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CARRIER AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SQUADRON  
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN  
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From: Commanding Officer, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 117  
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

- Encl:
- (1) 1989 Command History
  - (2) End of World Cruise 1989-90 Report
  - (3) Operational and Training Readiness Reports, 1989
  - (4) Commanding Officer's Biography and Photograph
  - (5) E-2C Hawkeye Photograph

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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.

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BASIC HISTORY

1. COMMAND ORGANIZATION

The mission of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN is to provide an Airborne Early Warning and Command and Control platform to support the battle group to which it is attached. Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN, the immediate senior operational command of VAW-117, is commanded by Captain T.J. Ford. The Commanding Officer of VAW-117 is Commander J.M. Edmondson, with Commander R.A. Wiley serving as Executive Officer. Based at NAS Miramar, VAW-117 is assigned four E-2C Hawkeyes.

Aircraft flown during this period included:

159501		TRANSFERRED MAR 89
162799	REC MAY 89	
162798	REC MAR 89	
162619	REC MAR 89	
162797	REC APR 89	

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

JANUARY

1-31 NAS Miramar  
4-7 Coast Guard/Customs Drug Interdiction Operations - SOCAL  
27 FALLING VANTAGE NORAD EXERCISE - SOCAL

FEBRUARY

1-20 NAS Miramar  
20-28 Fleet Fighter ACM Readiness Program (FFARP) - NAF El Centro, CA

MARCH

1-3 Fleet Fighter ACM Readiness Program (FFARP) - NAF El Centro, CA  
4-11 NAS Miramar  
12-31 CVW-11 Weapons Detachment - NAS Fallon, NV

APRIL

1-2 CVW-11 Weapons Detachment - NAS Fallon, NV  
3-30 NAS Miramar  
16-23 Carrier Qualifications - CVN 65

MAY

1-12 Refresher Training (REFTRA) - CVN 65  
13-31 NAS Miramar  
13-19 Fleet Air Superiority Training (FAST) - NAS Miramar

JUNE

1-3 NAS Miramar  
4-31 COMPTUEX 89 (Battle Group "F" Training) - CVN 65

JULY

1-24 NAS Miramar  
18-19 Fighter Derby - NAS Miramar  
25-31 READIEX 89 - CVN 65

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AUGUST

1-15 READIEX 89 - CVN 65  
16-31 NAS Miramar

SEPTEMBER

1-15 NAS Miramar  
16-31 Deployed on World Cruise 89 - CVN 65  
20-29 PACEX 89

OCTOBER

1-31 CVN-65  
1-15 ANNUALEX 89  
6,12,13 BADGE 89  
16-29 VALIANT BLITZ

NOVEMBER

1-30 CVN-65  
8-9 COPE THUNDER

DECEMBER

1-31 CVN-65  
1-7 OPERATION CLASSIC RESOLVE

3. NARRATIVE

JANUARY

Both pilot and NFO proficiency showed significant improvement with the increased tempo of operations in this month. Flew very successful FALLING VANTAGE exercise in support of NORAD/AIR NATIONAL GUARD on the twenty-seventh. Completed over twenty-five intercepts with eighteen hours of air control.

FEBRUARY

Flew outstanding ECMEX with VAQ-34. Five sorties flown providing excellent exposure for all aircrew to air control in a hostile jamming environment. Successfully completed first week of FFARP with all aircrew gaining invaluable experience and training. During second week of FFARP all scheduled FFARP sorties were completed; debrief with fighters and bandits indicated E2C control was excellent. Aircrews gained experience and confidence in handling multiple assets against complex threat.

MARCH

Aircrews participated in numerous overland strike scenarios with Air Wing ELEVEN. Aircrews were integrated with the entire airwing for the first time since WESTPAC-88, receiving valuable strike control training. Although squadron conducted training with only three aircraft assigned, the detachment was a success.

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APRIL

Numerous carrier-qualification flights and Link-11 hardware evaluation checks were performed in preparation for REFTRA-89.

MAY

Squadron deployed on board USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65) for refresher training, participating in numerous shipboard drills. Flight ops were conducted to refresh aircrews with carrier procedures. Squadron returned to NAS Miramar to participate in FAST and EWTP1. Aircrew participated in BATTLEGROUP FOXTROT AAW team trainer and multi-threat team trainers.

JUNE

Squadron again integrated with CVN-65 for COMPTUEX-89.

JULY

Squadron returned from second at-sea period and continued its training for the upcoming deployment. Squadron provided AIC control for VF-114 and VF-213 during fighter derby. At the end of the month the squadron packed up and deployed on CVN-65 for READIEX-89.

AUGUST

The squadron concluded READIEX-89 and began their standdown period waiting to deploy on World Cruise 89-90.

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER

See End-Of-Cruise Report (Encl 1).

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