

MARINE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT 66
Provisional Marine Aircraft Group-39
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From: Officer in Charge
To: Commanding Officer, ProvMAG-39 (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology
Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1
Encl: (1) Command Chronology for MATCU-66

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), the enclosed Command Chronology is submitted for MATCU-66. The period covered is from 1 August 1968 through 31 August 1968.

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MATCU-66
[Attn: "A"]

CMD CHRON

AUG 1968

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

1. Officer in Charge 1 August through 31 August 1968:
Captain H. L. CAUSEY 081148/6702 USMCR
2. MATCU-66, Marine Quang Tri Airbase, RVN
3. Average monthly strength: 2 Officers; 24 Enlisted
4. N. A.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Total monthly operations were 20,805. GCA's have picked up in number but the need still exists for more of them.

August has been a busy month for the Unit. It has seen the influx of the remainder of the Unit from Okinawa, under the command of Major B. W. Braswell, arriving on the 25th which swelled our number to five officers and forty four enlisted. Major Braswell is now assigned as ROIC, Quang Tri Air Base. It has also seen the increase of much additional equipment. We received from SYSTEMSCOMMAND four new PU-648 generators and are expecting four new PU-344 generators in the very near future. The Unit brought with it the AN/UPS-1 and it is hoped that it will soon be operational. A TSA-13 (Tower) was also brought down to replace the TSA that has been in use. The old tower has been replaced and we are now using the TSA-13. New radio shelters will be in place shortly. The TSQ-18A complex continues to be used in a limited though effective manner and it is expected that as soon as the UPS-1 is operational the entire complex will be utilized to the full extent for which it was designed. We are still awaiting the promised AN/TPN-8 radar to replace the one damaged last month. Upon its arrival both radars will be housed in the radomes that were brought down from Futema. This will ease the maintenance problems and hopefully evidence finer radar service than is now being provided. Blowing sand and heat continue to present us with our greatest maintenance problems.

Proposed plans for the Unit include assuming the responsibility of running our own Unit Diary, maintaining our own record books and in essence becoming our own administrator. Presently there are two Marines assigned to H&MS-39 for OJT admin work. They are Sgt. J. E. REVORD and Cpl. R. A. BARBEAU. Upon their return to the Unit it is expected that the Unit will begin its own administration. Hopefully, this innovation will spread among all MATCU's and one day will see all Unit's performing this function. We are awaiting approval from CMC to receive the necessary publications and directives.

While morale is not as good as it should be in a Marine unit in a combat zone, the personnel perform their duties in an exemplary manner. Each individual Marine continues to work long and hard hours each day. Happiness will be a new OIG.

PERSONNEL: We have seen another large turn over of personnel within the Unit as reflected below.

PERSONNEL JOINED DURING AUGUST:

SGT. G. H. BARIBEAULT
CPL. R. A. BARBEAU
LCpl. A. J. AMATO

PERSONNEL DETACHED:

MAJ. B. W. BRASWELL
MAJ. D. G. DUNLAP
GySgt. D. R. CONLEY

PERSONNEL DETACHED cont.

SGT. R. W. COCHRAN
SGT. T. L. COX
SGT. C. L. CAMERON
SGT. R. M. DAVIS
SGT. M. D. EDWARDS
SGT. R. C. HILL
SGT. R. L. MILLER
SGT. C. T. PAIGE
SGT. S. C. SCHWAB
SGT. C. A. WOLD
CPL. R. L. GENTRY
CPL. E. K. RUIZ

SUPPLY: We are operating at 47 % ERPAL total line items.

CONSTRUCTION: The previously mentioned TSA-11 tower has been replaced by the newer model TSA-13. Use of an H-53 to take the TSA-11 down resulted in a sand storm of undescrivable dimensions. The TSA-13 was erected utilizing the scaffolding and hoist that is a part of the design for the tower.

Joy in Mudville. The long awaited and often promised SEA hootches are under construction. Occupancy will occur with the last piece of tin being nailed down. The Unit's office is located outside, in the sand under a tent laid out over all the desks, chairs and filing cabinets.

Work will soon commence on an addition to our large community shower complex.

ENGINEERING: Two machinegun bunkers and a command bunker have been constructed in the area to provide defensive positions facing Route 1 and assorted units across the road. Additionally, one bunker has been built to house the additional personnel recently joined.

CONSTRUCTION: Six SEA hootches are being built by MCB-11. Plans for a permanent shower for this side of the field have been scrapped.

AIR CONTROL: Sgt. G. M. LEWIS has been recently IFR qualified for Quang Tri. New Crew Chiefs are: Staff Sergeant J. McCLURG, Staff Sergeant R. E. McCONNELL and Sergeant G. M. LEWIS. The newly joined personnel (controllers) will attend a two day familiarization school and are expected to be qualified within the month. With the addition of the UPS-1 radar, our capabilities will be greatly expanded and qualification will become a high priority.