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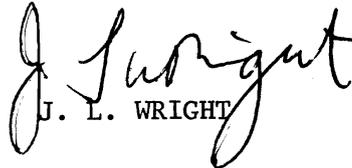
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Encl: (1) Basic History with Documentary Annexes A-C

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is forwarded. Enclosure (1) comprises the Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FORTY History for calendar year 1979.

  
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## BASIC HISTORY 1979

Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FORTY (VRC-40) commissioned on 1 July 1970, is assigned the joint tasks of Carrier Onboard Delivery (COD) and Air Logistics Transport services to the Navy's Atlantic Fleet. VRC-40 is home ported out of the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, VA. and operates the C-1A "Trader" and CT-39 "Sabreliner" aircraft.

VRC-40's reporting senior is Captain John E. Paganelli, Commodore Fleet Tactical Support Wing ONE. Commander James F. Duffy served as Commanding Officer of VRC-40 until 17 February 1979 when he was relieved by Commander Jerry L. Wright. 190 enlisted and 40 officers maintain and fly the squadron's 12 aircraft providing around the clock fleet support.

Throughout 1979, VRC-40 supported the fleet operating from bases as far north as Halifax, Canada, down the Eastern Seaboard and Gulf Coast, as far south as Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Panama City, Panama. While speed and efficiency are requisite to completion of the squadron's mission, safety is of paramount importance. Since its commissioning, VRC-40 has logged over 100,000 flight hours and over 21,000 carrier landings without injury to any of its more than 120,000 passengers.

With the close of 1979, VRC-40 flew 7,527 hours with 8,638 passengers, 1,312 of which were VIP's. The squadron transported to the fleet 567,302 pounds of cargo and mail and completed 740 arrested landings. In addition, on 20 June 1979 LT Donna L. Spruill, one of the squadron's 3 female pilots, became the first woman Navy pilot to "carrier qualify" in a fixed wing aircraft.

Our outstanding safety record coupled with an enviable record of mission accomplishment serves as an example to other squadrons and adds perseverance to our motto "Service to the Fleet with Safety Dependability and Courtesy."

1979 OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>VIPS</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>MAIL</u>	<u>CARGO</u>
JANUARY	685.0	500	53	755	7,740	32,635
FEBRUARY	606.3	442	106	904	9,790	22,758
MARCH	770.6	582	158	953	11,567	36,977
APRIL	636.9	433	24	746	6,608	47,053
MAY	651.5	454	123	707	9,452	28,193
JUNE	581.8	451	101	961	6,608	24,160
JULY	516.2	390	120	700	332	32,206
AUGUST	649.8	482	483	856	11,728	58,749
SEPTEMBER	595.8	412	60	550	74	23,549
OCTOBER	728.3	532	196	543	11,808	120,748
NOVEMBER	535.7	396	114	557	2,303	28,795
DECEMBER	600.0	401	74	406	2,989	30,352
TOTALS	<u>7,527.9</u>	<u>5,475</u>	<u>1,312</u>	<u>8,638</u>	<u>80,731</u>	<u>486,571</u>

1979 CARRIER STATISTICS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>UNIT SUPPORTED</u>	<u>CV OPS</u>	<u>LANDINGS</u>	<u>FLIGHTS</u>
JANUARY	USS AMERICA	86.2	44	44
	USS EISENHOWER	2.5	1	1
	USS INDEPENDENCE	13.8	7	7
	USS NIMITZ	<u>30.0</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>
	TOTALS	132.5	70	70
FEBRUARY	USS INDEPENDENCE	28.4	10	24
	USS AMERICA	34.7	22	48
	USS NIMITZ	14.3	11	22
	USS LEXINGTON	<u>6.4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
	TOTALS	83.8	47	103
MARCH	USS LEXINGTON	38.3	7	26
	USS NIMITZ	50.4	17	46
	USS FORRESTAL	12.0	11	5
	USS INDEPENDENCE	<u>105.1</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>104</u>
	TOTALS	205.8	64	181
APRIL	USS NIMITZ	16.2	12	17
	USS SARATOGA	10.7	11	6
	USS INDEPENDENCE	46.5	4	29
	USS FORRESTAL	17.0	12	11
	USS LEXINGTON	<u>29.6</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>16</u>
TOTALS	120.0	50	79	
MAY	USS LEXINGTON	65.5	41	52
	USS NIMITZ	30.7	57	27
	USS FORRESTAL	9.3	4	9
	USS INDEPENDENCE	75.8	<u>29</u>	<u>43</u>
	TOTALS	181.3	131	131
JUNE	USS LEXINGTON	24.8	25	29
	USS FORRESTAL	105.1	51	107
	USS INDEPENDENCE	<u>13.3</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>
	TOTALS	153.2	93	143
JULY	USS LEXINGTON	77.8	24	70
	USS NIMITZ	<u>21.4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>20</u>
	TOTAL	99.2	32	90
AUGUST	USS NIMITZ	88.0	26	75
	USS LEXINGTON	20.8	10	19
	USS FORRESTAL	<u>55.7</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>62</u>
	TOTAL	164.5	60	156
SEPTEMBER	USS FORRESTAL	82.3	15	66
	USS LEXINGTON	75.7	27	50
	USS AMERICA	<u>3.8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
	TOTAL	161.8	43	118

OCTOBER	USS FORRESTAL	80.6	34	74
	USS AMERICA	48.1	20	53
	USS SARATOGA	<u>5.4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	TOTAL	134.1	54	128
NOVEMBER	USS AMERICA	27.4	13	26
	USS EISENHOWER	47.6	32	35
	USS SARATOGA	27.1	14	24
	USS FORRESTAL	<u>8.3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
	TOTALS	110.4	62	90
DECEMBER	USS EISENHOWER	14.8	7	17
	USS SARATOGA	<u>84.3</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>74</u>
	TOTAL	99.1	34	91