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Operational Reports
Lessons Learned
6/27th Artillery
Ending 30 April 1967

27TH ARTILLERY, 6TH BN DALL 30 APR 1967

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SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the Period Ending
30 April 1967 (RCS CSFOR-65)(U)

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96307 23 JUN 1967

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOF-CI,
APO 96558

1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 30 April 1967 from Headquarters, 6th Battalion 27th Artillery as indorsed.

2. (C) Pertinent comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning critical MOS shortages, page 2: The 23d Arty Gp has taken proper requisition action to insure that the requirements of the 6th Bn, 27th Arty in regards to Chief of Gun Section, Gunner or Assistant Gunner (MOS 13B40) has been presented to this headquarters. A command wide shortage of approximately 23% exists in this MOS. This headquarters forwarded an emergency requisition to GPO in February 1967 to offset this anticipated shortage. On 26 April, GPO advised that only 31 EM could be provided against the requirement of 243 because all known assets in this MOS were already on orders against USARV's normal requisitions. To alleviate shortages such as in this MOS, this headquarters forcibly requested authority from DA to waive the restriction against 2d In-country promotions. DA granted this authority for the months of June and July and all commanders have been encouraged to take advantage of this liberalization to reduce existing shortages.

b. Reference item concerning sandbags. Concur. During the months of Dec 66, Jan, Feb and Mar 67, depot stocks of sandbags were low and a temporary shortage existed. This headquarters contacted 1st Log Comd on 12 June and was advised that the stockage position on sandbags has improved and all requirements are now being filled. Action taken in paragraph 4, 1st indorsement is considered adequate.

c. Reference item concerning shortage of tableware and hand tools. Tableware is now available within the command in limited quantities. 1st Logistical Command is in the process of determining requirements by location and redistribution of assets will be made as required. Hand tool stockage levels were reviewed by the 1st Logistical Command during May 67 and R/O's were aligned with demand data and requisitions were submitted for USARV requirements.

FOR THE COMMANDER: E. L. KEENE
MFR: CPT, AGC

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ORLL was staffed through:

- AG MAJ Delsi/285
- GA LTC Theros/439
- Avn LTC Nuttall/380

No further coord required. Back up papers are attached to record copy.
Action Officer: MAJ Hull.

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AVREC-H (5 May 1967) 3d Ind
 SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned (NCS CSFOR-65) (U)

DA, HQ II FFORCEV, APO San Francisco 96266 29 MAY 1967

THRU: Commanding General, USAHV, ATTN: AVREC-DH, APO 96307

Commander in Chief, US Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-MH, APO 96558

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Dept of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20310

1. (U) The quarterly report of the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery adequately reflects the operations and lessons learned during this reporting period.
2. (U) Concur with all indorsements, comments and recommendations.

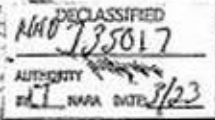
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AVFB-PAC (5 May 67) 2d Ind
 SUBJECT: Operational Report on Lessons Learned

25 MAY 1967

DA, HQ, II FFORCEV Arty, APO 96266

THRU: Commanding General, II Field Force Vietnam, APO 96266
 Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVC-DH,
 APO 96307
 Commander-in-Chief, United States Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-MH,
 APO 96558

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of
 the Army (ACSFOR, DA) Washington, D. C. 20310

1. (U) The quarterly report of the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery adequately reflects the operations and lessons learned during this reporting period.
2. (C) Reference Section I, paragraph 1d, Critical MOS shortages. Concur in the need to fill shortages in this MOS. A shortage of this MOS exists throughout this command.
3. (U) Reference Section II, Part II, paragraph 2. Concur.

RALPH K. JONES
 Colonel, Artillery
 Commanding

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AVGE-C (5 May 1967) 1st Ind (C)
 SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned (MOS-GSPOR-65) (U)

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, HEADQUARTERS, 23D ARTILLERY GROUP, APO 96289,
 17 May 1967

TO: Commanding General, II Field Force Vietnam Artillery, APO 96277

1. (U) The quarterly report of the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery is approved.
2. (C) Section I, Paragraph 1d. Requisitions for individuals in the cited MOS have been submitted to USARV Adjutant General. An overall shortage exists in this MOS and requisitions remain unfilled.
3. (C) Section I, paragraph 5b. 10 KW generators have been issued in lieu of the 15 KW generators. Unit requisitions for 15 KW generators have been cancelled since the submission of ORLL, and unit sees no need to resubmit requisitions as the 15 KW sets are not available and the 10 KW sets are adequate as replacement items.
4. (C) Section I, paragraph 5c. Sand bags are available in limited quantities with priority of issue to units participating in tactical operations. The S-4, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, has been instructed to contact the Director of Supply, 1st Logistical Command, to obtain release of these items since issue is controlled by that Headquarters.
5. (C) Section II, Part II, paragraph 2. Concur.

ROBERT J KOCH
 Colonel, Artillery
 Commanding

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AVHAG-EA (1 Jun 67)

SUBJECT: Indorsement of Operational Reports-Lessons Learned
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THRU: Avn S: (to G4) 8 Jun FROM: AG DATE: CMT 2
 G4 S: (to G3) 13 Jun Major Delsi/bhc/285

TO: G3

1. (C) Reference para 1d Section I and para 2 1st and 2d Indorsements.

a. Concur.

b. 23d Arty Gp has taken proper requisition action to insure that the requirements of the 6th Bn, 27th Arty in regards to Chief of Gun Section, Gunner or Assistant Gunner (MOS 13B40) has been presented to this headquarters.

c. A command wide shortage of approximately 23% exists in this MOS. USARV forwarded an emergency requisition to OPO in February 1967 to offset this anticipated shortage. On 26 April, OPO advised that only 31 EM could be provided against the requirement of 243 because all known assets in this MOS were already on orders against USARV's normal requisitions.

2. (U) To alleviate shortages such as in this MOS, HQ, USARV forcibly requested authority from DA to waive the restriction against 2d In-country promotions. DA granted this authority for the months of June and July and all commanders have been encouraged to take advantage of this liberalization to reduce existing shortages.

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 Colonel, AGC
 Adjutant General

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AVHGD-PO
SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned (ORLL)

TO: G3DST

FROM: G4

DATE: 16 JUN 1987
LTC Therios/gt 199739 CMT 4

1. Reference Paragraph 3, 1st Indorsement, pertaining to 15 KW Generators. Concur. Action taken in 1st Indorsement is considered adequate.

2. Reference Section I, Paragraph 5c, Page 10, and Paragraph 4, 1st Indorsement, pertaining to sandbags. Concur. During the months of Dec 66, Jan, Feb and Mar 67, depot stocks of sandbags were low and a temporary shortage existed. This Hq contacted 1st Log Comd on 12 June and was advised that the stockage position on sandbags has improved and all requirements are now being filled. Action taken in Paragraph 4, 1st Indorsement is considered adequate.

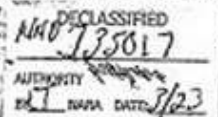
3. Reference Section I, Paragraph 5d, Page 10, pertaining to shortages of tableware and hand tools. Concur. Tableware is now available within the command in limited quantities. 1st Log Comd is in the process of determining requirements by location and redistribution of assets will be made as required. Hand tool stockage levels were reviewed by the 1st Log Comd during May 67 and R/O's were aligned with demand data and requisitions were submitted for USARV requirements.

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SUBJECT: Indorsement of Operational Reports - Lessons Learned (ORLL) (U)

THRU: G-4 S: (to G-3) 13 Jun FROM: Aviation

DATE 9 JUN 1967 CMT 3
LTC Nuttall/cb/A380

TO: G-3

1. (U) Attached ORLL, Headquarters, Headquarters, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, for the period ending 30 April 1967 with three indorsements has been reviewed in accordance with Comment 1.

2. (C) Reference Section II, Part I, paragraph 2, page 13; Section II, Part II, paragraph 2, page 14 and paragraph 5, 1st Indorsement:

a. Concur.

b. As there are no problems indicated from an aviation standpoint, concur in the continuation of experimental flights for evaluation of the MPD.

c. There is no recommended action to higher headquarters.

3. (C) In that the MPD is referred to as an intelligence item recommend this ORLL be forwarded to G-2 for additional review and comment.

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Harry Townsend LTC
for WALLACE R. BUELOW
Colonel, Arty
Deputy Aviation Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST BRIGADE 23RD ARTILLERY
APO San Francisco 96289

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13 May 1967

SUBJECT: Change Instructions

THRU: Commanding Officer
23d Artillery Group
APO 96289

Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam Artillery
ATTN: AVFB-PA-C
APO 96277

Commanding General
United States Army Vietnam
ATTN: AVC-DH
APO 96307

Commander-in-Chief
United States Army Pacific
ATTN: GPOP-MH
APO 96558

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development
Department of the Army
Washington, D.C., 20310

1. The inclosure to this correspondence is a corrected copy of Page 2 of 14 Pages, Operational Report-Lessons Learned (RCS-CSFOR-65) (U), this Headquarters, dated 5 May 1967. The inclosure is forwarded to replace the original Page 2 of 14 Pages of the described document.

2. The original Page 2 of 14 Pages should be removed and destroyed.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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MYRON L. LECKLITNER
Captain, Artillery
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 SUBJECT: Operational Report Lessons Learned (RCS-CSPOR-65) (U) 5 May 1967

a. The 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, remained assigned to the 23d Artillery Group. Battery "B", 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery has been detached from the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery as described in asterisk explanation in paragraph 1(c) below.

b. Normal SI activities have been conducted during the period 1 February 1967 through 30 April 1967.

c. Personnel strength of the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery on 30 April 1967 was:

UNIT	TOE AUTH			ASSIGNED		
	OFF	NO	PL	OFF	NO	PL
Headquarters Battery	22	1	157	18	1	158
"A" Battery	4	0	110	4	0	126
*"B" Battery	3	0	110	NVAL	NVAL	NVAL
"C" Battery	4	0	110	4	0	105
Service Battery	3	3	68	3	3	93
TOTALS	36	4	555	29	4	482
TOTALS (less TOE Battery "B")	33	4	445	29	4	482

* Battery "B", 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery attached to 2nd Battalion, 94th Artillery for administration and logistics under the provisions of para 1, GO 6524, HQ, USARV, dated 27 November 1966. All personnel and financial records of service members assigned to Battery "B" are located in the personnel section, 2nd Battalion, 94th Artillery.

d. Critical MOS shortages: The following MOS position is considered critical as of 30 April 1967, (data exclusive of Battery "D", 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery):

13B46 - Chief of Gun Section, Gunner, or Asst Gunner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
 HEADQUARTERS, 6TH BATTALION, 27TH ARTILLERY
 APO 96289

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THRU: Commanding Officer
 23d Artillery Group
 APO 96289

Commanding General
 II Field Force Vietnam Artillery
 ATTN: AVFB-FA-C
 APO 96277

Commanding General
 United States Army Vietnam
 ATTN: AVC-DH
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Commander-in-Chief
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 ATTN: GPOP-MH
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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development
 Department of the Army
 Washington, D.C., 20310

SECTION I

SIGNIFICANT HEADQUARTERS OR UNIT ACTIVITIES

1. (C) Administration and Personnel.

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d. Critical POS shortages: The following POS position is considered critical as of 30 April 1967, (data exclusive of Battery "B", 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery):

13740 - Chief of Gun Section, Gunner, or Asst Gunner.

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Considered critical because of effect on primary mission of this organization;
 to provide artillery fire support to ground-gaining arms.

	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>ASG</u>	<u>SHORT</u>
Gunner	8	6	2
Asst Gunner	8	5	3
TOTALS	16	11	5

e. Personnel changes during this quarter include:

CAINS:	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	LOSSES:	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
	14	0	146		17	0	128

f. Casualties included:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Killed in Action	0
Wounded in Action	2
Missing in Action	0
Non Battle Dead	0
Non Battle Casualties	1

g. Awards and Decorations presented to members of this command included:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Silver Star	0
Legion of Merit	1
Bronze Star (Valor)	0

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<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Bronze Star (Merit)	9
Air Medal (Merit)	12
Air Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)	10
Commendation Medal (Valor)	0
* Commendation Medal (Merit)	7
Purple Heart	2

NOTE: In addition to these awards, 35 recommendations for award have been submitted and are pending approval.

h. R&R Program schedules include the following:

(1) The in-country R&R consisting of three-day passes to Yung Tzu have been utilized by 9 personnel.

(2) The out-of-country R&R included the following five-day quotas:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bangkok	5	4	6	15
Tokyo	3	5	6	14
Manila	0	1	1	2
Hong Kong	4	3	3	10
Taipei	3	4	7	14
Singapore	2	1	0	3
Kuala Lumpur	0	0	2	2
Penang	2	2	2	6
Hawaii	7	5	8	20

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i. Unit mail clerks pick up and deliver mail from the nearest APO. APO numbers for the units are as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>APO</u>
Headquarters Battery	96289
"A" Battery	96289
"B" Battery	96269
"C" Battery	96289
Service Battery	96491

j. Judicial and Non-Judicial actions by units included:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ARTICLE 15</u>	<u>SUMMARY COURT</u>	<u>SPECIAL COURT</u>	<u>GENERAL COURT</u>
Headquarters Battery	15	2	1	0
"A" Battery	11	0	0	0
*"B" Battery	NVAL	NVAL	NVAL	NVAL
"C" Battery	7	1	1	0
Service Battery	2	1	0	0

*Battery "B", 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery attached to 2nd Battalion, 94th Artillery for administration and logistics under the provisions of para 1, GO 6524, HQ, USARV, dated 27 November 1966.

k. Pertinent medical service statistics include:

Total patient visits (unit personnel)	787
Admitted to hospital	13
Evacuated within the country	52
Evacuated out of country	2
Malaria cases	0

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1. Reportable accidents included:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>
Headquarters Battery	2	1	1
"A" Battery	0	0	0
"B" Battery	0	0	0
"C" Battery	0	0	0
Service Battery	2	0	1
TOTALS	4	1	2

m. The morale of the command is outstanding.

n. Educational opportunities for personnel are provided by USAFI extension courses. Recent classes have been conducted at each battery location that informed service members of the opportunities available while furthering their education through the USAFI program.

o. Religious services, both Protestant and Catholic, are held on a regular weekly basis.

2. (C) Intelligence.

a. Comprehensive inspections of subordinate elements of the battalion were continued throughout the reporting period. These inspections included physical security, security of classified information and counter-intelligence. SABDA briefings were given during these inspections. Improvements in the knowledge and understanding of these subjects by the individual soldier were noted throughout the battalion.

b. Intelligence meetings between Special Forces personnel, forward air controllers and artillery pilots and observers, as described in previous reports, were held by this Battalion during the reporting period. A further improvement in the flow of intelligence information between these intelligence collection agencies in the battalion area of interest has been made. Everyone who has attended these meetings has felt that the meetings are very helpful and should be continued at frequent intervals. Future meetings will be expanded to include representatives from the new Special Forces Camps in our area of operations, higher headquarters, US Brigades and DS artillery units in our geographical area.

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3. (C) Training.

a. On the job training and individual cross level training continued in all units of this battalion. Specialist gunners tests for gun section personnel were increased from one to three personnel per gun section and were administered every two weeks. Written tests are being administered to all fire direction personnel. In addition to written tests, each Battery FDC is tested every two weeks with a graded live firing exercise. All artillery company grade officers in the battalion are required to take written gunnery exams every two weeks in order to insure that those officers not directly assigned duties in fire direction centers maintain their proficiency in gunnery. Each newly assigned officer is required to spend four days in the battalion fire direction center. This period is used to indoctrinate new officer arrivals with the techniques of operating a fire direction center under the unusual conditions existing in Vietnam.

b. Weapons familiarization for all personnel is conducted on a monthly basis. Personnel familiarize with all TOE weapons including hand grenades. Integrated training is conducted during range firing periods. These periods of instruction include characteristics of all organic weapons, nomenclature and functioning.

c. The Battalion Surgeon conducted one hour of instruction on emergency first aid to each battery during the reporting period.

d. Quotas have been arranged for new replacements arriving in the battalion to attend the 1st Infantry Division Jungle Devil School. The school's training schedule includes all required subjects for replacement training outlined in USARV Circular 350-1. The battalion presently has ten students attending the school.

e. Two crater analysis teams from Hqs and "C" Battery have been formed and trained. In addition, the battalion has assumed the responsibility of training teams from all units within the Phuoc Vinh base camp.

f. The following periods of mandatory training for personnel were conducted during the reporting period:

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| (1) Command Information | 3 Hour(s) |
| (2) Character Guidance | 3 " |

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- (3) First Aid 1 Hour(s)
- (4) Combat Intelligence 2 "
- (5) CBR 1 "
- (6) Personal Hygiene 1 "
- (7) Escape and Evasion 1 "
- (8) Map Reading 1 "
- (9) Anti-Infiltration and
Anti-Guerrilla Warfare 1 "
- (10) Weapons Proficiency 6 "

4. (C) Operations.

a. Normal operations, consistent with battalion mission, were conducted during the reporting period.

b. The following operations were supported by the battalion during the reporting period:

(1) Operation Willeston: A brigade size, road clearing and search and destroy operation along Route 13 south of An Loc and Route 245 between An Loc and Minh Thanh. Battery "A" provided GSR fires to 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div from 2 to 12 Feb 67.

(2) Operation Tuscon Delta: A division directed multi-brigade operation between the Minh Thanh and Michelin Rubber Plantations. Battery "A" provided GSR fires to 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div from 13 to 21 Feb 67.

(3) Operation Junction City: A search and destroy operation while occupying blocking positions along the Cambodian Border in northern Tay Ninh Province (War Zone C). Phase 2 consisted of the opening of Route 246 and security of construction parties building the CIDG Camp and airfield (vic XT6281) west of An Loc, security for engineers rebuilding the bridge at XT624815, and securing the route for resupply convoys along Route 13 north of XT764804 to An Loc. Battery "A" provided GSR fires to 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div from 22 Feb to 15 Apr 67.

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(4) Resupply convoy to Phuoc Vinh: Battery "C" GSR to 3d Bde, 1st Inf Div from 27 to 31 Mar 67.

(5) Resupply convoy to Phuoc Vinh: Battery "C" GSR to 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div from 17 to 21 Apr 67.

(6) "A" Battery's 8" platoon was put under the OPCON of the 7/9 Artillery to support resupply convoy along Route 13 on 11 Mar 67. The 8" platoon displaced to its field location at 111000H and closed at 111400H Mar 67. The 8" platoon continued its mission until 16 Apr 67, closing back in Quan Loi base camp at 1600H. Fire direction control remained at Battalion Headquarters during this period.

c. The battalion continues its extensive support to all Special Forces Camps within range of its weapons. During this reporting period the Special Forces Camp at Kom Cat has been closed. The battalion now provides direct support to the Special Forces Camps at Dong Xoai, Cau Song Be, Minh Thanh, Tong Le Chan, Loc Ninh and provides H&I fires for the Special Forces "B" Team located at Song Be. Close and daily liaison has been accomplished with all above mentioned Special Forces Camps. Final defensive fires have been planned by the battalion with the Camp Commanders. These concentrations have been fired in at Dong Xoai, Cau Song Be and Tong Le Chan.

d. The Battalion Survey Team has completed position area surveys at the following locations:

- (1) Nuoc Vang (ARVN Compound)
- (2) Dong Xoi (Special Forces Camp)
- (3) Cau Song Be (Special Forces Camp)
- (4) Tong Le Chan (Special Forces Camp)

e. The Battalion Survey Team is presently at Minh Thanh completing a position area survey in that area.

f. The battalion continued to control the fires of separate 105 and 4.2 mortar batteries for the defense of the Phuoc Vinh base camp during the absence of the direct support artillery headquarters. During these periods no-notice simulated mortar attacks were conducted periodically by the battalion to test the reaction time of all artillery in the Phuoc Vinh area to deliver fire on their assigned sectors of the counter mortar program.

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g. During the quarter the battalion continued the "Turkey Shoot" programs by displacing "A" and "C" Batteries to field firing positions to attack targets located beyond 8" and 175mm range.

h. The following number of missions were fired with total amounts of ammunition listed below:

	Number of Missions Fired	Ammo Expended		Total
		8"	175mm	
"A" Battery:	4537	3954	5253	9,007
"C" Battery:	5241	5727	5365	11,092
Bn (-) Total:	9778	9681	10,618	20,299

i. A test was conducted to determine the effect of noises on water buffalo. The test consisted of flying at several different altitudes and playing a tape of battle noises from an Air Force U-10 aircraft. The objective of the test was to create movement of the water buffalo used by the Viet Cong in dense jungle to disclose enemy positions and presence. The noises produced no significant movement by the buffalo.

5. (C) Logistics.

a. Direct exchange of individual and organizational clothing has improved with the release of jungle fatigues by the DX facility.

b. Lack of three authorized 15KW generators make it extremely difficult to maintain twenty-four hour operations. Requirements for electricity exceed the output of generators on hand and the electricity requirement continues to grow. Two each FSN 6115-591-6866 on control number AT8033-6308-0468; and one each, FSN 6115-697-2402 on control number AT8033-6303-0132 are due out to this organization.

c. Sandbags continue to be in short supply and a controlled item; however, the use of dirt filled salvage 55 gallon drums for protection of troop billets and buildings has alleviated the sandbag situation.

d. Self Service Supply Center has improved with the availability of some mess hall equipment (tumblers, cups and trays). Mess hall forks are needed by units of the battalion, but are not available at the Self Service Supply Center. Hand tools (except screwdrivers) are also critically short but not available at the Self Service Supply Center.

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e. Self help construction of needed facilities continued during the period with the following results within the battalion:

- (1) Ten tropical troop billets completed and occupied.
- (2) Seven aluminum (Adams Huts) troop billets completed and occupied.
- (3) A 20' X 110' battalion maintenance facility completed.
- (4) Two latrine/shower facilities completed.
- (5) One mess hall (20' X 100') completed and operational.
- (6) Twelve tent frame troop billets ("A" Battery).
- (7) Two fire direction centers.

6. (C) Aviation.

The following aviation missions, listed by sorties, were flown during this quarter:

	<u>Cmd & Control</u>	<u>Recon</u>	<u>Arty Adjust</u>	<u>FAX</u>	<u>Cargo (Tons)</u>	<u>Hours</u>
ROTARY WING	151	116	26	133	1.0	195:45
FIXED WING	53	194	60	35	.9	311:45
TOTALS	204	310	86	168	1.9	507:30

Of the 507:30 hours flown during the period, 410:45 hours were utilized for visual recon and artillery adjustment, 81% of the total flown. Ninety-six hours and forty-five minutes (96:45) were flown for command and control and resupply of maintenance parts, 19% of total. One O-1D was declared a combat loss to the battalion as of 6 Feb 67.

7. (C) Civic Actions.

a. The Battalion Medical Section conducted eight MEDCAPS during the reporting period. Approximately 409 patients were treated in the villages of Nuoc Vang vicinity XT994517 and Bo Maa I vicinity XT973485.

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b. The battalion continued to sponsor the Phuoc Vinh Elementary School. Personnel from the battalion have repaired classroom furniture, painted classrooms, cut the grass and policed the schoolyard.

c. Sergeant Vu Nhu Son, the Battalion Interpreter, is teaching English to the villagers of Phuoc Vinh five evenings per week. SON has also begun to teach Vietnamese at the Phuoc Vinh Service Club each Tuesday evening.

d. Construction was continued on both the hospital and the SVN compound at Nuoc Vang. This is being done by both the villagers and battalion personnel. The project is being coordinated with MACV and the engineers.

e. The battalion supervised the construction of an PW/PP facility at Nuoc Vang.

f. The battalion repainted the school house at Nuoc Vang with the help of the villagers.

g. Three boxes of clothes received by the battalion from the United States were distributed to the people of Nuoc Vang.

8. (C) Communications.

a. A four position control box has been designed and installed in the Operations Section of this battalion. This control box has reduced the number of radio operators on duty required to operate the numerous radios in the Operations Section. One operator now has the capability of monitoring or transmitting on three separate radios at one time from the switchbox. A suggestion was submitted for the Army wide adoption of this locally made piece of equipment.

b. Two half wave center fed antennas have been erected to operate on the 23d Artillery Group AM net. One each on the primary and alternate frequencies. FM communication has improved considerably between the battalion and 23d Artillery Group Headquarters with the erection of a 70' FM multi-antenna mast.

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1. (U) Personnel and Administration.

NONE

2. (C) Intelligence.

- a. ITEM: Man Pack Personnel Detector (MPD)

(1) DISCUSSION: The man pack personnel detector (MPD) flights discussed in the previous ORLL have continued throughout this reporting period. The MPD has been modified by ACTIV as suggested by this battalion to adapt it for use in the fixed wing aircraft. The modification consisted of removing the meter from the probe and re-wiring it to locate the meter inside the aircraft where the observer can monitor the meter more effectively and eliminate the tendency toward motion sickness. The wire to the audio device has been lengthened to allow the observer more freedom of action. The following item cites one of the significant uses of this ground pack designed device used in an airborne configuration. On 28 April a report was received from an informer that one NVA Regiment, the 271 Regiment and the 9th Viet Cong Division Headquarters were in the area XT9275 - 9383 - 8677 - 8675. An MPD flight was conducted from 290710 to 290845 April 1967. A significant meter reading was recorded at XT924775. Artillery and air strike resulted in 11 Viet Cong KIA (BC).

(2) OBSERVATION: That the MPD has proven highly effective in confirming suspect Viet Cong locations.

3. (U) Training and Organization.

NONE

4. (U) Operations.

NONE

5. (U) Logistics.

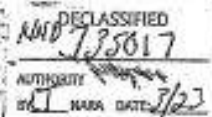
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6. (U) Aviation.

NONE

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1. (U) Personnel and Administration.

NONE

2. (C) Intelligence.

That the experimental flights utilizing the "MPD" be continued until additional results are available for evaluation.

3. (U) Training and Organization.

NONE

4. (U) Operations.

NONE

5. (U) Logistics.

NONE

6. (U) Aviation.

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