

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 12
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- 1. In accordance with ~~the directions in~~ reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
OF
MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 12
CHU LAI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

1 NOVEMBER 1966 THROUGH 30 NOVEMBER 1966

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

A. Commander and Staff

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Commanding Officer, 1-30 Nov 1966 | Maj W.W. CAMPBELL |
| Executive Officer, 1-6 Nov 1966 | Maj H.N. LEVIN |
| Executive Officer, 7-30 Nov 1966 | Maj W.H. AUSLEY |
| Base Service Officer, 1-30 Nov 1966 | Maj E.N. HARWELL |
| Base Operations Officer, 1-30 Nov 1966 | Maj J.L. DILLON |
| Administration Officer, 1-30 Nov 1966 | 2/Lt J.C. MILLARD |

Attached Unit: Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 67

Officer in Charge, 1-30 Nov 1966 Maj F.T. SULLIVAN

B. Task Organization ; None

C. Unit Location and Inclusive Dates:
 Chu Lai, Republic of Viet Nam
 1 November 1966 through 30 November 1966

D. Average Monthly Strength:

MABS 12

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| <u>Officers</u> | |
| <u>USMC</u> | <u>USN</u> |
| 33 | 5 |

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| <u>Enlisted</u> | |
| <u>USMC</u> | <u>USN</u> |
| 593 | 28 |

MATCU 67

| |
|-----------------|
| <u>Officers</u> |
| 11 |

| |
|-----------------|
| <u>Enlisted</u> |
| 77 |

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

a. Total personnel strength on 30 November 1966, including VMTCU 67 was 41 Officers and 674 Enlisted. USN Officers totalled 4 and Enlisted 28.

b. The following Officers reported aboard and were assigned as indicated. Second Lt. KILGALL, J.M., Assistant Launch and Recovery Officer; Major MCCORMY, P.J., Assistant Base Operations Officer; Second Lt. MCILISON, D.P., Personnel Officer.

c. Six Officers were detached during the month.

d. Capt JONISON, T.V. was promoted to his present rank during the month.

2. Air Operations

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

(1) The parallel taxiway has been repaired at junction of taxiway 3 and Crash Crew Area.

(2) Subsurface and grading completed on runway 32 at 500 foot mark.

(3) Subsurface has been repaired just north of the South FOREST gear.

(4) Transient Flight Line and adjacent taxiway is being repaired.

(5) Subsurface and grading on runway 32 at 5500 feet to 7000 feet.

b. The crash Crew responded to the following emergencies:

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Medical evacuation | 30 |
| Collapsed gear | 1 |
| Ruptured Fuel Line | 1 |
| Locked nose gear | 1 |
| Wash downs | 20 |
| Blown tires | 4 |
| Structural Fires | 8 |

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Aborted take off | 1 |
| Crashes | 2 |
| Ordinance on R/W | 1 |
| Aircraft off matting | 2 |

c. Launch and Recovery Section

(1) Launch Section. The catapult continued to remain inoperative during this reporting period. The installation is approximately ninetyeight percent (98%) complete. Functional checks have not been completed due to lack of support equipment. The condition of the crosswind runway, and functional flight operations from the runway.

(2) Recovery Section. One (1) set of M-21 arresting gear has been installed 1000ft. from the approach end of runway 09 and another set 700 ft. from the approach end of runway 21. Two sets of M-2 arresting gear are being maintained on the Chau Lai East runway. One set of M-24 arresting gear is being maintained 2300 ft. from the south approach of the same runway.

d. Aerology Section

(1) On 21 November a new RD 92A facsimile machine was received from Sangley Ft.; however, the other 2 Facsimile machines (another RD92A, and a UHM-2) remain in a down status awaiting parts. Resubmissionⁿ in progress to procure M2110 parts direct from Flt. WO MAC Sangley Ft.

(2) The GED-1B is presently in a down status awaiting 2 drive motors for the radar antenna. This gear has been down since 10 November and is expected to remain down until at least 20 December.

(3) The plans for the new consolidated Weather Office on the West field are progressing steadily. At this time a request for the required increase in the Meteorological Equipment Allowance is in the hands of the S-3 section for approval prior to submission to the 1st MAJ for action.

e. Air Freight Section. During the month of November 1966, the Air Freight section handled the following traffic:

| | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 17,878 | Passengers |
| 5,284,289 | Pounds of cargo |
| 507 | Aircraft |
| 339,309 | Pounds of mail |

3. Base Services

a. Ordnance

(1) During the month of November 1966, there was an excess of 1,414.3 tons of Class V(A) munitions received from ten (10) LST's.

(2) A total of forty-eight (48) pallets of Class V(A) munitions were shipped out during the month of November 1966. Also two-thousand and sixteen (2,016) MK-24 Flares were shipped to MAG-11.

(3) At the present time, vehicles are entering the bomb dump from the rear entrance without checking in at the office. Warning signs have been posted. If this fails, the dump road will be closed off permanently.

(4) One (1) tank (rubber) was received from HAMD3, which will be used for holding HOGAS for mixing napalm. HOGAS trucks will now have more time for delivering to the squadrons. Also, ordnance has received two (2) E3R3 incendiary mixers.

(5) The seabees are now constructing the two new huts, which are needed to relieve the crowded living conditions at Ordnance. They are also repairing the road to the Class V(A) bomb dump.

(6) On November 12, 1966, an A4 crashed at approximately 1230 hours. It impacted approximately 500 to 800 yards from the office. If the aircraft had traveled for a few more seconds, it is possible it may have landed in the bomb dump.

(7) 2nd Lt. Boyd B. BAILE and MSgt. James D. CHANTON attended a Wing wide Ordnance Conference at Danang for a period of two (2) days.

(8) Below is a list of Class V(A) munitions expended for the month of November 1966:

| | | |
|----|-------------------|------------|
| 1. | 2.75" Rocket----- | 152 tons |
| 2. | 5.00" Rocket----- | 0 Pods |
| 3. | 20 mm----- | 23,000 lbs |
| 4. | Napalm----- | 578 |
| 5. | JALC----- | 260 |
| 6. | Scrap----- | |

| | | | |
|----|------------|-------|-------|
| a. | 250 lb LD | ----- | 26 |
| b. | 250 lb LD | ----- | 4,166 |
| c. | 500 lb LD | ----- | 18 |
| d. | 500 lb LD | ----- | 2,050 |
| e. | 1000 lb LD | ----- | 417 |
| f. | 1000 lb LD | ----- | 139 |
| g. | 2000 lb LD | ----- | 0 |
| h. | 2000 lb LD | ----- | 0 |

b. Utilities

(1) The following is a narrative summary of significant events as they relate to engineering and maintenance:

(a) During the past month, the utilities section moved and rebuilt the Group Command Bunker. Constructed a water tower for the junior officers shower and completed installation of a shower building. They installed two (2) hut decks, constructed louvers and shutters for fifteen (15) huts, and completed internal wiring in ten (10) huts. Three (3) showers were constructed in the senior officers area. Renovated two (2) generator sheds. Installed a hot water heater in Col. HUBBARD's quarters. Constructed fourteen (14) urinal shelters. Twenty percent of the fence around the utilities lot has been completed. We have been assisting the Seabees in the rehabilitation of 141 huts.

(b) Our generator situation is still critical. At the present time we have two (2) M60 Cranes, two (2) TUD-80, two (2) 6,000 lb forklifts, three (3) 75KW generators, four (4) 30KW generators, and three (3) 20KW generators in for REIAB.

In addition we have three (3) 75KW generators, one (1) D-6 tractor, two (2) 30 KW generators, and one (1) 20KW generator, awaiting REIAB.

(c) The laundry has washed 58,940 lbs of troops laundry, 2,00 lbs of field jackets, 5,720 lbs for the mess hall, 14,400 lbs for staff and officers for a total of 62,060 lbs. Total numbers of bundles-1,398.

The laundry was inoperative for a total of five (5) days due to the lack of power during the month of November.

(d) During the month of November the water point pumped 2,143,117 gallons of water. The total water pumped to date is 24,806,405 gallons since the start of operations.

(e) A shortage of personnel and parts is hampering work progress in all sections.

c. TAFDS

(1) On 15 November 1966, a KC-130 refueling line was installed at Center TAFDS, after being informed that the Seabees would not be tearing up the ramp area in front of Air Freight.

(2) On 24 November 1966, three of the six tanks were completed at the Storage Tank Farm, near the Crash Crew. Area is completely sandbagged and has the capability of refueling aircraft in an emergency.

(3) On 27 November 1966, 29,800 gallons of JP-4 fuel was received at the Storage Fuel Farm.

(4) On 27 November 1966, one 10,000 gallon fuel tank at North TAFDS ruptured. Tank is beyond repair because of old age and nature of rupture. This tank will be written up for survey.

(5) On 29 November 1966, the KC-130 refueling points at Center TAFDS were removed in order that Seabees could work on taxiway. All KC-130 refueling will be done at North or South TAFDS.

(6) The total amount of JP-4 fuel which was dispensed from 1 November through 30 November was 2,114,643 gallons.

a. IOM

(1) There were 11,970 gallons of IOM and 44,500 cubic feet of gaseous oxygen produced for this period. An average of 1.50 gallons was required for one flight hour, with an average of 300 gallons of IOM per day.

c. Motor Transport

(1) On 3 November 1966, one M38A1 Truck was received from MAG-35 on a permanent transfer.

(2) On 7 November 1966, one M38A1 was transferred to MHO, 1stMarDiv on a temporary loan.

(3) On 13 November 1966, a pre-rotation inspection of VMA-223 was conducted.

(4) On 14 November 1966, construction of the 1st echelon maintenance shop was completed.

(5) On 15 November 1966, Annual Ground Safety A&M Inspection conducted by Wing.

(6) On 17 November 1966, conducted Group Ground Safety Inspection.

(7) On 18 November 1966, received three 500 amp Arc Welders and one M105A1 Trailer from Wing.

(8) On 21 November 1966 dispatched one M63 Refueler to Quang Nai with MAG-35 (2,000 Gallons of AvGas).

(9) On 23 November 1966, Group Motor Transport SOP published (GruO P11240.2E).

f. Explosive Ordnance Disposal

(1) The Explosive Ordnance Team responded to 26 calls for assistance during the month of November.

(2) During the month the following items were destroyed by the EOD Team:

| <u>TYPE</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 2.75-in Rocket Motors | 1,112 |
| 40-MM HE, M79 | 3 |
| 60-MM mortar, HE | 10 |
| M16 Claymore mines | 2 |
| Grenade, hand, WP | 1 |
| Grenade, rifle, WP | 3 |
| Grenade, rifle, He-AT | 2 |
| VC Concussion grenades | 3 |
| Mk-24 aircraft flares | 55 |

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