

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 [REDACTED] 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 Summary 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.)

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

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 [REDACTED]	VF-114	F4
40,000	19 NOV 1965	LCDR [REDACTED]	VA-115	A1
41,000	4 DEC 1965	LCDR [REDACTED]	VA-113	A4
42,000	14 DEC 1965	LCDR [REDACTED]	VA-115	A1
43,000	17 JAN 1966	LT [REDACTED]	VF-114	F4
44,000	26 JAN 1966	LT [REDACTED]	VF-114	F4
45,000	17 FEB 1966	LTJG [REDACTED]	VF-213	F4
46,000	27 FEB 1966	LCDR [REDACTED]	VA-113	A4
47,000	7 MAR 1966	LTJG [REDACTED]	VA-113	A4
48,000	31 MAR 1966	CDR [REDACTED]	CVA-63	F4

9. General Resumé 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 [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] 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

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

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

