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PART I

1. Commanding Officer LtCol M. D. TWEED
Executive Officer Major R. A. KUCI
Administrative Officer 1stLt D. G. TISDALE
Intelligence Officer Capt. J. B. HAYDEN
Operations Officer Major R. W. DUPHINEY
Logistics Officer Major F. D. PATTERSON
Maintenance Officer Major V. J. GUINEE JR.
2. None; MCAF KY HA, Republic of Vietnam; 1 June to 30 June 1966.
3. Average Monthly Strength: Officers (49NA, 1 USN(MC))
Enlisted (175 USMC, 0 USN)
4. Important Vistors. Major General ROBERTSHAW visited squadron area on
11 June 1966 and flew co-pilot on a resupply mission.

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- 5 June A flight of eight "Tarbush" aircraft, led by Maj. R. A. KUCI, flew resupply missions into Minh Long (BS528523), SonHa (BS393705), and DucPho (BS805382). Although fragged for only half as much, the flight carried 153 passengers, 31,250 pounds of cargo, and made a total of 77 sorties.
- 6 June A force of 200 ARVN troops were lifted to a strike zone at BS795504 by LtCol M. D. TWEED'S eight plane flight. The second division, led by Maj. R. A. KUCI, received fire in the zone but sustained no hits. The gunners expended a total of 400 rounds during 53 sorties made into the zone.
- 7 June LtCol TWEED again led a flight on an ARVN strike in conjunction with Millpoint aircraft. At BT185235 fire was taken on the way into the zone with 117 ARVN's aboard. The second zone, at BT-240176, was also "hot" and a total of 152 ARVN troops debarked from "Tarbush" aircraft. No hits were taken during the 74 sorties flown into the drop areas.
- 8 June Four aircraft and 20 marines were involved in a recon insert to prepare the way for "Operation Apache". Led by LtCol TWEED, the aircraft landed first at BT285123 and then at BT325085. Fire was recieved enroute to the zones but the landings were accomplished without any difficulty, with a total of 21 sorties made.
- 9 June An early morning strike was conducted by MAG-36 aircraft at BT307138. Eight "Tarbush" aircraft, led by LtCol TWEED lifted 112 marines into the hot zone. Two lifts were made and, in each case, fire was recieved. Fortunately, all aircraft returned without holes after 32 sorties and 4.2 flight hours.
- 10 June Approximately 78,000 pounds of cargo and 309 ARVN passengers were transported by what started out as a flight of ten aircraft. Seven aircraft actually finished the resupply mission after logging 39.4 total flight hours and 158 sorties. The flight was led by Maj. V. R. GUINEE JR and later by Maj. G. N. BAILEY JR after Maj GUINEE was no longer able to continue the lift due to a downed aircraft.
- 11 June BS665955 was the scene of an eight plane recon insert led by Maj. R. W. DUPHINEY. A total of 48 marines were dropped into the zone and no hostile fire was encountered. Maj. R. A. KUCI led eight "Tarbush" aircraft on a resupply to NuDau BS850330. The last section, in which MajGen ROBERTSHAW was flying as co-pilot, took fire entering the zone. The flight transported 8 U.S. and 8 ARVN passengers while lifting 15,625 pounds of cargo. Later in the afternoon Capt. D. L. CHAMBERS led five aircraft on a retraction from BS673962. One of his aircraft recieved two hits from hostile fire as the flight was lifting 23 marines out of the zone.

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- 12 June LtCol TWEED led four aircraft into a zone at BS653573 with a total payload of 78 ARVN troops. The lift required two trips and 20 sorties total. Five "tarbush" aircraft, led by Maj. V. J. GUINEE JR, joined Clipclap aircraft in a retrograde of the troops which participated in operation "Apachee". The 134 troops were picked up at BT305143 and returned to BT435078, BT468068, and BT398145 (Hills 35, 69, and 54 respectively).
- 14 June A flight of eight tarbush aircraft, led by LtCol TWEED flew re-supply missions into MoDuc (BS726533). The flight carried 28, 910 pounds of cargo and six ARVN and two U.S. passengers, for a total of 59 sorties.
- 15 June Maj GUINEE led a flight of eight "Tarbush" aircraft on a resupply mission from QuanNgai to NuiVang (BS816389). The flight carried double the amount fragged for. The four trips into Nui Vang accounted for 36,735 pounds of cargo, 18 ARVN troops, 12 vietnamese civilians, 1 U. S. Troops and a total of 63 sorties.
- 16 June At 0205 Lt T. E. PARSONS was launched on MedEvac to BT130202 with Huey escort. A recon team was engaged with the VC and had taken casualties. Because of darkness, a confined mountain top zone, and intense enemy fire, the MedEvac aircraft was unable to land. At 0550 LtCol TWEED led a flight of four "Tarbush" aircraft, in conjunction with another squadron, to reinforce the recon party. A total of 24 troops were put in by "Tarbush" aircraft at BT-150190. The flight took fire in the zone, but no aircraft were hit. At 0820 Lt G. W. JOHNSON led a flight of two Med-Evac aircraft into BT131202 to pick up the casualties from the recon party and their reinforcements. The flight was augmented by two Clipclap aircraft. The two "Tarbush" aircraft lifted out 10 casualties and took fire in the zone. Neither aircraft was hit and six sorties were made. At 1115 Maj KUCI led a flight of eight "Tarbush" aircraft into BT131202 to pull out the remainder of the recon party and the reinforcements that had been put in earlier. A total of 42 U. S. Troops were retracted a long with 500 pounds of gear. A total of 24 sorties were made. No fire was received this time.
- 18 June Maj KUCI led a flight of six "Tarbush" aircraft on two recon insert missions. The first occurred at AT969375. Nineteen U.S. and six ARVN troops were inserted. At BT111276 on the second mission. Fire was received on landing and take-off, but no aircraft were hit. Capt J. B. HAYDEN launched on an emergency Med-Evac to BT103147 with a UH-1E for escort. The ARVN troops had difficulty marking their zone due to VC in the area on the same radion frequency giving similar landing signals. Finally, Capt HAYDEN located the zone by using his landing light, thereby drawing small arms and automatic fire.

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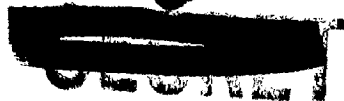
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- 18June Upon landing, Capt HAYDEN picked up the two med-evacs and was requested to make an emergency re-supply run for ammunition to Tien Phouc and return. He lifted from the zone amid heavy fire and flew to Tien Phouc for the badly needed ammunition. On his return trip, the same method of finding the zone had to be used and again the VC opened fire on the H-34. Capt HAYDEN succeeded in landing with the ammunition and taking off again. The whole mission was accomplished without a hit being taken.
- 19June LtCol TWEED led a flight of five "Tarbush" aircraft on a series of resupply missions. The flight resupplied the outposts of An Hoa (BS475863), San Ha (BS393705), Ming Long (BS542527), and Sa Huy Ha, (BS925218). Fire was received and returned at Sa Huy Ha. A total of 21,970 pounds of cargo was carried along with 45 ARVN's, 9 U. S. troops, 22 Vietnamese civilians and one vietnamese med-evac. A total of 62 sorties were made. Maj KUCI led a flight of eight "Tarbush" aircraft on resupply missions into Tien Phouc and BT133365. Sixty-four sorties were made, and 31,010 pounds of cargo and four U. S. troops were carried.
- 20June Seven "Tarbush" aircraft led by LtCol TWEED were launched on a recon retraction. The flight pulled out 33 U. S. troops at BT-083187. In the course of the tretraction, a support UH-1E went down in the field. LtCol TWEED's flight dropped the recon troops at Tien Phouc, and picked up an ARVN reaction force of 59 troops to provide security for the downed UH-1E at BT083187. The flight then returned to Tien Phouc and took the recon troops to LZ Quail. After the downed UH-1E was Helo-lifted from the zone, LtCol TWEED's flight returned and picked up the ARVN reaction force and returned them to Tien Phouc. Fire was received in the pickup zone but no aircraft were hit. A total of 67 sorties were made.
- 21June LtCol TWEED led a flight of 40 MAG-36 aircraft on a troop lift into the Hiep Duc area. The flight consisted of 24 aircraft from HMM-362 and HMM-363 as well as 16 "Tarbush". The "Tarbush" flight dropped 95 U. S. Marines on the high ground at AT936243 overlooking the village of Hiep Duc. LtCol TWEED later led the same aircraft into Hiep Duc and retracted the troops. The 16 "Tarbush" aircraft retracted 95 U. S. Marines from the same zone about one hour later. Fire was received on both trips into the zone, but no aircraft were hit. A total of 96 sorties were made.
- 23June Ha Duc (BT060020) was the drop zone for a six plane resupply mission. With LtCol TWEED in the lead, the flight accounted for 220 ARVN, 88 VN civilian, and 48,050 pounds of cargo transported.
- 25June LtCol TWEED had eight aircraft at his command for a resupply mission to No Duc (BS725537). In three trips the flight transported 27,950 pounds of cargo, 6 U. S. troops, and 8 ARVNS.

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- 26 June The task of retracting 264 U. S. troops from BT133364 provided a change of pace for ten "Tarbush" aircraft led by Maj R. A. KUCI. The lift was conducted in conjunction with HMM-362 and required 114 sorties in 38.5 total flight hours.
- 29 June Maj G. N. BAILEY JR's flight of twelve joined in a MAG-36 strike at BS815465 to kick off operation "Oakland." A total of 137 ARVN troops and 3,000 pounds of support gear were lifted by HMM-361 during the strike. Later that morning, LtCol TWEED led 32 MAG-36 and 10 MAG-16 aircraft into landing zone Hawk (BS744602) with a blocking force of U. S. Marines. Fire was received in the zone but none of the 16 "Tarbush" aircraft were hit while lifting 115 marines into the zone.

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1. Awards. There were 199 Air Medals Recommendations submitted by this squadron in June 1966. Gunnery Sergeant Manuel DESOUZA SR was recommended for the Secretary of the Navy Commendation for Achievement for his skill and resourcefulness in the squadron maintenance department.
2. Casualties. LCpl P. V. JACOBSON was wounded in action on 30 June.
3. Intelligence. There were 26 fire incident reports and 5 spot reports submitted in June.
4. Training. Twenty instrument checks were given in June and twenty cards issued.

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