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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 March to 31 March

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

VMGR-152

COMMANDER

LtCol Frank R. SMOKE

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 March: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS: (Changes)

None

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFENLOFFENL58 NA
17 AvG

485

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. VMGR-152 participated in 679 sorties flying a total of 1,474 hours during the month of March. Included in these sorties were many missions of transporting passengers and cargo between Futema, Okinawa and Danang, Republic of South Vietnam. Also, between Danang and the many airfields in the I Corps area of operation. The total number of passengers and cargo carried was 17,165 personnel and 1,941 tons.
2. Many ground operations in I Corps were supported by aircraft providing night flare illumination, DASC radio relay and tactical air drops of ammunitions and rations. These missions were accomplished during both day and night under varied instrument meteorological conditions. 12,507 flares were dropped on 74 flare flights. There were 9 aerial delivery sorties for emergency resupply.
3. Aircraft of MAG-11 and MAG-13 were refueled during 11 (6-hour) periods of BARCAP support of the 7th Fleet. This mission and the regular daily refueler which supports tactical Marine aircraft operating in the I Corps area flew 94 sorties refueling 349 aircraft with a total of 309,650 gallons of fuel.
4. In addition to the above tactical flights the squadron conducted MARLOG flights to Iwakuni and Atsugi, Japan and to Cubi Point in the Philippines. Other administrative flights were conducted into Taipei Airport in Taiwan and Hong Kong International Airport.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Commitments

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

4 March - Crew: Maj D. E. T. WILSON and Capt C. G. ANDERSON - operated DASC in support of 7th Marines, dropping 134 flares.

5 March - Crew: Maj D. E. T. WILSON and Capt C. G. ANDERSON - operated DASC in support of successful recon team extraction. Dropped 272 flares.

7 March - Crew: Capt D. A. MCKINNON and Capt L. A. WASSON - provided transportation for MGen QUILTER from Danang to Quang Tri.

8 March - Crew: Maj R. A. O'NEILL and Maj P. S. SIMPSON - conducted aerial delivery missions, dropping food and water. Of 13 drops, all were on target.

9 March - Crew: Maj C. E. YATES and Capt D. G. RINGGOLD - Provided transportation for the Secretary of Defense from Danang to Phu Bai and return.

9 March - Crew: Maj R. A. O'NEILL and Maj P. S. SIMPSON - flew as back-up aircraft for the Secretary of Defense, in RVN.

9 March - Crew: Maj F. E. MILLNER and Capt F. R. BJORNAAS - provided transportation for BGen HILL from Danang to Quang Tri to Ubon.

24 March - Crew: Maj B. R. BRIDGEWATER and Capt R. D. BROWN - provided transportation for BGen HILL from Danang to Hong Kong.

25 March - Crew: Maj F. E. MILLNER and Capt F. R. BJORNAAS - provided transportation for BGen HILL from Hong Kong to Danang.

28 March - Crew: Capt H. D. SANSOM and Maj W. C. BARNESLEY - provided transportation for Gen LEE, CG ROK from Danang to Hong Kong.

2. FLIGHT STATISTICSTOTALSDETACHMENT ONLY

CARGO TONS	1,941	1,931
PASSENGERS	17,165	17,063
HOURS FLOWN	1,474	1,422
SORTIES	679	670

<u>FLIGHT STATISTICS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>DETACHMENT ONLY</u>
AR MISSIONS	94	94
AD MISSIONS	9	9
FLARE MISSIONS	74	74
FLARES DROPPED	12,507	12,507
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	75 Officers	382 Enlisted
MCAF Futema (USN)	1 Officer	2 Enlisted
Sub Unit #1	3 Officers	103 Enlisted
Sub Unit #1 (USN)	0 Officers	1 Enlisted

b. New Pilots Assigned

Capt C. H. BERREY
 Capt H. W. JAMES
 Maj M. P. MANN
 Maj B. A. MEHARG
 Maj J. D. SELLS

c. New Crew Members Assigned

Cpl W. H. CORMIER
 Sgt J. A. FILINA
 Cpl R. J. KATO
 MSgt F. G. KING
 SSgt L. L. RAMSEY
 SSgt R. J. RIPLEY
 GySgt T. E. SOUTHWICK

d. New Non-Crew Members Assigned

SSgt R. R. CASPER
 MSgt G. H. DEUEL
 Sgt R. E. HAYWORTH
 Cpl J. F. LACHMAN
 SSgt F. L. MCLAUGHLIN
 LCpl T. MCGINN
 Cpl E. E. WALKER

4. AWARDS

a. The following awards were earned within the Command during this period.

(1) 185 Air Medals