

SUBJECT: Operational Report of 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery (UI)
Period Ending 30 April 1971, AOC CSFOA-65 (AI) (U)

(2) Evaluation. It is becoming extremely difficult to provide maximum desirable security at night for artillery Fire Support due to the phasing out of American ground units in this area of operations. Security is dependent entirely on the artillerymen occupying the position, some help from ARVN or RFIF troops. With present operational requirements, it is not always possible to have such ARVN support; it is becoming more and more hazardous for the unit(s) occupying the position.

(3) Recommendations. That MTOE change be approved authorization battery one (1) 81mm mortar and a minimum of two Starlight scope illumination and assist in close in fire support using high explosive. The Starlight scopes, mounted on M-14 sniper rifles, would be effective at night in detecting movement outside the perimeter and in bringing effective fire on the enemy. The Starlight scopes would be of great value in detecting sapper type attacks and in reducing the effects of such attacks.

C. Training: None.

D. Intelligence: None.

E. Logistics and Maintenance: Replacing Tube Assembly, Metal M107 Artillery Weapons.

(1) Observation. During the reporting period it has been noted that the Tube Assembly, Metal (OHC Lines) (FSN: 2520-845-0203) on the artillery pieces have not been holding up and has caused an increased deadline rate for artillery.

(2) Evaluation. The Tube Assembly, Metal presently being used on the M107/M108 artillery weapons have proven to be unsatisfactory; they do not meet the requirements for durability or serviceability. Coming this repair problem, the battalion maintenance section has obtained material from the Army Aviation elements here in Vietnam. The use of this material our deadline rate has been reduced.

(3) Recommendation. That the present Tube Assembly, Metal presently utilized be replaced by the steel flexible hose and materials listed below.

<u>FSN</u>	<u>PARTS NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
4720-857-1731	N/A	Hose, neoprene, 3/4"
4730-910-8080	N/A	Fittings

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(k) 17 February 1971, Btry A conducted a fire mission on a reported enemy unit located XU940420. Surveillance credited the battery with 6 enemy killed by artillery and approximately 15 enemy wounded by artillery.

(l) 15 March 1971, Btry C fired on a reported enemy company located vicinity XU678238. Results: 5 enemy killed by artillery, numerous blast trails, and 2 anti-tank mines captured.

(m) 16 March 1971, Btry A fired on grid XU960422. Surveillance reported one enemy killed by artillery. In a second fire mission on grid XU6722 in support of an ARVN patrol, Btry C was credited with seven enemy killed by artillery.

(n) 11 April 1971, Btry B expended 28 rounds 8" on a bunker complex XU693234. One bunker was destroyed and 2 fighting positions uncovered.

(o) 12 April 1971, Btry A expended 10 rounds 8" on grid YU082218 in support of an ARVN operation. Surveillance revealed 30 enemy killed by artillery. In addition, the following enemy material was captured: 5 anti-tank mines, 26 rounds 120mm mortar, 30 grenades, 150 L-40 charges, 40 L41 charges, 20x82mm mortar rounds rigged as mines, 1x60mm mortar bomb, 5000 meters communications wire, 1x120mm mortar sight, 20x61mm mortar rounds, 2 radios, 5 L-41 rounds, 80 L-40 rounds. 40 hatches were also uncovered in this same general area.

(3) Survey operations during the reporting period established 5 base centers, 17 orienting stations, 15 orienting lines, and 2 declination stations. In addition, one countermortar radar position was surveyed at Trung Lap. The 6th Battalion survey section also conducted a 2 week survey course at Loc 8. This training was given to survey personnel of 5th ARVN Division Artillery.

E. Logistics and maintenance. The battalion engaged in normal supply and maintenance activities during the reporting period. Supplies were delivered to Bu Dop and Bu Gia Map (FSD Snuffy). During the latter part of the reporting period, class III and IV supplies were delivered to Bu Gia and Bu Dop by vehicle convoy. Class I was delivered by air to these locations on a daily basis. Units at Loc Ninh (FSD Wade) during the reporting period were resupplied overland using both organic and non-organic vehicles. Class I is now delivered to FSD Wade daily while other types of supplies are delivered as needed. Towards the end of the reporting period, the battalion moved from Bu Gia Map to FSD Wade and normal resupply was continued. Maintenance problems were encountered on the M107 and M110 tracks with hydraulic systems and cracked fuel cells being the primary problems. Difficulty was encountered with the Direct Support Maintenance Company in that they do not have sufficient personnel to provide contact teams for maintenance on Fire Support Bases. Monthly ammunition allocations for items such as Star and white Star cluster hand flares were not issued in sufficient quantity to meet operational requirements at Fire Support Bases.

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D. Intelligence.

(1) During the reporting period, aerial observers of this battalion flew 126 Vn missions, consisting of 294 hours, which resulted in three significant sightings. Aerial observers conducted 43 registrations during this period.

(2) Target Surveillance.

(a) 3 January 1971, Btry C expended 22 rounds 175mm on grid XU571961 resulting in two 20x20 bunkers, two 3x5 bunkers, and three 5x8 bunkers destroyed. Two 10x15 hootches were uncovered and partially destroyed.

(b) 7 January 1971, Battery C fired 11 rounds 175mm on grid XU764252 resulting in two 10x10 bunkers destroyed and one secondary explosion. Btry 2-12th Arty (CI CON) expended 20 rounds 155mm XU899229 and partially destroyed an anti-aircraft position.

(c) 14 January 1971, Btry C fired 24 rounds 175mm on YU328376 killing one enemy soldier, destroying one bunker, and uncovering one spider hole.

(d) 22 January 1971, Btry C 2-12th Arty (CI CON) expended 50 rounds 155 on grid XU920230 resulting in four bunkers destroyed, three anti-aircraft positions destroyed, seven 3x5 fighting positions destroyed, four 5x5 bunkers destroyed, and one 5x8 bunker damaged.

(e) 27 January 1971, Btry C fired 38 rounds 175mm on XT599920 resulting in 2 fighting positions destroyed, one 2x3 fighting positions partially destroyed and two 10x15 bunkers destroyed.

(f) 29 January 1971, Btry C expended 45 rounds 175mm on grid XT613896. Surveillance revealed two 20x20 bunkers destroyed and one kitchen site destroyed.

(g) 31 January 1971, Btry B expended 19 rounds 8" on grid YU210405 resulting in two spider holes destroyed, one rice sifter destroyed, ten meters of trench line destroyed, one 10x10 bunker destroyed. 30 rounds 8" were expended on grid YU207407 resulting in one 3x5 bunker and one 5x8 hootch damaged.

(h) 6 February 1971, Btry C expended 17 rounds 175mm on XU745204 resulting in one 50x50 bunker, eight 8x10 bunkers destroyed and 50 meters of trench uncovered.

(i) 7 February 1971, Btry C fired 49 rounds 8" XU666254 killing 2 NVA and destroying 20 bunkers.

(j) 9 February 1971, Btry C expended 30 rounds 8" on grid XU666254 resulting in 5 enemy killed by artillery.

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- (1) 22 November 1970, Battery closed FSL Simons and became OICON to this battalion.
- (2) 20 December 1970, Battery departed FSL Simons in route to Front Fort. Battery cleared Dau Tieng and terminated OICON to this battalion.
- (e) Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 12th Artillery (OICON). Battery departed Lu Dep 5 December 1970 terminating OICON to this battalion.
- (f) Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 12th Artillery (OICON).
- (1) 5 December 1970, Battery departed FSE Snuffy and closed Lu Dep becoming OICON to this battalion.
- (2) 2 February 1971, Battery departed FSE Lu Dep terminating OICON to this battalion.
- (g) Headquarters Battery, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery.
- (1) 10 November 1970, Battery Forward Command Post at FSE Wade dep and closed Ihu Loi without incident.
- (2) 30 December 1970, Liaison Officer with 9th AVN Regiment dep at An Loc and displaced to Loc Ninh. Upon closing Loc Ninh, LNO was attached to the Command Post of Task Force 333 (AVN).
- (3) 4 February 1971, this battalion assumed operational control of Song Be Artillery Warning Control Center (AWCC) and the Combined Fire Support Coordination Center. The AWCC/CFSCC is under supervision of the battalion Liaison Officer at Song Be. This Combined AWCC/CFSCC is presently being operated in addition to the one being operated by the battalion LCC.
- (h) The number of fire missions and the ammunition expended are indicated below for the reporting period.

Unit	Msns Fired	Ammunition Expended	
		8"	175mm
Btry A/6-27th Arty	1672	2746	3871
Btry B/6-27th Arty	2213	3835	4402
Btry C/6-27th Arty	3830	5691	10156
Total	7715	12272	18429

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(4) There were no significant morale problems. During the reporting period there were 15 Special Court Martials. Article 15 punishment was administered as shown:

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
5	10	17	10	19	23

(5) There were three WIA's due to hostile action during this period.

(6) Awards and decorations presented to members of this command are as follows:

<u>Award</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Legion of Merit	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bronze Star (Valor)	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bronze Star (Achievement)	3	8	1	0	4	5
Bronze Star (Service)	1	3	0	1	2	2
Air Medal	0	0	0	0	0	1
Army Commendation Medal (Achievement)	36	39	3	9	11	3
Army Commendation Medal (Service)	20	51	0	5	27	25

(7) Religious services were provided by Chaplains from II Field Force Vietnam and the 23d Artillery Group for all units.

B. Operations.

(1) At present, the batteries of this battalion are located as shown in inclosure 1.

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

(a) Battery A, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery.

(1) 18 February 1971, Battery displaced from FSL Lu Dcp and closed grid YUC22342 without incident.

(2) 22 February 1971, Battery departed YUC22342 and closed FSL Lu Dcp without incident.

(3) 15 March 1971, 2 tubes 8" departed FSL Lu Dcp and closed YUC22342 without incident.

(4) 20 March 1971, 2 tubes 8" departed YUC22342 and closed without incident.

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