

MARINE AERIAL REFUELER TRANSPORT SQUADRON 152
Marine Aircraft Group 36
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF
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Subj: Monthly Chronology; month of September 1972
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Encl: (1) VMGR-152 September Chronology of U. S. Operations/
Support of Vietnam

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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VMGR-152 SEPTEMBER CHRONOLOGY OF U. S. OPERATIONS/SUPPORT FOR VIETNAMPART 1ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. (U) <u>Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>
Marine Aerial Refueler	LtCol. D. G. SMITH
Transport Squadron 152	1 September 1972 - 30 September 1972
<u>Staff Officers</u>	<u>Name</u>
Executive Officer	Maj. H. W. RODER
	1 September 1972 - 30 September 1972
S-1 Officer	Maj. J. M. PIERCE
	1 September 1972 - 13 September 1972
	Maj. P. M. MACK
	14 September 1972 - 30 September 1972
S-2 Officer	1stLt. H. S. HOLLAND
	1 September 1972 - 15 September 1972
	SSgt. J. B. SOLOMON
	16 September 1972 - 30 September 1972
S-3 Officer	Maj. F. J. SHUMSKY
	1 September 1972 - 6 September 1972
	Capt. A. SCENNA
	7 September 1972 - 30 September 1972
S-4 Officer	Maj. C. L. DEORNELLAS
	1 September 1972 - 30 September 1972
Aircraft Maintenance	Maj. F. T. O'CONNOR
Officer	1 September 1972 - 30 September 1972
Safety Officer	Maj. L. J. ALLEN
	1 September 1972 - 30 September 1972
NATOPS Officer	Capt. A. D. LARSON
	1 September 1972 - 30 September 1972

SUBORDINATE UNITS

2. (C) VMGR-152 Detachment	1 September 1972 - 30 September 1972
Delta	
OIC	Maj. A. E. THERRIAULT
	1 September 1972 - 30 September 1972

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VMGR-152 Detachment 1 September 1972 - 30 September 1972
Charlie

ATTACHED UNITS

3. (U) VMGR-352 Two (2) Air- 1 September 1972 - 30 September 1972
craft Detachment,
without full crews
VMGR-352 Two (2) Air- 1 September 1972 - 30 September 1972
craft Commanders

4. (S) Location
MCAS(H) Futema 1 September 1972 - 30 September 1972
(VMGR-152)
Nam Phong AB, Thailand 1 September 1972 - 30 September 1972
(Detachment Delta)
NAS Cubi Point, Repub- 1 September 1972 - 30 September 1972
lic of Philippines
(Detachment Charlie)

5. (C) Average Monthly Strength

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
USMC	36	238
USN	0	0
OTHER	1	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(C) During the month of September 1972, VMGR-152 remained primarily committed to Southeast Asia operations. However, the Squadron also flew VIP missions, conducted local training during which two co-pilots were upgraded to aircraft commander, provided aerial refueling practice for MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, based aircraft, and participated in the Transpac Operation KEY GROVE. Squadron aircraft flew a total of 241 sorties logging 692.5 hours and attached VMGR-352 aircraft flew a total of 51 sorties logging 145.5 hours. 1,631 passengers and 591,606 pounds of cargo were carried during the month. There were 2,139,125 pounds of fuel given away to 265 aircraft during 91 tanker sorties.

(S) At Nam Phong AB, Thailand, Detachment Delta with four (4) KC-130F aircraft continued to provide aerial refueling for Task Force Delta F-4B/J aircraft which were participating in Operation LINEBACKER.

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Aerial refueling was conducted while utilizing the Red (see note 1) and White (see note 2) tracks. At NAS Cubi Point, Republic of Philippines, Detachment Charlie with one (1) KC-130F aircraft continued to provide daily shuttle service to and from Danang AB, Republic of Vietnam, for the VMCJ-1 maintenance crew and pack-up, that serviced their squadron's ECM aircraft, which were participating in electronic warfare operations in support of the 7th Fleet. This aircraft was also utilized on a noninterfering basis to support Task Force Delta with opportune logistics flights from Danang AB to Nam Phong AB. In the above cited operations, the Squadron continued to enjoy a 100% mission completion rate as it has since commencement of the support operations for VMCJ-1 in April 1972 and Task Force Delta in June 1972.

Note 1: Red Track is located over Laos, originating at 17°50'N 103°13'E and terminating at 19°00'N 102°45'E. Red Track extension originates at 19°00'N 102°45'E and terminates at 20°00'N 102°45'E.

Note 2: White Track is located over Laos, originating at 17°00'N 104°05'E and terminating at 17°50'N 104°05'E. White Track extension originates at 17°50'N 104°05'E and terminates at 19°00'N 103°35'E.

(C) During the period 13 - 14 September, a Detachment Delta aircraft provided transportation for Brigadier General R. W. TAYLOR, AWC 1st MAW, between Nam Phong AB and Bangkok, Thailand.

(U) On 14 September, Typhoon Helen became a factor in the Squadron completing assigned commitments. On 15 September, three (3) aircraft were flown to Tainan A/D, Taiwan, with one aircraft continuing to Nam Phong AB, Thailand, the following day. On 16 September, the two remaining aircraft returned to MCAS(H) Futema when the typhoon threat passed.

(U) On 22 September, one (1) aircraft provided practice aerial refueling for six F-4 aircraft from VMFA-122 and two TA-4 aircraft from H&MS-12. This refueling was conducted in the R-134 area west of Japan.

(S) During the period 25 - 30 September, the Squadron provided one (1) KC-130F aircraft to augment VMGR-352 in connection with Transpac Operation KEY GROVE. This aircraft was utilized as an airborne standby tanker. During this operation VMFA-122 was relocated back to MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii from MCAS Iwakuni Japan.

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(U) On 28 September, the Squadron transported Colonel W. R. MALONEY, CO MAG-36, and MAG-36 Squadron CO's and Safety Personnel from MCAS(H) Futema to MCAS Iwakuni. Major General L. E. BROWN, CG 1stMAW, and the MAG-36 personnel were later transported from MCAS Iwakuni to MCAS(H) Futema.

(U) On 28 September, the Squadron was notified that one of its members, Staff Sergeant R. E. SMITH 412 54 0931/6038, had been selected as this year's recipient of the MCAA Fixed Wing Aircrewman Award.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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| 1 - 30 September | (C) One KC-130F aircraft provided support for VM CJ-1 electronic warfare operations at NAS Cubi Point, Republic of Philippines and Danang AB, Republic of Vietnam. |
| 1 - 30 September | (S) Four KC-130F aircraft of Detachment Delta provided aerial refueling operations and limited logistic support for Task Force Delta at Nam Phong AB, Thailand. |
| 6 September | (U) First Lieutenant D. M. PRESHLOCK 198 34 8735 upgraded to aircraft commander. |
| 13 - 14 September | (S) One KC-130F aircraft of Detachment Delta provided transportation for Brigadier General R. W. TAYLOR between Nam Phong AB and Bangkok, Thailand. |
| 14 - 16 September | (U) Typhoon Helen became a factor in the successful completion of flight operations. |
| 21 September | (U) Captain J. M. PARKER 189 32 0054 upgraded to aircraft commander. |
| 22 September | (U) One KC-130F aircraft provided practice aerial refueling for VMFA-122 and H&MS-12. |
| 25 - 30 September | (S) One KC-130F aircraft participated in Transpac KEY GROVE as an airborne standby tanker. |

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(U) Transportation was provided for Major General L. E. BROWN, CG 1stMAW, Colonel W. R. MALONEY, CO MAG-36, and MAG-36 Squadron CO's and Safety Personnel.

28 September

(U) Squadron was notified that Staff Sergeant R. E. SMITH 412 54 0931 of this unit was the recipient of this year's MCAA Fixed Wing Air-crewman Award.

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