

MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 152
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15 (Rein)
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMB
FPO, San Francisco, 96602

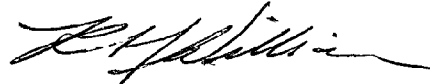
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

VMGR-152

COMMANDER

LtCol Royce M. WILLIAMS

ATTACHED UNITS

None.

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 December: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS: (changes)

Major L. J. ALLEN

Avn Safety Officer

8-31 December 1967

Major G. D. MC LAUGHLIN

OIC Sub Unit #1

1-31 December 1967

Lt. H. I. WOLF

Dental Officer

12-31 December 1967

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFENLOFFENL

38 - Naval Av

420

2

4

10 - Av Ground

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of December, VMGR-152 flew 1,078 sorties for a total of 1,682 flight hours. 31,969 passengers and 4,141 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, and flare drop missions.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Commitments

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

1 December a. Provided transportation for LtGen CUSHMAN, CG, III MAF and nineteen Congressmen from Danang to Khe Sanh to Danang.

3 December a. Provided transportation for Col KELLOGG, CO, MAG-15 from Iwakuni to Futema.

8 December a. 147572 - Crew: CWO-3 H. WILDFANG, and Captain H. W. JAMES - During a GCA approach to Danang Airfield, RVN, the aircraft was struck by one small caliber round which punctured the bottom of number 3 fuel cell.

10-17 December a. 149816 - Crew: Major J. K. KNOPE, and Captain H. W. JAMES - Aircraft had made a logistics flight to Khe Sanh Airfield, RVN, when aircraft was struck by one small caliber round which passed through the tail cone assembly 6 inches inboard from the right corner.

b. 149816 - Crew: Major J. K. KNOPE, and Captain H. W. JAMES - Aircraft on night GCA approach to Hue Phu Bai Airfield, RVN, was hit by three small caliber rounds, one round penetrated the number 3 engine nacelle, split the fourteenth stage bleed air duct and disintegrated upon contact with lip of compressor casing. One round passed through left rear corner of nose wheel gear door (gear door open) penetrated fuselage and lodged in the number 2 HF radio. One round penetrated fuselage 6 feet forward of right landing gear wheel well, punctured a stringer but did not penetrate cargo deck.

12 December a. Provided transportation for MajGen^M TOMKINS, CG, 3rd MARDIV from Phu Bai to Dong Ha and returned him to Phu Bai.

13 December a. Provided transportation for RAdm LACEY from Danang to Chu Lai and returned him to Danang.

17-24 December a. 149816 - Crew: Major J. K. KNOPE, and Captain H. W. JAMES - Aircraft had made a logistics flight to Khe Sanh Airfield, RVN, when it was struck by one small caliber bullet which passed through the left elevator control surface 8 feet inboard from the elevator tip.

20 December a. Provided transportation for Col LAING from Futema to Danang to Futema.

b. Provided transportation for BGen OWEN, III MAF, from Danang to Bien Hoa.

c. Transported one plane load of toys (Civic Action Cargo for the III MAF) from Hong Kong to Danang for the Vietnamese children.

23 December a. Provided transportation for Col ELDRIDGE from Atsugi to Iwakuni.

2. <u>FLIGHT STATISTICS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>DETACHMENT ONLY</u>
CARGO (tons)	4,141	3,283
PASSENGERS	31,969	24,112
HOURS FLOWN	1,682	1040
SORTIES	1,078	802
AR MISSIONS	56	56
AD MISSIONS	0	0
FLARE DROP MISSIONS	60	60
FLARES DROPPED	7,235	7,235
A/C HIT by Hostile Fire	4	4

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>36</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
SUB UNIT #1	<u>2</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>

b. New Pilots Assigned

None

c. New Crew Members Assigned

Sgt R. H. BEVIER Jr
 GySgt F. L. BLACKWOOD
 GySgt L. E. BENDALL
 GySgt P. N. CHRISTAKOS
 SSgt K. E. HELSEL
 GySgt F. KOSTOF
 GySgt J. J. LARGE
 Cpl P. J. MEHLICK
 GySgt T. L. NICKOLS
 SSgt M. W. SANFORD

d. New Non Crew Member Personnel Assigned

Sgt E. D. BRADY
Cpl D. J. DAUGHERTY
Cpl B. A. HUNTER
Sgt C. L. WALTERS
SSgt J. A. NOWICKI
Sgt R. C. POISSANT
Cpl N. T. RITTER
Cpl C. F. TRAUTMAN
Cpl T. L. TROUT
Cpl W. C. WOODCOCK
Cpl L. J. YAMBOR

4. AWARDS

None.