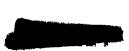
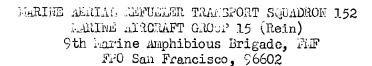


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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 15; (Attn: S-3)

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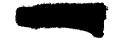
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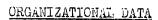
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LtCol. Frank G. MCLENON

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

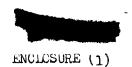
1 - 31 August: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS: (Changes)

LtCol. 7. D. SMITH	Executive Officer	16	to	31 August
ItCol. F. R. SMOKE	9th MAB Air Officer			31 August
Major R. E. WHITE	Executive Officer			15 August
Major R. E. HHITE	Operations Officer			31 August
Major J. K. KNOPE	Operations Officer			15 August
Major D. F. NIELSEN	OIC Sub Unit #1	1	to	31 August
Major H. W. RODER	NATOPS Officer			31 August
Major G. T. HAUSER	S-4 Officer	1	to	31 August
Major J. W. DEMMOND	Aircraft Maintenance			
	Officer (IMA/OMA)	1	to	31 August
Najor D. E. FAMNING	Air Freight Systems Officer	1	to	31 August
Lt. J. L. BOYLON (USN)	Flight Surgeon	7	to	31 August

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		USN	
OFF	<u>EWL</u>	OFF	ENL
56 Naval Av	489	2	4



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PART II

MARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of August, WAGR-152 flew 1,033 sorties for a total of 1,910 flight hours. 36,952 passengers and 3,993 short tons of cargo was 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 drops.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Commitments

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

- 2 August 148796 Crew: 1stLt. J. E. URBAN and Major W. S. SMITH TA-4F declared low fuel state on approach to Danang. Tanker was able to plug in prior to pilot ejection.
- 5 August 148791 Crew: Major R. E. WHITE and Major W. J. BURROWS Dropped 99 flares (0420-0600) in support of night med-evac 20 NM SW of Danang.
- 6 August 148791 Crew: Major R. E. WHITE and Major W. J. BURAOWS Dropped flares SW of Khe Sanh in support of A6 making runs on a convoy.
- 7 August 148791 Crew: Major R. E. WHITE and Major W. J. BURROWS Dropped flares for med-evac 19 NM radial from Khe Sanh.
- 15 August 147573 Crew: Major L. J. ALLEN and Captain T. P. DOYLE Refueled 17 Navy aircraft north of DMZ in the Gulf of Tonkin approximately 90 NT from Haiphong Harbor.
- 16 August 148247 Crew: CWO H. WILDFANG and Major F. T. OCONNOR A3 aircraft from VAW-13 BuNo 142657 declared emergency (insufficient fuel to reach Danang) Vice Squad vectored aircraft to tanker and refueling (3500%) took place enroute to Danang.
- 16 August 148893 Crew: Major J. K. KNOFE and Major L. M. BRDAR Supported 7th Fleet in refueling mission north of Tiger Island. Love Bug 556 declared a low fuel state and was plugged in with 600# remaining (Pilot: Commanding Officer VMFA-314 LtCol. PETERSON).
- 17 August 149791 Crew: Major R. A. FRITZLER and Major B. R. PETERSON Dropped flares in support of two night med-evacs south of Danang. Dropped flares in support of Marine Unit that had NVA's cornered in fork of river 13.5 NM south of Danang.
- 19 August 148248 Crew: Major W. H. HOFHEINZ and Major W. S. SMITH Received small arms fire on approach to An Hoa-no hits on aircraft.
- 20 August 149791 Crew: Major H. W. RODER and Major M. J. BUMMOWS Dropped flares in support of Army Unit that has surrounded a NVA Bn in village 7 NM SE of Dong Ha.
- 23 August Provided transportation for Col KELLOGG from Danang to Futema.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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26 August - 150684 - Crew: Captain A. D. LARSON and Captain R. A. ONEILL - Dropped flares in support of helicopter crash on radial 245 7.5 NM from Danang. Dropped flares off shore for rescue operations.

26 August - 148893 - Crew: Major L. M. BRDAR and Major B. R. BRIDGEWATER - Dropped flares in support of close air support near Chu Lai. Received anti-aircraft fire no hits. Landed at Quang Tri to pick up BGEN HILL for transportation to Danang.

30 August - 149814 - Crew: Major J. C. RHODES and Captain A. L. POWERS - Dropped flares in support of emergency med-evac 260 radial 19 NM from Dong Ha.

31 August - 149811 - Crew: Major L. J. ALLEN and Captain R. D. CATER - Dropped flares in support of two emergency med-evacs at Dong Ha. Dropped flares in support of units who had VC's trapped along beach south of Danang, received small arms fire-no hits.

2.	FLIGHT STATISTICS	TOTALS	DETACHMENT ONLY
	CARGO TONS	3 , 99 3	3,049
	Passengers	36,952	28,205
	HOURS FLOWN	1,910	1,807
	SORTIES	1,033	953
	AR MISSIONS	108	108
	AD MISSIONS	0	0
	FLAUE HISSIONS	69	69
	FLARES DROTPED	9,878	9,878
	A/C HIT BY HOSTILE FIRE	0	0

3. PERSONNEL

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

MCAF FUTEMA	64 Officers	306 Enlisted
MCAF FUTEMA (USN)	2 Officers	3 Enlisted
SUB UNIT #1	4 Officers	83 Enlisted
SUB UNIT #1 (USN)	0 Officers	l Enlisted

b. New Pilots Assigned

LtCol F. R. SMOKE Lajor R. R. ALLEN Major D. H. BCDE

c. New Crew Members Assigned

Gunnery Sergeant P. B. BULJAT Lance Corporal R. G. CARMOLL Lance Corporal C. S. CAUSEY Lance Corporal J. A. COX Gunnery Sergeant E. H. HOWE Gunnery Sergeant C. J. MCQUMEN Staff Sergeant F. H. Phillips Lance Corporal H. V. HOOD

d. New Non-Crew Members Assigned

Staff Sergeant C. P. WEIDMAN

4. AJALDS

- a. The following awards were presented during this period.
 - (1) Thirty (30) Air Medals Officer
 - (2) Sixty (60) Air Medals Enlisted
- (3) The Distinguished Flying Cross was presented to the following Officers:
 - (a) Major F. T. CCONNOR
 - (b) Major D. F. NIELSEN
 - (c) Major J. K. KNOPE
 - (d) LtCol. F. G. MCLENON
 - (e) Major D. N. SPROTT
 - (f) Major M. B. LYNCH