

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 36
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1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), Enclosures (1) and (2) are hereby submitted.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Marine Air Base Squadron 36, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

LtCol Dennis W. WRIGHT
1-31 December 1968

2. LOCATION

1-31 December 1968: Phu Bai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Major Edward J. CHESIA JR. 1-31 Dec 1968
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	Capt Melvin E. MCPEAK 1-31 Dec 1968
FACILITIES ENGINEER OFFICER	Major James L. LANGFORD 1-31 Dec 1968
UTILITIES OFFICER	1stLt Arthur L. DOMINY III 1-31 Dec 1968
MOTOR TRANSPORT OFFICER	1stLT Billy B. IANE 1-31 Dec 1968
TAFDS OFFICER	CWO-2 Clayton F. GLIDDEN 1-31 Dec 1968
FOOD SERVICES OFFICER	1stLt Victor L. SHEPPARD 1-31 Dec 1968
MATERIEL OFFICER	CWO-2 Carl M. MCBURNEY 1-31 Dec 1968
AEROLOGY OFFICER	1stLt Albert A. REYNOLDS (EmLv during Dec 1968)
	Capt George W. CHAMPION 1-27 Dec 1968 (EmLv)
	2dLt David L. HARRIS 28-31 Dec 1968
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	1stLt Louis A. JUAREZ 1-31 Dec 1968
RIFLE COMPANY COMMANDER	Capt Wesley H. FRITH 1-3 Dec 1968
	Capt Malcolm R. MASSIE JR. 4-31 Dec 1968
CRASH CREW OFFICER	1stLt Gerald W. SYLVESTER 1-31 Dec 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
19	501

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	19

<u>OTHERS</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Marine Air Base Squadron 36 provided base facilities support, base services and improvement of existing structures and utilities systems.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Casualties sustained: Non Hostile - 4
Hostile - 0
2. Administration: The administrative section provided administrative support and postal services for the squadron and MATCU-68.
3. Personnel strength remained stable during December 1968. Personnel statistics are as follows:
 - a. Joined
 - (1) Officers - 3
 - (2) Enlisted - 78
 - b. Transferred
 - (1) Officers - 1
 - (2) Enlisted - 88
 - c. Temporary additional duty - 32 on special leave
 - d. Attached - 7 MC enlisted, 2 Navy officers, 2 Navy enlisted.
 - e. Not chargeable - 4 MC enlisted hospitalized. 5 MC enlisted returned from hospitalization.
 - f. Career and welfare
 - (1) Reenlistments - 3
 - (2) Extension of enlistment - 1
 - (3) Extension of overseas tour - 10
 - (4) Promotions - 11
 - (5) Reductions - 12
 - g. Personal Awards
 - (1) Good Conduct Medals - 7
 - (2) Air Medals - 0
 - (3) Purple Hearts - 0
4. Civic Action: Sixty man days were engaged in by squadron personnel in civic action activities. Support was provided for Thuy Luong Refugee Camp School. 34,650 Piasters was spent to buy the school kits. A Christmas party was held for the school children on 20 December 1968. Many squadron personnel attended and gifts were distributed to the children. Six squadron personnel attended Christmas dinner as guests of the Camp Chief. Approximately 35 camp elders also attended the

dinner. Results were most favorable. \$30.10 was collected from squadron personnel and given to the 24th Corps towards purchase of tractors for use by the Vietnamese farmers.

5. Communications: During December 1968, the communication center processed 6,142 incoming messages and 1,281 outgoing messages. The TSG-15 radio van was relocated and a duplex antenna installed for operation with the van. Radio repair and the wire section performs routine duties inherent to the communication section mission.

6. Weather: Average rainfall at Phu Bai for the month of December is 7.6 inches. Total rainfall during December 1968 was 1.86 inches. The area experienced excellent weather for aerial operations.

7. Medical: 884 patients were seen at sick call, 209 physical examinations were conducted and 1029 immunizations were given. 151 Vietnamese nationals received medical treatment during MEDCAPS. Approximately 30 Vietnamese received dental treatment at the dental office and during DENTCAPS.

8. Air Freight: 419,551 pounds of cargo was processed by the Air Freight section of which 69,030 pounds was incoming and 350,521 pounds outgoing. 154 passengers were manifested to various places.

9. Tactical Air Field Fuel Dispensing System: TAFDS section dispensed 116,656 gallons of aviation gas and 573,802 gallons of JP-4.

10. Crash Crew: The Crash Crew section responded to 45 emergencies, 17 defuels, 5 washdowns, 36 medical evacuations and 9 fires. No crashes occurred during the month of December.

11. Recovery: The Recovery section performed two arrested landings for training purposes and performed preventive maintenance on recovery equipment.

12. Base Services:

a. During the month of December, Motor Transport vehicles traveled a total of 41,060 miles. They hauled and delivered 4408.2 tons of cargo, 280,440 gallons of potable water and non potable water. 62,280 gallons of diesel, 13,695 gallons of mogas, 12,475 gallons of JP-4, and 50,588 gallons of aviation gasoline. In excess of 24,800 passengers were carried.

b. The Utilities section provided MAG-36 with electricity, refrigeration, potable water and 39,560 pounds of fresh laundry. The Engineer Equipment shop met 219 of 239 commitments. The carpenter shop constructed over 500 mount out boxes and a 960 square foot garbage house. In addition to numerous other minor repair and construction jobs, the men of the Carpenter shop spent over 100 man hours in aid of Civic Action

program. The plumbing shop aided Public Works in pipe line repairs of the potable water system and installed two new water heaters in the Staff Club and Sergeants Club. They also maintained the seven water heaters in the showers. The Refrigeration Shop installed a NQ-51E at the messhall and repaired refrigeration units and air conditioners as required.

c. Base Services picked up and disposed of trash at all trash points on a daily basis. Base Services was also responsible for the removal of human waste products from every head on base, the dispensing of toilet paper, and the repair of heads. They also maintained sanitary conditions in the heads and showers by scrubbing daily with a disinfectant.

d. The Facilities Shops completed a total of 337 work orders for the month of December.

e. Food Services fed an average of 2800 personnel, three meals daily. Numerous improvements of mess facilities were accomplished.

f. The Post Exchange operated daily providing merchandise and health and comfort items to base personnel. Total sales amounted to \$98,000.

13. Materiel: In addition to routine supply support, Materiel Section updated custody cards, renovated the supply warehouse and commenced delivery of supplies to squadron sections.