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SUBJECT: Operational Report of 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery (VIC:WAISAA)
Period Ending 30 April 1971, RCS CSFOR-65 (R3) (U)

Headquarters, United States Army Vietnam, APO San Francisco 96375 12 JUL 1971

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-FD,
APO 96558.

This Headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 30 April 1971 from Headquarters, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery and concurs with comments of indorsing headquarters with the exception of page 8, paragraph 2b. Nonconcur with the recommendation to include one 81mm mortar and a minimum of two Starlight Scopes on the MTOE document of each battery of the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery. Unit stated the Starlight Scopes would be mounted on Rifle, 7.62mm, M-14, of which none are authorized on unit MTOE document. Unit will be notified of proper method of adding equipment to MTOE document. No action by USARPAC or DA is recommended. Unit has been so advised.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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GEORGE F. MACLAREN
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Acting Asst Adjutant General

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FD: CPT Scharff/4240
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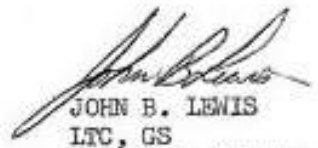
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FROM: Chief, FD Div
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Subject ORLL has been reviewed as requested. Force Development comment is added as Inclosure 4.

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(C) Reference item concerning "Fire Support Base Perimeter Defense", page 8, para 2b: Nencencur with the recommendation to include one 81mm mortar and a minimum of two Starlight scopes on the MTOE document of each battery of the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery. These items are considered non-mission-essential. Unit stated the Starlight scope would be mounted on Rifle, 7.62MM, M-14, of which none are authorized on unit MTOE document. Unit will be notified of proper method of adding equipment to MTOE documents. No action by USARPAC or DA is recommended.

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SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned, 6th Battalion, 27th
Artillery for the Period Ending 30 April 1971. BCS CSPOR (R3)

DA, HEADQUARTERS, 23D ARTILLERY GROUP, APO 96266 19 MAY 1971

TO: Commanding General, Third Regional Assistance Command, APO 96266

This headquarters has reviewed the semi-annual Operational Report -
Lessons Learned of the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery and concurs with
operations and lessons learned during the reporting period.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

BERTRAM B. DALES
MAJ, FA
Adjutant

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HQ, Third Regional Assistance Command, APO San Francisco 96266 2 4 MAY 1971

THRU: Commanding General, US Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHDO-DO, APO 96375

Commander-In-Chief, US Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT, APO 96538

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

1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed and concurs with the Operational Report - Lessons Learned for the period ending 30 April 1971 from Headquarters, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Robert F. Carrell
 For ROBERT F. CARRELL *Major AGC*
 LTC, AGC
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 6TH BATTALION 27TH ARTILLERY
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SUBJECT: Operational Report of 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery (UIC:WAIB...)
Period Ending 30 April 1971, LCS CSFG-65 (U) (U)

1. (C) Operations: Significant Activities.

A. Command Group:

(1) The 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery was reassigned from II Field Force Vietnam Artillery to 23d Artillery Group effective 5 January 1971. Organic batteries of this organization are assigned the following tactical missions:

- (a) Battery A: General Support priority of fires to 5th AVN Division Artillery.
- (b) Battery B: General Support reinforcing 5th AVN Division Artillery.
- (c) Battery C: General Support reinforcing 5th AVN Division Artillery.

(2) At the end of the reporting period the assigned personnel strength of the battalion was above the authorized however, shortages existed in certain MOS's.

<u>MOS/GRADE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>
0502/E4	RTT Operator	10	3
1304/E6	arty Section Chief	16	9
1302/E5	Fire Director Computer	12	3
1304/E5	Recon Sergeant	6	4
3502/E4	Wireman	35	26
9402/E5	Cook	5	1
9402/E6	Cook	5	2
9404/E7	Mess Sergeant	5	2

(3) The morale of the battalion remains high with the R & R program and the 14 day leave program contributing greatly to the improved esprit de corps within this organization.

Site	November		December		January		February		March		April	
	req	recd	req	recd	req	recd	req	recd	req	recd	req	recd
Hawaii	10	8	6	4	10	9	12	12	4	4	3	3
Hong Kong	6	2	5	3	7	6	7	7	2	2	2	1
Sydney	16	6	12	9	10	9	21	21	10	10	4	4
Taipei	4	2	10	7	4	3	4	4	0	0	3	3
Langkck	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0

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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.

L. 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 Doi and closed grid YU022342 without incident.

(2) 22 February 1971, Battery departed YU022342 and closed FSL Lu Doi without incident.

(3) 15 March 1971, 2 tubes 8" departed FSL Lu Doi and closed YU022342 without incident.

(4) 20 March 1971, 2 tubes 8" departed YU022342 and closed FSL Lu Doi without incident.

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(b) Battery B, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery.

(1) 28 December 1970, battery departed Duc Ninh and closed FSL Luttons, Song Lo, without incident.

(2) 29 December 1970, battery departed Song Lo and closed FSL Snuffy with 3 tubes. One tube was returned to Song Lo for repair after slipping from a 10 ton tractor-trailer QRF up.

(3) 27 March 1971, battery departed FSL Snuffy with 55 vehicle convey in route to FSL Wade. 35 vehicles closed Phuoc Vinh and the remaining 20 vehicles closed Dong Xoi the first day.

(4) 28 March 1971, 20 vehicles departed Dong Xoi and closed Phuoc Vinh. Battery departed Phuoc Vinh and closed FSL Wade. One vehicle was abandoned on the trip when it broke down and could not be recovered.

(5) 6 April 1971, 2 tubes 175mm departed FSL Wade and closed FSL Haymaker. Both pieces were red on arrival; however, one piece was repaired and ready to fire within 2 hours after arrival. The second tube remained red due to an inoperative spade cylinder fitting.

(6) 20 April 1971, one tube 175mm departed FSL Haymaker and closed 19th Maintenance Battalion, Long Linh for deferred maintenance.

(7) 29 April 1971, one tube 175mm departed FSL Haymaker and closed FSL Wade without incident.

(c) Battery C, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery.

(1) 9 November 1970, battery departed FSL Mateel and closed FSL Wade without incident.

(2) 9 January 1971, 2 tubes 175mm departed FSL Wade and closed FSL Alpha without incident.

(3) 16 January 1971, 2 tubes 175mm departed FSL Alpha and closed FSL Wade without incident.

(4) 6 February 1971, battery departed FSL Wade and closed FSL Haymaker.

(5) 24 February 1971, 2 tubes 175mm departed FSL Haymaker and closed FSL Alpha without incident.

(6) 1 March 1971, 2 tubes 175mm departed FSL Alpha and closed FSL Haymaker without incident.

(d) Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 35th Artillery (CICG).

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- (1) 22 November 1970, Battery closed FSL Simmons and became G/CON to this battalion.
- (2) 20 December 1970, Battery departed FSL Simmons in route to French Fort. Battery cleared Dau Tieng and terminated G/CON to this battalion.
- (e) Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 12th Artillery (G/CON). Battery departed Lu Dap 5 December 1970 terminating G/CON to this battalion.
- (f) Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 12th Artillery (G/CON).
- (1) 5 December 1970, Battery departed FSL Snuffy and closed Lu Dap becoming G/CON to this battalion.
- (2) 2 February 1971, Battery departed FSL Lu Dap terminating G/CON to this battalion.
- (g) Headquarters Battery, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery.
- (1) 10 November 1970, Battery Forward Command Post at FSL Wade departed and closed Thu Lai without incident.
- (2) 30 December 1970, Liaison Officer with 9th AVN Regiment departed An Loc and displaced to Loc Binh. Upon closing Loc Binh, LNO was attached to the Command Post of Task Force 333 (AVN).
- (3) 4 February 1971, this battalion assumed operational control of the Song Lo Artillery Warning Control Center (AWCC) and the Combined Fire Support Coordination Center. The AWCC/CFSOC is under supervision of the battalion liaison officer at Song Lo. This Combined AWCC/CFSOC is presently being operated in addition to the one being operated by the battalion at An Loc.
- (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	16429

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Unit	All unit personnel
Btry A/2-35th Arty	1753
Btry B/2-12th Arty	2233
Btry C/2-12th Arty	2611
Total	6597

NOTE: This battalion had no firing accidents/incidents during the reporting period. GICOM units, Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 35th Artillery, and Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 12th Artillery, each had one firing incident. The incidents were fully investigated and the investigations failed to produce any evidence that the batteries were directly responsible.

C. Training.

(1) A continuous cross-training program of personnel is necessary due to the constant turnover of personnel and certain shortages in critical MOS's. Significant skills developed in the program are fire direction personnel, gun section chiefs, KTT operators, and cooks.

(2) In-country schools are being utilized to upgrade assigned personnel through attendance at Fire Direction Officers school and a school for fire direction personnel. These courses are conducted by 23d Artillery Group as required.

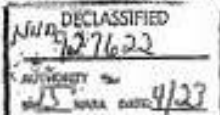
(3) New arrivals in the unit continue to receive in-country replacement training within one week of arrival. At the beginning of the reporting period, this training was conducted by the 1st Cavalry Division (A.D.) at Plea Bea. However, with troop withdrawals, in-country training is now being controlled and supervised by 23d Artillery Group and provides a firm basis for rapid adaptability of the individual to a combat environment.

(4) Mandatory training subjects.

Subject	Hours Required	Hours Conducted
Character Guidance	6	6
Command Information	26	26
Weapons Training	24	24
Driver Training	12	12
Communications Training	2	2
Code of Conduct	2	2
Geneva Convention	1	1
Drug Abuse	2	2
CMF Training	2	2
Fire Prevention	1	1

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D. Intelligence.

(1) During the reporting period, aerial observers of this battalion flew 126 VA 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 5x5 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 C, 2-12th Arty (GICOK) expended 20 rounds 155mm XU899229 and partially destroyed an anti-aircraft position.

(c) 14 January 1971, Btry C fired 24 rounds 175mm on YU320376 killing one enemy soldier, destroying one bunker, and uncovering one spider hole.

(d) 22 January 1971, Btry C 2-12th Arty (GICOK) expended 50 rounds 155mm on grid XU926230 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 5x5 hootch damaged.

(h) 6 February 1971, Btry C expended 17 rounds 175mm on XU745204 resulting in one 50x50 bunker, eight 6x10 bunkers destroyed and 50 meters of trench line 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 XU637263 resulting in 5 enemy killed by artillery.

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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 blood trails, and 2 anti-tank mines captured.

(m) 16 March 1971, Btry A fired on grid XU960422. Surveillance revealed one enemy killed by artillery. In a second fire mission on grid XU972245, in support of an AAVN 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.

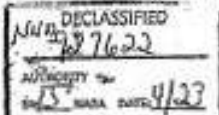
(o) 12 April 1971, Btry A expended 10 rounds 8" on grid YU62210 in support of an AAVN operation. Surveillance revealed 30 enemy killed by artillery. In addition, the following enemy material was captured: 51 anti-tank mines, 26 rounds 120mm mortar, 30 grenades, 150 L-40 charges, 40 L-41 charges, 20x22mm mortar rounds rigged as mines, 1x600mm mortar base plate, 5000 meters communications wire, 1x120mm mortar sight, 20x60mm mortar rounds, 2 radios, 5 L-41 rounds, 8 L-40 rounds. 40 hatches were also discovered in this same general area.

(3) Survey operations during the reporting period established 5 battery centers, 17 orienting stations, 15 orienting lines, and 2 declination stations. In addition, one counter-mortar radar position was surveyed at Trung Lap. The battalion survey section also conducted a 2 week survey course at Lon Son. This training was given to survey personnel of 5th AAVN Division Artillery.

B. Logistics and maintenance. The battalion engaged in normal supply and maintenance activities during the reporting period. Supplies were air delivered to Lu Doi and Lu Gia Nap (FSC Snuffy). During the latter part of the reporting period, class III and IV supplies were delivered to Lu Gia Nap and Lu Doi by vehicle convoy. Class I was delivered by air to these locations on a daily basis. Units at Loc Ninh (FSC Wade) during the reporting period were resupplied overland using both organic and non-organic vehicles. Class I is now delivered to FSC Wade daily while other types of supplies are delivered as needed. Towards the end of the reporting period, Battery B moved from Lu Gia Nap to FSC Wade and normal resupply was continued. Numerous maintenance problems were encountered on the M107 and M116 tracks with hydraulic systems and cracked fuel cells being the primary problems. Difficulty was encountered with the Direct Support Maintenance Company in that they did not have sufficient personnel to provide contact teams for maintenance at Fire Support Bases. Monthly ammunition allocations for items such as Red Star and White Star cluster hand flares were not issued in sufficient quantity to meet operational requirements at Fire Support Bases. A more realistic

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outlook should be taken by higher headquarters in determining monthly allocations for ASK items.

F. Others.

(1) Medical. The health of the command continues to be good. Emphasis was placed on sanitation and the prevention of malaria through periodic classes conducted by the Battalion Surgeon. Classes were also presented on venereal disease and drug orientation. The drug problem continues to increase. With the amnesty program being conducted, this battalion has developed its own Half-way House for members of the organization. Emphasis is placed on complete withdrawal and rehabilitation. With the reduction of troops, the MEDCAP program has been curtailed. At present, the battalion Surgeon is conducting periodic visits to the province hospital at Phu Cuong. In addition, the battalion aid station has an open door policy to all Vietnamese and has treated over 1400 civilians.

(2) Communications. During the reporting period it was determined that the battalion automatic retransmission station on Nui La Ha was difficult to maintain and support when only local resources are available. Extensive logistical support was found necessary for resupplying water, fuel, rations, and equipment. At this time, we are establishing a retransmission station at an alternate site, Nui La Den, with inconclusive results. Another problem during this period resulted when the direct land line between the AMCC at An Lee and Song Le and Paris Control, Tan Son Nhut, was removed. This has created a problem in posting artillery data with the Air Force. Presently the AMCC's must call through the Vietnamese switchboard at Song Le and An Lee to the Vietnamese switchboard at Lai Khe, then must ask for the US switchboard; upon obtaining the US switchboard it is still difficult to reach Tan Son Nhut because of the poor telephone communications that exist in Vietnam. No acceptable substitute has been found and this results in an unacceptable communications problem which must be resolved. This battalion has assumed the responsibility for the Castle sector of the Phu Loi West perimeter. Due to a lack of proper materials it was necessary to install WD-1/TT for wire communications on the bunker line. This was found to be unacceptable because of continuing maintenance problems. Twenty-six pair cable has been substituted as it became available and the efficiency of wire communications has been greatly increased.

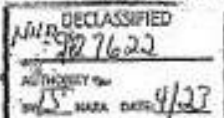
2. (C) Lessons Learned: Commander's Observations, Evaluations, and Recommendations:

A. Personnel: None.

B. Operations: Fire Support Base Perimeter Defense.

(1) Observation. With the reduction of American Forces in South Vietnam it is becoming more difficult to provide the proper security for artillery batteries occupying Fire Support Bases.

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

(3) Recommendations. That HHC change be approved authorizing each battery one (1) 81mm mortar and a minimum of two Starlight scopes for utilization in defense of the fire base. The 81mm mortar would be used to fire illumination and assist in close in fire support using high explosive shells. The Starlight scopes, mounted on M-14 sniper rifles, would be effective at night in detecting movement outside the perimeter and in bringing more effective fire on the enemy. The Starlight scopes would be of great help in detecting sniper type attacks and in reducing the effects of such enemy operations.

C. Training: None.

D. Intelligence: None.

E. Logistics and Maintenance: Replacing Tube Assembly, Metal on M107 & M110 Artillery Weapons.

(1) Observation. During the reporting period it has been noted that the Tube Assembly, Metal (OHC Lines) (FSN: 2520-245-023) on the M107/M110 artillery pieces have not been holding up and has caused an increase in the deadline rate for artillery.

(2) Evaluation. The Tube Assembly, Metal presently being utilized on the M107/M110 artillery weapons have proven to be unsatisfactory in that they do not meet the requirements for durability or serviceability. In overcoming this repair problem, the battalion maintenance section has been using material obtained from the Army Aviation elements here in Vietnam. Through the use of this material our deadline rate has been reduced.

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

<u>FSN</u>	<u>PARTS NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
472-857-1731	N/A	Hose, non-metallic, 3,000 PSI, 3/8 CD, Size 6
4730-910-8000	N/A	Fitting, metal, Size 6 (2 per hose)

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473C-967-9515	N/A	Nut, socket, Size 6 (2 per hose)
N/A	NS 27070-60	Sleeve, compression, Size 6 (2 per hose)
472C-857-1730	N/A	Hose, non-metallic, 3,000 PSI, 1/4 CD, Size 10
473C-910-8882	N/A	Fitting, straight, male, Size 10, (2 per hose)
N/A	NS 27069-100	Nut, socket, Size 10 (2 per hose)
473C-967-9525	N/A	Sleeve, compression, Size 10 (2 per hose)

F. Organization: None.

G. Other: None.

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Battery Locations (U)

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

HHB, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, XT850140, Phu Loi, RVN.

Service Battery, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, XT850140, Phu Loi, RVN.

Battery A, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, XU972290, Lu Doi, RVN.

Battery B, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, XU733083, Lee Linh, RVN.

Battery C, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, XU605220, Phu Haymaker, RVN.

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 Period Ending 30 April 1971, RCS CSPGR-65 (R3) (U)

Headquarters, United States Army Vietnam, APO San Francisco 96375 12 JUL 1971

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army Pacific, AFTH: GPOP-FD,
APO 96558

This Headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 30 April 1971 from Headquarters, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery and concurs with comments of indorsing headquarters with the exception of page 8, paragraph 2b. Nonconcur with the recommendation to include one 81mm mortar and a minimum of two Starlight Scopes on the MFOE document of each battery of the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery. Unit stated the Starlight Scopes would be mounted on Rifle, 7.62mm, M-14, of which none are authorized on unit MFOE document. Unit will be notified of proper method of adding equipment to MFOE document. No action by USARPAC or DA is recommended. Unit has been so advised.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

[Signature]
 GEORGE F. MACUREN
 CPT. INF.
 Acting Asst Adjutant General

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1. PROBLEM: To forward Operational Report - Lessons Learned from the 6th Bn, 27th Arty.
2. DISCUSSION:
 - a. The ORLL from the 6th Bn, 27th Arty is at TAB C.
 - b. The ORLL was coordinated with all staff sections. There were no nonconcurrences. (TAB B)
 - c. 1st Indorsements as required by AR 626-15 are at TAB A.
3. RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Commanding Officer approve the ORLL at TAB C and the forwarding indorsements at TAB A.
4. COORDINATION: None

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DA, HEADQUARTERS, 23D ARTILLERY GROUP, APO 96266 19 MAY 1971

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

This headquarters has reviewed the semi-annual Operational Report -
Lessons Learned of the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery and concurs with
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1. Attached is the ORLL of 6th BN, 27th ARTY for review and comment if appropriate.
2. Request each staff section complete the review of this ORLL and hand carry to the next agency within six hours of receipt.
3. The following is to be accomplished by each section:
 - a. Evaluate Section 1 for correctness of data.
 - b. Evaluate Section 2 for validity of recommendations.
 - c. Evaluate the indorsement (if attached) for validity of comments.
 - d. If you concur with the recommendations, determine the requirement for action at this headquarters and attach comments stating what has been done or will be done by this or other headquarters.
 - e. If you non-concur with one or more paragraphs in either section of the ORLL or in the indorsement, so indicate and attach the comments to be included in the indorsement by this headquarters.
 - f. Comments must be typed and double spaced. Each paragraph being discussed must be addressed on a separate page.

Section	Date Received	Reviewer	Concur/Nonconcur
S1	14 May	MAT DALES	CONCUR
S2	14 May	Maj Hayden	see comment ^{OK}
S4	14 May	WETA	CONCUR
FSCE	15 May	Maj Elder	Concur
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Paragraph 1D (3) should read 1D (p) and is erroneous in that the radar that was surveyed was a ground surveillance radar.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
 HEADQUARTERS 6TH BATTALION 27TH ARTILLERY
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 Period Ending 30 April 1971, MOS CSPCL-65 (RI) (U)

1. (C) Operations: Significant Activities.

A. Command Group:

(1) The 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery was reassigned from II Field Force Vietnam Artillery to 23d Artillery Group effective 5 January 1971. Organic batteries of this organization are assigned the following tactical missions:

- (a) Battery A: General Support priority of fires to 5th AVN Division Artillery.
- (b) Battery B: General Support reinforcing 5th AVN Division Artillery.
- (c) Battery C: General Support reinforcing 5th AVN Division Artillery.

(2) At the end of the reporting period the assigned personnel strength of the battalion was above the authorized however, shortages existed in certain MOS's.

<u>MOS/GRADE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>
05C2/E4	RTT Operator	10	3
13E4C/E6	Arty Section Chief	16	9
13E2C/E5	Fire Director Computer	12	3
13E4C/E5	Recon Sergeant	6	4
36E2C/E4	Wireman	35	26
94E2C/E5	Cook	5	1
94E2C/E6	Cook	5	2
94E4C/E7	Mess Sergeant	5	2

(3) The morale of the battalion remains high with the R & R program and the 14 day leave program contributing greatly to the improved Esprit de corps within this organization.

Site	November		December		January		February		March		April	
	Reg	Head	Reg	Head	Reg	Head	Reg	Head	Reg	Head	Reg	Head
Hawaii	10	8	6	4	10	9	12	12	4	4	3	3
Hong Kong	6	2	5	3	7	6	7	7	2	2	2	1
Sydney	16	6	12	9	10	9	21	21	10	10	4	4
Taipei	4	2	10	7	4	3	4	4	0	0	3	2
Bangkok	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	2	1	1	3	3

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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 WLA'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 Dap and closed grid YU022342 without incident.

(2) 22 February 1971, battery departed YU022342 and closed FSL Lu Dap without incident.

(3) 15 March 1971, 2 tubes 8" departed FSL Lu Dap and closed YU022342 without incident.

(4) 20 March 1971, 2 tubes 8" departed YU022342 and closed FSL Lu Dap without incident.

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(b) Battery B, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery.

(1) 28 December 1970, Battery departed Duc Hong and closed FSL Buttons, Song Lo, without incident.

(2) 29 December 1970, Battery departed Song Lo and closed FSL Snuffy with 3 tubes. One tube was returned to Song Lo for repair after slipping from a 10 ton tractor-trailer ~~car~~ upc.

(3) 27 March 1971, Battery departed FSL Snuffy with 55 vehicle convoy in route to FSL Wade. 35 vehicles closed Phuoc Vinh and the remaining 20 vehicles closed Dong Xoi the first day.

(4) 28 March 1971, 20 vehicles departed Dong Xoi and closed Phuoc Vinh. Battery departed Phuoc Vinh and closed FSL Wade. One vehicle was abandoned on the trip when it broke down and could not be recovered.

(5) 6 April 1971, 2 tubes 175mm departed FSL Wade and closed FSL Haymaker. Both pieces were red on arrival; however, one piece was repaired and ready to fire within 2 hours after arrival. The second tube remained red due to an inoperative spade cylinder fitting.

(6) 20 April 1971, one tube 175mm departed FSL Haymaker and closed 19th Maintenance Battalion, Long Linh for deferred maintenance.

(7) 29 April 1971, one tube 175mm departed FSL Haymaker and closed FSL Wade without incident.

(c) Battery C, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery.

(1) 9 November 1970, Battery departed FSL Mateel and closed FSL Wade without incident.

(2) 9 January 1971, 2 tubes 175mm departed FSL Wade and closed FSL Alpha without incident.

(3) 16 January 1971, 2 tubes 175mm departed FSL Alpha and closed FSL Wade without incident.

(4) 6 February 1971, Battery departed FSL Wade and closed FSL Haymaker.

(5) 24 February 1971, 2 tubes 175mm departed FSL Haymaker and closed FSL Alpha without incident.

(6) 1 March 1971, 2 tubes 175mm departed FSL Alpha and closed FSL Haymaker without incident.

(d) Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 35th Artillery (OIGOs).

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

Unit	Mans 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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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Amunition expended</u> <u>155mm</u>
Btry A/2-35th Arty	1753
Btry B/2-12th Arty	2233
Btry C/2-12th Arty	<u>2511</u>
Total	6597

NOTE: This battalion had no firing accidents/incidents during the reporting period. C/CON units, Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 35th Artillery, and Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 12th Artillery, each had one firing incident. The incidents were fully investigated and the investigations failed to produce any evidence that the batteries were directly responsible.

C. Training.

(1) A continuous cross-training program of personnel is necessary due to the constant turnover of personnel and certain shortages in critical MOS's. Significant skills developed in the program are fire direction personnel, gun section chiefs, RTT operators, and cooks.

(2) In-country schools are being utilized to upgrade assigned personnel through attendance at Fire Direction Officers school and a school for fire direction personnel. These courses are conducted by 23d Artillery Group as required.

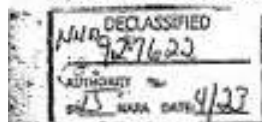
(3) New arrivals in the unit continue to receive in-country replacement training within one week of arrival. At the beginning of the reporting period, this training was conducted by the 1st Cavalry Division (AB) Academy at Dien Hoa. However, with troop withdrawals, in-country training is now being controlled and supervised by 23d Artillery Group and provides a firm basis for rapid adaptability of the individual to a combat environment.

(4) Mandatory training subjects.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours Required</u>	<u>Hours Conducted</u>
Character Guidance	6	6
Command Information	26	26
Weapons Training	24	24
Driver Training	12	12
Communications Training	2	2
Code of Conduct	2	2
Geneva Convention	1	1
Drug Abuse	2	2
CEA Training	2	2
Fire Prevention	1	1

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D. Intelligence.

(1) During the reporting period, aerial observers of this battalion flew 126 VR 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 XU704252 resulting in two 10x10 bunkers destroyed and one secondary explosion. Btry C, 2-12th Arty (OFCON) expended 20 rounds 155mm XU899229 and partially destroyed an anti-aircraft position.

(c) 14 January 1971, Btry C fired 24 rounds 175mm on YU320378 killing one enemy soldier, destroying one bunker, and uncovering one spider hole.

(d) 22 January 1971, Btry C 2-12th Arty (OFCON) expended 50 rounds 155mm 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 XT613898. 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 XU745284 resulting in one 50x50 bunker, eight 8x10 bunkers destroyed and 50 meters of trench line 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 38 rounds 8" on grid XU637263 resulting in 5 enemy killed by artillery.

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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 blood trails, and 2 anti-tank mines captured.

(m) 16 March 1971, Btry A fired on grid XU960422. Surveillance revealed one enemy killed by artillery. In a second fire mission on grid XU672245, 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 YUCS2218 in support of an ARVN operation. Surveillance revealed 30 enemy killed by artillery. In addition, the following enemy material was captured: 51 anti-tank mines, 26 rounds 120mm mortar, 30 grenades, 150 B-40 charges, 40 B-41 charges, 20x82mm mortar rounds rigged as mines, 1x60mm mortar base plate, 5000 meters communications wire, 1x120mm mortar sight, 20x61mm mortar rounds, 2 radios, 5 B-41 rounds, 80 B-40 rounds. 40 hoctches were also discovered in this same general area.

(3) Survey operations during the reporting period established 5 battery centers, 17 orienting stations, 15 orienting lines, and 2 declination stations. In addition, one countermortar radar position was surveyed at Trung Lap. The battalion survey section also conducted a 2 week survey course at Lon Son. 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 air delivered to Bu Dop and Bu Gia Map (FSE Snuffy). During the latter part of the reporting period, class III and IV supplies were delivered to Bu Gia Map and Bu Dop by vehicle convoy. Class I was delivered by air to these locations on a daily basis. Units at Loc Ninh (FSE Wade) during the reporting period were resupplied overland using both organic and non-organic vehicles. Class I is now delivered to FSE Wade daily while other types of supplies are delivered as needed. Towards the end of the reporting period, Battery B moved from Bu Gia Map to FSE Wade and normal resupply was continued. Numerous 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 did not have sufficient personnel to provide contact teams for maintenance at Fire Support Bases. Monthly ammunition allocations for items such as Red Star and White Star cluster hand flares were not issued in sufficient quantity to meet operational requirements at Fire Support Bases. A more realistic

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outlook should be taken by higher headquarters in determining monthly allocations for ASR items.

F. Others.

(1) Medical. The health of the command continues to be good. Emphasis was placed on sanitation and the prevention of malaria through periodic classes conducted by the Battalion Surgeon. Classes were also presented on venereal disease and drug orientation. The drug problem continues to increase. With the amnesty program being conducted, this battalion has developed its own Half-way House for members of the organization. Emphasis is placed on complete withdrawal and rehabilitation. With the reduction of troops, the MEDCAF program has been curtailed. At present, the Battalion Surgeon is conducting periodic visits to the province Hospital at Phu Cuong. In addition, the battalion aid station has an open door policy to all Vietnamese and has treated over 1400 civilians.

(2) Communications. During the reporting period it was determined that the battalion automatic retransmission station on Nui Ba Ka was difficult to maintain and support when only local resources are available. Extensive logistical support was found necessary for resupplying water, fuel, rations, and equipment. At this time, we are establishing a retransmission station at an alternate site, Nui Ba Den, with inconclusive results. Another problem during this period resulted when the direct land line between the ANCC at An Loc and Song Be and Paris Control, Tan Son Nhut, was removed. This has created a problem in posting artillery data with the Air Force. Presently the ANCC's must call through the Vietnamese switchboard at Song Be and An Loc to the Vietnamese switchboard at Lai Khe, then must ask for the US switchboard; upon obtaining the US switchboard it is still difficult to reach Tan Son Nhut because of the poor telephone communications that exist in Vietnam. No acceptable substitute has been found and this results in an unacceptable communications problem which must be resolved. This battalion has assumed the responsibility for the Castle sector of the Phu Loi Post perimeter. Due to a lack of proper materials it was necessary to install WD-1/TT for wire communications on the bunker line. This was found to be unacceptable because of continuing maintenance problems. Twenty-six pair cable has been substituted as it became available and the efficiency of wire communications has been greatly increased.

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

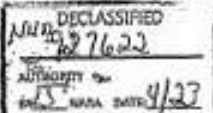
A. Personnel: None.

B. Operations: Fire Support Base Perimeter Defense.

(1) Observation. With the reduction of American Forces in South Vietnam it is becoming more difficult to provide the proper security for artillery batteries occupying Fire Support Bases.

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

(3) Recommendations. That MICE charge be approved authorizing each battery one (1) 81mm mortar and a minimum of two Starlight scopes for utilization in defense of the fire base. The 81mm mortar would be used to fire illumination and assist in close in fire support using high explosive shells. The Starlight scopes, mounted on M-14 sniper rifles, would be effective at night in detecting movement outside the perimeter and in bringing more effective fire on the enemy. The Starlight scopes would be of great help in detecting sapper type attacks and in reducing the effects of such enemy operations.

C. Training: None.

D. Intelligence: None.

E. Logistics and Maintenance: Replacing Tube Assembly, Metal on M107 & M110 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 M107/M110 artillery pieces have not been holding up and has caused an increase in the deadline rate for artillery.

(2) Evaluation. The Tube Assembly, Metal presently being utilized on the M107/M110 artillery weapons have proven to be unsatisfactory in that they do not meet the requirements for durability or serviceability. In overcoming this repair problem, the battalion maintenance section has been using material obtained from the Army Aviation elements here in Vietnam. Through the use of this material our deadline rate has been reduced.

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

<u>FSN</u>	<u>PARTS NUMBER</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>
4720-857-1731	N/A	Hose, non-metallic, 3,000 ISI, 3/8 OD, Size 6
4730-910-8080	N/A	Fitting, Male, Size 6 (2 per hose)

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4730-967-9515	N/A	Nut, socket, Size 6 (2 per hose)
N/A	MS 27070-60	Sleeve, compression, Size 6 (2 per hose)
4720-857-1730	N/A	Hose, non-metallic, 3,000 PSI, 1/4 OD, Size 10
4730-910-8882	N/A	Fitting, straight, male, Size 10 (2 per hose)
N/A	MS 27069-100	Nut, socket, Size 10 (2 per hose)
4730-967-9525	N/A	Sleeve, compression, Size 10 (2 per hose)

F. Organization: None.

G. Other: None.

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Battery Locations (U)

(C) at present, the batteries of the battalion are located as shown below:

HHB, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, XT850140, Phu Loi, RVN.

Service Battery, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, XT850140, Phu Loi, RVN.

Battery A, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, XU972290, Lu Doi, RVN.

Battery B, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, XU733083, Loc Ninh, RVN.

Battery C, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, XU685228, Phu HayLaker, RVN.

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