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HISTORY  
OF  
377TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP  
JANUARY - MARCH 1971  
(Unclassified Title)

Assigned to:  
Seventh Air Force, Pacific Air Force  
Stationed at:  
Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

*[Signature]*  
ARTHUR M. VAUGHAN II  
Airman First Class, USAF  
Historian

*[Signature: Harold W. Hobbs]*  
HAROLD W. HOBBS  
Colonel, USAF  
Commander

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GROUP 4  
DOWNGRADED AT THREE YEAR INTERVALS  
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS

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quarter: 14

Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan -----	78
Retirement Counseling -----	26
Separation Orientation -----	67
Marriage Applications:	
Approved -----	31
Applied -----	66
No Fee Passport Applications -----	45
Passport Applications -----	142

(U) The casualty reporting rate rose during this quarter. An analysis is as follows: 15

Deceased -----	10
Missing -----	2
Seriously Ill/Not Seriously Ill -----	4

(U) The Awards and Decorations work unit processed the following awards during this quarter: 16

Processed and forwarded to 7AF -----	1,032
Approved Awards received from 7AF -----	1,211
Awards Processed for Tenant Units -----	523
Awards Elements received from Other Commands -----	136

#### Career Control:

(U) During this quarter 2,408 officers and airmen were reassigned to the CONUS or to consecutive overseas tour. Three hundred and fifty-seven (357)



(U) Aircraft Accidents: On 4 March 71 a C-130's right gear collapsed upon landing. Runway had been foamed for said aircraft. Runway 07R remained closed for approximately 5 hours. On 15 March 1971 an Army UH-1 helicopter assigned to the 117th Aviation Sq crashed shortly after departing Hotel 3 heliport. Crash site was a ditch adjacent to the ARVN paratroop training area on TSN Air Base. All four crewmembers on board were fatalities. No property damage was incurred.

(U) Personnel Changes Were as follows: Arriving in February was SSgt Marshall B. McGrady. Departing were Captain Ralph S. Davidson and SSgt Morris R. Baker. We are now training 8 VNAF airmen and 1 officer in Base Operations under the I&M Program.

#### Disaster Preparedness

- (U) 7AF IG and no-margin exercise rated satisfactory.
- (U) Each reporting unit was visited through a Disaster Preparedness Survey.
- (U) The Disaster Response Force was utilized twice during this period, the C-130 with damaged gear, no casualties, on 4 March 71 and an Army helicopter crash with 4 casualties on 15 March 71.
- (U) A documentation manning assistance visit was conducted on 29 March and rated satisfactory.
- (U) 377 CSG OPLAN 355-Yr dated 1 Feb 71 was distributed.
- (U) 377 CSGR 355-1 and 377 CSG Pamphlet were updated and distribution accomplished.

CHAPTER V

FACILITIES

(U) Structural facilities and utilities continue to be in continuous need of repair. This problem is caused by aging in older facilities of French construction, and by the expeditionary force type of construction used on many of the newer facilities. A minor maintenance section has been formed which continuously visits all facilities to correct minor deficiencies before they become problems. This action has effectively reduced service calls by two thirds. The Joint Base Planning Board, which includes the 377th Combat Support Group Commander, the Vietnamese Air Force Wing Commander, and the US Army Director of Installations, meets regularly to study and resolve facility problems.

(U) Ten facilities were transferred to the Vietnamese Air Force during this period: 1111,<sup>1</sup> 1112,<sup>2</sup> 1113,<sup>3</sup> 1114,<sup>4</sup> 1116,<sup>5</sup> 1117,<sup>6</sup> 1118,<sup>7</sup> 1121,<sup>8</sup> 3100,<sup>9</sup> 3105.<sup>10</sup> Eight earth ammo revetments and the adjacent land, comprising 2.5 million square feet, were returned to Vietnamese Air Force control. 11 thru 19 Two facilities, 1636,<sup>20</sup> and 2036,<sup>21</sup> were deleted from Real Property records and disposed of as uneconomical to maintain or repair.

(U) Seventh Air Force lease #071 was terminated.<sup>22</sup> This lease was for the Merlin Hotel, located off base. The



hotel was used for quartering enlisted air crew members. All crew members are now quartered on base. <sup>23</sup> This will save the Air Force approximately \$100,000 annually.

OPERATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES

(U) Project TSN 79-9, install traffic lights, was completed. This project involved installation of 19 ea pole mounted traffic lights at five key locations on base. <sup>24</sup>

(U) Project TSN 35-1, construct covered storage sheds, was completed. <sup>25</sup>

(U) New contracts let during this period were

F62111-71-C-0043	Custodial Services	1 Jan 71 - 30 Jun 71
F62111-71-C-0041	Ice Plant	1 Jan 71 - 30 Jun 71
F62111-71-C-0042	Septic Tank	1 Jan 71 - 30 Jun 71
Army 92-112-1067-8	Garbage Disposal	1 Mar 71 - 1 Mar 72
USAF 70-C-0141	Window Air	1 Mar 71 - 30 Jun 71
F62111-68-C-0077	Electrical Power -- Production and distribution extension ---	1 Apr 71 - 30 Jun 71
F62111-70-C-0100	Central air conditioning extension ---	1 Apr 71 - 30 Sep 71

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PERSONNEL FACILITIES

(U) The following projects were completed

(1) TSN 57-1, Construct Exchange Warehouse <sup>26</sup>

(2) TSN 56-1, Construct latrine between building 732/733 <sup>27</sup>

(WAF quarters)



OPEN MESS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

(U) Project TSN 75-0, Swimming Pool 800 area, was completed. 28

SPECIAL INTEREST ITEMS

(U) The 377th Civil Engineering Squadron was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal campaign streamer (Vietnam Summer - Fall, 1969 Campaign) 29

(U) A reduction in force reduced authorized civilian manning to 296 effective 31 March. This was a loss of 55 authorizations.

(U) Our excessive time in training personnel on OJT dropped from six to one at the close of this period.

(U) During the annual general inspection, all activities were rated satisfactory. The squadron received nine commendable remarks from the team. 30

(U) Capt Albert F. Heineman III, 209-28-5130FR, was assigned to the squadron on 24 February as Squadron Section Commander/ Administrative Officer.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

(U) The following significant events were logged by the Fire Department.

1. Repainted interior of fire station on a self help project.

2. Conducted special fire prevention inspection of



all deep fat fryers.

3. 2 Mar 71, responded to a VNAF Al-H which had crashed on landing, crew escaped unaided, no Fire Suppression required.

4. 4 March 71, foamed the runway for C-130. Right gear damage. Crew escaped unaided, no Fire Suppression required.

5. Base Fire Department received satisfactory rating on disaster control exercise 5 Feb 71.

6. Responded to 113 grass fires during this quarter.

7. Reaccomplished all building pre-fire plans.

8. Conducted inspection of all 10 and 20 gal CBM Fire Extinguishers.

9. Held quarterly fire protection council meeting.

10. Held quarterly fire warden's and Unit/Area Fire Marshal's training.

11. Held Quarterly training for all LN employees in places of public assembly.

12. Responded to trailer fire-1 fatality.

13. Responded to UH-1 army helicopter crash 4-fatalities.

(U) In addition to these activities, integrated training and operation was conducted during this period with the Vietnamese Air Force.



2 February - The National Prayer Breakfast was held in the NCO Club Patio. General L. D. Clay, Jr, Commander, Seventh Air Force, was the speaker. Taped messages by President Nixon and Secretary Laird also were used. Attendance was 180 Officers and Top-Three NCO's.

21 February - Chaplain, Lt Col, Verlin E. Mikesell was admitted to the hospital at Fuchikawa, Japan, for operation on a double hernia. Expected period of hospitalization is six weeks.

19 February - Chaplain, Colonel, B. C. Trent, PACAF Command Chaplain, was honored guest at the PMCO meeting.

20 February - Chaplain Trent briefed by the TSN chaplains concerning their activities and duties. Following the briefing he talked with each person in the section on an individual basis.

24 February - Lenten Season begins today. In addition to regularly scheduled services, a Mass at 2000 hours was held each Wednesday throughout Lent and Stations of the Cross were held Friday evenings. Additional Protestant Devotional Services were held every Thursday during this season at 1145 hours followed by a soup and sandwich lunch.

18 March - A Memorial Service for Colonel William D. Miner was held in the Base Chapel. His death occurred as the result of a fire in his quarters. Attendance was 35.

18 March - A Day of Reflection was held for Catholic Personnel at Queen of Peace Church, Saigon with 21 persons attending.





Physical Security

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

Medical Services

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(4) On 25 February 1970, by direction of the Commander, 3rd Air Commando Group, the 1st Medical Squadron was deactivated from service.

(5) During this quarter the squadron was trained 49 V-10 members through our base defense upgrade program in the third quarter of 1970.



(U) There were 29 deaths attributed to the Vietnamese as a result of the Insurrectionary Force activities program.

(U) The USIA's 602nd Signal Squadron assigned responsibility for customs inspections at the various border crossings thru Camp Tan Son Nhut, Saigon, and other points in the Republic of Vietnam. These are found in the appendix of the Vietnam Operations to this report.

(U) The 93rd and 94th Signal Squadrons located and identified the aircraft used by the enemy. The 93rd Squadron was assigned to Sector A and the 94th Squadron to Sector B. The 93rd Squadron was assigned to the area from the 17th parallel to the 16th parallel and the 94th Squadron to the area from the 16th parallel to the 15th parallel. The 93rd Squadron was assigned to the area from the 17th parallel to the 16th parallel and the 94th Squadron to the area from the 16th parallel to the 15th parallel. The 93rd Squadron was assigned to the area from the 17th parallel to the 16th parallel and the 94th Squadron to the area from the 16th parallel to the 15th parallel.

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