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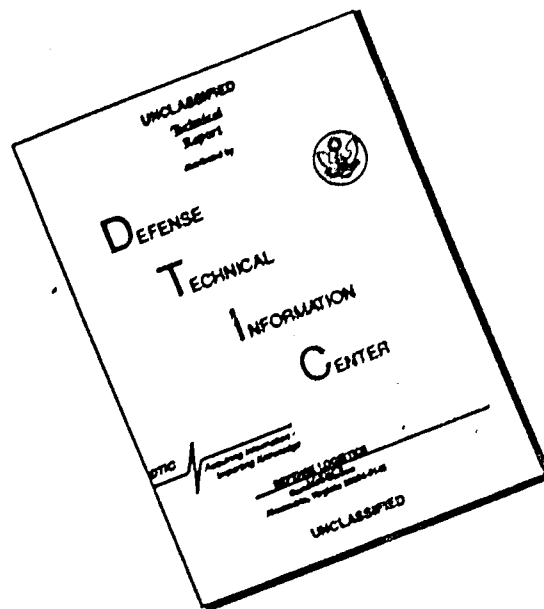
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SECTION I (C)

Significant Headquarters or Unit Activities

1. (C) Administration and Personnel
 - a. The 23d Artillery Group remains assigned to US Army, Vietnam.
 - b. 23d Artillery Group organizational information:
Headquarters and Headquarters Battery
2d Battalion, 11th Artillery (Attached to Americal Division)

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

c. Significant S1 Activities. Infusion programs to reduce rotational humps in the 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery and 2d Battalion, 32d Artillery were initiated. Plans for reduction of rotational humps in other units were made with completion dates during the next quarter.

d. Return of B Battery, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery increased the authorized strength of the 23d Artillery Group but created personnel problems as a result of:

(1) Personnel shortages in certain critical MOS's and grades.

(2) Poorly maintained personnel and financial records.

e. Personnel strength throughout the Group continued over 100% of authorized strength. Average strength throughout this period was 104%.

f. No critical personnel shortages were experienced.

g. Casualties as a result of hostile fire were few during the quarter with 0 KIA and 21 WIA. Non-battle casualties were 0 deaths and 7 injuries.

h. Awards presented during this period increased over the last period due mainly to increased rotation. Presented were 3 Legion of Merit, 59 Bronze Star, 2 Soldier's Medal, 68 Air Medal, 79 Army Commendation Medal and 25 Purple Heart awards.

i. R&R leaves to Australia commenced in October with enthusiastic response.

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 aviator assets.

b. The 23d Artillery Group has published Group Regulation 361-1

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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. MTOE'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:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TYPICAL INSPECTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
2d Bn, 13th Arty	Pre - AGI	18-24 Sep 1967
6th Bn, 27th Arty	Pre - AGI	16-27 Sep 1967
2d Bn, 32d Arty	Pre - AGI	17-19 Oct 1967

e. The following Annual General Inspections were conducted by USAhV during the reporting period;

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
2d Bn, 13th Arty	9-13 Oct 1967
6th Bn, 27th Arty	2-6 Oct 1967
2d Bn, 32d Arty	30 Oct - 4 Nov 1967

f. Three "Bechive" 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 Camps; another on 5 October 1967 at Phu Loi for Brigadier General Trang, Chief of ARVN Artillery.

g. 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.

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

<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Kirchman	IG, 11AFV	17 Aug
Maj Gen Brown	CG, USARMC	17 Sep
Lt Col Phouc	5th ARVN Rngr Gp Cndr	25 Sep
Col Greenberg	USARMC, CDC	28 Sep
Brig Gen Theng	Chief, ARVN Arty	5 Oct
Col Murphy	IG, USARV	7 Oct
Brig Gen Tobias	CG, 1 HILCAV	16 Oct

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/FF 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 XT3208 were also attacked.

(2) On 16 August 1967 Battery E, 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery conducted an assault from Trai Bi in support of USSF Operation "Witch-Hunt", vicinity WT9773.

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

(4) On 24 August 1967 Battery E, 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery conducted an assault from position vicinity XT107513 in support of USSF Detachment F-32 Operation "Sidewinder," vicinity AT9753. A preparation and selected targets were fired.

(5) On 7 September 1967 Battery C, 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery conducted an assault from position vicinity XT495504. 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 AT135515 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 XS3384 in support of a USSF CILG 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 Bi Special Forces camp to support USSF Operation "Celt" conducted vicinity AT0982.

(9) On 12 October 1967 Battery B, 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery conducted an assault from position vicinity AT113497 to support a USSF Detachment B-32 CILG operation and attack targets along the Cambodian Border.

(10) On 18 October 1967 the 8 inch platoon from Battery A, 2d Battalion, 32d Artillery conducted an assault from position vicinity AT113497 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/CILG operation. Numerous intelligence targets vicinity XS3384 were also attacked.

(12) On 20 October 1967 Battery B, 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 B, 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.

e. 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) remained attached to Americal Division and is located at Duc Pho

(2) The 2d Battalion, 13th Artillery (105mm Towed) continued its mission of GSh to the 1st Infantry Division Artillery with Headquarters, Service and B Batteries at Phu Loi and A and C Batteries

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attached to the 25th Infantry Division Artillery. On 3 August Battery A was detached and returned to Phu 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 Phu Loi. On 24 August Battery B was attached to the 54th Artillery Group and moved to Bien Hoa. On 28 August Battery B was attached to the 1st Infantry Division Artillery and moved to Lai Khe. On 8 September Battery C detached from the 25th Infantry Division Artillery and returned to Phu 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 airmobiled to Prek 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 B was detached from 25th Infantry Division Artillery and moved to Phu 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 B performed a base camp defense mission at Phu Loi. The batteries of the 2d Battalion, 13th Artillery supported the following major operations: Wainca, Kolekole, Kunia, Diamondhead and Lamson 67.

(3) The 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery (155mm Self Propelled) continued its assigned mission of GSK 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 Phu Loi with the mission of GSK to the 1st Infantry Division Artillery. Battery A and an element from the Headquarters Battery supported 25th Infantry Division operation Wainca on 22 and 23 August from Phu Loi. On 11 September Battery A was assigned the mission of GSK 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: Wainca, Kunia, Diamondhead, Lamson 67 and Coronado V.

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(4) The 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery (8inch/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, RVN. The unit occupied a firing position at Bien Hoa on 15 September. On the same date Battery B, 7th Battalion, 8th Artillery was attached to the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery and moved from Bien Hoa to Phuoc 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, 8th Artillery and B Battery, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery resulting in B Battery, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery being relocated to Phuoc Binh, its current base. The 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery supported the following major operations: Lanson 67 and Shenendoah II.

(5) The 2d Battalion, 32d Artillery (8inch/175mm Self Propelled) continued its mission of GSR to 25th Infantry Division Artillery with Headquarters, Service and A Batteries at Tay Ninh, C Battery at Dau Tieng and B Battery at Soui Da. On 5 August Battery A moved to Trai Bi to support Special Forces Operation "White Rock". The battery returned to Tay Ninh on 6 August. On 21 August Battery C returned to its base camp at Tay Ninh and battery A returned to its base camp at Cu Chi. On 15 September Battery A converted to a pure 8 inch battery and was attached to the 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery to support 25th Infantry Division Operation "Kunia". On 18 September the battery returned to Cu Chi and converted back to two 8 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 on the same day to Tay Ninh where its new base camp is permanently located. The 2d Battalion, 32d Artillery supported the following major operations: Kainan, Kunia, Kolekole, and Diamondhead.

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

- White Rock
- Switchback
- Colt
- Vampire
- Shortstop
- Lapid - Fire Two
- Kitch Hunt
- Sidewinder
- Eclipse

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

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MISSILES</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>8"</u>	<u>175</u>
2d Bn, 13th Arty	7,215	49,486			
1st Bn, 27th Arty	10,966		64,805		
6th Bn, 27th Arty	11,627			9,028	13,219
2d Bn, 32d Arty	11,929			16,839	13,554
TOTAL	41,737	49,486	64,805	25,867	26,773

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.

O-1 SORTIES

RECON	FAC	ADM	MAINT	TNG	TOT	HRS
754	198	610	48	28	1638	1208

OH-13 SORTIES AND MISSIONS

C&C	RECON	FAC	ADMIN	MAINT	TMT	TOT	CGO (tons)	PAX	HRS
716-352	162-90	14-12	302-167	92-31	0-1	1696-653	4.0	590	498

OH-23 SORTIES AND MISSIONS

C&C	RECON	FAC	ADMIN	MAINT	TNG	TOT	CGO (tons)	PAX	HRS
714-295	13-3	2-2	131-61	62-19	303-26	1225-406	1.0	590	329

U-6A SORTIES

TRP	CGO	ADMIN	MNT	TNG	CGO (tons)	PAX	HRS
CARRY	CARRY						
40	55	146	9	29	6.1	283	107

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UH-1B SORTIES AND MISSIONS

TRP	CGO					CGO		
CARRY	CARRY	C&C	ADMIN	MNT	TOT	(tons)	PAX	HRS
249-67	186-48	887-313	543-190	40-16	1905-644	33.7	26.2	461

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 \$838.00 to charitable organizations.

g. The Group has expanded its MEDCAP 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. MEDCAPS 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 MEDCAP 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.

8. (C) 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 MK&B'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 pre-designated location for the purpose of supporting operations or attacking intelligence targets beyond the range of positional artillery; the displacement from and return to home base taking place on the same day. Artillery

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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/CILG 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 fires 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, P/N: 2930-736-3594, for the M107/M110 engines are not available. All available assets from combat loss vehicles have been used.

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

Item: M115 and M117 Panoramic Telescopes

(1) DISCUSSION: The lengthy maintenance time and transportation difficulties encountered in getting the M115 and M117 Panoramic 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: OH-23G

(1) DISCUSSION: The availability of OH-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 OH-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)

<u>DATE ACQUISITION</u>	<u>DATE CANCELLED</u>
8 Aug 1966	8 Dec 1966
8 Dec 1966	4 Jan 1967
4 Jan 1967	20 Jan 1967
20 Jan 1967	19 Jul 1967
19 Jul 1967	19 Sep 1967
19 Sep 1967	

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

8 Aug 1966	8 Dec 1966
8 Dec 1966	31 Aug 1967
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(c) Tool Set, Organizational Maintenance Aircraft,
Supplement (1 Each)

8 Aug 1966	8 Dec 1966
8 Dec 1966	31 Aug 1967
31 Aug 1967	

(d) Cancellation of requisitions for the tool sets indicated above 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 MTOE's 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.

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Colonel, Artillery
Commanding

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 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, APTN: AVHCG-DH, APO 96307
 Commander-In-Chief, United States Army Pacific, APTN: 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 23d Artillery Group (WAOXAA), 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 23d Artillery Group. MTOE action has been submitted to Headquarters, US Army Vietnam for required aviator support. Pending final decision on these MTOE 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 TOE's have been forwarded to Headquarters USARV.

c. Part II, Paragraph 5a. Nonconcur. Fan Vane, Axial, FSM 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 PLL 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 AVCAGM-FM 20768, DTG 040414Z 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.

e. Part II, Paragraph 6. Concur.

Raymond P. Murphy
 RAYMOND P. MURPHY
 Brigadier General, USA
 Commanding

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AVFBC-RE-H (10 Nov 67) 2d Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period Ending
31 October 1967 (RCS CSFOR-65) (UIC-WDFU TO) (U)

DA HQ II FFORCEV, 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:

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R. E. WAMSCARISS
CPT, AGC
Asst AG

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AVHGC-DST (10 Nov 67) 3d Ind (U)
SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 October 1967,
(RCS CSFOR-65) UIC: WAOXTO (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 WAOXATO.

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

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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C. S. NAKATSUKASA
Captain, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

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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:


HEAVRIN SNYDER
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