

MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 152  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15 (Rein)  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May to 31 May, 1969

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

VMGR-152

COMMANDER

LtCol Frank R. SMOKE

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 May: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS: (Changes)

Lieutenant Colonel	W. D. SMITH	Executive Officer	1-16 May
Lieutenant Colonel	A. H. MANHARD	Executive Officer	17-31 May
Captain	G. R. KEAST	Adjutant	1-18 May
Chief Warrant Officer-2	R. L. HERRINGTON	Adjutant	19-31 May

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCOFFENL50 NA  
13 AvG

406

USNOFFENL

1

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. VMGR-152 flew 1,511 hours in 766 sorties during the month of May, 1969. Of these, 1,500 hours and 746 sorties were in support of the Third Marine Amphibious Force in RVN.
2. Logistics commitments consisted of transporting personnel and cargo from Okinawa to Danang AB, between the various airfields in the I Corps area of operation and between Danang, Hong Kong and Cubi Point, P.I. The total number of passengers carried was 23,241 and cargo was 2,398 tons.
3. Night illumination was provided with 69 missions dropping 11, 919 flares in support of ground actions, several cases of troops in contact, and medivacs. In one instance, the KC-130F crew sighted enemy rockets being launched against Danang AB, passed the coordinates to the DASC and artillery was called in on the enemy launch site successfully. In another case, the flare aircraft launched during a rocket attack in order to be on station to assist in finding the enemy gunners. The flare missions were accomplished as scheduled regardless of meteorological conditions.
4. Aerial refueling was provided for 464 aircraft in 104 KC-130F sorties as the normal day tanker and in support of BARCAP for the 7th Fleet. There were several "saves" of low fuel state aircraft by the tanker. A total of 355,149 gallons of fuel was dispensed.
5. KC-130F BuNo 149814 and the crew were lost in a mid-air collision with a Marine F-4 near Hue-Phu Bai on 18 May, 1969.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Commitments

2 May through 6 May - Crew: Major J. J. McMASTERS and Major A. B. STOUT - provided night illumination for Operation OKLAHOMA HILLS.

6 May - Crew: Major M. D. HARNDEN and Captain D. R. FARABAUGH provided transportation for Brigadier General BENNETT, USA, from Danang to Hong Kong.

2. <u>FLIGHT STATISTICS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>DETACHMENT ONLY</u>
CARGO TONS	2,398	2,360
PASSENGERS	23,241	22,481
HOURS FLOWN	1,511	1,500
SORTIES	766	746
AR MISSIONS	104	104
AD MISSIONS	0	0
FLARE MISSIONS	69	69
FLARES DROPPED	11,919	11,919
A/C HIT BY HOSTILE FIRE	0	0

3. PERSONNEL

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

MCAF Futema	60 Officers	306 Enlisted
MCAF Futema (USN)	1 Officer	3 Enlisted
SUB UNIT #1	3 Officers	120 Enlisted
SUB UNIT #1 (USN)	0 Officers	1 Enlisted

b. New Pilots Assigned

LtCol A. H. MANHARD  
Major R. L. SIMONSEN  
Capt D. E. WALLIN  
Major G. W. WILLIAMS

c. New Crew Members Assigned

LCpl D. J. ADAMS  
SSgt G. BAKER  
LCpl A. K. CARSON  
SSgt R. W. LANG  
LCpl M. L. LYLE  
SSgt P. S. MAGEE  
SSgt L. A. MARTIN  
LCpl J. N. STEWART  
Sgt J. G. TIMMER

d. Crew Killed in Loss of KC-130F BuNo 149814

Major J. D. SELLS  
Major J. C. WILLIAMSON  
MSgt C. F. HERSEY  
MSgt E. C. POLENSKI  
Sgt P. A. BONEBRIGHT  
Cpl J. A. COX