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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April to 30 April

1969

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

VMGR-152

COMMANDER

LtCol Frank R. SMOKE

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1 - 30 April: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS: (Changes)

Major	B. R. PETERSON	OIC, Sub-Unit #1	1-30 April
Captain	F. R. BJORNAAS	AOIC, Sub-Unit #1	1-30 April
Captain	G. R. KEAST	Adjutant	1-30 April

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
56 NA	519	1	3
16 AvG			

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. VMGR-152 participated in 773 sorties flying a total of 1372 hours during the month of April. 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 18,907 personnel and 3,239 tons.
2. Many ground operations in I Corps were supported by aircraft providing night flare illumination and tactical air drops of ammunitions and rations. These missions were accomplished both day and night during varied meterological conditions. 10,359 flares were dropped on 63 flare missions. There were 2 aerial delivery sorties for emergency resupply.
3. Aircraft of MAG-11 and MAG-13 were refueled during 14 (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 121 sorties refueling 428 aircraft with a total of 32,230 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 April shows the following significant events in chronological order.

1 April - Crew: Capt D. G. RINGGOLD and Maj J. D. SELLS - Provided transportation for LtGen WALT and LtGen NICKERSON from Dong Ha to Danang.

3 April - Crew: Capt W. D. JONES and Maj D. W. MARTELL - Provided transportation for LtGen NICKERSON from Danang to Quang Tri.

7 April - Crew: Maj R. K. ERVI and Capt G. R. KEAST = Provided transportation for the FMFPac Inspection Team from Quang Tri to Danang.

11 April - Crew: Maj B. R. BRIDGEWATER and Capt L. A. WASSON - Provided transportation for the FMFPac Inspection Team from Phu Bai to Quang Tri.

14 April - Crew: Maj W. J. BURROWS and Capt R. D. BROWN - Provided transportation for R&R passengers to Hong Kong.

15 April - Crew: Capt D. G. RINGGOLD and Maj W. R. CAMPBELL - Provided transportation for Col CORCORAN from Hong Kong to Futema.

2. <u>FLIGHT STATISTICS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>DETACHMENT ONLY</u>
CARGO TONS	3,239	3,196
PASSENGERS	18,907	18,716
HOURS FLOWN	1,372	1,324
SORTIES	773	756
AR MISSIONS	121	121
AD MISSIONS	2	2
FLARE MISSIONS	63	63
FLARES DROPPED	10,359	10,359
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	71 Officers	396 Enlisted
MCAF Futema (USN)	1 Officer	3 Enlisted
SUB UNIT #1	3 Officers	124 Enlisted
SUB UNIT #1 (USN)	0 Officers	1 Enlisted

b. New Pilots Assigned

CAPT H. E. JONES
 MAJ R. K. JOINER
 MAJ D. R. BENNETT
 MAJ M. D. HARNDEN

c. New Crew Members Assigned

GySgt F. L. AURILIO
 GySgt G. N. BISHOP
 GySgt J. H. BROSTEK
 Cpl R. FALCEY
 Cpl D. L. GARDNER
 MSgt C. F. HERSEY
 Sgt C. D. HOLLEY
 GySgt R. C. JENKINS
 Cpl D. K. MCQUILLEN
 Cpl M. W. PERRY
 Sgt G. D. RODENBO
 Cpl D. L. ROSCOE
 Cpl R. W. TREXLER
 SSgt J. R. VELETTO
 Cpl R. T. WEST

d. New Non-Crew Members Assigned

Sgt L. W. BLOUNT
 Cpl R. W. BRANDL
 Cpl T. C. LOVIN

4. AWARDS

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

(1) 110 Air Medals
 (2) One (1) Bronze Star