

MARINE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT 66
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From: Officer in Charge
To: Commanding Officer, ProvMAG-39 (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology
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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology for MATCU-66

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), the enclosed Command Chronology is submitted for MATCU-66. The period covered is from 1 September 1968 through 30 September 1968.

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MATCU-66

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

1. Officer in Charge 1 September through 30 September 1968:
Captain H. L. CAUSEY 081148/6702 USMCR
2. MATCU-66, Marine Quang Tri Airbase, RVN
3. Average monthly strength: 4 Officers; 44 Enlisted
4. N. A.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Total monthly operations were 20,181. GCA's increased this month to a total of 353 which surpassed last month's total by 77 approaches. This is a substantial increase with hopes that further increases will be seen in the coming months.

In equipment, the Unit has received four new PU-344 Generator Sets thereby solving the power source problems for the Tacans. Additionally we received a new TRN-14 Tacan. This is in place and has been satisfactorily flight checked. Another TRN-14 is expected any day to replace the old Tacan that is scheduled for rehab. The new TPN-8, Radar Set, is positioned in a Radome which was erected this month. This will protect the radar from the weather and from blowing sand thereby requiring less maintenance and insuring greater reliability. With the commissioning of this radar, Quang Tri once again has the two radar capability for final approaches. The TSQ-18 Complex is still being utilized on a limited basis. The UPS-1, Surveillance Radar, has been energized but as yet, due to electronic difficulties with the APA-125 Indicators, we are not yet able to put this equipment to use. Hopefully the problems in this area will be remedied in the near future. The TSA-11, Tower, which was replaced by the TSA-13 and spare parts have been consigned for shipment to MATCU-70. The TRC-131, Mobile Tower, is back in operation again and will see trial usage in the next few days.

From 20 September to 22 September, it was our privilege to have a MATCU Contact Team visit us. They enlightened us with many comments on our equipment, maintenance problems and the use of the equipment assigned to MATCU's. These comments could only be made by personnel that had not seen the area prior to their coming here therefore leaving their eyes and minds open for the minute details that personnel here every day would overlook. They brought and introduced to us the AUDIOSCAN 1, Training Aid. This projector with film provided on any number of various subjects, pertaining to both technicians and controllers, is without a doubt the best recent useful training aid furnished a MATCU. It cannot help but to improve efficiency and at the same time will be helpful in solving equipment problems. The Contact Team's visit was most valuable and it is hoped that such teams will again be sent out into the field of operations.

Enclosure (1)

PERSONNEL - This month has seen but one change of personnel. 1stLT. S. D. DAVIS, MOS 6720, joined and we have had no one depart during the month.

SUPPLY - We are still at 47% ERPAL Total Line Items.

CONSTRUCTION - The long awaited Sea Hootches, six of them, have been completed and are now occupied. This is a boost to the morale of this Unit and the men assigned to the new Hootches were really grateful to get out of overly cramped quarters or to get out of the sand and mud. As the plans for the permanent shower were scrapped, and with the combined efforts of Aerology, Crash Crew and the MATCU personnel, construction is commencing on a permanent shower of our own. It is hoped that this project will be completed by the end of October.

ENGINEERING - Due to the vast amount of water in the area from rain and storms, all bunkers, blast walls and machinegun emplacements must be rebuilt. Work has commenced on these areas as well as in the construction areas.

AIR CONTROL - GCA's increased this month and this is an indication that further increases will be seen as we approach the Monsoon season. Our Tower traffic totals remain pretty well stabilized at the present level.