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The battalion engaged in combat operations throughout the ninety-two day reporting period. Most operations continued to be in the area between Pleiku and the Cambodian border; however one battery was detached for a portion of the quarter to operate on the coast near Vai Hon. The battalion completed one year in Vietnam during the period with a consequent large turnover in personnel. The battalion continued to provide support for RVN and Free World Military Assistance Forces within its sector.

2. (e) Intelligence: Batteries have occupied positions adjacent to Special Forces camps during much of the period. Close liaison has been established with the detachments in these camps and they have proved a fruitful source of target information. Battalion forward observers continue to go on operations with the Special Forces.

3. (e) Operations and Training Activities:
   a. Plans: No significant report.
   b. Operations:
      (1) During the quarter the battalion participated in Operations Paul Revere II, III, and IV and Battery B participated in Operation Shadow. Fire support was provided to the 1st Air Cavalry Division, the 4th Infantry Division, the 3rd Brigade, 25th Division, the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, the 3rd Brigade ROK 3rd Division, several RVNJF units, and in support of Special Forces operations near Due Co, Plei Me, and Plei Djarong.
      (2) A chronological list of significant operational activities during the period follows:
      1 Aug: Btry A and D, located at Due Co and Plei Me, continued attachment to 3rd Bde, 25th Div, BR( ) at base camp, coord 229 534, north of Pleiku, attached to 52d Arty Group.
      3 Aug: Btry A and D detached 3rd Bde, 25th Div and attached to 1st Air Cav Div, given a mission of GSR 1st Bn, 77th Arty.
      9-10 Aug: Btry A provided support to ROK elements located in the "Dry Lake" area west of Due Co. Received credit for a significant portion of the body count. 1st Air Cav Div Arty estimated 150 enemy KIA due to their firing.
      15 Aug: Sections 3 and 4, 1st Plt, Btry B, 29th Arty (SMO), detached and attached to 52d Arty Group.
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18 Aug: Btry A fired 45 rounds via coord YA 729209 and received credit for a body count of 32.
26 Aug: Btry A and D detached from 1st Air Cav Div and given mission of GSR 2d Bn, 9th Arty, 8Bn of the 3rd Bde, 25th Div.
5 Sep: Btry B departed base camp to relieve Btry A at Duo Co. Btry closed on 6 Sep.
7 Sep: Btry A(-) closed base camp from Duo Co.
9 Sep: Remaining elements, Btry A, closed base camp.
17 Sep: Btry A(-) departed base camp for Tuy Hoa. Road marched to Qui Nhon, picking up two M110s from 3rd Bn, 16th Arty enroute. Boarded LST and moved to Tuy Hoa area.
23 Sep: Btry A(-) debarked from LST and was attached to the 5th Bn, 27th Arty. Mission to support Free World Military Assistance Forces on Operation SNAW.
10 Oct: Btry O detached from 3rd Bn, 18th Arty, and returned to control of battalion.
15 Oct: Two 175mm guns from Btry A, the battalion FDC, and support elements departed base camp for Ploi Djoreng Special Forces Camp.
25 Oct: Btry A(-) closed base camp from Tuy Hoa. Two 175mm guns and all other equipment except small arms and personal gear were left in Tuy Hoa and turned over to the 3rd Bn, 18th Arty. Two 8 inch howitzers and equipment necessary to replace those items left behind were picked up in Tan Phat from the 3rd Bn, 18th Arty.
26 Oct: Btry A(-) closed at Ploi Djoreng. Unit now complete.

a. Training: Unit on-the-job training predominated during the period. A training team from Fort Sill visited the battalion 17 - 24 Oct to give maintenance instruction on the M107 and M110 weapons. New arrivals received replacement training.

b. Chemical: No significant activities.

c. PSYWAR: No significant activities.

d. Other: No significant activities.

4. (U) Logistics

a. Class I, III and V supplies presented few problems during this quarter. Batteries in the field were supplied by ground convoy and by aerial delivery. Ground convoys were run by this unit, and by support units to Ploi Hoa six times, Duo Co four times, and Ploi Djoreng one time. Security for convoys was provided by the 3rd Bde, 23th Div. Forward supply points were set up and operated by support elements at both Duo Co and Ploi Djoreng. OV-2 and C-123 aircraft were used to supply all locations. CH-47s were available on a very limited basis.

b. Support has been provided by the 86th Supply and Service Bn and the 149th Ord Co (GS). The support has been outstanding within their capabilities.
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5. (U) Civil Affairs: No significant report.

6. (U) Personnel:
   a. Casualties:
      (1) KIA: None.
      (2) WLA: None.
   b. During the period the following personnel actions occurred:
      (1) Personnel losses: 216
      (2) Personnel gains: 165
      (3) Present for duty strength at close of period: 550 off,

4 WD, 519 EN.

(4) Promotion allocations:
   (a) E-4 - 30
   (b) E-5 - 22
   (c) E-6 - 11

(5) Mail: Delivered daily except for four days.

(6) R & R quotas during period:
   (a) 87 out-of-country.
   (b) 13 in-country

(7) Pay has been timely and accurate.

(8) Twenty-four EM, grades E-3 through E-9 were retained beyond their normal DRSOS due to delay in reception of redeployment orders.

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

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8. (U) Other: No significant activities.

SECTION 2 (C) Commander’s Observations and Recommendations.

PART I. Observations (Lessons Learned)

1. (U) Personnel: None.

2. (C) Operations:
   a. Items: Tube life of 175mm gun.
      Discussion: Present restrictions severely limit the number of rounds that can be fired through each 175mm gun tube. This has necessitated frequent retubing of field locations that have placed an additional burden on battalion and support personnel, and on the maneuver units who must provide convoy security. Additionally, there is the constant danger of damaging components of the weapon each time the tube is changed. It is felt that some of the present maintenance problems with the guns may well be caused by past changes.

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Observations: Redistribution of heavy artillery weapons in the artillery group has done much to alleviate this problem. Each battery now has two 175mm guns and two 8-inch howitzers. A high percentage of the targets on which the battery fires are located within range of the 8-inch howitzers, and these weapons with their long tube life are used. Visual reconnaissance, agent reports, and SPAR reports continue to locate targets beyond 8-inch range, but within the fan of the 175mm guns, and all batteries now have the capability of firing on these. When lucrative, fleeting targets are located within 8-inch range, both guns and howitzers have been massed with no NDC problems.

3. (U) Training and Organization: None.
4. (U) Intelligence: None.
5. (U) Logistics: None.
6. (U) Other: None.

PART II: Recommendations
1. (U) Personnel: None.
2. (C) Operations:
   a. With three firing batteries located in field positions, remote from base camp, all command, operational, logistics, and administrative traffic must be passed over radio nets. FM nets have been used in the past for virtually all traffic. An additional AN/GRC-46 was obtained during the redistribution of equipment that took place in converting the battalion to a composite organization. This set is located with one of the firing batteries and the resulting use of AN nets has significantly reduced the traffic on FM. Recommend that each firing battery have an AN radio capability.
   b. With batteries in widely scattered field locations, it is essential that aircraft be available for command visits, resupply, administration, and rapid delivery of parts and technical personnel necessary to remove combat essential equipment from a deadline status. Additionally, a large majority of the battalion's firing is unobserved using Mat + VE techniques. This requires an accurate knowledge of the VE's of all weapons with all charges. The VE's can be obtained only by registering frequently with air observers. When aircraft have been available on a daily basis, command visits, resupply of critical items, and registrations have been accomplished. Recommend that each battalion be allocated at least one aircraft daily.
3. (U) Training and Organization: None.
4. (U) Intelligence: None.
5. (U) Logistics: None.
6. (U) Other: None.

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U.S. Army
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AVFA-AT-52-00 (1 Nov 66) 1st Ind

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period ending 31 October 1966

Headquarters, 52d Artillery Group, APO 96295 4 November 1966

TO: Commanding Officer, I FORCEN Artillery, APO 96350

1. Forwarded herewith is the Operational Report, subject as above, for 6th Battalion, 14th Artillery.

2. Concur in observations and recommendations contained in basic communications.

3. With the wide separation of batteries in RVN, many times AM communications is the only means of contacting units. Thus it is highly desirable that all heavy artillery batteries be issued a radio set AN/GRC 46 or similar AM set. Aircraft are needed due to distances involved and inaccessibility by roads.

O. L. TOBIASON
Colonel Artillery
Commanding
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AVFA-AT-D (1 Nov 66) 2d Ind

SUBJECT: Operational Report of Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period
         Ending 31 October 1966, 6th Bn, 114th Arty) (U)

HEADQUARTERS, I FIELD FORCE VIETNAM ARTILLERY, APO 96350, 26 Nov 66

TO:    Commanding General, I Field Force Vietnam, ATTN: AVFA-GC-O&T
       APO 96350

1. (U) This headquarters concurs with and strongly recommends approval
   of the recommendations contained in Section 2 of basic correspondence.

2. (U) Action has been initiated to prepare recommended TOE changes
   for the following:

   a. A composite 175-mm/8-inch battalion.

   b. Addition of an AM radio section to each of the firing batteries
      in the composite battalion.

3. (U) Aviation support for non-divisional artillery units in I FFORCEV
   has been, and continues to be a serious problem. Separate correspondence
   will be submitted on this subject.

ASHLEY A. BLINN
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Colonel, Artillery
Commanding
SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 October 1966 (RCS CSFOR-65)

Headquarters, I Field Force Vietnam, APO US Forces 96350

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

This headquarters concurs with comments and recommendations contained in basic report.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

WILLIAM JAMES
Colonel, ACC
Adjutant General
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AVHOC-DW (1 Nov 66) 4th Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the Period Ending
31 October 1966 (RCS GFOR-65)

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96307
02 JAN 1967
TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GFOR-OT
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-
Lessons Learned for the period ending 31 October 1966 from Head-
quarters, 6th Battalion, 14th Artillery as indorsed.

2. Pertinent comments are as follows:

a. Reference Paragraph 2a, Part II, Section 2, Page 4; Para-
graph 3, 1st Indorsement; and Paragraph 2, 2d Indorsement. Concur
in observations of the basic report. Organic FM communications should
remain the primary means of radio communications within the Artillery
Battalion. However, with the wide separation of batteries of the 6th
Battalion, 14th Artillery, AM radio capability should be authorized.
This exception is based on the unusual problems experienced by this
particular Battalion. As stated in the 2d Indorsement, an MTOE is
being prepared to request authorization of additional AM radios.

b. Reference Paragraph 2b, Part II, Section 2, Page (4)
and Paragraph 3, 2d Indorsement: Combat Support and Combat Service
Support Units deploy with Aviation Sections at zero strength in per-
sonnel and equipment, due to policy established by Department of the
Army. This policy will not change in the near future and was initiated
because of the world wide shortage of aviation assets. Until this is
alleviated, Combat Support Units will have a continuing problem and
must rely on their parent unit for required Aviation Support.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

R. J. THORNTON
1st Lt, AGC
Asgt Adjutant General

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HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558  30 JAN 1967

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

This headquarters concurs in the basic report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

G. L. McMULLIN
CPT, AGO
Asst AG

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