

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

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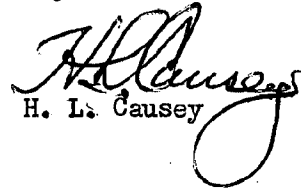
From: Officer in Charge
To: Commanding Officer Prov. MAG-39 (Attn: S-3)

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 June 1968 to 1 July 1968.


H. L. Causey

Enclosure (6)

MATCU-66-DET "A"

CMD CHRON

JUNE 1968

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

1. Officer in Charge 1 June to 1 July 1968
Capt. H. L. Causey 081148/6720 USMCR
2. MATCU-66 Detachment Alpha Marine Quang Tri Airbase RVN
3. Average monthly strength: 3 Officers; 25 Enlisted
4. N. A.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

With a monthly total of over 23,000 operations the Unit is performing its mission in a very professional manner. Controller proficiency is excellent for the tower personnel but GCA controllers are still lacking for sufficient runs to perform on the high level that is expected of them. Requests have been made through the Group to the various squadrons to increase their GCA activity and it is expected that next months report will reflect a large increase in GCA's.

The Unit has recently received the TSQ-18A complex which includes a twenty foot Landing Control Central shelter and two smaller eight foot shelters housing the GCA and ASE portion of the complex. With the activation of this new complex, which is expected to be realized on 4 July, the flexibility and performance of the Unit will definitely improve. This will be as a result of an excellent communications system in the complex which will require less maintenance and easier maintenance when required. Intercommunications have been greatly improved allowing ease of traffic flow between controllers in the complex and also between them and the tower.

Generator problems continue to plague the Unit. Presently we have one operating PU-239 and this generator supplies power to the TSA-11 (tower), twelve sea hootches, Radio Relay, Group Communications, and the run way lighting. A request for an additional generator, (60 cycle) has been made to the Wing CEO's office and we are awaiting their decision and action.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

Personnel: Staff Sergeant C. G. IVEY was sent TAD to Chy Lai at the request of Air Bases Staff to assist MATCU-67 in their approach control. Sergeants H. L. ZILLOTTO AND M. R. GRATHWOHL have been rotated back to CONUS. Due to the past and expected future losses of personnel the Unit is now working on a two crew basis.

Supply: We are operating at 50% total line item ERPAL.

Construction: A concrete pad was poured to provide a foundation for the TSQ-18A.

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Construction, additional: A new generator shed was built and power distribution board erected to more evenly distribute the power load. This has provided us with a central working area for the generators, more protection from blowing sand and additional cooling from the heat. The old parking area is being turned into a POL/repair shops area.

Air Control: The Unit SOP is now complete and being fully implemented. Personnel and equipment problems were discussed at the monthly MATCU meeting in Da Nang of the 15th of June. No immediate solutions were offered.

A replacement TPN-8 radar was installed and is now fully operational.