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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

VMGR-152

COMMANDER

LtCol Royce M. WILLIAMS

ATTACHED UNITS

None.

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 January: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS: (changes)

Major C. DEORNELLAS

Legal Officer

1-31 January 1968 .

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFENLOFFENL39 Naval Av
9 Av Ground

435

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of January, VMGR-152 flew 1,208 sorties for a total of 1,870 flight hours. 29,100 passengers and 4,312 short tons of cargo were transported.

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

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Commitments

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

7 January a. Provided transportation for Col's KELLOG, SHOOK and BLANCHARD from Futema to Danang.

12 January a. 147572 - Crew: Maj KNOPE and Maj WALSH - Aircraft received 1 hit on approach to An Hoa. Round passed through the right of the main landing gear and penetrated the fuselage.

13 January a. Provided transportation for (Army) BGen. LISCOMB, 3 Marine Officers, 30 Army Officers and 2 Korean Officers from Danang, Chu Lai, Quang Ngai, and Duc Pho. Delivered them to the 1st Army Division Headquarters at Lai Khe, and returned them to their bases the same day.

14 January a. Conducted two separate MEDIVACS out of Khe Sanh, 5 litter, and two walking, respectively.

16 January a. Provided transportation for MajGen. METZGER, from Danang to Hong Kong.

18 January a. Conducted emergency flare Drop mission to support a RECON team surrounded by the enemy.

b. Provided transportation for BGen. GLICK, from Futema to Danang.

23 January a. Flew 16 supply missions directly into Khe Sanh. Received incoming 6 times. Utilized the Speed Unloading technique, touch down to take-off was as short as 3 minutes 10 seconds.

b. Provided transportation for Col. LAING from Futema to Danang, and return to Futema.

25 January a. Provided transportation for Col. TREADWELL and party from Fut to Danang.

b. Provided transportation for Col. SIMMONS from Futema to Danang and return on 26 January.

c. 148895 - Crew: Maj OWEN and Capt JAMES - Aircraft was struck by one 0.50 caliber round while on approach to Hue Phu Bai, RVN. The round passed through the outboard flap and wing on the starboard side.

26 January a. Provided transportation for BGen. HOFFMAN from Danang to Dong Ha.

28 January a. 149813 - Crew: Maj O'CONNOR and Maj THYDEN - Aircraft was struck by several 0.50 caliber rounds on approach to Khe Sanh. One round hit the port IFR pod, and wing access panel. Two holes in No. 1 fuel tank, one and one half inches from the leading edge. One hole in port flap, outboard.

29 January a. 148892 - Crew: Maj BANKS and Capt DUTCHER - While on the ground at Khe Sanh aircraft was hit by fragments of incoming mortars. Fragments passed through the right elevator trim tab.

b. Augmentation Crew, on three separate occasions located and illuminated enemy rocket sites, engaging Danang and Marble mountain airfields.

2. <u>FLIGHT STATISTICS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>DETACHMENT ONLY</u>
CARGO (tons)	4,312	3,471
PASSENGERS	29,100	23,750
HOURS FLOWN	1,870	1,457
SORTIES	1,208	923
AR MISSIONS	39	39
AD MISSIONS	5	5
FLARE DROP MISSIONS	61	61
FLARES DROPPED	10,366	10,366
A/C HIT BY HOSTILE FIRE	5	5

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>45</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>365</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
SUB UNIT #1	<u>2</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>

b. New Pilots Assigned

Maj	R. E. BANKS
Maj	D. L. MC EVOY
Maj	E. C. MERRICKS
Maj	H. W. RODER
Maj	G. W. THYDEN
Maj	R. E. WHITE

c. New Crew Members Assigned

MSgt D. C. ALBRITTON
MSgt G. R. GAUTHIER
LCpl G. D. HAAS
GySgt J. H. HARDY
MSgt T. F. HARDY
LCpl W. C. MANTHEY
GySgt J. K. SHIELDS

d. New Non Crew Member Personnel Assigned

Cpl J. W. CARTER
Cpl B. A. HUNTER
SSgt S. L. HURT
Cpl W. J. STERGAR

4. AWARDS

a. On 29 January 1968, VMGR-152 was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation, by BGen. CHIPF, for operation "HASTINGS" the period from 15 July 1966 to 4 August 1966.