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## b. Operations.

(1) At present the batteries of the battalion are located as shown below:

Battery A, 6/27 Artillery, XT 80999032, Quan Loi  
Battery B, 6/27 Artillery, YU 14360726, Phuoc Binh  
Battery C, 6/27 Artillery, XT 97084965, Phuoc Vinh  
HHB, 6/27 Artillery, XT 80989031, Quan Loi  
Service Battery, 6/27 Artillery, YT 05381107, Plantation

At the beginning of the period, the mission of each Firing Battery was:

Battery A, 6/27 Artillery, GS, 1st Cav Division (AM) Artillery  
Battery B, 6/27 Artillery, GS, II FFORCEV  
Battery C, 6/27 Artillery, GS, II FFORCEV  
Battery F, 16th Artillery, GS-R, 1st Cav Division (AM) Artillery

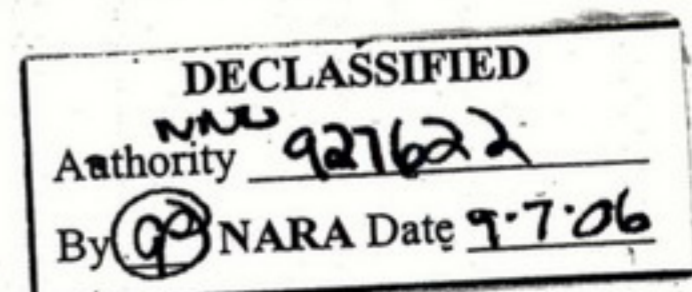
(2) During this period the battalion participated in several operations and displaced units as indicated below:

(a) On 10 August, one (1) 175mm Gun, Battery B, 6/27 Artillery displaced by convoy from Phuoc Binh (Camp Martin) for a artillery raid in the vicinity of Grid YU 183115. The mission of the 175mm Gun was to engage hard targets in the vicinity of the Bu Gia Map Airstrip. The platoon returned to Camp Martin before nightfall the same day.

(b) On 12 August at 0110 hours, LZ "ANDY" (Quan Loi) received an unknown number of RPG's, 82mm mortars, AK-47 rifle fire, 107mm rockets, and five (5) ground probes. An estimated 70-80 NVA/VC enemy breached the perimeter wire west of HHB and Battery A, 6/27 Arty. The enemy force penetrated the perimeter wire but was unable to penetrate any further due to quick alertness by personnel of HHB and Battery A, 6/27 Arty. The results of this attack were 73 NVA/VC KIA & 7 NVA/VC PW.

(c) On 11 September, three (3) 155mm howitzers, Battery F, 16th Artillery were airlifted by C130 aircraft from LZ "ANDY" (Quan Loi) to LZ "BUTTONS", Phuoc Binh (YU 1407) in General Support of 2nd BDE, 1st Cav Division (AM) to counter a threat to the Song Be area. The move was accomplished without incident with the element ready to fire at 1845 hours 11 September 1969. The platoon maintained constant readiness throughout the operation while continually improving their firing position. On 17 October, Battery F, 16th Artillery was detached from control of the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, attached to 2nd Battalion, 12th Artillery and redeployed.

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(d) On 17 October, Service Battery, 6/27 Artillery moved by convoy from Long Binh (YT 045096) to Plantation (YT 05381107) as a result of reassignment from 23d Field Artillery Group. With the move Service Battery relinquished responsibility for operation of the 23d Field Artillery Group Rear.

(e) On 17 October, 6/27 Artillery was removed from command and control of 23d Field Artillery Group and assigned directly to II FF Arty. Battery F, 16th Artillery was detached from command and control of 6/27 Artillery and attached to 2nd Battalion, 12th Artillery, 23d Field Artillery Group. The mission of Battery A was changed to GS, II FFORCEV. The mission of Battery B & Battery C remained unchanged.

(f) On 28 October, a platoon 175mm Guns (SP), Battery B, 6/27 Artillery displaced by convoy from Phuoc Binh (Camp Martin) for an artillery raid in the vicinity of Grid YU 183115. The mission of the 175mm platoon was to engage hard targets in the vicinity of the Bu Gia Map Airstrip. The platoon expended 103 rounds 175mm and returned to Camp Martin before nightfall the same day.

(g) Throughout the period two (2) forward observer parties were provided. One (1) FO party was provided to the ARVN Airborne Battalion at Tay Ninh East from 5 August to 20 August 69 and one (1) FO party was provided to the 25th Infantry Division throughout the Tay Ninh Sector from 22 August to 4 October 69. On 14 October 69, two (2) liaison parties departed the battalion to Squadrons 2 and 3 of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

(3) The following number of missions were fired with the total amounts of ammunition expended as indicated during the reporting period:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MISSIONS FIRED</u>	<u>AMMUNITION EXPENDED</u>		
		<u>155MM</u>	<u>175MM</u>	<u>8"</u>
Battery A, 6/27 Arty	1824		4124	3796
Battery B, 6/27 Arty	2496		4750	2377
Battery C, 6/27 Arty	1733		2319	3551
Battery F, 16th Arty	<u>2795</u>	<u>15,711</u>		
TOTALS:	8848	15,711	11,193	9724

## c. Training.

(1) The monthly combat readiness evaluations of each Firing Battery FDC has continued. As a result the proficiency of the FDC's has improved considerably.

(2) In-Country replacement training continues to be conducted by the batteries within seven (7) days of the new individual's arrival.

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