

AVIATION HISTORICAL SUMMARY
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Unit

U.S.S. KITTY HAWK (CVA-63)

Signature of Commanding Officer or authorized representative

PAUL E. PUGH

Period Covered (from - to)

1 APRIL 1966 to 30 SEPTEMBER 66

DIRECTIONS: Complete in duplicate semi-annually for periods ending 31 March and 30 September, retain copy and forward original to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Op-05A5G, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C., within 15 days after report period. No covering letter is required.

blanks using "same" to avoid repeating previously recorded information. If more space is needed, attach extra sheets. Amplifying and/or historically significant documents, including photos, may be appended with proper notation under Part VI.

All units complete Part I and other Parts as indicated.
Follow instructions for each blank; fill in all required

Security classification may be at any level consistent with content. Identify classified items within the report, by an additional stamp at their position in the report. Avoid over-classification.

PART I - ALL UNITS

1. Designation: Omit if same as in previous period. If changed, enter previous designation, date of change and the authorizing directive. New units record date and place of commissioning.

2. Commanding Officer
CAPT PAUL E. PUGH, USN

C.O. relieved if command changed this period
CAPT MARTIN D. CARMODY, USN

Date of change
18 JULY 1966

3 PERSONNEL ON BOARD

At end of reporting period. Ships give ships company only; wings and groups give staffs only; air stations give station personnel only.

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AVIATOR

AIR PILOT

TOTAL

4. Mission or function (If changed or specifically assigned during the period, then enter a brief with dates and identity of authorizing

NO CHANGE

5. Next senior operational command (Give start and end dates if changed during this reporting period.)

1 APR 66 - 5 JUN 66 - COMSEVENTHFLT

5 JUN 66 - 30 SEP 66 - COMFIRSTFLT

6. GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: (Air Stations omit; ships enter in Part II. Wings and groups should not record squadron locations; ship-based units give name of ship only. Enter beginning and end dates when part of period is involved.)

7. Participation in special exercises, operations, and operational tests (Principally those of a major nature rather than what is normally a part of routine operational training. Use official code names or descriptive titles, identify the overall command, and give dates, area and brief summary of own participation. Make reference to reports and orders covering the operation.)

1 APR 66 - 23 MAY 66: KITTY HAWK conducted special operations from YANKEE and DIXIE Station in Southeast Asia in accordance with the COMSEVENTHFLT Employment Schedule, Fourth Quarter, Fiscal Year 1966. KITTY HAWK's Air Wing (CVW-11) conducted In-Country, ROLLING THUNDER, STEEL TIGER, and BLUE TREE missions.

8. Official or other recognition of accomplishment - (Such as unit citations, commendations and awards; decorations and awards to individuals, and records or events believed to be "firsts" which may be fleet-wide or apply only within the unit. Give dates of awards and events; claims for "firsts" are meaningless without a date.)

KITTY HAWK was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation Medal for exceptionally meritorious service from 26 November 1965 to 14 May 1966 while participating in combat operations against the insurgent communist guerrilla forces in the Republic of Vietnam. On 11 May 1966, KITTY HAWK and the USS PYRO (AE-24), while conducting an Underway Replenishment, transferred 315 tons of ordnance, averaging 237.66 S/T per hour. This was a new transfer rate record within the Pacific Fleet. The following personnel were presented decorations and awards in ceremonies held onboard on the date indicated:

27 Jul 66: LCDR T.J. CARROLL, USN, Gold Star in lieu of 2nd Air Medal; CDR S.H. PITTMAN, USN, Navy Commendation Medal; LCDR E.M. TOSCANO, USN, Navy Commendation Medal; LCDR N.W. O'NEILL, USN, Navy Commendation Medal; LT L.V. AKERS, SC, USN, SECNAV Commendation for Achievement Ribbon Bar; HM3 N.A. KALTMAN, USN, Gold Star in lieu of 2nd Purple Heart

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9. General resume of activity - (Narrative statement of activity not otherwise covered, summarizing work, training, special cruises and visits, conversion, modification, overhaul, new equipment, and the like. Air Stations consider, in addition, such things as reorganization, new operational administrative and management procedures introduced; special programs initiated or completed, construction in progress, expansion of facilities, etc. Use additional sheets as necessary. Documents appended should be identified in Part VI, page 4.)

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Block 8 (Cont'd):

7 Sep 66: CDR J.C. CREASMAN, USN, Navy Commendation Medal; CDR D.L. MC GRAW, USN, Navy Commendation Medal; LCDR F.A. HANTZ, USN, Navy Commendation Medal; LCDR G.R. TABRUM, USN, Gold Star in lieu of 4th Air Medal; ETCM H.M. ELSON, USN, Navy Commendation Medal

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29 AUG - 2 SEP 66	VF-121, VF-101A, VAH		
VA-125, VAH-4, VX-5, VAW-11	123, VA-85, VFP-63, VF-124, NATC, VX-4,		
3. Miles steamed 26,532	4. Ship's fuel consumed 8,454,886 Gallons	Aviation fuel consumed 7,607,544 Gallons	

CARRIER LANDINGS AND CATAULPT LAUNCHINGS: Give date upon which even thousands were reached, cumulative from original commissioning when possible, but if from other event as recommissioning or conversion, should so state. May include a breakdown as desired. For some numbers it will be of interest to note, also, the air unit, plane type, and pilot involved.

5. Carrier landings

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PART III - WINGS AND GROUPS: List units on board, including detachments; give dates when only part of report period is involved, otherwise use "entire" or "all".

USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) AVIATION HISTORICAL SUMMARY - 1 APR 66 - 30 SEP 66:

Block 9: General Resume of Activity.

During the period 1 April 1966 and 23 May 1966, KITTY HAWK, with Commander Attack Carrier Striking Force, SEVENTH Fleet (CTF 77)/Commander Carrier Division FIVE and Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN embarked, continued to support U.S. policy in Southeast Asia with direct combat action against insurgent communist forces in Vietnam.

On 3 April 1966, LT Felix TEMPLETON of VF-114, flying an F4B, became KITTY HAWK's first triple Centurian by making his 300th arrested landing aboard ship.

On 1 May 1966, KITTY HAWK, while in Subic Bay, Philippines, celebrated the fifth anniversary of her commissioning with an "Open House". KITTY HAWK was visited by numerous military personnel, DOD civilian personnel, and dependents from the NAS Cubi Point and Subic Bay area. The Governor of Bataan and several of his officials attended as did the Mayor of Olongapo.

On 23 May 1966, KITTY HAWK departed YANKEE Station in the South China Sea and commenced the long voyage homeward after completing operations on her third WESTPAC deployment. The following is a compilation of data during combat operations from 27 November 1965 to 23 May 1966:

Combat Sorties:

Combat: 9,223
Support: 1,485

Major Strikes:

Uong Bi Thermal Power Plant
Hai Duong Railroad-Highway Bridge
Cam Pha Port Facility
Vinh Son Highway Bridge

Other notable Strike Efforts:

Nam Dinh Boat Repair Facility
Multiple Waterborne Craft in the Vinh area
Thanh Hoa POL Storage area
Thanh Hoa Railroad-Highway Bridge
Hon Gay Army Barracks
Constant pressure against Mugia and Nape Passes, all inland waterways,
Lines of Communication, and Routes 1, 1A, and 15.

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Block 9: General Resume of Activity (Continued)

After brief stops in Subic Bay on 24 and 25 May and Yokosuka, Japan on 29 May 1966 through 3 June 1966, KITTY HAWK sailed for CONUS and arrived in San Diego on 13 June 1966. At this time she entered a much needed Restricted Availability period for maintenance and repairs.

On 25 June 1966, KITTY HAWK's Hangar Bay One was turned into a gala 1,804 seat theater and the world premiere of Walt Disney's "LT Robin Crusoe, U.S.N.", portions of which were earlier filmed onboard KITTY HAWK, was held before a host of celebrities. At the same time, in the South China Sea, off the coast of Vietnam, the picture was being shown onboard KITTY HAWK's sister ship, the USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64). This was the first time in Naval history that a premiere was held aboard a ship of the line, and the first time in the history of motion pictures that a double premiere was held, one at sea and the other in port.

On 18 July 1966, Captain Martin D. CARMODY relinquished command of KITTY HAWK to Captain Paul E. PUGH, who became KITTY HAWK's sixth Commanding Officer. Captain PUGH came to KITTY HAWK following command of the USS EL DORADO (AGC-11). Captain CARMODY detached to report to the Staff of the Chief of Naval Material, Washington, D.C.

On 29 July 1966, KITTY HAWK became the scene of the COMFIRSTFLT Change of Command ceremony. VADM L.P. RAMAGE relinquished command to VADM B.F. ROEDER in a colorful ceremony.

KITTY HAWK's post-deployment RAV ended 22 August 1966 and KITTY HAWK commenced local operations in the Southern California operating area operating in and out of San Diego. An INSERV inspection was conducted during the period 6 to 9 September 1966. Fleet Training Group, San Diego, conducted a Training Readiness Evaluation 12 and 13 September 1966 and the period of 14 to 23 September was spent conducting Fleet Training Group, San Diego, Underway Training Assistance. On 26 and 27 September, COMCARDIV THREE as Chief Inspector, conducted an Administrative Inspection. An overall ship's grade of 93.15 (Excellent) was assigned.

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PART II: Block 1: GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1 APR 66 - 11 APR 66	IN-COUNTRY OPERATIONS
11 APR 66 - 12 APR 66	ENROUTE YANKEE STATION
12 APR 66 - 28 APR 66	YANKEE STATION OPERATIONS
29 APR 66 - 30 APR 66	ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES
30 APR 66 - 6 MAY 66	IN-PORT SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES
6 MAY 66 - 8 MAY 66	ENROUTE YANKEE STATION
8 MAY 66 - 23 MAY 66	YANKEE STATION OPERATIONS
23 MAY 66 - 24 MAY 66	ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES
24 MAY 66 - 25 MAY 66	IN-PORT SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES
25 MAY 66 - 29 MAY 66	ENROUTE YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
29 MAY 66 - 3 JUN 66	IN-PORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
3 JUN 66 - 13 JUN 66	ENROUTE CONUS
13 JUN 66 - 22 AUG 66	IN-PORT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA (RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY)
22 AUG 66 - 22 AUG 66	OPERATING OUT OF SAN DIEGO FOR LOCAL OPERATIONS
22 AUG 66 - 25 AUG 66	IN-PORT SAN DIEGO (UPKEEP)
25 AUG 66 - 26 AUG 66	CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPERATING AREA
26 AUG 66 - 29 AUG 66	IN-PORT SAN DIEGO (UPKEEP)
29 AUG 66 - 2 SEP 66	CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPERATING AREA
2 SEP 66 - 19 SEP 66	IN-PORT SAN DIEGO - INSERV INSPECTION 6 & 7 SEP; FLEET TRAINING GROUP, SAN DIEGO, TRAINING READINESS EVALUATION 12 & 13 SEP

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PART II (CONTINUED)

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
19 SEP 66 - 23 SEP 66	FLEET TRAINING GROUP, SAN DIEGO, UNDERWAY TRAINING ASSISTANCE - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPERATING AREA
23 SEP 66 - 28 SEP 66	IN-PORT SAN DIEGO - ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTION 26 & 27 SEP
28 SEP 66 - 28 SEP 66	OPERATING OUT OF SAN DIEGO FOR LOCAL OPERATIONS
28 SEP 66 - 30 SEP 66	IN-PORT SAN DIEGO (UPKEEP)

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PART II - Block 5: CARRIER LANDINGS

<u>LANDING</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>TYPE A/C</u>
49,000	9 APR 66	LCDR JOHNS	VA-115	A1H
50,000	19 APR 66	LCDR VEHORN	RVAH-13	RA5C
51,000	8 MAY 66	LT WINNINGHAM	VA-115	A1H
52,000	19 MAY 66	LT LAVIGINE	VAW-11	E2A
53,000	31 AUG 66	LCDR MYERS	VF-124	F8E

PART II - Block 6: CATAPULT LAUNCHINGS

<u>CATAPULT #1:</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE A/C</u>
	15,000	18 FEB 66	A4C
	16,000	3 APR 66	RA5C
	17,000	11 MAY 66	EA1F
	18,000	21 SEP 66	A4C
<u>CATAPULT #2:</u>	14,000	9 JAN 66	A1H
	15,000	3 MAR 66	A4C
	16,000	19 APR 66	A1H
	17,000	31 AUG 66	A4C
<u>CATAPULT #3:</u>	8,000	26 NOV 65	A4B
	9,000	3 FEB 66	F4B
	10,000	6 APR 66	F4B
<u>CATAPULT #4:</u>	7,000	19 NOV 65	A4C
	8,000	27 FEB 66	F4B
	9,000	27 APR 66	F4B

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