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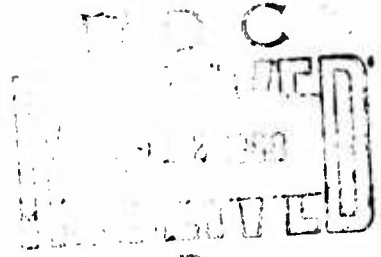
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AGAM-P (M) (15 May 68) FOR OT RD 674193

21 May 1968

SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned, Headquarters, 6th
Battalion, 32d Artillery, Period Ending 31 October 1967 (U)

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Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96375

IN REPLY REFER TO
AVHGC-DST

24 JAN 1968

SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period Ending
31 October 1967 RCS CSFOR-65 UIC WAITAA 6th Bn, 32d Arty

THRU: Commanding General
I Field Force, Vietnam
APO 96350

TO: Commanding Officer
6th Battalion, 32d Artillery
APO 96316

1. Reference: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31
October 1967, 6th Bn, 32d Arty, dated 5 November 1967.

2. The recommendation in paragraph 2a, page 12 of the reference
lacks sufficient detail upon which corrective action can be initiated.

3. Request clarification of the recommendation to include as a
minimum:

a. Detailed training deficiencies noted in personnel or units
arriving in Vietnam.

b. Type of battery training requiring emphasis.

c. Course, school or level of training where emphasis should
be provided.

d. Percentage of personnel arriving in the unit considered un-
qualified.

e. Type of firing which should be emphasized (individual weapons,
crew served, artillery, etc.).

f. Percentage of personnel arriving in the unit considered un-
qualified in specific weapons.

ADDENDUM TO

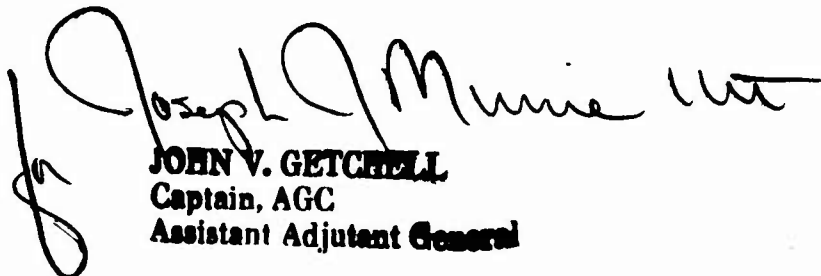
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31 October 1967, RGS CSFOR-65 UIC WAITAA 6th Bn, 32d Arty

g. Where individuals should receive the emphasis on firing
(AIT, losing unit, special course, etc.).

FOR THE COMMANDER:


JOHN V. GETCHELL
Captain, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

AVFA-GC-OT (24 Jan 68) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period Ending
31 October 1967 RCS CSFOR-65 UIC WALTAA 6th Bn, 32d Arty

HEADQUARTERS, I FIELD FORCE VIETNAM, APO 96350 1 FEB 1968

TO: Commanding Officer, 6th Battalion, 32d Artillery, APO 96316

Forwarded for your action. Reply due this headquarters 15 Feb 68.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


RONALD M. GUIBERSON
CPT, AGC
Asst Adjutant General

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AVGR-AI-OP (5 Nov 67) 2nd Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period ending
31 October 1967 RCS CSFOR-65 UIC WAITAA 6th Bn, 32d Arty (U)

Headquarters, 6th Battalion, 32d Artillery, APO 96316 14 Feb 68

TO: Commanding General, I Field Force Vietnam, APO 96350

1. The paragraph in question applies to deployment of units to RVN and does not generally apply to individual replacements with the exception of paragraph 3 and 4 below.

2. Prior to deployment this unit was required to undergo a Technical Proficiency Inspection and a Battalion Army Training Test, consequently a great deal of the available training time was devoted to meeting these goals. This training time could have been much more effectively utilized if it had been devoted to independent battery training emphasizing the "around the clock, around the compass" concept. The necessity for establishment of the long lines of communication, for administrative and logistical support between the batteries and the Headquarters and Service elements could have been emphasized.

3. Nearly 50% of the section chiefs and gunners assigned to this Battalion as replacements have had little or no experience on the M107 Gun or M110 Howitzer. Since light, medium and heavy Artillery Section Chiefs no longer have different MOS's, a close screening at the replacement/assignment agencies is essential to get the experienced supervision to the unit where they are most needed.

4. Replacements in the lower grades that have just completed AIT or service school generally have had no training on the .50 cal. M.G. or LAW, 25% have had little or no training on the M60 M.G. or M79. Although almost 90% have a limited knowledge of the M16A1, very few have fired the train-fire course with that weapon.

5. The more training individual replacements receive in areas of emphasis for Vietnam assignment prior to deployment, the less trouble they have adapting to their job responsibilities upon arrival. This training should be conducted at AIT or the losing unit.

John R. Frankeberger
JOHN R. FRANKEBERGER
LTC, Artillery
Commanding

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AVGK-C (10 Mar 68)

3d Ind

SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period Ending
31 October 1967 RCS CSFOR-65 UIC WAITTA 6th Bn, 32d Arty (U)

HEADQUARTERS, 41st Artillery Group, APO 96368


20 March 1968

TO: CG, I Field Force Vietnam Artillery, APO 96350

1. Concur with 2d Indorsement.

2. Reference para 2, TPI for units deploying to RVN is not necessary. While it would be difficult to prescribe a POM training program which would include all aspects of RVN-peculiar situations, the standard battalion and battery training tests cannot be relied upon as the sole vehicle for unit POM training. Concur that extended field exercises at battery level be included in POM training with emphasis on improvement of position, field sanitation, defense of the battery position, direct fire procedures and construction of bunkers with overhead cover.

3. Reference para 3, increased training on heavy weapons for selected cannoneers is recommended. Training should be conducted following ATF. Chiefs of section need additional training in use, checks, and adjustment of on carriage fire control equipment and maintenance of M107/M110.


CHARLES W. BINNEY
Major, Artillery
Adjutant

4th Ind

AVFA-AT-D (10 Mar 68)


SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period Ending
31 October 1967 RCS CSFOR-65 UIC WAITTA 6th Bn, 32d Arty (U)

HEADQUARTERS, I Field Force Vietnam, Artillery, APO 96350 3 April 1968

TO: CG, I Field Force Vietnam, APO 96350

Concur with observations and recommendations of preceding indorsements.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


GERALD G. YOUNG
Major, Artillery
Adjutant

AVFA-GC-OT (10 Mar 68) 5th Ind
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Headquarters, I Field Force Vietnam, APO 96350 6 APR 1968

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGC-DST,
APO 96375

Concur.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



JAMES P. GASTON
Captain, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

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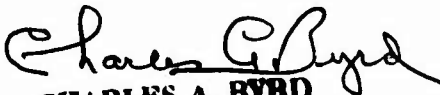
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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375 18 APR 1968

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

Concur with the preceding indorsements except for the recommendation that technical proficiency training for units deploying to RVN be eliminated. Although an immediate requirement may not exist, units having special capabilities must be prepared to perform associated missions if called upon to do so.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


CHARLES A. BYRD
Major, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

GPOP-DT (24 Jan 68) 7th Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period
Ending 31 October 1967 (RCS CSFOR-65 UIC WAITAA 6th Bn, 32d Arty

HQ. US Army, Pacific, APO San Francisco 96558 8 MAY 1968

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

This headquarters concurs in the 6th Indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:



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CPT, AGC
Asst AG