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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

VMGR-152

COMMANDER

LtCol Royce M. WILLIAMS

ATTACHED UNITS

Detachment Alpha, VMGR-352 (4 aircraft), is under OPCON VMGR-152

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 May: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS: (changes)

LtCol John URELL

LtCol Royce M. WILLIAMS

Major William A. HEADLEY

Major Richard A. HAGEMAN

1stLt Kenneth C. TERHORST

Major Donald G. SMITH

Major Robert R. DORAN

Commanding Officer

Commanding Officer

Air Officer 9th MAB

Air Officer 9th MAB

Supply Officer

OIC Sub Unit-1

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1-15 May

16-31 May

1-26 May

27-31 May

1-31 May

1-30 May

31 May

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCOFFENL42 - Naval Av
8 - Av Ground

510

USNOFFENL

2

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of May VMGR-152 flew 946 sorties for a total of 1883 flight hours. The average sortie was of 2.0 duration. During the month VMGR-152 transported 23,490 passengers and 3,707 short tons of cargo. The number of Aerial Refueling missions increased by over 100%-from 25 to 52-and the number of aircraft refueled increased by over 130%-from 69 to 161.

The Sub Unit based at Da Nang continued to operate an average of four aircraft in support of "in-country" operations. These operations, again, consisted of aerial refueling, logistical resupply and flare drop missions. Flare drop missions increased by more than 100% from 33 to 68, this month, and the number of flares dispensed increased from 5041 to 9389.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Commitments

A review of the commitments flown during May shows the following significant events, in chronological order.

2 May

- a. A4E aircraft split refueling hose. Ingested fuel, flamed out and ejection followed. C-130 flew RESCAP.

3 May

- a. Dropped flares in support of ground troops assaulting hills 881N and 881S. This crew acted as TACA during mortar attack at Lang Vie.

4 May

- a. Provided transportation for BGen KELLER and party Da Nang to Khe Sanh to witness 3/3 assaulting 881.
- b. Detachment A/C hit by ground fire on T.O. from Hue. Two passengers received minor wounds.

6 May

- a. Lifted Battalion of 937 men and 4 loads of vehicles from Da Nang to Hue in 5 hours.
- b. Provided transportation from Atsugi to Iwakuni for MGen BOUKER.

8 May

- a. Three emergency MedEvac flights in RVN.

9 May

- a. F4B broke off end of refueling drogue, causing fire in right hand refueling pod. Refueling pod required replacement.

11 May

- a. Battalion airlift from Hue to Khe Sanh and Dong Ha.

12 May

- a. Aircraft received 2 hits during flare drop mission in A Shau Valley.

14 May

- a. Aircraft received 6 hits by 12.7mm automatic weapon while on Aerial Delivery mission. Radio Operator received slight wound in wrist.

- b. Air struck by lightening during climb out for refueling mission.

15 May

- a. Aircraft received 3 hits by 12.7mm automatic weapon while on Aerial Delivery mission. Same place as Aerial Delivery mission on 14 May.
- b. Aircraft to night refueling standby at 18°30'N 20 miles off the coast of NVN.

17 May

- a. Aircraft received 9 hits by 30 cal. fire during approach to Quang Ngai airport.

18 May

- a. Runway at Khe Sanh came apart when KC-130 landed. Field is marginal at best.

2. <u>Flight Statistics</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Detachment Only</u>
Cargo (tons)	3706.8	1443.7
Passengers	23,490	9053
Hours Flown	1883.1	510.9
Sorties	946	392
AR Missions	52	
AD Missions	3	
Flare Drop Missions	68	
Flares Dropped	9389	
A/C hit by ground fire	7	

3. Personnel

- a. Squadron personnel were divided between the squadron at Futema and Sub Unit 1 at Da Nang as follows. (Monthly Average)

MCAF Futema	47 Officers	-	390 Enlisted
Sub Unit 1	3 Officers	-	120 Enlisted

- b. No new pilots assigned during May.

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c. New crew member personnel assigned:

SSgt J. J. OLIVER

SSgt M. J. RUANE

GySgt J. K. BOYLE

SSgt J. E. SMITH

GySgt T. Z. HAMILTON

d. New non-crew member personnel assigned:

SSgt G. F. MORGAN

Cpl D. J. CARIE

Sgt D. M. MILHOAN

PFC R. J. PIERCE

Cpl B. D. BROWN

4. Awards

There were thirty seven (37) Air Medals awarded.

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