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From: Commanding Officer, Carrier Airborne Early Warning
Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWELVE

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

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Encl: (1) VAW-112 Command History for Calendar Year 1975

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

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Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron
ONE HUNDRED TWELVE (VAW-112)

Command History for Calendar Year 1975 (OPNAV Report 5750.1)

Part I - Basic History

1. Command Organization

a. Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWELVE Commanding Officers' during 1975 were:

CDR R. L. HARSHBERGER (1 JAN - 12 MAY 75)

CDR R. W. THOMAS (12 MAY - 31 DEC 75)

b. No changes in missions, functions, or composition of the command occurred during 1975.

c. On 23 July 1975 the command changed it's homeport from Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego, California to Naval Air Station, Miramar, San Diego, California. Administrative control remained with Commander, Fighter Airborne Early Warning Wing, U. S. Pacific Fleet located at Naval Air Station, Miramar.

2. Summary of Operations. A brief chronological list of events for calendar year 1975 follows:

a. 1975 Chronology

JANUARY

1-31 Conducted normal training operations from NAS North Island

29-30 NORAD Exercise FALLING BRAVE 75-3

FEBRUARY

5 Transferred E-2B BUNO 150539 to NARF North Island

17 Informal command inspection by RVAW-110

20 Transferred E-2B BUNO 150537 to NARF North Island

MARCH

16 Received E-2B BUNO 152435 from VAW-122

20 Transferred E-2B BUNO 152485 to NARF North Island

27 Received E-2B BUNO 152482 from VAW-122

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APRIL

- 17 Received E-2B BUNO 151715 from VAW-122
- 18 Transferred E-2B BUNO 152482 to NARF North Island
- 22 Received E-2B BUNO 151709 from RVAW-110 via NARF North Island
- 23 Received E-2B BUNO 151722 from VAW-122
- 23-24 Command inspection by COMCVW TWO

MAY

- 9 Received E-2B BUNO 150535 from RVAW-110 via NARF North Island, the first squadron aircraft equipped with the new Hamilton Standard Propellers (AFC-184)
- 12 VAW-112 Change of Command, CDR R. L. HARSHBERGER was relieved by CDR R. W. THOMAS
- 14 E-2B BUNO 151709 began retrofit for new Hamilton Standard Propellers

JUNE

- 13 Received E-2B BUNO 150532 from NARF North Island
- 17 E-2B BUNO 151709 completed retrofit to new propellers
- 26 Transferred E-2B BUNO 151715 to VAW-116
- 23-27 Embarked aboard USS RANGER (CV-61) for REFTRA and READIEX 2-75
- 27 Flew in support of Mobile Sea Range portion of FLEETEX 2-75

JULY

- 19-25 Deployed to NAS Fallon, Nevada for COMCVW TWO Weapons Deployment
- 23 VAW-112 Beach Detachment at NAS North Island commenced move of squadron to NAS Miramar
- 25 Returned from NAS Fallon, landing at NAS Miramar to complete change of homeport to NAS Miramar

AUGUST

- 1 Received E-2B BUNO 151716 from NARF North Island

- 11-27 Embarked aboard USS RANGER (CV-61)
- 26-27 ENDUREX (27 hours)
- 27 Received COMCVW TWO Golden Tailhook Award for period 12-26 August

SEPTEMBER

- 22-30 Embarked aboard USS RANGER (CV-61)

OCTOBER

- 1-16 Embarked aboard USS RANGER (CV-61)
- 2-5 Inport NAS North Island
- 6-15 ORE
- 13-15 ENDUREX (54 hours)
- 16 Received COMCVW TWO Golden Tailhook Award for period 23 September - 15 October

NOVEMBER

- 18-25 Carrier Qualifications

DECEMBER

- 15-16 Flew EW Jamming Training Flights in conjunction with Fleet Electronics Warfare Support Group

b. Command History Basic Narrative. The first three months of CY 75 were characterized by a slow tempo of operations and training due to a lack of aircraft assets. However, in late April the assignment of cruise assets commenced and aircrew training was vigorously pursued. At the same time a MRE/Command Inspection was conducted by COMCVW TWO with the squadron receiving an overall grade of 94.21. During May, maximum emphasis was placed on system flights and FCLP's to prepare squadron pilots for CQ in June. June brought REFTRA for squadron personnel aboard USS RANGER, CQ for squadron pilots and continued emphasis in system flights. Refresher Training resulted in 80 percent of squadron personnel becoming 100 percent qualified in Damage Control PQS. Special exercises conducted during June included several flights in support of the Mobile Sea Range portion of FLEETEX 2-75 and EW Jamming Flights with the Fleet Electronic Warfare Support Group.

July saw a deployment of the squadron to NAS Fallon for the COMCVW TWO Weapons Deployment and at the same time a relocation of the squadron's homeport from NAS North Island to NAS Miramar.

Special exercises conducted in July consisted of Data Link Interface Training with MTDS and flights in support of CNO Project O/S 197 (Radar Video Processor).

12-25 August brought VAW-112's first operational at-sea period since last deployment. During this work up period, VAW-112 flew 171.9 hours in support of USS RANGER/CVW-2 operations. Several days of CQ were followed by extensive SSSC, AAWEX, AIC and War-at-Sea operations. A 27 hour long ENDUREX culminated the at-sea period. The squadron won the CVW-2 Golden Tailhook Award for scoring the highest carrier landing proficiency in the airwing for the at-sea period.

23 September brought another at-sea period, including the ORE. Extensive SSSC, AAWEX, AIC and War-at-Sea operations were culminated by a 54 hour ENDUREX. The squadron accumulated 238.7 hours during this at-sea period.

Based upon VAW-112's high personnel reenlistment rate, COMCVW TWO submitted VAW-112 as airwing nominee for the COMNAVAIRPAC Golden Anchor Award for the competitive cycle ending 31 December 1975. Year end also marked the completion of 1739.9 accident free flight hours accumulated during 1975.