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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

VMGR-152

COMMANDER

LtCol. Frank G. MCLENON

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 August: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS: (Changes)

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

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of August, VMGR-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 EVENTS1. 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. BURROWS - 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 NM 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. KNOPE 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. ROPER and Major W. J. BURROWS - 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^{W.C.} KELLOGG^{JR.} from Danang to Putema.

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. <u>FLIGHT STATISTICS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>DETACHMENT ONLY</u>
CARGO TONS	3,993	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
FLARE MISSIONS	69	69
FLARES DROPPED	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	1 Enlisted

b. New Pilots Assigned

LtCol F. R. SMOKE
Major R. R. ALLEN
Major D. H. BODF

c. New Crew Members Assigned

Gunnery Sergeant P. B. BULJAT
Lance Corporal R. G. CARROLL
Lance Corporal C. S. CAUSEY
Lance Corporal J. A. COX
Gunnery Sergeant E. W. HONE
Gunnery Sergeant C. J. MCQUEEN
Staff Sergeant R. J. PHILLIPS
Lance Corporal H. V. WOOD

d. New Non-Crew Members Assigned

Staff Sergeant C. F. WEIDMAN

4. AWARDS

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. OCONNOR
- (b) Major D. F. NIELSEN
- (c) Major J. K. KNOPE
- (d) LtCol. F. G. MCLENON
- (e) Major D. N. SPOTT
- (f) Major W. B. LYNCH