

## Wallaby Airlines.

Following a 1964 request from the South Vietnamese Government, the Australian Government agreed to deploy an Australian transport unit to South Vietnam. Officer Commanding RAAF Butterworth was directed to form RAAF Transport Flight Vietnam (RTFV) on this day with the unit to move to Vung Tau, Phuoc Tuy Province, Vietnam, by the end of the month.

The roles of the unit's six De Havilland Canada Caribou aircraft were troop transport, supply transport, supply dropping, para dropping, communications and medical evacuation with an initial rate of effort for each aircraft of 50 hours per month.



Three aircraft -- A4-171, A4-179 and A4-185 -- arrived at Butterworth and handed over to the RTFV where training was conducted prior to the aircraft deploying to Vietnam on 8 August 1964.

The remaining three aircraft from the fourth delivery flight from Canada (A4-173, A4-191 and A4-193) flew to Vietnam. RTFV was renamed No 35 Squadron on 1 June 1966.



Five Caribous taxiing at Vung Tau. 1967.