

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 12
Marine Aircraft Group 12
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 October 1966
Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1B

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology
✓(2) Part II Air Operations

1. In accordance with the directions in reference (a),
enclosure (1) is submitted.


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Final Chron

ENCLOSURE (6)

Oct 1966

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
OF
MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 12
CHU LAI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
1 OCTOBER 1966 THROUGH 31 OCTOBER 1966

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

A. Commander and Staff

Commanding Officer, 1-16 Oct 1966	Lt. Col. W. G. McCool
Commanding Officer, 17-31 Oct 1966	Maj. W.W. CAMPBELL
Executive Officer, 1-31 Oct 1966	Maj. H. N. LEVIN
Base Service Officer, 1-31 Oct 1966	Maj. E. N. HARWELL
Base Operations Officer, 1-20 Oct 1966	Maj. J. J. McCaffrey
Base Operations Officer, 21-31 Oct 1966	Maj. J. L. DILLION
Administration Officer, 1-16 Oct 1966	1/Lt. D. F. SCHAFER
Administration Officer, 17-31 Oct 1966	2/Lt. J. C. MILLARD

Attached Unit: Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 67

Officer in Charge, 1-31 Oct 1966 Maj. F. T. SULLIVAN

B. Task Organization; None

C. Unit Location and Inclusive Dates:

Chu Lai, Republic of Viet Nam

1 October 1966 through 31 October 1966

D. Average Monthly Strength:

		MABS 12		
<u>Officers</u>			<u>Enlisted</u>	
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>		<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
35	5		595	28
		MATCH 67		
<u>Officers</u>			<u>Enlisted</u>	
11			72	

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

a. Total personnel strength on 31 October 1966, including MATCU 67 was 46 Officers and 667 Enlisted. USN Officers totaled 5 and Enlisted 28.

b. The following Officers reported aboard and were assigned as indicated. Second Lt. Bare, Assistant Ordnance Officer; W. O. Tujague, Assistant Utilities Officer; First Lt. Varrell, Aerology Officer; Maj. Dillon, OICMATCU; Second Lt. Miller, Assistant Launch and Recovery; Second Lt. Millard Administrative Officer; First Lt. Tate, Clubs Officer; MATCU-67 First Lt. Traver, ATC WatchO; Maj. Sullivan, OICATC; Capt. Steele, MATCU OFFICER.

c. Nine Officers were detached during the month.

d. Major Ausley, Major Harwell, Capt. Carmichael, Capt. Soldati and Capt. White were promoted to their present ranks during the month.

2. Air Operations See Enclosure (1)3. Base Services

a. Ordnance

(1) During the month of October, more than 1,474 tons of Class V(A) munitions were delivered via five LST shipments and four air shipments.

(2) At approximately 2145 on 2 October, a call was received stating that a satchel charge had been placed within the confines of the Ordnance Dump. A search revealed negative results.

(3) 3,465 500lb. bombs and 3,251 bomb fins were back loaded on LST-901 for shipment to Banghole.

(4) Heavy rains caused the flooding of revetments and low spots within the bomb dump, and revealed drainage problems that to some extent have been corrected by an earth moving project undertaken by the Seabees.

(5) Transported 238LD fins for 1000lb. bombs to the LST ramp for backloading and shipment to NAVMAG Subic Bay.

(6) MAG-12 again has limited capability concerning the MK-12 Smoke Tank. Capability will increase as more personnel are trained.

(7) Received twenty five Ammunition Handlers (2311's) during this period. They have been utilized in every phase of assembly, mixing, belting and police.

(8) The following munitions were expended during this reporting period:

(a)	120	2.75 rockets	
(b)	4	5.00 rockets (zuni)	
(c)	22,299	rounds of 20MM	
(d)	bombs		
	1	500# LD	6,099
	2	250# LD	3,885
	3	500# HD	296
	4	1,000# HD	569
	5	1,000# LD	255
	6	2,000# HD	12
	7	Napalm	990

b. Utilities

(1) The following construction was accomplished during this period.

- (a) Field grade Officer's mess extension was completed.
- (b) 50% of the Officer's enclosed shower has been completed.
- (c) Burner sheds for both the Officer's and general mess are complete.
- (d) Eighteen decks were constructed for huts.
- (e) Twelve crates were constructed for transportation of motors.
- (f) 16'x48' shed for the H&MS generator bank was constructed.
- (g) Table for the Conference Room was completed.
- (h) Installed shower in Sick Bay, and a flushing commode and Septic Tank in Col. Hubbard's quarters.
- (i) Constructed beach pits for Officers, H&MS's and VMA-214 showers.
- (j) Installed two ⁴calverts across secondary road and provided two drainage ditches from the secondary road to the ocean.

(2) Generator situation is still critical. Presently we have two M60 Cranes, two TUD-80's, two 6,000lb. forklifts, three 75KW generators, four 30KW generators and three 20 KW generators in for rehabilitation. In addition we have one 75KW generators, Honda D-6 tractor and one 30KW generator awaiting rehabilitation.

(3) The laundry has washed 35,680 lbs. of troops laundry and 15,000 lbs. of individual laundry for a total of 50,680 lbs.

(4) 1,752,000 gallons of water was pumped during the month of October.

(5) Shortages of personnel and parts continues to hamper progress.

c. TAFDS

- (1) On 16 October the north TAFDS resumed operation.
- (2) On 19 October a project involving the dedrumming of 440 55 gallon drums was commenced.
- (3) 2,533,709 of JP-4 fuel was dispensed during this reporting period.
- (4) On 26 October the supply of JP-4 from bulk fuel was reduced due to the increased demand created by the arrival of MAG-13. This has necessitated the trucking of fuel by 5,000 gallon refuelers from the LST ramps and an occasional air lift by KC-130's. This situation is being rectified by the installation of an 8" fuel line to the tanker buoy.

d. LOK

- (1) 8,430 gallons of LOK and 134,900 cubic feet of gaseous oxygen were produced during this period.

e. Motor Transport

- (1) MABS-12 took possession of all excess motor transport equipment in accordance with GruO 11240.3B.
- (2) Completed construction (self help) on MTO's office and completed roofs on the C&I shop and the maintenance office.
- (3) Twenty one personnel received instruction on multi-fuel vehicles at FLSG-B.

f. EOD

- (1) The EOD team responded to thirty six calls for assistance during the month of October.

- (2) The following items of grade III ordnance were destroyed during this period:

- 82 M7 tear gas grenades
- 176 2.75" rocket motors
- 1 5.00" rocket motor
- 38 MK 13 mod 0 signals
- 24 40mm HE grenades
- 1 grenade, hand aluminous
- 6 5.00" HE rodset heads
- 20 booster adopters, T45E7
- 1 mine, claymore, M18A1
- 9 fuze, nose, bomb, M164
- 2 fuze, M157
- 10 flares, a/c, MK-24
- 200 lbs. smokeless powder

- (3) The following items of grade III ordnance has been placed on pallets and will be dumped at sea.

- 800 fuzes, bomb, nose, M103
- 38 bombs, LD, 250 lb.

12 bombs, LD, 500 lbs.
10 bombs, LD, 1,000 lbs.
2 bombs, GP, 2,000 lbs.
15 pallets, ZOMM, HE-I, AP-I and TP

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 1 Nov 1966

From: Airfield Operations Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Air Base Squadron 12

Subj: Command Chronology Report for October 1966

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1C

1. In accordance with reference (a), the subject report is submitted.

2. General

a. Chu Lai East runway and adjacent taxiways are being extensively repaired as follows:

- (1) Subsurface at 3500 ft on Rwy 32 has been repaired.
- (2) Area in and around North MOREST has been repaired.
- (3) The parallel taxiway is being repaired at junction of taxiway 3 and Crash-Crew area.
- (4) Transient Flight Line and adjacent taxiway is being repaired.
- (5) Subsurface repaired and graded at large dip in parallel taxiway adjacent to VMA 223 flight line.
- (6) Subsurface and grading done on runway 32 at 500 foot mark.
- (7) Repair of subsurface just north of the South MOREST Gear.

3. Operations

a. The crash crew responded to the following emergencies:

Medical Evacuation	26
Napalm	2
False alarms	5
Unsafe gear	5
Blown tires	11
Fire warning light	2
Aircraft starting up	2

ENCLOSURE (2)

Fuel spills	10
Fuel leaks	1
Surging Engine	1
No brakes	1
In flight explosion	1
Stuck throttle	1
Low fuel state	1
Collapsed gear	2
Shut down of runway	4
Flame out	1
Trash fire	3
Aircraft off runway or taxiway	4
Hot brakes	2
Personnel hurt on runway	1
Wash down (Debris)	2
Aircraft tipped up in Morest	2
Fire in hut area	1
Wheel fire	1
Hung Ordnance	1
Aircraft towed off runway by crash crew	14

4. Launch and Recovery Section

a. Launch Section. The catapult remained inoperative during this reporting period because of the move to the crosswind runway (03-21). Lack of support equipment hampers the catapult installation.

b. Recovery Section. Recovery shipped M-2 arrester engines numbers 03 and 04 to Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka, Japan via C-124. Engine 03 was flown out on 22 October and engine 04 was flown out on 28 October. A one thousand (1000) landing check was pulled on M-2 engines number 29 and 30 on 17 October. On 25 October the M-21 arrester engines were installed on the west end of the crosswind runway (03-21). On 29 October two taxi tests were conducted on this arresting gear at speed of 90 and 100 knots. Col. J. W. HUBBARD successfully made the first and only engagement of the M-21 arresting gear on the crosswind runway since its completion. Two weather and fungus proofed Fresnel lenses were received. Fresnel lens number 152 was shipped to Subic Bay on 30 October. There were two JATO launches on the crosswind runway since its completion this month, but none on the east runway. Seven hundred sixty-four (764) normal arrestments were made on the M-2 arresting gear during this reporting period while two (2) emergencies were arrested on the TM-24 arresting gear.

5. During the month of October 1966, the Air Freight section handled the following traffic:

26,367	Passengers
17,341	
3,610,626	Pounds of cargo
0,166,618	

595
040 390
000 60-190
489, 730

Aircraft
Pounds of mail

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