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90th Attack Squadron 3rd Tac Ftr Wg Bien Hoa AB Republic of Vietnam		3rd Tac Ftr Wg (DXI) Bien Hoa AB Republic of Vietnam		
IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED FOR ANY ITEM, ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS INDICATING APPLICABLE ITEM NUMBER.				
SECTION I ASSIGNMENT				
MAJOR AIR COMMAND	NUMBERED AIR FORCE	AIR DIVISION	WING	GROUP
PACAF			3rd Tac Ftr Wg	
SECTION II SUBORDINATE UNITS				
SECTION III MISSIONS				
A. PRIMARY The primary mission of the 90th Attack Squadron was to supply pilots and aircraft to the 3rd Tac Ftr Wg for the purpose of conducting operations against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam				
B. SECONDARY (OR OTHER)				
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SECTION IV PERSONNEL				
STATUS	OFFICERS	AIRMEN	CIVILIANS	TOTAL
ASSIGNED	29	47	None	76
AUTHORIZED	32	54	None	86
ATTACHED	2			2
SECTION V EQUIPMENT				
A. AIRCRAFT		B. WEAPONS (INCLUDING MISSILES)		
A-37B		N/A		
C. ELECTRONICS		D. OTHER		
N/A		N/A		

Narrative

(U) Lt Col James M. Neale replaced Lt Col Robert F. Houlahan as Commander of the 90th Tac Ftr Sq, which was redesignated the 90th Attack Squadron. The big job of the 90th Attack Squadron during the quarter Oct - Dec 69 was to convert from F-100 to A-37 aircraft. All of the old 90th Tac Ftr Sq personnel except a few administrative and maintenance people were reassigned from the 90th and all new personnel, Airman as well as Officers, were brought in from England AFB, Louisiana. See attachments 4 and 5. These personnel were reassigned from the 311th Attack Squadron to the 90th Attack Squadron. The 311th Attack Squadron was located at England AFB, Louisiana. This squadron remained at England AFB until it was fully combat ready. All of the pilots in the 311th received their A-37 training at England AFB. The 311th was simultaneously building up a full complement of Airmen. The plan was to ship the 311th to Bien Hoa AB as a unit.

(U) The squadron left England AFB on 14 Dec 69 by commercial charter aircraft. The pilots stopped at Clark AB, Philippines to attend the PACAF Jungle Survival School, while the Airmen continued on to Bien Hoa AB, RVN, arriving on 15 Dec 69. The pilots arrived on 24 Dec 69.

(U) The first few days were spent moving into the quarters and processing in through the base CBPO. On Monday, 29 Dec 69, the pilots of the 90th Attack Squadron began their upgrading flights. A list of these newly assigned officers was included as attachment 5.

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(U) As was noted in the chronology, (Attachment 1), the 90th Tac Ftr Sq ceased flying in Oct 69, and the 90th Attack Squadron first flew in December 1969. No flights were conducted during the month of November. This was the reason that November was omitted from the charts found on the attachments at the end of this report.

(C) Most of the sorties flown by the 90th were close air support missions. The type targets hit may be seen by referring to attachment 2.

(C) The ordnance expended on targets most often consisted of hard bombs (500 lb) and BLU 27 fire bombs. A-37 aircraft escorting C-123 defoliation flights usually carried CBU 25 and 2.75 inch rockets. On all missions the A-37 aircraft had 1100 rounds of 7.62MM ammunition loaded in the nose-mounted gattling gun. The gun was not fired unless the Forward Air Controller specifically asked for it, and the target warranted its use. The gun was considered mostly as a "reserve" weapon to be used for emergencies such as protecting a downed pilot.

(C) Two hits were taken by the F-100's during October; both times the source of the damage was .30 calibre ground fire. No hits were taken by the A-37's flying in December. All flights made in October in the 90th Tac Ftr Sq were in F-100 aircraft. The 90th Attack Squadron flew only A-37B aircraft during December.

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(U) The personal equipment personnel were making plans to put one URC - 64 radio in each pilots survival vest, in place of one of the RT - 10 radios. As of December all pilots were still equipped with two RT - 10 radios, which were packed in the survival vests. The plan was to have each pilot carry one URC - 64 and one RT - 10 radio.

(C) Since the first combat mission on 9 Dec 69 to this date, the squadron flew 218 combat sorties. The major effort was to upgrade as many pilots as possible to fully combat ready status. No short rounds or low blows occurred during this quarter.

William P. Evans
WILLIAM P. EVANS, 1st Lt, USAF
Historian

J. M. Neale
JAMES M. NEALE, Lt Colonel, USAF
Commander

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90th Attack Squadron Chronology 1 October 1969 - 31 December 1969

(U) 15 Oct - 90th Tactical Fighter Squadron was directed to cease all flight operations and prepare for deactivation. The last F-100 flight was flown by Major Ronald F. Boyle, , and Captain Thomas A. Olson, , U.S. Army.

(U) 17 Nov - Lt Col James M. Neale, assumed command of the 90th Tactical Fighter Squadron, vice Lt Col Robert F. Heulahan,

Five officers arrived from the 311th Attack Squadron, England AFB, Louisiana. This advance party was to help coordinate the deployment of the 311th Attack Squadron to the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing. These officers were:

Lt Col George M. Simpson,

Major Bert M. Yetman,

Major George L. Henry,

Major Ronald F. McMillian,

Captain Gerard W. Vanderwaal,

(U) 18 Nov - PACAF directed that instead of deactivating the 90th Tac Ftr Sq it would be redesignated the 90th Attack Sq. Plans were made to deactivate the 311th Attack Sq upon arrival at Bien Hoa AB and transfer all personnel to the 90th Attack Sq.

(U) 9 Dec - First combat mission was flown by the 90th Attack Sq. The pilots were Lt Col James M. Neale, and Major Bert M. Yetman,

(U) 15 Dec - The entire compliment of Airman of the 311th Attack Squadron arrived at Bien Hoa AB. All personnel were placed in the 90th Attack Squadron.

(U) 24 Dec - All pilots of the 311th Attack Squadron arrived at Bien Hoa AB. The officers were reassigned to the 90th Attack Sq.

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QUARTERLY BATTLE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

	OCT	DEC
Confirmed KBA	30	12
Probable KBA	62	4
Automatic Weapons Positions Destroyed	2	1
Caves Destroyed	2	0
Trenches Destroyed	2	0
Roads Cut	1	0
Trails Cut	1	1
Bunkers Uncovered	4	13
Meters of Trench Destroyed	308	196
Fighting Positions Destroyed	0	0
Bunkers Destroyed	193	156
Bunkers Damaged	21	16
Structures Destroyed	79	17
Structures Damaged	56	16
Secondary Explosions	12	9
Secondary Fires	9	9

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QUARTERLY COMBAT MISSIONS

	OCT	DEC
Total	190	218
Preplanned	80	218
Scrambled (day)	80	0
Scrambled (nite)	30	0
Combat Skyspot	10	0
Troops in Contact	20	4

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90th Tactical Fighter Squadron Personnel Who
 Departed the 90th During the
 Quarter

Name	Rank	AFSN
Houlahan, Robert F.	Lt Col	
Gordon, Tommy W.	Major	
Lutz, Norman M.	Major	
Bass, Stanley A.	Major	
Boyle, Ronald F.	Major	
Brown, Donald E.	Major	
Goldman, Paul T. Jr	Captain	
Martin, Michael D.	1st Lt	
Ruth, Alfred E. Jr	Major	
Davis, Glenn L.	Captain	
Armstrong, Robert M.	Captain	
Melendez, Ismael	Captain	
Pocek, Donald L	Captain	
Schaefer, John G.	Major	
Garza, Frank D.	Captain	
Rosenbach, Robert	Captain	
Shale, Douglas A.	1st Lt	
Williams, Robert E. Jr	1st Lt	
Frogge, James H.	Major	
Storey, Francis B.	Captain	
Karr, Earl R.	Captain	
Walker, Douglas M.	1st Lt	
Lueders, Denis A.	1st Lt	

90th Attack Squadron Officers
and Their Primary and Additional
Duties

Name	Primary Duty	Additional Duty
L/C Neale, James M.	Commander	Area Defense Officer
L/C Austin, Coy L.	Operations	Asst Area Defense Off
L/C Simpson, George M.	Asst Operations	Career Motivation
L/C Oliphant, Marcus R.	Flight Commander	Awards and Decorations
L/C Davis, James C. Jr	Flight Commander	Plans
Maj Motley, Albert E.	Weapons	Asst Operations
Maj Henry, George L.	Asst Flight Commander	Flying Training
Maj Wasserott, Elmer H	Asst Flight Commander	Stan/Eval Officer
Maj Groszer, Richard D	Flight Commander	Mobility Officer
Maj McMillan, Ronald L	Asst Flight Commander	Aircrew Scheduling
Maj Yetman, Bert M.	Flight Commander	Asst Weapons
Maj Fitzgerald, David J	Asst Flight Commander	Vehicle Control
Capt Vanderwaal, Gerard W.	Pilot	Life Support
Capt Lawrence, Robert G	Pilot	Flight Safety
Capt Walbridge, Raymond D	Pilot	FMCO
Capt Bianco, Arthur J.	Pilot	Explosive Safety
Capt Kampe, Arnold J.	Maintenance Officer	Asst Mobility Off
1/Lt Schofield, Jeffrey E.	Pilot	Admin Officer
1/Lt McGregor, Quentin J.	Pilot	Disaster Preparedness
1/Lt Innes, Richard G.	Pilot	Jr. Officer Council
1/Lt Evans, William P.	Pilot	Historian
1/Lt Berry, Alan L.	Pilot	Asst Awards & Decorations
1/Lt Kelly, Dwight H.	Pilot	TUOC Duty Officer
1/Lt Harrington, Ralieggh T	Pilot	Billeting Officer
1/Lt Cerak, John P.	Pilot	TUOC Duty Officer
1/Lt Bienvenu, Leo A.	Pilot	Asst Billeting
2/Lt Lazenby, Louis R.	Jr Maint Officer	Logistic Plans

90TH ATTACK SQUADRON QUARTERLY MAINTENANCE REPORT

	OCT	DEC
Abort Rate	0.9%	1.4%
Aircraft Possessed	8.1	12.7
Aircraft Assigned	15.0	20.0
OR Rate	79.1%	89.6%
Sorties Flown	233.0	290.0

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