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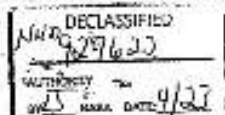
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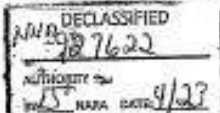
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1. (C) Operations: Significant Activities.

A. Command Group:

(1) The 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery remained assigned to II Field Force Vietnam Artillery. During this period the battalion remained under operational control of CO 23d Artillery Group. Organic batteries of this organization are assigned the following tactical missions:

(a) Battery A - General Support priority of fires to 5th ARVN Division Artillery.

(b) Battery B - General support reinforcing 1st Cavalry Division Artillery, under operational control of 2d Battalion, 12th Artillery.

(c) Battery C - General Support Reinforcing 5th ARVN Division Artillery.

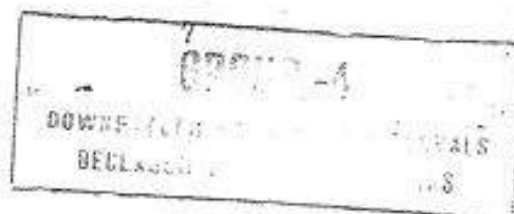
(d) Battery A, 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery - General Support (priority of fires to 5th ARVN Division, under operational control of 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery).

(e) Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 12th Artillery - General Support (Reinforcing 5th ARVN Division, under operational control of 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery).

(2) At the end of the reporting period the assigned personnel strength of the battalion was under the authorized. Shortages existed in the following MOS's:

<u>MOS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>
05C20	RTT Operator	10	5
13B20	Arty Turret Mechanic	12	2
13E20	Fire Direction Computer	31	24
13I40	Recon Sergeant	10	6
13Z50	FA Senior Sergeant	7	4
36K20	Field Wireman	34	14
93F20	Metro Specialist	9	7

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(3) The morale of the battalion remained high with the R&R Program definitely the largest single factor. The following is a breakdown of the R&R allocations:

SITE	AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
	REQ	RECD	REQ	RECD	REQ	RECD
Hawaii	10	10	7	7	6	6
Tokyo	2	2	0	0	0	0
Hong Kong	1	1	4	4	7	7
Sydney	10	10	7	7	6	6
Taipei	1	1	0	0	3	3
* Bangkok	8	8	3	3	1	1

(4) There were no significant morale problems. There were no Special Court Martials during this period. Article 15 punishment was administered as shown:

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
3	13	5

(5) There were three WIA's due to hostile action during the reporting period. This is an increase of three WIA's over the last reporting period.

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

- Twenty Eight Bronze Star Medals (Achievement)
- Twenty Three Bronze Star Medals (Service)
- Fifteen Army Commendation Medals (Valor)
- Thirty Eight Army Commendation Medals (Achievement)
- Forty Two Army Commendation Medals (Service)
- Three Purple Heart Medals
- One Air Medal

(7) Religious services were provided by chaplains from the 1st Cavalry Division (AM) and the 23d Artillery Group for all units.

B. Operations

(1) At present, the batteries of this battalion are located as shown

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(2) During this period, the battalion participated in several operations 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 Minh, 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 FO. The

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second day the unit came under a mortar attack which killed 3 ARVs 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 CSFCC 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	

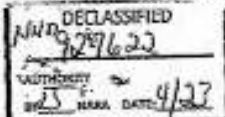
**C. Training**

(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 Dien 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

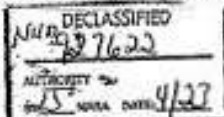
## D. Intelligence

(1) During the reporting period aerial observers of this battalion flew 13 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 recent 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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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 to Duc Phong initially. During the later part of the reporting period, class III, IV, and V supplies were delivered to Duc Phong by vehicle convoy with class I being delivered by air to both Duc Phong and Bu Dop on a daily basis. Units at FSB Wade during the reporting period were resupplied overland using both organic and non-organic vehicles. class I was delivered to FSB Wade every other day while other types of supplies were delivered as needed. A particular difficulty encountered in the maintenance field was the up keep of the M548 cargo carrier with engine transfers being the chief source of downtime. At the close of the reporting period the decision was made to establish a centralized battalion PILL at Phu Loi.

### F. Other:

(1) Medical. The health of the command remained good during the reporting period. Continued emphasis on personal hygiene will be needed to hold skin disease at a reasonable level. Emphasis on venereal disease has resulted in a decline. This area will continue to be stressed. Increased attention will be paid to prevention of heat injury in the coming dry season. Drug abuse, though present in significant amounts, still does not present a deterrent to the battalion performance as a whole.

(2) Civic Actions. Movement of Battery B 6th Battalion 27th Artillery to a field location near Duc Phong has interrupted the MDCAF activities in the Song Be area. The Battalion Surgeon has assumed responsibility for a pediatric service at the Binh Ducng Province Hospital in Phu Cuong. He works with the Vietnamese nursing staff in conjunction with the attending Vietnamese physician caring for 15 to 25 hospitalized patients daily. This program is well-received by the hospital staff.

(3) Communications. On 9-10 August 1970 the battalion communications platoon installed radio and wire communications for the Artillery Warning Control Center at An Loc. The equipment installed consisted of one power supply PF4763, two radio sets AN/VRC 46, one radio set AN/VRC 24, and one radio set AN/PRC 25. A VHF line from a telephone set TA312 to the Hon Quan switchboard provides direct line communications between the An Loc AWCC and Paris Artillery Control at Tqn Son Nhut Air Base, Saigon. During the month of September 1970 the battalion metro section moved from Song Be to An Loc. The communications platoon installed one and one quarter miles of field wire WD-1/TT from Hon Quan Switchboard to Fire Support Base Sector IV, the new location for the net station. The wire section is further tasked with the upkeep of this land line. In October 1970, the battalion assumed responsibility for a part of the Phu Loi Base perimeter defense. The battalion communications platoon relocated the sector command bunker, utilizing three miles of Field Wire WD-1/TT to connect all bunkers telephonically with the command bunkers switchboard. In addition, a sole user line was installed from the command bunker to the battalion (Haymaker) switchboard. This established an alternate means of communications with the Base Defense Command Post.

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2. (C) Lessons learned: Commander's Observations, Evaluations and recommendations:

- A. Personnel. None
- B. Operations. None
- C. Training. None
- D. Intelligence. None
- E. Logistics and Maintenance. None
- F. Organization. None
- G. Other. None

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Battery Locations:

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

- HQB 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, Bu Dop, RVN.
- Battery B, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, YU446057, Duc Phong, RVN.
- Battery C, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, XU713175, FSB Mateel, RVN.
- Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 12th Artillery, XU972290, Bu Dop, RVN
- Battery A, 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery, XT820912, Quan Loi, RVN.

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