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917th Field Training Detachment
3635th Flying Training Group (ATC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
AFB 143, San Francisco, California

REPLY TO
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SUBJECT: Summary of Detachment Activities (U)

11 July 1964

TO: 3635th Flying Training Group (AT-AS)
Nevada AFB, Nevada

THRU: AFGR-CCH

1. (U) The following report is submitted in accordance with Eq ATC classified letter, Subject: Transfer of Responsibility of FTD 917th (U), 17 June 1963.
2. GENERAL: (U) This report covers the period of 1 July 1964 through 10 July 1964.
3. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING: (C)

a. Student pilot training class 64B completed helicopter flying training on 3 July 1964. A total of 4 students were eliminated from this class due to lack of flying proficiency. The remaining 26 students satisfactorily completed the flying course and formal VNAI graduation ceremonies will be held on 18 July 1964. A total of 189:30 flying hours was used to complete the class, giving the students an average total flying time of 73 hours.

b. The graduation of class 64B completes the requirements placed upon FTD 917th in Vietnam. A total of 95 Vietnamese student pilots will have been graduated from this training program upon completion of ceremonies on 18 July 1964.

c. Academic training ended on 7 July for the 26 student pilots of class 64B. Instruction during this month consisted of 8 hours of operational flying and 6 hours of weather.

d. Academic training ended for the 31 student mechanics on 8 July with 18 hours of instruction being completed on the aircraft electrical system. The student mechanics also completed 18 hours of flight line maintenance during this reporting period. During this entire period a total of 92 mechanics were graduated.

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e. Academic training was completed for both pilots and mechanics ahead of schedule and final grades have been tabulated and submitted to VNAF. The biggest problem encountered during this class was the low English comprehension and lack of understanding of most students. However, through repetition, patience, and extra instruction to the weaker students this was for the most part overcome.

4. MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY: (C)

a. Our last class completed their flight training on 3 July. At one time we were down to only six (6) aircraft in-commission due to urgent action technical order 1M-19-608 which required radiographing of all pitch control rods except eighteen which were not affected. The rods had to be flown to Air America, Taipei, Formosa for radiograph since this service was not available in Vietnam.

b. Through strenuous efforts and long hours by all maintenance personnel these six aircraft were kept in-commission and flew morning, afternoon and night.

c. All aircraft have been placed in storage until final disposition instructions are received. All detachment property has been turned in or accounted for.

d. The majority of maintenance personnel are in the process of clearing for their rotation to the ZI.

e. Aircraft status report for 1 through 10 July 1964:

(1) Average number possessed	16
(2) Percent in-commission	58.3
(3) Percent AOPC	37.5
(4) Percent scheduled maintenance	0
(5) Percent unscheduled maintenance	4.2
(6) Total FCF's	2
(7) Total monthly flying time	124.6
(8) Average flying time per aircraft	7.7

f. For the entire period of this school the total hours flown was 8391:45 with an average in-commission rate of 74%.

5. (U) This letter is classified confidential to conform with the classification assigned by Hq ATC message ATPAT-9 48779/12 Dec 62, to information pertaining to this period.

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AIR FORCE ADVISORY GROUP, USMACV, APO 143, San Francisco, California

TO: 3635th Flying Training Group, (AT-AT), Stead AFB, Nevada

1. The performance of the 917th Field Training Detachment was outstanding throughout its period of deployment in the Republic of Vietnam.

2. The pilot and maintenance personnel production has enabled VNAF to develop a helicopter capability and contributed significantly to the operational capability of the Vietnamese Air Force.

3. The 917th Field Training Detachment is being recommended for the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for this period of service.

4. When separated from the basic correspondence this indorsement will be downgraded to unclassified.

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Brigadier General, USAF
Chief

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1. The continuation of this unit completed the required mission of the 917th FTD in Vietnam. The unit will be regenerated, renamed 916th FTD, and will be assigned to the 3635th Flying Training Group upon completion of the current mission.

2. The 917th FTD will be disbanded, only for the 24 months period of deployment, and will be reconstituted as a 916th FTD upon completion of the current mission.

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