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Detachment 7, 38ARRS, DaNang AB, RVN

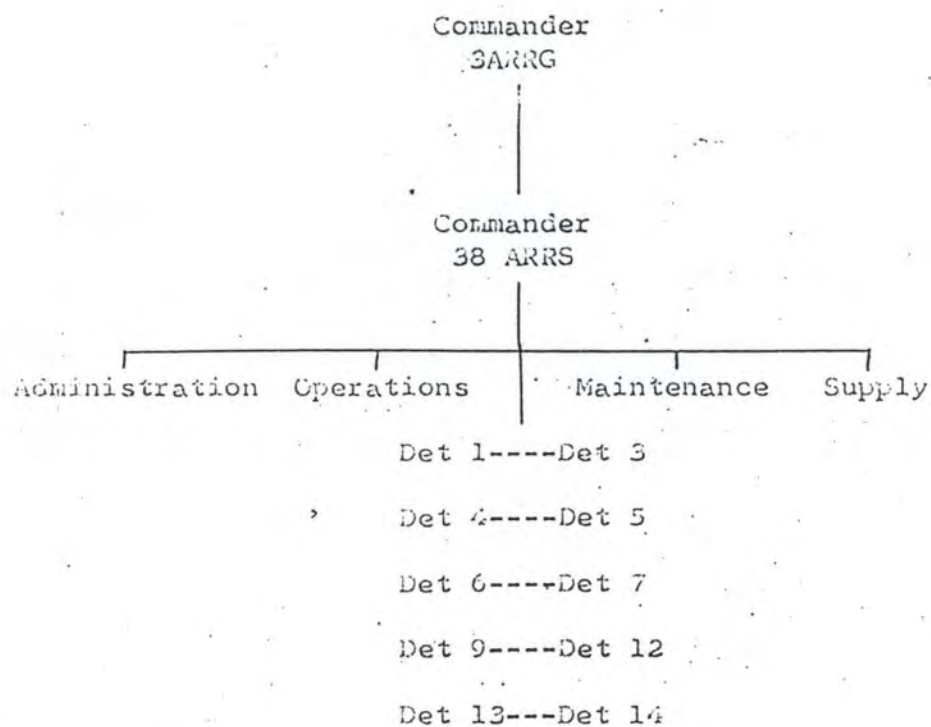
Detachment 9, 38ARRS, Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand

Detachment 12, 38ARRS, U-Tapao RTAFB, Thailand

Detachment 13, 38ARRS, Phu Cat AB, RVN

Detachment 14, 38ARRS, Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN

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ORGANIZATION CHART



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CHAPTER II

RESOURCES

Personnel

Authorized Versus Assigned

The following table depicts the manning situation throughout the 38ARRS as of 31 March 1971:¹

	<u>AUTHORIZED</u>	<u>ASSIGNED JANUARY</u>	<u>ASSIGNED FEBRUARY</u>	<u>ASSIGNED MARCH</u>
Officers	71	70	61	67
Airmen	161	146	133	131
Total	232	216	194	198

PERSONNEL LOSSES:

Lt Col Donald E. Jensen,
Commander²

11 Feb 71,

Capt Steven P. Weston,
Maintenance Officer³

5 Jan 71,

Roster of Key Personnel

Lt Col John F. Ward,

Commander

Major Stanley O. Schaeetzle,

Operations Officer

Captain Lorenzo M. Crowell, Jr.,
Standardization Officer

Aircrew

1. PCN 3707A, Military Airlift Command Unit Dated Listing as of 31 March 1971
2. Squadron Monthly Personnel Roster, Feb 71
3. Ibid, Jan 71

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Captain Hoyt R. Evans, Jr.,
Officer

Administration

Captain Ronald King,

Maintenance Officer

1st Lt Howard R. Wallace,

Supply Officer

Major James C. Dritt,

Commander, Det 1

Major Lowell D. Ketchum,

Commander, Det 3

Major Richard H. Heitz,

Commander, Det 4

Major Ireston E. Koentop,

Commander, Det 5

Major Elmer Funderburk, Jr.,

Commander, Det 6

Major Stanley L. Thompson,

Commander, Det 7

Major Bobby S. Lay,

Commander, Det 9

Major Eric J. Moore,

Commander, Det 12

Major Allan L. Gruer,

Commander, Det 13

Major Louis C. Lewis, Jr.,

Commander, Det 14

Aircraft

As of 31 March 1971, the total authorized aircraft assigned was 15 HH-43B and 6 HH-43F aircraft. During the quarter, TOTO 1450-3-501 was completed on assigned aircraft. The following one time inspections were also accomplished on our aircraft during this quarter:

a. 28 Jan 71 - Inspection of Azimuth Bar Assembly

Bearing Retaining Screws.

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b. 5 Feb 71 - T-53 Engines, HH-43B/F aircraft.

c. 11 Feb 71 - Inspection of T-53-L1B Engine Overspeed Governor Linkage Bolt.

d. 2 Mar 71 - Inspection of HH-43 Outboard Flap Bearing.

There were no aircraft transfers during this quarter.

Aircraft Inventory

<u>Type/Model/Series</u>	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
HH-43B	15	15
HH-43F	6	6
TOTAL	21	21

Facilities

There have been no changes in the facilities of Hq 30AARS. Detachment 12, U-Tapao RTAFB, Thailand, did receive a new concrete ramp in March 1971.

SUMMARY OF DETACHMENT ACTIVITIESDetachment 1

The year 1971 was greeted as the year of the "DEROS" by all personnel. The Administration Officer, Capt J. J. Geubtner, departed for the LBR detachment at McDill AFB, Florida. His duties were assumed by Capt Nelson. Sgt Cooper, the replacement for the NCOIC, Administration, has a firm port call of 15 April, and should arrive this station about 17 April. Firefighting manning continued to be a problem during this quarter with undermanning and further training to be accomplished. It is hoped that by April, this manning problem will be alleviated.

The overall operations activities were spectacular and reflect clearly the superior skill and dedication of all our people. Naturally, the outstanding air/ground safety record of no accidents/incidents was successfully sustained. During February, AC Capt Nelson was credited with four combat saves on 30 Jan 71. In the area of training, two pilots were upgraded to Aircraft Commander, Captains Nelson and Klingbeil. Capt Loper was upgraded to Flight Examiner, SSgts Rivera and Hunt completed Airborne Firefighters Training, and SSgt Ball successfully completed an annual FE check. Four additional upgrades were SSgt Emerson to Instructor Airborne Firefighter, Sgt Fisher to Instructor Helicopter Mechanic, Sgt Jones to

Helicopter Mechanic, and Sgt Edgerton to Helicopter Mechanic.

Maintenance support continues to be outstanding. In February, corrosion control was the only serious problem due to the close proximity of the hoist training to salt spray. The Six Month Activity Inspection by the 35TFW on 4 Jan 71, was outstanding. Our followup 180 Day Activity Inspection also this month, was marred by only one writeup (two points).

Further improvements continued to be made. Repairs to the alert bunker are already approximately 90% complete. An unanticipated problem area was uncovered when uncoordinated improvements were made on our fire pit by fire department personnel. These improvements rendered the fire pit unusable by our helicopters. After much deliberation, a much improved fire pit was constructed in March.

Lt Colonels Jensen and Ward visited the unit on 1-2 Feb, for a Mail and Farewell visit. Lt Col Jensen presented the Air Medal (Basic) to Capt H. J. Bennett and the Air Medal (7 OLC) to SSgt J. F. Ball.¹

Detachment 5

Det 5 flew a monthly average of 60 hours and 66 sorties during this quarter. The average hours flown in training sorties were 46.4; in scrambles, 12.3; and in FCFs, 2.1. The

1. Commander's Monthly Report.

Base Civil Engineer has negotiated with the Thai Base Commander and received approval for construction of a new base fire pit. The excess amount of coordination required to have training fires is still a problem but construction of the new pit should remedy this.

The average quarterly OR and NORS rates were as follows: OR rate - 97.8; NORM rate - 1.2; NORS rate - 0. A one time inspection of the T-53 engine oil system nozzle to numbers 3 and 4 bearing was accomplished with no defects noted. A program was initiated to have an auxiliary fuel tank made for the detachment's aircraft, but an F-4 auxiliary tank was obtained from the base and is now in the base shop being modified. It is hoped to have this tank operational by early April.

Two administrative projects were completed during this period. A careful screening of our present publications requirements was made to determine applicability to the unit. All Air Force publications were organized in a Master file and an AF Form 764A for each has been posted to the records of the detachment and the local PDO. A project to clean up the unit safe and improve procedures for storage of classified material proved highly successful. The IG inspection in January found only a few discrepancies in the administrative area and these writeups were all corrected within one day.

Bench stock level is 27 items approved and on hand. A total of 25 special level items is now authorized at Base Supply but not all are in the system at this time. There are no other significant supply problems.

The detachment is now using the recently acquired port-a-camp trailer as alert sleeping quarters. This has provided some badly needed space within the detachment building. A complete rearrangement of office has been accomplished, hopefully providing a better working atmosphere. The trailer appears to have some problems for use as sleeping quarters. The noise level appears to be unacceptable. Ways of soundproofing are being considered at this time. Work orders for an additional door and covered walkway from the detachment to the trailer have been approved and are awaiting issue of materials.

There were several staff visits and inspections throughout the quarter. The 13AF IG inspected the detachment on 4 Jan 71. All areas were rated satisfactory. Formal reply to all discrepancies was submitted 26 Jan 71. Also in Jan, the 38th Commander, Lt Col Jensen and Lt Col Ward visited the unit for a Mail and Farewell visit. A 3ARRG Standardization Inspection of the unit was performed on 2-4 Feb 71, by Major McCants and MSgt Ross. The unit received a highly satisfactory rating.²

2. Ibid.

Detachment 6

Throughout the quarter, the operations section progressed satisfactorily. The standardization program continues to be very active due to a rapid turnover of personnel and the required training of unqualified replacements.

Maintenance support of operations was excellent throughout the quarter. The average operationally ready rate for the quarter was 38.5%, with an average of 58.3 total flying hours. Aircraft 63-9714 completed a major phase inspection in Jan. Aircraft 63-9716 went through its tenth scheduled phase inspection during the period from 1 Feb to 4 Feb 71, but no major maintenance was required.

Facility improvements included the repainting of the interiors of both the alert facilities and the maintenance administrative building. As part of the Bien Hoa beautification project, several varieties of flowers have been planted in front of the detachment. They are doing exceptionally well and soon should add some color around the detachment.

A number of awards have been approved for the personnel of the detachment. Lt Col Jensen, in his departing Hail and Farewell visit presented three Air Medals (Basic), two Air Medals (1 OLC) and two Air Force Commendation Medals. A large

number of Air Medals were awarded to other crew members throughout the remaining two months of the quarter.³

Detachment 7

Det 7 continued to operate successfully in all endeavors through the quarter. Of special significance was the rescue of two distressed swimmers off of China Beach in March. The performance of this achievement reflects the "can do" attitude of the entire detachment.

The average operationally ready rates for the quarter are as follows: OR - 87.1; NORS - 4.1; and NORM - 8.7. We have had further discussions with the Wing Commander on the FSK mission. Our use of equipment would be handicapped by adverse conditions such as strong winds from the east, and limited alert notification time.

Work has begun on the party/lounge room located in a building adjacent to the detachment. This building was used primarily to play ping pong and served no useful purpose at all. New walls, floors, tile, bar, TV, air conditioner and hopefully furniture will make this party hooch an outstanding facility.⁴

Detachment 9

The Det 9 standardization program was inspected in Jan, followed by an inspection of the safety program in Feb. Both

4. Ibid.

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areas were found to be satisfactory with only minor discrepancies noted.

Summary of flying and maintenance activity: (Quarterly average)

Flying hours - 77.5

Category I scrambles - 0

Category II scrambles - 37

Civic action missions - 2

Base support missions - 6

NORS rate - 0.6%

NORM rate - 23.5*

OR rate - 75.9%

*NORM rate is high due to re-hab of aircraft 543 and phase inspection which began on 23 Feb. Two sets of rotor blades were changed due to occurrence of blisters under polyethylene cover. EURs have been submitted.

Two self-help projects were recently completed; sealer has been applied to hangar floor; helipad at fire pit has been painted with reflective paint to enhance night operations.⁵

5. Ibid.

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Detachment 13

The detachment experienced a rather "nasty" incident on the base perimeter 12 Feb, a Security Police jeep struck a machine, resulting in two KIA and the jeep destroyed. We were the agency that located the site and bodies after the incident. The LST scrambles in March increased to 27 with a group of F-105s from Phan Rang staging out of Phu Cat. There is currently a change in the operating philosophy of the Army Dust off unit in this area. We received a request from the 12th AF to carry two seriously injured patients to Qui Nhon; JCS approved the mission but advised that we treat the sortie as base support rather than emergency medevac. Apparently AFW dust off helicopters will not carry civilian patients, a policy that seems to be adopted by US Army dust off. The local dispensary commander has been directed to study and devise a working letter of agreement with the Army Medical Evacuation Group. This issue is being carefully monitored as an increased number of requests for assistance from the Phu Cat Dispensary is anticipated. Two additional missions were capably performed by Detachment personnel.

Mission 313-30-000, 20 Mar 71, was an emergency medevac of a Vietnamese woman with shrapnel wounds of head, neck and

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chert; and mission #13-33-007, same date, was a 13-year old Vietnamese male suffering multiple gunshot and shrapnel wounds to the feet and amputated fingers.

The average NOCS/HOMN/ON rates for the quarter are as follows: ON - 15.0; HOMN - 3.0; NOCS - 2.0.

Special emphasis was placed on aircraft cleanliness and appearance, in addition to serviceability standards expected. An additional significant happening for March is that the flotation batteries are now being handled and processed by the Host Base Flotation Shop.

There were a number of visits to the unit during this quarter. A VAF 10 team was on Phu Cat from 21-30 Jan. The detachment was not looked at in any area, except that the team chief did come over to see the LBA detachment "that he'd heard about", had a cup of coffee, and left. 100 Day activity inspection was conducted by a 333d Maintenance/Supply team from 17-19 Jan, and was passed with favorable comment. Discrepancies have been answered. Col Schoeneman, new Wing Commander, toured our facility prior to General Kozano's visit to Phu Cat in February.

A number of projects have been initiated in order to beautify the detachment area. Detachment personnel completed

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some more painting, raised a flag pole, complete with Negro
flag, planted a garden, cleaned out a rat's nest in some nearby
area, installed a French drain for kitchen water runoff and
started the preliminaries for a parking lot. Col. Coughen, Base
Commander, stopped by and is looking into the possibility of
base water for the unit, and if we get it.....we'll turn
this place into an oasis.^o

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