

HISTORY
C BATTERY, 6TH BN, 29TH ARTY

C BATTERY, 6TH BATTALION, 29TH ARTILLERY WAS ORGANIZED ON 11 AUGUST 1918 AT CAMP FUNSTON, KANSAS. SIX MONTHS LATER THE BATTALION WAS DEMOBILIZED AND REMAINED IN THAT STATUS UNTIL 1 AUGUST 1940 WHEN AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA, IT WAS ACTIVATED AND ASSIGNED TO THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

ON D-DAY, 6 JUNE 1944, C BATTERY PARTICIPATED IN THE SUCCESSFUL INVASION OF EUROPE. LANDING AT UTAH BEACH IN NORMANDY, IT FURNISHED FIRE SUPPORT TO THE SPEARHEAD ELEMENTS OF THE DIVISION IN THE FAMOUS ST. LO BREAKTHROUGH. THROUGH NORMANDY, ACROSS NORTHERN FRANCE AND INTO THE RHINELAND AND CENTRAL EUROPE, CHARLIE BATTERY SUPPORTED THE MANEUVER ELEMENTS OF THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION. FOR ACTIONS IN NORMANDY, BELGIUM AND THE ARDENNES, C BATTERY, ALONG WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION, EARNED THE DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF WORLD WAR II THE UNIT WAS INACTIVATED. TWO YEARS LATER THE BATTALION WAS ONCE AGAIN CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY, AND FROM 1951 TO 1956 IT SERVED WITH THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION AS PART OF THE US NATO FORCES IN GERMANY.

1957 AND 1958 WERE YEARS OF INACTIVATION. REACTIVATED IN 1959, THE 6TH BN, 29TH ARTILLERY WAS ONCE AGAIN ASSIGNED TO THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION AT FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON.

SEVEN YEARS LATER, ON OCTOBER 6, 1966, CHARLIE BATTERY DEPLOYED TO VIETNAM AND BEGAN COMBAT OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE 3RD BATTALION, 8TH INFANTRY. OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, CHARLIE BATTERY HAS PROVIDED TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE FIRE SUPPORT TO THE 3RD OF THE 8TH IN OPERATIONS ADAMS, FRANCIS MARION, MACARTHUR, AND HINES. THE BATTERY HAS OPERATED THROUGHOUT

THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS IN SUCH PLACES AS THE IA DRANG VALLEY, DAK TO, BEN
HET AND CAMBODIA.

FROM THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY TO THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS OF VIETNAM, THE
OFFICERS AND MEN OF CHARLIE BATTERY 6TH BN, 29TH ARTY HAVE WRITTEN A
BRILLIANT CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF THE US ARMY ARTILLERY.

THE US ARMY ARTILLERY WAS FOUNDED ON 17 NOV 1775.

REMARKS

GENTLEMEN, THE U.S. ARMY ARTILLERY WAS FOUNDED IN NOVEMBER, 1775. IN THE ENSUING 195 YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CHANGES IN TYPES OF WEAPONS AND ADVANCES IN THE TECHNOLOGY OF WAR. ONE THING, HOWEVER, HAS REMAINED CONSTANT-- THE ABILITY OF THE ARTILLERY TO PLACE ITS STUNNING FIREPOWER WHEREVER THE MANEUVER ELEMENTS NEEDED IT.

DURING THE COURSE OF MY ARMY CAREER, I HAVE BEEN IN A POSITION, COUNTLESS TIMES, TO APPRECIATE THE ARTILLERY. AS A COMMANDER, THERE IS A GREAT FEELING OF REASSURANCE AND SECURITY WHEN YOU KNOW THAT THE ARTILLERY IS BEHIND YOU, PREPARED TO DELIVER ITS DESTRUCTION UPON ANY ENEMY WHO DARES TO CROSS YOUR PATH. I AM QUITE SURE THAT THE MEN OF EACH UNIT YOU HAVE SUPPORTED WOULD BE HAPPY TO TELL YOU THE SAME THING.

THE CONSISTENT QUALITY OF ^{YOUR} ~~THE~~ TIMELY AND ACCURATE FIRES ARE AMPLE WITNESS TO THE DEDICATION AND PROFESSIONALISM OF THIS FINE UNIT. IN EVERY KIND OF TERRAIN AND WEATHER, DAY OR NIGHT, WHENEVER IT WAS NEEDED, YOU RAINED HAVOC DOWN ON THE ENEMY. I AM DEEPLY PROUD OF YOU FINE MEN OF CHARLIE BATTERY. FOR FOUR AND ONE-HALF YEARS YOU HAVE SHARED IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS DIVISION'S MISSION HERE IN VIETNAM. THAT REPRESENTS A GREAT DEAL OF HARD WORK AND A GREAT NUMBER OF ROUNDS FIRED.

YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE WHAT IT HAS MEANT TO ACHIEVE YOUR FINE RECORD. YOU KNOW THE WEARINESS AND MISERY OF THE LONG, UPHILL STRUGGLE AGAINST A STUBBORN AND WILY ENEMY. IT WAS NOT ALWAYS A CASE OF BRILLIANT SUCCESS; THE DIVISION SUFFERED SOME SETBACKS. NONETHELESS, WE STRUGGLED ON AND NEVER FAILED. YOU KNOW THE PART YOU PLAYED IN THIS GREAT EFFORT. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT EVERYONE ELSE IN THIS DIVISION KNOWS IT ALSO.

AND NOW, BECAUSE YOU AND OTHERS HAVE DONE SUCH AN OUTSTANDING JOB, THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION IS LEAVING THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS. MANY OF YOU WILL BE REASSIGNED TO OTHER UNITS IN-COUNTRY. TO YOU I SAY, WEAR THE IVY PATCH PROUDLY ON YOUR RIGHT SHOULDER, SERVE YOUR NEXT UNIT AS WELL AS YOU HAVE SERVED US, AND REMEMBER THAT THE PRAYERS OF OUR NATION GO WITH YOU. THE REMAINDER OF YOU WILL BE RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES, EITHER TO CIVILIAN LIFE OR TO STATESIDE UNITS. I CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF YOUR TOUR, AND I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS. TO ALL OF YOU, I WANT TO SAY THANKS, GOOD LUCK, AND TO ASSURE YOU THAT IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR FOR ME TO HAVE SERVED WITH YOU.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. BN CO MEETS CG/ADC-M AND LEADS HIM TO THE STAGE.
 2. COT BRINGS COMMAND TO PRESENT ARMS.
 3. HONORS ARE PLAYED.
 4. THE COT BRINGS THE PERSONS TO BE DECORATED AND COLORS FORWARD.
 5. COT REPORTS "SIR, PERSONS TO BE DECORATED AND COLORS ARE PRESENT".
 6. REVIEWING OFFICER RETURNS THE SALUTE AND DIRECTS, "PRESENT THE COMMAND".
 7. COT BRINGS COMMAND TO PRESENT ARMS.
 8. RVN AND US NATIONAL ANTHEMS ARE PLAYED.
 9. COT BRINGS COMMAND TO ORDER ARMS AND PARADE REST.
 10. AWARDS.
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11. HISTORY IS READ.
 12. REMARKS BY REVIEWING OFFICER.
 13. CONCLUSION.