

6TH BATTALION

# CANNON EARS

27TH ARTILLERY



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## 800 LBS. OF PRESENTS

# GI'S ENJOY XMAS GIFTS

The last of the packages was opened. The impoverished Montagnard orphans were smiling. The artillerymen and the maneuver forces they support were convinced that there still was someone who cared. These were but a few of the many reactions that accompanied the arrival of some 800 lbs. of gifts sent by children who were supporting "their men overseas" this Christmas.

The gifts were part of a project called "Operation Vietnam", started in 1966 with the students of E.W. Thurston Jr. High School, Westwood, Mass. sending presents to the 6/27th Arty, who distributed them to fighting units in the Quan Loi area.

The project was the brainchild of Eugene P. Tinory, a major in the Army Reserve, who teaches at the school.  
(See XMAS GIFTS, back page)

## SECOND AWARD

# CITATION

A Meritorious Unit Citation (MUC), submitted by the 23d Artillery Group for the period 1 Feb 68 to 31 Jan 69, has been approved. A Department of the Army General Order is expected to be published about 1 Apr 70. All members of HHB, 23d Artillery Group, or one of the six (6) battalions of the 23d Artillery Group, during the cited period, will be authorized to wear the red colored citation over the right breast when the General Order is published.

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## BEST SOLDIER AWARD

# TOP EM

SP4 Charles V. Norton of Cincinnati, Ohio, battalion Commo PLL Clerk, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery was chosen as December's Outstanding Soldier of the Month. SP4 Norton, selected by a board on Jan 10, will receive a \$25 bond plus a three-day incountry R&R at Vung Tau. The top soldier was chosen by the Battalion XO and the battery first sergeants. The Soldier of the Month will also receive a certificate of achievement verifying his accomplishment.