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SECTION I (C)

Significant Headquarters or Unit Activities

1. (C) Administration and Personnel
   b. 23d Artillery Group organizational information:
      Headquarters and Headquarters Battery
      2d Battalion, 11th Artillery (Attached to Americal Division)

2d Battalion, 13th Artillery
1st Battalion, 27th Artillery
6th Battalion, 27th Artillery
2d Battalion, 32d Artillery

2. (C) Intelligence

a. The visual reconnaissance (VR) area of responsibility for the 23d Artillery Group cannot be covered thoroughly due to critical shortage of aviation assets.

b. The 23d Artillery Group has published Group Regulation 301-4
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dated 4 October 1967, subject: Visual Reconnaissance, which outlines all areas of the VR program.

c. A total of 2694 VR hours were flown by Group aerial observers during the reported period.

3. (C) Training and Organization

a. Normal training activities were conducted during the reporting period with emphasis placed on cross training and on the job training.

b. A program of fire direction center training was initiated in all battalions to insure that a technically qualified battalion FDC could be employed.

c. MQC's were submitted by all battalions of the 23d Artillery Group and the Group Headquarters and Headquarters Battery. As of the end of the reporting period no approval/disapproval has been received.

d. The following units were inspected by the 23d Artillery Group during the reporting period:

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e. The following Annual General Inspections were conducted by USAV during the reporting period:

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f. Three "Beehive" demonstrations were conducted during the reporting period. One was conducted by the 2d Battalion, 32d Artillery.
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at Trai Bi on 2 September 1967. Approximately 50 personnel; USSF, CIDG, and ARVN Artillery, attended the demonstration. The 2d Battalion, 13th Artillery conducted two "Beehive" demonstrations; one on 25 August 1967 at Duc Hoa for personnel from Tra Cu, Hiep Hoa, and Tuong Hoa Special Forces Camp; another on 5 October 1967 at Hau Loi for Brigadier General Trang, Chief of ARVN Artillery.

The 23d Artillery Group is currently providing two four man training teams to conduct training in fire direction, firing battery, communications and maintenance for artillery units of the 5th and 25th ARVN Division Artilleries. These teams are travelling to the platoon and battery locations of ARVN artillery units and conducting a two week program of instruction at each location. The program was coordinated with the respective ARVN Division Artilleries and is intended to supplement and enhance previous training. As of the end of the reporting period the program has received enthusiastic response from the ARVN.

The 23d Artillery Group Commander and staff conducted briefings on the Group mission, operations and dispositions for the following individuals during the reporting period.

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4. (C) Operations

a. All units of the 23d Artillery Group engaged in training, troop movements or operations throughout the reporting period.

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b. An increase in the number of ARVN Division operations supported was realized as a result of Group efforts to further assist ARVN.

c. Direct coordination between battalions of the Group, US Special Force Detachments, Sector and District Headquarters resulted in an increase in support of CIDG and Regional Force/Popular Force operations and outposts.

d. Group units continued to conduct assaults and raids during the reporting period. Assaults and Raids have contributed significantly to the success of USSF/CIDG and RF/PF operations which normally are conducted without benefit of artillery support. In addition, they provide an opportunity to attack intelligence targets that are not normally within the base camp range of artillery units. The following artillery raids and assaults were conducted:

1. On 15 August 1967 Battery B, 2d Battalion, 13th Artillery conducted a raid in support of a USSF/CIDG operation out of Hiep Hoa and Tra Cu. Intelligence targets vicinity XT3206 were also attacked.


3. On 18 August 1967 Battery E, 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery conducted an assault from position vicinity the ARVN Training Center at Den Keo. The battery fired preplanned intelligence targets and "people sniffer" targets.

4. On 24 August 1967 Battery B, 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery conducted an assault from position vicinity AT101513 in support of USSF Detachment 7-32 Operation "Sidewinder", vicinity AT9753. 4 preparation and select targets were fired.

5. On 7 September 1967 Battery C, 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery conducted an assault from position vicinity AT495504. Intelligence targets north of the Michelin Rubber Plantation were attacked.

6. On 18 September 1967 the 8 inch platoon from Battery C, 2d Battalion, 32d Artillery conducted an assault from position vicinity AT35515 to attack targets along the Cambodian border.
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(7) On 25 September 1967 Battery C, 2d Battalion 13th
Artillery conducted a raid from position vicinity XS3364 in support
of a USSF CLG operation. 15 intelligence targets were attacked with
excellent results.

(8) On 27 September 1967 the 8 inch platoon from Battery
C, 2d Battalion, 32d Artillery conducted an assault from Trai Tri Special
Forces camp to support USSF Operation "Celt" conducted vicinity AT0902.

(9) On 12 October 1967 Battery B, 1st Battalion, 27th
Artillery conducted an assault from position vicinity XT13497 to support
a USSF Detachment 9-32 CLG operation and attack targets along the
Cambodian Border.

(10) On 16 October 1967 the 8 inch platoon from Battery A,
2d Battalion, 32d Artillery conducted an assault from position vicinity
XT13497 to attack known targets along the Cambodian Border.

(11) On 18 October 1967 Battery B, 2d Battalion, 13th
Artillery conducted a raid from position vicinity XS337847 in support
of a four company USSF/CLG operation. Numerous intelligence targets
vicinity XS334 were also attacked.

(12) On 20 October 1967 Battery D, 2d Battalion, 13th
Artillery conducted an assault from position vicinity XT6014 to support
an operation conducted by the 7th Regiment, 5th ARVN Division.
The mission of the battery was reinforcing the fires of an ARVN 105mm
platoon. The fire direction centers were co-located and the ARVN Fire
Direction Officer controlled the fires of both units.

(13) On 21 October 1967 Battery D, 2d Battalion, 13th
Artillery conducted an assault in support of the 8th Regiment, 5th
ARVN Division. It was conducted at the same location and in the same
manner as the assault on 20 October.

The following is a wrap-up of operations and deployments
of 23d Artillery Group units during the reporting period:

(1) The 2d Battalion, 11th Artillery (155mm Towed) re-
mained attached to Americal Division and is located at Dau Pho.

(2) The 2d Battalion, 13th Artillery (105mm Towed) con-
tinued its mission of GSR to the 1st Infantry Division Artillery with
Headquarters, Service and 3 Batteries at Thu Loi and 4 and 5 Batteries
attached to the 25th Infantry Division Artillery. On 3 August Battery A was detached and returned to Thu Loi. On 9 August Battery A was attached to the 1st Infantry Division Artillery and moved to Di An. On 24 August Battery A was detached and returned to Thu Loi. On 24 August Battery B was attached to the 54th Artillery Group and moved to Dien Bien. On 26 August Battery B was attached to the 1st Infantry Division Artillery and moved to Le Khe. On 6 September Battery C was detached from the 25th Infantry Division Artillery and returned to Thu Loi. On 9 September Battery A was attached to the 25th Infantry Division Artillery and moved to Cu Chi. On 11 September Battery B was attached to the 25th Infantry Division Artillery and moved to Go Dau Ha. Between 11 September and 29 September A and B Batteries moved to various fire support bases in the 25th Infantry Division area supporting division operations. On 29 September one platoon from Battery A was detached from the 25th Infantry Division Artillery and airlifted to Trek Klok Special Forces camp to support USSF Operation "Vampire." The platoon was reattached to 25th Infantry Division Artillery 3 October and rejoined Battery A. On 3 October Battery C was detached from 25th Infantry Division Artillery and moved to Thu Loi, and Battery C was attached to the 25th Infantry Division Artillery and moved to Cu Chi. From 3–31 October Batteries A and C supported operations in the 25th Division area and Battery C performed a base camp defense mission at Thu Loi. The batteries of the 2d Battalion, 13th Artillery supported the following major operations: Waimea, Kolekole, Kunia, Diamondhead and Lenson 67.

(3) The 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery (155mm Self-Propelled) continued its assigned mission of GSR to the 25th Infantry Division Artillery with Headquarters and Battery C at Dau Tieng and Service and Battery B at Tay Ninh. Battery A was located at Thu Loi with the mission of GSR to the 1st Infantry Division Artillery. Battery A and an element from the Headquarters Battery supported 25th Infantry Division operation Waimea on 22 and 23 August from Thu Loi. On 11 September Battery A was assigned the mission of GSR to the 9th Infantry Division Artillery and moved to Dong Tam. From 11 September to 16 September Battery A supported 9th Infantry Division Operation Coronado V. On 16 September Battery A assumed a mission of GSR to the 25th Infantry Division Artillery and moved to Go Dau Ha. From 16–27 September Headquarters, A, B, and C Batteries supported 25th Infantry Division operation Kunia from field positions and Go Dau Ha. All elements of the battalion supported 25th Infantry Division operation Diamondhead throughout the reporting period. The 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery supported the following major operations: Waimea, Kunia, Diamondhead, Lenson 67 and Coronado V.
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(4) The 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery (6-inch/175mm Self
Propelled) continued its mission of GSR to the 1st Infantry Division
Artillery. The reporting period was highlighted by the return of Battery
B from the Demilitarized Zone. The move was accomplished by sea from
Hue to Newport, SVN. The unit occupied a firing position at Bien Hoa
on 15 September. On the same date Battery D, 7th Battalion, 6th Artillery
was attached to the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery and moved from Bien
Hoa to Thuoc Binh by twenty-seven (27) C-130 sorties and nine (9) C-124
sorties. This was the first airlift of a 175mm gun battery in RVN. During
the period 8-14 October a personnel change was made between B Battery,
7th Battalion, 6th Artillery and B Battery, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery
resulting in B Battery, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery being relocated
to Thuoc Binh, its current base. The 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery
supported the following major operations: Lamson 67 and Shenandoah II.

(5) The 2d Battalion, 32d Artillery (6-inch/175mm Self
Propelled) continued its mission of GSR to 25th Infantry Division
Artillery with Headquarters, Service and A Batteries at Tan Minh, C
Battery at Dau Tieng and D Battery at Soui Da. On 5 August Battery A
moved to Trai B, to support Special Forces Operation "White Rock". The
batteries returned to Tan Minh on 6 August. On 21 August Battery C
returned to its base camp at Tan Minh and Battery A returned to its
base camp at Cu Chi. On 15 September Battery A converted to a pure
6 inch battery and was attached to the 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery to
support 25th Infantry Division Operation "Kunia". On 16 September the
battery returned to Cu Chi and converted back to two 6 inch howitzers
and two 175mm guns. On 13 October Battery C moved to Dau Tieng where
a new base camp was established. Battery A moved to the same day to Tan
Minh where its new base camp is permanently located. The 2d Battalion,
32d Artillery supported the following major operations: "Kunia", "Kunia",
Kolekole, and Shenandoah.

(6) In addition to the previous major operations mentioned,
elements of the 23d Group supported the following USF operations:

White Rock
Switchback
Celt
Vampire
Shortstop
Lapid – Fire Two
Pitch Hunt
Sidewinder
Eclipse

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(7) The following number of missions were fired with total ammunition expenditures listed below:

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5. (C) Logistics

Normal supply and logistics support was provided for all Group operations.

6. (C) Aviation

a. Normal aviation support for 23d Artillery Group Headquarters and assigned Battalions was provided.

b. The following aviation sorties and missions were flown by 23d Artillery Group aircraft during the period 1 Aug 67-31 Oct 67.

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7. (U) Civic Action/Civil Affairs

a. The major civic action project of the 23d Artillery Group continues to be the Gadsden Village project. The support of the RVN Government and USAID as well as the people of Gadsden, Alabama continues to be superb.

b. In addition to the 101 homes built and occupied by refugees, another 25 homes have been built and should be occupied by 15 November 1967.

c. The seventy pen pig farm and fish pond have been completed and the pig farm currently has 130 pigs.

d. The Boy Scout administration building under construction in Phu Cuong should be completed by 15 November 1967.

e. 18 classes in English were conducted by Group units with an average attendance of 41 per class.

f. The Group contributed $236,00 to charitable organizations.

g. The Group has expanded its MLDCAP program to the surrounding hamlets located in the vicinity of the Phu Loi Base Camp.

h. The Civic Action program of the 23d Artillery Group continues in helping the Vietnamese people to help themselves and enhancing the prestige of the GVN in the eyes of the people.

i. MLDCAP II conducted by the 23d Artillery Group for the reporting period continued to be a major civic action project.

(1) A total of 6042 Vietnamese have been seen on MLDCAP II visits by medical teams of the 23d Artillery Group during the reporting period.

(2) Bowers' Dispensary, Gadsden Village has accounted for 4713 of the above total patients seen.
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3. A total of 133 TB patients are being treated biweekly at Gadsden with INH and Streptomycin.

6. Communications

A radio relay station was emplaced on Nui Ba Den XT2856 by the 2d Battalion, 32d Artillery. This station has proved valuable not only to the 2d Battalion, 32d Artillery, but to other units operating in the area of War Zone C.

SECTION II (C)

PART I OBSERVATIONS (C)

1. (U) Administration and Personnel: None

2. (U) Intelligence: None

3. (U) Training and Organization:

Item: TO&E

(1) DISCUSSION: The TOE's of the 23d Artillery Group units do not provide sufficient personnel in certain areas to accomplish the varied missions on a 24-hour basis. The fire direction centers, operations sections, liaison sections, forward observer parties, and aviation sections are affected the most by this shortage of personnel.

(2) OBSERVATION: TOE's of all units should be modified to provide additional personnel in the above mentioned sections. All Battalions and Headquarters and Headquarters Battery of the 23d Artillery Group have submitted MKS's for approval.

4. (C) Operations

Item: Artillery Assaults and Artillery Raids

(1) DISCUSSION: Artillery Assault: The displacement of a light, medium, or heavy artillery unit by road to a predesignated location for the purpose of supporting operations or attacking intelligence targets beyond the range of positioned artillery; the displacement from and return to home base taking place on the same day. Artillery
Raid: The displacement of towed light or medium artillery by CH-47 or CH-54 aircraft to a predesignated location to accomplish the same purposes as the artillery assault. Displacement from and return to home base takes place on the same day. The artillery assault and the artillery raid have been used by the 23d Group extensively during the last reporting period. They have provided USSF/CIDG operations with artillery support that previously was not available. Additionally, known VC installations in remote areas have been attacked with artillery for the first time with significant results being obtained.

(2) OBSERVATION: The Artillery Assault and the artillery raid are effective means of providing additional artillery support and fire from units that occupy base camp positions and are basically in a defensive posture. These one day offensive operations should be conducted on a continuing basis.

5. (U) Logistics

Item: Gun Spades on Heavy Artillery

(1) DISCUSSION: Problems have developed with gun spades on heavy artillery due to insufficient foundation in soft earth.

(2) OBSERVATION: Gun pads must be reinforced with crushed rock and laterite to eliminate the problem.

Item: Cooling Fans

(1) DISCUSSION: Cooling Fans, PSN: 2930-736-3594, for the M107/M110 engines are not available. All available assets from combat loss vehicles have been used.

(2) OBSERVATION: Keasuply of this item presents a serious problem.

Item: M115 and M117 Perisomic Telescopes

(1) DISCUSSION: The lengthy maintenance time and transportation difficulties encountered in getting the M115 and M117 Perisonomic Telescopes repaired and returned from direct support and general support maintenance units poses problems to user units.

(2) OBSERVATION: Maintenance support facilities should have transportation capabilities responsive to needs of user units.
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6. (C) Aviation

Item: Army Aviators

(1) DISCUSSION: Overall aviation operations were hampered by the lack of aviators. The 23d Artillery Group had 19 aircraft and 9 aviators assigned at the end of the reporting period. Based on 70% availability of aircraft at least 15 aviators are required to support the Group.

(2) OBSERVATION: Priorities had to be established among missions that were operational in nature. Consequently, some requirements were delayed as much as 3 days.

Item: CH-23G

(1) DISCUSSION: The availability of CH-23G aircraft was approximately 40% for the reporting period.

(2) OBSERVATION: This is attributed to the lag time in establishing FLL and ASL at organizational and direct support maintenance levels and the lack of CH-23G parts in RVN.

Item: Tool Sets

(1) DISCUSSION: The lack of organizational tool sets remains a problem. The following is a resume of action taken to obtain the required tool sets:

(a) Tool Kit, Aircraft Mechanic (2 each)

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(b) Tool Set, Organizational Maintenance Aircraft (1 set)

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(a) Tool Set, Organizational Maintenance Aircraft,
Supplement (1 Each)

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(d) Cancellation of requisitions for the tool sets indicated at ve was directed by 14th Inventory Control Center, AFO 96307.

(2) OBSERVATION: The basic tool sets are essential for the performance of organizational maintenance. The number of tool sets requisitioned are against authorized allowances. Presently, organizational maintenance is being performed with tool kits hand receipted from other units.

SECTION II (C)

PART II RECOMMENDATIONS (C)

1. (U) Administration and Personnel: None
2. (U) Intelligence: None
3. (C) Training and Organization:

Recommend that forms submitted by the units of the 23d Artillery Group be approved as submitted as soon as possible.

4. (U) Operations: None
5. (U) Logistics

a. Recommend that Cooling Fans, FSN: 2930-736-3594, be made readily available at the direct support maintenance unit in sufficient quantities to provide adequate support to supported units.

b. Recommend that all battery size artillery units using the M115 and M117 sights be provided with at least three (3) float sights. In addition, recommend that direct support maintenance units also be
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provided with float sights and that direct exchange of these items be authorized.

6. (U) Aviation:

Recommend that organizational tool sets be issued as soon as possible.

RUBLRT J. KCH
Colonel, Artillery
Commanding
AVFB-PAC (20 Nov 67)  1st Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned (U)

DA, Headquarters, II Field Force Vietnam Artillery, APO 96266 25 Nov 67

THRU: Commanding General, II Field Force Vietnam, APO 96266
     Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHC-G-DH, APO 96307
     Commander-In-Chief, United States Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-OT, APO 96558

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

1. (U) The quarterly report of the 23rd Artillery Group (WAGA), adequately reflects the operations and lessons learned during the reporting period.

2. (U) The following comments pertain to Section II of the report:

   a. Part I, Paragraph 6. This headquarters has taken action to obtain replacement aviators for the 23rd Artillery Group. MT0E action has been submitted to Headquarters, US Army Vietnam for required aviator support. Pending final decision on these MT0E actions, the 12th Combat Aviation Group (the only source of aviators in II FFORCEV) will provide sufficient aviators on TDY to II FFORCEV Artillery to maintain a 90% manning level of aviators in accordance with current Department of the Army policy. As losses are incurred, replacements will be provided to maintain the 90% manning level of aviators.

   b. Part II, Paragraph 3. Concur. All artillery battery, battalion, and group T0E's have been forwarded to Headquarters USARV.

   c. Part II, Paragraph 5a. Nonconcur. Fan Vane, Axial, FPM 2930-736-3594, is a part that should be stocked at organizational maintenance level (Ref TM 9-2300-216-20P, page 25, item number 5). This repair part should be added to the unit's PLI under the provisions of AR 735-35.

   d. Part II, Paragraph 5b. Nonconcur. Under the provisions of USARV Reg 750-17, First Logistical Command is assigned responsibility for establishing and maintaining float equipment items. First Logistical Command message AVCAFM-FM 20768, DTC 040412Z Nov 67 directs users to turn in all excess sights to direct support maintenance units. Additionally, direct support maintenance units are directed to maintain one float sight for each supported artillery battery. Experience indicates that one float sight per battery is sufficient to meet requirements.


RAYMOND P. MURPHY
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding
SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period Ending 31 October 1967 (RCS CSPOR-65) (UIC-WDFU TO) (U)

DA HQ II FFORCEN, APO San Francisco 96266 14 DEC 1967

THRU: Commanding General, USARV, ATTN. AVHGC-DH, APO 96375

Commander-In-Chief, US Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-OT, APO 96558

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

1. Subject report is forwarded.

2. This command has reviewed the attached report and concurs with the comments and recommendations as modified by the 1st Indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

[Signature]

CPT. AGC
Asst AG

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AVHGC-DST (10 Nov 67)  7d Ind (U)
SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 October 1967,
(RCS CSPOR-65) UIC: WAXXTO (U)

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375 9 JAN 1968

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

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report—Lessons Learned
   for the period ending 31 October 1967 from Headquarters, 23d Artillery Group
   (AOXA) as indorsed.

2. Pertinent comment follows: Reference item concerning organizational
   tool sets, page 15, paragraph 6, and page 13: Concur. Unit has not followed
   established procedures. Coordination with the 23d Artillery Group S-4 confirmed
   that valid status had been received for the requested aircraft tool sets.

3. Correct UIC Number WAXXATO.

1. A copy of this indorsement will be furnished to the reporting unit
   through channels.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

C. S. NAKATSUKASA
Captain, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

Copies furn:
HQ, 23d Arty Gp
HQ II FFORCEV
GPOP-DT(10 Nov 67) 4th Ind (U)
SUBJECT: Operational Report for the Quarterly Period Ending 31 October 1967 from HQ, 23d Arty Gp (UIC: WAOXAA) (RCS CSFOR-65)

HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 19 JAN 1968

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

1. This headquarters has evaluated subject report and forwarding indorsements and concurs in the report as indorsed.

2. Reference paragraph 2a, 1st Indorsement: The MTOE for the 23d Artillery Group, reflecting increase of 30 spaces for new aggregate strength of 144, has been included in the current (Phase II) MTOE Standardization Program now in process at DA.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

[Signature]

HEAVRIN SNYDER
CPT, AGC
Asst AG
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