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CARRIER AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SQUADRON  
ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN  
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96601

1979

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From: Commanding Officer, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron  
ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN

To: Chief of Naval Operations (Attn: OP-05D2)

Subj: Command History for Calendar Year 1979

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

Encl: (1) VAW-113 Commanding Officer History for Calendar Year 1979  
with photograph  
(2) VAW-113 Command History for Calendar Year 1979  
(3) VAW-113 Summary of Operations for Calendar Year 1979  
(4) VAW-113 Documentary Annex

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

  
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1979 Command History  
Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron  
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Type Aircraft: E-2B

Home Station: Naval Air Station Miramar  
San Diego, California 92145

Deployed on board: USS CORAL SEA (CV-43)

Operational Commander: Commander Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN  
(Deployed)  
Commander Fighter Airborne Early  
Warning Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Commanding Officer: 01 JAN 79 - 12 APR 79  
CDR Don E. BALLARD  
12 APR 79 - 31 DEC 79  
CDR Dieter H. OLSEN

Executive Officer: 01 JAN 79 - 12 APR 79  
CDR Dieter H. OLSEN  
12 APR 79 - 31 DEC 79  
CDR Arthur J. SCHROEDER

Officers:

LCDR Charles L. TOMPKINS	LCDR William A. SIMMONS
LCDR William M. BOKESCH	LCDR James M. TYE, Jr.
LCDR Richard F. BRADEN	LCDR Wesley C. WEESNER
LCDR Robert H. CLEVELAND	LCDR Lewis W. GOEN
LT John E. WILSON	LT John G. HODEN II
LT James A. HARRIS	LT Michael R. COOPER
LT Stephen J. MILLER	LT Edward M. KEAZIRIAN
LT Daniel P. MOONEY	LT Richard L. STANDAGE
LT John G. GAINES, Jr.	LT Frank N. CLARK
LT Dale E. STOEHR	LT Byron P. COMPTON
LT Rudolph A. LUCERO	LTJG William C. OSBORN
LTJG Michael H. FULLER	LTJG Thomas G. RYAN, Jr.
LTJG Hassaun A. JONES-BEY	LTJG Richard C. HERRIOTT
LTJG William E. MCKINNON	LTJG Jeffrey E. DIXON
LTJG Randall K. BOWEN	LTJG Alan J. BLACKBURN
LTJG Keith V. ADOLPHSON	LTJG Arthur W. GRESHAM
ENS Stephen E. EBERHART	ENS Todd G. SCHRAM
CWO4 Harvey L. HESS	

Hours Flown: 1632.2

Carrier Landings: 525

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Enclosure (2)

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The year 1979 opened with the World Famous Black Eagles in their homeport at Naval Air Station Miramar. The squadron had returned in November 1978 from their sixth Western Pacific Deployment and began a vigorous turnaround training cycle. Commanded by Commander Don E. BALLARD and with Executive Officer, Commander Dieter H. OLSEN, the schedule called for training in preparation for the seventh Western Pacific Deployment which would begin in November 1979.

In January, aircrews gained valuable experience as a result of READIEX 1-79 and Link 11 services for USS CORAL SEA (CV-43) Sea Trials.

READIEX 1-79 began with inport training at FCDSSA. Actual flights consisted of Strike Control/WASEX, AAWEX and MISSILEX Range Surveillance/Coordination in the Pacific Missile Range (PMR). The Black Eagles were also tasked with a Link 11 evaluation with USS CORAL SEA (CV-43) during her initial sea trials after overhaul.

Following successful completion of READIEX 1-79 on 1 February, the squadron continued training and maintenance efforts, and participated in a massive search for an overdue fishing vessel on 7 February. VAW-113 flew in support of CNO Project TOMAHAWK on 12-14 and 20-22 February 1979. The actual missile launches on 14 and 22 February 1979 were highly successful. The Black Eagles provided SSSC and surface picture relay as well as communication relay and coordination for the six day evaluation. COMFITAEWINGPAC conducted an annual command inspection on 26-28 February 1979. The squadron received an overall grade of satisfactory.

In March, the Black Eagles began operations with CVW-14. A weapons training deployment to NAS Lemoore, California from 11-23 March 1979 developed inter-unit coordination within the Air Wing. This was of special interest in view of the addition of VMFA -323 and VMFA - 531. The first week was dedicated to AIR/ACM with units of the two fighter squadrons under Black Eagle control. Link 4A and overall control was termed excellent. The second week was dedicated to coordinating strikes with Oakland Center and Edwards Approach Control, and providing bogey information for the fighter escorts. Several simulated SARs were conducted providing valuable aircrew training. The Black Eagles conducted FCLPs, despite the high tempo of operational commitments, in preparation for a "back in the saddle" CQ evolution aboard USS CORAL SEA (CV-43) from 27-31 March. During this cycle all six pilots scheduled became both day and night current. Also during March, word was received that the ship/airwing team comprising USS ENTERPRISE/CVW-14 was the Group One winner of the Admiral Flatley Memorial Award for safety for CY-78.

Training continued in April with FCLPs during the first half of the month and CQ aboard USS CORAL SEA during the last week. While the pilots were getting their shipboard landing practice, the NFOs and Flight Technicians were utilizing the Weapon System trainer to polish SSSC and WASEX tactics. On 12 April, Commander Dieter H. OLSEN assumed command from Commander Don E. BALLARD and CDR Arthur J. Schroeder became the Executive Officer.

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May and June saw the Black Eagles continuing their crew training, including three more CQ periods and safety standdown. The CNAP Maintenance Management Advisory Team visit and the Integrated Weapons System Review held during June honed our skills to a razor's edge. Black Eagles also participated in the USS CORAL SEA INSURV and received a "Well Done" from CVW-14.

July started with the 1 year anniversary of accident free operations, with the squadron compiling more than 1350 accident-free flight hours. The Black Eagles participated in their first work-up at-sea period during the months of July and August. All eleven (11) pilots were day refreshed and achieved a boarding rate in excess of 90%. Operational training included AAWEX, MINEX and ALPHA strike missions.

READIEX 2-79 in August combined these training missions with a KOMAREX, the joint service AAWEX "AMALGAM CHIEF", and range surveillance/safety services for a live CAP/SAM missile shoot in the Pacific Missile Range.

The NATOPS Unit Evaluation administered during September proved the squadron knowledgeable in all respects with a grade of satisfactory. Again during the ORE, the Black Eagles scored high in the exams and provided excellent AEW coverage and aggressive CAP control. War-at-Sea strike control, mine laying certification coordination, KOMAREX strike control and 15-18 plane ALPHA strike coordination by Black Eagle Crews netted comments of "Excellent" from strike leaders.

Cyclic OPS continued into October aboard USS CORAL SEA following the ORE. Despite operating hours which ran between 0100-1100 daily, the Black Eagles adjusted and continued to meet operational requirements. After 22 days of at-sea operations, the squadron returned to Miramar. Many hours were expended in preparation for the COMFITAEWINGPAC predeployment material inspection on 19 October.

VAW-113 completed its POM period on 7 November and began pack-up for deployment. WESTPAC deployment commenced 13 November aboard USS COARL SEA (CV-43) and was followed by an abbreviated READIEX 1-80A. After a short replenishment in Pearl Harbor, CORAL SEA transitted to the Guam OPAREA and "Inchopped" to Seventh Fleet on 26 November. On 28 November, Black Eagle crews and maintenance personnel provided 7.5 hours of coverage for the task force during reconnaissance by four (4) Soviet Bear aircraft. From the launch of the Alert 30 crew, initial detection at 415 NM from CORAL SEA, and intercept control of VMFA-323 aircraft at 180 NM, the Black Eagles proved the value of the early warning platform.

December's operations in the Okinawa OPAREA included several unique operational and training experiences: cyclic OPS and a joint effort with the Air Force E-3A aircraft was performed. A Black Eagle representative was dispatched to Osan, Korea and on 6 and 9 December, a Black Eagle aircraft scored a Navy first by successfully established two-way Link between an E-2B and a E-3A.

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Range safety and communications coordination were provided during two MISSILEX's on 17 and 18 December. Launching from an alert status on 19 December, Black Eagle aircraft provided early detection and intercept control in response to a simulated Fortress Warrior exercise. Detection of two S-3's flying at 300 feet was made 160 NM from the ship with the intercept made at 130 NM.

Black Eagle representatives were made available on another joint Link exercise on 28 December. With Black Eagle representatives observing from PATWING ONE DET Cubi Point TSC and USS WILLIAM H. STANDLEY (CG-32), two-way Link was established. Data was exchanged between CG-32, TSC, and an E-2B on-deck USS CORAL SEA, with another E-2B airborne holding data from all three of the other units.

The final days of 1979 were spent in the relaxed atmosphere of the Black Eagle's home away from home, Subic Bay. While wishing to be at home for Christmas, the Black Eagle Aircrews, maintenance and support personnel could look back on a year well spent. With the bulk of the training done, the World Famous Black Eagle's future promised a busy deployment ahead with real world threats and many days at sea to prove that Airborne Early Warning remains a vital ingredient in the recipe for world peace.

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Summary of Operations  
Calendar Year 1979  
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January

- 01-31 Predeployment Training NAS Miramar
- 21-25 LINKEX with USS CORAL SEA
- 30-31 READIEX 1-79 NAS Miramar (Orange Force)

February

- 01 READIEX 1-79 NAS Miramar
- 02-11 Predeployment Training NAS Miramar
- 12-14 CNO Project TOMAHAWK Support
- 15-19 Predeployment Training NAS Miramar
- 20-22 CNO Project TOMAHAWK Support
- 23-25 Predeployment Training NAS Miramar
- 26-28 COMFITAEEWINGPAC Command Inspection

March

- 01-10 Predeployment Training NAS Miramar
- 11-23 Weapons Deployment NAS Lemoore
- 24-26 Predeployment Training NAS Miramar
- 27-31 CQ aboard USS CORAL SEA

April

- 01-15 Predeployment Training NAS Miramar
- 12 Change of Command
- 16-30 REFTRA aboard USS CORAL SEA - NAS Miramar
- 22-23 CQ aboard USS CORAL SEA
- 27 CQ aboard USS CORAL SEA
- 28-30 Predeployment Training NAS Miramar

May

- 01-02 CQ aboard USS CORAL SEA - NAS Miramar
- 03-06 Predeployment Training NAS Miramar
- 07-08 CQ aboard USS CORAL SEA - NAS Miramar
- 09-31 Predeployment Training NAS Miramar

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June

01-03 Predeployment Training NAS Miramar  
04-15 Integrated Weapons System Review NAS Miramar  
05-06 CQ aboard USS CORAL SEA - NAS Miramar  
11-13 CNAP Maintenance Management Advisory Team Visit  
09-17 Predeployment Training NAS Miramar  
18-23 INSERV Detachment aboard USS CORAL SEA  
24-30 Predeployment Training NAS Miramar

July

01 Completed 1 year safe flying operations with 1350  
accident free hours  
01-09 Predeployment Training NAS Miramar  
10-31 Air operations aboard USS CORAL SEA

August

01-03 Air operations aboard USS CORAL SEA  
04-06 Predeployment Training NAS Miramar  
17-23 READIEX 2-79 aboard USS CORAL SEA  
24-31 Predeployment Training NAS Miramar

September

01-20 Predeployment Training/Unit Eval., NAS Miramar  
21-25 Operational Readiness Examination (ORE) SOCAL aboard USS CORAL SEA  
26-30 Air OPS/SOCAL aboard USS CORAL SEA

October

01-12 Air OPS/SOCAL aboard USS CORAL SEA  
13-31 POM NAS Miramar  
19 Predeployment Material Inspection

November

01-12 POM NAS Miramar  
13-15 Enroute Hawaii  
16-20 Operations Hawaii OPAREA  
21 Inport Pearl Harbor (0800-1600)  
21-28 Enroute Guam  
26 Inchop, Seventh Fleet  
28-30 Operations Guam OPAREA

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December

01-03      Operations Guam OPAREA  
04-10      Operations Okinawa  
11-13      Port Visit, Pusan, Korea  
14-16      Transit to South China Sea  
17-19      Operations, South China Sea  
20-31      Inport, Subic Bay, R.P.

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AIRCRAFT SERVICES FOR CORAL SEA SEA TRIAL (U)

A. NAVSHIPYD PUGET SOUND WA 152001Z DEC 78

1. (U) SUBJ ACFT SERVICES REQ REF A COMPLETED 26 JAN 79.
2. (U) STAGING OF ACFT AT WHIDBEY ISLAND WITH HOSTING/LIAISON FROM VA 196 WAS MOST EFFECTIVE.
3. (C) LINK 11 OPS WITH FSC E-2B ALLOWED EQUIPMENT PROBLEM ISOLATION AT SHIPBOARD TERMINAL. APPRECIATE UNSCHEDULED THIRD DAY OPS WITH E-2B.
4. (C) TWO WAY LINK 4A OPS WITH ACFT 104 WERE OUSTANDING AND PROVIDED A TOTAL SYSTEM TEST OF THE TDS AIR CONTROL INTERFACES.
5. (U) DEDICATION OF THE HELO PROFESSIONALS IN PROVIDING LOG RUNS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER AND A FLUID FLT SCHEDKIDS NOTED WITH PLEASURE.
6. (U) THE "BEST IN THE WEST" THANKS ALL PARTICIPANTS FOR A JOB WELL DONE AND A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO A SUCCESSFUL SEA TRIALS.

DECL: 31 MAR 79

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DLVR:CARAEWRON ONE ONE THREE DET NAS MIRAMAR CA(3)...ACT  
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