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ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN
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(2) Black Eagle Summary of Operations for Calendar Year 1980
Narrative Format
(3) History of CARAEWRON 113
(4) Commanding Officer History - CDR D. H. Olsen
(5) Commanding Officer History - CDR A. J. Schroeder
(6) General Squadron Statistics

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted.

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BLACK EAGLE SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS
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JANUARY:

01-07 Inport, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines
08-14 Operations, South China Sea
15-17 Operations, Gulf of Thailand
18-20 Port Visit, Pattaya Beach, Thailand
21-24 Operation Merlion VII, South China Sea
25-28 Port Visit, Singapore
29-30 Operations, South China Sea
31 Transit, Straits of Malacca

FEBRUARY:

01-07 Enroute Gulf of Oman
04 Aircraft Exchange with VAW-115, USS MIDWAY (CV-41)
08-29 Operations on Gonzo Station - Gulf of Oman/Arabian Sea

MARCH:

01-31 Operations on Gonzo Station - Gulf of Oman/Arabian Sea
14-16 Exercise - Gonzo 1-81

APRIL:

01-28 Operations on Gonzo Station - Gulf of Oman/Arabian Sea
09-11 Exercise - Gonzo 2-81
30 Pasex with USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64)

MAY:

01-08 Enroute Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines
09-21 Inport, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines
22 Enroute Okinawa
23-31 Operations on Station - Korean Modloc

JUNE:

01-10 Great Circle Transit to NAS Alameda, CA
10 CVW-14 Fly-off USS CORAL SEA (CV-43)
11 Inport, NAS Alameda, CA
12-16 Squadron Stand-down, NAS Miramar, CA
17-30 Turn-Around Training, NAS Miramar, CA
26 Transfer BUNO 152482 to NARF, NAS North Island, CA

JULY:

01-31 Turn-Around Training, NAS Miramar, CA
03 Black Eagle Change of Command, NAS Miramar, CA
16-18 Readix 34-80, Orange Forces

AUGUST:

01-31 Turn-Around Training, NAS Miramar, CA
05-07 CNO Project - Tomahawk
21 Topgun - FADEX

(ENCLOSURE 1)

26-27 Norad Exercise - Amalgam Chief

SEPTEMBER:

01-30 Turn-Around Training, NAS Miramar, CA
08 Linkex with USS RANGER (CV-61)
17 Alpha Strike, NAS Lemoore, CA

OCTOBER:

01-31 Turn-Around Training, NAS Miramar, CA
03-05 Airshow, NAS Miramar, CA
14 Transitex to SOCAL
16 Air Operations, USS CORAL SEA
28-30 Air Operations and Carrier Qualifications, USS CORAL SEA, SOCAL

NOVEMBER:

01-30 Turn-Around Training, NAS Miramar, CA
09-20 Field Carrier Landing Practice and CQ, USS CORAL SEA, SOCAL
11-14 Exercise Hey Rube 1-81
24 Carrier Qualifications, USS CORAL SEA, SOCAL

DECEMBER:

01-31 Turn-Around Training, NAS Miramar, CA
03-04 SOCAL Operations, USS CORAL SEA
29-31 Field Carrier Landing Practice

1980 SQUADRON STATISTICS:

Total Hours Flown: 1542.4 Hours

Total Carrier Landings: 555 Traps

**HISTORY OF
CARRIER AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SQUADRON
ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN**

Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN (VAW-113) had its early beginning at the end of World War II as a research project to explore the feasibility of the airborne early warning concept. In 1948, the Navy formed the first Airborne Early Warning Squadron, VAW-11, homeported at NAS North Island. VAW-11 continued to work in developing the AEW concept and in 1950 deployed detachments which provided both ASW (Anti-Submarine Warfare) and AEW (Airborne Early Warning) protection throughout the Korean Conflict. The mission of the squadron was clearly defined to provide all-weather early warning services to the fleet and shore warning nets.

On April 20, 1967, VAW-11 was divided into seven individual squadrons. Nine days later, on April 29, 1967, VAW-113 deployed to the Western Pacific flying E-2A aircraft aboard the USS CONSTELLATION as a member of Attack Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN.

The Black Eagles of VAW-113 have made eight deployments to the Western Pacific aboard the USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64), USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65), and USS CORAL SEA (CV-43). The squadron has been awarded two Battle Efficiency "E's", the CNO Aviation Safety Award, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Navy Unit Commendation, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, and the Navy Expeditionary Medal. World Famous Black Eagle crews participated in Vietnamese Operations every year since 1967, climaxing in May of 1975 with "Operation Frequent Wind," the evacuation of American Forces from South Vietnam.

(ENCLOSURE 3)

During the 1975 deployment aboard the USS ENTERPRISE, VAW-113 became the Navy's first E-2B squadron to operate with the F-14A "Tomcats." As such, the squadron was instrumental in developing tactics which best utilize the "Hawkeye" with the expanded capabilities of the Navy's newest fighter.

In July 1975, VAW-113 changed homeports from NAS North Island to NAS Miramar. One year later VAW-113 became the recipient of the First Annual CNO AEW Excellence Award, in September of 1976. This distinction designated the Black Eagles as the best AEW squadron in the U. S. Navy.

In 1978, the Black Eagles completed their final deployment aboard the USS ENTERPRISE. Following their turn-around cycle, VAW-113 and a new CVW-14 embarked on the USS CORAL SEA with Marine Fighter Squadrons aboard. The Black Eagles' 79/80 WESTPAC cruise was highlighted by the Iranian Crisis, in which the USS CORAL SEA and CVW-14 remained at sea for 102 continuous days of Indian Ocean Contingency Operations. At the completion of their deployment in June of 1980, the Black Eagles returned to NAS Miramar.

After an extremely successful turn-around training cycle, highlighted by an outstanding performance during the Operational Readiness Evaluation and participation in Fleetex 1-81, the Black Eagles, aboard the USS CORAL SEA, deployed on 20 August 1981, marking their ninth such deployment to the Western Pacific.