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(2) During this period, the battalion participations and displaced units as indicated:

(a) On 27 August 1970, first element of Battery B (2 tubes 8" and 2 tubes 175mm) departed FSB Jeannie at 1025 hours. Convoy closed Duc Phong at 1230 hours without incident.

(b) On 28 August 1970, second element of Battery B departed FSB Jeannie at 1100 hours and closed Duc Phong at 1158 hours without incident.

(c) On 25 September 1970, Battery B 2d Battalion, 12th Artillery closed Bu Dop at 1704 hours without incident. Upon closing FSB Gloria at Bu Dop, unit became CPCCN to this battalion. On the same date Battery A, 2d Battalion, 12th Artillery departed Bu Dop for Song Be and reverted to parent unit control.

(d) On 18 October 1970, Battery C, (4 tubes 175mm) 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, departed Bu Dop 1105 hours. Convoy closed FSB Wade at 1550 hours without incident.

(e) On 18 October 1970, Battery A (2 tubes 8" and 2 tubes 175mm) departed FSB Wade at 1335 hrs, en route to Bu Dop. Convoy closed NDP Elizabeth at 1726.

(f) On 19 October 1970, Battery A departed NDP Elizabeth at 0820 hours and closed Bu Dop at 1420 hours.

(g) On 25 October 1970, Battery C (2 tubes 8" and 2 tubes 175mm) departed FSB Wade at 1115 hours. Convoy closed FSB Mateel at 1201 hours without incident.

(h) On 31 October 1970, Element of the battalion operations section departed Phu Loi at 1445 hours. Convoy closed FSB Wade, Loc Ninh, at 1845 hours and forward TOC was operational at 1930 hours.

(i) The battalion meteorology section displaced from Song Be to FSB Thunder IV, An Loc on 17 September 1970. The move was completed and the section operational at 2200 hours.

(j) On 9 October 1970, at the direction of CG II Field Force Vietnam Artillery, an officer from this battalion was sent to 51st Ranger Battalion. A Reconnaissance Sergeant was provided by another battalion. The team's mission was to discuss forward observer procedures and the use of artillery fires. The following subjects were discussed with the Ranger Battalion Commander and his forward observers: fuzes and their effects, appropriate fuzes for different terrain, adjustment procedures in jungle (unobserved), use of smoke and WP rounds, use of danger close, use of blocking fires, how to recon by fire, use of deftars, how to adjust gunships and TAC air, land navigation techniques, and how to observe from the air. The team spent one day and one night with the ARVN's and were to have been lifted out to another location to coordinate with the other battalion FC. The

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second day the unit came under a mortar attack which killed 3 ARVNs and wounded 18 other personnel including the three US personnel present. All were evacuated to appropriate medical facilities.

(3) On 091800 August 1970, the 6th Battalion 27th Artillery assumed operational control of the An Loc Artillery Warning Control Center (AWCC). The AWCC is collocated with the CFSCC at An Loc and is under the supervision of the Battalion Liaison Officer.

(4) The number of missions fired and the ammunition expended are indicated below for the reporting period.

UNIT	MISSIONS FIRED	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	
		175mm	8"
Battery A, 6th Bn 27th Arty	1006	1416	1548
Battery B, 6th Bn 27th Arty	2334	2153	2582
Battery C, 6th Bn 27th Arty	<u>1382</u>	<u>2794</u>	<u>208</u>
TOTALS:	4722	6363	4338
		<u>155mm</u>	
Battery A, 1st Bn 27th Arty		1755	
Battery B, 2d Bn 12th Arty		1781	
Battery A, 2d Bn 12th Arty		3084	
Battery C, 1st Bn 27th Arty		<u>5113</u>	
TOTAL:		11733	

C. Training

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

(2) In-country schools are being utilized to upgrade assigned personnel through attendance at officer Fire Direction School, Enlisted Fire Direction School, and driver training conducted at battalion level.

(3) New arrivals in the unit have continued to receive in-country replacement training within seven days of arrival. This training is being conducted by the 1st Cavalry Division (AM) Academy at Bien Hoa and provides a firm basis for rapid adaptability of the individual to a combat environment.

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(4) Mandatory Training Subjects:

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS REQUIRED</u>	<u>HOURS COVERED</u>
Character Guidance	3	3
Command Information	13	13
Radic/Telephone Procedure	4	4
Driver Training	16	16
Weapons Training	12	12
Clandestine Surveillance	1	1
Mine & Booby Traps	2	2
Sapper Tactics	2	2
Mobility Training	39	39
Fire Prevention	1	1
Safety	2	2
First Aid & Self Aid	2	2

D. Intelligence

(1) During the reporting period aerial observers of this battalion flew 42 VR missions consisting of 142 hours which resulted in negative significant sightings. Aerial observers conducted 49 registrations during this period. The reduction of VR missions this period over the last reporting period was primarily caused by the monsoons in this area of South Vietnam.

(2) Target surveillance credited this battalion with one confirmed enemy killed by artillery (KBA). Agent reports (not confirmed) indicate that artillery fires from this battalion resulted in an additional 9 enemy KBA and 6 WIA. Attacks against hard target complexes resulted in the battalion destroying 4 hootches, 19 bunkers, and 2 rice sifters. 5 hootchs and 10 bunkers were damaged by artillery fire. Numerous trails showing re-entrance use were uncovered and several secondary explosions resulted from artillery fire.

(3) Survey operations during the reporting period established seven battery centers, twenty orienting stations, twenty orienting lines, one declination station, reestablished five survey control points, and surveyed locations of eight gun positions.

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