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HARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15 (Rein)
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FAF
FFO, San Francisco, 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September to 30 September

1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

VMGR-152

LtCol. Frank G. MCLENON

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1 - 30 September: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS: (Changes)

Major E. C. MERRICKS

lstMAW ATCO

1 to 30 September

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>

<u>USN</u>

OFF

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52 Naval Av 16 Av Ground

547

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PART II

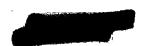
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of September, VMGR-152 flew 1,038 sorties for a total of 1,789 flight hours. 31,803 passengers and 4,118 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 drops.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

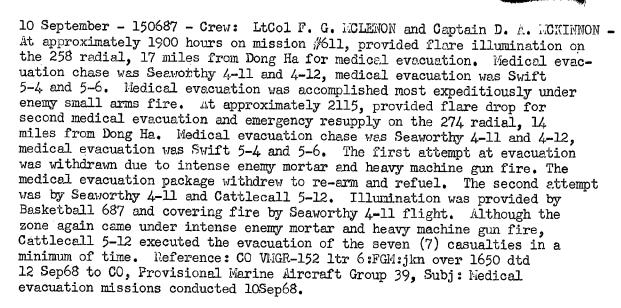
1. Commitments

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

- 3 September 149812 Crew: Major C. L. MCCAULEY and Major D. H. BODE on flight at 1840 hours, four and one half miles out on tacan approach to runway 27 at Phu Bai, received small arms fire, taking two hits. Both rounds in left wing through fuel cell #1.
- 4 September 149814 Crew: CWO H. WILDFANG and Major R. K. ERVI Provided flare drop for emergency air resupply to Camp Carrol. Provided flare drop for emergency air evacuation on radial 270 degrees north of Dong Ha.
- 5 September 149814 Crew: CWO WILDFANG and Major R. K. ERVI Provided transportation for MGen QUILTER from Chu Lei to Danang.
- 5 September 150687 Crew: Major B. R. PETERSON and Captain A. L. POWERS Provided transportation for Col. FRYE, FMFPAC Inspector from Futema to Ubon to Danang. Diverted from Danang to Ubon due to Typhoon.
- 6 September 150686 Crew: Major R. E. WHITE and Captain W. D. JONES Provided flare drop for an eight (8) aircraft air strike dropping napalm and bombs south of Danang. Provided flare drop to light bridge north-west of Danang during power failure.
- 8 September 150686 Crew: Major T. P. SWEDENBORG and Captain J. D. MORTENSEN Provided flare drop in vicinity of An Hoa, caught 150 VC in the open, air strike using Air Force F4's was called in using CBU.
- 8 September 149812 Crew: Major L. R. ALLEN and Major B. R. BRIDGEWATER Provided transportation for Admiral RUSSEL (USN), LtGen LABELLA (U. S. Air Force), MGen ANDERSON (USMC), and BGen HILL (USMC) from Danang to Dong Ha and return to Danang.
- 10 September 150686 Crew: Major D. E. FANNING and Major W. S. SMITH Provided emergency air refueling to Lovebug 301 flight Lovebug 301 flight called Vice-squad to dump their load due to low fuel state of his wingman. Basketball 686 (on station tanker) informed Lovebug 301 of its position and commenced to turn towards Lovebug 301 for join-up. Join-up accomplished and wingman received necessary fuel to complete mission.
- 10 September 149812 Crew: Major D. L. MCEVOY and Major D. H. BODE Provided transportation for Captain RENFRO (USN) from Futema to Danang.

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12 September - 149812 - Crew: Major D. L. MCEVOY and Major D. H. BODE - Provided transportation for Captain LEURHA (USN), 1stMAN Medical Officer, from Danang to Dong Ha. Provided transportation for Col JOBE from Dong Ha to Danang.

13 September - 149812 - Crew: Major P. J. VOGEL and Captain D. E. HUBBARD - Provided flare drop in support of Milbrook 14A, troop in close contact. Assisted in setting up and successful completion of two ambushes, directed relief into area. Reconstituted and relieved on station within 45 minutes, provided light until dawn. Milbrook 14A advised Basketball 812 was instrumental in both ambushes and in preventing penetration of positions.

14 September - 149812 - Crew: Major P. J. VOGEL and Captain D. E. HUBBARD - Provided flare drop for emergency resupply to John Brown Foxtrot, 18.5 nautical miles on radial 273 from Dong Ha. Provided ECM support through Water Boy by Pignet aircraft. Provided flare drop in support of Spooky, 8 nautical miles south-west of Dong Ha on radial 235 for support of artillery fire.

18 September - 149814 - Crew: Major L. H. BRDAR and Captain D, T. MCKEE - Provided flare drop for emergency medical evacuation west of Dong Ha.

21 September - 149811 - Crew: Major W. H. HOFHEINZ and Major J. R. SMILEY - Provided flare drop for two ejected B-57 crew members, 11-14 nautical miles on radial 036 from Dong Ha. Both crew members ended up in the water with destroyer on station and Basketball 811 providing illumination while in a semi cloud condition.

24 September - 149811 - Crew: Major R. A. FRITZLER and Major F. E. MILLNER - on GCA final approach at 3 miles and 1500 feet to Chu Lai received small arms fire, receiving one hit in right wing root near wing and fuselage faring.

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25 September - 148247 - Crew: Major J. W. HAYNES and Captain K. F. HELLER - Provided transportation for BGen G. D. WEBSTER (USAC) from Futema to Dong Ha.

25 September - 149814 - Crew: Major D. L. MCEVOY and Captain R. D. CATER - Frovided flare drop on a 290 degree radial at 17 Nautical miles from Chu Lai tacan in support of American Division. Provided flare drop on a 135 degree radial at 9 nautical miles from Danang in support of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Brigade.

26 September - 149814 - Crew: Major D. L. MCEVOY and Captain R. D. CATER - Provided flare drop on a 200 degree radial at 9.5 nautical miles from Dong Ha tacan to provide illumination for helicopter extracting 3rd Force Recon Battalion, 3rd Marine Division.

28 September - 149812 - Crew: Major J. C. RHODES and Captain D. A. MCKINNON - Provided transportation for BGen HILL (USMC) from Quang Tri to Danang.

29 September - 150686 - Crew: Major C. L. DEORNELLAS and Major W. S. SMITH - Provided flare drop in DMZ for medical evacuation and troops in contact.

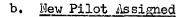
2.	FLIGHT STATISTICS	TOTALS	DETACHMENT ONLY
	CARGO TONS	4,118	3,910
	PASSENGERS	31,803	30,217
	HOURS FLOWN	1,789	1,680
	SORTIES	1,038	978
	AR MISSIONS	83	83
	AD MISSIONS	0	0
	FLARE MISSIONS	59	59
	FLARES DROPPED	10,386	10,386
	A/C HIT BY HOSTILE FIRE	2	2

3. PERSONNEL

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

MCAF FUTEMA	64 Officers	450 Enlisted
MCAF FUTEMA (USN)	2 Officers	3 Enlisted
SUB UNIT #1	4 Officers	97 Enlisted
SUB UNIT #1 (USN)	0 Officers	1 Enlisted
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Major J. R. SMILEY
Major J. J. MCWASTERS
Major H. D. SANSOM
Captain K. F. HELLER

c. New Crew Members Assigned

GySgt R. E. CLEMENT GySgt J. C STROHMEYER Cpl T. M. SEAWRIGHT

d. New Non-Crew Members Assigned

SSgt J. H. YOUNG
Cpl M. J. MASTRAPASQUA
Cpl J. H SATLER
LCpl M. E. BANOSKY
LCpl T. A. BUCKENMEYER
LCpl C. K. HARDIN
LCpl D. C. STUART
LCpl M. B. DEWEY

4. AWARDS

- a. On 22 September 1968, VMGR-152 was awarded the Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award for Fiscal Year 1968.
- b. The following awards were presented within the Command during this period.
 - (1) Fourteen (14) Air Medals
 - (2) Seven (7) Navy Achievement Awards

