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MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 152
Marine Aircraft Group 36
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
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(d) GruO 5750.3A

Encl: (1) VMGR-152 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. This cover letter declassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CRONOLOGY

1 January to 30 June 1972

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 152

COMMANDER1 Jan - 30 Jun 1972
LTCOL R. A. BROWNSUBORDINATE UNITS

Sub Unit One, VMGR-152

11 Jan - 31 May 1972
OIC - 1LT J. O. ROGERS

Detachment Delta, VMGR-152

8 Jun - 30 Jun 1972
OIC - MAJOR F. J. OCONNORATTACHED UNITS

VMGR-352 DET

15 Apr - 15 May 1972
OIC - MAJOR N. M. BUNCH
16 May - 30 Jun 1972
OIC - MAJOR J. A. BRANDON2. LOCATION (S)

VMGR-152

MCAS(H) Futema, Okinawa

1 Jan - 30 Jun 1972

Sub Unit One

MCAS Iwakuni, Japan

11 Jan - 31 May 1972

Detachment Delta

MCAS Nam Phong, Thailand

8 Jun - 30 Jun 1972

VMGR-352 DET

MCAS(H) Futema, Okinawa

15 Apr - 30 Jun 1972

3. STAFF OFFICERS (U)

Executive Officer

1 Jan - 21 Feb 1972
22 Feb - 30 Jun 1972Maj. N. DESIO
LtCol R. A. BAILEY

Adjutant

1 Jan - 3 May 1972
4 May - 30 Jun 1972Capt. L. L. WOODRUFF
Capt. L. A. GOODRUM

S-1 Officer

1 Jan - 30 Jun 1972

Maj. J. M. PIERCE

S-2 Officer

1 Jan - 17 Feb 1972
18 Feb - 30 Jun 1972Capt. J. F. HALES
1LT R. L. LUCAS

S-3 Officer

1 Jan - 21 Feb 1972
22 Feb - 30 Jun 1972Maj. R. A. BAILEY
Maj. F. J. SHUMSKY

S-4 Officer

1 Jan - 30 Jun 1972

Capt. J. M. PARKER

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A/C Maintenance Officer	1 Jan - 30 Apr 1972	Maj. G. E. LOVELESS
	1 May - 30 Jun 1972	Maj. H. W. RODER
NATOPS Officer	1 Jan - 16 Apr 1972	Maj. F. J. SHUMSKY
	17 Apr - 30 Jun 1972	Capt. J. F. HALES
Aviation Safety Officer	1 Jan - 17 Feb 1972	Maj. K. K. KERR
	18 Feb - 30 Jun 1972	Capt. J. CLARK

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH (U)

<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Off Enl	Off Enl	Off Enl	Off Enl
36 241	1 0	0 0	37 241

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY (S)

In January 1972, VMGR-152 provided aerial refueling support for 1stMAW Aircraft operating from MCAS Iwakuni, Japan and NAS Naha, Okinawa. On 11 January 1972, a two aircraft and maintenance detachment designated Detachment One, was established at MCAS Iwakuni. During February and March, operations continued at a moderate level with emphasis on 1stMAW training support.

On 6 April 1972, North Vietnamese forces invaded the Republic of Viet Nam and the tempo of VMGR-152 operations accelerated to support the realignment of USN and USMC aviation assets in WestPac.

One KC-130F aircraft was assigned to support VMCFJ electronic warfare operations at NAS Cubi Point, R.P. and Danang AB, RVN. During April, May, and June, squadron aircraft supported transpacs Key Queen, Key Rider, Key Unity and Key Beast which moved USN and USMC aircraft from CONUS/Hawaii to the Far East and refueled 18 A4 aircraft enroute from Japan to the Philippines for further deployment to Bien Hoa RVN.

During May and early June, VMGR-152 provided regular logistic support flights between Iwakuni, Japan, Futema, Okinawa, Cubi Point, R. P., and Danang and Bien Hoa in support of deployed MAG-12 and MAG-15 units.

On 18 May, a VMGR-152 KC-130F made the first USMC landing at Nam Phong, Thailand which was to become the site of a sizeable USMC aviation presence in June.

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On 8 June, the establishment of Detachment Delta, VMGR-152 at Nam Phong marked the beginning of the most significant employment of aerial refueling and the KC-130F in its primary mission in the history of the USMC. Over 992,000 pounds of jet fuel were provided to tactical jets on combat missions during June.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

5 Jan - 15 April	- Aerial Refueling support of 1st MAW unit training
11 Jan -	- Detachment One established at MCAS, Iwakuni (Ref CG 1st MAW 300743Z Dec 71 and CG 1st MAW 080257Z Jan 72)
9 April - 13 April	- Trans Pac Key Queen.
27 April - 1 May	--Trans Pac Key Rider.
April - May	- Regular Logistics flights between Japan, Okinawia, the Philippines and Viet Nam in support of MAG-12 and MAG-15 units. (Ref CG 1st MAW 280101Z Apr 72 and CG 1st MAW 210547Z Apr 72)
19 May - 29 May	- Trans Pac Key Unity.
11 June -	-- Detachment Delta established at Nam Phong, Thailand
20 June - 29 June	- Trans Pac Key Beast.

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