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Appendix III of Annex A)

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

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

Subj: Submission of Command History

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12B

Encl: (1) VAW-112 Command History for Calendar Year 1977

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 1977 (OPNAV Report 5750.1)

Part I - Basic History

1. Command Organization

a. Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWELVE
Commanding Officers' during 1977 were:

CDR W. R. SOLMS (1 JAN - 7 SEP 77)

CDR A. J. ROCHELLS (7 SEP - PRESENT)

b. No changes in missions, functions, composition or homeport occurred
during 1977.

2. Summary of Operations. A brief chronological list of events for Calendar
Year 1977 follows:

a. 1977 Chronology

JANUARY

10 Safety standdown

24-28 NATOPS Unit Evaluation

31 Deployed two E-2B's to NALF San Clemente in support of
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FEBRUARY

1-4 READIEX 3-77

9-28 CNO Project 251 TOMAHAWK

10 CNO Annual Safety Award presented to Command

14-17 THIRD Marine Air Wing Aviation Weapon and Tactics Course

24 CINTEX Participation

MARCH

1-19 CNO Project 251 TOMAHAWK

9 NORAD Exercise FALLING BRAVE

12-24 CNO Project LHA-1 VARSITY EAGLE

14 FLTCORGRU ONE Airborne Deception Project

31 Deployed one E-2B to NAS Whidbey Island in support of Air Wing
TWO Mining Exercise

Enclosure (1)

APRIL

- 1 CVW-2 Mining Exercise
- 12-28 Conducted intensive FCLP's in preparation for Fleet Carrier Qualifications aboard USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65)

MAY

- 3,4 CQ Deck aboard USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65)
- 16-27 Participated in an integrated weapon systems review
- 20,21 Deployed one E-2B to Peterson AFB in support of combined Armed Forces Day open house
- 23,24 Provided Link-11 services for USS TARAWA (LHA 1)

JUNE

- 11-26 Deployed three E-2B's to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for the CVW-8 weapons training exercise

JULY

- 1 Four year anniversary of accident free operations
- 12-27 Conducted intensive FCLP's in preparation for Fleet Carrier Qualifications aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)
- 26-28 Command Inspection

AUGUST

- 3 Squadron moved aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) in preparation for a Mediterranean deployment
- 8-12 Conducted CQ aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)
- 15-30 At sea Vacapes and Cuba operating areas for refresher training
- 31 Inport Norfolk

SEPTEMBER

- 1-9 Squadron and one E-2B returned to NAS Miramar.
- 7 At VAW-112 Change of Command, CDR A.J. ROCHELLS relieved CDR W.R. SOLMS
- 9 Squadron and one E-2B returned to USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) for TYT/ORE training

12-22 At sea Vacapes operating area for type training ONE

23-26 Inport Norfolk

27-30 At sea Jax Op area for type training TWO

OCTOBER

1-7 At sea Jax Op area for type training TWO

8-10 Inport Ft Lauderdale, Florida

11-17 At sea Puerto Rico operating area for type training THREE

15-17 MISSELEX

18,19 Inport St Thomas, Virgin Islands

20-23 Enroute Jax operating area

20 Alert E-2B launched and controlled F-14 escorts against two Soviet TU-95 Bear aircraft

24-26 At sea Jacksonville operating area for Operational Readiness Evaluation

27-29 Enroute Norfolk

30-31 Inport Norfolk

31 Squadron temporarily located NAS Miramar

NOVEMBER

1-19 Squadron located NAS Miramar

9,10 Pre-deployment Corrosion Control Inspection

14-16 Annual Unit NATOPS Evaluation

19,20 Squadron returned to Norfolk

21-23 At sea Vacapes operating area for Carrier Refresher Qualifications

24-31 Inport Norfolk

DECEMBER

1 Departed Norfolk for the Mediterranean embarked in USS NIMITZ

2-10 MIDLANT Flight operations

- 11-13 Inport Rota, Spain
- 14-22 At sea Western Mediterranean
- 16-18 PHIBLEX
- 19-20 46 Hour FLEX Deck flight operations
- 23-31 Inport Naples, Italy

b. Command History Basic Narrative. Refer to Annex A to this enclosure for detailed narrative discussions of squadron operations. VAW-112 recorded 2186.3 accident free flying hours during Calendar Year 1977.

c. Summary of yearly data taken from the Monthly Operating Reports of VAW-112 for the period 1 JAN 1977 to 31 DEC 1977.

Average numbers of;	<u>CAT I</u>	<u>CAT II</u>	<u>CAT III</u>
Pilot/NFO's on board	<u>1/3.13</u>	<u>1.41/1.58</u>	<u>8.33/4.83</u>
Flight Technicians on board:	First tour <u>5.33</u>	Second tour <u>1.</u>	
Yearly hour totals	DAY/NIGHT		
Total flight hours scheduled	<u>1662.9/685.7</u>		
Total hours flown	<u>1558.2/626.8</u>		
Total carrier landing (D/N)	<u>270/171</u>		
Aborted flights: On deck <u>20</u>	In flight <u>12</u>		
Mission (system) hours scheduled	<u>1599.2</u>	Mission hours CNX	<u>53.3</u>
Mission hours flown: (FSC) <u>793.0</u>	(Degraded) <u>729.2</u>		
Hours Link 11 scheduled	<u>976.4</u>		
Hours Link 11 flown: (Two-way) <u>641.1</u>	(One-way) <u>50.1</u>		
Hours Link 11 available with no NCS	<u>31.4</u>		
Air control hours: (total) <u>503.9</u>	(Link 4A) <u>188.4</u>		
Air intercepts: (total) <u>1222</u>	(Link 4A) <u>479</u>		

WST Trainer Utilization (hours) JAN through JUL

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>UTILIZED</u>
Pilots	<u>92.7</u>	<u>65.2</u>
NFO's	<u>126.0</u>	<u>98.0</u>
FLT TECHS	<u>16.0</u>	<u>24.0</u>

Phase Training Completed SEP through DEC

	<u>SCHEDULED</u>	<u>FLOWN</u>	<u>FLIGHT TIME</u> <u>AVERAGE YR</u>
Pilots	<u>4530.6</u>	<u>4171.5</u>	<u>460.7</u>
NFO	<u>3202.1</u>	<u>3175.5</u>	<u>325.8</u>
FT	<u>1800.7</u>	<u>1720.6</u>	<u>238.6</u>

Ground Training CY 77

Officers	<u>4,110.7 HRS</u>
Enlisted	<u>16,299.6 HRS</u>