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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

VMGR-152

COMMANDER

LtCol Frank G. MCLENON

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 May: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS: (changes)

LtCol F. G. MCLENON	Commanding Officer	1 to 31May68
LtCol R. B. MOORE	Executive Officer	1 to 31May68
Major H. CLAYSON	OIC Sub Unit #1	1 to 31May68
Major D. P. NIELSEN	Administrative Officer	1 to 31May68
Major M. B. LYNCH	Operations Officer	1 to 31May68
Major J. M. PIERCE	Air Freight Systems Off	1 to 31May68
Capt L. E. HULL	Basic Training Officer	1 to 31May68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
50	Naval Av	3	5
7	Av Ground		

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of May, VMGR-152 flew 1,227 sorties for a total of 1,806 flight hours. 35,529 passengers and 5,105 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 May shows the following significant events in chronological order.

3 May a. 147572 - Crew: Major PIERCE and Captain ONEILL - Provided night flare illumination for MEDEVAC for Australian troops in the A Shau Valley.

6 May a. 147572 - Crew: Captain GARLAND and Major MILLNER - While on final approach to a visual landing at An Hoa, aircraft was hit by two rounds small arms fire. One round hit the left horizontal stabilizer, another struck the left wing. Aircraft made an uneventful landing.

7 May a. Provided transportation for COL KNAPP from Futema to Danang.

11 May a. 148248 - Crew: Major SHUMSKY and Captain BURTON - Coordinated with Jolly Green Giant helicopters in accomplishing rescue operations near Danang for a downed CH-46 helicopter. All but 6 of the 32 personnel stranded were rescued before the operation was forced to stop due to weather.

12 May a. 148248 - Crew: Major OCONNOR and Major SMITH - Coordinated with 903rd MEDEVAC Squadron in accomplishing emergency MEDEVAC out of Dong Ha, (4 litter critical and 2 ambulatory) after artillery hit division ammo dump.

13 May a. 149799 - Crew: Major DEORNELLAS and Major DUNLAP - Provided flare support for ground troops in direct contact 14 miles Southwest of Dong Ha.

13 May a. Provided transportation for BGEN CHIP from Futema to Danang.

15 May a. Provided transportation for BGEN CHIP from Quang Tri to Danang.

17 May a. 149811 - Crew: 1/LT URBAN and Major FRITZLER - Provided flare illumination support for emergency helicopter re-supply 1.5 NM West of Khe Sanh and emergency MEDEVAC directly over Khe Sanh.

20 May a. 150689 - Crew: Major BANKS and Captain JAMES - Provided flare illumination support to suppress Viet Cong attacks on Camp EVANS and Camp EAGLE.

21 May a. 150689 - Crew: Major BANKS and Captain JAMES - Provided flare illumination support for 2 emergency helicopter MEDEVACS. One at Hill 881 and the other at Hill 689 near Khe Sanh.

22 May a. 149804 - Crew: Major LNOPE and Major MILLNER - Provided flare illumination support near Danang with the Commanding Officers of two Air Force squadrons aboard. They were LTCOL DWIGHT and LTCOL BELSER, based at Naha.

22 May b. Provided transportation for COL KELLOGG and COL SHOOK from Futema, Okinawa to Iwakuni, Japan.

22 May c. Provided transportation for COL VANCE, 1st MAW and COL DRESSIN, Naval Air Electronic System Command, from Danang to Futema.

24 May a. 148246 - Crew: Major HAYNES and Major MCCAULEY - Provided flare illumination assistance for air strikes, helicopter assaults, and ground contact in the vicinity of Danang and Hue Phu Bai.

25 May a. Provided transportation for COL SCHMAGLE from Dong Ha to Danang.

27 May a. Provided transportation from Danang to Nakom Phanom, Thailand and return for MGEN ANDERSON and BGEN HISE.

27 May b. Provided transportation for LGEN CUSHMAN from Danang to Hong Kong.

27 May c. 147573 - Crew: Captain BURTON and Captain MORTENSEN - While on wave-off from An Hoa, 500 meters East of Rwy 06, received three hits. Two utility hydraulic lines punctured requiring aircraft to return to Futema with the gear down.

29 May a. Provided transportation for LGEN CUSHMAN from Hong Kong to Danang.

2. <u>FLIGHT STATISTICS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>DETACHMENT ONLY</u>
CARGO (tons)	5,105	4,195
PASSENGERS	35,529	27,721
HOURS FLOWN	1,805	1,647
SORTIES	1,227	934
AR MISSIONS	78	72
AD MISSIONS	0	0
FLARE MISSIONS	66	66
FLARES DROPPED	13,489	13,489
A/C HIT BY HOSTILE FIRE	2	2

3. PERSONNEL

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

MCAF FUTEMA	55 OFFICERS	312	ENLISTED
MCAF FUTEMA (USN)	3 OFFICERS	4	ENLISTED
SUB UNIT #1	2 OFFICERS	98	ENLISTED
SUB UNIT #1 (USN)	0 OFFICERS	1	ENLISTED

b. New Pilots Assigned

Major W.J. BURROWS  
 Captain D.T. MCKEE  
 Captain H.F. CLEMENCE  
 Captain R.D. CATER  
 Captain D.A. MCKINNON

c. New Crew Members Assigned

Sergeant R.K. MAJLEWSKI  
 Corporal J.A. DESANTIS  
 Corporal R.L. MOORE  
 Corporal J.H. MCKEE  
 Lance Corporal R.L. CONOVER  
 Lance Corporal R.A. FLOYD  
 Lance Corporal P.C. MEYER

d. New Non-Crew Members Assigned

Staff Sergeant E.J. CAMPOS  
 Corporal V.R. EDGREN  
 Corporal H.E. LANE

4. AWARDS

a. The following awards were presented during this period.

- (1) Five (5) Vietnamese Crosses of <sup>1</sup>Galantry Medals
- (2) Three (3) Purple Heart Medals
- (3) One (1) Navy-Marine Corps Medal
- (4) Seventy-four (74) Air Medals