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MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 361  
MCAF KY HA  
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
1 DECEMBER TO 15 DECEMBER 1966

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## PART I

1. Commanding Officer  
Executive Officer  
Administrative Officer  
Intelligence Officer  
Operations Officer  
Logistics Officer  
Maintenance Officer  
  
LtCol M. D. TWEED  
LtCol E. W. TRAUT  
Capt S. E. FIELD  
Capt M. V. GRIFFITH  
Major K. D. VANEK  
Major J. R. GREER  
Major J. L. MCMANAWAY
2. None; MCAF KY HA, Republic of Vietnam; 1 December to 15 December 1966.
3. Average Monthly Strength: Officer 49 USMC 0 USN  
Enlisted 125 USMC 0 USN
4. Important Visitors: None

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## PART II

- 1 Dec LtCol TRAUT's section of two UH-34D's were on an aerial recon of BT 226067 when they received fire from BT 236095. There were no hits.

On a resupply of BT 114138 LtCol TRAUT's section of Tarbush received fire from BT 295167. The second aircraft received a hit during the flight, but not necessarily from the same coordinates as the noted small arms fire.

Two Tarbush were led by LtCol TRAUT to BT 362070 on a resupply. Fire was received from BT 365069. Forty rounds of 7.62 were returned when a VC was noticed running across a rice paddy after firing at the aircraft.

Major KUCI led a flight of six Tarbush to the Korean CP where they supported the Korean Marines in the morning. The flight carried 25,940 lbs. of cargo and 61 passengers to 12 landing zones. Also the flight had one Korean Medevac.

LtCol TWEED led a flight of four Tarbush to support the Korean Marines in the afternoon. The Tarbush aircraft carried 10,150 lbs. of resupplies and 13 passengers to five landing zones. There were no significant incidents.

- 2 Dec Capt HARRELL on a medevac of a VNCIV at BT 107143 received light small arms fire from BT 3014. There were no hits.

Capt CLASBY on an emergency medevac at BT 113137 for two ARVN WIA's received fire from the vicinity of BT 2017.

- 4 Dec A section of two Tarbush aircraft were led by Capt HYATT to support the Korean Marines. The UH-34D's transported 10,150 lbs. of cargo and 13 passengers to three landing zones without any significant incidents.

Major GREER led a flight of five Tarbush on a resupply of BS 435 230. They transported 17,550 lbs. and 25 passengers. Four A-4's escorted the flight. While in the LZ, fire was received from BS 930220 and BS 919203. There were no hits.

- 5 Dec Major GREER on a troop lift of twelve U. S. with a section of Tarbush received fire from BT 082285. There were no hits.

LtCol TWEED led four Tarbush to the Korean CP where the flight gave direct support by transporting 35,990 lbs. of cargo and 24 passengers.

In the afternoon LtCol TRAUT led four UH-34D's in direct support of the Korean Marines. The flight transported 36,480 lbs. of cargo and 20 passengers without any significant incidents. The Tarbush aircraft also had one Korean medevac.

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- 6 Dec Six Tarbush aircraft were led by LtCol TWEED in support of the Korean Marines. The flight transported 33,800 lbs of cargo and 117 passengers with no significant incidents.
- LtCol TRAUT led four UH-34's in the afternoon support of the Korean Marines. The flight transported 17,100 lbs. of gear and 38 passengers.
- Capt MCGINN on an emergency medevac at BT 292076 received small arms fire from BT 288076. Also the Tarbush aircraft brought into the zone 500 lbs. of emergency ammunition. There was no return fire.
- Two Tarbush aircraft were led by Major VANEK to BT 291084 in support of Operation Sutter. 1,500 lbs. of gear were transported to the LZ. The section received fire from BT 287084 and BT 295086. There were no hits.
- 7 Dec LtCol TWEED led six tarbush on direct support for the Korean Marines. The UH-34's transported 28,000 lbs. of cargo and 189 passengers without any significant incidents.
- LtCol TRAUT on mission 98A, a troop lift, received small arms fire in the vicinity of BT 160168. His aircraft received one hit. There were no injuries. 130 rounds of 7.62 were returned.
- 8 Dec Lt CLASBY led a section of Tarbush aircraft to assist Millpoint in support of the Korean Marines. The aircraft transported 16,100 lbs. of cargo and 15 Korean Marines to four landing zones.
- Major KUCI led a flight of three UH-34's on a retraction of a 13 man recon team from BT 245084. The Tarbush aircraft received fire from BT 235083 and BT 255085. There were no hits.
- Major VANEK while on a medevac for four VNCIV's at Hau Duc (BT 070060) received fire from BT 205105 and BT 263127.
- Capt HARGROVE on a medevac at BS 806383 for one ARVN WIA received small arms fire from BS 789415. His aircraft suffered one hit. There were no injuries.
- 9 Dec Two Tarbush aircraft were led by LtCol TWEED in morning support of the Korean Marines. The section transported 19,800 lbs. of cargo and 54 Korean Marines to nine landing zones.
- Major MCMANAWAY in afternoon support of the Koreans transported 8,490 lbs. of cargo and 25 passengers with two UH-34's.
- Two UH-34's were led by Major VANEK to BS 473864 on a resupply of 400 lbs. of cargo. The section received small arms fire from BS 519888. Ten rounds of 7.62 were returned.
- 10 Dec LtCol TRAUT led a section of Tarbush on a resupply of Nui Dang (BS 818385) transporting 8,200 lbs. of cargo and 25 passengers from the Quang Ngai LSA. An A-4 escort received .50 caliber fire and took one hit a mile west of the landing zone.

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Capt HAYMORE on a night medevac of a VNCIV at BS 625997 received small arms fire from the vicinity of BS 6190.

- 11 Dec Four Tarbush were led by LtCol TWEED in morning support of the Korean Marines. The flight transported 35,350 lbs. of cargo and 69 passengers. Also the Tarbush aircraft picked up one Korean medevac from BS 551847 and took him to the KMC hospital.

Major KUCI led two UH-34's in afternoon support of the Koreans. The Tarbush aircraft transported 200 lbs. of cargo and 62 Korean Marines with no significant events. Also picked up two sick Korean Marines at BS 655833 and took them to the KMC hospital.

Five Tarbush aircraft were led by Major VANEK to Minh Long (BS 542 525) on a resupply of 36,880 lbs.. The number one aircraft in the flight received small arms fire from BS 572545.

- 12 Dec On a medevac from Tam Ky to the Quang Ngai hospital, Lt GAMMACK received small arms fire from BS 5897.

Capt HYATT led a division of four Tarbush on a troop lift of 21 U. S. to BS 635588 and BS 649541. The flight received light arms fire from BS 670580. There were no hits.

- 13 Dec Lt CALEF on a medevac at BS 715975 for one U. S. emergency WIA received small arms fire from BT 680019. There were no hits.

- 14 Dec A flight of two Tarbush medevacs were led by Capt HARGROVE to BT 338238 where five WIA's (one U. S., four ARVN's) were picked up. The flight received fire from BT 338232 and returned 125 rounds of 7.62. There were no hits.

A message was received from Commanding General First Marine Aircraft Wing, expressing appreciation for HMM-361's "outstanding degree of professionalism."

A confidential message, P050749Z, was received from the Commanding General, 2nd Republic of Korea Marine Brigade. It was a letter of appreciation to HMM-361 for the support of the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade rendered by the squadron. Particular comment was made of HMM-361's support during Operations: Golden Fleece, Lee and Dragon Eye.

As HMM-361 closes out their flight operations in Viet Nam, they have accomplished the following during the period 1 June to 30 November 1966:

1. Flight time	10,774.1
2. Sorties	31,959
3. Medevacs	2,312
4. Pax	37,209
5. Cargo tons	2,746
6. A/C availability	18 (average)

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## PART III

1. Awards

A. The following was recommended for a Distinguished Flying Cross:

(1) Major K. D. VANEK

B. There were 207 recommendations for the Air Medal submitted by this command in December 1966.

2. Casualties

A. None


3. Intelligence

A. There were 36 incident reports submitted by this command in December.

4. Training

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

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

HMM-361

LtCol M. D. TWEED

2. LOCATION

15-31 Dec: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	LTCOL E. W. TRAUT
Administrative Officer	Capt S. E. FIELD
Intelligence Officer	Capt M. V. GRIFFITH
Operations Officer	Major K. D. VANEK
Logistics Officer	Major J. R. GREER
Maintenance Officer	Major J. L. MCMANAWAY

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

- 20 Dec: A section of two Tarbush UH-34's participated in a paradrop of U.S. Marines at Camp Hansen.
- 21 Dec: Santa Claus was effectively carried to Sukiran by a Tarbush reindeer.
- 22 Dec: Seventy-three (73) U.S. Marines practiced rappelling out of Tarbush aircraft at Camp Hansen.
- 24 Dec: Two Tarbush aircraft practiced a recon insert of twenty-four (24) U.S. Marines in the northern training area.
- 27 Dec: General Unger visited the squadron area and was briefed by LtCol TWEED on HMM-361's operations in Viet Nam.
- 28 Dec: Two UH-34s were led by Captain HAYMORE on a medevac to the island of Okino Erabu. A civilian carpenter, who had cut his fingers, was picked up and rushed to the Camp Kue Army Hospital.
- 29 Dec: A flight of four Tarbush UH-34s transported General KRULAK's party around the island during the Generals visit. General KRULAK visited the squadron on his return to Hawaii from Viet Nam. He was briefed by LtCol TWEED on HMM-361s operations in Viet Nam.
- 31 Dec: During this reporting period the squadron had as its primary mission retraining and reforming. Syllabus hops were scheduled for HACs and H2Ps to fulfill this mission. Instrument, confined area landings, rough area landings, and tactical hops were integrated into the flight schedule along with SAR and VIP commitments.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 28 Dec: Medevac on the island of Okino Erabu.
- 29 Dec: General KRULAK and party were transported around the island.

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