

361ST TACTICAL ELECTRONIC WARFARE SQUADRON

QUARTERLY HISTORY FOR

JULY - SEPTEMBER

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HISTORY OF THE 361ST TACTICAL ELECTRONIC WARFARE SQUADRON

1 July 1967 - 30 September 1967

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I MISSION

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(S) The mission of the 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron, as stated in 7th AF OPOD 450-67, paragraph 2, was "to conduct daily, day/night, all weather ARDF operations against enemy operated transmitters in the Republic of Vietnam and permissive areas of Laos as a basis for tactical exploitation in support of requirements established by COMUSMACV and Commanders of 7AF." The aircraft inventory was complete, unit manning levels in operations were complete except for flight mechanics, and there was a shortage of qualified people in Maintenance.

II COMMAND AND CONTROL

(U) On 12 September 1967 LtCol Bruce E Hunt, FR37408, assumed command from LtCol Paul A Davis, FR10960. LtCol James F Casey, FR23729 was reassigned stateside on 21 Aug 1967 and the UMD slot of Operations Officer was filled by LtCol Richard A Mitchell, FV555306 until 24 September 1967. LtCol Norman W Bernier, FR15480 was acting Operations Officer at the close of this reporting period.

(U) The squadron was further divided into three flights and each of these flights underwent a change of command during this reporting period. LtCol Gordon W Crozier, FR11830, A Flight Commander was replaced by LtCol Henry R Briarton, FR52321. LtCol Joseph D Ledford, FR16910, B Flight Commander was replaced by LtCol Marion C Kelly, FR50395. LtCol Harold D. Swain, Jr., FR16850 was replaced by LtCol Truman K Berge, FR17376.

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III ORGANIZATION AND MANPOWER

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(U) Squadron organization remains as previously reported. As of 30 Sep 67 this squadron was authorized 249 officers and airmen with sixteen different AFSC's under nine functions. With 199 men assigned we were 80.24% manned. A breakdown of functional account codes, AFSC's, authorized and available manpower is shown in Annex 1.

* Annex 1 missing or not copied.

IV OPERATIONS

(S) During the reporting period the squadron was fragged for 979 sorties and 6824:05 hours. Of these 977 were flown logging a total of 6553:05 hours, 970 sorties were effective. Additionally, 133 Functional Flight Checks, Operations checks, and administrative flights were flown for a total of 227:15 hours. Of the ineffective or cancelled sorties, 6 were due to maintenance, one due to weather, and two due to higher headquarters. A further breakdown of these figures is found in Annex 2.

(S) Data acquired in all missions during the reporting period totaled 3979 fixes and 148 cuts. 287 of those fixes and 17 cuts were priority. The high data day was 16 July with a total of 82 fixes. The best single sortie was 15 July with 26 fixes, 5 of which were priority. A further breakdown of this information is contained in Annex 3.

(S) It was apparent from a preliminary examination of the data that the amount of useful data obtained is decreasing. This may be due to several reasons i.e., a scaling down of hostilities, change of procedures by the Viet Cong and NVA, or seasonal variations in the nature of the war in the areas in which we operate. In any event there has definitely been a decrease in activity over this reporting period.

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ANNEX 2

361st TEWS

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<u>Sorties Fraggged</u>	July	348
	Aug	321
	Sep	<u>310</u>
Total		979

<u>Hours Fraggged</u>	Jul	2406:30
	Aug	2300:05
	Sep	<u>2117:30</u>
Total		6824:05

Sorties Actually Flown

	Jul	348
	Aug	319
	Sep	<u>310</u>
Total		977

Hours Actually Flown

	Jul	2294:35
	Aug	2222:50
	Sep	<u>2035:40</u>
Total		6553:05

No. of Effective Sorties

	Jul	341
	Aug	319
	Sep	<u>310</u>
Total		970

No. Func Flight Checks, Ops Checks & Admin Flights

	Jul	47
	Aug	46
	Sep	<u>40</u>
Total		133

Hrs Logged on FCF Ops Check & Admin Flights

	Jul	92:25
	Aug	55:25
	Sep	<u>79:25</u>
Total		227:15

Explanation of Cancellations

Jul	7 Total	6 due to maintenance
		1 due to weather
Aug		2 due to higher headquarters

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Operations Continued

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<u>Number of Fixes</u>	Jul	1574	
	Aug	1415	
	Sep	<u>990</u>	
	Total		3979
<u>Number of Cuts</u>	Jul	55	
	Aug	52	
	Sep	<u>41</u>	
	Total		148
<u>No. of Priority Fixes</u>	Jul	91	
	Aug	116	
	Sep	<u>80</u>	
	Total		287
<u>No. of Priority Cuts</u>	Jul	4	
	Aug	11	
	Sep	<u>2</u>	
	Total		17
<u>High Data Days</u>	Jul	16	Jul 82 Fixes
	Aug	15	Aug 58 Fixes
	Sep	1	Sep 54 Fixes

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