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1. Attached HMM-361 Command Chronology.

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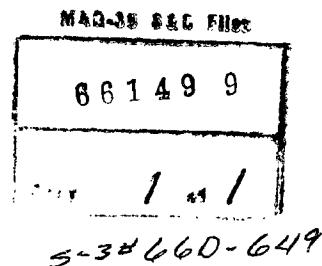
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1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with reference (a) and (b).
2. This letter is declassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 361
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PART I

1. Commanding Officer LtCol M. D. TWEED
Executive Officer Major R. A. KUCI
Administrative Officer Capt. S. A. PEREZ
Intelligence Officer 1stLt F. BAINS
Operations Officer Major R. A. VANEK
Logistics Officer 2ndLt R. BUELOW
Maintenance Officer Capt. J. L. MCMANAWAY
2. None; MCAF Ky Ha; Republic of Vietnam; 1 September to 30 September 1966.
3. Average Monthly Strength: Officers (40 USMC O USN)
Enlisted (139 USMC O USN)
4. Important Vistors: None

PART II

2 Sep HMM-361 commenced the day with a flight of 8 aircraft led by Major KUCI to BS 470826 for a strike. At 1520, Major KUCI led the flight of eight to BS 536946. And for the third time that day, Tarbush aircraft were called upon. This time to BS 424776 for a retraction of 143 US troops. They were escorted by 2 UH-1E's and 2 A-4's. Unfortunately this time, 2 aircraft, 1 passenger and 1 crew were hit.

3 Sep LtCol TWEED led a flight of 8 Tarbush 34's on two missions. The first mission consisted of transporting 67,525 lbs., 30 ARVN'S and 100 VNCIV passengers between Que Son and Hoi An. The second mission was resupplying Hau Duc with 67,850 lbs., 90 ARVN's and 53 VNCIV passengers.

4 Sep Mission 314A was launched with Major PATTERSON leading a flight of 5 Tarbush aircraft on an insert of 19 US troops at AT 922130. One plane received a hit.

7 Sep A convoy escort of 2 Tarbush led by 1stLt F. BAINS received sniper fire at BT 260292; but no hits were received.

8 Sep Major Patterson led a flight of 4 34's into a landing zone at BS 756572. The second time into the zone, Major PATTERSON was critically wounded and his aircraft received three hits.

9 Sep An insert of a recon team at BS 712478 became an almost immediate retraction by Major GUINEE's flight of 4 UH-34's. After the insert and while waiting for the number four aircraft to join up, one of the two UH-1E escort gunships spotted 25 VC about 200 yards North of the LZ. Then, about 200 VC were seen at the base of the hill. The retraction was successfully accomplished. But on a medevac, events were not as fortunate. Cpl F. A. BRACEY was wounded by sniper fire in the LZ at BS 726515.

12 Sep A strike at BS 618504 with four 34's led by Major KUCI received fire from BS 622508 and BS 622498 while going into the zone. There were no hits.

14 Sep At 0630 LtCol TWEED's eight Tarbush aircraft, escorted by two UH-1E's and two A-4's, moved 40 US troops from BS 540945 to a strike at BS 728545. Then LtCol TWEED led the eight Tarbush aircraft in at BS 666565 and received fire in the landing zone.

15 Sep LtCol TWEED led a flight of five Tarbush on an insertion of 22 US troops at BS 657544. The flight was uneventful, in that there was no firing, but Major KUCI's flight of four received fire in the landing zone at BS 815382. This flight was an emergency resupply of 6000 lbs. Lt LOCKE on a medevac at Duc Pho took fire in the landing zone- no hits.

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17 Sep A flight of five Tarbush led by LtCol TWEED, escorted by four A-4's, resupplied the ARVN's with 48,300 lbs., and 54 troops at BS 815352.

18 Sep Mission 1374 was a retraction of 24 troops from an unsecure zone at BT 301079. The flight of five led by LtCol TWEED received fire; but not hits. A second retraction, led by LtCol TWEED at BT 299162 of 22 recon had one aircraft receive three hits.

19 Sep A strike of 132 ARVN's at BT 315337 was mission 1462. This flight of seven was led by LtCol TWEED. They were escorted by four A-4's and assisted by two CH-37's and four CH-46's. There were no incidents and the mission went smoothly.

23 Sep Major KUCI led a flight of eight 34's, escorted by four A-4's, on an ARVN resupply between Viet An and Thang Binh. The flight of Tarbush aircraft carried 12,300 lbs., and 44 passengers. A second mission utilizing six of the Tarbush aircraft carried 25,400 lbs. and 117 passengers from Quang Tin to Hau Duc.

24 Sep Major KUCI's flight of five inserted 20 US troops at BS 414805 with no incidents. They were escorted by two UH-1E gunships and two A-4's.

26 Sep A KMC strike at BS 559843 was made possible by a flight of five Tarbush led by Major KUCI and escorted by two UH-1E gunships and two A-4's. While the flight received fire in the LZ, there were no hits. Captain MCMANAWAY led a flight of five 34's on an emergency retraction of a recon team at BT 313110. They did receive sniper fire in the landing zone; but no hits.

28 Sep Major KUCI led a flight of four on a resupply of the ARVN's. The flight transported 3000 lbs., and 225 passengers between Quang Ngai and BS 380698. A second resupply of the ARVN's was made by the flight utilizing three Tarbush aircraft. The flight conveyed 85 ARVN and 15 VNCIV from Quang Ngai and BS 805382. Also 43 ARVN's were transported from Nui Dang to Nui Tho. An emergency insertion of 20 KMC's at BS 681811 was led by Major KUCI's two 34's with two 46's. While the flight received fire in the landing zone, there were no hits.

29 Sep Major KUCI led a flight of two 34's, two CH-46's and two UH-1E's on a Sparrow Hawk launch. The flight inserted 38 KMC's at BS 696820, receiving fire in the landing zone.

30 Sep Capt MCMANAWAY led a flight of six UH-34's followed by five 34's from HMM-363, two CH-46's, and escorted by three UH-1E gunships on an emergency insertion of 170 US troops at BT 4050081.

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PART III

1. Awards

a. The following were recommended for Bronze Star Awards.

1. Major V. J. GUINEE
2. Capt B. J. NICHOL Jr.
3. Major G. N. BAILEY

b. The following were recommended for Distinguished Flying Crosses.

1. Major G. N. BAILEY
2. Major R. A. KUCI
3. Capt R. P. HARRELL
4. Capt R. W. STEVENS
5. 1stLt L. C. MARSH
6. 1stLt T. S. PARSONS

c. The following were recommended for the Purple Heart.

1. Major F. D. PATTERSON
2. Cpl F. N. BRACEY

d. There were 311 recommendations for the Air Medal submitted by this command in September.

2. Casualties

a. Major F. D. PATTERSON Jr and Cpl F. A. BRACEY were wounded in action on 8 September 1966.

b. Cpl W. J. HUFF was wounded in action on 2 September 1966.

3. Intelligence

There were 35 incident and 8 spot reports submitted by this command in September.

4. Training

A seminar is held whenever scheduling permits for H2P's and IAC's in the squadron. Area briefs and operational hints are discussed, as well as any problem areas.