

361ST TACTICAL ELECTRONIC WARFARE SQUADRON

QUARTERLY HISTORY FOR

JULY - SEPTEMBER

1968

HISTORY OF THE 361ST TACTICAL ELECTRONICS WARFARE SQUADRON

1 July 1968 - 30 September 1968

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I MISSION

The mission of the 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron, as stated in paragraph 2 of 7th AF OPOWD 450-68 remained the same. Unit manning levels were complete except for a shortage in the flight mechanic career field.

II COMMAND AND CONTROL

(U) Numerous command and control changes occurred. A formal change of command ceremony occurred 28 August 1968, when Lieutenant Colonel Edward T. Fels Jr., FR37551, assumed command from Colonel Henry R. Briarton, FR52321. Also on 28 August 1968, Lieutenant Colonel Norman C. Nadon, FR28207 replaced Lieutenant Colonel Fels as Operations Officer. On 13 September 1968, Lieutenant Colonel William C. Robison, FR18522, replaced Lieutenant Colonel Robert H. Breeding, FR52344 as Assistant Operations Officer. On 1 July 1968, Lieutenant Colonel Murrell M. Howell, FR38982, replaced Colonel Edward S. Nyland, FR37515, as Chief of Standardization/Evaluation.

III ORGANIZATION AND MANPOWER

(U) On 30 September 1968, the squadron had 102 officers and 130 enlisted personnel. This represented an increase of one officer and a decrease of four enlisted personnel from the strength reported at the end of the previous quarter. In the maintenance career field, seven level manning stood at 95 percent, five level manning stood at 104 percent, and three level manning was 82 percent.

IV OPERATIONS

During this period, 902 missions were fraged and flown, accounting for 6306:30 flying hours. Operational and functional check flights accounted for 141 flights and 209 flying hours. There were six non-effective sorties, 48 air aborts, and 5 weather aborts. Details are contained in Annex II.

Data acquired on the missions flown totaled 6307 fixes, including 1651 priority targets fixed. High data days were 10 July (94 fixes) 29 August (101 fixes), and 12 September (110 fixes). Best single sortie days were 10 July (27 fixes), 23 August (26 fixes), and 19 September (28 fixes). Details are contained in Annex III.

V TRAINING

A. (U) OPERATIONS

Five pilots were upgraded to combat ready status as first pilots, and seven pilots were upgraded to combat ready status as co-pilots. Six pilots were upgraded to instructor pilot status, and three to SEFE. Three navigators were upgraded to combat ready status, four to instructor navigator, and two to SEFE. Two flight mechanics were upgraded to combat ready status, one was upgraded to instructor flight mechanic, and one to SEFE.

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V TRAINING

B. (U) MAINTENANCE

In July 1968, three individuals were tested for and passed, the five level, for a 100 percent passing rate. In August, ten individuals were tested for the five level and one for the seven level. Eight of the ten five level testees passed, for an 80 percent rate. The individual tested for the seven level did not pass. In September, five individuals were tested for the five level, and three individuals were tested for the seven level. Of the individuals tested for the five level, five passed for a passing rate of 100 percent. Of those individuals tested for the seven level, two passed for a passing rate of 67 percent.

VI MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY

(U) The squadron had an average of 14 airplanes with 84.7 percent operationally ready. The average number of hours per aircraft/day was 5.5 in July, 5.1 in August, and 5.0 in September.

(U) Last quarter's shortage of doppler receiver/transmitter units and frequency trackers has been alleviated. However, a critical shortage of doppler computers (CV-2232) and airborne weather radar receiver/transmitter units (IDIA-28) has developed. The training program met all needs. The manning situation in maintenance is shown in Annex I.

VII MORALE

(U) The morale in the squadron remained high. Inadequate housing, however, remains a serious factor, as has been noted in all previous quarterly histories. No improvement in this situation seems to be in sight.

VIII AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

(U) Details are provided in Annex IV.

IX SPECIAL INTEREST

~~SECRET~~ Aircraft number 43-48767 was involved in a ground incident when the gear was inadvertently retracted in the revetment area at 0630, 7 August 1968. A total of 692 man hours was expended repairing the aircraft. It was brought in commission on 23 August 1968.

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IX SPECIAL INTEREST

(U) The squadron placed third in the 14th Special Operations Wing Commander's Trophy competition for the months of July and August. The competition is based on areas of housekeeping, safety, disaster preparedness, civic actions, offense rates, and APR/OER submissions.

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361ST TEWS MANNING

	<u>FAC</u>	<u>AFSC</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>
Organization Maintenance	2200000	4344	1	2
Flt Line Site Maintenance	2210000	43191	2	3
		43171A	14	15
		43151A	44	46
		43131A	30	24
Periodic/Mob Maintenance	2220000	43191	0	0
		43171A	6	4
		43151A	10	10
		43131A	4	4
Operations	3100000	1045Z	1	1
		1535Z	1	1
		27170	1	1
		27150	1	1
Command	3100005	1045Z	1	1
Ops Unit Admin	3100010	01070	1	1
		70250	3	3
Pers Equip	3100011	92250	3	3
		92230	2	2
Intell	3510000	8054	1	1
		20430	1	1
47 AC Ops	3110023	1045Z	62	64
		1535Z	31	31
		443550	30	27
			<u>250</u>	<u>246</u>

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ANNEX II

Ops Summary

<u>Missions Fraggd</u>	July	317
	August	290
	September	<u>295</u>
	TOTAL	902
MISSION HOURS FRAGGED	July	2219:00
	August	2030:00
	September	<u>2065:00</u>
	TOTAL	6314:00
MISSIONS FLOWN	July	315
	August	288
	September	<u>293</u>
	TOTAL	896
MISSION HOURS FLOWN	July	2222:30
	August	2035:30
	September	<u>2048:30</u>
	TOTAL	6306:30
FCF & OPS CHECKS	1 July - 30 September 1968	
	141 Flights/209:00	
	Non-Effective Sorties	6
	Air Aborts	48
Weather Aborts	5	

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ANNEX III

JULY

Total Fixes/Priority Fixes:	1959/638
Best Day:	10 July (94 Fixes)
Best Single Mission:	10 July (27 Fixes)

AUGUST

Total Fixes/Priority Fixes:	2077/495
Best Day:	29 August (101 Fixes)
Best Single Mission:	23 August (26 Fixes)

SEPTEMBER

Total Fixes/Priority Fixes:	2271/518
Best Day:	12 September (110 Fixes)
Best Single Mission:	19 September (28 Fixes)

Awards and Decorations

Vietnamese Distinguished Flying Cross

Recommended - 3

Presented - 0

Air Force Commendation Medal

Recommended - 34

Presented - 34

Distinguished Flying Cross

Recommended - 39

Presented - 39

Bronze Star

Recommended - 3

Presented - 3

Air Medal

Recommended - 49

Presented - 39

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SPECIAL ORDER
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30 August 1968

Under the provision of AFR 35-54, LT COLONEL EDWARD T FELS JR., [REDACTED], assumes command of the 361st Tac Elct Warfare Sq., effective this date, vice COLONEL HENRY R BRIARTON, FR52321, relieved.

Edward T. Fels Jr.
EDWARD T FELS JR., Lt Colonel, USAF
Commander

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