

MARINE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT 68
MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 16
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 16
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FMF, PACIFIC
FPO SAN FRANCISCO, 96602

KVB:LWT
3 JULY 1966

FROM: OFFICER IN CHARGE
TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, MABS-16

SUBJ: COMMAND CHRONOLOGY, TRANSMITTAL OF

REF: (A) WGO 5750.1B
(B) GRUO 5750.1A

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCES (A) AND (B), THE FOLLOWING
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY IS SUBMITTED.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

ORGANIZATION: MARINE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT 68

LOCATION: HUE/PHU BAI AIRPORT, RVN

DATES: 1 JUNE TO 30 JUNE 1966

PART I. ORGANIZATION DATA 1 JUNE - 30 JUNE 1966

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| 1(A) A. | OFFICER IN CHARGE: | CAPT. KENT V. BERCHIO LLI |
| B. | ASST. OFFICER IN CHARGE
& OPS.: | 1STLT LANCE V. BEVINS |
| C. | ADMIN OFFICER: | 1STLT STANLEY F. JACOBSEN |
| D. | APP. CONTROL/GCA OFFICER: | 1STLT FLOYD E. SEAMAN |
| E. | TOWER OFFICER: | 1STLT PATRICK M. PROUT |
| F. | TRAINING OFFICER: | 2NDLT DOYLE R. REED |
| G. | MAINT. & SUPPLY OFFICER: | CWO-2 RICHARD C. PEDERSON |

2. THIS UNIT PROVIDES ALL WEATHER AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AT HUE/PHU BAI AIRPORT, HUE, VIETNAM.

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH WAS 7 OFFICERS AND 83 ENLISTED.

PART II. SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS

NONE

PART III. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PROMOTIONS:
PROMOTED TO THEIR PRESENT RANK WERE GYSGT VOPELAK, GYSGT SMITH, GYSGT MISCHOCK, GYSGT CARMAN, GYSGT COLLINS, GYSGT BESS, SSGT MAYS, SGT CRAVEN, SGT GORDON.

2. AIR CONTROL:
DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE THE TOWER AND TSQ-18 HAVE BEEN IN FULL OPERATION 24 HRS. A DAY. GCA MADE A TOTAL OF 144 VFR AND 3 IFR APPROACHES. THE TOWERS AT PHU BAI AND MARBLE MOUNTAIN CONDUCTED 11,904 AND 13,400 OPERATIONS RESPECTIVELY.

ON 11 AND 15 JUNE THE FACILITY AT PHU BAI WAS FLIGHT CHECKED BY THE FLIGHT CHECK DIVISION OF THE 1964TH AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP AND IT WAS DETERMINED THAT MATCU-68 WAS FULLY OPERATIONAL. THE MARBLE MOUNTAIN TACAN WAS ALSO CHECKED AND FOUND SATISFACTORY.

3. DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, MATCU-68 PERSONNEL BEGAN ASSUMING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING THE MAG-16 COMPOUND AT PHU BAI. UP TO THIS TIME, THE TENNANT SQUADRON HAS

PROVIDED THIS FUNCTION. THE PRESENT PLAN WILL RELEASE SQUADRON PERSONNEL FOR MORE VITAL FUNCTIONS AND LEND A DEGREE OF CONTINUITY TO THE OPERATION OF THE BASE SINCE, UNLIKE SQUADRONS, THE MATCU SHOULD BE AT PHU BAI FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.

4. SUPPLY:

(A) THIS UNIT IS STILL IN NEED OF SUFFICIENT SPARE PARTS TO MAINTAIN ITS AN/APA-125, ARC-94'S, ARC-52'S AND OTHER ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE ALSO SUPPORT. IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN SEEN ON THE TSQ-18 REQUIRED SPARES.

(B) THIS UNIT IS STILL AWAITING CRYSTALS NECESSARY FOR VHF OPERATION WITH TSA-13.

5. MAINTENANCE:

(A) MATCU EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN SPLIT BETWEEN MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY, MAG-16 AND PHU BAI. TWO (2) AN/TRN-14 TACANS AND ONE (1) AN/TSA-11 TOWER AND ONE (1) AN/GRC-99 HAVE BEEN LEFT AT MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY WITH COMPONENT POWER, TECHNICIANS AND OPERATORS.

(B) TEST EQUIPMENT COMPLIMENT IS STILL INCOMPLETE. REFER MATCU-68 LTR Ø3:CWP:ARL OVER TSEQ OF 17FEB66, REQUESTING SHORTAGES FROM BUWEPS.

PART IV.

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