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the platoon immediately prepared to support a second Camp Strike Force Operation. The Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) force with a forward observer from this battalion conducted operations deep into enemy held jungle. Although the force did not establish contact with NVA/VC Forces, valuable information was gathered from extensive ground reconnaissance of the area and bomb damage assessment of recent B-52 bombing missions. During this period all classes of supplies were flown by C-130 aircraft from Bien Hoa to Bu Dop. On 30 May 1969, the platoon returned to Quan Loi by C-130 aircraft.

(d) On 12 May at 0100 hours, Quan Loi Base Camp received an intense mortar/RPG attack followed by a ground attack. Although attacked directly by VC infiltrators, Headquarters Battery and Battery A fought bravely. Gallantly defending their guns and position areas by rapidly deploying reaction forces, both batteries successfully repulsed the enemy attack; killing five (5) VC and capturing large quantities of munitions and equipment. At approximately 0330 hours, Battery B, located at Phuoc Binh, came under a heavy ground attack. Early detection of two (2) attacking columns of VC and rapid deployment of artillerymen around the camp perimeter stopped the main attack. The battery provided self-illumination with its 81mm mortars. Twenty-eight (28) VC were killed in the perimeter wire, two (2) VC surrendered, and large quantities of arms and equipment were captured to include flame throwers, radios, and bangalore torpedoes. A careful search of the area found a VC Command Post and wire lines indicating a well coordinated VC attack had been defeated.

(e) On 6 June, an intense mortar/RPG attack followed by a ground attack was directed at Quan Loi Base Camp. Headquarters Battery and Battery A again deployed reaction forces that prevented penetration into the battery areas although the base camp perimeter wire had been breached. Ten (10) NVA were killed short of the battery wire, arms and munitions were found nearby, and four (4) NVA WIA, which were captured.

(f) On 23 June, the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery assumed the responsibility for the AWCC at Quan Loi and artillery portion of the base defense. Concurrent with the placement of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment OFCON to the 1st Cav Division (AM) on 23 June 69, the 6/27 Arty's mission of GS II FFORCEV and GSR, 1st Cav Division Artillery was modified. Due to proximity of 6/27 Arty to 11th ACR this battalion was tasked with the added mission of coordinating the fires of the 11th ACR organic howitzer batteries and the fires of batteries of the 23D Arty Group positioned within the Tactical Area of Responsibility of the 11th ACR. Direct coordination and liaison was established with the 1st Cav Division (AM) Artillery. On 27 June, the responsibility for the artillery portion of the base defense was transferred to the 1st Battalion (AM), 21st Artillery.

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(g) On 23 June, the 1st Infantry Division departed from Quan Loi, passing responsibility for the area to the 1st Cav Division (AM). The mission of Battery A, 6/27 Arty and Battery F, 16th Arty was changed to GSR, 1st Cav Division (AM) Artillery. The mission of Battery B and Battery C remained GS II FFORCEV.

(h) On 31 July, 175mm Gun Platoon, Battery C, 6/27 Arty displaced by convoy from Phuoc Vinh (Camp Gorvad) for a "HIP SHOOT" in the vicinity of Grid YT 030631. The mission of the 175mm Gun Platoon was GSR, 1st Cav Division (AM) Artillery. The platoon placed eighty (80) rounds on suspect base camps in the vicinity of Grid YT 2474. The platoon returned to Phuoc Vinh before nightfall the same day.

(i) Throughout the period two (2) forward observer parties were provided. One (1) FO party was provided to the CIDG for an operation at Bu Dop in the northern portion of the III CTZ from 24 May to 30 May 69, and one (1) FO party was provided to the 22nd ARVN Airborne operating throughout Tay Ninh Province from 27 July to 29 July 69.

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

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MISSIONS FIRED</u>	<u>AMMUNITION EXPENDED</u>		
		<u>155MM</u>	<u>175MM</u>	<u>8"</u>
Battery A, 6/27 Arty	2445		4005	3679
Battery B, 6/27 Arty	2245		3407	2998
Battery C, 6/27 Arty	2300		3058	3485
Battery F, 16th Arty	<u>3617</u>	<u>14,162</u>		
TOTALS:	10,607	14,162	10,470	10,162

c. Training.

(1) The monthly combat evaluations of each firing battery FDC has continued. As a result, the proficiency of the FDC's has improved considerably.

(2) The battalion received M-16 rifles during the reporting period and initiated a training program for the smooth transition from the M-14 rifle.

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

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