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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 6TH BATTALION 14TH ARTILLERY
APO 96316

AVGG-BD-C

1 May 1967

SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 30 April 1967 (U)
(RCS CSFOR-65)

TO: See Distribution

SECTION I SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATIONAL OR UNIT ACTIVITIES

1. (U) General: The battalion engaged in combat operations of US Free World Military Assistance Forces in II Corps Tactical Zone for eighty-nine days with a cease fire period of four days during the month of February in observance of the Vietnam Tet holiday. All firing during this period was conducted in northwestern Pleiku province in support of Operations **SAN HOUSTON** and **FRANCIS MARION**. During the month of March the battalion fired the greatest number of rounds for a thirty day period since arriving in country. The firing battalion remained attached to 52d Artillery Group and worked closely with the 4th Infantry Division Artillery. Calls for fire were answered during this quarter from US, ARVN, CIDG, and Free World Military Assistance Forces within the sector. Organization of unit is shown as inclosure 1.

2. (U) Intelligence: Target intelligence continued to be obtained primarily from direct support artillery battalions whose fires this battalion reinforced. Additional target information continued to come from Special Forces A Detachments. Two of the battalion's firing batteries were collocated with these detachments and during this period they provided observed and unobserved fires on targets located by their patrols. Battalion forward observers continued operating with US, Special Forces, CIDG and ARVN units. The battalion continued to furnish aerial observers to participate in visual reconnaissance missions with the 219th Aviation Company. Target intelligence was compiled from these and other flights flown by the 219th. Some target information continued to come from ARVN II Corps through either 52nd Artillery Group or 4th Infantry Division Artillery.

3. (C) Operations and Training Activities:

a. Plans: No significant report.

b. Operations:

(1) During the quarter the battalion participated in Operations **SAN HOUSTON** and **FRANCIS MARION**. Fire support was provided to the 4th Infantry Division, 3rd Brigade 25th Division, Special Forces operating near Duc Co and Polei Djereng, ARVN units and reconnaissance aircraft receiving ground fire.

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(2) The metro section continued to provide support to all artillery units in the area of Polei Djereng (YA856532). Balloon release and broadcast time was accomplished as required by I Field Force Vietnam Artillery. The system was fully operational eighty-seven days. For one forty-eight hour period the metro section provided only visual mets because of an electronic failure.

(3) The battalion survey section extended common control within the area with Distance Measuring Equipment borrowed from the 4th Infantry Division Artillery. Survey data was extended from C Battery (ZA107272) to B Battery (YA842249), a distance of over 26,000 meters. This project put all batteries on a common grid with 4th order accuracy. Total area surveyed by the battalion survey section to date is over 575 Kilometers.

(4) A chronological list of significant operational activities during the period follows:

1 Feb: Battalion(-) OC to 4th Infantry Division. B and C Batteries remained General Support of 4th Infantry Division. B Battery, located at Duc Co (YA842249), received credit for a body count of two NVL KI. A Battery, located at Polei Djereng (YA856532), continued to provide artillery fires for the 4th Battalion 42nd Artillery in a GSR role.

15 Feb: Headquarters Battery, located via Pleiku (ZA229534) had one officer and one MIA wounded while removing mine field from Artillery Hill.

20 Feb: C Battery, located at Oasis (ZA120288), received thirty-two mortar rounds with negative damage and no casualties.

25 Feb: B Battery received credit for ten NVL KI (YA765228).

1 Mar: Service Battery had a 5 ton vehicle damaged by a mine via YA935285 while on a resupply mission.

10 Mar: B Battery received credit for two NVL KI (YA810101).

13 Mar: A Battery received eighty 82mm mortar rounds with negative damage and no casualties. The Forward Operations section, located at LZ 3T (YA855458) also received mortar rounds with negative damage and no casualties.

14 Mar: At approximately 1930 hours, B Battery received forty mortar rounds. There was one man slightly wounded.

18 Mar: Mission of A Battery changed to General Support 4th Infantry Division.

27 Mar: Forward Operations displaced from LZ 3T to Oasis via ZA120288 and collocated with C Battery.

8 Apr: Forty mortar rounds landed via of Forward Operations, collocated with 2nd Brigade 4th Infantry Division. No damage or casualties.

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16 Apr: Mission of the battalion changed from General Support 4th Infantry Division to General Support US/FWMLF in II CTZ.

18 Apr: Two 8 inch howitzers from C Battery moved to coordinates ZL082216 with mission GSR A Battery 4th Battalion 42nd Artillery. Forward Operations displaced from Oasis and closed into base camp (Artillery Hill) via Pleiku (ZL229534).

20 Apr: One radio telephone operator with forward observer party was slightly wounded while operating with RVN unit.

21 Apr: Two 8 inch howitzers via ZL082216 returned to C Battery at Oasis.

27 Apr: C Battery(-) displaced from Oasis (ZL120288) to via coordinates AQ925785 with mission to support 2nd Battalion 47th RVN Regiment.

28 Apr: C Battery(-) displaced to Oasis (ZL120288) and returned to GS role. During support of 2nd Battalion 47th RVN Regiment, C Battery firing from AQ925785 received credit for destruction of a bunker complex, one secondary explosion from a suspected ammunition storage area, and one KIA by body count.

c. Training: Section training and team drill were held eighty-five days during this period to maintain unit proficiency. Newly assigned personnel were given orientation and training as required by USRV Regulation 350-1.

d. Chemical: No significant activity.

e. PSY-R: No significant activity.

f. Other: No significant activity.

4. (C) Logistics:

a. Class I, III and V supplies presented no problems during this period. Forward Support Activities operated during the first part of the quarter at LZ 3T (YL866458) via Polei Djerong. During this time B and C Batterys were supported by Battalion(-) located via Pleiku (ZL229534). At the end of the quarter Forward Support Activities located at Jackson Hole (YL989313) and Oasis supplied the battalion with class I, III and V supplies. Class II and IV continue to be provided by Battalion(-). The high priority established by battalion in monitoring the status of equipment and the close coordination with direct support maintenance proved to be rewarding in that the deadline ratio is the lowest this quarter since arrival in country.

b. One new M107 carriage was received during the quarter.

c. During the quarter ten 175mm gun tubes and one 8 inch howitzer tube were changed.

5. (U) Civil Affairs: No significant activities.

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6. (C) Personnel:
- a. Casualties:
 - (1) KIA: None.
 - (2) WIA: Four.
 - b. During the period the following personnel actions occurred:
 - (1) Personnel Losses: 330
 - (2) Personnel Gains: 371
 - (3) Present for Duty strength at close of period: Off 29,

W 5, M 563.

(4) Promotion Allocations:

- (a) E-4: 55
- (b) E-5: 5
- (c) E-6: 3

(5) Mail: Delivery of mail presented few problems. At a minimum, courier flights that are scheduled three times a week for the delivery of personnel and distribution carries the mail; however, mail usually is delivered daily on reconnaissance and command and control flights to field locations.

(6) R and R quotas during period: Battalion received R and R quotas in sufficient quantity to satisfy its needs:

- (a) Out of country: 131
- (b) In country: 3

(7) Pay has been timely and accurate.

7. (C) Artillery: Rounds expended during period.

WEAPON	TYPE	FUZE	AMOUNT	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN RVN
8" How	HE	PD	10,086	33,643
		CVT	969	1,472
		NTSQ	3	610
		TOTAL	11,058	35,725
175mm Gun	HE	PD	7,373	29,014
		CVT	158	1,101
		TOTAL	7,531	30,115

8. (U) Other:

a. The battalion is authorized an aviation section consisting of one O-1D and one OH-13S. Priority of use in order is:

- (1) Command and Control.
- (2) Delivery of repair parts and mail.
- (3) Observation and adjustment of Artillery fires.
- (4) Registrations.

b. Available time of aircraft:

- (1) O-1D: 60.6%
- (2) OH-13S: 38%

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c. Number of hours flown:

- (1) O-1D: 136.5
- (2) OH-13S: 101.0

d. Parts supply to remove aircraft from deadline is becoming a critical problem especially for the OH-13S. The OH-13S is the only aircraft of its type in this area and repair parts frequently must be obtained from distant locations.

SECTION II COMRADE'S OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Part 1, Observations (Lessons Learned)

1. (U) Personnel: None.

2. (C) Operations:

Item: Survey Capability.

Discussion: Firing battery's are widely separated in field locations and, for the first time, reliable survey control has been extended to all battery's which are now located on a common grid. This was made possible only through the temporary use of Distance Measuring Equipment borrowed from the 4th Infantry Division Artillery.

Observation: The great distances plus the problems of providing necessary security for parties virtually precludes taping and traversing to battery locations. Only the borrowing of tellurometers and distance measuring equipment from the 4th Infantry Division Artillery has allowed this battalion to extend accurate survey to all locations. The battalion's request for issuance of distance measuring equipment on a USARV Form 47 was denied because of the arrival of Headquarters Battery 26th Target Acquisition Battalion in the II CTZ. The Target Acquisition Battalion has not as yet extended accurate survey in this location and the requirement still exists for distance measuring equipment in this battalion. Distance Measuring Equipment is presently being requested through channels on a 180 day temporary loan basis so that the battery's can extend accurate survey control until such time as adequate survey support is obtained.

3. (U) Training and Organization: None.

4. (U) Intelligence: None.

5. (U) Logistics: None.

6. (U) Other: None.

Part 2, Recommendations

1. (U) Personnel: None.

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2. (U) Operations: Firing batteries continue to be widely separated and at great distances from accurate starting control for survey. Recommend that Distance Measuring Equipment which has been requested in a recently submitted MIDE be issued to this battalion as soon as practicable.

3. (U) Training and Organization: None.

4. (U) Intelligence: None.

5. (U) Logistics: None.

6. (U) Other: None.

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HEADQUARTERS, 52D ARTILLERY GROUP, APO 96318, 3 May 1967

TO: See Distribution

1. Forwarded.
2. Basic report is accurate.
3. Concur in commander's recommendation.

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SUBJECT: Operational Report of Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period
Ending 30 April 1967, (RCS CSFOR-65)(6th Bn, 14th Arty) (U)

HEADQUARTERS, I FIELD FORCE VIETNAM ARTILLERY, APO 96350, 13 May 1967

TO: Headquarters, I Field Force Vietnam, ATTN: AVFA-GC-OT, APO 96350

1. Forwarded.

2. Concur with the observation that terrain, security requirements and the great distances between firing batteries virtually precludes taping and traversing to battery locations in many areas of Vietnam. The use of Distance Measuring Equipment is considered essential for extending 4th Order Survey under these conditions. However, it is recognized that DMEs would not be used enough to justify authorization at battalion levels. Balancing the definite need for DMEs with their cost and complexity it is felt that this capability could most efficiently be employed at group level within I FFORCEV Arty. Action is being taken to obtain this authorization by MTOE.

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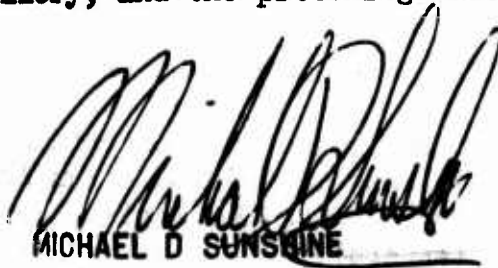
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Ending 30 April 1967

HEADQUARTERS, I FIELD FORCE VIETNAM, APO 96350 30 MAY 1967

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, APO 96307

This headquarters has reviewed and concurs with the contents of the operational report for the quarterly period ending 30 April 1967, of the 6th Battalion, 14th Artillery, and the preceding indorsements.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375 JUN 21 1967

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-OT
APO 96558

1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 30 April 1967 from Headquarters, 6th Battalion, 14th Artillery as indorsed.

2. (C) Pertinent comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning aircraft parts, paragraph 8d, page 5: This unit is located at An Khe and is supported by the 604th Transportation Company DS (Pleiku) and the 610th Transportation Company GS (An Khe). There are other OH-13S aircraft in the area, 73 of which are assigned to the 1st Cav Div (An Khe). The unit will be directed to take immediate steps to contact the supporting DS and GS units and coordinate a lateral search for the parts needed. This command experienced OH-13S parts shortages during April 1967; however, as of 15 June 1967 the EDP rate for this aircraft was within norms established by DA.

b. Reference item concerning operations, paragraph 2, page 6 and paragraph a, 2d Indorsement: Concur with the action being taken by Headquarters, I Field Force Artillery as stated in 2d Indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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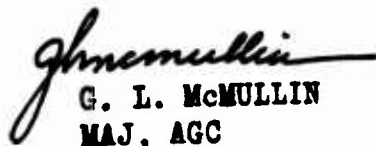
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from HQ, 6th Bn, 14th Arty (RCS CSFOR-65) (U)

HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 23 AUG 1967

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

This headquarters concurs with subject report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:


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