

MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 152
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September 1969-to 30 September 1969

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PART IORGANIZATION DATA1. IDENTIFICATION

VAGR-152

COMMANDER

LT COL. ALBERT H. MANHARD JR.

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1 - 30 September 1969: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS: (Changes)

Capt J. BULLOCK

Supply Officer

23-30 Sept

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 45 NA | 485 | 1 | 3 |
| 10 AVG | | | |

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of September, VMFB-152 flew 1397 hours in 730 sorties. Of these 1311.4 hours and 665 sorties were flown in support of the III Marine Amphibious Force in RVN.
2. Logistics commitments consisted of airlifting cargo and passengers between Okinawa and DaNang, DaNang, Cubi Point and Hong Kong, and between the various airfields within the I Corps Tactical Zone of Operations. The total number of passengers transported was 20,885; cargo totals for the month show 1,684 tons.
3. Night illumination for ground forces in the ICTC was provided nightly, from sunset to sunrise, by flare configured aircraft from the Squadron. There were 56 Flare Missions flown; 5,463 flares were dispensed.
4. Aerial refueling was provided for 297 aircraft during the month. This was accomplished on 80 tanker sorties flown as routine on station tanker missions out of DaNang, and refueling Marine fighter aircraft supporting the 7th Fleet in LARCAP Operations on Yankee Station. A total of 266,738 gallons of fuel was dispensed during this months tanker operations.

PART XIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMMITMENTS

A. 5 Sept - The on station tanker in RVN, in response to a call on guard channel from an Air America C-47 with one engine out, located the distressed aircraft 100 miles out to sea off Danang, and escorted him to a safe landing at Danang.

B. 19 Sept - Transported CG III MAF from Danang to Quang Tri and return. Transportation via squadron aircraft was requested because weather was too poor for any other means of transportation.

C. 23 Sept - Asst. CG III MAF was transported from Hong Keng to Danang.

D. 24 Sept - Asst. CG 1stMAW was flown from Quang Tri to Danang.

E. 25-26 Sept - The Island of Okinawa was placed in Typhoon Condition II when Typhoon Elsie appeared to be aimed directly at the Island with winds forecast to be 150 knots. Squadron aircraft were evacuated to Iwakuni, Japan and returned to Okinawa on the evening of 26 Sept when the typhoon changed to a westerly course.

F. 28,29,30 Sept - With only two hours notice, a priority airlift of some one thousand troops of the Third Marine Division from Quang Tri, RVN to Okinawa was initiated. The lift was completed in two and one-half days by an around the clock shuttle of four squadron aircraft.

| <u>2. FLIGHT STATISTICS</u> | <u>TOTALS</u> | <u>DETACHMENT ONLY</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| CARGO TONS | 1,684 | 1,613 |
| PASSENGERS | 20,885 | 20,204 |
| HOURS FLOWN | 1,397 | 1,311 |
| SORTIES | 730 | 699 |
| AR MISSIONS | 30 | 80 |
| FLARE MISSIONS | 56 | 56 |
| FLARES DISPENSED | 5,463 | 5,463 |

3. PERSONNEL

A. Squadron personnel were divided between the squadron at MCAF Futema and Sub Unit #1 at Danang as follows: (Monthly Average).

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|-------------------|-------------|--------------|
| MCAF FUTEMA | 43 Officers | 379 Enlisted |
| MCAF FUTEMA (USN) | 1 Officers | 2 Enlisted |
| Sub Unit #1 | 3 Officers | 106 Enlisted |
| Sub Unit #1 (USN) | 0 Officers | 1 Enlisted |

B. NEW PILOTS ASSIGNED

Capt L. J. FARRELL 085103/7557
 Capt J. Q. NESMITH 089927/7557

C. NEW CREW MEMBERS ASSIGNED

SSGT GRONE, J. A. 1554212/6215
 GYSGT SKINNER, F. H. 1538931/6315
 CPL RABIE, R. L. 2266292/6725
 CPL HOY, T. S. 2337575/6725
 CPL GAIN D. S. 2395512/6725
 LCPL PREMONT T. K. 2349334/6725
 GYSGT MCGUIRK, A. 1085430/6315
 GYSGT SWISHER, R. J. 1436044/6315