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I Mission and Personnel

1. Mission: The mission of the 35th Security Police Squadron is to defend the personnel and resources of Phan Rang Air Base against any nature of enemy attack, to gather and coordinate intelligence with all available friendly forces, and to insure that law and order prevail.

2. Major Personnel Changes

- a. **Capt. Claine J. Petersen**, an intelligence-trained security policeman, on 10 April 1969 replaced 1st/LT. A. C. Rock III as Coordinating Officer, Installation Coordination Center (ICC). Lt. Rock assumed the duties of Squadron Section Commander.
- b. **1ST/LT Morton J. Bond** assumed duties as Law Enforcement Officer on 12 April 1969, replacing Capt John R. Mc Elhaney who departed PCS to USAFE.
- c. **1ST/LT Ronald E. White**, Asst. Security Operations Officer, departed PCS on 22 June 1969 for Stewart AFB, N.Y.
- d. **CMSgt James K. Driggers** on 12 June 1969 assumed the duties of SPS Superintendent, replacing SSgt Raymond Turner who retired upon completion of his tour in March 1969.
- e. **TSgt Gerald C. Taylor** assumed duties as Law Enforcement NCOIC on 9 June 1969, replacing TSgt Glenn R. Osburn who departed PCS for USAFE.
- f. **SSgt John H. Wienand III** assumed duties as NCOIC of Classified Management on 10 June 1969, replacing SSgt Arthur J. Wardle who departed PCS for USAFE.
- g. **SSgt Garland E Sanders** on 1 May 69 assumed duties as OJT Supervisor, replacing SSgt Howard A. Hicks who departed PCS for USAFE.
- h. **TSgt George A. Daft** assumed duties as Training NCOIC on 16 June 69, replacing SSgt James V. Smith who departed PCS for Blytheville AFB, Arkansas.

3. Roster of Key Personnel - a/o 30 June 69

- a. **Chief Security Police** Lt/Col Donald E. Reeves
- b. **Operations** Major William H. Powell
- c. **Security Operations** Capt David L. Bronn
- d. **ICC** Capt Claine Peterson
- e. **Training/Supply** Capt John P. Todd
- f. **Law Enforcement** 1st /LT. Morton J. Bond
- g. **Section Commander** 1st /LT. Albert C. Rock III
- h. **Superintendent** CMSgt James K. Driggers
- i. **Sec Ops NCOIC** MSgt William B. Frazier
- j. **First Sergeant** TSgt Joseph E. Moore

4. Decorations

Major W. H. Powell	Silver Star
SSgt L. G. Kirk	Silver Star
Sgt T. J. Caputo	Silver Star
TSgt W. Hart	Bronze Star
SSgt R. C. Logan	Bronze Star
SSgt L. R. Kelley	Bronze Star
Sgt R. D. Claunch	Bronze Star
Sgt D. M. Hatton	Bronze Star
Lt. Co. D. E. Reeves	Air Force Commendation Medal
SSgt C.D. Presnail	Air Force Commendation Medal
SSgt H. J. Kauppa	Air Force Commendation Medal
Sgt T. M. Hunstiger	Air Force Commendation Medal
A1C J. C. Loftis	Air Force Commendation Medal Purple Heart (<i>Posthumously</i>)
A1C J. R. Dean	Air Force Commendation Medal
A1C A. L. Lampe	Air Force Commendation Medal
Sgt C. Johnson	Purple Heart
Sgt H. Harris	Purple Heart
A1C J. L. Alexander	Purple Heart
A1C R. E. Timmons	Purple Heart

5. Deaths

- a. **A1C Lawrence H. Grillo**, B Flight Security, was killed when **lightning struck his tower at Juliett-10**, on 28 May 69.
- b. **A1C Joel C. Loftis**, Sentry Dog Handler, was killed at 1620 hours of 7 June 69 during a daylight attack in which a Chicom 107 mm rocket impacted in the K-9 barracks area.

6. Wounded

- a. **Sgt Chancellor Johnson** was seriously wounded during the 7 June attack. He was air-evacuated to Cam Ranh Bay AB.
- b. **A1C Johnson L. Alexander** received leg wounds during the 6 June attack.
- c. **Sgt Harold Harris** received minor wounds during the 7 June attack.
- d. **A1C Robert E. Timmons** was seriously wounded by 82 mm mortar fragments during an attack against the base at 2359 hours, 18 June 1969. He was air-evacuated to Cam Ranh Bay AB.

II Resources: Equipment / Facilities

1. **The Sentry Dog Section remodeled its own Armory** to accommodate 60 PT 200 radios, thereby relieving the SPS Armory of some of its workload.
 - a. **The Kennel Support building was repainted** inside and out; the obstacle course was repaired and the sentry dog graveyard was refurbished.
2. **Personnel from the 821st CSPPS installed a sizeable number of anti-personnel pressure mines** between fences on the perimeter.
 - a. **SPS personnel constructed 137 new earthen-type fighting bunkers** inside the perimeter.
 - b. **A team from Pacific GEEIA Region in Hawaii surveyed the base** prior to installation of tactical security support equipment (TSSE) during 1970.
 - c. **On 26 June 69 a local BEEIA Team began to install telephone land-lines** from CSC to all Towers and major bunkers.
3. **Munitions stocks were increased to authorizations.** Relocation of munitions storage was completed. Three magazines

were added and the new complex surrounded with some 370 tons of sand.

a. Armory-interior was repainted; weapons/equipment racks were repainted; maintenance area was modified by constructing additional cleaning tables; all weapons were renumbered; one additional VRC 47 unit was acquired.

III Training and Supply

1. Training Accomplishments

a. During the quarter, 350 Security Policemen completed incountry training; training completed for 218 initial and 308 recurring augmentees.

b. Training evaluated a Red Option II exercise on 23 June 69.

c. OJT Status

	In Tng	Excess	Tng	Upgrade	Code Y
Apr	104	32	22		16
May	30	13	53		18
Jun	98	9	15		3

b. CBPO's SMSgt Mayfield inspected the OJT section on 8 April. He rated the Maintenance of the Consolidated Training Records from 623, unsatisfactory. In a follow-up inspection on 9 May those records and the OJT section were adjudged satisfactory.

c. On 8 May Capt Cormine and SSgt Cerre from 7th AF conducted an OJT Staff Assistance visit. They reported the SPS/OJT program to be commendable.

d. SSgt Jimmy D. Brookshire during June assumed the squadron supply duties.

IV Operations

1. The Air Base was attacked 11 times during the quarter. The enemy did not repeat his 26 January 69 attempt to penetrate the perimeter but he broadened his use of long-range rockets to include attacks during broad daylight. All attacks were of the standoff weapons variety using the Chicom 107mm rocket and/or 82mm mortar. The total rounds impacting on the installation was 151, 22 rockets and 129 mortars. Damage to resources was relatively light, but there was a greater than normal casualty rate: 2 USAF KIA, 12 USAF WIA, 1 US civilian WIA, and 8 RVN civilians WIA. The 2 Air Force members were killed when the enemy launched from the North an unprecedented afternoon attack at 1620 hours, 7 June. The attack was characterized by disbelief and general confusion on the part of most base personnel. Security Policemen, in spite of the siren, had difficulty convincing crowds of people that the base was under attack and that there was wisdom in seeking shelter. The siren had been delayed, also caused by confusion over the nature of the (3) explosions. Since that time the Chief Security Police has made it policy to sound the siren upon any probable launch flash or unknown explosion, acting on the principle that it is more desirable to initiate a false alarm than to take the chance of suffering further casualties. Security Policemen, further, are instructed to order all personnel to shelter when the base comes under attack, and to report any who do not comply.

2. Breakdown of attacks during the I

April 1969 - 30 June 1969 quarter.

Date	Type	Number	Impact
13 0128Hrs (Apr)	107/82 mm	5/8	Lox, 101st N. runway/W22
13 0150Hrs			Runway/W22
13 0256Hrs			
21 2354Hrs (Apr)	107 mm	05	Runway
25 2320Hrs (Apr)	82 mm	10	500 M from fence-line
12 0047Hrs (May)	82 mm	30	C-123 area
16 0021Hrs (May)	82 mm	22	Delta area
22 0003Hrs (May)	82 mm	18	Delta area
06 0303Hrs (Jun)	107/82 mm	5/10	Revetment/Aerial Port A+E RMK Equipment
07 1620Hrs (Jun)	107 mm	03	K-9 BKs/ CSPS Clothing
11 0001Hrs (Jun)	82 mm	17	Delta area
18 2359Hrs (Jun)	82 mm	14	Beach Gate
20 1924Hrs (Jun)	107 mm	04	Runway/Seahorse area

Problem Areas

1. Vehicle replacement parts were scarce during the quarter. A new motor pool sub-section, "Vehicle

Administration and Supply" was created to coordinate and equipment acquisition among the SPS Base Motor Pool, and Base Supply. There has been some success in procurement under this program, and improvement should continue during the next quarter.

2. Manning, last quarter's most severe problem area, improved notably during this quarter. Against the authorized assigned strength of 564 enlisted men and 8 officers, 1 April 1969 reflected 460/8, far below full strength. As of 30 June, however, there were 550 enlisted men and 7 officers present for duty.

3. Manning continued to affect the Sentry Dog (K-9) Section, however as normal rotation without timely replacements depleted its ranks. Five SPS volunteers cross-trained into the field to bolster the section; two of these were sent to Showa AFB, Japan, for training. Sgt D.A. Travis graduated as Honor Student and AIC G. E. Sandvik as runner-up Honor Student.

a. The K-9 section, headquartered apart from the squadron proper near the North perimeter, continued to suffer from electrical and water supply problems. Electricity is supplied by a generator which had to be replaced 5 times during the quarter due to malfunctions. Aside from the obvious problems, a stock of medical supplies requiring refrigeration had to be transported to the dispensary during extended periods of power outage. All water now is transported to the section in water tanks the base water supply having been discontinued.