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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 TO 31 DECEMBER 1972

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION	COMMANDER
Marine Air Base Squadron 15	Major D.J. KIELY, JR. (1-31 December 1972)

ATTACHED UNITS

MATCU-62 (1-31 December 1972)

SECURITY ELEMENT (1-31 December 1972)

2. LOCATION	PERIOD
Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand	(1-31 December 1972)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major H.F. PYLE (1-31 December 1972)
Administrative Officer	2ndLt R.P. GWINN (1-31 December 1972)
Legal Officer	2ndLt R.P. GWINN (1-31 December 1972)
Base Operations Officer	Major J.H. BUCHANAN (1-31 December 1972)
Material Officer	1stLt J.R. TRUSTEY (6-31 December 1972)
	Capt R.L. BORDELON (1-5 December 1972)
Communications Officer	Capt R.D. BROWNE (1-31 December 1972)
Base Services Officer	1stLt L.E. SHARPLESS (1-31 December 1972)

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Human Affairs Officer	1stLt M.C. FASSINO (1-31 December 1972)
Training Officer	1stLt T.M. THOMAS (13-31 December 1972)
	1stLt M.C. FASSINO (1-12 December 1972)
Education Officer	1stLt M.C. FASSINO (1-31 December 1972)
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt P.G. HILL (1-31 December 1972)
Utilities Officer	CWO-1 G.H. MASSEY (1-31 December 1972)
Heavy Equipment Officer	CWO-1 G.H. MASSEY (1-31 December 1972)
TAFDS Officer	1stLt D.A. WILLIAMS (1-31 December 1972)
Officer-in-Charge MATCU-62	Capt H.D. HOLLIS (1-31 December 1972)
Officer-in-Charge SECURITY ELEMENT	Major K.N. ZIKE (1-31 December 1972)
Weather Officer	CWO-4 G. WALKER (1-31 December 1972)
MARES Officer	1stLt T.M. THOMAS (1-31 December 1972)
Officer-in-Charge H&MS-15 Det "C"	Major J.K. ALBRIGHT (1-31 December 1972)

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

MABS-15		USN		USAF	
Officer	Enlisted	Officer	Enlisted	Officer	Enlisted
39	912	5	35	0	0

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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(U) During the period 1-31 December 1972, Marine Air Base Squadron 15 continued its operations in support of Marine Aircraft Group 15 and Task Force Delta, at Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand.

(U) During December the Utilities Section devoted its man hours to preparation and construction of the stage and area for the Bob Hope Christmas Show. They cleared and graded the area, constructed the stage, built head facilities, installed power and running water, and placed vans used as dressing rooms. This area is now to be used for all future USO shows and base movie. The Heavy Equipment Section logged in over 782 hrs on its equipment during this month: 6000 lb forklift-252 hrs., M-65 Crane-321 hrs., Scooploaders-14 hrs., 15 ton P&H Crane-10 hrs., 550 Grader-52 hrs., M-62 Welders-24 hrs., and CFM Air Compresser-9 hrs.

(U) The TAFD'S section continued to support MAG-15's A-6/F-4 tactical aircraft and KC-130 aerial refuelers by dispensing 2,793,897 gallons of JP-4, and receiving 2,793,731 gallons. This section continued to operate effectively inspite of a personnel shortage. The section also continued its embarkation preparations.

(U) The Material section continued its efforts to insure embarkation preparedness within the squadron. It was forced to stop 2720 requisitions on the Navy side due to lack of funds. A Ready Issue Outlet is being relocated by Marine Corps Property in the Motor Transport/Utilities complex.

(U) Base Services awarded a new trash contract, which became effective December 18, 1972, to Mr. Tae Liang Tew from Udorn. However a request for termination of contract was submitted to the Area Property Disposal Office based upon (1) theft of U.S. goverment property (2) failure to perform. On 26 December Mr. Tew requested termination of the same contract at Bangkok for unknown reasons.

(U) During December the Communications section organized its facilities into a unified complex which is designed to enhance message handling procedures. The section held an all systems check of back TRC-97E vans and the vans are in a standby status and the counterpoise antenna was relocated for better reception. They also installed the sound system for the Bob Hope Show.

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(U) During December MATCU-62 continued its mission of providing air traffic control for RTAFB Nam Phong, Thailand. There were 4419 tower operations, 388 GCA approches, and 37 TACAN approaches which were handled. MATCU-62 controlled a wide variety of aircraft from tactical aircraft and transports to trainers and helicopters.

(C) Crash Crew responded to 20 aircraft emergencies this month. These emergencies varied and include 3 unsafe gear indications, 6 landings with faulty engines, 5 hot brakes, 1 hung refueling probe, and 2 fire warning lights. A Air Force B-52 also made an emergency landing with 3 engines out. Crash Crew assistance was also required at an explosion at the ready issue bomb dump, and a fire near sick bay, 5 medivacs, and 1 standby for loading class "A" cargo.

(U) The Recovery section made 26 aircraft arrestments of which two involved aircraft emergencies. The midfield gear broke one deck pendant due to excessive a/c speed/gross weight. The south abort gear has been certified for recovery operations on 2 December, 1972. The section has one set of "arrest" signs on the primary gear at midfield.

(U) Motor Transport section transported 99,800 gal. of JP-4, 17,448 gal. of 80 Oct., 103,197 gal. of Diesel this month. In addition 672,955 gal. of non-potable water and 136,700 gal. of potable water was delivered to various squadron water points. Motor Transport vehicles logged in 80,152 miles during December, and completed 188 Tactical Equipment Repair Orders. MAG-15 MTO issued 67 licenses of which 12 were renewals.

(U) During the period 8-19 December the Aerial Port personnel were rotated, Capt MONAHAN USAF is the Commander. During December the section handled a total of 169 inbound/outbound aircraft varying from KC-130 to C-5A's. 1,270,000 lbs. of cargo was off loaded and 853 passengers while 192,000 lbs. and 1172 passengers was on loaded for the month totally 1,462000 lbs. and 2025 passengers processed by airfreight during December.

(U) During December a security conference was held in the OICC office in Bangkok to work out final details concerning the security lighting and fencing. The awarding of the construction contract has been delayed. The new Thai Security Commander is Capt. SA AD. On 21 December, 47 RTAF personnel arrived to supplement existing security guard. This raised the total to 103 persons available to implement Phase I External Security. On 22 December external patrolling by Thai guards began, consisting of 1-12 man day patrol and 2-12 man night patrols. This month 4 bunkers were emplaced, and 5 towers were relocated, and 24 one man positions were constructed around the airfield.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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1. Administration 1-31 December 1972	MABS-15 continued operations and service in support of MAG-15 and Task Force Delta.
2. Intelligence 1-31 December 1972	All Officers meetings held by the Commanding Officer in connection with support operations at present location.
3. Special Operations 1-20 December 1972	Construction of Bob Hope Stage and area for Christmas Show.
4. Command Relations 1-31 December 1972	As normal.
5. Logistics 1-31 December 1972	Utilities- Major effort directed towards construction of Bob Hope Stage and area: landscaping, stage construction, head facilities, running water and dressing vans. Heavy Equipment usage hours: 6,000 lb. Forklift-252 hrs., M-65 crane-321 hrs., Scoopeloader-14 hrs., 15 ton P&H-10 hrs., 550 Grader-52 hrs., M-62 Welder-24 hrs., and CFM Air Compressor-8 hrs.
1-31 Demember 1972	TAFDS- Received 2,793,731 gal. of JP-4, dispensed 2,793,897 gal. of JP-4.
1-31 December 1972	Material- Ready Issue Outlet from Marine Corps Property to be relocated in Motor Transport/ Utliities complex.
1-31 December 1972	Base Services- New trash contract awarded to Mr. Tew of Udorn. Termination request submitted based on theft of U.S. government property.

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1-31 December 1972	Motor Transport- Total miles logged was 80,152 miles. Completed 188 TERO's (Tactical Equipment Repair Orders). Transported 99,800 gals. of JP-4, 17,448 gals. of 80 Oct, 103,197 gals. of Diesel. Delievered 672,955 gals. of non-potable water, and 136,700 gals. of potable water to various water points. Issued 55 licenses and renewed 12.
1-31 December 1972	Crash Crew- Responded to 20 aircraft emergencies: 3-unsafe gear indications, 6-faulty engines, 5-hot brakes, 1-hung refueling probe, 2-fire warning lights, B-52 made a emergency landing with 3 engines out. Assistance required in explosion at the bomb dump, a fire near sick bay, 5-medivacs, class "A" cargo load.
1-31 December 1972	Recovery- Made 26 arrestments which involved 2 aircraft emergencies. Midfield gear had one broken deck pendant due to excessive speed. 2 December south abort gear certified. One set of "Arrest" sign installed on midfield gear.

6. Communications

12 December 1972	All systems check of back up TRC-97E vans completed and vans in standby status.
15 December 1972	Comm Center facilities organized into one unified complex which should enhance message handling procedures.
18 December 1972	Counterpoise antenna relocated for better reception.
23 December 1972	Completed sound system for Bob Hope Christmas Show.

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7. MATCU-62
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Handled 4419 tower operations 388 GCA approaches and 37 TACAN approaches.

8. Base Operations
1-31 December 1972

Air Freight section recived a new crew of Air Force personnel. Section handled 169 outbound/ inbound aircraft. 1,270,000 lbs. of cargo, and 853 passengers were off loaded and 192,000 lbs., and 1172 passengers on loaded during the month for a total of 1,462,000 lbs., and 2025 passengers.

9. Security Element
1-31 December 1972

Final details concerning security lighting and fencing were worked out at the OICC office in Bangkok. Phase I External Security started, consisting of 1-12 man day patrol, 2-12 man night patrols. 4 bunkers emplaced, 5 towers relocated, and 24 one man positions constructed around the airfield.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None.

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