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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

VMGR-152

COMMANDER

LtCol Frank G. MCLENON

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1 - 30 April: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS: (changes)

LtCol F. G. MCLENON	Commanding Officer	1 to 30Apr68
LtCol R. B. MOORE	Executive Officer	1 to 30Apr68
Major H. CLAYSON	OIC Sub Unit #1	1 to 30Apr68
Major D. F. NIELSEN	Administrative Officer	1 to 30Apr68
Major M. B. LYNCH	Operations Officer	1 to 30Apr68
Major J. M. PIERCE	Air Freight Systems Off	1 to 30Apr68
Capt L. M. HULL	Basic Training Officer	1 to 30Apr68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>			<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
44	Naval Av	496	2	6
8	Av Ground			

PART II

NARRATIVE DIARY

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Commitments

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

2 April a. Provided transportation for Col KELLOGG from Futema to Danang to Futema.

b. Provided transportation for Gen KELLER and Gen LAHUE from Danang to Hong Kong to Danang.

4 April a. Provided transportation for LtGen KRULAK & Staff from Danang to Futema.

9 April a. 149814 - Crew: Major BRDAR and Major MCEVOY - On a scheduled Passenger flight between Danang, Phu Bai and Dong Ha a call was received for an emergency tanker. Rendezvous with a battle damaged A4 was accomplished off the coast at Phu Bai and refueling accomplished while nursing the A4 from Phu Bai to Danang where he landed safely. At the time of receiving the emergency call for a tanker the A4 was reported to be down to 1,000 pounds and the pilot would have to eject if refueling could not be accomplished.

17 April a. 149796 - Crew: Major SPROTT and Major HAYNES - Provided flare assistance for night med evac in the vicinity of Khe Sanh.

19 April a. Provided transportation for Col KELLOGG from Iwakuni to Atsugi to Iwakuni.

21 April a. 147572 - Crew: LtCol MOORE and Captain MORTENSEN - Dropped 54 flares in support of ships searching for man overboard. Man was rescued unharmed.

22 April a. Provided transportation for Col ETHERIDGE from Danang to Cubi Point to Danang.

24 April a. 149804 - Crew: Major BRDAR and Major WALSH - While on approach to An Hoa Airfield, Aircraft was struck by one round of 0.30 caliber enemy fire. A small hole was found in the #3 engine oil cooler flap.

25 April a. 150689 - Crew: Major ROPER and Major BRIDGEWATER - Provided flare assistance for night med evac 3 miles east of Khe Sanh.

28 April a. Provided transportation for Col CONWAY and Col ETHERIDGE from Futema to Atsugi.

2. <u>FLIGHT STATISTICS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>DETACHMENT ONLY</u>
CARGO (tons)	4,265	3,318
PASSENGERS	34,809	27,539
HOURS FLOWN	1,669	1,531
SCOTTIES	1,086	854
AR MISSIONS	27	20
AD MISSIONS	0	0
FLARE MISSIONS	66	66
FLARES DROPPED	10,627	10,627
A/C HIT BY HOSTILE FIRE	1	1

3. PERSONNEL

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

MCAF FUTEMA	50	OFFICERS	400	ENLISTED
MCAF FUTEMA (USN)	2	OFFICERS	6	ENLISTED
SUB UNIT #1	2	OFFICERS	98	ENLISTED
SUB UNIT #1 (USN)	0	OFFICERS	1	ENLISTED

b. New Pilots Assigned

Major J. W. HAYNES
 Major W. S. SMITH
 Major F. E. MILLNER
 Major J. W. GARRIOTT

c. New Crew Members Assigned

GySgt C. D. STEVENS
 GySgt W. W. JOINER
 SSgt J. L. SHELTON
 SSgt S. W. NIEDERMAYER
 Sgt J. A. BERGQUIST
 Sgt J. D. GOODWIN
 Cpl D. A. FLETCHER
 LCpl G. M. JENSEN
 LCpl J. R. KRUEGER

d. New Non-Crew Member Personnel Assigned

Sgt A. J. BOGGS
Sgt L. E. LAVAUT
Cpl A. B. COURAGE

4. AWARDS

There were eighty-one (81) Air Medals awarded during this period.

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