

DETACHMENT 6 600 PHOTO SQUADRON  
HISTORICAL REPORT (1 Oct - 31 Dec 69)

Section I: Commander's Survey.

Mission performance in the areas of COMDOC, Still Photo Lab, and Aerial Maintenance were all accomplished effectively.

In COMDOC, most noteworthy was the support given to accomplishment of SEA PIX..

The Still Photo Lab Continues to perform its mission in an excellent manner: The prime program supporting the 3TFW Information Office. The quality and timeliness of the work request accomplishment more than satisfied the customers served.

Aerial Maintenance Continues to perform its mission very effectively and capably. By far the most useful and desirable 16mm color film product received by the Wing is the footage obtained by the Milliken utilizing the Dough Wood Adapter.

Manning in the 402X0 career field is excess to present and foreseeable future mission requirements. A request for curtailment of personnel will be forthcoming in the third quarter of FY 70.

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Section II: Mission Performance.

This section deals with Operations and will be presented in three parts: COMDOC, Still Photo Lab, Aerial Maintenance.

COMDOC - 3,050 feet of color film were exposed during this reporting period in support of requirements for 600 Photo Sq, AAVS, 7th AF, DXI and 3rd TFW. The following is a list of projects during the period.

6-6/023L, Frantic Coat (For Credible Light) 100 Ft. 12 still Color Exposures

6-6/021, Maintenance in SEA, 600 Ft..

6-6/023B, Credible Light (Wear and Tear on VC-123K) 100Ft..

6-6/005, Hometown T.V. News Clips, 1,400 Ft. (13 Clips shot on pilots of the 531st TFS at Bien Hoa AB).

6-6./031, Operation Ramrod, 650Ft.

SEA Theatre Pix - On Weapons loading and maintenance of F-100, A-37, OV-10, and A-1E Aircraft. 190 Still Color Exposures.

On 24 Nov 1969 our only A23650 departed this station for the CONUS.

On 16 Dec 1969, A23650 Lamoine R. Lackey arrived PCS this station and departed TDY to 600th Photo Sq., Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN. On 22 Dec 1969 Sgt Lackey departed PCS to 600th Photo Sq..

It appears that future motion picture support to this Detachment will be on a TDY basis out of 600th Photo Squadron.

Still Photo Lab - The photo lab continues to provide 3rd TFW with significant major efforts. Programs include the 35mm "Hand-held FAC Photography" which yields film from forward operating locations all around the 3 Corps area. The second major area is the 3rd Tac Ftr Wg information office which continues to maintain an unusually high number of feature/hometown releases. Their monthly output is such that they rank number two in SEA for photo release output. It is also noteworthy to say that their success is largely due to the photographers who have been supporting their efforts.

In this reporting period there has been a total of 1,493 workorders, of which at least half were from the two primary programs. Also the photo lab was responsible for coverage of incidents/accidents for the 3rd TFW Base Security Police, portraits, special assignments, unsatisfactory reports of equipment/materials, fire damage, aircraft accidents, color slide briefings and combat documentation for the USAF SEA Theatre Pix Program.

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The following significant data was accomplished during this reporting period.

Black & White Exposures	- 15,185
Color Exposures	- 5,472

Black & White Enlargements - 29,990

Contact Prints - 13,839

Aerial Maintenance - During the period of 1 Oct 69 - 31 Dec 69 the Aerial Maintenance Section completed the following for weapons documentation:

During the month of September, Col Laliberte, 3rd TFW Deputy Commander of Operations, requested in writing that our gun camera shutter selector switch be turned off after pre-flight. Pilots determined when the System was to be used. This has resulted in pilots rarely electing to utilize their gun camera capabilities. Currently our gun camera program has decreased to a low level of operation. We have 63 serviceable gun cameras. We accomplished 620 pre-flights and 168 sorties, which produced a total of 5,800 feet of 16mm color motion picture film.

The five Type IV pods at this Det are not being used. Approval is still not forthcoming on a modification and certification of the pod. Follow-up action has been initiated regarding the status of this modification.

The KB-18 Strike Camera Program decreased considerably during this period. This was due to the selective fragging requested by Major Learmonth, 3rd TFW Commando Camera Officer, and approved by Colonel Leliberte, Deputy Commander of Operations. We began flying test missions on the A-37B aircraft late in the period and decreased our F-100 sorties in accordance with the selected fragging request. We accomplished 120 sorties out of 120 pre-flights, producing a total of 24,070 feet of negative and positive 70mm film. Our recovery/delivery time remained within our established 30 minute period enabling immediate intelligence debriefing of pilots.

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