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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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VMGR-152 SEMIANNUAL CHRONOLOGY OF U. S. OPERATIONSPART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152

LtCol J. L. SHELTON

1 January 1975-

6 June 1975

Maj S. M. McGEEHAN

7 June 1975-

30 June 1975

Staff OfficersName

Executive Officer

Maj J. D. WALDO

1 January 1975-

15 February 1975

Maj S. M. McGEEHAN JR.

16 February 1975-

6 June 1975

Maj B. A. MEHARG

26 June 1975-

30 June 1975

S-1 Officer

Capt A. M. DOKTOR

1 January 1975-

30 June 1975

S-2 Officer

1stLt A. R. THOMAS

1 January 1975-

23 March 1975

1stLt W. A. ROYAL

24 March 1975-

30 June 1975

S-3 Officer

Maj J. M. O'CONNELL

1 January 1975-

24 June 1975

Maj R. L. SIMONSEN

25 June 1975-

30 June 1975

S-4 Officer

Maj C. B. WHEELER

1 January 1975-

30 June 1975

Aircraft Maintenance Officer

Maj G. W. WILLIAMS

1 January 1975-

30 June 1975

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NATOPS Officer

Capt J. E. ZEIGLER
1 January 1975-
30 June 1975

Safety Officer

Capt C. H. RYAN
1 January 1975-
6 April 1975
Capt G. S. GUERRERO
7 April 1975-
30 June 1975

Subordinate Units

NONE

Attached Units

NONE

2. Location

1 January 1975 - 30 June 1975 MCAS(H) Futema (VMGR-152)

3. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
USMC	46	208
USN	0	0
OTHER	0	0
TOTAL	46	208

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

VMGR-152 flew a variety of mission oriented and numerous other flights which included deployment of various First Marine Aircraft Wing units, and local training flights to prepare co-pilots and Navigators for upgrading. During the six (6) month reporting period the squadron flew a total of 3592.6 hours, completing 1591 sorties, carrying a total of 3828.1 tons of cargo and 19067 passengers. Tactical aircraft refueled numbered 395 with a give away of 2,242,719 pounds of JP fuel.

During the six month period from 1 January 1975 through 30 June 1975 VMGR-152 flew numerous missions in both direct and indirect support of the 3rd Marine Amphibious Force and Marine Aircraft Group 36 during operations Eagle Pull and Frequent Wind. Flights included logistic support missions undertaken in advance of actual operations.

Ground refueling of thirty-five CH-53's and CH-46's was undertaken in Tainan, Taiwan and Laoag, Republic of the Philippines during January and February. Refueling operations were conducted on the 7th, 8th, 17th, and 18th of January and again on February 1st and 2nd. During the advance movement of CH-53's and CH-46's, 270,000 pounds of JP-5 was transferred utilizing three KC-130F's shuttling fuel from Cubi Point to Tainan and Laoag. Included with helicopter refueling were various deployments of 3rd Marine Division Units for Air-Ground coordination during operations Eagle Pull and Frequent Wind.

The first flights to go into Thailand since the Vietnam conflict occurred on 30 January, 8 February, and 17 April. The first of three flights was piloted by VMGR-152's Commanding Officer LtCol J. L. SHELTON on 30 January. A total of 57.6 hours were flown and 27 passengers were transported as advance units of III MAF to Nakhon Phanom, West Thailand. The biggest part of VMGR-152's involvement in support of South East Asia operations commenced on 13 March and continued into May in support of the 3rd Marine Amphibious Force. The bulk of which consisted of Atsugi-Kadena shuttles and Futema-Cubi shuttles. These operations went around the clock with minimum ground time, allowing time for fuel and crew changes only. Total passengers carried totaled 4723 and cargo 1360.6 tons in support of III MAF and subordinate units. The squadron flew 1154 hours for the month of April and 778 hours for May, a total of 713 sorties. These totals were yearly highs for VMGR-152 and demonstrated that the squadron could respond and sustain multiple support operations for an extended period of time.

During the first half of 1975 numerous tankers were under the operational control of 1st MAW squadrons to support training operations at remote locations. Tankers were located at NAS Cubi Point, Misawa, Japan, and OSAN AFB, Korea. These operations have been highly successful and have benefited the fighter and attack community as well as VMGR-152.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

7,8,17,18 January 1975	Refuel helicopters in Tainan AWA Laoag
30 January 1975	Flight to Nakhon Phanom, West Thailand
8 February 1975	Flight to Nakhon Phanom, West Thailand
13 March - 4 May 1975	Support of Eagle Pull and Frequent Wind
17 April 1975	Flight to Nakhon Phanom, West Thailand
6 June 1975	Major S. M. McGEEHAN assumed command of VMGR-152

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