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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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MCAF KY HA
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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 R. A. KUCI
Major J. R. GREER
Major J. L. MCMANAWAY
2. None; MCAF Ky Ha; Republic of Vietnam; 1 November to 30 November 1966.
3. Average Monthly Strength: Officer: 49 USMC, 0 USN
Enlisted: 120 USMC, 0 USN
4. Important Visitors: None



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PART II

- 2 Nov Capt RUYMANN on a resupply with two Tarbush aircraft at BS 610-959 received sniper fire from BS 612957. One aircraft was hit; but no injuries.
- 3 Nov Major VANEK led a flight of two to the KMC CP where they transported to five different landing zones 15,830 lbs. and sixteen Korean Marines. While lifting out of LZ BS 601839, they received fire from 500 meters Northeast of the zone. There were no hits and the flight returned at 1705H.
- 4 Nov Major GREER on mission 56D, a medevac, received sniper fire from BS 757456. Fire was returned and two ARVN WIA's were safely picked up and taken to the Quang Ngai hospital.
- 5 Nov Two Tarbush aircraft were led by Capt HARRELL on a resupply of BS 505896. The zone was supplied with 11,600 lbs. and eighteen passengers. Though sniper fire was received on three out of seven approaches to the zone, there were no hits.
- Major KUCI led a flight of six Tarbush aircraft on an insertion at BT 131203 of eighteen U. S.. Then the flight proceeded to BT ~~013145~~ for a retraction of seventeen U. S.. Following refueling at Ky Ha, the now flight of five inserted nineteen U. S. at BT 131203. Then at BT 068101 seventeen U. S. were safely extracted. The marginal weather and low ceiling forced the flight below minimums and small arms fire was received enroute to Ky Ha. The last aircraft received a hit. There were no injuries.
- 6 Nov LtCol TWEED led a flight of eight Tarbush to BT 300230. They were followed by twelve CH-46's and escorted by two gunships. There a total of 144 ARVN's and four U. S. were transported to BT 176229 and BT 182227 for a strike. There were no significant incidents.
- 7 Nov Six UH-34's were led by LtCol TWEED to Quang Ngai for a troop lift. The flight was assisted by six CH-46's and two UH-1E gunships. Forty-eight U. S. Marines were lifted by the Tarbush aircraft to BS 481757. Small arms fire was received on approach and departure from the zone, but no hits.
- In the afternoon the flight of six was led by LtCol TWEED to BS 481757. They were followed by six CH-46's, escorted by two UH-1E gunships and two A-4's. From the pickup zone fifty-three ARVN's and two U. S. were taken to Quang Ngai. The flight received fire from BS 481757 and returned 325 rounds of 7.62. Two CH-46's received hits.
- 8 Nov Major VANEK on an emergency medevac at BS 533895 received sniper fire near the zone. The gunships escort made strafing runs and on the second approach the pickup was successfully executed.

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15 Nov Four Tarbush UH-34's working as general support aircraft for the Koreans transported a total of 31,041 lbs., 105 Korean Marines, 3 VCS and 11 medevacs. Fire was received from four different areas. There were no hits.

17 Nov Two Tarbush aircraft were led by Major GREER on a resupply at Hill 54. During the mission they were called upon to pick up a medevac. While in the zone the lead aircraft received one hit at BT 332107. The second aircraft in the flight returned fire on take off. There were no injuries.

LtCol TWEED was leading two Tarbush UH-34's on a Korean resupply when heavy small arms fire was received in the landing zones at BS 517779 and BS 519805. Two Klondike gunships were utilized for cover and the supplies were successfully delivered without receiving any further fire.

18 Nov Major KUCI led four UH-34's escorted by six F-4's, on a resupply to Tien Phuoc. After two trips into the zone the mission was aborted because of the marginal weather. The mission was resumed in the afternoon, but without escort due to the ceiling. The flight received fire from BT 180170 and BT 140132. There were no hits.

19 Nov LtCol TRAUT led four Tarbush, escorted by eight A-4's, on a resupply of Tien Phuoc (BT 105145) transporting 19,770 lbs. of ammunition. Fire was received from BT 121129; but no hits.

20 Nov On a medevac at BS 556774 Capt PEREZ picked up 13 Korean WIA's and took them to First Med. Sniper fire was received from BS 558762. There were no hits and 25 rounds of 7.62 were returned.

Operation: RIO BLANCO was kicked off when LtCol TWEED's flight of ten Tarbush proceeded to the Quang Ngai airstrip. They were assisted by 15 OH-46's and 6 UH-34's. There the Tarbush aircraft picked up 69 ARVN and 7 U. S. and took them to BS 495689. Fire was received from all directions and 2,265 rounds of 7.62 were returned. Two aircraft received hits. The flight of ten Tarbush picked up a total of 138 ARVN's at Quang Ngai and dropped them at BS 470700 in two trips. Fire was received from BS 458705. There were no hits and the mission was efficiently completed.

LtCol TWEED proceeded with his flight of ten Tarbush, assisted by 11 OH-46's, and escorted by 6 UH-1E gunships and 6 A-4's to BS 628997 and BS 578990 where a total of 188 U. S. Marines were picked up and taken to BS 425754. Small arms fire was received from the general area (BS 4275) and fire was returned. There were no hits.

21 Nov Major MCMANAWAY's four Tarbush aircraft resupplied the Korean Marines with 17,962 lbs. and 47 troops in eight different landing zones. Also the Tarbush aircraft transported 137 Korean Marines and 150 Lbs. of gear from BS 630820 to BS 563763.

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Mission 74: LtCol TWEED's flight of five UH-34's launched on a strike accompanied by eight Millpoint aircraft. The flight proceeded to Tien Phuoc where the Tarbush aircraft picked up 20 ARVN's, 5 U. S., and 800 lbs. and took them to BS 440730 without significant incidents.

22 Nov Lt MONDRY on an emergency medevac at BS 714957 picked up two U. S. WIA's and 20 ARVN/VNCIV WIA's and took them to the Quang Ngai hospital and First Med. Two trips were made into the zone, though the Marines were receiving fire and an airstrike was in effect 300 meters from the zone. Fire was received; but no hits.

23 Nov Major MCMANAWAY on mission 69 led a flight of six UH-34's to Tam Ky where they transported a total of 25,400 lbs., 28 ARVN, and 18 VNCIV's to BT 072061.

In the afternoon a flight of four Tarbush was led by Major MCMANAWAY on a resupply to BS 380698 which consisted of 10,340 lbs., 8 ARVN, and 4 VNCIV's without significant incidents. The Major's division then resupplied BT 113137 with 10,900 lbs. and six U. S.

27 Nov Major VANEK on a medevac at BS 818382 picked up two ARVN WIA's and took them to the Quang Ngai hospital. The aircraft received fire from four different sniper areas. They returned 180 rounds of 7.62. There were no hits.

29 Nov Mission 68: Major MCMANAWAY launched with a flight of seven Tarbush to Thien Phuoc (BT 113137). Five round trips from Ky Ha were made transporting 37,700 lbs. of 105 ammunition. There were no significant events.

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PART III

1. Awards

A. The following were recommended for Distinguished Flying Crosses.

1. Major R. A. KUCI
2. Capt. W. R. HYATT
3. Capt. B. R. MASSEY

B. The following was recommended for the Navy Commendation Medal.

1. LCpl. J. D. KIRKER, Jr.

C. There were 325 recommendations for the Air Medal submitted by this command in November.

2. Casualties

A. Capt. B. CHAPPLE III and Cpl. H. E. GANNON, Jr. were wounded in action on 10 November 1966.

3. Intelligence

There were 114 fire incidents; 15 were hits. Also there were 27 holes in Tarbush aircraft in November.

4. Training

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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