

APRIL 1966

Two quonset huts were completed near the "T-Bird" ramp. One was the new operations building and the other was a briefing room. In operations there was a dispatch and flight planning room, four offices and two very nice latrines. Prior to this time the "Warriors" shared an operations building with the "Tigers".

During April the "Warriors" participated in sixteen airmobile operations having mission command of eight. The largest operation conducted this month was CUU LONG 18 on 14-15 April. The Delta Battalion including the "Warriors" lifted in 2,488 troops of the 7th Division into an area near TAM HIEP, resistance was very light. The "T-Birds" and other participating gun platoons were credited with 21 VC dead, 38 sampans sunk, 22 huts destroyed. On the second day there was no contact and the troops were extracted.

On 7 April a Warrior "lightning bug" team staged at Ca Mau. The operation was successful with 42 VC killed, 37 wounded, 35 sampans sunk, 9 huts destroyed and one 50 caliber machine gun position destroyed.

The "Warrior slicks" flew 1,220 hours and the "T-Birds" flew 542 hours. The high aviator for the month had 124 hours.