalion Mess Hall to include the installation of propane gas-operated equipment. In addition, measured steps have been taken to improve the living conditions and beautification within the Headquarters Company Area.

(2) Class I:

(a) Light poles have been installed within the yard to provide additional security and operations during the hours of darkness.

(b) Installation of a chain link fence has been initiated for security and to enhance the overall appearance of the Class I Yard.

(c) Asphalt is currently being laid for increased sanitation and improvement of operation.

(3) Class II & IV:

(a) Shelving and storage bins have been constructed within two warehouses.

(b) Rearrangement of the outside storage area coupled with elimination of many conex containers has improved the operation and enhanced the appearance of the Class II & IV Yard.

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(c) Spotlights and emplacement of a chain link fence provide increased safety and security.

(d) The new Class IV Yard has been cleared and made ready for additional upgrading the dry season.

(4) Class III.

(a) The gate-house at the entrance of the Class III Yard has been enlarged and is manned during daylight hours to better scrutinize patrons and vehicles.

(b) The POL Test Lab was enclosed in order to keep dust to a minimum during tests.

(c) Hose racks have been constructed to keep hoses serviceable and in an orderly fashion. More shelves are under construction to store valves and bladder repair kits, and the package shed roof has been refinished with tin.

(d) A fire exit at the rear of the yard is presently being completed with the hanging of an access gate.

(5) Graves Registration:

(a) Waterproofing was completed on the conex storage area.

(b) Filling and grading of the road in front of the GI building has been completed.

(6) During the reporting period, Company B has hauled 12,637 tons of cargo in support of the 25th Infantry Division, and in addition has delivered 7,492,663 gallons of water to customers on Cu Chi Base Camp. A total of 23,297 troops have been transported to various locations within the Republic of Vietnam.

(7) On 19 October 1969, the 25th Supply and Transport Battalion had an award ceremony for the purpose of presenting a Meritorious Unit Citation to the Battalion for the period 1 September 1967 to 29 February 1968. Major General Hollis, the 25th Infantry Division Commander, was the reviewing officer.

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(8) Additional personnel, one from Company A and one from Company B, have been added to the S-4 section to act as liaison between their respective units and the supply system.

(9) Commencing 15 September 1969, for a period of 30 days, A Company in coordination with the 390th Quartermaster Detachment conducted a training program for (6) six ARVN noncommissioned officers at the Duc Hoa rear/refuel point. The training consisted primarily of OJT, allowing the NCOs to work in each phase of the operation with maximum emphasis of the handling of JP-4 fuel. The program was designed to assist ARVN personnel in the operation of their own rear/refuel points.

(10) During the reporting period, the S2/3 received additional responsibilities as Battalion S-5. The 25th S/T Bn, in cooperation with the 25th Medical Battalion, provide medical and dental aid at 13 locations within the Division Area of Operations. Since 20 September 1969, this unit has participated in the 14 S-5 missions, treated a total of 2511 personnel. On one mission, 2 Hoi Chan were received and returned to authorities for interrogation. The S-5 program has become extremely popular among the enlisted personnel within the Battalion who are required to provide security for the medical team.

(11) Extensive improvements have been initiated at the Duc Hoa Rear/Refuel point. Ammunition storage bunkers have been completely reinventoried to provide an accurate record of ammunition by type so as to insure more accurate information for usage and supply questions. Tarpaulins have been placed on top of each bunker and above entrances to prevent water from affecting the ammunition. Additionally, the landing pads located near the bunkers have been painted to make their location more easily identified. Work has been initiated to provide each POL berm with a drainage system to permit the removal of water and/or POL from the berm and facilitate the repair or replacement of damaged bladders.

(12) A total of 5966 air delivery sorties were flown in the Division during the reporting period with no malfunctions. The month of October marks the fifth consecutive month without any malfunctions and is attributable to the extensive inspection and training rendered by this battalion.

(13) Class II, IV and VII Activities

(a) Deletions to ASL during quarter:	648
(b) Total lines on ASL:	1,617

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(c) ASL Status:	Aug	Sep	Oct
1 ASL Lines stocked	1301	1142	1617
2 ASL lines zero balance	688	728	643
3 Zero bal w/line-out	660	687	484
4 Total requests received	7644	8203	7947
5 Total ASL requests received	5313	6038	6044
6 Total ASL requests filled	3424	3016	4007
7 Total requests Priority 01-08	819	625	501
8 Total requests 01-08 filled	111	87	59
9 Total warehouse refusals	35	0	15
10 Units supported	68	68	69
11 Percent demand satisfaction	69.5	73.6	76.1
12 Percent demand accommodation	64.4	63.2	66.3

(14) PK ACTIVITIES

(c) Sales	Aug	Sep	Oct
1 Value of sales	\$1,243,262	\$1,665,984	\$1,755,400
2 Total sales for the quarter:	\$4,664,726		
3 Beverage received pallets	BEV: 2,323	SOV: 3,746	
4 Total of:	11,652,400 cans		

(15) Services:

(a) Graves Registration:

1 US Military processed:	81
2 US Civilians processed:	0

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- 3 Enemy Processed: 10
- 4 Vietnamese Processed: 74
- 5 Total: 165

(b) Salvage Operations.

- 1 Number of Tons received: 2032
- 2 Number of Tons shipped: 2032

c. 725th Maintenance Battalion

(1) The 725th Maintenance Battalion continued to provide direct support maintenance and supply support for units assigned and/or attached to the division. During the month of September the Battalion recorded a new average low backlog of 215 pieces of equipment in support maintenance (DS, GS) and on 25 September 1969 the backlog was reduced to 162 which was both the low point for September and 1969. This backlog represents only .5% of the 30,000 pieces of equipment supported. Other recurring programs to improve operations and support are listed below.

(a) Project count-location survey.

- 1 Total number of lines surveyed 10,797.
- 2 Total number of lines in agreement with storage location: 9,678.
- 3 Percent accuracy: 90%

(b) Project count-inventory status.

- 1 Total number of lines inventoried: 8621.
- 2 Total number of lines in agreement with storage locations: 7816.
- 3 Percent accuracy: 91%

(c) The technical supply personnel identified and retrograded 2,484 lines of serviceable repair parts at a dollar value of \$257,351.43. "Project Strip" is a continuing effort to purge the supply system of excess items. Units have been encouraged to turn in items which are no longer required, to their supporting DSU for cross-leveling or retrograde.

(d) The following represent production figures for commodities listed below:

	AUG	SEP	OCT	TOTAL
Shceded	282	289	290	861

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	AUG	SEP	OCT	TOTAL
Truck & Tanks	132	147	122	401
Small arms	589	640	656	1885
Artillery	62	104	153	319
Engineer	29	28	27	84
Generators	105	122	107	334
Signal	2077	2096	1921	6094
Office machines	93	113	109	315
Aircraft	316	224	245	805
Other	250	259	313	822
Total	3935	4042	3821	11798

(c) Listed below are items which accounted for an appreciable percentage of the Division's deadlined equipment. It should be noted that the 4 ton and 3/4 ton vehicles continue to present a significant problem in comparison with other type vehicles. This attributed to the chronic problem of obtaining repair parts for these vehicles:

1/4 T	Transmission	2520-678-1808
1/4 T	Clutch Kit	2520-887-1353
1/4 T	Fuel Pump	2910-678-1856
3/4 T	Transmission	2520-975-7081
3/4 T	Steering Gear	2530-737-5403
3/4 T	Clutch Plate	2520-040-1897
3/4 T	Clutch Disk	2520-293-5145
3/4 T	Throwout Bearing	3110-157-3725
2 1/2 T	Wheel Cylinder	2530-495-8784
2 1/2 T	Clutch Plate	2520-832-7335
2 1/2 T	Injection Pump	2910-968-6317
5 T	Throwout Bearing	3110-186-573

(2) The 725th Maintenance Battalion retrograded a record high of 287 major end items of equipment to the unserviceable property division. Expeditions evacuation of unserviceable repairable equipment has enable the Division to obtain new or rebuilt replacement equipment. Presently the Division equipment is relatively new and comparatively well maintained as characterized by the favorable posture of the Division in both the command deadline report and the material readiness report.

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(3) Percentage of aircraft operational readiness (OR) during the reporting period is 86% as compared to the previous reporting period which was 79.8%. The increase is primarily attributed to two factors: The problem of tail rotor failure cited in the previous report has been virtually solved by a modification and the fact that new aircraft are already modified before being issued to the Division. A decrease in the percentage of operational ready aircraft is expected as new OH-6 aircraft reach the initial 300 hour periodic inspection. There is a significant number of aircraft in this category.

(4) Five PPS-5 radars assigned to units of the Division were retrograded and exchanged for the new modified PPS-5 radars. This is the first step to exchange the entire complement (to include float) within the next 6 months. The 725th Maintenance Battalion received two PPS-5 radars (floats) from the 9th Division on 30 July 1969. These floats have enabled the Division to better support the assigned radars and has virtually eliminated the decline of PPS-5 radars.

(5) The 725th Maintenance Battalion enlisted personnel strength began to decrease at the beginning of the period from 819 on 1 July 1969 to 734 on 9 September 1969. Replacement personnel then began to fill vacancies and the strength rose to 779 at the end of September. 100% strength is 806. Shortages of senior enlisted personnel and specific military occupational specialties continue to hinder operating and if continued could possibly hinder mission performance. Critical shortages are shown below:

<u>MOS</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SHORTAGE</u>
26C30	E-5	2
63A10	MFC	30
63E20	SF4	14
64E20	SF4	14
67Z40	E-6	12
67E50	E-7	1
71E20	SF4	2
71E30	SF4	6
71E20	SF4	8
76A10	MFC	30
76S40	E-6	3
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2. Section 2: Lessons Learned, Commander's Observation, Evaluation, and Recommendations.

a. Personnel: Item: Reenlistment for technical MOSs utilized within the supply and Transport Battalion.

(1) Observations: Recently this command has received a number of enlisted men who have reenlisted for transportation and supply MOSs such as 63B20 and the 76 series.

(2) Evaluation: Due to the technical depth of these MOSs a partial tour does not allow sufficient time for OJT training and therefore no substantial benefit is realized from these personnel.

(3) Recommendations:

(a) That steps be taken to preclude reenlistment in such technical MOSs unless adequate school training is provided or civilian experience verified.

(b) That personnel who reenlist for a specific MOS be assigned to a school upon completion of their tour of duty in Vietnam.

b. Operations:

(1) Item: Dustoff helicopter utilization.

(a) Observations: Field commanders are not observing and verifying the condition of their wounded or ill. Proper classification is not enforced at all levels.

(b) Recommendations:

1. When requesting Dustoff evacuation, assure that evacuee warrants the classification assigned. Dustoff pilots must be advised correctly and accurately of the facts concerning the patient. On all night missions involving illnesses, recommend the senior US member, or his representative, who is responsible for requesting the mission, verify the symptoms of the patient and refer the symptoms to the Battalion Surgeon for medical advice. Such verification should be evidenced in writing and sent with the patient on the evacuation aircraft.

2. It is further recommended that a careful review of patient categorization be completed.

(2) Item: Liaison with Supporting Aviation Companies.

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(a) Observation: Proper liaison with supporting aviation companies is the key to increased efficiency in logistical helicopter operations.

(b) Evaluation: The addition of a liaison officer to the DTO office from the supporting assault support helicopter company has assisted in improving the CH-47 operations within the Division. This officer conducts liaison between the DTO office and the supported unit. He assists in fire base moves and instructs in proper rigging and aircraft capabilities. He also assists in the scheduling of Division missions to insure that maximum utilization is obtained.

(c) Recommendations: That consideration be given to assigning a full-time liaison officer from the support CH-47 Company to the Division Transportation Office in each non-airmobile Division.

(3) Item: Integration of Logistical Helicopter with other modes of Transport.

(a) Observation: Blade time is critical in CH-47 helicopter operations. The Division is limited in the CH-47 operations by this factor.

(b) Evaluation: More efficient use of CH-47 blade time can be accomplished by integrating helicopters with other available modes, by trucking supplies and equipment to a pick-up zone close to the desired landing zone. This allows for shorter turn-around times and more efficient use of blade time and also allows delivery of all supplies and equipment requested without over-flying the allotted aircraft.

(c) Recommendation: That additional study be given to the integration of helicopter and truck modes to assist in reducing blade-time on CH-47 aircraft.

c. Training: Item: Material Handling Equipment Maintenance Training.

(1) Observation: Wheeled vehicle mechanics require additional organizational maintenance training on material handling equipment.

(2) Evaluations: Inexperienced organizational maintenance personnel were unable to properly maintain the TOCS material handling equipment at desired standards. This contributed to an increase in the MH deadline rate and reduced the unit's ability to accomplish its assigned mission. A sixty hour training program has been initiated with the assistance of the 725th Maintenance Battalion, which provides a technical representative.

(3) Recommendations:

(a) That continued emphasis be placed on the utilization of technical representatives for instruction of maintenance personnel tasked with the responsibility of maintaining material handling equipment.

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(b) That action be taken to provide specialized training for ASE repairmen and be assigned a separate MOS as opposed to cross-training in light vehicle mechanic MOS (63B20).

d. Intelligence: None

e. Logistics:

(1) Item: Preserving the shipment of ice cream to units in the field.

(a) Observation: It has been observed that there is a need for more insulated containers or adequate refrigeration of ice cream being transported to units in the field.

(b) Evaluation: Due to the distance of many Divisional units from base camps and the unrefrigerated mode of transportation, the ice cream is melted or soft by the time the product arrives in the field.

(c) Recommendations:

1 That steps be taken by units to acquire sufficient insulated type containers to provide the necessary refrigeration required when shipping ice cream to field units.

2 That consideration be given to utilize dry ice as a refrigerant to insure ice cream shipped is properly maintained.

(2) Item: Effect of climatic conditions on storage areas.

(a) Observation: The rainy season has caused the rapid deterioration of paper products, and palletized perishable supplies shipped or stored in Vietnam.

(b) Evaluation: Preliminary investigation shows that the rain is detrimental to outside storage to the point that the packing crates often fall apart under their own weight.

(c) Recommendations:

1 That open storage sheds or warehouses be constructed.

2 That stateside packing be reevaluated to sustain such climatic conditions as are present in the Republic of Vietnam and more suitable containers be devised to include plastic inserts to provide adequate protection from the humidity and rain.

(3) Item: Cracked frames on 5 ton truck tractors.

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(a) Observation: During the past 5 months, twelve 5-ton tractors were retrograded with cracked frames beneath the 5th wheel. These vehicles were being utilized for water resupply on Cu Chi Base Camp. This resulted from the higher specific gravity of water over FOL for which the tankers were designed.

(b) Evaluation: These frames are damaged through excessive load and use over rough terrain.

(c) Recommendations:

1 That action be initiated through ordnance channels to evaluate the possibilities of modification to provide additional strength to the frame beneath the 5th wheel.

2 That bids from civilian firms be solicited for the purpose of awarding a contract for water resupply on installations such as Cu Chi Base Camp so that FOL tankers may be used for their intended purpose.

(4) Item: Need for a lumber mill to cut lumber.

(a) Observation: The commitments during this last quarter for specific sizes of lumber were in some instances unsatisfied because of the lack of appropriate sizes of lumber. Unnecessarily large quantities of lumber were issued because of the substitution of large lumber sizes for smaller sizes.

(b) Evaluation: This problem was due to the fact that the issued quantities of the various sizes of lumber in the Division allocations were exceeded by the demand. Substitutions required in many projects, proved to be very costly requiring in some instances up to 75% more lumber than was originally needed.

(c) Recommendations:

1 That an Engineer saw mill detachment be constituted and assigned to Cu Chi Base Camp to provide area support to all units in the Division area.

2 That DA G be tasked to perform this function for base camps.

(5) Item: Honda Motor Bikes.

(a) Observations: No source of repair for Honda Motor Bikes.

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(b) Evaluation: In March 1969 Honda Motor Bikes were fielded for use in the 1st Brigade. The initial procurement made no provision for repair parts and consequently 7 of the 12 have since been declined for parts. The 725th Maintenance Battalion attempted to procure repair parts locally; however, since the Honda motor bikes were 90 cubic centimeters (cc) displacement models, they exceeded the 50 cc limit authorized under Vietnamese law. No parts could be obtained locally and the problem of procurement was referred to USMAG G-4. Parts are being procured by the Non-standard Equipment Branch of the Inventory Control Center 1st Log Command. It was necessary for 1st Log Command to send an individual to Japan for the specific purpose of obtaining repair parts.

(c) Recommendation: That the initial procurement of non-standard items include repair parts necessary to sustain the item during its initial period of operation and that a maintenance support plan be established and coordinated with the Maintenance Battalion prior to procurement.

(6) Item: Improved personnel carrier engines.

(a) Observations: Improvement on the status of personnel carrier engines.

(b) Evaluation: The decrease in the decline rate for personnel carrier engines is first attributed to increase availability of new and rebuilt engines. Lesser factors which influence this favorable trend is the improvement of the quality of Saigon rebuilds and command emphasis directed toward operator maintenance. The 725th Maintenance Battalion disseminated information on oil changes and shut down procedures during the monthly maintenance and supply conference attended by battalion executive officers and S-4s.

(c) Recommendation: Continued surveillance of the quality of Saigon rebuilds at all echelons along with after action testing of engines to isolate any problems which may arise in the future.

(7) Item: Mortar inspection.

(a) Observation: Problems encountered during inspection.

(b) Evaluation: During the month of September the Division experienced serious problems in the firing accuracy of mortars. As a result all mortars were suspended from firing until the 725th Maintenance Battalion performed a 100% inspection for serviceability. During the four day inspection (27 September to 1 October) direct support weapon inspectors experienced difficulty in obtaining transportation to and from inspection sites. Failure on the part of the unit to meet inspection schedules and assemble mortars at designated inspection sites prolonged the inspection.

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(c) Recommendations: That units insure that all mortars are assembled at the designated inspection sites and that timely transportation is provided.

(d) Item: M551 Sheridan.

(a) Observation: High deadline of Sheridans for sprockets.

(b) Evaluation: The primary causes for the recent (Sep 69) high deadline rate of the M551 vehicle was due to the accelerated wear of the sprockets during the rainy season and failure on the part of general support to properly plan and respond to meet the demand. A contributing factor to the general problem of repair support is the fact that certain critical repair parts for the M551 are on hand but released only after vehicles are reported deadlined. This system denies both the using unit and the direct support maintenance fill on high priority requisitions for stockpile. Only through controlled cannibalization and frequent air supply runs to depot has support maintenance been able to keep the deadline rate within reason.

(c) Recommendations: That the supporting DoU receive fill on high priority requisitions and that at least part of the critical stockpile of Sheridan repair parts be decentralized to the field in order to provide faster service. This would preclude vehicles being reported deadlined for 2 to 3 days even though parts are on hand in the depot.

(f) Organizational: NONE

(g) Other:

(1) Item: Safety Precautions FOL Handling.

(a) Observations: This unit has experienced isolated incidents resulting in J4 fires which could have led to substantial damage to FOL equipment and loss of petroleum products.

(b) Evaluation: The major cause of FOL (JP-4) fires are:

1 Bursting bladders due to rapid deterioration resulting from climatic conditions present in Vietnam.

2 Shortage of qualified FOL handlers.

3 Accumulation of volatile fuel vapors.

4 Sparks caused by the starting or restarting of internal combustion engines within the immediate area where fuel vapors have accumulated.

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(c) Recommendations:

1 That sufficient bladders be on hand or available for immediate issue from depot stocks to replace the bladders that are combat losses or worn out through fair wear and tear.

2 That present training program be continuous to insure adequate instruction is given to POL replacement personnel to include drivers of 5000 gallon tankers.

3 That internal combustion engines never be shut down, started or restarted in an area where volatile fuel vapors exist.

(2) Item: Perimeter lighting.

(a) Observation: On numerous occasions bunker line personnel severed the electrical distribution lines for the perimeter lighting system.

(b) Evaluation: Investigation revealed that the contributing causes were:

1 Distribution lines were too low due to sloping terrain near certain bunker positions.

2 Personnel experienced difficulty in observing the distribution lines at night.

3 Improper briefing of bunker line personnel.

(c) Recommendations:

1 Higher poles were placed closer to critical bunkers in order to increase the effective height of the lines when viewed from the firing ports of the bunkers.

2 Distribution lines and poles be painted white or with highly reflective paint to assist in night observation of these items.

3 Bunker line personnel be thoroughly briefed by the sector Officer of the Day. Particular emphasis should be placed on the firing of the M-79 and the proper elevation for the weapon to avoid striking the distribution lines.

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(3) Item: Vietnamese participation in Medical Civic Action Programs.

(a) Observation: Increased efforts are required to transfer more responsibility to the Vietnamese Officials for Medical Civic Action Programs.

(b) Evaluation: Vietnamese medics and nurses should be trained in sufficient numbers and equipped to replace US medical efforts in order that a void will not exist when US troops are withdrawn.

(c) Recommendation: Participation by Vietnamese medics in MEDCAPS has been paramount in DISCOM efforts. Vietnamese medics currently participate in some MEDCAPS conducted by the 25th Medical Battalion which has also taken on the responsibility of training new medics along with the 12th Evacuation Hospital. Plans are under way to hire and train Chieu Hoi as medics for the use in MEDCAPS.

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