

MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 152
Marine Aircraft Group 15 (Rein)
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
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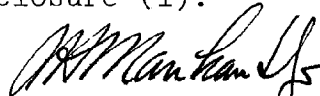
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1. In accordance with reference (a), the subject "Command Chronology" is submitted as enclosure (1).


A. H. MANHARD JR.

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August to 31 August 1969

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

VMGR 152

LtCOL. Frank H. SMOKE 1-30Aug69

LtCOL. Albert H. MANHARD Jr. 31Aug69

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 August 1969: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS: (Changes)

Major J. J. McMASTERS	Executive Officer	31 Aug
Major R. L. SIMONSEN	1st MAW ATCO	9-31 Aug
Major G. W. WILLIAMS	Logistics Officer	31 Aug
Major D. R. BENNETT	Aircraft Maint. Officer	31 Aug
Major A. B. STOUT	Flight Officer	31 Aug
Major M. D. HARNDEN	Officer-in-Charge S.U. I	1-31 Aug
Lt(MC) G. E. BRAUNINGER	Flight Surgeon	15-31 Aug
Capt L. C. ROGERS	Flight Radio Officer	20-31 Aug
Capt R. E. ENIS	Navigation Officer	31 Aug
Capt R. D. BROWN	Training Officer	31 Aug
Capt P. E. WALLIN	Avn Safety Officer	18-31 Aug

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFENLOFFENL49 NA
12 Avg

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of August, VMGR-152 flew 1412 hours in 723 sorties. Of these, 1333 hours and 712 sorties were in direct support of the III Marine Amphibious Force in RVN.
2. Logistics commitments consisted of air transportation of cargo and passengers between Okinawa and DaNang, DaNang, Cubi Point and Hong Kong, and in and out of the various airfields in I Corps Tactical Zone of Operations. The total number of passengers transported was 20,976; cargo totals for the month show 2307 tons.
3. Night illumination for ground forces in the ICTZ was provided nightly with a flare ship on station from sunset to sunup. There were 61 flare missions flown on which 7,042 flares were dispensed.
4. Aerial refueling was provided for 484 aircraft during the month. This was accomplished on 103 KC-130F sorties flown as normal day tanker missions out of DaNang, and refueling Marine fighter aircraft supporting the 7th Fleet in BARCAP Operations. A total of 428,694 gallons of fuel was dispensed. In addition to active tanker missions, inflight refueling training was provided for VMFA-122 prior to that squadron's deployment to RVN.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMMITMENTS

A. 11-15 Aug, 18-22 Aug - VMGR-152 hosted two 9thMAB ALO/FAC schools. The first school was attended by 44 students, the second by 37 students.

B. 18-21 Aug - The advance toward Okinawa of Typhoon Cora caused the evacuation of all Okinawa based VMGR-152 aircraft. Within 4 hours after receipt of the evacuation order, all eight aircraft were airborne, and subsequently landed at MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, the designated evacuation haven. While at MCAS Iwakuni several aircraft engaged an inflight refueling training for VMFA-122. All aircraft returned to MCAF Futema on 21 August, shortly after the all clear was given. Squadron assets on board MCAF Futema suffered only light damage from the typhoon, which passed some 20 miles west of the field with peak wind gusts of 90 knots.

C. 31 Aug - A squadron change of command was held in which LtCOL. A. H. MANHARD Jr. assumed command of VMGR-152 from LtCOL. F. R. SMOKE, relieved.

2. <u>FLIGHT STATISTICS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>DETACHMENT ONLY</u>
CARGO TONS	2,307	1968
PASSENGERS	20,976	14,786
HOURS FLOWN	1,412	1,333
SORTIES	723	568
AR MISSIONS	103	102
FLARE MISSIONS	61	61
FLARES DISPENSED	7,042	7,042

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	58 Officers	395 Enlisted
MCAF Futema (USN)	1 Officer	2 Enlisted
Sub Unit #1	3 Officers	99 Enlisted
Sub Unit #1 (USN)	0 Officers	1 Enlisted

B. NEW PILOTS ASSIGNED

Major D. R. BENNETT 069197/7557
Capt R. W. BURKMAN 085956/7557
Capt G. R. BETTLE 087706/7557
Capt J. W. HATCH III 088863/7557

C. NEW CREW MEMBERS ASSIGNED

MGYSGT W. C. MATTHEWS 481248/6761
CPL H. R. SCHROEDER 2208822/ 6511
GYSGT J. F. LEVAY 1373398/ 6315

D. Effective date of change of command 31 August 1969.