

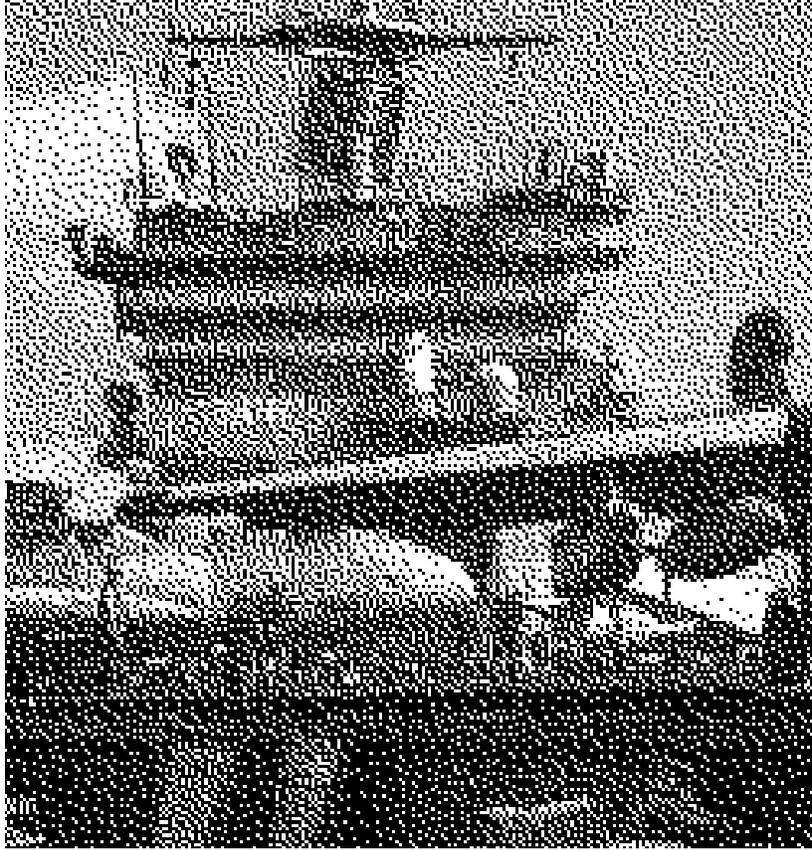
LOOKING BACK . . .



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These pages highlight images from on board some of the aircraft carriers that stood at the ready to respond to the terrorist threat in the month after the attacks. Clockwise from top: a chief aviation warfare systems operator scans the horizon above *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70) from an SH-60H *Seahawk* on 24 September. A Sailor stands watch on *Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN 71) on 13 October as *Vella Gulf* (CG 72) steams in the background. Less than a week following the attacks, a VAQ-141 EA-6B *Prowler* is spotted on the catapult before launch from *Enterprise* (CVN 65) on 17 September.



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