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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY, VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375 8 DEC 1969

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOH-UT,
APO 96553

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 October 1969 from Headquarters, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery.

2. Comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning "8548 for transportation of 8 inch and 175mm projectiles", page 7, paragraph 2b; nonconcur. The procedure described is common place with heavy FA units and world wide dissemination is not necessary.

b. Reference item concerning "Employment of Unattended Ground Surveillance Sensor Devices", page 7, paragraph 2d; concur. The procedure described here or variations of it are used through out RVN by targeting agencies.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Cy furn:
6th/27th Arty
II FFV

L. D. MURRAY
CPT. AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

MFR: ORLL was staffed through:

G3-OPNS: MAJ Weaver/4636

G1: MAJ Murphy/4455

ACTION OFFICER: MAJ HENDRICKS/TMK/4433

CONCURRENCE/NONCONCURRENCE: Not required.

Suitable for Commander's Notes: Yes/No.

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AVFB-FAC (1 Nov 69) 1st Ind
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TO: HEADQUARTERS, II FIELD FORCE VIETNAM ARTILLERY, APO 96266 16 NOV 1969

FROM: Commanding Officer, II Field Force Vietnam, ATTN: AVFBC-RE, APO
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The quarterly report of the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery adequately
reflects operations and lessons learned during the reporting period.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Edwin S. O'Smith Jr.
EDWIN S. OSMITH JR.
Major, FA
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DA, HQ II FFORCEV, APO San Francisco 96266

THRU: Commanding General, US Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGC(DST), APO 96375

Commander-In-Chief, US Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOR-DT, APO 96558

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

This headquarters has reviewed and concurs with the Operational Report - Lessons Learned of the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery for the period ending 31 October 1969, as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


 D. G. McDONALD
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AVHGA-P (24 Nov 69)
SUBJECT: CRLL for 6th/27th Arty

TO: ACofS, G3

FROM: ACofS, G1

DATE: 5 DEC 1969 CMT 4
Maj Murphy/tcg/4455

Your attention is invited to Cmt 3.

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R. V. Foster
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ACofS, G1

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AVHAG-EA (24 Nov 69)
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TO ACoFS, G1 FROM AG DATE CMT 3
 MAJ Williams/rad/4614

Reference paragraph 1a(2), attached ORLL for the 6th Bn, 27th Arty, II FFV.

Records this headquarters reveal that II FFV is currently well above the USARV average in all MOS in above reference. The shortage of middle grade non-commissioned officers is common throughout USARV and is expected to prevail as Army-wide resources are insufficient to offset continuing requirements in short tour areas.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:



DONALD S. AINES
 LTC, AGC
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Request your comments on para 1a(2), 6th Bn 27th Arty ORLL MLT COB 29 Nov 69.

William H. Winter
 R. V. POSTER
 Colonel, GS
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AVHGC-0A (24 Nov 69)

SUBJECT: Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Reports - Lessons Learned for
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TO: C, DST Div, G3

FROM: C, Opns Div, G3

DATE: 27 NOV 1969 CMT 2
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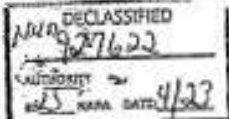
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AS IT IS NOT AN INNOVATION.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 6TH BATTALION 27TH ARTILLERY
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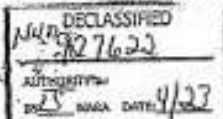
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b. Operations.

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 Battery C, 6/27 Artillery, XT 97084965, Phuoc Vinh
 HNB, 6/27 Artillery, XT 80989031, Quan Loi
 Service Battery, 6/27 Artillery, YT 05381107, Plantation

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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:

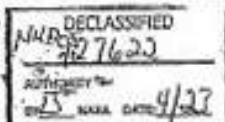
UNIT	MISSIONS FIRED	AMMUNITION EXPENDED		
		152MM	175MM	8"
Battery A, 6/27 Arty	1824		4124	3796
Battery B, 6/27 Arty	2496		4750	2377
Battery C, 6/27 Arty	1733		2319	3551
Battery F, 16th Arty	2795	15,711		
TOTALS:	8848	15,711	11,193	9724

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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(3) Mandatory Training Subjects:

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>REQUIRED HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS COVERED</u>
Command Information	12	12
Geneva Convention	1	1
Military Justice	1	1
Psychological Warfare	1	1
Armed Forces Censorship	1	1
Character Guidance	3	3
Weapon Familiarization	6	6
Code of Conduct	1	1
Firing Crew-Served Weapons	12	12
Mobility Training	1	2
Medical Training	1	2

d. Intelligence.

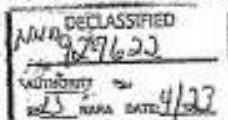
(1) During the reporting period aerial observers of this battalion flew 113 VR missions consisting of 264 hours which resulted in 75 significant sightings and 42 fire missions.

(2) Target surveillance credited the battalion with 14 confirmed enemy killed by artillery (KBA) and 10 (possible) enemy killed by artillery (KBA). Continuing the attack against hard target complexes the battalion destroyed 154 bunkers, 5 caliber 51 machine guns and 6 sampans.

(3) The following security clearances were granted or validated during the reporting period. Top Secret (clearances validated - 6), Secret (clearances validated - 43), Final Secret (clearances granted - 38), and Confidential (clearances validated - 0).

(4) During this reporting period Survey Control Points were reestablished at Quan Loi, Thunder IV and Loc Ninh. Survey was extended to Battery C, 2/12 Artillery by the Battalion Survey Section. Additionally flash bases were surveyed to assure a common grid.

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e. Logistics and Maintenance.

(1) The battalion engaged in normal supply, ammunition support and service activities during the reporting period. Daily air resupply of all classes of supplies were made to Battery B, 6/27 Arty throughout the period and during September and October, one (1) platoon, (3 - 155mm howitzers) of Battery F, 16th Artillery received supplies as needed by air while located at Phuoc Binh.

(2) During the reporting period the battalion maintenance deadline rate has been on a steady decline as compared to the previous reporting period.

f. Organization. None

g. Other.

(1) Medical: The general health of the battalion has remained at a high state. Emphasis has been placed on malaria prophylaxis. Classes were presented on venereal diseases. The medical non-effective rate was minimal.

(2) Civic Action:

(a) The civic action program was quite active during this period. Battalion support continues to three (3) schools, four (4) orphanages, two (2) scout troops, one (1) hospital, and one (1) refugee village. The 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery initiated support to a Buddhist Orphanage for a total of five (5) orphanages supported by this organization. Free World Funds of 135,000 RVN dollars have been committed to build a dayroom for Binh Long Province Hospital.

(b) Large quantities of food (50,000 pounds) were distributed to the schools & orphanages along with supplies, books, pencils, and crayons.

(c) The two (2) scout troops efforts reinforce the civic action program with project trips to area Montagnard villages. In these trips the scout troops have been repairing roads, clearing drainage ditches, and distributing food to needy villagers.

(3) Communications: None

2. (C) SECTION 2. Lessons Learned: Commander's Observations, Evaluations, and Recommendations.

a. Personnel. None

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b. Operations. (M548 for transportation of 8" & 175mm projectiles).

(1) OBSERVATION. Accidents can be avoided through the use of the M548 to transport and store ammunition. The M548 can prevent unnecessary handling of the ammunition and decrease the possibility of damage to the round or personnel.

(2) EVALUATION. With the use of the M548, artillery ammunition can be stored in a mobile configuration. A limited amount of ammunition can be kept on the M548 and the M548 can be driven to the rear of the piece and the ammunition handlers can work directly off the bed of the M548. A rack constructed of criss-crossed 2x4's makes the load stable and keeps the ammunition separated. By use of the M548, the battery can cut down on the reaction time and also cut down on unnecessary ammunition handling and thereby decreasing injury to personnel and damage to ammunition.

(3) RECOMMENDATION. That this information be disseminated to all heavy Field Artillery units with organic M548's.

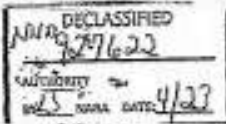
c. Training. None

d. Intelligence. Employment of unattended Ground Surveillance Sensor Devices.

(1) OBSERVATION. A program of analysis and identification of Tactical Field Sensors will yield increased operational effectiveness.

(2) EVALUATION. The development of a priority of fire to this type of target acquisition device can result in increased operational effectiveness and security of troop concentrations. There are several artillery system techniques which if adopted and supported can provide dividends. The development of adequate visual aids can provide the Battalion Tactical Operations Center analyst a ready means to observe trends in sensor activations. A map or mock-up at the scale of 1:12,250 which depicts the sensor field will adequately portray the sensor area and provide detailed information for anticipated follow-up of sensor activations. Maintenance of sensor activations records will identify "Hot" areas of activity and provide data to higher headquarters for sensor deployment planning. In the area of Seismic Sensors, artillery rounds may be fired, in coordination with monitoring agencies to check inactive sensors. At Firing Battery and section level, weapons can be deployed toward selected sensor groups to gain reaction time and effectiveness of fire.

(3) RECOMMENDATION. That artillery units with sensor responsibility develop described techniques and maintain appropriate records to gain maximum effect of unattended Ground Surveillance Sensor Devices.



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- e. Logistics and Maintenance. None
- f. Organization. None
- g. Other. None

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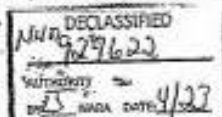
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(d) On 17 October, Service Battery, 6/27 Artillery moved by convoy from Long Binh (YT 045096) to Plantation (YT 05381107) as a result of reassignment from 23d Field Artillery Group. With the move Service Battery relinquished responsibility for operation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

UNIT	MISSIONS FIRED	AMMUNITION EXPENDED		
		155MM	175MM	8"
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	2795	15,711		
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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(3) Mandatory Training Subjects:

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>REQUIRED HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS COVERED</u>
Command Information	12	12
Geneva Convention	1	1
Military Justice	1	1
Psychological Warfare	1	1
Armed Forces Censorship	1	1
Character Guidance	3	3
Weapon Familiarization	6	6
Code of Conduct	1	1
Firing Crew-Served Weapons	12	12
Mobility Training	1	2
Medical Training	1	2

d. Intelligence.

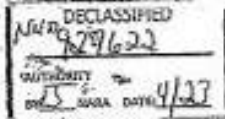
(1) During the reporting period aerial observers of this battalion flew 113 VR missions consisting of 264 hours which resulted in 75 significant sightings and 42 fire missions.

(2) Target surveillance credited the battalion with 14 confirmed enemy killed by artillery (KBA) and 10 (possible) enemy killed by artillery (KBA). Continuing the attack against hard target complexes the battalion destroyed 154 bunkers, 5 caliber 51 machine guns and 6 sampans.

(3) The following security clearances were granted or validated during the reporting period. Top Secret (clearances validated - 6), Secret (clearances validated - 43), Final Secret (clearances granted - 38), and Confidential (clearances validated - 0).

(4) During this reporting period Survey Control Points were reestablished at Quan Loi, Thunder IV and Loc Ninh. Survey was extended to Battery C, 2/12 Artillery by the Battalion Survey Section. Additionally flash bases were surveyed to assure a common grid.

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e. Logistics and Maintenance.

(1) The battalion engaged in normal supply, ammunition support and service activities during the reporting period. Daily air resupply of all classes of supplies were made to Battery B, 6/27 Arty throughout the period and during September and October, one (1) platoon, (3 - 155mm howitzers) of Battery F, 16th Artillery received supplies as needed by air while located at Phuoc Binh.

(2) During the reporting period the battalion maintenance deadline rate has been on a steady decline as compared to the previous reporting period.

f. Organization. None

g. Other.

(1) Medical: The general health of the battalion has remained at a high state. Emphasis has been placed on malaria prophylaxis. Cases were presented on venereal diseases. The medical non-effective rate was minimal.

(2) Civic Action:

(a) The civic action program was quite active during this period. Battalion support continues to three (3) schools, four (4) orphanages, two (2) scout troops, one (1) hospital, and one (1) refugee village. The 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery initiated support to a Buddhist Orphanage for a total of five (5) orphanages supported by this organization. Free World Funds of 135,000 RVN dollars have been committed to build a dayroom for Binh Long Province Hospital.

(b) Large quantities of food (50,000 pounds) were distributed to the schools & orphanages along with supplies, books, pencils, and crayons.

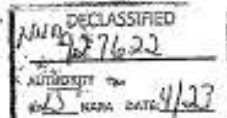
(c) The two (2) scout troops efforts reinforce the civic action program with project trips to area Montagnard villages. In these trips the scout troops have been repairing roads, clearing drainage ditches, and distributing food to needy villagers.

(3) Communications: None

2. (C) SECTION 2. Lessons Learned: Commander's Observations, Evaluations, and Recommendations.

a. Personnel. None

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b. Operations. (M548 for transportation of 8" & 175mm projectiles).

(1) OBSERVATION. Accidents can be avoided through the use of the M548 to transport and store ammunition. The M548 can prevent unnecessary handling of the ammunition and decrease the possibility of damage to the round or personnel.

(2) EVALUATION. With the use of the M548, artillery ammunition can be stored in a mobile configuration. A limited amount of ammunition can be kept on the M548 and the M548 can be driven to the rear of the piece and the ammunition handlers can work directly off the bed of the M548. A rack constructed of criss-crossed 2X4's makes the load stable and keeps the ammunition separated. By use of the M548, the battery can cut down on the reaction time and also cut down on unnecessary ammunition handling and thereby decreasing injury to personnel and damage to ammunition.

(3) RECOMMENDATION. That this information be disseminated to all heavy Field Artillery units with organic M548's.

c. Training. None

d. Intelligence. Employment of unattended Ground Surveillance Sensor Devices.

(1) OBSERVATION. A program of analysis and identification of Tactical Field Sensors will yield increased operational effectiveness.

(2) EVALUATION. The development of a priority of fire to this type of target acquisition device can result in increased operational effectiveness and security of troop concentrations. There are several artillery system techniques which if adopted and supported can provide dividends. The development of adequate visual aids can provide the Battalion Tactical Operations Center analyst a ready means to observe trends in sensor activations. A map or mock-up at the scale of 1:12,250 which depicts the sensor field will adequately portray the sensor area and provide detailed information for anticipated follow-up of sensor activations. Maintenance of sensor activations records will identify "Hot" areas of activity and provide data to higher headquarters for sensor deployment planning. In the area of Sismic Sensors, artillery rounds may be fired, in coordination with monitoring agencies to check inactive sensors. At Firing Battery and section level, weapons can be deployed toward selected sensor groups to gain reaction time and effectiveness of fire.

(3) RECOMMENDATION. That artillery units with sensor responsibility develop described techniques and maintain appropriate records to gain maximum effect of unattended Ground Surveillance Sensor Devices.

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- e. Logistics and Maintenance. None
- f. Organization. None
- g. Other. None

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