

PARTICIPATION SINCE 1966

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Each Christmas since 1966, this battalion has been the recipient of hundreds of individual Christmas gifts from Thurston Junior High School, Westwood, Mass. These gifts are the result of the efforts of youngsters who are supporting "their men overseas."

Eugene P. Tinory, OV 69 program director and instructor at Thurston Junior High, announced that again this year "Operation Vietnam 1969",

is well underway with a projected goal of 1,000 pounds of gifts for the men of this battalion and the maneuver forces we support.

The program was originally organized to help raise the morale of the fighting men in Vietnam.

In the past, over 4,000 lbs. of packages have been mailed at Christmas time.

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS16 OFF & E M
DECORATED

Sixteen persons representing every battery of the battalion were pinned with achievement medals Nov. 12 by Brig. Gen. L. D. Kinnard, II Field Force Artillery commander.

The ceremonies at Quan Loi, marked the first ceremonial visit of the general since the battalion has been under his command. Decorated individuals ranged from the battalion commander, to battery commanders and enlisted men.

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'THE YEAR'

IT'S HERE !! Those days and nights of mud and dust, of sitting in vet bunkers, listening for that special sound, are once again relivable.

The Korean photographers that were commissioned to produce a sort of yearbook depicting the men of the battalion have finished their work and the 60-page, artillery-red book has arrived.

Distribution will begin this week throughout the battalion. Ask your battery clerk for the details.