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MARINE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT-66
Detachment Alpha
Provisional Marine Air Group 39
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac

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From: Officer in Charge
To: Commanding Officer Prov. MAG-39 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1

Encl: (1) Command Chronology for MATCU-66 Det. Alpha

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in ref. (a) the enclosed Command Chronology is submitted for MATCU-66 Det. Alpha. The period covered is from 1 May 1968 to 1 June 1968.

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Enclosure (1)

MATCU-66-DET "A"

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

1. Officer in Charge 1 May 1968 to 1 June 1968
Capt. Hubert L. Causey 081148/6702 USMCR
2. MATCU-66 Detachment Alpha Marine Quang Tri Airbase RVN
3. Average monthly strength: 3 Officers 29 Enlisted
4. N. A.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

The Unit continues to fulfill its mission with an average of slightly over 26,00 operations per month. The good weather that we have been experiencing has been excellent for tower controllers maintaining a high degree of proficiency but the GCA work has slowed markedly. Unfortunately our finest piece of radar was destroyed during the month when an Air Force C-130 crashed on landing and parts of the wing ripped through the TPN-8 radar and also the TRC-131 portable tower. This resulted in considerable down time for the radar. Two new pieces of equipment have been received as replacement items and both are in place. The TPN-8 has been flite checked and is operational. Improved communications between the tower and GCA van with Air Force approach control has been developed by the communications personnel of the Unit. This is in the form of a 'hot' line which will speed considerably the passing of pertinent information between the two units.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Personnel: Sgt. M. M. EDWARDS a newly joined technician had to be med-evaced during the month because of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident. This leaves the Unit with one 5951.

Engineering: Two new bunkers have been built replacing two older ones that were in a sad state of repair.

Supply: The inventory of all supply items has been completed and requisitions have been submitted to bring the Unit up to an acceptable level of supplies on hand. At this time our level is still below standard at approximately 50%. Lack of spare parts continues to plague us.

Construction: The 'rec' tent has been completed and is being utilized by not only the Unit's personnel but also by Crash Crew and the weather section.

Air Control: All approaches for Quang Tri have been reviewed and submitted to Air Bases Staff for submission to CNO. The SOP is in a rough form with plans for publishing it moved up to mid-June.

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