

George E. Dooley, BGEN, USMC (Ret.) "Dool"

<u>Date of Designation</u>: 11 September 1941 NA # 8567

Dates of Active Duty: 7 October, 1939 - 30 June, 1970

<u>Total Flight Hours</u>: 6,000

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 300 Rotary: 50

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,500 Prop: 3,000 Helo: 300 VF/VA: 5,200 VR/VP: 500

Combat Tours:

WW II: Guadalcanal, Nov. 1942 - Jun. 1943 Guam, 1944 - 1945 USS *Was*p, Feb. - Mar. 1945 (Tokyo, Iwo Jima,

Chichi Jima; Okinawa; Myako Jima).

Total combat missions - 150.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VMSB/VMTB-131, Nov. 1942 - Oct. 1944.

CO, VMF-216, Nov. 1944 - Apr. 1945 (CO, VMF 216 and VMF-217 combined operationally aboard *Wasp*, Feb. and Mar. 1945).

CO, VMT-2, (Instrument Training Squadron) 1945 - 1947.

CO, VC-6 (HVA), Jul. 1952 - Dec. 1952. (Only Marine known to command a Navy Squadron).

CO, MAG-13 Jun. 1961 - Jun. 1963.

Combat Awards:

Distinguished Service Medal Silver Star Distinguished Flying Cross Air Medal



Duty Assignment Chronology

Squadron Officer, VMSB-131 (SB2U-3,

9/41-9/42

4/57-6/60

6/60-6/61

6/61-6/63

6/63-6/66

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	SBD), Quantico, San Diego and Hawaii.
9/42-11/42	VMTB-131 (TBF-1), Operations Officer,
	Hawaii and Guadalcanal.
11/42-3/43	CO, FWD/Rear Ech VMTB-131. (Sqdn was
	split with CO and Dooley each in charge of
	1/2 of the sqdn. Relieved each other each six
	weeks - Guadalcanal and Espiritu Santo).
3/43-10/44	CO, VMTB-131 (TBM). Guadalcanal, El Toro
	and Guam.
11/44-4/45	CO, VMF-216 (F4U), Guam/USS Wasp (CV-
	18).
2/45-4/45	CO, VMF-216 and VMF-217 combined oper-
	ationally aboard <i>Wasp</i> .
7/45-6/47	CO, VMT-2 (F4U, SNJ, JRB, R4D), MCAS
	El Toro. Instrument training squadron.
8/47-5/48	Student, Air Command and Staff College,
	Maxwell AFB, AL.
5/48-10/49	Air Operations, G-3, FMFLANT, Norfolk, VA
10/49-9/50	Plans Officer, COMAIRLANT.
10/50-12/53	Operations Officer, XO and CO, VC-6, NAS
	Patuxent, Liautey, San Diego, Atsugi. Also
	CO of VC-6 Detachment, NAS Atsugi in
	that period.
12/53-6/54	Student, Senior School, Marine Corps
	Schools, Quantico, VA.
6/54-3/56	G-3, 2nd MAW, MCAS Cherry Point.
3/56-4/57	Operations Officer and XO, MAG-11 (FJ2,

6/66-11/68 Director of Programs, HQMC Washington. 12/68-12/69 Chief of Staff, III MAF, Danang, RVN.

HQMC, Washington D. C.

Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Staff.

Student, National War College.

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FJ4, F2H, F3D,F9F) Atsugi, Japan.

Personnel Director, Marine Corps Aviation,

Staff FMFLANT Norfolk, VA. G-1, Chief of

CO, MAG-13 (FJ3,FJ4,A4,F8, HRS-1),

1/70-6/70 Commanding General, LFTC PAC,

Coronado, CA.

6/3070 Retired from active duty.

Summary of Significant Career Events

(1) For Distinguished Service Medal, was Chief of Staff, III MAF, Danang, RVN 1968-1969.

- (2) For Silver Star award, led 120 plane strike from USS *Wasp* (CV-18) against Hamamatsu, Japan.
- (3) For DFC award, led three torpedo attacks. Two attacks against Battleship Hiei off Savo Island - One confirmed torpedo hit - one probable hit. One torpedo attack against Heavy Cruiser Kinugasa - one confirmed hit.