

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 15
Marine Aircraft Group 15
Task Force Delta
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
FPO San Francisco, 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 TO 30 November 1972

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PART 1

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Marine Air Base Squadron 15

COMMANDERMajor D.J. KIELY, Jr.
(1-30 November 1972)ATTACHED UNITS

MATCU-62 (1-30 November 1972)

SECURITY ELEMENT (1-30 November 1972)

2. LOCATION

Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand

PERIOD

(1-30 November 1972)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major H.F. PYLE
(1-30 November 1972)

Administrative Officer

2ndLt R.P. GWINN
(1-30 November 1972)

Legal Officer

2ndLt R.P. GWINN
(1-30 November 1972)

Base Operations Officer

Major J.H. BUCHANAN
(1-30 November 1972)

Material Officer

Capt R.L. BORDELON
(1-30 November 1972)

Communications Officer

Capt R.D. BROWNE
(1-30 November 1972)

Base Services Officer

1stLt L.E. SHARPLESS
(1-30 November 1972)

Human Affairs Officer

1stLt M.C. FASSINO
(1-30 November 1972)

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt P.G. HILL
(1-30 November 1972)

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Utilities Officer

CWO-1 G.H. MASSEY
(1-30 November 1972)

Heavy Equipment Officer

CWO-1 G.H. MASSEY
(1-30 November 1972)

TAFDS Officer

1stLt D.A. WILLIAMS
(1-30 November 1972)

Officer-in-Charge MATCU-62

Capt H.D. HOLLIS
(1-30 November 1972)

Officer-in-Charge SECURITY ELEMENT

Capt P.F. REYNOLDS
(1-28 November 1972)Major K.N. ZIKE
(29-30 November 1972)

Weather Officer

CWO-4 G. WALKER
(1-30 November 1972)

MARES Officer

1stLt T.M. THOMAS
(1-30 November 1972)

Officer-in-Charge H&MS-15 Det "C"

Major J.K. ALBRIGHT
(1-30 November 1972)4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

MABS-15

USN

USAF

Officer EnlistedOfficer EnlistedOfficer Enlisted

44 964

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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(U) During the period 1-30 November 1972, Marine Air Base Squadron 15 continued its operations and services in support of Marine Aircraft Group 15 and Task Force Delta, at Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand.

(U) During the month of November, the retro-fit of the living huts was discontinued due to shortages of materials. At this time 214 huts have been completed and 78 remains to be retro-fitted. The Officer and Staff Club's pads have been completed and work on the Clubs is progressing rapidly. A wash basin has been fabricated and installed on the messhall. Initial work on the athletic field has been completed, and there is now available a football field, at least 2 volleyball courts, a full court basketball area, and picnic facilities for troop use and/or organized parties. The building of a new USO stage is now in progress. Over 1026 hrs. of MABS heavy equipment were logged in November: 6000 lbs. forklift 284 hrs., M-65 Crane 720 hrs., CFM Air Compressor 19 hrs., 550 Grader 13 hrs.

(U) The Motor Transport section continued to function well with 82,246 miles logged in November. In the driver's school initiated by MABS, 49 personnel from MAG-15 Squadrons have attended and 45 have passed the drivers test. During this month the Motor Transport section has delivered 107,897 gallons of JP-4, 23,194 gallons of 80 OCT fuel and 103,889 gallons of Diesel fuel. In addition 900,000 gallons of non-potable water and 180,000 of potable water were delivered to the various water receptacles. Over this period, 202 Tactical Equipment Repair Orders were completed. A portion of the Navy equipment obtained by MABS-15 during Oct. 1972 has been turned over to AMPAC. This consisted of 3 M-51 dump trucks, 1 M-61 5 ton water tanker and 1 M151A1 jeep.

(U) The Communication Section continued to service MAG-15 and Task Force Delta at Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand. During the month several communication officers attended a Meaconing, Intrusion, Jamming, Interference, (MIJI) lecture and a MIJI log was initiated in the TSC-15 van. This section retrograded 1 TSC-15, 2 TRC-75, 1 AN/GRC-135, and 1 PU-565 generator during November. In addition H&MS-15 GSE replaced a 100KW generator. During November an counter-poise antenna was erected on the TSC-15 van and AMPAC installed a rotating signal light on the tower.

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(C) During the month of November the Weather section of Base Operations received an MMF (Radar) van configured AN/FPS-106 and it was operational in 7 hrs. The Weather Radar in this van has a maximum range of 200 miles on the PPI horizontal presentation scope and 120 miles on the RHI vertical presentation scope. Our meteorological people are now able to provide full weather information and tracking within the aforementioned ranges. This radar unit is the only one of its type operating in the "van" configuration as designed for use in the field.

(C) At Air Freight the handling of MAC Transportation Authorization (MTA) has been assumed by Base Operations thereby freeing Air Force personnel to handle the retrograde of material leaving daily. During November Air Freight handled 348 aircraft. They off-loaded 545.8 tons of cargo, 21.5 tons of mail and 882 passengers. In addition they on-loaded 178.4 tons of cargo, 5.8 tons of mail and 988 passengers for total cargo of 724.2 tons, total mail of 27.3 tons and total passengers of 1880.

(U) During this month the Crash Crew section established a civilian Structural Fire Department consisting of 18 Thai civilians. At their disposal is 2,000 gallon water tanker and a 530-B brush truck. The Fire Department is supported by Army 7th RRRS at Udorn. A 50 ton P&H Crash Rescue and Salvage Crane has arrived at the section. At this time the Heavy Equipment section is working to put the crane into operable condition. When operable the crane will provide portable lifting for off station crashes. During the month, Crash Crew responded to 20 aircraft emergencies which included: Unsafe Gear Indications, blown tires, fire warning lights, hot brakes, and hung ordnance. They also stoodby for numerous washdowns due to fuel spills and red label cargo.

(C) The Recovery section made 31 aircraft arrestments none of which involved emergency landings. The M-21 arrestment gear had 1 system malfunction. This malfunction was a tape tuck when an F-4 attempted an emergency fly-in arrestments at 145 knots. The arresting gear was down for approximately 4 hours. An operator malfunction occurred when the tape was being retracted and was curled into the sheaves. The approximate down time was 2 hours. The south abort gear was installed with the arrival of the new apron and diesel retrieve engine.

(C) The TAFD's section continued to support MAG-15's A-6/F-4 Tactical aircraft and KC-130 aerial refuelers by dispensing 2,924,092 gallons of JP-4. In addition 2,859,688 gallons of JP-4 was received this month. A fire extinguisher class was given by Crash Crew for TAFD's personnel. One (1) 10,000 gallon tank was lost due to rupture.

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(U) The Material section has continued its increasing effort to prepare the squadron to meet any embarkation requirement. A comprehensive list of Squadron gear to be embarked to Iwakuni was submitted to MAG-15 S-4. A serialized inventory of our weapons was conducted and all MABS-15 weapons were accounted; and greater security measures were initiated by the armory. The reaction platoon's gear has been staged in a special separate conex box. Sgt Brown has been sent to Iwakuni to inventory MABS-15 gear which remained behind.

(U) Base Services implemented a new trash collection contract this month; however, Mr. Lee of Bangkok has turned in his 2 week notice to break his contract, so a new bid has been asked for a new trash collector. Of a projected 38 trash stands to be constructed 18 have been completed. 108 metal road signs were purchased for the base road system, and installation has started this month. In addition 34 urinal screens have been placed around the base. AMPAC was fully operational this month as per contract.

(C) The Security Element has continued to improve base security this month. A Thai national civilian survey team has been surveying the base's vital areas for a proposed chain link fence and security lights. A sapper demonstration team presented 1½ hr. class on sapper techniques attended by 300 Task Force Delta personnel. Over 2800 meters of tanglefoot has been installed around the bomb dump perimeter. Brig Gen. Taylor and Special Colonel SUPOT agreed upon an proposed internal security boundry line within which the Marines will have responsibility. The proposed boundry line will be submitted to the Supreme Thai Commander for final approval. A civil disturbance reaction platoon was formed by MABS-15 and trained by the Security Element. A Customs Inspection class was held and 30 personnel were trained for possibly employment during retrograde operations.

(U) MATCU-62 continued to provide Air Traffic Control for Air Operations at Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand. This month there were 5887 Tower Operations, 579 GCA approaches, and 53 TACAN approaches, In addition total operations increased by 2506 from last month.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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1. Administration
1-30 November 1972

MABS-15 continued operations and service in support of MAG-15 and Task Force Delta.

2. Intelligence
1-30 November 1972

All Officer meetings held by the Commanding Officer in connection with support operations at present location.

3. Training
16-18 November 1972

Customs Inspector School trained 5 personnel from MABS-15.

4. Special Operations
1-30 November 1972

None.

5. Command Relations
1-30 November 1972

As
As normal.

6. Logistics
1-30 November 1972

Utilities- Retrofit of huts discontinued due to shortage of materials, 278 completed 78 remaining. Officer and Staff Clubs pads laid, work on clubs progressing. Wash basin installed outside messhall. Athletic field completed. Work on new USO stage initiated. Usage hours on Heavy Equipment: forklift 284 hrs., M-65 crane 720 hrs., CFM Air Compressor 19 hrs., 550 grader 13 hrs.

1-30 November 1972

Motor Transport- Vehicles logged 82,246 miles. 45 of 49 MAG-15 Squadron personnel passed Driver's School test. Dispensed 107,897 gallons of JP-4, 23,194 gallons of 80 Oct. fuel, 103,889 gallons of Diesel, 900,000 gallons of non-potable water and 180,000 gallons of potable water. 202 Tactical Equipment Repair Orders were completed. Turned 3 M-51 dump trucks, 1 M-61 5 ton water tanker, 1 M151A1 jeep from Navy over to AMPAC.

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1-30 November 1972

Crash Crew- Civilian Structural Fire Department formed, supported by Army 7th HRRS, consists of 18 Thai civilian. 50 ton R&H Crash Rescue and Salvage Crane arrived and being made operable; will provide off base crashes with portable lifting. Responded to 20 aircraft emergencies including: blown tires, unsafe gear indications, Fire Warning lights, hot brakes, hung ordnance.

1-30 November 1972

Recovery- Made 31 aircraft arrestments none involving emergencies. M-21 arresting gear had 1 system malfunction when taped curled in sheaves. South ~~short~~ gear installed with arrival of new apron and diesel retrieve engine.

1-30 November 1972

TAFDS- Received 2,850,668 gallons of JP-4, dispensed 2,924,092 gallons of JP-4. Fire Extinguisher Class held. 1 10,000 gallon tank ruptured.

1-30 November 1972

Material- Embarkation Requirements submitted to MAG-15 S-4. Serialized inventory of Squadron Weapons held and all accounted. Reaction platoon gear staged in separate conex box.

1-30 November 1972

Base Services- New trash collection contract made, notification of desire to break contract given, new bid released to replace old contractor. 18 of 34 trash stands completed. 108 road signs purchased and initial installment started. 38 urinal screens emplaced.

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7. MATCU-62
1-30 November 1972

Total Operations increased by 2506.
Handled 5887 Tower Operations, 579
GCA approaches, and 53 TACAN
approaches.

8. Communications
1 November 1972

MIJI log initiated in TSC-15 van.

24 November 1972

Retrograded 1 TSC-15, 2 TRC-75, 1
AN/GRC-135 and 1 PU-565 generator.

25 November 1972

H&MS-15 GSE replaced MMG-2 power
converter and NB-3 generator. AMPAC
replaced 100KW generator.

25 November 1972

Counter-poise antenna erected on
TSC-15 van.

27 November 1972

Rotating signal light installed on
TSC-15 tower.

9. Security Element
8-10 November 1972

30 man MABS-15 reaction platoon
trained by Security Element.

16-18 November 1972

30 personnel trained as Military
Customs Inspector by Security
Element.

18 November 1972

1½ hr. Sapper Demonstration attended
by 300 personnel of Task Force Delta.

20-23 November 1972

Thai Survey team surveyed vital areas
to determine location of chain link
fence and security lighting. Internal
Boundary Line delineating Marine
responsibility within was proposed bet-
ween BGen. Taylor and Special Colonel
Supot, and submitted to Supreme Thai
Commander.

1-30 November 1972

2800 meters of tanglefoot has been
completed around bomb dump perimeter.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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