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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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SUBJECT: Command Historical Report

Commanding General
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In compliance with USAREUR Regulation 870-5 and V Corps Regulation 870-1, the following Quarterly Report is submitted:

HISTORY OF THE 42D ARTILLERY GROUP, 1 OCTOBER 1968 -- 31 DECEMBER 1968

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>
6th Battalion, 9th Artillery	LTC James E. McMurrer Jr
3d Battalion, 79th Artillery	LTC Robert J. Burke
2d Battalion, 83d Artillery	LTC John V. Hemler Jr
2d Battalion, 92d Artillery	LTC George E. Perrin
HQB, 42d Artillery Group	1LT John G. Allen Jr

During this period, the 42d Artillery Group continued to operate under the leadership and guidance of the commanding officer, Colonel William J. Humas. The principal staff officers during the period were:

Executive Officer	-	LTC Robert B. Sumner LTC Richard E. Felske MAJ Joseph T. Baker
S-1	-	1LT Peter V. Farley CPT Harvey L. Schaffer
S-2	-	CPT Milburn C. Duvall Jr
S-3	-	MAJ Thomas G. Lightner



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S-4 - CPT Gerald R. Wenzel
CW2 Arthur H. Welcing
CW2 John J. Nemetz

Commo Officer - 1LT John H. Thompson Jr

During the 4th Quarter of Calendar Year 1968, the 42d Artillery Group continued to maintain a high degree of combat readiness in its men and equipment.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING FOR OCTOBER

- 11 OCT 1968 -- LTC Robert J. Burke, commander of the 3d Bn, 79th Arty, was appointed Installation Coordinator of Rivers Barracks.
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11 OCT 1968 -- The 6th Bn, 9th Arty underwent annual trainfire exercises at the German rifle ranges in Wetzlar. During these three days 69 individuals zeroed their weapons and completed the qualification course.
- 8 thru
11 OCT 1968 -- The 2d Bn, 92d Arty underwent a V Corps Annual General Inspection, achieving an overall rating of Satisfactory.
- 17 thru
25 OCT 1968 -- Elements of the 42d Artillery Group participated in the NATO-wide CPX Operation FALLEX-68. Participating units included: HHB, 42d Arty Gp; HHB, 3/79th Arty; HHB, 2/83d Arty; HHB, 2/92d Arty.
- 17 OCT 1968 -- CPT Gary L. Yoder was assigned to the 6th Bn, 9th Arty and assumed duties as Battery Commander, Service Battery.
- 22 OCT 1968 -- WO1 David S. Thompson was assigned to 42d Arty Gp and assumed duties as rotary wing aviator with the group aviation section.
- 23 OCT 1968 -- 2LT Robert M. Naples, 3d Bn, 79th Arty, was promoted to 1LT.
- 24 OCT 1968 -- 2LT's Richard E. Anderson, and John F. Norton, 6th Bn, 9th Arty, were promoted to 1LT.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING FOR NOVEMBER

- 2 NOV 1968 -- 2LT John D. Broomfield, 2 Bn, 83d Arty, was promoted to 1LT.
- 4 NOV 1968 -- Lieutenant General Andrew J. Boyle, Commanding General of V Corps, visited all elements of the 6th Bn, 9th Arty.
- 4 thru
14 NOV 1968 -- Batteries B and C, 2d Bn, 92d Arty conducted refiring of Battery ATT's at Wildflecken, Germany.

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- 5 NOV 1968 -- 2LT Richard J. Granadetti, 3d Bn, 79th Arty, was promoted to 1LT and reassigned to V Corps Artillery Headquarters.
- 6 NOV 1968 -- CPT Edward W. Corrothers was reassigned to the 2d Bn, 83d Arty and assumed command of Headquarters Battery.
- 7 NOV 1968 -- 2LT's Robert O. Hill, 6th Bn, 9th Arty; Michael F. Jones, 3d Bn, 79th Arty; Ronald E. Lund, 2d Bn, 83d Arty; and Gary A. Crites, 2d Bn, 92d Arty were promoted to 1LT.
- 8 NOV 1968 -- 1LT Milburn C. Duvall, S-2 42d Arty Gp, was promoted to CPT.
- 12 NOV 1968 -- MAJ Carol D. Davis departed the 3d Bn, 79th Arty for reassignment in Vietnam.
- 18 NOV 1968 -- 1LT John C. Jenkins departed the 3d Bn, 79th Arty for reassignment in Vietnam.
- 19 NOV 1968 -- 1LT Eugene M. Pepe departed the 3d Bn, 79th Arty for separation from active duty. CW2 Anthony S. Ventura, aviator 42d Arty Gp, departed for reassignment in Vietnam.
- 21 NOV 1968 -- HHB 42d Arty Gp successfully passed its annual CMAA inspection. 1LT Tidal W. McCoy assumed command of Battery B, 2d Bn, 83d Arty. 1LT James W. Blanton departed the 6th Bn, 9th Arty for reassignment in Vietnam. 2LT's Mark F. Fessenden, HQ 42d Gp; John C. Emory, 2d Bn, 83d Arty; Cleidith R. Bocne and Robert M. Carey, 2d Bn, 92d Arty were promoted to 1LT.
- 19 thru
- 21 NOV 1968 -- The 3d Bn, 79th Arty underwent a V Corps Technical Proficiency Inspection, receiving a rating of Satisfactory.
- 25 NOV 1968 -- MAJ Gerald C. Portier joined the 3d Bn, 79th Arty and assumed duties as battalion executive officer. 2LT James K. Gates, 2d Bn, 92d Arty was promoted to 1LT.
- 26 NOV 1968 -- 1LT Jerome Bagnell assumed command of Battery C, 2d Bn, 83d Arty.
- 27 NOV 1968 -- 2LT Dennis F. Caponi, 2d Bn, 92d Arty, was promoted to 1LT.
- 29 NOV 1968 -- 1LT Robert M. Carey departed the 2d Bn, 92d Arty for reassignment with Headquarters USAFEUR. CW2 Michael H. Harnes and CW2 August R. Swanson joined 42d Arty Gp and assumed duties as rotary wing aviators with the Group aviation section.

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A CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING FOR DECEMBER

- 1 DEC 1968 -- The 42d Arty Gp's VHF detachment transferred from attachment with HHB 42d Gp to its parent unit 32d Signal Battalion.
- 2 DEC 1968 -- CPT Carlton H. Moore, 2d Bn, 92d Arty, was promoted by Dept of the Army to MAJ. CW2 John J. Nemetz was transferred from 3d Bn, 79th Arty to HQ 42d Arty Gp and assumed duties as S-4.
- 3 DEC 1968 -- During a ceremony at the 2d Bn, 92d Arty, MAJ Carlton H. Moore assumed duties as the Bn S-3, CPT Hubert F. Neal assumed command of Battery C and CW4 James W. Brantley assumed duties as Battalion S-1. 1LT Colin C. Smith was appointed XO of Battery B 3d Bn, 79th Arty.
- 3 thru
- 5 DEC 1968 -- The 2d Bn, 92d Arty underwent and successfully passed a V Corps Technical Proficiency Inspection.
- 5 DEC 1968 -- 2LT's Stanley R. Leonard, HQ 42d Arty Gp; Clyde O. Grissinger II and William J. Lawrence, 3d Bn, 79th Arty; Joseph A. Littlejohn, 2d Bn, 83d Arty were promoted to 1LT.
- 6 DEC 1968 -- The officers of 42d Arty Gp celebrated the Feast of Saint Barbara, patron saint of artillerymen, with a dinner and dance at the Giessen Officers' Club. 1LT's David A. Jones, 6th Bn, 9th Arty; Samuel Butler Jr, 2d Bn, 83d Arty; and Donald E. Blanton, 2d Bn, 92d Arty were promoted to CPT. During change of Command ceremonies at the 2d Bn, 92d Arty, 1LT William A. Youngstrom and 1LT Richard D. Releford assumed command of Batteries A and B respectively. During a ceremony at the 3d Bn, 79th Arty, the following individuals received awards: MSG Ronald S. Brooks, the Soldier's Medal; SSG Larry G. Marks, the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service; SFC Marion H. Davis, the Army Commendation Medal.
- 7 DEC 1968 -- 1LT James O. Haney Jr. departed the 2d Bn, 92d Arty for reassignment in Vietnam.
- 10 thru
- 12 DEC 1968-- The 3d Bn, 79th Arty underwent a V Corps Annual General Inspection, receiving a rating of Excellent.
- 11 DEC 1968-- CPT Donald E. Blanton departed the 2d Bn, 92d Arty and CW2 Arthur H. Welcing departed HQ 42d Arty Gp for reassignment in Vietnam.
- 12 DEC 1968-- 2LT's David S. Hawkins, 6th Bn, 9th Arty; Roger A. Harvey and Willie H. Jackson, 3d Bn, 79th Arty; Roger W. Kirkpatrick, 2d Bn, 83d Arty; Leonard J. Hammer, 2d Bn, 92d Arty were promoted to 1LT.

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- 14 DEC 1968 -- SGT Clarence L. Dingman, 2d Bn, 83d Arty, received the Army Commendation Medal.
- 18 DEC 1968 -- 1LT Donald W. Dietz assumed command of Battery A, 2d Bn, 83d Arty. 1LT Thomas Darden, 2d Bn, 83d Arty received the Army Commendation Medal. 1LT Richard R. Wood departed the 6th Bn, 9th Arty for reassignment in Vietnam.
- 19 DEC 1968 -- The 6th Bn, 9th Arty held a Christmas Party for the children of the Kinderheim Leppermuhler Orphanage.
- 21 DEC 1968 -- 1LT Joseph A. Schlatter departed the 3d Bn, 79th Arty for reassignment in Vietnam. 1LT Colin C. Smith assumed command of B Battery, 3d Bn, 79th Arty and 1LT Willie H. Jackson was appointed XO of B Battery, 3d Bn, 79th Arty.
- 26 DEC 1968 -- LTC Robert E. Sumner, Executive Officer 42d Arty Gp, was reassigned to Headquarters V Corps.
- 26 thru
- 28 DEC 1968 -- The 42d Arty Gp hosted its 1st annual Holiday Basketball Tournament at Rivers Barracks with the 308th S&S Bn defeating the 2d Bn, 92d Arty 87-81 in the championship game.
- 28 DEC 1968 -- 1LT Crawford L. Guthrie departed the 6th Bn, 9th Arty for reassignment in Vietnam.
- 29 DEC 1969 -- 1LT Steven E. Russell departed the 2d Bn, 92d Arty for reassignment in Vietnam.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Peter V. Farley
PETER V. FARLEY
1LT, Artillery
Adjutant

