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MARINE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT 66
Detachment "A"
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Provisional Marine Aircraft Group-39
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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 reference (a), the enclosed Command Chronology is submitted for MATCU-66, Detachment Alpha. The period covered is from 1 July 1968 through 31 July 1968.

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DET "A" MATCU-66

CMD CHRON

JULY 1968

CONFIDENTIAL**ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:**

1. Officer in Charge 1 July through 31 July 1968:
Captain H. L. CAUSEY 081148/6702 USMCR
2. MATCU-66 Detachment Alpha, Marine Quang Tri Airbase, RVN
3. Average monthly strength: 2 Officers; 21 Enlisted
4. N. A.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Total monthly operations were 24,053 giving continual excellent training for tower controllers. There still exists a critical need for GCA runs to qualify newly joined personnel and hone the talents of those now qualified.

The new TSQ-18A Complex was operational 4 July and no major problems have been encountered. Mr. W. J. LOONEY, Western Division, Systems Command visited the Unit from the 9th through the 12th of July to assist in the initial operating stages of the TSQ-18A. His favorable comments on the installation of the complex were appreciated and his technical assistance in solving several problems was of great help. Minor problems have been encountered with both RD/312 tape recorders and we have had to revert to the use of the older 60 cycle recorder until the problem can be solved.

On 10 July, during a rain storm and high wind condition, one of the TPN-8 radars was destroyed when a section of radome was blown into the elevation antenna causing it to fall over on the azimuth antenna.

Our generator difficulties continue. For over half the month, the Unit has operated with no back-up power for any piece of equipment. Total off the air time for the month due to lack of power was approximately seven hours. A phenomenal feat. Blowing sand and dust remain the greatest problem with all equipment. Lack of spare parts runs a close second. Our PU-239 generator still supplies power to the TSA-11, Twelve sea hootches, (eight more are programmed in the near future), Radio Relay, Group Communications and the runway lighting. We did receive one PU-590 (60 cycle) as a back up to our PU-239.

Morale is high and each Marine continues to conduct himself with discipline and good judgement during those times we have been under attack.

PERSONNEL: A great personnel turn over has been evidenced this month with the following changes taking place.

PERSONNEL JOINED DURING JULY

MSGT. J. R. SUMNER
GYSGT. D. R. CONLEY - TAD
SSGT. R. W. COCHRAN - TAD
SSGT. T. L. COX - TAD
SSGT. R. E. McCONNELL
SGT. G. H. BARIBEAULT
SGT. J. F. DRISCALL - TAD
SGT. D. C. GAHAN

SGT. J. M. JERICH - TAD
SGT. G. M. LEWIS
SGT. C. T. FAIGE - TAD
SGT. J. E. REVORD
SGT. J. P. RUSE
CPL. D. C. BUEKE - TAD
CPL. R. G. GIESEN

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Enclosure (1)

CONFIDENTIALPERSONNEL DETACHED DURING JULY

1stLT. S. J. QUINN
SSGT. R. J. POSNER
SGT. D. M. ELLIS
SGT. J. E. FORSTER
SGT. B. A. HANSEN
SGT. J. D. MACKAY

SGT. E. R. REINEKE
SGT. H. R. SPELLINGS
CPL. R. J. NESPECA
LCPL. R. L. LEFEVER
CPL. E. K. RUIZ

SUPPLY: We are operating at 40% ERPAL total line items.

CONSTRUCTION: A new common field shower, utilizing 55 gal. drums, has been constructed replacing several older single units. Nothing can compare with community bathing.

AIR CONTROL: A new letter of agreement with the Air Force RAPCON has been drawn up and will be presented to them during the coming week for their comments.

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