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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 (1-27 November)

2. LOCATION

1 - 30 November: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS: (changes)

|       |                |                   |                     |
|-------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| LtCol | F. G. MC LENON | Executive Officer | 10-30 November 1967 |
| LtCol | R. B. MOORE    | S-3 Officer       | 10-30 November 1967 |
| Major | J. K. KNOPE    | NATOPS Officer    | 4-30 November 1967  |
| Major | H. CLAYSON     | S-1 Officer       | 4-30 November 1967  |
| Major | D. F. NEILSON  | Personnel Officer | 4-30 November 1967  |
| Major | J. F. WALSH    | S-2 Officer       | 4-30 November 1967  |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFENLOFFENL

41 - Naval Av  
10 - Av Ground

435

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of November, VMGR-152 flew 1,100 sorties for a total of 1,497 flight hours. 25,509 passengers and 3,293 short tons of cargo were transported.

The Sub Unit based at Danang continued to operate with an average of four aircraft. Missions flown consisted of aerial refueling, logistics, air delivery and flare drop missions.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Commitments

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

1 November a. 147572 - Crew: Major N. DE SIO, and Capt. S. A. DUTCHER - On takeoff at Danang airfield, RVN, a small caliber bullet passed through the port elevator.

b. Provided transportation for Gen GLICK from Atsugi to Iwakuni

c. Provided transportation for Col SHOOK from Futema to Iwakuni to Atsugi to Iwakuni.

11 November a. 148893 - Crew: Major M. B. LYNCH, and 1/Lt. D. M. JONTZ - During a shuttle between Hue Phu Bai airfield, RVN, and Dong Ha airfield, one small caliber round passed through the vertical stabilizer.

b. During a landing approach to Hue Phu Bai airport on the morning of 11 November 1967 aircraft number 148247 was hit by an enemy small arms round that penetrated the fuel heater on the number 4 engine. This allowed fuel to drain into the engine nacelle. The crew was not aware of the bullet hit until the plane was on the runway and the propellers were reversed. At this time the number 4 engine nacelle exploded and the ensuing fire caused extensive damage to the engine, propeller and wing behind the engine before the airfield fire trucks extinguished the flames. The engine and propeller were replaced and the holes that had been burned in the wing and flaps were patched so that the plane could be flown to Osaka, Japan where it is now awaiting a new outer wing to be installed by a Japanese aircraft company. The pilots were Major F. T. O'CONNOR and Major W. S. BALDWIN. There were no injuries to personnel.

14 November a. 148895 - Crew: Major J. K. KNOPE, and Major J. F. WALSH - In the vicinity of Hue Phu Bai airport, RVN, one small caliber round punctured the leading edge and the number four fuel cell.

15 November a. 148893 - Crew: LtCol R. M. WILLIAMS, and Major H. CLAYSON - Six nautical miles east of An Hoa airfield, RVN, one round of enemy small arms fire penetrated the cargo compartment deck and hit an overhead compartment dome light. The round missed an ammunition pallet by 14 inches.

17 November a. 150688 - Crew: Major R. K. GOFORTH, and Major R. F. DAAS - On approach to Quang Tri airfield, RVN, aircraft was struck twice by enemy small arms fire. One round struck the number two propeller, three and one half inches from blade root. Another round hit the aircraft just below the port wing root, and continued through the top of the cargo compartment.

b. Evacuated all squadron aircraft from Futema to Danang, Osaka, Iwakuni, Atsugi, and Cubi Point due to Typhoon Gilda.

20 November a. All squadron aircraft returned to Futema after all clear on Typhoon Gilda.

30 November a. Provided transportation for Col KELLOG from Danang to Futema.

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2. FLIGHT STATISTICS

|                         | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>DETACHMENT ONLY</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| CARGO (tons)            | 3,293        | 2,503                  |
| PASSENGERS              | 25,509       | 19,930                 |
| HOURS FLOWN             | 1,497        | 1,163                  |
| SORTIES                 | 1,100        | 611                    |
| AR MISSIONS             | 5            | 5                      |
| AD MISSIONS             | 9            | 9                      |
| FLARE DROP MISSIONS     | 54           | 54                     |
| FLARES DROPPED          | 8,134        | 8,134                  |
| A/C HIT by Hostile Fire | 6            | 6                      |

3. PERSONNEL

a. Squadron personnel were divided between the squadron at Futema and Sub Unit #1 at Danang as follows: (monthly average)

|             |           |                 |            |                 |
|-------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| MCAF FUTEMA | <u>49</u> | <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>335</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> |
| SUB UNIT #1 | <u>2</u>  | <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>80</u>  | <u>ENLISTED</u> |

b. New Pilots Assigned

LtCol F. G. MC LENON  
 Major L. J. ALLEN  
 Major D. N. SPROTT  
 Capt. L. M. HULL

c. New Crew Members Assigned

MSgt W. F. WHITE Jr.  
 MSgt L. L. SWANSON  
 MSgt J. L. ISBELL  
 GySgt D. E. JANDA  
 GySgt I. H. MILLER  
 GySgt T. E. DONALDSON  
 SSgt G. P. GARCIA  
 SSgt K. FOSTER  
 SSgt M. G. SHOUP  
 SSgt M. R. SHONK  
 SSgt E. VASQUEZ  
 Sgt L. R. WEBB  
 Cpl R. F. TUCKER

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d. New Non Crew Member Personnel Assigned.

|       |                |
|-------|----------------|
| MSGT  | D. L. AUSTIN   |
| LCPL  | L. L. BAGEWELL |
| LCPL  | L. D. BARROW   |
| PFC   | R. J. BRADFORD |
| CPL   | J. N. BOERIS   |
| CPL   | G. R. COLLARD  |
| LCPL  | R. W. FISHER   |
| SSGT  | J. C. HASSEN   |
| CPL   | G. E. HENTRICH |
| CPL   | M. E. HOLLMARK |
| SGT   | J. W. KEELY    |
| GYSGT | L. C. MUNCY    |
| CPL   | F. J. PIERCE   |
| SGT   | D. E. PINKSTON |
| CPL   | G. D. WITHROW  |

4. AWARDS

- a. 5 Air Medals were awarded during this period
- b. VMGR-152 was awarded the CNO Safety Award for FY 1967.