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## USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63)

Signature of Commanding Officer or authorized representative

J. B. Butts

Period Covered \_\_\_\_\_

30 SEP 64 - 31 MAR 65

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Date Forwarded

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-05ASG, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C., within 15 days after report period. No covering letter is required.

All units complete Part I and other Parts as indicated.  
Follow instructions for each blank; fill in all 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.

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**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.

### 3. Commanding Officers

J. L. BUTTS CAPT. USN

**3 PERSONNEL ON BOARD**

C.O. relieved if command changed this period

Date of change

At end of reporting period. Ships give ships company only; wings and groups give staffs only; air stations give station personnel only.	OFFICER	<b>28</b>		<b>111</b>	<b>139</b>
	ENLISTED		<b>0</b>	<b>2360</b>	<b>2360</b>
	CIVILIAN			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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.)

**COMNAVAIRPAC**

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.)

PERIOD (From - To)	PLACE
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>See Part II</b></p>

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.)

None

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.)

None

9. General resume 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.)

During this period, KITTY HAWK has continued to undergo overhaul in the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. Major modifications being completed during this yard period include the Naval Tactical Data System (NTDS), Integrated Operational Intelligence Center (IOIC), Automatic Landing System (AN/SPN-10), and the Airborne System Support Center (ASSC). On 10 January 1965 she un-docked from Dry Dock No. 6 which she had entered on 4 September 1964.

During the month of November 1964, several members of the ship's crew reworked and refinished an 11 foot scale model of the KITTY HAWK which was sent to KITTY HAWK, North Carolina, to be installed in the museum commemorating the Wright Brother's first powered flight nearby. The model had originally been built by three crew members during the ship's outfitting period at the Naval Shipyard Philadelphia, Pa.

On 7 December 1964, the newly promoted Executive Officer, Captain C.H. Bowen, was relieved by the ship's present Executive Officer, Commander William F. Mc Cullough.

During their stay in the Bremerton-Seattle area, KITTY HAWK personnel have had many influential contacts with the public, most notable of which was the Commanding Officer's address to the Washington State Senate on 24 February 1965. At that time Captain J.L. Butts fittingly lauded the community of Bremerton and the people of Washington State as a whole for their consideration and friendliness which they extended to KITTY HAWK personnel.

KITTY HAWK put to sea on 3 March 1965 for her sea trials. After their successful completion on 8 March, she returned to Bremerton to complete her overhaul.

On 18 March the ship had the unusual pleasure of hosting the Bremerton Community Symphony as it conducted a concert on the ship's hangar deck. Approximately 1200 local citizens and members of the ship's crew attended this unprecedented event which was Bremerton's "thanks and farewell" to officers and men of the KITTY HAWK.

**AVIATION HISTORICAL SUMMARY - CONTINUED**  
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PART IV - SQUADRONS

1. TYPE A/C ASSIGNED	NUMBER ON HAND	DATE FIRST RECEIVED				
2. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS	MONTH	HOURS FLOWN	NO. OF FLIGHTS	MONTH	HOURS FLOWN	NO. OF FLIGHTS

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
2. COMMANDS AND ACTIVITIES ON BOARD	ARRIVED	DEPARTED

PART VI - DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL APPENDED (Number serially and describe sufficiently to insure proper identification.)