

**362ND TACTICAL ELECTRONIC WARFARE SQUADRON**

**QUARTERLY HISTORY FOR**

**JULY - SEPTEMBER**

**1968**

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HISTORY  
OF  
362D TACTICAL ELECTRONIC WARFARE SQUADRON  
1 July - 30 September 1968

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1. The 362nd Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron continued "Operations Normal" for the period of 1 July through 31 September 1968.
2. Due to the great number of individual achievements characteristic of the 362d in a three month period, it is impossible to be thorough in this report and keep it within acceptable limits. Therefore, the text of this report is general in nature and reflects trends and milestones rather than a summary of personal accomplishments.




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CHRONOLOGY  
362nd Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron  
1 July - 31 Sept

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Significant Event</u>
July 1	(U)	Lt Col Warren Woirol was promoted to full Colonel.
2	(U)	Brig Gen Robert J Hollbury visited Pleiku and was honored with a dinner party at 362nd.
3	(U)	Sqdn passed 40,000 accident free flying hours.
Aug 23		Aircraft #547 received battle damage to right wing during mission in Laos.
		6 aircraft received minor damage from 122 MM rocket attack.
28	(U)	Sqdn passed 45,000 accident free combat hours.
Sept 1	(U)	Col Warren Woirol replaced Col Albers as Sqdn Commander
10	(U)	Aircraft #43-16029, our first "Q" modified aircraft arrived on base.
20		Pleiku Air Base received 40 rounds of recoilless rifle fire (75MM). Three aircraft were damaged, but no missions lost.
30	(U)	Lt Col Ambrecht assumed command of the 362nd TEWS.

## NARRATIVE

1. (U) During the reporting period (1 July - 30 September). The 362d Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (TEWS) has a number of high level staff changes. On 1 September Colonel Warren Weidol assumed command of the squadron when Colonel Edgar Wilbers Jr was reassigned to the COMUS. Lt Colonel Francis Mosher also returned to the United States due to illness. Lt Colonel A. L. Bigelow took over the position of Squadron Executive Officer. Lt Colonel Thomas Yurchak replaced Lt Colonel Milton Anderson as Operations Officer. Lt Colonel John F. Anbrecht assumed command on 30 September.

(a) (U) In the Maintenance Section, Lt Colonel R.R. Nitsel became Chief of Maintenance on 31 August.

(b) (U) Although most combat cougar aircraft are equipped with the AN/AL-34 automatic radio direction finding consoles, we still maintained the two "Happy Birds" for the Sentinel Sam mission throughout this reporting period. These aircraft are unmodified, and are used for copying high frequency voice transmissions. In addition the squadron retained five "J" modified aircraft. Finally, the 362d TEWS received one "J" modified aircraft, which will be discussed below. (Appx 1)

(c) (U) The establishment of a temporary duty (TDY) detachment at Huehuetenango was under consideration this quarter, and the 362d awaited further word on its activation. The program is estimated to be under way by next quarter.

2. (S) At the end of the quarter, we had an average of 16 pilots above Unit Manning Document (UMD) authorization. This UMD is based upon 15 aircraft whereas the squadron actually possess 20.

(a) (U) On the other hand, we were undermanned in the Flight Mechanic career field during September. (Attach 1-2)

(b) (U) Lt John Mitchell arrived on 6 July taking our Intelligence Section 100 percent manned for the first time since December 1967. (Attach 1-2)

3. (U) The combat readiness rating of the 362d TEWS has remained C-1 throughout this entire three month period.

(a) (U) As of September 10 the 362d TEWS was assigned 20 aircraft. From July to September, seven of these birds were sent to Hsiang at Taipei. There was never a period, however, when more than three aircraft were out of the theater at once. The squadron also gained two aircraft from the United States. One of these was our first aircraft equipped with the A-2000 engine and Sanders AN/35 console, aircraft #43-16029. The total squadron strength never dropped below the number of aircraft required to execute the General Air Plan.

(b) (U) The 362d TEWS currently has 30 crews authorized, 30 crews formed and combat ready, and an average of ten co-pilots.

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(c) [REDACTED] The crew upgrading program resulted in 13 pilots upgraded to Aircraft Commander, six upgraded to Instructor Pilot, and 24 qualified to fly the "Q" modified aircraft.

(d) (U) All newly assigned pilots receive an Aircraft Commander check ride after completing their theatre indoctrination and training program. They are then scheduled to fly periodically with right seat qualified pilots, and increase their experience and proficiency by logging left seat time throughout their tour.

(e) [REDACTED] The average number of missions flown per day for this reporting period was 13. The typical mission flown was seven hours long and achieved four fixes. No leaflets were available for dissemination from 13 August to 25 September.

(f) [REDACTED] Outstanding sorties for the period included three flights on the 15, 23 and 27 September, with Major Funai and Yanasheski and Captain Meador the Aircraft Commanders respectively. These flights resulted in successfully tracking the movements of the 52 Regiment, 320 NVA, which had not been heard from for three months. On 24 September, a fix obtained near the DMZ resulted in 19 enemy soldiers KIA 12 miles northwest of the Rockpile in northern I Corps.

(g) [REDACTED] Aircraft #43-49547 was hit in the right wing by either 23 or 37 MM anti aircraft fire on 23 August, while on a mission in Laos. The gun emplacement was suspected to be radar controlled, since the entire area was undercast. The Aircraft Commander was Captain Robert Royer, who returned to Pleiku and landed without further incident.

(h) [REDACTED] Lt Colonel Robert Palmquist returned from Grenier Field, New Hampshire, where he attended a course on the operation of the AIR/35 console used in "Q" modified aircraft. He immediately initiated a ground school for Navigators at Pleiku. So far, ten Navigators have completed ten days of training in this course.

(i) [REDACTED] The 362d again received special commendation for its Flying Safety Program from Seventh Air Force, and a special commendation from General Momyer on our participation in "Operation Delaware". (Attch 3)

4. [REDACTED] Bravo and Doppler problems again plagued the 362d due to the moisture of the monsoon season. Two new problems noted were moisture in the Doppler antennas, and condensation in the driftmeters. The driftmeter problem was solved by adding an external driftmeter check to the Navigator's checklist, and drilling a small hole in the meter for venting of moisture. Ignition problems due to moisture were also a problem until maintenance added the procedure of draining ignition leads prior to flight.

(a) (U) The three flight organization of the maintenance section was changed to a two flight system to help centralize supervision.

(b) (U) SMSgt James C. Oakley became NCOIC of maintenance and the section lost 5 senior NCO's while gaining four.

(c) (U) There were no critical supply shortages in maintenance during this quarter.

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6. (U) The facilities for personnel protection in the officers quarters area (RMK) remained substandard this quarter due to lack of equipment and labor. Due primarily to the efforts of Lt Raineri, however, a new 80 man underground bunker was planned for construction in October. With the existing 100 man facility now operational, the RMK area will be again satisfactory. The building of this second bunker will be accomplished on a self-help basis, since Civil Engineering cannot allot men to accomplish the work.

(a) (U) Improvements in housing this quarter have been on an individual basis. At least twelve rooms have been greatly improved in the RMK area using scrap lumber, hand tools, and articles sent from home.

(b) (U) Recreation facilities remained unchanged. Volleyball took over as the most preferred sport, with handball running a close second. The passing of the southwest monsoon promised more outside activity for the officers and men of the 362d.

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APPENDIX #1

Units Assigned - None

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APPENDIX #3

Roster of Key Personnel

1. Commander: Lt Col John F. Ambrecht ~~FB 4420~~
2. Executive Officer: Lt Col Arthur L. Bigelow ~~VI 909875~~
3. Administrative Officer: Lt Col Dugald E. Wilson ~~FB 37474~~
4. Operations Officer: Lt Col Thomas Murcina ~~FB 4420~~
5. Standardisation/Training Officer: Lt Col Leonard F. Vik ~~FB 4420~~
6. Squadron Navigator: Lt Col Arthur Bertola ~~FB 4420~~
7. First Sergeant: MSgt Hobby D. Morris ~~FB 4420~~

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UNIT 11. MIN. DOCUMENT

31 Mar 1968

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MISSION SUMMARY

July - Sept 1968

<u>Month</u>	<u>Missions Fragged</u>	<u>Missions Flown</u>	<u>Combat Hrs Fragged</u>	<u>Flown</u>
July	407	407	3049+10	2815+45
August	389	388	2917+00	2636+50
Sept	352	328	2616+30	2158+30
TOTAL	<u>1148</u>	<u>1123</u>	<u>8582+40</u>	<u>7611+05</u>

<u>Month</u>	<u>PROGRAMMED FLYING HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS FLOWN</u>
July	2945	2886+45
Aug	2945	2696+25
Sept	2850	2247+25
Total	<u>8740</u>	<u>7830+35</u>

\* Data extracted from monthly R-13 Mission Accomplishment Reports.