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battalion automatic retransmission stations at Nui Chua Chan and Nui Ba Den were difficult to resupply with electronic and communication equipment. Reasons were The 185th Maintenance Bn, which is the battalion direct support in electronic and communication equipment, underwent a shortage of manpower. This resulted in a slow return rate of RT-524, and other equipment. The helicopter being the only mode of transportation to the relay sites, the cut in authorized blade time for the battalion made it difficult to get to the relay sites when it was necessary. Much of the reporting period being in the rainy season presented another problem for getting equipment and mail to the relay sites. The communication system for Castle Sector in the Phu Loi Post perimeter was a problem to maintain. The berm of Castle Sector being reshaped by Engineer Support often resulted in broken wire lines and cables. The 26 pair cable that was installed in the last reporting period on the bunker line was old cable. As a result this brought about cross talk and multiple drops on the switchboard in the command bunker. In general communication was unreliable. To correct this problem spiral four and 18 pair cable has been installed. Communication reliability and efficiency has greatly improved.

2. (C) Lessons Learned: Commander's observations, evaluations, and recommendations:

- A. Personnel: None.
- B. Operations: None.
- C. Training: None.
- D. Intelligence: None.
- E. Logistics & Maintenance. None.

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- (10) 14 Jul 71, Two tubes 8" departed FSB Mateel and closed FSB Wade.
- (11) 15 Jul 71, One tube departed FSB Wade and closed FSB Mateel.
- (12) 15 Jul 71, One tube departed FSB Mateel and closed FSB Wade.
- (13) 21 Jul 71, Two tubes 8" departed FSB Wade and closed FSB Mateel.
- (14) 22 Jul 71, Two tubes 8" departed FSB Mateel and closed FSB Wade.
- (15) 25 Jul 71, Two tubes 8" departed FSB Wade and closed FSB Mateel.
- (16) 27 Jul 71, Two tubes 8" departed FSB Mateel and closed FSB Wade.
- (17) 1 Sep 71, Two tubes 8" departed FSB Wade and closed FSB Beverly.
- (18) 4 Sep 71, Two tubes 8" departed FSB Beverly II and closed FSB Wade.
- (19) 16 Oct 71, Two tubes 175mm and two 8" departed FSB Wade and closed Phu Loi.

(d) Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Battalion 27th Artillery.

(1) 16 Oct 71, Metro Section closed An Loc (XT759885) for Phu Loi.

(e) The number of Fire Missions and the ammunition expended are indicated below for the reporting period.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Msns Fired</u>	<u>Ammunition Expended</u>	
		<u>8"</u>	<u>175mm</u>
Btry A/6-27th Arty	762	3913	264
Btry B/6-27th Arty	285	813	266
Btry C/6-27th Arty	<u>3496</u>	<u>5521</u>	<u>6874</u>
Total	4543	10,247	7404

NOTE: This battalion had one firing incident during the reporting period. The incident was fully investigated and the investigations failed to produce any evidence that the battery was 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.

(2) 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 Academy at Bien Hoa.

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However, with troop withdrawals, in-country training is now being controlled and supervised by this battalion.

(3) Mandatory Training Subjects:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours Required</u>	<u>Hours Conducted</u>
Character Guidance	6	6
Command Information	25	25
Weapons Training	9	9
Code of Conduct	1	1
Geneva Convention	1	1
CBR Training	4	4
Fire Prevention	1	1
Driver Training	4	4
Medical Training	4	4
Drug Abuse	6	6
Sapper Training	6	6
Civil Affairs & Psycops	2	2

D. Intelligence.

(1) During the reporting period, aerial observers of this battalion conducted 66 VR Missions, consisting of 263 hours. Aerial observers conducted 39 missions during this period.

(2) Target Surveillance.

(a) 7 May 71, Btry C expended 15 rounds 8" on grid XU800341. Surveillance revealed two hootches, two bunkers destroyed; one secondary explosion.

(b) 17 May 71, Btry B expended 47 rounds 8" on grid XT860460. Surveillance revealed one large bunker destroyed, 35 small bunkers destroyed, numerous trails.

(c) 15 Jun 71, Btry A expended 18 rounds 8" on grid YU1620. Search of revealed three killed by Artillery.

(d) 18 Jun 71, Btry C expended 11 rounds 175mm on grid XU850260. Surveillance revealed three bunkers 6' X 8' destroyed, one bunker 6' X 8' and one damaged.

(e) 21 Jun 71, Btry C expended 13 rounds 175mm on grid XU796210. Surveillance revealed one 10' X 15' hootch and two 6' X 8' bunkers destroyed.

(f) 30 Jun 71, Btry C expended 18 rounds 175mm on grid XU811112. Reconnaissance revealed 13 enemies killed by Artillery.

(g) 31 Jul 71, Btry a (Warrior) expended 30 rounds 8" on grid XU811112. Surveillance revealed two enemy killed by Artillery, one secondary explosion, bunkers, 05 hootches and one tunnel destroyed.

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(h) 16 Aug 71, Btry A (Olesen) expended 19 rounds 8" on grid YT768108. Surveillance revealed two 18' X 20' bunkers destroyed, one 18' X 20' bunker part destroyed, 05 hootches destroyed.

(i) 13 Sep 71, Btry A (Andrews), expended 09 rounds 8" on grid XT435414. Surveillance revealed two 18' X 20' bunkers destroyed, one 18' X 20' bunker partially destroyed, 05 hootches destroyed.

(j) 13 Sep 71, Btry C (Wade) expended 07 rounds 8" on grid XU667071. Surveillance revealed bridge partially destroyed.

(k) 23 Sep 71, Btry A (Andrews) expended 15 rounds 8" on grid XT555426. Surveillance revealed 05 bunkers destroyed.

(l) 3 Oct 71, Btry A (Olesen) expended 42 rounds 8" on grid YT766084. Surveillance revealed 04 bunkers (10' X 12'), 2 tunnels, 35 meters long, 07 hootch and 02 picnic tables destroyed. 01 VC possible KIA, 01 VC confirmed KIA with several secondary explosions.

(m) 10 Oct 71, Btry C expended 10 rounds 8" on grid XU818009. Surveillance revealed 04 8' X 10' bunkers, 01 10' X 12' bunker, and 01 hootch destroyed.

(n) 13 Oct 71, Btry A (Andrews) expended 28 rounds 8" on grid XT507425. Surveillance revealed 04 bunkers destroyed and numerous blood trails.

(3) Survey operations during the reporting period established 02 battery ters, 06 orienting stations, 02 orienting lines, and 02 declination stations.

E. Logistics and maintenance. The Battalion engaged in normal supply and maintenance activities during the reporting period. Supplies of all classes were air delivered to FSB Andrews & FSB Wade. Units at FSB Olesen were resupplied by vehicles convoy. During the month of July the Battalion successfully completed a USAHV CMMI with a rating of satisfactory.

#### F. Others.

(1) Medical. The health of the command continues to be good. There have been no epidemics of significance during the reporting period. The major problems continue to be field sanitation, venereal disease, and drug abuse. Periodic classes by the Battalion Surgeon and the medics NCOIC have been held. First time drug offenders have been sent to the 23d Group Amnesty House for withdrawal and rehabilitation. Medcap visits were made sporadically at Phu Cuong in conjunction with the 3/17 Cav and the 2/32 Arty. In addition, the battalion aid station has an open door policy to all Vietnamese.

(2) Communications. During the reporting period it was found that the

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(4) There were no significant morale problems. During the reporting period there were 11 Special Court Martials. Article 15 punishment was administered as shown:

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
17	11	3	19	12	8

(5) There were no casualties due to hostile action during this period.

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

<u>Award</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Legion of Merit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bronze Star (Valor)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bronze Star (Achievement)	0	0	0	0	2	0
Bronze Star (Service)	0	0	30	9	14	0
Air Medal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Army Commendation Medal (Achievement)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Army Commendation Medal (Service)	0	0	82	23	63	15

(7) Religious services were provided by Chaplains from 23d Artillery Group.

## B. Operations:

(1) At present, the Batteries of this battalion are located as shown in In-closure I.

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

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

(1) 17 May 71, Two tubes 175mm and two tubes 8" departed Bu Dop (XU971291) and closed Song Be (YU139070).

(2) 9 July 71, Two tubes 175mm and two tubes 8" departed Song Be enroute to Phu Loi (XT805160). M107 fell from transporter and overturned. Convoy proceeded to Duong Xoai (YT077752) and stayed overnight.

(3) 10 July 71, One tube 8" departed from Duong Xoai and closed FSB Husky (YT467095).

(4) 12 July 71, Two tubes 8" departed Phu Loi and closed FSB Warrior (XT499-274).

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(5) 19 July 71, Two tubes 8" departed FSB Husky and closed FSB Olesen (YT65068).

(6) 3 Sep 71, Two tubes 8" departed FSB Warrior and closed FSB Andrews (XY4386).

(7) 19 Oct 71, One tube 8" departed FSB Olesen and closed FSB Rock (XT47863)  
One tube 8" departed Fhu Loi and closed FSB Rock. One tube 8" departed FSB Olesen and closed Long Binh.

(8) 24 Oct 71, Two tubes 8" departed FSB Rock. One tube closed FSB Olesen and one tube closed Fhu Loi.

(9) 24 Oct 71, One tube 8" departed Long Binh and closed Olesen.

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

(1) 10 May 71, One tube 175mm and one tube 8" departed FSB Wade (XU733085) and closed Phuoc Vinh (XT970495).

(2) 17 May 71, One tube 175mm and one tube 8" departed Phuoc Vinh and closed Bu Dop.

(3) 12 Jun 71, Battery departed Bu Dop and closed Song Be.

(4) 13 Jun 71, Battery departed Song Be and closed Fhu Loi.

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

(1) 23 May 71, Two tubes 175mm and two tubes 8" departed FSB Haymaker (XU68229) and closed FSB Mateel (XU715176).

(2) 31 May 71, Two tubes 175mm and two tubes 8" departed FSB Mateel and closed FSB Wade.

(3) 19 Jun 71, Two tubes 8" departed FSB Wade and closed FSB Mateel.

(4) 20 Jun 71, Two tubes 8" departed FSB Mateel and closed FSB Wade.

(5) 25 Jun 71, Two tubes 8" departed FSB Wade and closed Beverly II (XU8011)

(6) 29 Jun 71, Two tubes 8" departed Beverly II and closed FSB Wade.

(7) 3 Jul 71, Two tubes 8" departed FSB Wade and closed Beverly II.

(8) 3 Jul 71, Two tubes 8" departed FSB Beverly II and closed FSB Wade.

(9) 14 Jul 71, Two tubes 8" departed FSB Wade and closed FSB Mateel.

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Battery Locations (U)

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

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

Battery A (-), 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, YT656071, FSB Olesen, RVN.

Battery A (Platoon), 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, XT473383, FSB Andrews,

Battery B, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, Deactivated.

Battery C, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, Deactivated.

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