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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
BATTERY "B"  
6TH BATTALION 27TH ARTILLERY  
APO San Francisco 96491

AVGE-YA

30 May 1969

SUBJECT: The Ground Attack Received on 12 May 1969

On the day of 11 May 1969 the battery commander received warnings from several different sources around the immediate area which pointed to the imminence of a large scale enemy operation on U.S. bases in the immediate Song Be area that would be conducted late that night or early the morning of 12 May 1969. These sources were the providence chief, MACV advisors, and special forces.

The battery commander immediately took action to prepare the battery defenses to be on the extra alert for enemy activity. The guard posts were doubled and the quads and searchlights were being extremely cautious in the scanning of the perimeter. Battalion HQS was immediately notified of the situation at hand.

At 0130 hours 12 May 1969 several personnel were seen moving about on the airstrip to our immediate east. The battery was then put on full red alert so that it would be fully prepared in the event of further hostile action. At 0330 hours a trip flare went off in the perimeter wire exposing five VC/NVA in the wire approaching our position. They were immediately cut down by small arms fire from the battery area. Illumination was then supplied by the two 81mm mortars from our battery at a continuous rate to detect any more enemy within our wire or immediate position.

The illumination proved very fruitful in exposing additional enemy personnel in the wire. these VC were immediately engaged with small arms from the guard bunkers, burn, and quad positions. Hostile action continued until daylight with sporadic sniper fire coming from the north, south, and east. Three U.S. personnel were seriously injured when when a VC/NVA sapper managed to reach the burn and dislodge a satchel charge into a guard bunker wounding the three individuals that were manning it. The Sapper was then cut down by small arms fire before he could do further damage. One soldier was mortally wounded when he was returning fire from a VC sniper.

A Spooky gunship was called in to supplement the fires of the battery. By midmorning a total of twenty nine (29) daed VC were found in our wire. Two prisoners were taken that were also wounded in the wire. Numerous weapons and equipment were captured. This attack proved the tenacity of the artilleryman in Battery B, 6th Bn, 27th Arty. From this attack the awarding of seventeen medals followed for gallant duty in the face of enemy fire and hostile action

Paul A. Masciarelli  
PAUL A. MASCIARELLI  
2LT, FA  
Unit Historian

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
 Headquarters, 6th Detachment, 27th Artillery  
 470 San Francisco 96289

AFHQ-26-5A  
 SUBJECT: Colonel Report

1 November 1971

TO:

1. In accordance with Para 19, USARV Message Number 1902402 September 1971, SUBJECT'S Increment Fine, Redeployment-Inactivation ComaGala, the following is submitted.

2. Roster of Color Guard Personnel:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>MOB</u>	<u>SSAN</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
* GARRISON, Clayton W.	C-2	201A	[REDACTED]	REG
* PLAGER, Henry A.	SFC	13341		REG
WATSON, Thomas	SFC	13040		REG
STOCKY, Merlin G. Jr.	SFC	17240		A
COOPER, Wando C	SP5	76120		A
MURPHY, Kenneth L.	SP4	13410		REG
MORRISON, Thomas	SP6	94820		REG
CLOUD, Thomas J.	SP5	71820		SVC
WAGNER, Louis A.	SP4	13410	SVC	

\* Denotes Officer in charge

\*# Denotes NCO in charge

3. The Battalion has received the following Awards in Vietnam:

2 ea Meritorious Unit Commendation

4. Synopsis of Unit History as Inclosure one.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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 RICHARD M. WOODCOCK  
 MAJ, USA  
 Asst. Adjutant

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SUBJECT: Color Report

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL  
 FT. LEWIS, WASH.

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH para 19 USARV MESSAGE NUMBER 190240Z SEP 71. ~~THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED~~  
 SUBJECT: INCREMENT NINE, REDEPLOYMENT - INACTIVATION SCHEDULE, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED.

2. ROSTER OF COLOR GUARD PERSONNEL:

NAME	RANK	MOS	NIT
* GARBUTT, ELWYN W.	CW2	201A	HAB
** PLANTS, HENRY A	SPL	1354L	HAB
WATSON, THOMAS	SPL	31640	HAB
STOUT, MARLIN G. JR.	SPL	17D40	A
COOPER, MANCE C.	SP5	76Y20	A
BSTRADA, ERNESTO L.	SP4	13A10	HAB
MONAHAN, THOMAS	SP6	94620	HAB
CLOUD, THOMAS J.	SP5	71B30	SUC
PATTI, LOUIS A.	SP4	15A10	SUC

\* DENOTES OFFICER IN CHARGE

\*\* DENOTES NCO IN CHARGE

3. THE BATTALION HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING AWARDS IN VIETNAM:

204 MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION.

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# DISPOSITION FORM

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TO Commanding Officer 6th Bn 27th Arty APO SF 96289  
 FROM Commanding Officer HNB, 6th Bn 27th Arty APO SF 96289  
 DATE 12 October 1971 CMT 1

1. The following listed individuals are scheduled to carry the 6th Battalion 27th Artillery's Colors back to Fort Lewis, Washington:

NAME	RANK	MOS	SSAN	DEPOS	UNIT
GARBUTT, ELWYN W.	CW2	201A		28 December 1971	HNB
FLAHERTY, HENRY A.	SFC	13E4L		12 January 1972	HNB
MATSON, THOMAS	SFC	31G40		2 January 1972	HNB
STOUT, MARLIEF G. JR	SFC	17I#0		12 January 1972	"A"
COOPER, DANCE G.	SP5	76Y20		6 February 1972	"A"
ESPRADA, ERNESTO L.	SP4	13A10		10 January 1972	HNB
<del>McNAHAN</del> ATWOOD, FRANK C.	<del>SP4</del>	<del>94K20</del> 94E20		15 February 1972	"C"
CLOUD, THOMAS J.	SP5	71E20		9 January 1972	SVC
PATTI, LOUIS A.	SP4	13A10		12 February 1972	SVC

  
 RICHARD D. MENCL  
 CPT, EA  
 Commanding

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AVFB-FA-BA (14 Jan 70) 2d Ind  
SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

DA, HEADQUARTERS, 6TH BATTALION, 27TH ARTILLERY, APO 96490 3 February 1970

TO: Commanding Officer, Battery B, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery,  
APO 96266

1. I join with the commanders of the 1st Battalion, 21st Artillery and the 1st Air Cavalry Division Artillery (AM) in commending you for a job well done.

2. The professional competence, skill, and devotion to duty of the officers and men of Battery B, exemplified by their performance in this demonstration, is a contributing factor in the successful completion of the combat mission in Vietnam.

*Dan H Ralls*  
DAN H. RALLS  
LTC, FA  
Commanding

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM  
APO San Francisco 96375

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 4952

24 October 1968

AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

I. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 203, AR 672-5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to the following named unit of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated:

The citation reads as follows:

BATTERY B, 6TH BATTALION, 27TH ARTILLERY distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 2 October 1966 to 10 September 1967. Operating in support of the 3d Marine Amphibious Force at the demilitarized zone, the battery established an enviable record of combat effectiveness. On 20 February 1967, the unit became the first United States artillery element to fire into North Vietnam. The men of the battery demonstrated professionalism and technical expertise in providing highly responsive and extremely accurate artillery support during numerous combat operations. Their resourcefulness and determination were key factors in the devastating fire which they placed upon communist forces. During the nine month period from October 1966 to June 1967, BATTERY B, 6TH BATTALION, 27TH ARTILLERY fired thirty thousand rounds in the I Corps Tactical Zone, inflicting heavy casualties upon the hostile elements. Through their exemplary courage, esprit de corps and total dedication to mission accomplishment, the battery's personnel contributed immeasurably to the United States military effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of BATTERY B, 6TH BATTALION, 27TH ARTILLERY are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE**

**MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION**

**HAS BEEN AWARDED TO THE**

6th Battalion, 27th Artillery

**FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY OPERATIONS**

Republic of Vietnam - January 1966 to October 1966

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON**

**THIS 22d DAY OF June 19 67**

*Stanley R. Resor*  
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



6th BATTALION 27th FIELD ARTILLERY



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You are cordially invited to attend  
the Reloading Ceremony of  
6th BATTALION 27th FIELD ARTILLERY  
on the Sergeant Ronald D. Horn Athletic Court  
Phu Loi Post, Vietnam  
at 1330 Hours, 12 November 1971

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

# Lineage and Honors

### 6th HOWITZER BATTALION, 27th ARTILLERY

Organized 2 August 1918 in the National Army at Camp McClellan, Alabama, as Battery F, 27th Field Artillery, an element of the 9th Division

Demobilized 8 February 1919 at Camp McClellan, Alabama

Reconstituted 24 March 1923 in the Regular Army, an element of the 9th Division

Relieved 1 October 1933 from assignment to the 9th Division

Absorbed 15 July 1940 by Battery C, 27th Field Artillery Battalion. (Battery C, 27th Field Artillery, redesignated 15 July 1940 as Battery C, 27th Field Artillery Battalion. Concurrently, activated at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and assigned to the 1st Armored Division; redesignated 1 January 1942 as Battery C, 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion; converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1945 as Troop C, 27th Constabulary Squadron. Concurrently, relieved from assignment to the 1st Armored Division; converted, reorganized and redesignated 20 December 1948 as Battery C, 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. Concurrently, inactivated in Germany, and assigned to the 1st Armored Division; activated 7 March 1951 at Fort Hood, Texas; relieved 15 February 1957 from assignment to the 1st Armored Division, and inactivated at Fort Polk, Louisiana.)

Battery F, 27th Field Artillery, absorbed 15 July 1940 by Battery C, 27th Field Artillery Battalion, reconstituted 15 February 1957. Concurrently, redesignated Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery. (Battery F entitled to share history and honors of Battery C, 27th Field Artillery Battalion, for period 15 July 1940 - 15 February 1957)

Redesignated 8 August 1962 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Howitzer Battalion (8") (SP), 27th Artillery. (Concurrently, organic elements constituted)

Activated 23 August 1962 at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
**Lineage and Honors**

6th HOWITZER BATTALION, 27th ARTILLERY

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Redesignated 8 August 1962 as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Howitzer Battalion (B") (SP), 27th Artillery. (Concurrently, organic elements constituted)

Activated 23 August 1962 at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

# Lineage and Honors

### 27th ARTILLERY

Constituted 5 July 1918 in the National Army as the 27th Field Artillery, an element of the 9th Division

Organized 2 August 1918 at Camp McClellan, Alabama

Demobilized 8 February 1919 at Camp McClellan, Alabama

Reconstituted 24 March 1923 in the Regular Army, an element of the 9th Division

Relieved 1 October 1933 from assignment to the 9th Division

Redesignated 15 July 1940 as 27th Field Artillery Battalion. Concurrently, activated at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and assigned to the 1st Armored Division

Redesignated 1 January 1942 as 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Battalion (less Service Battery) converted, reorganized and redesignated 1 May 1946 as 27th Constabulary Squadron. Concurrently, relieved from assignment to the 1st Armored Division

Converted, reorganized and redesignated 20 December 1948 as 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. Concurrently, inactivated in Germany, and assigned to the 1st Armored Division

Activated 7 March 1951 at Fort Hood, Texas

Relieved 15 February 1957 from assignment to the 1st Armored Division, and inactivated (less Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and Battery A) at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Concurrently, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery transferred (less personnel and equipment) to Department of the Army control, and Battalion reorganized and redesignated 27th Artillery, a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System

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6th HOWITZER BATTALION, 27th ARTILLERY


CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

- World War II  
\*Algeria-French Morocco  
(with arrowhead)  
\*Tunisia  
\*Naples-Foggia  
\*Anzio  
\*Rome-Arno  
\*North Apennines  
\*Po Valley

DECORATIONS

- \*Distinguished Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered TUNISIA  
\*French Croix de Guerre, with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered  
CENTRAL ITALY

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

  
J. C. LAMBERT  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE**

**DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION**

**HAS BEEN AWARDED IN THE NAME OF**

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**TO THE**

6TH HOWITZER BATTALION, 27TH ARTILLERY  
(BATTERY C, 27TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, Cited)

**FOR**

**EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM IN MILITARY OPERATIONS**

**AGAINST AN ARMED ENEMY.**

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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

THIS 24th DAY OF February 19 67



*Stanley R. Love*  
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



*2d Civil Affairs Company*  
**Certificate of Service**



*Know all men by these presents that*

6TH BATTALION, 27TH ARTILLERY  
 APO 96345

*has rendered valuable service to*  
**SEAL THE VICTORY IN VIETNAM**

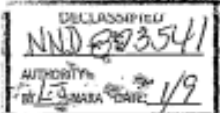
*Given this* 28th *day of* August 1968.

  
 CHARLES R. FELT, MAJ, MPO  
 Commanding  
 2d Civil Affairs Company

  
 ROBERT W. ATKINS, COLONEL, GS  
 Assistant Chief of Staff, G5  
 II Field Force Vietnam

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FOR THE COMMANDER:



LEO B. JONES  
Brigadier General, US Army  
Chief of Staff

CARL V. CASH  
Colonel, AGC  
Adjutant General

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
BATTERY "B"  
6TH BATTALION 27TH ARTILLERY  
APO San Francisco 96491

AVGE-YA

30 August 1969

SUBJECT: The displacement of B Btry to Song Be

On 14 October 1967 Battery B, 6th Bn, 27th Arty displaced to Song Be in the mission of general support and reinforcing of II Field Force Arty. This unit has supported all friendly elements in their requests for fires in the minimum amount of time with amazing accuracy in accord with it's traditions. The 1st Air Cavalry and the 1st Infantry Division were the prime U.S. units that Bravo Battery supported and still does. The five special forces camps within Bravo Btry's 175mm range fan have learned to depend on them in times of crisis for timely and accurate fires. Bravo Battery has become one of the main stabilizing forces of the Song Be area with it's long tubes ready to come to any allies' assistance.

*Paul A. Masciarelli*  
PAUL A. MASCIARELLI  
2LT, FA  
Unit Historian

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AVDAAR-CO (14 Jan 70) 1st Ind  
SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

DA, HQ, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION ARTILLERY (AIRMOBILE), APO 96490 26 Jan 70

THRU: Commanding Officer, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, APO 96266

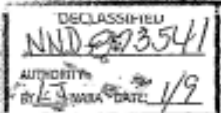
TO: Commanding Officer, Battery B 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, APO 96266

I am pleased to pass to you the comments of LTC Sanders, Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion 21st Artillery, concerning the participation of elements of your command in the Coordinated Fire Support Demonstration conducted on 12 January. Fire support is the most flexible and one of the principal resources with which a commander may significantly influence the outcome of a battle. This requires the skillful, constant and coordinated employment of his total firepower assets. During the demonstration, your personnel demonstrated, by an outstanding and most capable performance, that the coordinated employment of firepower does produce success in battle. Your participation in the demonstration was a significant contribution to firmly re-establishing this principle within the 1st Cavalry Division. Thank you for your outstanding cooperation and the highly professional performance of your personnel.

*Morris J. Brady*  
MORRIS J. BRADY  
Colonel, Field Artillery  
Commanding

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
1ST BATTALION (AIRMOBILE), 21ST ARTILLERY  
1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)  
APO 96490

AVDAAR-DOO

14 January 1970

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

THRU: Commanding Officer  
1st Cavalry Division Artillery (AM)  
1st Cavalry Division (AM)  
APO 96490

Commanding Officer \*  
6th Battalion, 27th Artillery  
APO 96266

TO: Commanding Officer  
Battery B  
6th Battalion, 27th Artillery  
APO 96266

1. I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to you and your men for the outstanding support you provided at the Coordinated Fire Support Demonstration conducted at Ft. Compton on 12 January.
2. The purpose of the demonstration was to explain and demonstrate the devastating effect of a coordinated attack of a target area using the many and varied fire support means available to the 1st Cavalry Division. Thanks to the cooperation, hard work, and professional competence of the personnel involved in the demonstration it was an unquestioned success. It not only pointed out the proper techniques in fire support coordination but also graphically illustrated their validity in the live demonstration.
3. Your battery played one of the key roles in the firepower demonstration. Your fires were timely, accurate and responsive, and illustrated the importance of engaging a target area with tube artillery as quickly as possible. One of the major aims of the demonstration was to stress the importance of shifting the fires of the artillery, not stopping them. As with the other phases of the demonstration your unit accomplished this task in superior fashion.





AVDAAR-DCO

14 January 1970

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

4. Much of the success of the demonstration goes to you and your men. The combat success of the 1st Cavalry Division is in large part due to the professional skill, devotion to duty and high standards of performance of your unit. Please convey my personal appreciation to your men for a job well done.



MAC D. SANDERS  
Lieutenant Colonel, FA  
Commanding