

DET 9, 600TH PHOTO SQUADRON

Udon RTAFB, Thailand

PERSONNEL:

Det 9 NCOIC was MSgt John G. Hagerty, who arrived this station 29 Sep 66. He replaced SSgt James E. Wright Jr, who arrived 29 Aug 66. At the beginning of FY 67 there were no PCS personnel assigned this detachment. There has been no turnover of personnel during the reporting period. The following listed figures reflects strength and percentage of manning allocations:

<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Presently Assigned</u>	<u>% of Manning Allocations</u>
9 - 232X0's	6 - 232X0's	66%
1 - 702X0	1 - 702X0	100%
3 - 233X0's	2 - 233X0's	66%
0 - 402X0's	1 - 402X0	100% average

EQUIPMENT:

At the beginning of FY 67, equipment on hand at this detachment were three (3) cameras as listed below:

Camera, Still, Graflex Type KE-12

Camera, Still, Rolliflex

Camera, Motion Picture, Type B1a 16mm

Equipment received at this Detachment during the reporting period:

<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>Date Rec'd</u>
Two Chemical Storage Tanks	22 Sep 66
2 ea Dehumidifiers	22 Sep 66



1 ea replacement camera super speed Graflex	22 Sep 66
2 ea air conditioning units	1 Oct 66
1 ea refrigerator	1 Oct 66
2 ea consolidated shipping cases containing ground cameras and accessories	1 Oct 66
5 ea sinks	8 Oct 66
8 ea studio lights (4 floods, 3 kegs, 1 boom)	8 Oct 66
1 ea slide duplicator	15 Oct 66
3 ea print washers	15 Oct 66
1 ea Miliken Boresight, Model BC-2	15 Oct 66
6 ea Colortran lights	29 Oct 66
1 ea light table	29 Oct 66
2 ea projection printers, Omega Type	8 Nov 66
2 ea contact printers, Morse Type	8 Nov 66
1 ea boresight kit	6 Nov 66
1 ea Pakolux print washer	8 Nov 66
1 ea Versamat Processor	8 Nov 66
2 ea Pako Print Washers	8 Nov 66
2 each bench easel combinations	8 Nov 66
1 ea slide mounting press	6 Nov 66
Darkroom safelights	6 Nov 66
1 ea slide projector	6 Nov 66

The Versamat Stand arrived this station in an unusable condition and was repaired by the Base Welding Shop.

MISSION:

At the beginning of the reporting period the mission of Detachment 9 was to accomplish base still lab photography involving camera work only. The photographic laboratory became partially operational 10 Nov 66; as of that date they had black and white processing capabilities for film and paper. Prior to 10 Nov 66 negatives that were exposed by Det 9 were processed and printed by 600 Photo Sq. The information and rush work orders were processed and printed by 432nd Recon Tech Photo Lab. Percentages of work accomplished prior to 10 Nov 66 were as indicated:

B&W negatives exposed - 100%
Processed - 0%
35mm slides - 0%
Projection prints - 0%
Contact prints - 0%
Gun Camera - 100%
ComDoc Motion - 100% 12 Aug - 26 Sep 66
ComDoc (B&W still) - 100%
ComDoc (Color Still) - 100% 12 thru 31 Aug 66
B&W negatives exposed 10 Nov to 31 Dec 66 - 100%
Processed 10 Nov to 31 Dec 66 - 100%
35mm slides exposed 10 Nov to 31 Dec 66 - 100%
Projection prints 10 Nov to 31 Dec 66 - 100%
Contact prints 10 Nov to 31 Dec 66 - 100%

ComDoc (ground) 25 Oct to 31 Dec 66 - 100%

ComDoc (aerial) 25 Oct to 31 Dec 66 - 100%

ComDoc (ground) 27 Sep to 24 Oct 66 - 0%

ComDoc (aerial) 27 Sep to 24 Oct 66 - 0%

ComDoc (still) 27 Sep to 24 Oct 66 - 100%

BASE CONTRIBUTIONS:

One still photographer was loaned to 432nd DXI. Motion Picture coverage of 606 Air Commando Squadron was given in training and community relations. The KE-28 Program began as of Dec 66. Prior to this date the KE-28 program was done by the 432nd Recon Tech Sq.

OJT PROGRAM:

An OJT Program was initiated by Detachment 9, approximately 20 Nov 66. Orders were cut appointing OJT Trainers, supervisors and monitor by the 432 TRW. Key position occupants were well indoctrinated on their positions and responsibilities.

During the reporting period there were two airmen on OJT at the Detachment. One was administered the SKT in the 232XO career field and attained a percentile score of 55%. The other airman was enrolled in a CDC course (232XO) for further training.

GUN CAMERA PROGRAM:

During the reporting period, Det 9 assumed the responsibility of maintaining the F-104 gun camera system. At the beginning of the program, there appeared to be a great deal of enthusiasm on the

part of the Fighter Squadron and the camera crew. This was evidenced by the amount of film obtained during the first month of operation. The program began late in July with an output of two hundred (200) feet of film. The month of August showed an increase to two thousand eight hundred and ten (2,810) feet. The following months showed a gradual decrease; Sep - 1545', Oct - 950', Nov - 560'. This decrease in film output can be attributed partly to the fact that there was a gradual changeover in fighter squadron personnel and missions. In Dec, the film output increased. The Det also had a commitment to install a Miliken Gun Camera in the forward oblique position of the RF-101.

MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS:

Since moving to the Photo Lab from 7/13th IO Office on 12 Oct 66, this detachment has experienced a repeated electrical problem and water outage problem. Since they had averaged $1\frac{1}{2}$ days stand-down each week, due to an outage of water or power failure, this handicap was looked into. The Base Commander estimated by mid March the Photo Lab would be working on a day to day basis as water was available. Program time for base power was 1 Mar 67. The estimated time received from power production was 1 Aug 1967.