

HISTORY OF THE 6TH BATTALION, 11TH FIELD ARTILLERY

The 6th Battalion, 11th Field Artillery arrived in Vietnam on 19 December 1967, as an organic unit of the 11th Infantry Brigade. The mission of the Battalion remained that of direct support of the 11th Brigade during its four years in Vietnam. In that role the Battalion provided support for Operations MUSCATINE, NORFOLK VICTORY, CHAMPAGNE GROVE, VERNON LAKE II, IRON MOUNTAIN, LAM SON 719, and FINNEY HILL.

At the beginning of 1971, the 6-11 Field Artillery was providing supporting fires for the 11th Brigade's Operation IRON MOUNTAIN from fire bases at Bronco, Debbie, San Juan Hill, Liz, Hill 411, Charley Brown, and Snoopy. On 1 March 1971, the Battalion moved to Quang Tri Province with the 11th Brigade to provide direct support fires for elements of the Brigade in Operation Lam Son 719. The Battalion returned to Quang Ngai Province on 8 April 1971.

The 6-11 Field Artillery began support of Operation FINNEY HILL on 12 April 1971, for the 11th Brigade, firing from Bronco, Tiger, San Juan Hill, Liz, Hill 411, Snoopy, and Debbie. The Battalion provided supporting fires for 11th Brigade maneuver elements, and for elements of the 4th and 6th ARVN Regiments. FINNEY HILL ended on 1 July 1971.

Following the conclusion of FINNEY HILL, the 11th Brigade continued to conduct unilateral and combined operations to destroy the enemy and to assist in the GVN Pacification Program. The 6-11 Field Artillery continued to provide direct support for the Brigade. Through July 1971, the Battalion had guns at Dottie, Liz, Snoopy, Hill 411, and Minh Long.

By 4 October 1971, the guns had been relocated to Dottie, Chu Lai, Hill 411, and Lobo as the 6-11 Field Artillery neared the end of its service in Vietnam.

Throughout four years in Vietnam, the artillerymen of the 6th Battalion, 11th Field Artillery delivered timely and accurate fires in support of the 11th Infantry Brigade's maneuver battalions.