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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

VMGR-152

COMMANDER

LtCol Frank G. MCLENON

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 October: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS: (Changes)

LtCol G. T. HAUSER	S-3 Officer	1 to 31 October
Major D. N. SPROTT	OIC, Sub-Unit #1	1 to 31 October
Major J. J. MCMASTERS	A/C MaintO	1 to 31 October
Major R. K. ERVI	S-2 Officer	1 to 31 October
Major C. E. GRIGGS	S-4 Officer	1 to 31 October

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
52 Naval Av. 12 Av Ground	555	2	2

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of October, VMGR-152 flew 989 sorties for a total of 1,750 flight hours. 33,893 passengers and 4,088 short tons of cargo were transported.
2. The sub unit based at Danang continued to operate with an average of four aircraft. Missions flown consisted of aerial refueling, logistics, and flare drops.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Commitments

A review of the commitments flown during October shows the following significant events in chronological order.

2 October - 150684 - Crew: Major H. W. RODER and Capt R. A. PAYNE - Provided transportation for Col KELLOGG, CO MAG-15, from Futema to Iwakuni.

3 October - 148248 - Crew: Major R. R. MULLINS and Major D. H. BODE - "One Time Flight" ferried aircraft, gear down, from Danang to Manila for major repairs.

4 October - 149791 - Crew: Major R. R. ALLEN and Capt A. L. POWERS - provided transportation for BGen HILL from Danang to Quang Tri.

5 October - 149791 - Crew: Major R. R. ALLEN and Capt A. L. POWERS - provided transportation for BGen Hill from Quang Tri to Danang.

6 October - 149791 - Crew: Major R. R. ALLEN and Capt A. L. POWERS - received small arms fire hit six miles East of An Hoa.

9 October - 149796 - Crew: LtCol F. G. MCLENON and Major J. F. WALSH - provided transportation for BGen HILL from Dong Ha to Danang.

11 October - 148247 - Crew: Major R. A. FRITZLER and Major D. T. WALLACE - provided transportation for the Force Inspection Team from Chu Lai to Futema.

15 October - 150687 - Crew: Major P. J. VOGEL and Capt S. A. ELLERTSON - at 0730 and at 1130 hours, a total of 12 pallets of "C" rations were dropped to two isolated Marine companies who were without food for 3 days. The companies were located on the 219° and 221° radial at 20 miles from Danang. The weather at the time was extremely poor and the aircraft had to be flown down to 800 feet AGL to execute one drop. The other drop was accomplished by radar and tacan position. The area is predominantly mountainous with tops at 5000 feet and the Viet Cong controlled the village of Phuonc Duc.

15 October - 149791 - Crew: Major R. R. MULLINS and LtCol K. M. SCOTT - provided transportation for BGen HILL from Danang to Dong Ha and completed IFR drops of rations to 4th Marines in Khe Sahn area. Under extremely bad weather conditions of thunderstorms and precipitation, 5 of 9 pallets dropped were in the zone.

23 October - 148247 - Crew: Major C. E. DEORNELLAS and Major J. W. GARRIOTT - provided transportation for Mr. WRIGHT, GS-17, HQMC, from Futema to Iwakuni.

25 October - 148892 - Crew: Major R. R. ALLEN and Major D. H. BODE - provided transportation for BGen GALLOWAY, USA, from Danang to Cubi Pt.

27 October - 148895 - Crew: Major B. R. PETERSON and Major J. W. GARRIOTT - provided transportation for MGen TOMPKINS from Hong Kong to Danang.

27 October - 148247 - Crew: LtCol F. G. MCLENON and Major C. E. GRIGGS - provided transportation for the Force Inspection Team from Futema to Iwakuni.

29 October - 148895 - Crew: Major H. W. RODER and Major F. E. MILLNER - provided transportation for BGen HILL from Hue to Quang Tri.

2. <u>FLIGHT STATISTICS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>DETACHMENT ONLY</u>
CARGO TONS	4,087	3,924
PASSENGERS	33,893	32,754
HOURS FLOWN	1,750	1,666
SORTIES	989	932
AR MISSIONS	74	74
AD MISSIONS	3	3
FLARE MISSIONS	67	67
FLARES DROPPED	12,152	12,152
A/C HIT BY HOSTILE FIRE	2	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	62 Officers	446 Enlisted
MCAF FUTEMA (USN)	2 Officers	2 Enlisted
SUB UNIT #1	2 Officers	109 Enlisted
SUB UNIT #1 (USN)	0 Officers	0 Enlisted

b. New Pilots Assigned

Captain S. A. EILERTSON
 Major C. E. GRIGGS
 Major D. T. WALLACE
 Major D. E. T. WILSON

c. New Crew Members Assigned

Cpl H. H. WYLLY

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d. New Non-Crew Members Assigned

Sgt D. H. THOMASSON
GySgt R. G. WILLIAMS

4. AWARDS

a. The following awards were presented within the Command during this period.

- (1) 241 Air Medals
- (2) Fifteen (15) Navy Commendation Awards
- (3) One (1) Distinguished Flying Cross