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HEADQUARTERS  
6TH BATTALION, 56TH ARTILLERY  
APO 96491

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6 June 1967

SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period **Ending 30 April 1967**;  
Reports Control Symbol CSFOR-65(U)

TO: Commanding Officer  
97th Arty Gp (AD)  
APO 96307

1. (U) In compliance with AR 1-19 and USARV Regulation 870-2, the Operational Report for Quarterly Period ending 30 April 1967 is submitted.

2. (U-FOUO) Organization for Combat

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>COMMANDERS</u>
6th Battalion, 56th Artillery	LTC Peter B. Farrell (5 Sept 66 - )
Headquarters Battery	CPT Edward D. Foust (1 Jan 67 - )
Battery A	CPT Jerry L. Kintigh (2 Oct 66 - )
Battery B	CPT John H. Little (14 Sept 66 - )
Battery C	CPT Fred R. Clifton (20 Aug 66 - 31 Jan 67)
	CPT Raymond M. Jones (1 Feb 67 - )
Battery D	CPT Paul P. Hagerty (23 Aug 66 - )

Section I: (C) Significant Organizational or Unit Activities

1. (C) GENERAL

a. During the reporting period, the units of this battalion continued to accomplish their primary mission of providing air defense for their assigned area of the Republic of Vietnam.

b. There has been one change of command in the battalion during this reporting period. The battery C Commander, CPT Fred R. Clifton, assumed the duties of Liaison Officer with the additional responsibilities of Civic Action Project Officer. CPT Raymond M. Jones, the former Battery C Executive Officer, assumed command of Battery C on 1 February 1967.

c. Savings Bond Participation is at 96% of the assigned strength.

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d. Civic Action projects continue in the Nhon Trach District, Bien Hoa Province. The Tet party at Phuoc Thien was attended by 800 children and was an unqualified success. The repair of a school at Phu Hoi has not been completed pending approval of necessary funds by Vietnamese authorities. Ambush sites along Hwy 25 have been cleared and numerous foot bridges have been constructed. MEDCAP, involving sick call and training of Vietnamese personnel, began in February. The Battalion Surgeon was assisted by dentists from Long Binh in this effort. The eye operation on the Vietnamese woman referred to in the previous report was successful.

e. Distinguished Visitors during the period of this report include:

<u>VISITOR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE OF EVENT</u>
MAJ Glenn T. Kure	Artillery Advisor to CMD	13 Feb 67
COL G. K. Coe	Commander TSN AFB	18 Mar 67
LTC Grove C. Johnson	Provost Marshal, TSN AFB	18 Mar 67
MG Leland G. Cagwin	CG, TECOM	2 Apr 67
GEN Dwight E. Beach	CG, USARPAC	11 Apr 67

2. (C) PERSONNEL

a. During the quarter this organization had an average total assigned strength of 1038 personnel. The total authorized strength is 858. (40 officers, 15 warrant officers, 803 enlisted men) There were 258 losses and 278 gains during this period. There are very few long school trained mechanic and technician shortages in grades E3 through E6. More replacements have been received than were requisitioned. However, most HAWK (MOS 23P & R series) and communication (MOS 31 M) replacements are personnel recently graduated from school and consequently, they lack required experience.

b. List of personnel with MOS shortages considered critical:

<u>MOS</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>LOSSES</u>				
		<u>AUTH</u>	<u>ACT</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUN</u>	<u>JUL</u>
23P40	HAWK FC Mechanic	10	5	0	0	2
16E40	HAWK Missile Fire Control Crewman	24	21	3	1	3
16E10	HAWK Missile Fire Control Crewman	41	34	16	9	2

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a. Current intelligence information on the enemy ground threat was obtained from II Field Forces Vietnam and III Vietnam Corps during the reporting period.

b. Frequent liaison visits were made with Advisor Team 100, Hoc Mon Subsector; Advisor Team 74, Quang Trung Training Center; Advisor Team 98, Bien Hoa Sector; Capital Military District; and Dong Nai Sensitive Area. These visits proved invaluable in determining current VC activities near units of this Battalion.

c. Physical Security within the Battalion is considered to be adequate. Units are continuing to improve their active and passive defensive measures. Particular emphasis has been placed on passive defense measures due to the enemy's recently acquired capability to conduct long range stand-off rocket attacks. In general the increased defensive measures consist of:

- (1) Constructing additional guard bunkers with over head cover.
- (2) Building protective PSP walls around Tactical Equipment.
- (3) Placing three to six feet of earth around and over basic load ammunition storage conexas.
- (4) Laying additional triple concertina fences around the Tactical Areas.
- (5) Installing search and spot lights in the Tactical Areas.
- (6) Building additional two-man bunkers.
- (7) Clearing perimeters of brush to reduce the probability of sniper and harassing fire.

d. Continued emphasis has been placed on the Battalion Sentry Dog Program. Battery "B" has completed its new kennels and the unit's sentry dogs are presently being housed on site. The completion of a training facility is expected within the next three weeks. Construction of new kennels and a training area for Battery D is expected to begin in the near future. Increased emphasis has been placed on the adequate training and proper utilization of the sentry dogs to improve the early detection of intruders. Sentry dog teams at Battery B and Headquarters Battery are working outside the perimeter fencing to increase the detection range.

e. The Battalion presently has six personnel attending the six week Sentry Dog Team Training Program in Okinawa. These individuals are

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expected to return to the Battalion around the middle of May. Due to the shortage of replacement handler personnel in recent months, it was necessary for this Battalion to establish an internal Sentry Dog Team Training Program to insure that adequate teams were available for each line unit. As a result of this program, four sentry dog teams were formed and are fully trained to perform their mission. This training program enabled each unit to maintain the required number of dog teams and insured continuity of operation in the sentry dog program.

f. The service of the Veterinary Technician attached to the Battalion was extremely valuable in providing Veterinary direct support. Three sentry dogs developed heartworms within the last month. Veterinary support was requested from the 936th Veterinary Hospital and on 25 April 1967, a veterinarian visited this headquarters. He pointed out that mosquito bites were the most common cause for heartworms, so appropriate preventive measures have been initiated which include spraying the kennel areas. In addition, plans are being made to enclose the kennel facilities with screen wire. It is believed these measures will reduce and possibly eliminate heartworm cases.

g. During the quarter Battery "A" registered four HE concentrations around a bridge approximately 1700 meters north of their location. This registration was accomplished in coordination with MACV and ARVN personnel. These pre-registered concentrations will be of great value in supporting the defense of the area.

h. The Battalion has encountered no problems in obtaining necessary security clearances. During the reporting period the Battalion granted 140 Confidential clearances, processed six requests for National Agency Checks and validated 185 Top Secret/Secret security clearances.

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## 4. (U) OPERATIONS

a. Group level HAWK RUNS and daily Battalion air defense exercises have continued to be effective in maintaining a high state of unit training.

b. TSOP examinations, administered to 24 officers and 39 enlisted men, qualified 62 personnel for the performance of operational duties during the reporting period.

c. New equipment classes on the Model E-3 loader transporters were completed in February.

d. Continued emphasis has been placed on the capability of firing elements to remain operational and maintain their scheduled alert status. Continued emphasis on preventative maintenance resulted in a total battalion operational time record of 99.99% during the quarter.

## 5. (U) LOGISTICS

a. Supply Authorization Documents - On 5 February 1967, this organization, working with 97th Artillery Group representatives, submitted a Modification Table of Organization and Equipment (MTOE) 44-236D and MTOE 44-237D to G-4, USARV. These MTOE's consolidated all previous authorization documents into a single table. The MTOE's were accepted by G-4, USARV, and forwarded to Headquarters, USARPAC for approval and implementation. However, before USARPAC could act on these MTOE's, TOE 44-236G and TOE 44-237G were published by Hq, DA. At present, it is uncertain whether the G series TOE or the D series MTOE will be implemented. This organization is now drafting an additional MTOE, based on the G series TOE.

## b. Repair Parts (Hawk):

(1) During the report period the DSP technical supply section received 4,466 requisitions. Of these, 3,182 matched the authorized stockage list giving a demand accommodation of 71 per cent. Of the requisitions received matching the stockage list 2,486 were issued by the DSP giving a demand satisfaction of 78 per cent. The remaining 1,980 requisitions were passed to the GSU.

(2) Presently the DSP is stocking 14,120 line items, of which 450 are at zero balance. The new mandatory stockage list has been implemented and the DSP is continuing to reduce its stock of excess items that are not required for the support of the Hawk system. The number of items at zero balance has decreased considerably during the report period.

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## c. Maintenance:

## (1) General

(a) Vehicle Deadline Rate: The deadline rate for vehicles during the report period was 3.18%. The deadline rate for scoop loaders during this period was 50.3%. The scoop loader deadline rate reflects a rate of almost 100% for the month of April, during which period all four loaders were deadlined at support maintenance for lack of parts.

(b) Maintenance Problems Encountered: The shortage of M35 LWB 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  ton trucks and the consequent problems caused by overuse of M36 LWB trucks, has become a problem. During the report period, 17 M35 trucks were salvaged. Replacements were placed on requisition, but none were received. These losses leave the battalion short 43 M35 trucks, out of a total of 90 M35's authorized. [The maintenance problems with scoop-loaders are almost entirely due to the critical shortage of organizational and direct support repair parts. However, the poor state of training of assigned mechanics has contributed to this high deadline rate. Graduates of the maintenance course are not sufficiently qualified to perform maintenance functions that should be within their capability.]

## (2) HAWK:

(a) The technical repair shops of the DSP processed 2814 maintenance requests during the reporting period. Of these requests, 1908 were for repair of chassis and 767 were for repair of major items. The remaining 139 were for items of test equipment and miscellaneous non-peculiar items (i.e. gun mounts, stoves and refrigerators).

(b) The following is the present status of problem areas reported in the previous report.

1. Melting Cables: All cables have been replaced in the launchers and no new cases of severe melting have occurred during the reporting period. All responsible agencies are aware of the problem and this condition should be corrected by the elimination of the inferior quality cables which have been in the supply system.

2. Generator Repair by Replacement: During this reporting period 12 45KW 400 CPS generators have been replaced. Sufficient generators are on hand at GSU level to meet our requirements. There are no 45KW 60CPS Stewart-Stevenson generators available as replacements. For a short time during this reporting period the battalion experienced a critical shortage of 60 CPS power due to failures in these generators, all of which have accrued over 6000 operational hours. As an emergency measure, two Cummins 45KW 60 CPS generators were issued to the battalion. However, these units came from the rebuild facility without any spare parts

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and without any manuals. Attempts are presently being made to obtain both the manuals and the repair parts.

3. Test Equipment: Excessive delay in repair of test equipment continues to be a problem. A complete list of evacuated test equipment has been forwarded to 97th Artillery Group, ATTN: S4, with a request for permission to requisition replacements for these items. During this report period certain test sets which had been evacuated out of country were turned in to the signal support facility and requisitions have been submitted to obtain replacements.

d. Construction:

(1) Difficulties encountered in recent months in the supply of construction materials eased considerably during the current report period and new construction has been accomplished at all sites. Most significant is the Battalion Operations Center complex at Battalion Headquarters which is targeted for completion by 10 May.

(2) Materials have been received for construction of lightning arrester systems at all sites. Construction of these systems should be completed prior to the onset of the thunderstorm season in late May.

e. Repairs and Utilities: Administrative power, which was reported as a problem in the last report improved during the present report period with the installation of a 60 KW 60 Cycle generator at the Battery A site. During the next quarter, the cantonment power situation at Headquarters Battery and Battery B should improve significantly when the Long Binh central power station is opened. Both batteries will be connected into this system in June. Four 100 KW 60 Cycle commercial generators (two per battery) are on requisition for Batteries C and D. Additionally, the 60 KW 60 Cycle generator at Battery A will be replaced by two 100 KW 60 Cycle generators when they become available.

Section II: (U) Commander's Observations and Recommendations

NONE

*Peter B. Farrell*  
 PETER B. FARRELL  
 LTC, Arty  
 Commanding

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By **MW** NARA Date **09/26/03**

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**OPREP-DET (6 Jun 67) 24 Jul**  
**SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the Period Ending**  
**30 April 1967 (NCS CRPOB-65) (U)**

**HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96307 4 JUL 1967**

**TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOB-07,**  
**APO 96307**

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 30 April 1967 from Headquarters, 6th Battalion, 54th Artillery, as intended.

2. Pertinent comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning critical NCS shortages, paragraph 2b; Concur in comments of 1st Indorsement. There are no significant personnel shortages in the 97th Artillery Group.

b. Reference item concerning the problem of heartworm caused by mosquito bites, paragraph 3f; Screening of humans will help with the problem of heartworm caused by mosquito bites; however, it will not prevent bites while the dogs are on night patrol. A simple solution that has been passed to 97th Arty Gp is to apply insect repellent to the dogs.

c. Reference item concerning RCE series, paragraph 5a, and paragraph 5, 1st Indorsement. The B series RCE submitted by the unit will be approved or implemented prior to any action taken to reorganize under the B series RCE. This is necessary to permit establishment of a firm data base of OI and efficient functioning of the New Army Administration and Management System. Headquarters, 97th Artillery Group will be so advised.

d. Reference item concerning vehicle generator rate, paragraph 6a(1) 2i. Concur in 1st Indorsement comments. The standard ANS 40 cycle generator for heavy units is the **WILLIAMS** (PN 4112-077-912). One available at the USARPAC Closed Loop Conference on generators (11-22 May 67) indicated standard generators are programmed for 60 Hz at the rate of one each per 50 days through FT 60. At the end of FT 60 density will be 7 standard and 3 non-standard ANS 40 cycle RCE generators. RCE system is available for support of non-standard generators on hand.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

MFR:

ORILL was staffed through:

CG OPNS      MAJ Augur  
AG            COO Chilk  
BSFD        MAJ Burt  
GA           LTC Theron

**E. L. KENNEDY**  
CPT, AGC  
Asst Adjutant General

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AVHGC-0 (19 June 67)

SUBJECT: Indorsement of Operational Reports-Lessons Learned (ORLL).

TO: G3 DDT

FROM: D3 Opns Div

DATE: 19 Jun 67  
MAG Sugar Fax/371

CMT 2

1. Sentry dogs and training of handlers is not under the jurisdiction of this division.
2. Comments from G3 Eng, G1, and the Provost Marshal would be more appropriate.
3. Ref para 3f. Screening of kennels will help with the problem of heartworm caused by mosquito bites; however, it will not prevent bites while the dogs are on night patrol. A simple solution that has been passed to 97th Arty Gp is applying insect repellent to the dogs.

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AVHAG-R (19 Jun 67)

SUBJECT: Indorsement of Operational Reports-Lessons Learned (ORLL)

TO: G3-DST

FROM: AG


DATE: 21 Jun 67

CMT 2

COL Chilk/rpj/560

Reference Section I, Para 2b, Inclosure 2: Concur with comments made by COL Daley, CO, 97th Arty Gp, in Para 2 Personnel of his 1st Ind (14 Jun 67). There are no significant personnel shortages in the 97th Arty Gp.

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G. J. CHILK  
Colonel, AGC  
Deputy AG for Replacement Operations

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AVHGC-FL (19 Jun 67)

SUBJECT: Indorsement of Operational Reports-Lessons Learned (ORLL)

TO: G3 DDT

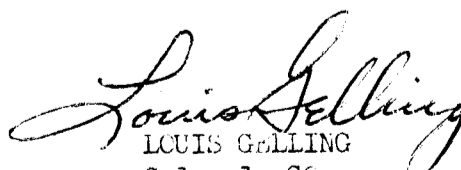
FROM: G3 FD

DATE: 23 JUN 1967  
MAG Sgt/asf/363

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Reference Item: It is uncertain whether the A series TCE or the B series TCE will be implemented; paragraph 5a, page 5 of ORLL and paragraph 5, 1st Indorsement. The B series TCE submitted by the unit will be approved or implemented prior to any action taken to reorganize under the C series TCE. This is necessary to permit establishment of a firm data base at DA and efficient functioning of the New Army Authorization Documentation System. Headquarters, 97th Artillery Group has been so informed.

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Colonel, GS  
Chief, FD Division

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AVHGD-PC  
SUBJECT: Operational Report-Lessons Learned (ORLL)

TO: G3DST FROM: G-4 DATE: 26 JUN 1967  
ATTN: 2 (U)  
LTC Theros/jar/439

1. Section I, Para 5c(1)(a), Page 6, and Para 5c(1)(a), 1st Indorsement, pertaining to Vehicle Deadline late. Concur in action noted in 1st Indorsement. This is a command wide problem.

2. Section I, Para 5c(2)(b)2, and Para 5c(2)(b)2, 1st Indorsement, pertaining to shortage of repair parts for generators. Concur in 1st Indorsement comments. The standard 45KW 60 Cycle generator for USARV units is the Hollingsworth 5ADW45A (FSN 6115-075-9122). Data developed at the USARPAC Closed Loop Conference on generators (15-20 May 67) indicates standard generators are programmed for RVN at the rate of one each per 60 days through FY 68. At the end of FY 68 density will be 7 standard and 5 non-standard 45KW 60 Cycle TOE generators. ABE system is available for support of non-standard generators on hand.

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