

**361ST TACTICAL ELECTRONIC WARFARE SQUADRON**

**QUARTERLY HISTORY FOR**

**JANUARY - MARCH**

**1968**

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HISTORY OF THE 361ST TACTICAL ELECTRONICS WARFARE SQUADRON

1 January 1968 - 31 March 1968

PROJECT CORONA HARVEST  
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## I MISSION

(S) The mission of the 361st Tactical Electronics Warfare Squadron, as stated in paragraph 2 of 7th AF OPORD 450-67, remains the same during this period. The aircraft inventory is not complete due to the loss of aircraft number 44-77016 to enemy ground fire. Unit manning levels were not complete due to large losses in pilots, navigators, flight engineers and maintenance career fields.

## II COMMAND AND CONTROL

(U) There has been no changes in command and control except the PCS loss of Lt Col William E Yeates, FR11345 as Squadron Executive Officer. This position will not be manned in the future.

## III ORGANIZATION AND MANPOWER

(U) There was no change in the basic squadron organization during this reporting period. The squadron had 84 officers and 127 enlisted persons assigned at the end of the period. The organization consisted of 16 AFSC's under 9 functions. Manning percentages remained about the same as previous quarter at 84.80%. Again there were some very important distribution factors. For example, in the maintenance career field the squadron was manned more than 100% in the three level and at the five level the manning was at 16.64 percent. Details are shown in Annex I

## IV OPERATIONS

(S) During the period 918 missions were fraged and flown accounting for 6527:25 flying hours. An additional 150 operations checks and functional check flights were flown accounting for 253:25 flying hours.

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Eight sorties during this period were non-effective with one of these due to battle damage. There were 66 air aborts, 2 of which were due to weather. Details are contained in Annex II.

(S) Data acquired on the missions flown totaled 6,489 fixes.

Two thousand three hundred and fifty-four priority targets were worked and 2,002 were fixed. The high data days were 29 January with 101 fixes, 16 February with 106 fixes, and 3 and 4 March with 104 fixes. The best single sortie days were 15 January with 29 fixes, 6 February with 25 fixes and 9 March with 23 fixes. See Annex III

## V TRAINING

### A. (U) OPERATIONS

A total of 13 pilots were upgraded to combat ready pilot status, 10 to combat ready co-pilot, 4 to IP, and 2 to SEFE. Eight navigators were upgraded to combat ready status, six to IN, and two to SEFE. Five flight mechanics were upgraded to combat ready status, four to IFM and three to SEFE.

### B. (U) MAINTENANCE

During the month of January 68, 44 individuals were in training to the 5 level and 16 to the 7 level; none were tested; one was upgraded to 5 level, and one was upgraded to 7 level. There was one 5 level test failure and he was submitted for board action. During February 45 individuals were in training to the 5 level and 17 to the 7 level. One was tested to 5 level and two tested to 7 level. Pass rate to 5 level was 100%; to the seven level 50%. During the month of March 45 individuals were in training to the 5 level, 17 to the 7 level. Three tested to 7

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level; however no results have been received. One individual was upgraded to 7 level and 2 to the 5 level.

#### VI MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY

(U) During this reporting period the squadron had an average of 13.4 airplanes with 88% operationally ready. The average number of hours per aircraft/day in January was 4.79 hours, for February 6.09 hours and for March 5.30 hours.

(U) The acute problem in the area of supply which appeared in the previous quarter has been solved. At the end of this quarter no serious shortages exist. The training program was well in hand and is progressing. The manning situation in maintenance is shown in Annex I.

#### VII MORALE

(U) The morale in the squadron is at a all time high; however, lack of adequate housing again affected the enlisted personnel and there seems to be no relief. A self help renovation is now in progress on the enlisted mens barracks.

VIII (U) The squadron building program is still in progress with all labor being provided by both officers and airmen.

#### IX AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

(U) Details are provided in Annex IV

#### X SPECIAL INTEREST

(S) On 11 March 1968 aircraft 44-77016 received enemy ground fire which resulted in a crash landing at Ben Het. The crew consisted of LtCol Robert C. Dobyms, FR42222, pilot, 2 Lt Stanley P. Marks II, FV3189548, co-pilot, Maj John J. Polites, FV2001622, navigator, and SSgt David J Lott,

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AF15627065, flight mechanic. No injuries were reported and the crew was returned to Nha Trang the same day. The aircraft was destroyed to the extent it was not economical to repair. All aircraft accessories were removed.

(U) The squadron placed first in the 14th Air Commando Wing Commanders Trophy Competition for the month of February. The competition is based on areas of Housekeeping, Safety, Disaster Preparedness, Civic Action, offense rates and APR submission.

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ANNEX II

Ops Summary

<u>Missions Fraggd</u>	January	292
	February	310
	March	<u>316</u>
	Total	918

<u>Mission Hours Fraggd</u>	January	2107:00
	February	2170:00
	March	<u>2212:00</u>
	Total	6489:00

<u>Missions Flown</u>	January	292
	February	310
	March	<u>316</u>
	Total	918

Mission Hours Flown	January	2067:40
	February	2192:55
	March	<u>2266:50</u>
	Total	6527:25

<u>FCF and OPS CHECKS</u>	(Includes Tan Son Nhut and Trips to Itazuke AB, Japan)		
		<u>No.</u>	<u>Hours</u>
	January	52	86:25
	February	57	97:40
	March	<u>41</u>	<u>69:20</u>
Total	150	253:25	

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ANNEX III

January

Total fixes 1881  
Best Day 29 Jan (101 fixes)  
Best Single Mission 15 Jan (29 Fixes)

February

Total Fixes 2350  
Best Day 16 Feb (106 fixes)  
Best Single Mission 6 Feb (25 fixes)

March

Total Fixes 2258  
Best Day 3 and 4 Mar (104 fixes)  
Best Single Mission 9 Mar (23 fixes)

Total Fixes 1 Jan 68 - 31 Mar 68 6489

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