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Encl: (1) Basic History
(2) Documentary Annex

1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded as directed by
reference (a).



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- (b) Mission and functions which have changed since a previous submittal, and the authority for the changes. NONE.
- (c) Composition of Command, including the designations of units assigned, dates and authority for any activations or deactivations, and information on significant organizational changes during the year. NO CHANGES.
- (d) Any change in the location of headquarters or homeport. NONE.

(2) Summary of Operations

- (a) The significant events, and highlights of 1976 are listed in the following chronology.

JANUARY

- 8 - CREW CHARLIE DEPLOYED ABOARD USS SALINAN TO JACKSONVILLE OPAREA TO PROVIDE MK-33 SERVICES FOR COMMANDER PATROL WING ELEVEN BULLPUP EXERCISES.
- 17 - CREW CHARLIE DEPLOYED ABOARD USNS ATAKAPA IN VIRGINIA CAPES OPAREA TO PROVIDE MK-33 SERVICES FOR PATWING 11 BULLPUPEX.
- 21 - DET LITTLE CREEK DEPLOYED TO ROOSEVELT ROADS, P.R. TO PROVIDE MK-35 SERVICES FOR OPERATION SPRINGBOARD.
- 21 - CREW BRAVO AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-101 MISSILEX.
- 29 - CREW BRAVO AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR FLEET COMBAT TRAINING CENTER ATLANTIC TRACKING EXERCISE.
- 31 - DET LITTLE CREEK AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MK-35 SERVICES FOR FLEET COMBAT TRAINING CENTER ATLANTIC GUNNERY TRAINING.

FEBRUARY

- 6 - CREW CHARLIE DEPLOYED ABOARD USNS ATAKAPA TO VIRGINIA CAPES OPAREA TO PROVIDE MK-33 SERVICES FOR USS AMERICA OPERATIONAL READINESS EVALUATION.
- 9 - CREWS ALFA AND BRAVO AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR CVW-6 MISSILEX.
- 17 - CREWS BRAVO AND DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-101 MISSILEX.
- 24 - CREW CHARLIE AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MK-33 SERVICES TO USS NIMITZ AND EMBARKED AIR WING.

MARCH

- 1 - CREW ECHO DEPLOYED ABOARD USS NIPMUC TO JACKSONVILLE OPAREA TO PROVIDE MK-33 SERVICES TO USS AMERICA AND EMBARKED AIR WING.
- 1 - CREWS ALFA AND DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR USS NIMITZ MISSILEX.
- 4 - CREW ALFA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR FLEET COMBAT TRAINING CENTER ATLANTIC TRACKING EXERCISE.
- 14 - CREW CHARLIE DEPLOYED ABOARD USS PAIUTE TO JACKSONVILLE OPAREA TO PROVIDE MK-33 SERVICES FOR NIMITZ OPERATIONAL READINESS EVALUATION AND COMPATWING ELEVEN BULLPUPEX.

- 23 - CREWS BRAVO AND DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-101 MISSILEX.
- 30 - CREWS BRAVO AND DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-101 MISSILEX.

APRIL

- 1 - CREW ALFA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR FLEET COMBAT TRAINING CENTER ATLANTIC GUNNERY TRAINING.
- 13 - CREW CHARLIE DEPLOYED ABOARD USS NIPMUC TO JACKSONVILLE OPAREA TO PROVIDE MK-33 SERVICES FOR COMCRUDESGRU 12 COMPTUEX 5-76.
- 23 - CREW ALFA DEPLOYED ABOARD USS JOHN KING TO JACKSONVILLE OPAREA TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES.

MAY

- 2 - CREW ECHO DEPLOYED ABOARD USNS ATAKAPA TO PROVIDE MK-33 SERVICES FOR FORESTAL OPERATIONAL READINESS EVALUATION.
- 10 - CREW BRAVO DEPLOYED ABOARD USS CALIFORNIA TO VIRGINIA CAPES OPAREA TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF CNO PRIORITY "AA" PROJECT COMOPTEVFOR LASER TRACKING EXERCISE.
- 15 - CREW ALFA DEPLOYED ABOARD USS W. S. SIMS TO JACKSONVILLE OPAREA TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES.
- 20 - CREW DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR FLEET COMBAT TRAINING CENTER ATLANTIC TRACKING EXERCISE.
- 27 - CREW BRAVO AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR FLEET COMBAT TRAINING CENTER ATLANTIC GUNNERY TRAINING.

JUNE

- 1 - CREW BRAVO AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR SECOND MARINE AIR WING MISSILEX.
- 8 - CREWS BRAVO AND DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-101 MISSILEX.
- 12 - MAKEUP CREW FROM CREWS ALFA, BRAVO, AND DELTA DEPLOYED ABOARD USS SARATOGA TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES.
- 15 - CREWS BRAVO AND DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR FOURTH MARINE AIR WING MISSILEX.
- 21 - CREW ECHO DEPLOYED ABOARD USS EDENTON TO VIRGINIA CAPES OPAREA TO PROVIDE MK-33 SERVICES TO FOUR SHIPS OF THE ROYAL NAVY AND USS PAUL.
- 28 - CREWS BRAVO AND DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR CVW-1 MISSILEX.

JULY

- 5 - CREW ALFA DEPLOYED ABOARD USS DAVIS TO PROVIDE MQM-74C AND KD2R-5 SERVICES FOR EXERCISE UNITAS XVII OPERATING IN SOUTH AMERICAN WATERS.

- 15 - CREW BRAVO AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR FLEET COMBAT TRAINING CENTER ATLANTIC GUNNERY TRAINING.
- 27 - CREW ECHO DEPLOYED ABOARD USS PAIUTE TO JACKSONVILLE OPAREA FOR MK-33 SERVICES TO USS ADAMS.

AUGUST

- 4 - CREW BRAVO AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR COMNAVSEASYS COM OPTEVFOR FIRING EXERCISE.
- 5 - CREW ECHO DEPLOYED ABOARD USS HOIST TO JACKSONVILLE OPAREA TO PROVIDE MK-33 SERVICES FOR USS JOHN F. KENNEDY AND USS ROOSEVELT.
- 12 - CREW CHARLIE DEPLOYED ABOARD USNS ATAKAPA TO VIRGINIA CAPES OPAREA TO PROVIDE MK-33 SERVICES FOR USS ROOSEVELT COMPTUEX 7-76.
- 17 - CREW BRAVO AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR COMNAVSEASYS COM/OPTEVFOR TRACKING EXERCISE.
- 23 - DET LITTLE CREEK AT VIRGINIA CAPES OPAREA TO PROVIDE MK-35 SERVICES FOR USS ADAMS/COMOPTEVFOR LASER TRACKING EXERCISE (CNO "AA" PROJECT).
- 27 - CREW BRAVO DEPLOYED ABOARD USS DALE TO JACKSONVILLE OPAREA TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR USS ROOSEVELT OPERATIONAL READINESS EVALUATION.

SEPTEMBER

- 7 - CREW DELTA DEPLOYED ABOARD USS FARRAGUT TO VIRGINIA CAPES OPAREA TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR SHIP QUALIFICATION TEST.
- 13 - CREW BRAVO AND DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR SECOND MARINE AIR WING.
- 16 - CREW DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR USS FARRAGUT MISSILEX.
- 22 - CREWS BRAVO AND DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-33 MISSILEX.
- 24 - CREW CHARLIE AT VIRGINIA CAPES OPAREA TO PROVIDE MK-35 SERVICES FOR CVW-3 SHRIKEX.
- 28 - CREWS BRAVO AND DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-103 MISSILEX AND SECOND MARINE AIR WING.

OCTOBER

- 12 - CREW CHARLIE DEPLOYED ABOARD USS HOIST TO JACKSONVILLE OPAREA TO PROVIDE MK-33 SERVICES FOR COMCRUDESGRU TWO COMPTUEX 1-77.
- 12 - CREW DELTA DEPLOYED ABOARD USS JOHN KING TO JACKSONVILLE OPAREA TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR COMCRUDESGRU TWO COMPTUEX 1-77.
- 19 - CREW BRAVO AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-103 MISSILEX.

NOVEMBER

- 3 - CREW DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR FLEET COMBAT TRAINING CENTER ATLANTIC FIRING EXERCISE.

- 10 - CREW DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-101 MISSILEX.
- 11 - CREW CHARLIE DEPLOYED TO PINECASTLE ELECTRONIC WARFARE RANGE TO PROVIDE MK-33 SERVICES FOR CVW-3 BOMBING EXERCISE.
- 14 - CREW ECHO DEPLOYED ABOARD USS NIPMUC TO VIRGINIA CAPES OPAREA TO PROVIDE MK-33 SERVICES FOR CVW-3 COMPTUEX 2-77.
- 17 - CREW DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-101 MISSILEX.
- 18 - CREW DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR USS STANDLEY MISSILEX.
- 23 - CREW ALFA RETURNED FROM FOUR MONTH DEPLOYMENT ABOARD USS DAVIS AFTER COMPLETION OF UNITAS XVII.
- 30 - CREW BRAVO AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-142 MISSILEX.

DECEMBER

- 1 - CREW BRAVO AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-101 MISSILEX.
- 2 - CREW DELTA DEPLOYED TO CAMP LEJEUNE NC TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR SECOND MARINE AIR WING.
- 9 - CREW ALFA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-103 MISSILEX.
- 13 - CREW BRAVO DEPLOYED ABOARD USS INCHON TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR SHIP QUALIFICATION TEST.
- 14 - CREW ALFA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-14 MISSILEX.
- 17 - CREW ALFA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-101 MISSILEX AND FLEET COMBAT TRAINING CENTER ATLANTIC FIRING EXERCISE.
- 21 - CREW BRAVO AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-101 MISSILEX AND VF-32 MISSILEX.

(3) Special Topics

(a) Major Command problems faced and action taken by the Commanding Officer.

One of the problems encountered is the procurement of repair parts and launch consumables for the MQM-74C. The primary items of concern were MK-91 JATO and repair parts for the YJ400-WR-401 engine. However, shortages were also encountered with JATO racks, recovery system components and the target itself. There has been a major shortage in the bit and piece support for the depot level maintenance of repairables.

This command has made a major effort to assist procurement managers with the early identification and resolution of these problem areas. Command attention has been directed toward each shortage through correspondence and attendance at conferences dealing with logistic support.

The appropriate authorities in the chain of command have been notified about these problems and action is being taken to rectify them.

(b) Summary information on important new equipment.

1 None

(c) Statistics on main programs of the command that should be part of the historical record.

SUMMARY OF VC-6 AERIAL TARGET OPERATIONS, CY 1976

	<u>Dam Neck</u>	<u>Deployed/Dets</u>	<u>Comb</u>
Launch Attempts	216	60	276
Sat Launch Attempts	204	49	253
Sorties provided for ships	13	47	60
Ship Services	7	32	39
Sorties Provided for A/C	120	7	127
Squadron Services	37	2	39
Operational Expenditures	36	15	51
Successful Missions Completed	149	53	202
Hit & Killed Expenditures	28	6	34
Dam Neck Gun Line	85	N/A	85
Recoveries	148	43	191

SUMMARY OF VC-6 SURFACE OPERATIONS, CY 1976

	<u>MK-33</u>	<u>MK-35</u>
Ship Services	29	13
Squadron Services	26	2
Sorties Provided	70	34
Hours Operated	165.3	229.4