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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

VMGR-152

LtCol John URELL

ATTACHED UNITS

Detachment Alpha, VMGR-352 (4 aircraft), is under OPCON VMGR-152

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 January: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

LtCol Loran K. BRONLEWE	Executive Officer	
Major Howard CHAPIN	Aviation Safety Off	
Major Rangeley A. BROWN	NATOPS Officer	
Capt Fred W. ANTHES	Material/Supply Off	
Lt (MC) Mark I. CONGRESS	Flight Surgeon	
Lt (MC) William F. LYONS	Flight Surgeon	1-18 Jan
Lt (MC) John B. VICK	Dental Officer	18-31 Jan
Major Gary L. CARLSON	Admin Officer	
Major Ernest G. SCHAUPPNER	Operations Officer	
Major Eldon L. BAUMWART	Maintenance Officer	
Major Donald G. SMITH	Logistics Officer	
Major Bernard C. DARR	Air Frieght Sys Off	1-14 Jan
Capt Edward P. NOLL	Air Frieght Sys Off	15-31 Jan
Major Gerald W. GERAGHTY	OIC Sub Unit 1	1-14 Jan
Major Bernard C. DARR	OIC Sub Unit 1	15-31 Jan

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
45 - Naval Av	519	2	7
13 - Av Grnd			

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During this period, VMGR-152 flew a total of 1132 sorties, carrying 4080 short tons of cargo, baggage and mail, and 26,417 passengers.

The squadron continued to maintain a detachment of aircraft at Danang AFB, Republic of Viet Nam, under the operational control of the CG, 1stMAW. This detachment provided the necessary aerial refueling, flare drop, logistical resupply, and medical evacuation support for operations throughout the III MAF. VMGR-152 maintains Sub Unit 1 at Danang AFB to support the detachment aircraft. The squadron normally maintains four aircraft with the Sub Unit 1 detachment. The detachment is augmented with additional aircraft, as required, for special operations.

Periodically the squadron detachment at Danang is called upon to perform night flare drop missions in support of local ground action. During January four flare drop missions were flown with 21 flares dropped. The relatively small number of flares expended was due to adverse weather conditions.

January operations consisted primarily of routine passenger and cargo flights. During the latter part of January the weather in Viet Nam improved to allow VFR operations in most areas. This greatly increased the number of daily sorties in-country.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Commitments

Chronological review of normal commitments flown 1 January - 31 January follows. (Each entry has been verified correct from individual daily briefing sheets on file at VMGR-152 Operations)

## 1 January

- a. LogSup/AR aircraft on station Danang replaced daily in numbers as required.
- b. Provided airlift for R&R from Futema to Danang and return.

## 2 January

- a. Provided air transportation for BGen METZGER TACHI-FUT

## 5 January

- a. Provided air transportation for BGen RYAN USMC and Korean BGen KIM FUT-DAN-CHU

## 7 January

- a. Provided air transportation for Gen GREENE, LtGen WALT, MGen ROBERTSHAW and BGen KYLE and party in country. PHU-DAN
- b. Provided air transportation for BGen METZGER

## 8 January

- a. Provided airborne flare drops for in country operations. DAN-CHU
- b. Provided air transportation for BGen METZGER. CHU-FUT

## 9 January

- a. Provided AR training for VMF(AW)-235. FUT

## 10 January

- a. Provided AR training for VMF(AW)-235. FUT

## 17 January

- a. Provided airborne flare drops. DAN
- b. Provided air transportation for BGen METZGER. FUT-IWA

## 19 January

- a. Provided air transportation for MGen ROBERTSHAW. DAN-SAIGON

## 25 January

- a. Provided AR training for VMF(AW)-235. FUT

## 27 January

- a. Provided special airlift for two downed USAF pilots from Dong Ha to Danang. Had been rescued from the water by USMC helicopter.
- b. Provided special airlift for VMF(AW)-235. IWA-DAN

## 28 January

- a. Provided air transportation for BGen METZGER & PARTY. FUT-DAN
- b. Provided special airlift for VMF(AW)-235. NAHA-IWA

2. Flight Statistics

Cargo (tons)	4,080.9	Detachment only	1,108.1
Passengers	26,417		8,408
Sorties	1,132		316
Hours Flown	1,714.0		540.0
AR Missions	5		
AD Missions	0		
Flare Drop Missions	4		
Flares Dropped	21		
A/C hit by ground fire	2		

3. Personnel

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

MCAF Futema	54 Officers	-	432 Enlisted
Sub Unit 1	2 Officers	-	87 Enlisted

- b. There were no new pilots assigned to the squadron during the reporting period.

- c. New crew member personnel assigned were:

LCPL R. E. ARVISAIS	SGT A. J. DEMERS
LCPL W. H. CORMIER	LCPL M. A. GJERVIK

MSGT M. D. JOHNSON

GYSGT A. R. TOCA

GYSGT E. J. KACHELEIN

MSGT J. L. WAINWRIGHT

GYSGT E. L. RUSSELL

GYSGT G. E. WHITEHURST

d. New non-crew member personnel assigned were:

SGT R. D. FETTER

CPL D. E. OGDEN

LCPL R. L. JENSEN

SGT J. WALKER

SGT D. H. LINDERMAN

SGT D. E. PINKSTON

4. Awards

During the reporting period squadron personnel were awarded 58 Air Medals for combat flight operations.