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SIGNIFICANT HEADQUARTERS OR UNIT ACTIVITIES

1. (C) Administration and Personnel.

a. The 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery remains assigned to the 54th Artillery Group, APO 96376, RVN.

b. Normal S-1 activities have been conducted during the period 1 February 1967 through 30 April 1967.

c. Personnel strength of the command on 30 April 1967 was:

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d. Critical MOS shortages in NCO grade. The battalion is short one battery first sergeant, MOS 13Z50.

e. Personnel changes during this quarter include:

| 6 | 0 | 62 | 6 | 0 | 69 |

f. Casualties included:

- Killed in Action: 0
- Wounded in Action: 19
- Missing in Action: 0
- Non-Battle Dead: 0
- Non-Battle Casualties: 3
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6. Awards and Decorations presented to members of this command include:

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NOTE: In addition to these awards, 43 recommendations for awards have been submitted and are pending approval.

h. R & R Program schedules include the following:

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i. Battalion mail clerk picks up and delivers mail from APO 96370.

j. Judicial and Non-Judicial action of units included:

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k. Pertinent medical service statistics include:

1. Total patient visits (unit personnel) - 1031
2. Admitted to Hospital - 18
3. Evacuated within the country - 3
4. Evacuated out of country - 4
5. Malaria cases - 0

l. Reportable accidents include:

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m. The morale of the command is outstanding.

n. Educational opportunities for personnel of the unit are provided by USAF extension courses.

o. Religious services, both Protestant and Catholic are held on a regular weekly basis.

p. The health of the battalion has remained very good. There have been no malaria cases nor fatalities during the quarter.

2. (U) Intelligence:

a. Battalion air observers flew 136 missions during the reporting period. Type missions flown were:

1. Convoy cover.
2. Reconnaissance.
3. Aerial observed fire missions.

b. No combat or reconnaissance patrols were conducted.
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3. (C) Training:

a. All batteries of the battalion are continuing on the job training and cross-training programs.

b. Batteries conduct weapons familiarisation training when facilities and missions permit.

4. (C) Operations:

a. The beginning of the reporting period found C Battery located at Binh Son, coordinates XS 208 934, attached to the 9th Infantry Division participating in Operation Colby. They remained in that location until the end of the operation on 4 February when they returned to Bear Cat.

b. Battery B remained at Bear Cat until 6 February when they were attached to the 1st Infantry Division and air lifted to Phuoc Vinh to provide base camp security. On 7 February the battery displaced to coordinates XT 932 483 to support a battalion sized operation in that area. On 11 February they returned to Phuoc Vinh and occupied positions at coordinates XT 968 497. They remained in that location until 5 March when they were airlifted to Quan Loi, coordinates XT 815 907 to participate in Operation Junction City.

c. At the beginning of the reporting period, Battery A was located at Tan Son Nhut Air Base with the mission of base defense. On 11 February, the battery was attached to the 1st Infantry Division and displaced to Lai Khe, coordinates XT 767 375 with the mission of base camp defense.

d. On 6 February, Battery C and battalion headquarters were attached to the 1st Infantry Division and displaced to Quan Loi with the mission of base camp defense and direct support to Task Force Dixie. On 16 February Battery C displaced three howitzers to An Loc, coordinates XT 758 874 to support the 1st Battalion, 10th Cavalry (ARVN) on a one day operation. The platoon returned to Quan Loi at 1655 hours the same day. On 18 February, Battery C displaced to An Loc coordinates XT 758 874 to support the 1st Battalion, 10th Cavalry (ARVN) and the 36th Ranger Battalion (ARVN). The battery returned to Quan Loi the same day.
e. Operation Junction City. On 22 February, the battalion began its participation in Operation Junction City. At the start of the operation the battalion was located as follows: Headquarters and Battery C at Quan Loi with the mission of direct support to Task Force Dixie and defense of Quan Loi. Battery A at Lai Khe with the mission of base camp defense. Battery B at Phuoc Vinh with the mission of base camp defense. On 24 February, Battery C displaced three howitzers to An Loc, coordinates XT 758 874 to support an operation of the 1st Battalion, 10th Cavalry (ARVN) and the 36th Ranger Battalion (ARVN). There were no contacts and the howitzers returned to Quan Loi at 1745 hours. On 25 February, Battery C displaced to coordinates XT 639 686 to support a heliborne operation of D Troop, 1st Battalion, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division. An LZ preparation was fired and the battery closed back into Quan Loi. On 4 March, Battery C moved to coordinates XT 808 900. On 5 March, Battery C was moved from Phuoc Vinh by C-130 aircraft to Quan Loi, coordinates XT 814 906. The battalion assumed the mission of direct support to the 1st Brigade, 9th Infantry Division for the purpose of clearing Highway 13 from Lai Khe to Quan Loi. Battery C, 1st Battalion, 7th Artillery became general support to 1st Infantry Division reinforcing 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery and occupied positions at coordinates XT 736 545. Battery B, 8th Battalion, 6th Artillery became general support to 1st Infantry Division reinforcing 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery and moved to coordinates XT 786 464. Battery B, 1st Battalion, 84th Artillery was attached to the battalion and occupied positions at XT 766 610. On 6 March, Battery A, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery was given the mission of general support to 1st Infantry Division reinforcing 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery. Battery C and Battery A (-), 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to coordinates XT 769 797. Battery B, 1st Battalion, 5th Artillery became general support to 1st Infantry Division reinforcing 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery and placed three howitzers at coordinates XT 804 848 and three howitzers at An Loc, coordinates XT 758 874. Highway 13 remained open until 1500 hours on 6 March at which time Battery B, 1st Battalion, 84th Artillery and Battery A (-), 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery displaced to Quan Loi. Battery C displaced to coordinates XT 706 816 to support the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. The remainder of the batteries were relieved of the general support mission to 1st Infantry Division reinforcing 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery. On 8 March, Battery C displaced to Quan Loi, coordinates XT 808 900. On 9 March, Battery A, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery and Battery B fired an LZ preparation for the 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry. Battery C displaced to coordinates XT 736 935 and Battery B, 1st Battalion, 84th Artillery occupied positions at coordinates XV 725 012 in support of the 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry. Battery C later displaced to Loc Ninh, coordinates XV 746 074. On 10 March, Battery C displaced to coordinates...
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On 700-999 to provide blocking fires for the 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry
and later displaced to coordinates XT 736 725 to provide cover for movement
back to Quan Loi. Battery B, 1st Battalion, 86th Artillery returned
to Quan Loi, coordinates XT 816 701. Battery C displaced to Quan Loi,
coordinates XT 806 900. On 11 March, the road clearing operation on Highway 13 began. Battery A (-), 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery and Battery C
displaced to coordinates XT 766 773 and Battery B, 1st Battalion, 86th
Artillery moved to Chon Thanh, coordinates XT 767 618. On 12 March, Battery B occupied positions at An Loc, coordinates XT 758 974. Battery B
1st Battalion, 7th Artillery became general support to 1st Infantry Di-
vision reinforcing 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery and occupied firing posi-
tions at Bau Bang, coordinates XT 736 464. On 13 March, three howitzers
of Battery B displaced to Quan Loi, coordinates XT 813 906 to support an operation of the 36th Ranger Battalion (ARVN). These howitzers returned
to An Loc at 1706 hours. Battery A (-), 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery
and Battery C moved to coordinates XT 765 759 due to the difficulty of defending the first position area. Battery C fired three contact mis-
sions with no surveillance. During the night the perimeter of Battery
C was probed by an estimated Viet Cong company, however there were no
friendly casualties. On 14 March, Battery B displaced to coordinates
XT 706 821 in order to be able to give fire support to Battery C. On
15 March, the battalion headquarters moved to Lai Khe, leaving a control
element at Quan Loi to clear and control fires for the northern portion of the road. Battery C fired one contact mission with no surveillance.
On 16 March, Battery C fired a contact mission with the results of an
estimated 5 Viet Cong killed. On 17 March, Battery C fired a contact
mission with no surveillance. On 18 March, Battery C again fired one
contact mission at an estimated Viet Cong company with the results of
an estimated 27 Viet Cong killed. On 19 March, Battery B displaced to
Bau Bang, coordinates XT 786 466 and Battery B, 1st Battalion, 7th Artillery
moved to coordinates XT 781 821. Battery C fired an LZ prepara-
tion for the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. One contact mission,
staged by a probe of the perimeter, was fired by Battery B with no
surveillance. At 0040 hours on 20 March, the position area of Battery
B and Troop A, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry came under heavy mortar and
ground attack. Battery A, 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery, Battery A, 8th
Battalion, 6th Artillery and Battery B, 1st Battalion, 34th Artillery
fired in defense of the perimeter. Gunships, flareships, air strikes,
and a relief force were called in. The perimeter was attacked by two
battalions of the 273rd Viet Cong Regiment and one local Viet Cong Com-
pany. The battle lasted for approximately seven hours and resulted in
236 Viet Cong killed by body count. Battery B suffered 19 wounded in
On 21 March, Battery A, 8th Battalion, 6th Artillery departed Lai Khe and was replaced by Battery A, 1st Battalion, 11th Artillery who became general support to 1st Infantry Division reinforcing 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery. On 22 March, Battery A (-), 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery and Battery C displaced to coordinates XT 735 G19. At 0555 hours on 25 March the ARVN compound at Chon Thanh came under mortar attack. Battery B, 1st Battalion, 84th Artillery delivered fire on suspected mortar locations. There were no US casualties. At 2131 hours, the Headquarters, 4th Battalion, 84th Infantry came under mortar attack. Battery A, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 84th Artillery and Battery C fired on suspected mortar locations. There were no US casualties. On 26 March, Battery A displaced to Bau Bang, coordinates XT 786 466 and Battery B moved to Lai Khe coordinates XT 759 362. On 28 March, the HOW Battery, 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment closed into position at coordinates XT 737 821 and assumed the mission of general support to 1st Infantry Division reinforcing 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery. Battery A, 1st Battalion, 11th Artillery was relieved of the mission of general support to 1st Infantry Division reinforcing 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery and departed from Lai Khe. On 29 March, HOW Battery, 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment replaced Battery B, 1st Battalion, 84th Artillery at Chon Thanh, coordinates XT 766 611. Battery B, 1st Battalion, 84th Artillery was relieved from attachment to the battalion and returned to Bear Cat. The battalion was relieved of the direct support mission to the 1st Brigade, 9th Infantry Division. On 1 April, the battalion assumed the mission of direct support to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment to secure Highway 13. The HOW Battery, 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment became general support to the 1st Infantry Division reinforcing 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery and occupied positions at Chon Thanh, coordinates XT 766 611 and HOW Battery, 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment displaced to coordinates XT 737 821. Battery B moved to Bau Long, coordinates XT 790 546. At 2236 hours on 9 April, Battery A fired one contact mission at a target near its perimeter. A search the following day found, grave, sandle, poncho, blood, a field pack, and one Chinese grenade. On 15 April, the battalion was relieved of the direct support mission to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and was released from attachment to the 1st Infantry Division. Battery C remained attached and displaced to An Loc, coordinates XT 788 674. Headquarters Battery, Battery A and Battery B returned to Bear Cat.
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1. Operation Manhattan: On 20 April, Battery A and a headquarters element were attached to the 1st Infantry Division and displaced to Lai Khe to participate in Operation Manhattan. On 21 April, Battery A occupied positions at coordinates XT 758 329. The battery remained there overnight and returned to Lai Khe on 22 April. The battalion assumed the mission of base camp defense of Lai Khe. Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 33rd Artillery, Battery A, 8th Battalion, 6th Artillery and Battery C, 1st Battalion, 7th Artillery reinforced the battalion. Operation Manhattan officially began on 23 April. Lighthorse E, a 4.2 inch mortar platoon, was attached to the battalion and occupied positions at Bau Bang, coordinates XT 786 466. Battery I (Searchlight) 1st Battalion, 29th Artillery was attached to the battalion and moved into position with Lighthorse B at Bau Bang. On 24 April, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 7th Artillery was relieved of the general support to 1st Infantry Division reinforcing 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery and departed for Phu Loi. On 25 April Lighthorse B and Battery I, 1st Battalion, 29th Artillery deployed from Bau Bang to Lai Khe. On 25 April, Lighthorse B was relieved from attachment to the battalion and deployed to Phu Loi. On 27 April, Battery A, 8th Battalion, 6th Artillery became general support to 1st Infantry Division reinforcing 1st Battalion, 7th Artillery. On 30 April, Lai Khe came under mortar attack and received approximately 15 rounds. Counter mortar fire was fired on suspected mortar locations. The battalion suffered no casualties.

2. Battery C remained at An Loc throughout the remainder of the reporting period. On ten occasions, portions of the battery were displaced to support search and destroy operations conducted by the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry. The mission was direct support to Task Force Dixie and base defense of Quan Loi.

3. Battery B displaced to Xuan Loc on 21 April to provide artillery support for base camp defense.

4. The following number of missions were fired with total amounts of ammunition listed below:

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5. (U) Logistics:

a. Logistical activities for the period of this report consisted of normal resupply of the battalion. Approximately 39,200 miles were traveled by Service Battery elements in support missions and 741 tons of ammunition were transported by the ammunition trains.

b. During a portion of Operation Junction City, ammunition was hauled from the Long Binh Ammunition Supply Point by the ammunition trains. Over a twenty-seven day period, 678 tons of ammunition were transported from Long Binh to Lai Khe.

6. (U) Civic Action:

a. Food and cooking supplies were distributed to the villagers at Phuoc Nguyen.

b. The battalion surgeon and medical section participated in the MEDCAP program. Approximately 600 people were treated during the quarter in the villages of Long Khan, Phuoc Nguyen, Thanh Nguyen, Kuo Tong, Long Thanh and Xcn Von.

7. Psychological Warfare: 28 propaganda shells were fired by Battery A in the vicinity of Bau Bang on 20 March.

SECTION II

PART I, OBSERVATIONS

1. (U) Personnel and Administration. NONE

2. (U) Intelligence. NONE

3. (U) Training and Organization. NONE

4. (U) Operations:

a. ITEM: Direct Fire Sectors.

(1) DISCUSSION: In position areas, especially those out of base camps, howitzer parapets and other structures can restrict direct fire to the extent that it cannot be integrated into the base defense.
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(2) OBSERVATION: Parapets, bunkers, and other structures must be planned and constructed so as to allow maximum coverage from howitzers for direct fire and Beehive employment.

b. ITEM: Location of Aiming Circle.

(1) DISCUSSION: Because of the requirement for referring and relaying the battery when large shifts are necessitated, the executive officer's aiming circle must be accessible to the executive post and protected against enemy fire.

(2) OBSERVATION: The aiming circle should be built directly into the executive post bunker in order to protect the aiming circle and executive officer and facilitate its use while under mortar or ground attack.

c. ITEM: Firing Battery Communication.

(1) DISCUSSION: Wire communications from the executive post to the fire direction center and from the executive post to the guns are vulnerable to being knocked out by enemy mortar fire.

(2) OBSERVATION: Both hot loop and direct line communications should be established from the executive post to the guns, utilizing the Mx 155, and an AN/PRC 25 should be located at the executive post for radio communications with the fire direction center.

d. ITEM: Self-illumination with the 105mm Howitzer (Towed).

(1) DISCUSSION: Experience has shown that often the quickest and most satisfactory means to illuminate a firing battery position area is for the battery to fire its own illumination.

(2) OBSERVATION: The most effective data for firing self-illumination with the 105mm howitzer (towed) is: Charge 1, Time setting - 3.7, Quadrant 1146.

SECTION II

PART II, RECOMMENDATIONS

1. (U) Personnel and Administration. NONE

2. (U) Intelligence. NONE
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3. (U) Training and Organization. NONE

4. (U) Operations:

a. Battery commanders must insure that bunkers and other construction do not interfere with the ability of the battery to employ its direct fire capability.

b. The aiming circle should be built into the executive post bunker to provide protection from enemy mortar fire.

e. Alternate means of communication should be established between the executive post and the guns, and the executive post and the fire direction center.

d. The data for self-illumination should be readily available at the firing battery at all times.

WALLACE E. NICKEL
LTC Artillery
Commanding
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AVGA-C (14 May 67)  1st Ind
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BA, HEADQUARTERS, 54TH ARTILLERY GROUP, APO 96376  24 May 1967

THRU: Commanding General, II Field Force Vietnam Artillery, ATTN: AVFB-FAC, APO 96266

Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVG-DH, APO 96307

Commander-In-Chief, United States Army Pacific, ATTN: GFOP-O, APO 96558

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

1. (U) The quarterly report submitted by the 7th Bn, 9th Artillery is considered adequate.

2. (C) Reference Section II, Part I paragraph 4a, Direct Fire Sectors. Each artillery battery firing position should be assigned a primary and alternate direct fire sector. The recent ground attacks, by the enemy, on artillery fire bases in the III Corps area emphasizes the need for and the devastating effect of direct artillery fire.

3. (C) Reference Section II, Part I paragraph 4b, Location of Aiming Circle. Proper positioning and protection of the aiming circle is essential not only for the frequent relaying of the firing battery, but as an emergency alternate aiming point in case aiming stakes are destroyed or blown down.

4. (C) Reference Section II, Part I paragraph 4d, Self Illumination. Recommend that data charge 1, time setting 3.7, quadrant 1146 be used by all 105T batteries.

5. (U) Reference Section II, Part II. This Headquarters concurs with all recommendations of the 7th Bn, 9th Artillery.

CHARLES M. MIZEZL
Colonel, Artillery
Commanding
AVFB-PAC (14 May 67) 2nd Ind
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Department of the Army, Headquarters, II Field Force Vietnam Artillery,
APO 96266 5 JUN 1967
THRU: Commanding General, II Field Force Vietnam, APO 96266
Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVC-DH,
APO 96307
Commander-In-Chief, United States Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-MH,
APO 96558

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army (ACSFOR-DA) Washington, D. C. 20310

1. (U) The quarterly report of the 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery ade-
quately reflects the operations and lessons learned during the reporting
period.

2. (C) Reference Section II, Part I, paragraph 4d, Self Illumination.
Recommend self illumination data be placed in FT105-AS-1, the Firing Tables
do not include any self illumination data. All subordinate units of II
Field Force Vietnam have received this data by message.

3. (U) Concur with other comments, recommendations, and observations
in basic document and 1st Indorsement.

RAYMOND P. MURPHY
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding
AVFORC-H (30 April 1967) 3d Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for Period Ending 30 April
1967, HQ 7th Bn, 9th Arty

DA, HQ II FORSCV, APO San Francisco 96266 7 JUN 1967

THRU: Commanding General, USARV, ATTN: AVEGC-DH, APO 96307

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

1. (U) The quarterly report of the 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery adequatly reflects the operations and lessons learned during the re-
porting period.

2. (U) Concur with all endorsements, comments and recommendations.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

JAMES A. ULVINUS
Capt. AG
Asst. AG

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AVHGC-DST (30 Apr 67) 4th Inf
SUBJECT: Operational Report—Lessons Learned for the Period Ending 30 April 1967 (BCS CSPOR-65)

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96307 23 JUN 1967

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

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operation Report—Lessons Learned for the period ending 30 April 1967 from Headquarters, 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery as endorsed.

2. Reference item concerning critical MOS shortages in ECO grade, page 2: A First Sergeant, ES, MOS 13250, will be assigned to 7th Battalion, 9th Artillery prior to 30 June 1967.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

E. L. KENNEDY
CPT, AGC
Asst Adjutant General
GPOP-OT(30 Apr 67)  
SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the Period Ending  
30 April 1967 (RCS FOR-65), HQ 7th Bn, 9th Arty  
HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558  
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:

[Signature]

JOHN S. SUTHERLAND  
CPT, AGO  
Asst AG