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Commanding Officer, VAW 112

Director of Naval History (OP-09BH) To:

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1991 (U)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

Encl: (1) Report on Command History for Calendar Year 1991

1. (U) Enclosure (1) is submitted per reference (a) for the calendar year 1991.

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Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 112 Command History for Calendar Year 1991

- 1. (U) Command Organization
- a. (U) Primary mission of the Grumman E-2C Hawkeye is to provide all weather, day and night, carrier based airborne early warning and command and control to fleet units.
 - (1) (U) Secondary missions are:
 Air Intercept Control
 Search and Rescue Coordination
 Strike Control
 Surface Surveillance
 Communications Support/Relay
- b. (U) Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 112 Commanding Officer during 1991 was:

CDR C. V. Voss, (1320,006873-60) (01 Jan 91 to 18 Apr 91) CDR D. B. Summerall, (1310, 006912-30)

(18 Apr 91 to 31 Dec 91)

c. (U) Immediate seniors in command are:

Administrative: Commander Fighter Airborne Early Warning Wing, U. S. Pacific Fleet

Operational: Commander, Carrier Air Wing Nine

- d. (U) Homeport: NAS Miramar, San Diego, CA.
- e. (U) Summary of aircraft onboard.

1 January 1991 Transfers/Receipts
163538 163850 transferred 3rd quarter
163850

31 December 1991

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2. (C) Summary of Operations

a. (C) 1991 Chronology.

January

- 1- 8 Based Ashore NAS Miramar
- 9-23 Embarked aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)
- 9-23 READIEX 91-1B Various tactical scenarios rehearsed with full battle group and airwing
- 24-31 Based Ashore NAS Miramar

February

- 1-28 Based Ashore NAS Miramar
- 1-28 POM Period

March

- 1-31 Embarked aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) for 1991 WESTPAC
 - 13 Crossed International Date Line
 - 13 Safety Stand Down
 - 21 First Soviet Bear D/F Pair Intercept in Philippine Sea
 - 23 Soviet Bear D/F Intercept, Bashi Channel/East China Sea
- 24-29 Port Visit, Subic Bay, Philippines
- 29-31 Transit South China Sea

April

- 1-30 Embarked aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)
- 1- 4 South China Sea Transit
- 4- 9 Port Visit, Singapore
- 9-17 Indian Ocean/North Arabian Sea Transit
 - 17 Night Transit of Straits of Hormuz
 - 18 Change of Command, CDR Summerall relieves CDR Voss
 - 18 USS NIMITZ relieves USS RANGER in Arabian Gulf
- 18-30 ATO Tasking in Arabian Gulf; CVW 9 maintains six-hour alert strike package; VAW 112 maintains AEW barrier in North Arabian Gulf (NAG)

May

- 1-31 Embarked aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)
- 1-31 ATO Tasking in Arabian Gulf
- 7-11 Port Visit, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
 - 21 USS LA SALLE Incident
- 25-29 Port Visit, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

June

- 1-30 Embarked aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)
- 1- 3 ATO Tasking in Arabian Gulf

- 4-6 Beacon Flash Exercise with Oman in North Arabian Sea
- 7-30 ATO Tasking in Arabian Gulf
 - 9 PASSEX with Royal Saudi Navy
 - 14 Safety Stand Down

July

- 1-31 Embarked aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)
- 1-12 ATO Tasking in Arabian Gulf
- 2- 6 Port Visit, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
 - 13 USS NIMITZ relieved by USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN in Arabian Gulf
- 13-21 North Arabian Sea/Indian Ocean Transit
- 22-23 U.S. Thailand Joint Naval/Air Force Exercises
- 24-28 Port Visit, Pattaya Beach, Republic of Thailand
- 29-30 U.S. Thailand Joint Naval/Air Force Exercises
 - 31 Reconnaissance Flight by Soviet Bear D/F Pair

August

- 1-24 Embarked aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)
- 2- 6 Port Visit, Hong Kong
- 7-16 Pacific Ocean Transit
 - 13 Safety Stand Down
 - 17 Port Visit, Hawaii
- 18-24 Transit, Pacific Ocean
- 18-24 Tiger Cruise
 - 22 CVW 9 Fly-Off
- 25-31 Based Ashore NAS Miramar

September

1-30 Based Ashore NAS Miramar

October

- 1-31 Based Ashore NAS Miramar
 - 5 End of Cruise Awards Ceremony
- 8-19 Fleet Week: Small Detachment Embarked aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)
- 10-11 CO aboard USS NIMITZ
- 17-18 CQ aboard USS NIMITZ
- 21-31 NNBIS Alert

November

- 1-30 Based Ashore NAS Miramar
 - 5 Safety Stand Down
- 12-15 Edwards AFB Detachment
- 13-14 ADMAT Inspection
- 19-21 Roving Sands Planning Conference, Fort Bliss, Texas

December

- 1-2 Based Ashore NAS Miramar
- 3-31 Deployed to Howard AFB, Panama, JTF-4 Counter Narcotics Operations

3. (C) Narrative of Events.

a. (C) VAW 112 began 1991 with uncertain anticipation while in the final stages of workups for the 1991 WESTPAC due to the January 15 deadline demanded by United States for Saddam Hussein to pull his Iraqi forces out of Kuwait. VAW 112 embarked aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) on 9 January for READIEX 91-1B rehearsing various tactical scenarios with Airwing NINE and Battle Group Bravo.

On 16 January the first U.S. airstrike began on Baghdad and Operation Desert Shield had become Operation Desert Storm. VAW 112 with Battle Group Bravo anticipated a deployment order to the Arabian Gulf. During the deployment, VAW 112 demonstrate the enhanced capabilities of the E-2C Plus Hawkeye in the Arabian Gulf.