

(U) The casualty reporting rate rose during this quarter. An analysis is as follows: 10

Deceased -----	7	←
Missing -----	6	
Seriously II/Not Seriously III -----	3	

(U) The Awards and Decorations work unit processed the following awards during this quarter: 11

Processed and forwarded to 7AF -----	1,090
Approved Awards received from 7AF -----	1,532
Awards Processed for Tenant Units -----	554
Award Elements received from Other Commands -----	382

Career Control

(U) During this quarter 2,870 officers and airmen were reassigned to the CONUS or to consecutive overseas tours. Five hundred and two (502) individuals were reassigned within the Republic of Vietnam. A total of 489 officers and 2,312 airmen were forecasted for reassignment upon completion of their SEA tour. Total PCS orders published were 3,585. 12

(U) An average of 2,796 airmen were in OJT. Over 534 personnel were upgraded during this quarter. 13

(U) One hundred and thirty-nine (139) personnel extended their tours in the Republic of Vietnam. However, 58 applications for tour extensions were disapproved because of over-manning in certain AFSCs. 14

(U) During the quarter, 39 Congressional Inquiries were answered by the Career Control Section. There were 111 applications for special assignment, and

CHAPTER V

FACILITIES

ADEQUACY OF FACILITIES

(U) Structural facilities and Utilities are in continuous need of repair because of deterioration. This problem is primarily a result of the effects of aging in older facilities of French construction and the fact that the construction of many of the newer facilities was based on temporary standards in order to expedite the completion of facilities urgently required for mission support. Tan Son Nhut is a joint use base, and the Joint Base Planning Board which includes the USAF Base Commander, the VNAF Air Wing Commander, and the US Army Director of Installations meets regularly to study and resolve facility problems.

PROGRAMMING

(U) During the quarter, tighter control of Minor Construction (MC) was instituted at command level. ¹ The impact of this measure has been mostly in a closer review of all "new work" work requests and more emphasis placed on this item during the Base Real Property Resources Review Board (RPRRB) meetings.

(U) Approximately 2000 Work Requests (AF Form 332) were received during the quarter. ² The majority, as in the past, were maintenance and or/repair work and could be properly accom-

plished within the Base Civil Engineer's approval authority. This was a significant decrease in those processed the previous quarter. Primarily, this was due to a more aggressive preventive maintenance program instituted early in the quarter.

(U) One hundred sixty nine (169) request were processed for RPRRB action. ³ Of the number approved, 31 exceeded the approval authority of the CSG Commander. Necessary project documentation was prepared and submitted to 7AF. Results of the 7AF review were 16 approved and 6 disapproved. The remaining (9) are still being reviewed.

(U) There was considerable activity in the Real Estate Management and Cost Accounting Sections during the quarter. In addition to the preparation and submittal of the quarterly 1-HAF-Z17, USAF Real Property Inventory Detail List, there were numerous changes in utilization, disposal actions and updating of Real Property records. Most significant was the transfer of buildings 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1121 and 1599 to VNAF in accordance with the I & M program. ⁴

OPERATIONAL AND TRAINING FACILITIES

(U) TSN 35-OR2 was completed during this period. It involved necessary site preparation and installation of 32,000 sq ft of M8-A1 steel matting for an access road and storage for

aircraft tip tanks. 5

(U) The painting of the five (5) communications towers, and the exterior of water tanks and supporting towers in the 1100 area (TSN 13-0) was completed during the period. 5

(U) All Aircraft Arresting Barriers received corrosion control and general maintenance during the period. 6 In addition, the barrier sheds were completely rehabilitated to include a new roof on the south BAK-13 shed. Runway grooves under the BAK-13 (runway 25L) and adjacent to the BAK-12 (runway 07R) were repaired using a concrete epoxy.

(U) The following major projects are in progress. 6

- a. Semi-annual re-stripping of the airfield pavements.
- b. Repair of access roads to RACON and TACAN navigational aid facilities.
- c. Feathering the edge of the concrete runway and the stabilized shoulders for 100 feet on either side of the BAK-12 barriers.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FACILITIES

(U) Building 732 and 733, two airman's billets in the 700 area were joined, with a latrine between, to provide a WAF Airmans dormitory. This was accomplished under project TSN 56-1R2.

(U) Project TSN 96-0, to construct revetments around the Airman dormitories in the 700 area was completed. 7 In addition

a new boiler was installed in building 732. This corrected the problem of a constant lack of hot water in this high density living area. 6

(U) A new four (4) inch water line was installed connecting the 700 area latrines to the 100 area (Well 27) water supply. A loop was also installed with the main base distribution to permit an alternate supply in the event of an emergency.

(U) Dining Hall No 1, Building 1200 received new indoor - outdoor carpeting. This is a part of the base wide upgrading of personnel facilities. 6

(U) Design and Engineering was completed on the following projects: 5

- a. TSN 24-1R2 Alter Tape Center
- b. TSN 37-1R1 Officer's Open Mess Office
- c. 48-1 Alter Building 16
- d. 44-1 Air Condition Flag 322-GBPO
- e. TSN 53-1 Air Mail Terminal, Building 4049
- f. TSN 38-1R1 Siting 20 Trailers
- g. TSN 75-0 Bath House for Swimming Pools

SPECIAL INTEREST ITEMS

(U) "Project Tall Man". It is the responsibility of this Squadron to give technical assistance to the "Tall Man" com-

mittee during any construction identified in this effort. Projects identified to date (and current status this quarter) are as follows:

1. Repair of existing school buildings and an existing warehouse building to be converted to a school building. This project was under construction but due to default by the contractor is presently in a hold status awaiting negotiation of a new contract.

2. Installation of playground equipment at the Youth Center location. Completed during this quarter.

3. The erection of the Youth Center Building. Completed during this period. All projects were closely monitored and guided by CE representatives.

(U) A sales contract was negotiated and became effective 1 December 1970 to cover pick-up and removal of all trash from various pick-up points throughout the base including the flight line. ⁵ This effectively reduced the need for the "load all" trucks and containers assigned the Refuse Section. Use of a sales contract in lieu of a service contract for any salable commodities to be disposed under jurisdiction of the US Government is directed by Public Law (U.S.C.).

(U) The Cost Reduction Program advanced considerably during this quarter. ⁶ Cost reduction actions of \$37,163 were sub-

mitted and validated. In addition, previous quarter validation was authenticated for \$1,997.00.

(U) A Bomb Damage Repair Team, within the Operations and Maintenance Branch, was organized during the quarter. ⁶ The team consists of all Pavements and Grounds personnel augmented by 45 personnel from other GE Sections. In preparation for a practice exercise of the team, a patch kit was requisitioned and received from Base Supply, components inventoried, vehicles identified and a movie shown at the Commander's Call. The initial exercise was successful and more practice exercises will be held until all personnel are proficient.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES (U)

- 1 October - During this reporting period, a total of twenty-two visits have been made to local orphanages.
- 29 October - A Critical Analysis of the New Testament weekly study began this day.
- 2 November - Sgt Gian B. Minnik was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service.
- 23 November - Brigadier General John F. Albert, Deputy Chief of Chaplains, USAF, was the honored guest of the Chaplain Services Specialists at a social held at Fr. Crawford's in Saigon.
- 25 November - Chaplain, Brigadier General, John F. Albert, Deputy Chief of Chaplains, USAF, and party arrived today for a staff visit. They briefed the section on various subjects. Fr. Albert was the principal celebrant at a Concelebrated Mass and was guest of honor at a social held by lay leaders and commanders on the Chapel Patio.
- 1 December - Harvey L. Gysbers and Floyd R. Bonner, Jr. were promoted to the grade of Sergeant.
- 20 & 21 December - George Handel's "The Messiah" was presented by the combined Catholic and Protestant choirs under the direction of Captain Kermit Imler. Attendance was 462 and 365 respectively.
- 23 December - The combined Catholic and Protestant choirs presented "The Messiah" to 350 people at the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital in Saigon.

23 December - Terence Cardinal Cooke, Catholic Military, Vicar, was the principal celebrant at a Concelebrated Mass in our Chapel.

25 December - Terence Cardinal Cooke was the principal celebrant at the 0930 Concelebrated Mass. A reception honoring Cardinal Cooke was held in the Chapel Annex following Mass.

25 December - Dr. Oswald Hoffman, the "Lutheran Hour" radio minister was guest speaker at the 1100 hour General Protestant service and 1400 hour Lutheran service. Dr. Hoffman had dinner in the Dining Hall with enlisted personnel following the 1100 hour service. A reception was held for him in the Chapel Annex following the 1400 Lutheran service. He was accompanied by Miss Suzanne Johnson, a former Miss Illinois.

27 December - The Catholic Parish held a Christmas party for the children of Co-Vap Orphanage. Almost two warehouses of toys and clothing were sent from the States for distribution.

27 December - The combined Catholic and Protestant choirs traveled to Bien Hoa AB to present "The Messiah". There were approximately 250 people at the presentation.

29 December - A Memorial Service for Major Robert Baker, 1st Lt Marvin Arthington, 1st Lt Frederick Eader III, TSgt William O'Kieff, Sgt Allen Bodin, and A1C Frederick Neef was conducted in the Chapel. These men were killed in a plane crash on 27 November. Attendance was 152.



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CHAPTER III
OPERATIONS

The Hostile Threat

(C) Hostile activity remained at a low level around the Saigon/Tan Son Nhut area, with no change in the threat estimate. The primary threat was still felt to be from standoff weapons (e.g., rockets) and sapper units. No large enemy maneuver elements appeared to threaten the base during the historical period.²

(U) There were no rocket or ground attacks against the base during the period.

Squadron Operations

(U) Assigned strength of airmen rose to approximately 100 per cent of authorized strength during this quarter. This is the first time in more than nine months that 100 per cent authorized strength was experienced.³

(U) The civilian Nung Guard force was reduced from 17 personnel to 15 personnel by the end of this quarter. Additional responsibilities included intelligence based on liaison with the National Police, the 716th MP Bn, and observation within the Saigon area. Further reductions were planned for and a complete phase out of the civilian guard force is probable within the calendar year of 1971.⁴

