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FF12/VAW-112
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From: Commanding Officer, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron
ONE HUNDRED TWELVE

To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05D2)

Subj: Command History

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12A

Encl: (1) VAW-112 History

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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CHRONOLOGY

1 JUL 1969 - 15 APR 1970

6 AUG 1969

18-19 OCT 1969

9 DEC 1969

15 APR 1970

NORIS

CDR BOWERS RELIEVED BY CDR WINSLET

ADMAT

RECEIVED FIRST PRODUCTION E2B

STAND DOWN

NARRATIVE

On 1 July 1969, VAW-112 launched a four-plane fly-off from USS ENTERPRISE and landed at NAS North Island for a joyous reunion with family and friends. This concluded its association with ENTERPRISE and AIRWING NINE. Operational and administrative control changed to COMCARAEWING ELEVEN based at North Island. VAW-112 was scheduled to enjoy a long turn-around period for transition to the E2B aircraft, and then deploy with AIRWING TWO aboard USS RANGER.

On 6 August 1969, CDR John Candler WINSLETT relieved CDR Henry Harrison BOWERS as Commanding Officer, bringing with him the experience gained as VAW-11, DET ROMEO, Officer-in-Charge, and subsequently as Executive Officer of VAW-111. Flight crew training became the order of the day in the period to follow, accompanied by intensive enlisted technical and leadership training.

On 9 December 1969, VAW-112 became the first squadron to receive a production E2B aircraft and squadron personnel who had completed E2B School began receiving valuable training in preparation for the coming deployment. In January of 1970, this E2B was transferred to Grumman Aerospace for evaluation and the following month VAW-112 transferred its remaining two E2A's to Naval Air Rework Facility for E2B conversion, thus completely depleting its aircraft inventory. With no flight operations, the squadron moved to a maximum ground training posture in anticipation of receiving two E2B's in March.

With the receipt of the two new E2B's, intensive flight crew training was renewed. Then in early April, information was received that VAW-112 was to go into a stand-down condition effective 2400, 15 April 1970. The news struck hard. The years of hard work and training which had been expended transitioning VAW-112 from a detachment into a well-organized, efficient squadron resulted in three successful deployments to SEASIA. The expertise developed would now be transferred to other VAW squadrons remaining. VAW-112 launched its last flight on 15 April 1970.

FLIGHT HOURS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>AVE/PILOT</u>
JUL 1969	17.0	3.4
AUG	30.6	6.2
SEP	71.9	14.4
OCT	1.3	0.3
NOV	63.2	12.6
DEC	70.7	10.9
JAN 1970	96.4	21.4
FEB	27.6	6.6
MAR	100.0	22.2
APR	56.7	12.6

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ADMT
OCT 1969

<u>DEPT</u>	<u>MARK</u>	<u>ADJECTIVE GRADE</u>
EXECUTIVE	92.30	EXCELLENT
GENERAL ADMIN	89.83	EXCELLENT
OPERATIONS	90.75	EXCELLENT
MAINTENANCE	90.05	EXCELLENT
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OVERALL	90.59	EXCELLENT

ANNEX II

AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED

1 JUL 1969

150531
150534
151705
151714

JUL 1969

151705 inducted in PAR

AUG 1969

151714 transferred to VAW-115

DEC 1969

151705 (E2B) completed PAR

JAN 1970

151705 (E2B) transferred to Grumman, Bethpage, New York

FEB 1970

150531 transferred to RVAW-110
150534 inducted into PAR

MAR 1970

151710 (E2B) gained
151725 (E2B) gained

APR 1970

151710 (E2B) transferred to RVAW-110
151725 (E2B) transferred to VAW-114

PERSONNEL ON BOARD

31 December 1969

OFFICERS - 21

ENLISTED - 110

FLIGHT CREW - 24

15 April 1970

OFFICERS - 19

ENLISTED - 122

FLIGHT CREW - 22

COMMANDING OFFICERS

1 JUL 1969 - 5 AUG 1969

CDR H. H. BOWERS

6 AUG 1969 - 15 APR 1970

CDR J. C. WINSLETT

COMMAND LOCATION

1 JUL 1969 - 15 APR 1970

NAS NORTH ISLAND

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BEEF MASTER

BELL EXPRESS

Flight Support for E2B
Program Evaluation (FCPCP)

LINK 11 ATDS-NTDS ~~over-the-horizon~~
Talos firing with USS CHICAGO

OPERATIONS

DATES

18-24 AUG 1969

15-21 SEP 1969

DEC 1969 - APR 1970

10 APR 1970

HOURS

9.5

10.4

101.2

9.9

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ANNEX VI