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AVIATION HISTORICAL SUMMARY
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Unit

USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63)

Signature of Commanding Officer or authorized representative

M. D. CARMODY M. D. Carmody

Period Covered (From - To)

1 OCT 65 - 31 MAR 66

Date Forwarded

22 April 1966

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.

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 **M. D. CARMODY, CAPT, USN** C.O. relieved if command changed this period **None** Date of change _____

3. PERSONNEL ON BOARD AVIATORS AIR PILOTS OTHER TOTAL

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

| OFFICER | 43 | 102 | 145 |
|----------|----|------|------|
| ENLISTED | | 2836 | 2836 |
| CIVILIAN | | 43 | 43 |

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

NO CHANGE

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

COMFIRSTFLT 1 OCT 65 thru 14 NOV 65
COMSEVENTHFLT 15 NOV 65 thru 31 MAR 66

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.)

26 NOV 65 - 31 MAR 66 KITTY HAWK conducted special operations from YANKEE and DIXIE Station in SEASIA area in accordance COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-64. Air Wing (CVW-11) conducted ROLLING THUNDER, BLUE TREE, BARREL ROLL, STEEL TIGER, YANKEE TEAM, and In-country support 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.)

11 FEB 66 61 Air Medals were presented to CVW-11 Airmen by RADM James R. REEDY.

18 MAR 66 LCDR F. A. HANTZ was presented the Army Commendation Medal.

31 MAR 66 two Distinguished Flying Crosses, 74 Air Medals, 163 Gold Stars in Lieu of additional Air Medals, one Silver Star in lieu of a sixth Gold Star, and seven Navy Commendation Medals were presented to CVW-11 Airmen by RADM James R. REEDY.

9. General resume of activities. (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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PART III - SHIPS

1. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION: Daily location positions not required. Note dates in and out of U.S. ports and general operating area in between as: Mediterranean, Caribbean, Hawaiian, West Pac, etc. For daily or frequent operations out of one port, use the term "Operating out of".

2. AIR UNITS ON BOARD OR TENDED (Omit component squadrons when an Air Group is on board.)

| PERIOD | UNIT | PERIOD | UNIT |
|-------------------------------|---|---|------|
| 1 OCT 65 thru 31 MAR 66 | CVW-11 | | |
| 1 OCT 65 thru 31 MAR 66 | HC-1, DET "C" | | |
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| 3. Miles steamed 51, 722.3 | 4. Ship's fuel consumed 17,843,366 gals. | Aviation fuel consumed 13, 894,798 gals. | |

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

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

6. Catapult launchings

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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".

1. GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

| <u>Period</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 OCT - 7 OCT 1965 | Operating out of San Diego |
| 7 OCT - 19 OCT 1965 | In-port San Diego |
| 19 OCT - 26 OCT 1965 | Enroute to Hawaii |
| 26 OCT - 27 OCT 1965 | In-port Hawaii |
| 27 OCT - 30 OCT 1965 | Operating out of Hawaii |
| 30 OCT - 1 NOV 1965 | In-port Hawaii |
| 1 NOV - 4 NOV 1965 | Operating out of Hawaii |
| 4 NOV - 8 NOV 1965 | In-port Hawaii |
| 8 NOV - 22 NOV 1965 | Enroute Subic Bay, Philippines |
| 22 NOV - 24 NOV 1965 | In-port Subic Bay |
| 24 NOV - 24 DEC 1965 | Special Ops Area, South China Sea |
| 24 DEC - 28 DEC 1965 | Enroute Yokosuka, Japan |
| 28 DEC 1965 -- 9 JAN 1966 | In-port Yokosuka, Japan |
| 9 JAN - 4 FEB 1966 | Special Ops Area, South China Sea |
| 4 FEB - 5 FEB 1966 | Enroute Subic Bay |
| 5 FEB - 10 FEB 1966 | In-port Subic Bay |
| 10 FEB - 12 FEB 1966 | Enroute Hong Kong |
| 12 FEB - 15 FEB 1966 | At anchorage, Hong Kong |
| 15 FEB - 15 MAR 1966 | Special Ops Area, South China Sea |
| 15 MAR - 17 MAR 1966 | Enroute Subic Bay |
| 17 MAR - 29 MAR 1966 | In-port Subic Bay |
| 29 MAR - 31 MAR 1966 | Special Ops Area, South China Sea |

5. CARRIER LANDINGS

| <u>Landing</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>Pilot</u> | <u>Squadron</u> | <u>Type A/C</u> |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 39,000 | 6 OCT 1965 | LCDR ROBINSON | VF-114 | F4 |
| 40,000 | 19 NOV 1965 | LCDR JONES | VA-115 | A1 |
| 41,000 | 4 DEC 1965 | LCDR WILLET | VA-113 | A4 |
| 42,000 | 14 DEC 1965 | LCDR SIMONIC | VA-115 | A1 |
| 43,000 | 17 JAN 1966 | LT WISLEY | VF-114 | F4 |
| 44,000 | 26 JAN 1966 | LT TEMPLETON | VF-114 | F4 |
| 45,000 | 17 FEB 1966 | LTJG SCHILTZ | VF-213 | F4 |
| 46,000 | 27 FEB 1966 | LCDR WILLET | VA-113 | A4 |
| 47,000 | 7 MAR 1966 | LTJG GRAHAM | VA-113 | A4 |
| 48,000 | 31 MAR 1966 | CDR LINDSAY | CVA-63 | F4 |

9. General Resume of Activity

On 19 October 1965, KITTY HAWK departed San Diego, California, for its third Western Pacific Cruise. On board were 14 guests of the Secretary of the Navy. These guests, representatives of various press media throughout California and Utah, remained on board for six days until our arrival in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

On 26 October, KITTY HAWK began its Operational Readiness Inspection under the control of Fleet Training Group and Commander Fleet Air Hawaii. Results of the week of drills and tests proved KITTY HAWK the "tops". KITTY HAWK attained the highest score of any Pacific Fleet Attack Carrier undergoing this rigorous inspection during the past two years.

In the early morning hours of 8 November, after four days of rest and relaxation in Hawaii, KITTY HAWK departed for Subic Bay in the Philippines to join the U. S. SEVENTH Fleet. KITTY HAWK's stay in Subic Bay was very short and the time was utilized in replenishing for her upcoming job on DIXIE Station, taking part in the battle against Viet Cong insurgents in South Vietnam.

November 26th will always be a day in the history books for KITTY HAWK. It was the first time her aircraft lifted off the flight deck for combat operations. On that day, KITTY HAWK aircraft flew 90 attack sorties against the VC, unleashing more than 140 tons of ordnance.

While at YANKEE Station on 6 December, a fire swept one of the large main engine room spaces. Despite the seriousness of the fire KITTY HAWK was able to continue full Air Operations on schedule.

Since arrival in the Western Pacific KITTY HAWK has had the distinction of hosting many top ranking officials, dignitaries, press, TV, sports and entertainment personalities from around the world.

In January, while KITTY HAWK was in Yokosuka, Japan, the crew donated 1,312 pints of blood for American Forces in Vietnam, breaking the record of 1,140 pints set by USS TICONDEROGA (CVA-14).

On February 11, RADM James R. REEDY, Commander Attack Carrier Striking Forces, U. S. SEVENTH Fleet (CTF 77), presented 61 Air Medals to airmen of Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN, KITTY HAWK's embarked Air Wing.

On 18 March while in Subic Bay, Philippines, LCDR Francis A. HANTZ was presented the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement from March 1964 to June 1964 while serving as an instructor for a joint U. S. Military Intelligence Mobile Training Team in Turkey.

On 31 March, RADM James R. REEDY, Commander Attack Carrier Striking Forces, U. S. SEVENTH Fleet, presented pilots of attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN, two distinguished Flying Crosses, 238 Air Medals and seven Navy Commendation Medals.

Receiving the DFC's were CDR Henry M. DIBBLE, Commanding Officer of Attack Squadron 113 (VA-113) and LCDR Gerald TABRUM of Attack Squadron 115 (VA-115).

Three pilots from VA-115, two from VA-113 and two from Fighter Squadron 213 (VF-213) were presented the Navy Commendation Medals, and one Silver Star in lieu of a sixth Gold Star was presented.

Their awards and citations were "for Meritorious achievement in Aerial flight during missions in support of combat operations in Southeast Asia against the insurgent Communist guerrilla forces from 20 January to 2 February 1966."

9. CATAPULT LAUNCHINGS

Catapult #1

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|--------|-------------|-----|
| 11,000 | 6 OCT 1965 | A4C |
| 12,000 | 23 OCT 1965 | A3B |
| 13,000 | 26 FEB 1966 | E2A |
| 14,000 | 11 APR 1966 | A6A |

Catapult #2

| | | |
|--------|-------------|-----|
| 11,000 | 28 NOV 1965 | F4B |
| 12,000 | 21 JAN 1966 | A4C |
| 13,000 | 7 MAR 1966 | A4C |

Catapult #3

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|-------|-------------|-----|
| 6,000 | 28 NOV 1965 | F4B |
| 7,000 | 18 FEB 1966 | F4B |

Catapult #4

| | | |
|-------|-------------|-----|
| 5,000 | 4 OCT 1965 | F4B |
| 6,000 | 25 FEB 1966 | F4G |

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PART IV - SQUADRONS

| 1. TYPE A/C ASSIGNED | NUMBER ON HAND | DATE FIRST RECEIVED |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
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| 2. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS | MONTH | HOURS FLOWN | NO. OF FLIGHTS | MONTH | HOURS FLOWN | NO. OF FLIGHTS |
|------------------------------|-------|-------------|----------------|-------|-------------|----------------|
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PART V - AIR STATIONS: On board refers in this instance to what is physically present; not to be confused with Home Port assignment. Do not repeat units reported as on board in the previous period unless they departed in this period. For composite units such as Carrier Air Groups, record only the parent group.

| 1. UNITS ON BOARD | ARRIVED | DEPARTED |
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| 2. COMMANDS AND ACTIVITIES ON BOARD | ARRIVED | DEPARTED |
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PART VI - DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL APPENDED (Number serially and describe sufficiently to insure proper identification.)