Figure 4–1. Example of completed DA Form 285, Technical Report of U.S. Army Ground Accident—continued
Note. If the property listed in blocks 52 and 53 experienced a materiel failure/malfunction that caused or contributed to the accident, complete blocks 60 and 61. Ensure the information is entered in the same column as the involved property. For example, if item A (blocks 52 and 53) experienced a materiel failure/malfunction, the information about that failure/malfunction should be entered in blocks 60 and 61 in the column entitled “Item A.”

(9) **Block 60.** Complete items “a” through “d” for each component/part whose failure or malfunction contributed to the accident. Enter name/nomenclature of component/part in block 60c. Ensure an EIR/PQDR (SF 368) is prepared and submitted through appropriate channels for each component/part. Include EIR/PQDR number in block 60e (See DA Pam 750–8).

(10) Block 61. Indicate how and why each component/part failed/malfunctioned by selecting from the lists provided on the form and entering the appropriate number in the blocks provided. Appendix B contains explanations and examples. In block 63, include an explanation of how the materiel failed/malfunctioned and the reason (root cause) for the failure/malfunction. For on-duty Class A and B accidents requiring separate findings and recommendations, the findings should fully explain the failure and cause.

e. **Section D–Environmental Conditions Involved.**

(1) **Block 62.** Check the appropriate blocks (no more than three) to indicate the environmental conditions present at the time of the accident. Also check the cause/contributed block if the environmental condition caused or contributed to the accident and explain in block 63 how the environmental condition caused/contributed to the accident.

(2) **On-duty Class A and B accidents.** For on-duty Class A and B accidents, contributing environmental factors will be fully explained in the findings and analysis portion of the narrative.

f. **Section E–Accident Description/Narrative.**

(1) **Block 63.** The investigation board will report, in narrative form on letter-size paper, the facts, conditions, and circumstances as established during the investigation and present this information in accordance with DA Pam 385–40, paragraph 4–4.

(2) **Block 64.** Provide the following information for the individual that completed the report. Ensure the information is legible.

(a) Print the name. (First, MI, Last)
(b) Enter the rank.
(c) Enter the title.
(d) Signature of this individual.
(e) Enter the date of the signature.
(f) Enter the telephone number and specify whether it is DSN or commercial.
(g) Enter this individual’s e-mail address.