

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.)

Medical oxygen for a heart patient was delivered from the USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN to SS QUEEN OF BERMUDA 115 miles distant by two NATC HSS-2 helicopters on 6 April 1961. COMCARDIV 20 msg 5 May 1961. The CHAMP is now a part of space history. Congratulations on your performance in the astronaut recovery which was splendid as expected. Well done. TUTTLE.

COMASDEFORLANT msg 5 May 1961. Enthusiastic pride for the performance of ASDEFORLANT units instrumental in initial manned shot goes forth with our sincerest well done. VADM TAYLOR.

Captain and men USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN. The Burlington Lake Champlain area is indescribably proud of you and your participation in today's dramatic history making event. Hearty congratulations. The Burlington Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce, Burlington, Vt.

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.)

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.)

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CTF 110 msg 5 May 1961. Press communications and pic coverage MR-3.

1. Following received from NASA rep embarked on LAKE CHAMPLAIN quote everyone here hysterically happy with word and picture coverage. CHAMPLAIN communications crew has done magnificent job unquote. 2. Local NASA reps concur.

Prouder than ever of the CHAMP. Heartiest congratulations on your triumphant participation. Looking forward to another New York shipboard show. Say when. Mort Karpp, the 52 Association 226 West 48 Street New York.

COMCARDIV 18 msg 6 May 1961. 1. It is with regret that in a few days I will haul down my flag from my first flagship, the LAKE CHAMPLAIN. I will always remember my pleasant association with your fine ship and air group. The support which you gave me and my staff left nothing to be desired. 2. I greatly admire your outstanding spirit, enthusiasm and performance. These qualities, which are the hallmark of a fine ship, were again amply demonstrated by your performance in the Mercury Recovery Operations. 3. To the Commanding Officer of the CHAMP and his officers and men well done and smooth sailing. RADM G. P. KOCH.

CAPT R. WEYMOUTH. Dear sir congratulations to you and your officers and men for such a splendid job done in assisting to complete one of the greatest feats ever accomplished. William J. Cuzzi, Contract Furniture Sales, Boston, Mass.

On 7 June 1961, the CCA team aided in the approach of the USS EATON (DDE 510) to a position alongside for the highline transfer of a medical patient. The approach was accomplished with less than 50 yds visibility utilizing the SPN-8, CCA Final Approach Radar.

NAVAIRLANT msg 28 July 1961 awarded Fiscal Year 61 Battle Efficiency Pennant, Air Department E and Operations Department E for CVS class carriers to the USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN. The message read in part "The competitive year just completed reflected an unusually fine performance on the part of all units. Final standings were extremely close and all units can be justly proud of their records. Congratulations to all hands and a special well done to the winners. Signed VADM Frank OBEIRNE.

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COMCARDIV 20 msg 29 July 1961. To every officer and man in the flag ship I add my congratulations to those of COMNAVAIRLANT for winning the Battle Efficiency Award, Air Department E, and Operations Department E. These achievements demonstrate efficient performance over a continuing period which can only be accomplished by a well coordinated team pulling together in the right direction. I take great pride in flying my flag from such a fine ship. Keep up the good work - RADM TUTTLE.

CTU 83.4.2 msg 31 July 1961. Congratulations on the big E and the shower of small ones. We are proud to be with you.

COMFAIRQUONSET msg 31 July 1961. Battle Efficiency Awards. 1. For the first time Quonset units have made a clean sweep of both ship and air ASW E awards. 2. The close competitive scores of all units indicate fine performance and spirit by all. My personal congratulations to the winners. RADM MOORE.

CINCLANTFLT msg 31 July 1961. 1. Well done to FORRESTAL, LAKE CHAMPLAIN and DUXBURY BAY on winning the NAVAIRLANT Battle Efficiency pennants. FORRESTAL's clean sweep of the Departmental E's for CVA's is a significant achievement and the ultimate target for future competitions. Well done also to the other ships winning departmental E's. 2. During the competitive year just completed you have all carried out on short notice, many special missions of great importance to our nation's security. Your hard work is eminently worthy in this the fiftieth anniversary year of naval aviation.

COMASFORLANT msg 1 August 1961. 1. It is with extreme pleasure that I congratulate you on winning the NAVAIRLANT Battle Efficiency Pennant for CVS class. Inspirational leadership and devotion to duty are always winners. Well done to all hands in the "CHAMP". VADM E. B. TAYLOR, USN

COMDESFLOT 4 msg 23 August 1961. Mercury-Redstone Flight Program. 1. It is with great pride that I pass the following to all participants in the Project Mercury Recovery role: "The remainder of the Mercury-Redstone Flight Program consisting of one flight MR-5 is hereby cancelled, thus terminating the Redstone phase of Project Mercury. Our Objectives for this phase have been achieved and the successful manned flights provide a sound foundation for future manned space flight operations. The Department of Defense elements are congratulated on the outstanding support which they provided. Walter C. Williams, Associate Director sends". 2. The zeal and adaptability with which all recovery supporting units performed provided a significant contribution to the accomplishments achieved. RADM John H. CREW.

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On 21 September 1961, during Hurricane Esther, USS Lake Champlain proceeded to rendezvous with USS Lookout and successfully transferred emergency appendicitis case. The transfer was conducted during heavy sea conditions by two helicopters from HS-11.

COMASWFORLANT msg 22 September 1961. Mission of Mercy. 1. The expeditious manner in which Lake Champlain and HS-11 carried to successful completion their recent mercy mission is exemplary of the Navy and the traditions of the sea. Please extend to all hands a well done. VADM E. B. TAYLOR.

COMEASTSEAFRON msg 22 September 1961. Medical emergency transfer. 1. Prompt action of all concerned in transfer of emergency appendicitis case and subsequent successful surgery greatly appreciated.

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1. Geographical Location

<u>Period</u>	<u>Location</u>
8 Jul - 14 Jul 61	Berthed Wolfe Cove Wharf, Quebec, P.Q. Canada
14 Jul - 21 Jul 61	Western Atlantic
21 Jul - 28 Jul 61	Berthed South Annex, Naval Shipyard, Boston, Mass.
28 Jul - 11 Aug 61	Western Atlantic
11 Aug - 17 Aug 61	Berthed NAS Quonset Point, R. I.
17 Aug - 21 Aug 61	Western Atlantic and Caribbean
21 Aug - 22 Aug 61	Anchored Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
22 Aug - 23 Aug 61	Enroute Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I.
23 Aug - 25 Aug 61	Anchored Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I.
25 Aug - 31 Aug 61	Caribbean and Western Atlantic
31 Aug - 19 Sep 61	Berthed NAS Quonset Point, R. I.
19 Sep - 22 Sep 61	Western Atlantic (evading hurricane Esther)
22 Sep - 28 Sep 61	Berthed NAS Quonset Point, R. I.
28 Sep - 30 Sep 61	Western Atlantic