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ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL AS OF 31 DECEMBER 1970

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Captain John F. Manno

SMSgt Charles A. Scott

MSgt Herbert Phillips

MSgt Elden L. Teall

TSgt Jerome R. Heesacker

MSgt Vincent P. Cooper

MSgt Herbert E. Rogers

MSgt Thomas E. Bernat

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MSgt Arthur D. Doyle

SSgt James E. Mumpower

MSgt Robert F. Judge

MSgt Durl G. Calcote

TSgt Raymond G. Smith

TSgt Hubert M. Harden

TSgt Norman E. Taylor

Commander

Operations Officer

Material Officer

NCOIC Operations

NCOIC Logistics

NCOIC Flight Operations

NCOIC Maintenance

First Sergeant

MCOIC Mission Management

Unit Training Officer

Chief of Administration

NCOIC Exploitation

NCOIC Security Police

NCOIC Personnel

MCCIC Communications

NCOIC SEFE

Awards and Decorations MCC

Disaster Prepardness NCO

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This historical study is a record of Detschment 1, 6994th Security Squadron, covering a period 1 July 1970 through 31 December 1970. All references to dates are within this period unless otherwise indicated. All references to events and locations took place in the Republic of South Vietnam (RVN) unless otherwise stated.

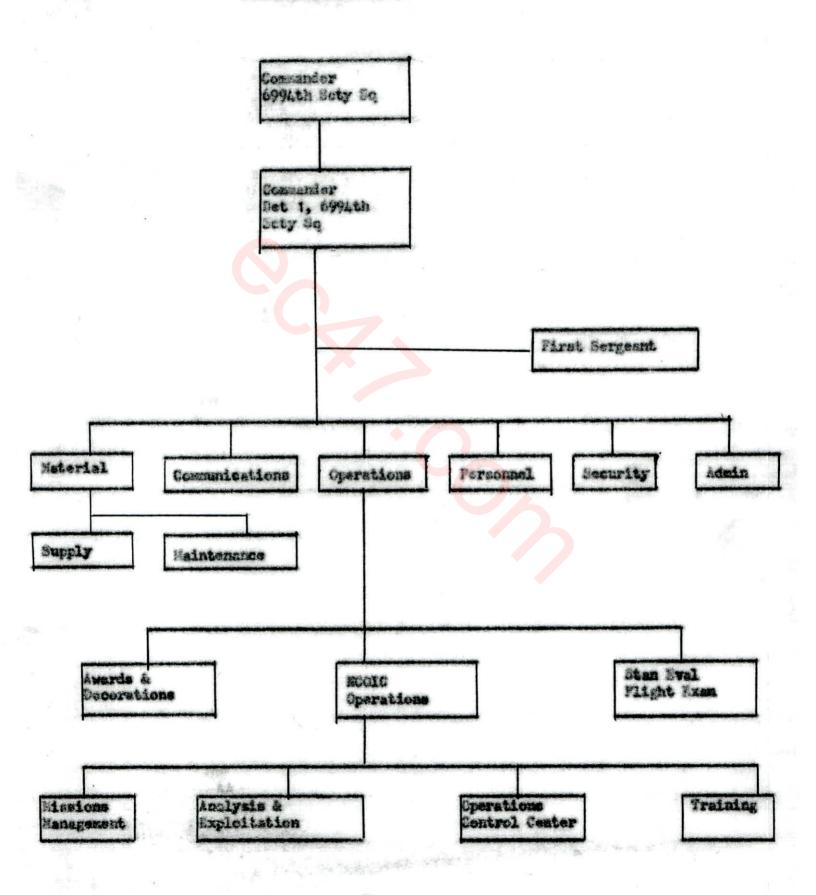
The majority of the information contained herein was taken from the files and records maintained at this unit. Additional information was gained from personal interviews with members assigned to this unit.

All comments and suggestions are welcomed and should be directed to the Commander, Detachment 1, 6994th Security Squadron

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Det 1, 6994th Scty Sq Communications Center

Chapter I - Mission and Organization

- Eissien: Detachment 1, 6994th Security Squadron, located at Phu Cat AB, Republic of Vietnam (RVN), continued as an element of the United States Air Force Security Service (USAFSS) contingent tasked with Airborne Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) in Southeast Asia (SEA). The unit conducted acquisition of enemy radio transmitters through ARDF to support intelligence, tactical, and cryptologic requirements of commanders responsible for tactical operations. Tasking emphasis was placed on low-level high frequency (NF) morse communications associated with Military Region 5 and subordinate units and spectrum search below 16.0 MHz.
- erational control of all ANDF and COMINT collection resources in SMA to support surface and air operations conducted in the MACV area of intelligence interest. The Commander, 7th Air Force exercises command of ANDF and COMINT collection aircraft and the flying crews assigned to the 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing (TRW), Tan Son Whut AB, through the Commander, 460th TRW. The 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (TEWS) provides flying crews and aircraft to support ARDF missions launched from Phu Cat AB. The Commander, 7th Air Force, exercises operational control of USAFSS personnel through the Commander, 6994th Security Squadron, Tan Son Whut AB, provides operational guidence to Detachment 1, and all other USAFSS ARDF elements throughout SEA.

The ARDF Coordinating Center (ACC), Tan Son Maut AB, composed of members of the 509th Radio Research Group (RRCp) and the 6994th Security Squadron, provides coordinated management of the entire ARDF program in South Vietnam and other areas as directed by MACV.

The Collection Management Authority (CMA) located at the 330th Radio Research Battalion (RRBn), Wha Trang AB, provides technical assistance to this unit on targets tasked by the ACC for ARDF coverage. The CMA also provides the ACC with suggested target times for aircraft flying in their areas of concern. Detachment 1, 6994th Security Squadron is directly sub-ordinate to the 6994th Security Squadron and provides aircrew personnel to operate USAFSS ARDF equipment installed on aircraft assigned to the 361st TEWS. Detachment 1, 6994th Security Squadron is also required to provide administrative, logistic, and technical support to meet tasking requirements levied by the ACC. The command lines for Detachment 1, 6994th Security Squadron, are as follows:

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SECURITY SERVICE
HEADQUARTERS, PACIFIC SECURITY REGION
6994th SECURITY SQUADRON

DETACHMENT 1, 6994TH SECURITY SQUADRON

Chapter II - SIGINT Tasking and Collection

TASKED MISSIONS: During this period, Det 1, 6994th Security Squadron was tasked with 2282 missions, and increase of 527 missions over the previous period. A total of 2212 of the tasked missions were flown.

The weekly missions fluctuated between a low of 86 in July to a high of 98 in mid October. Due to the increase, additional radio operators were needed to help meet the requirement. A request was forwarded to the Commander, 6994th Security Squadron for assistance, and on 23 November, five radio operators arrived this station.

MSA TECHNICAL SUPPORT TEST: A MSA Technical Support Test was initiated by MSAPAC Rep Vietnam , on 24 October. The 6994th Security Squadron supplemented tasking provided by MSAPAC and provided additional guidence for the Detachment.

Immediately upon receipt of the tasking message, responsibilities, objectives, and operating procedures were established. A comprehensive briefing was prepared and presented to all radio operators prior to commencement of the test. Front-end crewmembers of the 361st TEMS were briefed by the Commander as to what impact the test would have on their operations.

The primary purpose of the test, as ascertained here, was to determine if accurate, timely technical data could be provided to ARDF units for the intercept and fixing of specific target entities.

Ironically this is the pertion of the test in which this unit experienced the greatest inconsistency and problem areas. Most of the Cherry Sheets contained many minor errors that could have and should have been corrected by the applicable CMA. Basically we continue to receive Cherry Sheets of the same caliber as before the test. The NSA Identification Aid would have been a valuable aid for the aircrews during the "Vacuum Cleaner" operations, and an asset to the amalyst, but it was not received.

The first 20 day period of the test ended on 12 November 1970 and a consolidated report of the results obtained by this unit was forwarded to NSAFAC Rep Vietnam.

ASAPAC Rep Vietnam announced the start of Phase II of the test on 4 December 1970. Only minor changes were noted concerning the CMAs, the Cherry Sheet was changed to ARDF Technical Data List(TDL) but contained the same information.

Phase II revealed many of the same problems in Phase I, although there was a slight improvement in tip-offs though not necessarily in conformance with the original tasking.

With the close of 1970, Phase II of the test was still underway with indications of yet another test to follow. In some instances the tests hampered rather than aided the aircrews, as they were required to be on specific potential targets at designated times. There is a possibility that recommended changes to the test, if approved, may produce some positive results.

TECHINS 1056: DIRNSA forwarded Annex India (provisional) to
TECHINS 1056 to all COMINT Airborne Direct Support (ADS) resources to be
implemented on 26 September 1970. This unit received an electrical
message on the charge to this annex on 8 September 1970. One of the major

changes to the annex was Intercept Assignment Designators (IAD) on mission aircraft. A message centaining the new IAD's was received from USA-561² on 25 September. After several messages between USM-704(ACC), 6994th Security Squadron and this unit, the 6994th Sety Sq suggested a set of IAD's to be used by the squadron and subordinate detachments. The suggestion was endorsed by USE-704 and at 90012 26 Sept, Annex India was implemented.

MF-L/SC-L7 Operations: A special ARDF/Reconnaissance test was conducted between this unit, the 361st TEMS and the 460th TEW during the period 27 Nevember and 3 December 1970. All priority one targets fixed in the 207 Alpha, 208 Delta and 210 Delta areas with a radius of 1000 meters or less were to be passed to the 6994th Sety Sq using the GFSCOMM circuit. The fix information would then be passed to the 460th TEW, who in turn would frag an RF-4C to perform photographic reconnaissance in the fix area on the following day. At the close of the test only one priority one target in the 208 Delta area was fixed and passed to the 6994th Sety Sq. It appears the test was conducted during a Jull in target activity in the fragged areas.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHENTS - 1 JULY 1970 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 1970

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MISSIONS TASKED	337	AUGUST 332	SEPTEMBER 355	OCTOBER 408	NOVEMBER 407	DECEMBER 401
MISSIONS FLOWN	377	331	354	374	387	389
FLIGHT HOURS TASKED	2639	2324	24,85	2856	2863	2807
FLIGHT HOURS FLOWN	2541	2239	24,25	2560	2701	2670
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HOURS FLOWN TOT	1974	1787	1888	1861	1937	1883
AMOC	118,270	106,305	112,335	111,705	116,220	124, 116
ACTUAL COPY TIME	7453	6261	9175	8129	8549	9756
TARGETS WORKED	2210	1897	2484	2179	1810	2114
TARGETS FIXED	1822	1506	1934	1657	1457	1684
TARGETS CUT	126	147	183	173	128	162
RADII 250-1000M	1305	1151	1472	1274	1131	1351
RADII 1001-2000M	299	261	350	271	190	238
Ground/Air Tip-Off's	426	345	181	227	239	121
eceived 96 81 57		49	48	40		
Ground/Air Tip-Off's Fixed						

Major Berg was born in Wilkensburg, Fennsylvania. After moving to Elyria, Ohio shortly thereafter, he attended public schools and graduated from Elyria High School in 1950.

After completing one year of college at Miami University, he enlisted in the Air Force where he served as a P-51 aircraft mechanic and saw duty in both the CONUS and Korea. Major Berg entered the Aviation Cadet program in 1953 and received his commission and wings in 1954. From 1955 to 1959 he was directly involved in the initiation of the Airborne Communications Reconnaissance Program in Europe.

In 1962, Hajor Berg attended the 8034 school at Goodfellow APB and served with the Security Service unit at Karamursel, Turkey as Exploitation Officer until 1964.

After serving many tours with Tactical Air Command both in the CONUS and Far-East during which he commanded the PACAF Tactical Airlift Control Center, he re-entered the Security Service in 1970.

Major Berg is married to the former Ann Hennings and has four children, Carol - 16, Robert - 14, Susan - 12 and John - 11.



(U) INSTALLATION/ACTIVATION OF NEW COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY: The GREIA team arrived on station 1 July 1970 to start installing the communications equipment, ducting and conduit for the new facility. Problems were encountered when it was discovered that the ceiling was too low to allow the ducting to be installed in tiers as specified in the plant-in-place drawing. This problem was rectified by running the ducting in parellel. The teletype equipment (ASR/KSR) had to be modified for low level operation and this required that the equipment be disassembled. After the installation of the equipment, conduit, ducting, etc., the team performed their operational check of the system and endurance check of the equipment. Their tests were concluded on 28 September 1970 and the facility was officially turned over to our unit. Between the period 28 September to 11 October 1970, this unit's communications personnel and the maintenance personnel assigned to the local AFCS unit, performed operational checks of the circuits, equipment, etecetra. On 10 October, Base Civil Engineer personnel relocated the emergency power generator and connected the power lines to building 476. At that time, emergency back-up power was made available to the new comm facility. On 11 October the new facility was activated and operations ceased in the H-1 comm van.

September. The local AFCS maintenance personnel had performed modification number six on the equipment. A request for certification to pass classified traffic over the circuit was initiated and the terminal was officially certified to pass voice traffic classified up to and including TOP SECRET on 6 October. On 20 October the terminal was certified by AFCS to process traffic up to and including TOP SECRET SI. However, they stipulated that SI would not be passed until the local SECCRD was certified to process SI traffic.

- (U) RECEIPT/TRANSFER OF COMMUNICATIONS ROUIPMENT: During this period two pieces of teletype equipment was transferred to the 6922nd Security Group for perminent storage. Also six KW-26 equipment racks were turned into supply as being surplus to our needs. On 1 October, our account received three additional KY-8s which were subsequently reissued to the 12th AMS for use. On 6 December, three KW-26s were couriered to Cam Ranh Bay and turned over to ARFCOS for delivery to the 6926th Security Squadron(Mobile), Clark Air Base, Philippines.
- (U) <u>BUDGET:</u> The FY71 operations operating budget submitted for this unit was \$120,150, 7th Air Force did not approve this figure. The Budget Officer asked all base units to reduce their FY71 supply account by 15%, we reduced our budget to \$105,400, representing a 13% reduction. The unit ended the 2nd quarter with \$3,235.77 of the supply funds remaining out of a total budget of \$49,200.
- (U) <u>EC-47 PROBLEMS:</u> During July, EC-47F, 43-48480 experienced many equipment problems before checking out on 17 July 1970. On 1 July a special operational check was flown with doppler, C-12 and Fravo maintenance men on board. The aircraft received an unsatisfactory Post Mission Test(PMT). On 2 July the compass was swung and both doppler and bravo equipment were thoroughly checked. Another special check was flown on 3 July and again it received an unsatisfactory PMT. The systems were rechecked after receiving assistance from Tan Son Nhut. 8460 flew another PMT on 4 July and still could not perform in a satisfactory manner. It was then flown to TSN for further brave equipment checks and repairs. The aircraft was returned to Phu Cat on 15 July and flew yet another PMT on 17 July, at which time it received a satisfactory check and was returned to

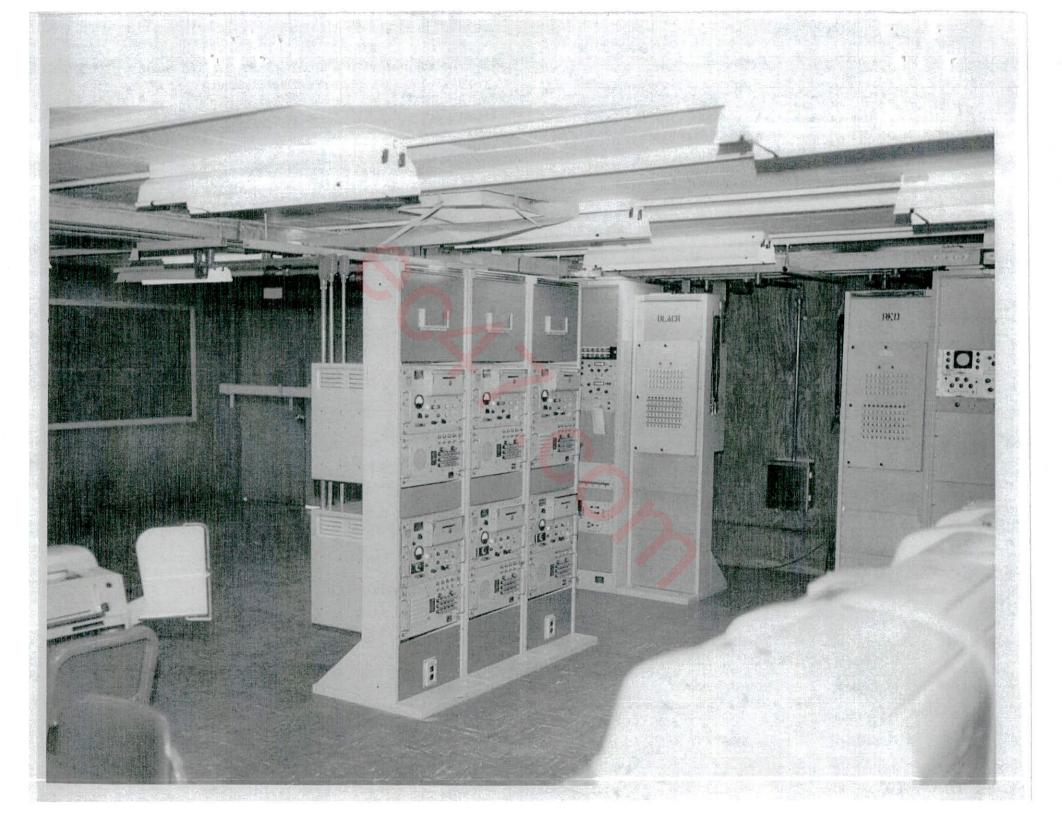
operational status. Also during this period aircraft malfunctions resulted in 263 reduced and 70 unaccomplished missions.

- December 1970, NVA units conducted light to moderate 122mm rocket attacks against Phu Cat Air Base. During the rocket attack on the morning of 2 December, two USAFSS personnel (Captain John F. Manno E3234 and SSgt David L. McKelvey FR 30474) were wounded, sustaining only minor injuries and returned to duty the following day. Building 704 (Bravo Maintenance) sustained the following damage, approximately 100 holes in the east wall and 20 holes in the roof. Nine fixtures were damaged, mumerous cable cuts and circuit breakers damaged. One truck received four body holes and one flat tire. Civil Engineer action was requested and all actions were completed by 021300 local. The damage did not effect our operations.
- MISSION FEEDBACK RESULTS: The below message was received as a result of the efforts of mission 207 Echo, crewed by AC-Smith, CP-Walker, Nav-Sanford, RO's-Robinson and Erwin, on 14 July 1970. The message is from the Commanding Officer AOAth Radio Research Detachment(ABN). The message is quoted as follows, "On 14 July 1970, an ARDF bird of the 6994th Security Squadron and the AOAth ARDF section were instrumental in saving the lives of a LREP near Hunky in Northern Binh Dinh Province. A six man Wildcat Recon Team of the 503rd ABN Inf radiced an emergency call stating they were surrounded by 30 to 35 VC/NVA and expected to be over run momentarily. This mayday was intercepted and fixed at BSSO16 by ARDF mission 207 Echo working targets in the area and the information was then passed to the 404th ARDF operator. Approximately two minutes later the 404th

had diverted a helicopter into the area to make the extraction. Gunships were acrambled from LZ English and artillery was called in from nearby fire bases to provide cover. Thirty seconds following the Wildcat teams extraction, heavy artillery was placed on the area as well as a gunship. A recon patrol was reinstated into the area shortly after the fire was lifted and ten enemy bodies were counted in the immediate area before impending darkness forced the patrol to withdraw. The CG 173AEN HDE has credited the speedy and accurate team work of the 404th RR Detachment and the 6994th ARDF personnel with a major portion of the credit for saving the Wildcat Team's lives and costing the VC/NVA substantial losses in the process. General Cunningham congratulated this unit on what he termed it's very professional reaction to this occurance."



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GLOSSARY

A

AB

Air Base

ABM

Airberne

AC

Aircraft Commander

ACC

ARDF Coordinating Center

ACRP

Airborne Communications Reconnaissance Program

AFCD

Air Ferce Cryptelogic Depot

AFCS

Air Force Communications Service

ARDF

Airborne Radio Direction Finding

ARFCOS

Armed Forces Courier Service

ASR

Automatic Send & Receive

AUTOSEVOCOM

Automatic Secure Voice Communications

B

BCE

Base Civil Engineers

DDE

Brigade

C

CG

Commanding General

COMINT

Communications Intelligence

CMA

Collection Management Authority

CP

Co-Pilet

D

Det

Detachment

G

GERTA

Ground Electronic Equipment Installation Agency

I

IAD Intercept Assignment Designator

INF Infantry

K

KSR Keyboard Send & Receive

L

LRRP Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol

M

MACV Military Assistance Command, Vistner

M

NAV Navigator

NSA National Security Agency

NSAPAC National Security Agency, Pacific

NVA North Vietnamese Army

P

PMT Post Mission Test

R

RVN Republic of Vietnem

Redie Operator

RRCp Radio Research Group

RREn Radio Research Bettalien

S

SEA South East Acis

SI Special Intelligence

I

TRW Tactical Recommands ance Wing

TENS

Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron

TOL

Technical Data List

U

USAFSS

United States Air Force Security Service

V

VC

Viet Cong



POOTNOTES

- 1. MSAPAC Rep Vietnam message, PR 070133Z Oct 70: Subject: ARDF Tech Support Test.
- 2. USA-561 message 241300Z Sept 70: Subject: Assignment of new IAD numbers.
- 3. USA-561 message 0 200500Z Nov 70: Subject: RFA/EC-47 Speration.
- 4. USAFSS message R 171340Z Aug 70: Subject: Rescue of Recon Team.

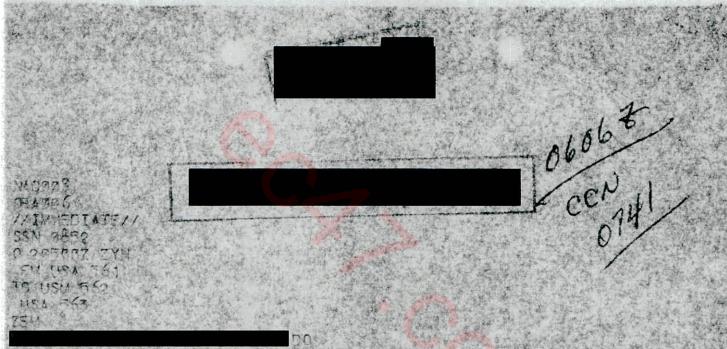


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UNCLAS E F T O CC

SUBJECT: RESCUE OF RECON TEAM

1. REFERENCE CO USASAPAC MESSAGE IAPCO 0501002 AUG 70. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED ON MISSION MUMBER 2076, 14 JULY 70, M FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL REACTION TO AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

2. THIS ACHIEVENENT IS INDICATIVE OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RESULTS PRODUCED BY A TEAM EFFORT OF ALL PERSONNEL INTOLVED IN THE CONFLICT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. AGAIN, MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEN OF DET 1, 6994TH SCTY

SO. BT

EMPHAN

