

"the small island of red in a sea of blue"

## 2D BATTALION 10th ARTILLERY



## FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

ARTILLERY SUPPORT  
OF

THE UNITED STATES ARMY INFANTRY CENTER

105mm How Towed  
105mm Light How  
155mm How Towed  
8 in How Towed  
Search Light  
Honest John Rocket

115mm Multiple Rocket



105mm How SP  
155mm How SP  
8 in How SP  
175mm Gun SP  
Quad 50 cal MG  
Twin 40mm Cannon

### TENTH ARTILLERY "The Rock's Support!"

Formed 1 June 1917 at Fort Douglas, Arizona

World War I, Medal of Honor - LT George P. Hayes

French Croix de Guerre, Two Awards

Five Campaign Streamers

World War II, Medal of Honor - CPL Forrest Peden

Distinguished Unit Citation

French Croix de Guerre with Palm

French Fourragere

Ten Campaign Streamers

Korean Conflict, Bravery Gold Medal of Greece

Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Two Awards

Eight Campaign Streamers

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## SECOND BATTALION, TENTH ARTILLERY

### CHANGE OF COMMAND

### ORGANIZATION DAY ACTIVITIES

29 May 1969

### ORGANIZATION DAY GREETINGS

It is with great pride I extend greetings to the officers and enlisted men of the 2d Battalion (Composite), 10th Artillery on the Fifty-Second Anniversary of the organization. On this Organization Day we pay tribute to the founding history, traditions and accomplishments of the battalion and to its present and former members.

This battalion, progressing through various organization concepts since its founding as the 10th Artillery Regiment on 1 June 1917, has compiled a record throughout its history both in peace and war that is second to none. Since the last Organization Day, our primary mission of supporting the United States Army Infantry School and the United States Army Infantry Center, has grown even more demanding. You have met the increased demands with a resourcefulness and willingness in an outstanding manner; the results obtained in the Annual Command Maintenance Management and General Inspections were equally outstanding.

In summary, the battalion has added a golden page to its history during its fifty-second year. These outstanding achievements were made possible by the determination, enthusiasm and full cooperation of every officer and enlisted man in the battalion. Please accept my sincerest thanks and appreciation for a job well done.

As we begin another year in the history of the 10th Artillery, let us all resolve to work even harder to preserve the reputation of the battalion and set a high goal for those members who will follow us in the near future.

CHARLES B. THARP  
Commanding

### SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Organization Day Review	Munsan Heliport	0900
Refreshments	Shelter	1000
Lunch	Picnic Area	1100
Organization Day Activities	Picnic Area	1300
Award Presentations*	Picnic Area	1500

\*Trophies will be given to individual and unit winners of four competitions listed on another page of this brochure

WILLIAM W. BERRY

Lieutenant Colonel - Artillery

Lieutenant Colonel Berry was born 15 December 1929 in Yuma, Arizona. He received his BGE Degree from the University of Omaha in January 1965. Military schooling includes graduation from the U.S. Marine Corps School (Career Course) in 1964 and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1969.

He served as an Infantry enlisted man from 1947 achieving the rank of Master Sergeant, until ordered to active duty as First Lieutenant, Artillery, in December 1956. Highlights of his service include duty in the Korean War with the 9th Infantry Regiment 2d Infantry Division in 1951-52; ROTC instructor, University of California at Berkeley during 1953-56; battery executive officer and assistant S3 of 2d Bn, 5th Arty in Germany during 1957-60; gunnery instructor at the Artillery School, Fort Sill during 1960-63; Commander of HQ Co, I Corps (Group) in Korea during 1965-66; S3 of 1st Bn, 11th Artillery in Fort Riley, Kansas and Vietnam during 1966-67; assistant G2, 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam in 1967; and 2d Armored Division Artillery Executive Officer and assistant Fire Support Coordinator at Fort Hood, Texas in 1968. 29 May 1969, Lieutenant Colonel Berry assumed command of the 2d Battalion (Composite), 10th Artillery, at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Lieutenant Colonel Berry has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (w/Oak Leaf Cluster), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (w/Gold Star) and Vietnamese Medal of Honor.

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WELCOME Lieutenant Colonel Berry, your wife and family, to Fort Benning, the 197th Infantry Brigade, and the Tenth Artillery. Best wishes for a pleasant and rewarding tour in the finest tradition of the Artillery.

CHARLES B. THARP

Lieutenant Colonel - Artillery

Lieutenant Colonel Tharp was born on 8 September 1929 in Macon, Georgia. He attended Mercer University from 1947 to 1951, graduating with an AB Degree. He completed the Artillery and Missile School Advance Course in 1959 and the Command and General Staff College, Leavenworth, Kansas in 1962. He graduated in June 1966 from the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia.

Commissioned in 1951, he served in Korea from April 1952 to March 1953 as a battery officer and battery commander in the 3rd Infantry Division. Other division assignments include duty with the 82d Airborne Division and the 10th Infantry Division. In June of 1962 he was assigned to Programs Directorate, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DCSPER), at the Department of the Army. From June 1964 until January 1966, he served as Aide-de-Camp to the Under Secretary of the Army. He served a second tour in Korea from July 1966 to August 1967 where he was assigned to UNC/USFK as a Plans and Policy Officer, Plans and Policy Branch, J-3 Division. On 29 September 1967, Lieutenant Colonel Tharp assumed command of the 2d Battalion (Composite), 10th Artillery. On 29 May 1969 he left the battalion for assignment in Vietnam.

Lieutenant Colonel Tharp is a senior paratrooper and ranger. He has been awarded the United Nations Medal, The Korean Service Medal (three campaigns), The National Defense Service Medal (with First Oak Leaf Cluster), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, The Army Commendation Medal, The Bronze Star Medal, and the Department of the Army General Staff Identification Badge.

Farewell Lieutenant Colonel Tharp. Thanks for a job well done and best of luck in your new assignment.

HISTORY OF THE 2d BN (C), 10th ARTY

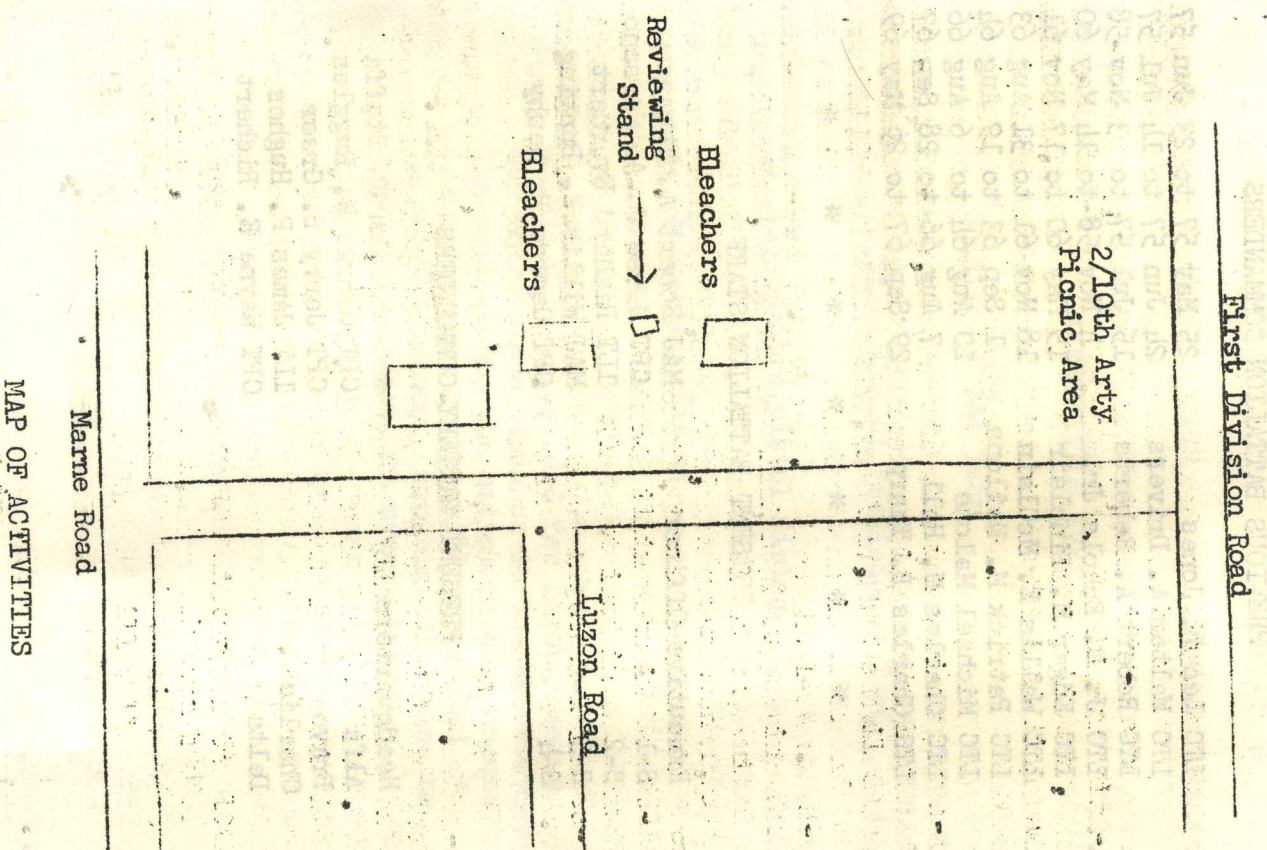
The history of the 2d Battalion (Comp), 10th Artillery dates back to its conception in June of 1917, when it was organized in the Regular Army as Battery B, 10th Field Artillery, at Fort Douglas, Arizona. In November of the same year it became a part of the 3rd Division.

The unit was then redesignated as Battery B, 10th Field Artillery Battalion in October of 1940, a designation it held until May 1957 when it was relieved (minus personnel and equipment) from assignment to the 3rd Division as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, and Field Artillery Battalion (Rocket/Howitzer), 10th Artillery. The battalion was assigned to the 1st Infantry Brigade in July of 1958.

On 16 May 1960 there came another reorganization and redesignation as the 2d Howitzer Battalion, 10th Artillery. Then, concurrently with its relief from assignment to the 1st Infantry Brigade and assignment to the 197th Infantry Brigade. In September of 1962, it took on its present designation as the 2d Battalion (Comp), 10th Artillery.

The 2d Battalion, 10th Artillery has distinguished itself in both World Wars and in Korea, with participation in a total of 23 campaigns during these conflicts. Its decorations include the Distinguished Unit Citation, three French Croix de Guerre citations, two Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations and the Bravery Gold Medal of Greece. These citations and decorations make the 2/10th Arty the most decorated battalion at Fort Benning.

Presently the largest artillery battalion in the US Army, the 2/10th Artillery continues to fulfill its role in support of the United States Army Infantry School at Fort Benning.



PREVIOUS BATTALION COMMANDERS

LTC Leo B. Jones	25 May 57 to 23 Jun 57
LTC Walter A. Drivers	24 Jun 57 to 14 Jul 57
LTC Robert A. Roberts	15 Jul 57 to 3 Nov 58
LTC J. E. Echols Jr.	4 Nov 58 to 14 May 60
LTC Edgar M. Sinclair	15 May 60 to 17 Nov 61
LTC Wallis E. McClain	18 Nov 61 to 31 Aug 63
LTC Patrick M. Neilons	1 Sep 63 to 19 Aug 64
LTC Michael Malone	20 Aug 64 to 6 Aug 66
LTC Charles M. Hall	7 Aug 66 to 28 Sep 67
LTC Charles B. Tharp	29 Sep 67 to 29 May 69

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PRESENT BATTALION STAFF

Executive Officer	MAJ Robert A. Thompson
S-1	CPT Jesse J. A. Marsano
S-2	1LT Richard Everhart
S-3	MAJ Willis R. Bunting
S-4	CPT George R. Newby

PRESENT BATTERY COMMANDERS

Headquarters	CPT William J. Staffa
Alfa	CPT George W. Ruggles
Bravo	CPT Jerry B. Greer
Charlie	1LT James P. Hughes
Delta	CPT Wayne E. Richert

COMPETITION EVENTS

1. Soldier of the Year
2. Physical Combat Proficiency Test
3. .45 calibre pistol firing
4. M-14 rifle firing

Points will be awarded for first, second, and third place finishes in the above events. The unit within the battalion that accumulates the most points will be awarded an overall trophy. Trophies will also be awarded to individual event winners.

