

DET 14, 600TH PHOTO SQUADRON

Pleiku AB, Vietnam

A Photo Team arrived at Pleiku 7 Oct 66, consisting of SSgt C. Riggs, and Airmen Harvey W. Finn, W. Smith, and E. Smith. They were later joined by SSgt Mason and Airman McGeorge. This team later became Det 14. The only PCS personnel on 31 Dec 66 were Airmen W. Smith and E. Smith; the rest were TDY.

The mission consisted of Photo Documentation of ALE air strikes, which was obtained by camera pods and N-9 gun cameras and a man flying backseat who supplemented the documentation of the pod and gun cameras. Also included was the arranging for needed photo frags and wiring of aircraft when the detachment arrived. Due to having only one aircraft wired for the pod and many other variables the detachment was not so successful on pod footage. This was discussed with Capt King, 600 Photo Sq Ops, and the necessary work was put forth to insure the wiring of more aircraft for the utilization of both photo pods and to obtain maximum photo footage.

Equipment on arrival consisted of two camera pods, cameras and necessary support equipment to fulfill the strike documentation coverage. Since then some clerical equipment consisting of desks, and typewriters with supporting equipment for the administration part of the detachment were obtained. In December the Detachment began setting locations for the still lab and maintenance trailers that were scheduled to arrive in early 1967.

On 31 Dec 66 there was no OJT Program.. There were two airmen with three levels that were studying for their five level, the rest had their needed skill levels.

Various motion picture coverage was photographed for the base including Civic Action jobs of various Montagard's Ceremonies, Presentations, and visits of various personnel.

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