

DET 6, 600TH PHOTO SQUADRON  
Bien Hoa AB, RVN

Det 6 is the photographic arm of Bien Hoa AB...home of the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing (named the USAF's most outstanding in 1968). Within its eight trailer complex, the detachment operates a still photo lab, a ComDoc function, an armament recording program, and a precision photo maintenance shop. Det 6 is centrally located on the base, with newest facility additions including an asphalt parking area and a patio for photo "get-togethers".

On 7 Sep 68, 1st Lt Gerald E. Raybeck replaced 2d Lt Mark J. Gabre' as Detachment Commander. At the close of the reporting period, 23 personnel were assigned, with an authorization of 35 (66% manned). This percentage of manning has remained constant during the six month period. Two personnel were on formal OJT as of 31 Dec 68.

A prime function at Det 6 is supporting the 600th Photo Squadron, AAVS, and 7th Air Force with armament recording photography flown by tactical fighters of the 3TFW. During the six month period, the following figures were recorded:

Gun camera footage exposed	109,700
Pod camera footage exposed	55,900
Blister camera footage exposed	8,100

Five pods, two strike cameras, and 73 gun cameras were on hand at the close of December. During the reporting period two NCO's at Det 6 were named "Maintenance NCO's of the Month".

Eighty-six hundred feet of 16mm motion picture footage were exposed by the ComDoc section. Events covered included civic action stories, defoliation missions, rocket damage, OV-10 tests, and "wonder" shelter construction.

Still photographic personnel assumed an ever-increasing role at Bien Hoa AB -- documenting and processing work orders ranging from awards to OSI investigations...construction projects and a comprehensive slide/film briefing was prepared for the 3rd TFW. Figures for the 1 Jul - 31 Dec period totaled:

Total color processed	8,585 exposures
Total B&W processed	61,750 exposures
Total B&W contacts	19,100
Total B&W enlargements	43,209



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