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HELICOPTER ANTI-SUBMARINE SQUADRON LIGHT FORTY FIVE
NAVAL AIR STATION NORTH ISLAND
SAN DIEGO, CA 92135-5222

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From: Commanding Officer, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 45
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH) Washington Navy Yard,
Washington, D.C. 20374-0571

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

- Encl: (1) Battle "E" Award 1989
- (2) Captain Arnold J. Isbell Trophy Award 1989
- (3) CNO Safety Award 1989
- (4) HSL-45 Organization as of 31 December 1989
- (5) Biography and photo of: CDR Black and CDR Mulder; CO's HSL-45
- (6) Lamps MK III Fact Sheet

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1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are provided.

a. Command Mission. The primary mission of HSL-45 is to provide fully mission capable LAMPS MK III detachment for deployment onboard cruisers, destroyers and frigates assigned to the U.S. Pacific Fleet. The helicopters assigned to these detachments are an integral part of the ship's weapon systems, extending the ship's anti-submarine warfare and anti-ship surveillance and targeting capabilities beyond the horizon. Secondary missions include search and rescue, medical evacuation, vertical replenishment, and communications relay.

b. Organizational Structure

Immediate Senior in Command: Commander, Anti-Submarine Warfare Wing,
U.S. Pacific Fleet

Commanding Officer: Richard A. Black, CDR, USN (1 JAN-16 MAR)
Keith P. Mulder, CDR, USN (16 MAR-31 DEC)

Executive Officer: Keith P. Mulder, CDR, USN (1 JAN-16 MAR)
Gregory A. Differding, CDR, USN (16 MAR-31 DEC)

Homeport

NAS North Island, San Diego, CA

Aircraft Assigned

Type: SH-60B Seahawk

Number: End Strength-13

Tailcode: TZ (Tango Zulu)

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c. Chronology

January

Three Dets deployed while homeguard members performed four medevacs on three different occasions. One from USS FLETCHER, two from San Clemente Island on 10 January, and one from USS NEW JERSEY on 12 January.

Det 6 Embarked USS FLETCHER

Det 7 Foreward deployed NAF Atsugi Japan on USS BUNKER HILL

Det 8 Foreward deployed NAF Atsugi Japan on USS FIFE

February

Five Dets formed with three deployed. Squadron participated in supporting 28 February Flight International mishap SAR. Homeguard supported USS KINKAID REFTRA and had first attendees at SWATS. Homeguard also provided static and operational displays for a visiting Congressional delegation to North Island.

Det 6 Evaluated TACMEMO Operation Silverclaw which is evaluation of DAME updates between helo and ship.

Det 7 Participated in TEAM SPIRIT 89

Det 10 Participated in USS PRINCETON Commissioning cruise

Det 11 Embarked on USS RENTZ

March

Six Dets formed with two deployed. CDR Keith P. Mulder relieved CDR Richard A. Black as Commanding Officer on 16 March. Completed M-60 FIREX for upcoming MEF Dets. Homeguard participated in seven SOAR Range events including two TORPEX with a qual on both.

Det 6 Participated in ASWOP 89-1 and SHAREM 77

Det 7 Participated in BG ops and TEAM SPIRIT 89

Det 8 Participated in SURVOPS in ASST role

Det 11 Embarked with USS RENTZ during REFTRA

April

Five Dets formed with two deployed. Homeguard participated in numerous SOAR events including two actual torp drops with a qual received in both. Aircraft #43 and #46 were ferried to SDLM in Pensacola, FL.

Det 6 Took part in training in SOCAL area

Det 7 Received 100% grade on torp drop against a nonaugmented L.A. class submarine. Aided LSE training at LSE school Yokuska, Japan

Det 7B Embarked USS PRINCETON, performed medevac in SOCAL to Balboa Hospital

Det 8 Tasked to conduct VIP transfers and LSE training while in Atsugi, Japan

Det 9 Participated in SSQ-89 training

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May

Nine Dets formed with two deployed. Homeguard provided aircraft for USS NEW ORLEANS transit to Mazatlan, Mexico and accomplished night and day DLQ. Took part in CNO TORPEX with two successful drops. Homeguard also flew 8 SOAR events, 8 Cast Ops, and 4 Happy Hunter events.

- Det 6 Continued participation in SHAREM 80 and ASWOP 89-2
- Det 7 Conducted surveillance ops and participated in operation NEPTUNE
- Det 8 Participated in ASWEX 89-1 with 19 simattacks against a U.S. SSN and conducted two medevacs
- Det 8B Embarked USS VINCENNES and flew drug interdiction missions
- Det 9,11 Participated in MEFEX 89-5 in preparation for MEF Deployment

June

Nine Dets formed with five deployed. Squadron experienced a Class "A" mishap on 30 June at NASNI. Squadron deployed two detachments to the Arabian Gulf and continued workups for five additional Dets. Homeguard flew support missions including Happy Hunter, ASAC training, LSE training, and midshipman FAM flights. The squadron was also awarded the CNO Safety award and the Arnold J. Isbell ASW Excellence Award. Additionally HSL-45 won the ASW Rodeo for the 3rd Quarter.

- Det 7 Participated in NGFS exercises in the Phillipines with BG Alpha
- Det 7B Participated with USS PRINCETON in CSSQT at Barking Sands dropping 6 torps with 5 kills
- Det 8 Participated in TORPEX and performed two emergency medevacs
- Det 9 Performed two medevacs and four rescues in SAR ops for a grounded sailboat
- Det 11 Conducted M-60 and ALE-39 training in preparation for MEF deployment

July

Ten Dets formed with six deployed. Workups and training continued for homeguard including Happy Hunter, SOAR, LSE training and midshipman FAM flights.

- Det 7 Participated with USS BUNKER HILL in ASWEX 89-2 and won "Clean Sweep" award
- Det 8 Participated in ASWEX 89-2 began turnover with 8B
- Det 10 Embarked USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN for REFTRA and workups
- Det 11 Embarked USS RENTZ for TRANSITEX 89-30
- Det 12 Embarked USS MCCLUSKY for REFTRA

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August

Nine Dets formed with four deployed. Homeguard performed workup training with four detachments while simultaneously supporting SOAR range events, Happy Hunter, LSE training, and syllabus training flights.

Det 7B Relieved Det 7A onboard USS BUNKER HILL while participating in ASW ops with the Royal Thai Navy in operation THALAY/THAI 89

Det 8B Took part in THALAY/THAI 89

Det 9 Participated in thirteen EARNEST WILL missions

Det 10 Involved in workups, embarked with USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN for Seattle Sea Fair

Det 11 Intensive LAMPS ops in the Arabian Gulf with USS RENTZ

Det 12 Participated in MEFEX 89-7

Dets 6,13 Workups at NASNI for PACEX 89

September

Eight Dets formed with all deployed. Homeguard provided numerous support flights despite limited aircraft including SOAR events, Happy Hunter, Accolades Parade of Ships, and workup/syllabus events.

Det 6 Deployed for PACEX 89 and participated in MARCOT 2/89

Dets 9,11 Involved in EARNEST WILL missions in the Arabian Gulf

Dets 7B,8B Also transited to the Gulf and took part in extensive CJTFME missions

Det 12 Transiting to the Arabian Gulf

Dets 10,13 Took part in PACEX 89 also participating in ANNUALEX 89 and exercise VALIANT BLITZ

October

Ten Dets formed with eight deployed. Two Dets at home in workup while homeguard performs SOAR events, Happy Hunter, and LSE training. Squadron completes ADMAT inspection on 3 Oct and is awarded the COMASWINGPAC TOP TORPEDO AWARD for 1989 for the second consecutive year.

Dets 6,10,13 Participated in PACEX 89 and the following exercises:
ASWOP 90-1, ANNUALEX 01G, VALIANT BLITZ, VALIANT USHER,
and ASWEX 90-1K

Det 7 Conducted a TORPEX and performed ASST missions with French and Royal Navy units in the Arabian Sea.

Dets 8,9,11,12 Performed EARNEST WILL and CJTFME missions in the Arabian Gulf

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November

Ten Dets formed with eight deployed. With two Dets in a workup status, homeguard flew Happy Hunter, TORPEX, and sonar events as well as syllabus hops.

Det 6 Participated in coordinated ASWEX off Okinawa and a TORPEX on the Hawaiian BSURE range

Dets 7,8 Flew extensive ASST missions with BG ALPHA

Dets 7C,8C Flew drug enforcement ops in conjunction with workups onboard USS VALLEY FORGE

Det 9 Inport Singapore following shipboard mishap

Dets 10,12 Took part in CJTFME missions in the Arabian Gulf

Det 13 Performed workups onboard USS VINCENNES during PACEX

December

Ten Dets formed with seven deployed and three returned home during the month. Homeguard supports three Dets in workup status while conducting TORPEX and Happy Hunter ASAC controller training events.

Dets 7B,8B Participated in Phillipine contingency ops with 8B cross decking to USS BUNKER HILL to meet mission requirements

Det 10 Completed 449 combat readiness exercises using the ships onboard trainer

Det 11 Conducted two successful TORPEX events at PMRF HI with USS RENTZ

Det 12 Conducted U.S./Pakistan PASSEX and controlled army assets during events

d. Command Composition (31 Dec 89)

(1) Officers 61

(2) Enlisted 201



K. P. MULDER