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Airfields in South Vietnam

1. Qui Nhon. The runway extension and resurfacing and the ramp rehabilitation are being done by O&MA funds (65-21C-937). The surface treatment of the runway, extension and the north ramps were to be done by contractor and the parallel taxiway by troops at a later date. However, troops are handling the runway and ramps now and the contractor will do the parallel taxiway.

2. ROK Valley.

a. A 50 pad-hasty heliport was completed 19 February at An Son (2) (826.0101/65-10DC-937). The location of the project had been listed as Qui Nhon. New location is 49PBR948262. A two lane access road was built and an Eiffel Bridge replaced with a timber bridge. A troop billeting area was prepared along with necessary hardstands for maintenance and a control tower was erected. The pads, taxiways, and ramps have an penetration macadam surface.

b. A 25 pad hasty heliport is being constructed adjacent to the 50 pad heliport (MCA unassigned/65-32DC-937). Clearing and grubbing have been completed, drainage structures are being built and grading of pads is underway. Each pad will be covered with a 12' x 12' section of PSP. Estimated completion date is 1 May 66.

3. An Khe.

a. The division heliport is now being improved and is to be finished by 15 Jun 66 (826.020/66-28DC-937). The work includes:

- (1) Design of the facility.
- (2) Surface CH-47 taxiways and ramps with T-17 membrane.
- (3) Construct drainage structures.
- (4) Construct service and access roads and place a surface treatment on same.

The roads, pads and drainage structures are now being graded.

b. The C-130 strip will be rehabilitated in the near future (826.010/65-11DC-937). The M-6 matting will be taken up and replaced with M-8. The strip is designed for C-120, CV-2 and OV-1 aircraft and will include ramps for these aircraft. A parallel taxiway is also included.

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4. Pleiku. Aircraft maintenance facilities are to be constructed and completed by 1 Jul 66. (BOD 1 June). (826.010/66-15DC-937). The facilities include:

9000 sq yds of maintenance ramp
1 80' x 220' warehouse
2 75' x 190' hangars
1 20' x 50' administration building
1 20' x 50' motor repair shop

Drainage facilities and electrical wiring. The facility is to be located at Camp Holloway.

5. Dong Ba Thin.

a. The following projects are being held up due to the large amount of fill which must be placed in the area:

75 pad UH-1 heliport	65-14DC-35
18 pad CH-47 heliport	65-16DC-35
Hangar	65-51DC-35
Runway Extension & Taxiway	66-14DC-35

b. The CV-2 parking apron will be completed during the first week of March. The project was delayed because three different brands of M-8 matting had to be used. (65-15DC-35). Also using burlap and MC-2. (2 shots).

6. Phan Rang. The Air Force airfield is being readied for a 15 Mar 66 BOD (MCAF/65-14C-35). 7000' of runway are now complete and cross over taxiways and a parking ramp are being worked on. A membrane is being placed on compacted decomposed granite before the matting is laid.

7. Lai Khe.

a. A 30 pad UH-1 heliport is being constructed (826.010/65-28DC-159). Grading of stabilization of pads is complete and M-8 matting as well as MC-0 have been delivered to site. EDC is 30 March.

b. A continuous C-130 strip 60' x 3500' is being constructed (826.010/66-10DC-159). Grading and drainage work is complete and MC-0 is being applied to be followed by M-8 matting. EDC is 1 Jul 66. Project 66-30DC-159 calls for a parallel taxiway to be completed by 1 Nov 66. The strip is operational.

8. Phouc Vinh.

a. A 30 pad UH-1 heliport (pioneer) is now operational (826.010/65-30DC-159). MC-0 and M-8 matting will be placed when materials can be delivered to site. Project is 60% complete with 22 Mar EDC.

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b. A C-130 strip is operational (826.010/66-33C-159) and will be surfaced when materials become available. Grading is now held up due to enemy action. EDC is 15 July. A parallel taxiway is to be built by 15 August (826.010/66-34C-159). Both projects are less than 5% complete.

9. Phu Loi. A 196 pad heliport is being constructed for a division aviation battalion. (826.010/65-23DC-159). The facility is operational and is 80% complete. M-8 matting is now being placed without M-0. EDC is 1 April.

10. Vung Tou. The two aircraft parking areas are being built for 16 CH-47 and 25 UH-1 aircraft. The fill and compaction work are complete, however, a requirement for asphalt treatment and laying of M-8 matting have been added to the project. Work will begin as soon as materials are available.

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