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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

MISSION: The Black Eagles are tasked with providing carrier based Airborne Early Warning as well as Command and Control for the Carrier Battle Group.

ISIC: Carrier Air Wing 14

Commanding Officer: CDR Richard C. Herriott

Homeport: NAS Miramar

Type and Number of Aircraft: (5) E-2C+ (GRP II) Hawkeye Aircraft

Tail Code: NK

Bureau Numbers: 164352, 164353, 164354, 164355, 164483

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1992
ABBREVIATED FORMAT

JANUARY

01-02 SQUADRON LEAVE PERIOD
03-19 GROUP II TRAINING/NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS
20-24 CQ/GROUP II TRAINING AT PT MUGU
25-31 GROUP II TRAINING/NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

FEBRUARY

01-29 GROUP II TRAINING/NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

MARCH

01-23 GROUP II TRAINING/NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS
24-26 CQ
27 CHANGE OF COMMAND
28-31 GROUP II TRAINING/NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

APRIL

1-30 GROUP II TRAINING/NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

MAY

01-09 GROUP II TRAINING/NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS
10-22 ROVING SANDS - ROSWELL, N.M.
23-31 GROUP II TRAINING/NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

JUNE

01-09 GROUP II TRAINING/NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS
10 GROUP II ROLLOUT CEREMONY
11-16 NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS
17-24 RIMPAC - SOCIAL
25-27 CQ/RIMPAC - SOCIAL
28-30 RIMPAC - SOCIAL

JULY

01-08 RIMPAC - SOCIAL
09-15 BLUE FLAG/RIMPAC - SOCIAL
16-26 NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS
27-31 JTF-4 OPS HOWARD AFB, PANAMA

AUGUST

01-31 JTF-4 OPS HOWARD AFB, PANAMA

SEPTEMBER

01-22 JTF-4 OPS HOWARD AFB, PANAMA
23-30 NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

OCTOBER

01-12 NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS
13-22 CQ/MAWTS-1, MCAS YUMA, AZ
23-31 MAWTS-1, MCAS YUMA, AZ

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NOVEMBER

01-02

MAWTS-1, MCAS YUMA, AZ

03-08

NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

09-23

PURPLE SAGE

24

NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

25-29

SQUADRON LEAVE PERIOD

30

NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

DECEMBER

01-06

NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

07-17

CQ

18-23

NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

24-27

SQUADRON LEAVE PERIOD

28-31

NAS MIRAMAR - LOCAL OPS

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1992
NARRATIVE FORMAT

In January of 1992, the Black Eagles of VAW-113 made VAW history by becoming the first fleet squadron to begin the transition to the new E-2C Group II aircraft. Squadron aircrew were sent to Bethpage, New York for Group II factory training. The first training flights began in January in FRS Group II aircraft. The first Black Eagle Group II aircraft was received in March. Nine pilots and thirteen NFO's were NATOPS qualified in the Group II by the June 10th Group II Rollout Ceremony. The transition was completed with mostly in-house training and minimal FRS assistance.

By June, VAW-113 had five E-2C Group II aircraft, however, during the first half of the year they maintained Group 0, Group I and Group II aircraft at the same time for the transition. At one point the squadron had nine aircraft of the three different configurations while manned to support only four.

The Black Eagles remained in the forefront of Airborne Early Warning tactics through the transition period with support of CNO and CAEWWS special projects. Additionally, two of our senior Mission Commanders assisted in planning for and executing a highly successful multi-service overland exercise, "Roving Sands '92".

"Roving Sands '92" was a highlight for the Black Eagles in 1992, as it was the first operational test of the Group II aircraft. The squadron sent aircrew and a mixture of Group 0 and Group II aircraft to Roswell, New Mexico in May to coordinate strikes and manage airspace during this two week exercise.

In June and July, the Black Eagles supported "RIMPAC '92", working off of the coast of Southern California for four weeks. VAW-113's contributions were vital, serving as Orange Air AEW and strike control. Also in July, VAW-113 participated in "Blue Flag". This was a command and control/strike planning exercise simulating defense of Japan.

From late July through mid-September, VAW-113 deployed to Howard AFB, Panama in support of JTF-4 Special Operations. This was the first E-2C Group II deployment. Without a doubt, the extended APS-145 radar range of the Group II proved extremely valuable in this operation involving long range detection of targets of interest.

In October and November the Black Eagles provided aircraft and crews in support of MAWTS-1 at MCAS Yuma, the first E-2C squadron to support this USMC training exercise. VAW-113 also flew several "Purple Sage" missions in the Southern California area.

VAW-113 participated in numerous carrier qualification periods in the months of January, March, June, October and December.

The Black Eagles continued to improve upon an already impressive safety record in 1992. Over 25 years and over 50,000 mishap free flight hours highlight our commitment to safety, both ashore and embarked.

Since transitioning to the E-2C Group II, the Black Eagles have spearheaded continual improvements by identifying discrepancies in the new aircraft's weapons system, maintenance publications and by implementing corrective action. These actions will help ensure success of the Operational Evaluation which the squadron will conduct in 1993.

VAW-113 has been called upon repeatedly to provide its expertise in all facets of naval operations. The Black Eagles have continued to lead the community in answering the call to duty and have done so with the highest levels of professionalism, perseverance, enthusiasm and esprit de corps. Our reputation continues to grow as we set new standards of performance over water, overland and around the carrier.

HOURS AND TRAPS FOR 1992, 1 JAN TO 31 DEC

HOURS FLOWN	2027.5
NIGHT HOURS	575.7
EMBARKED HOURS	67.4
CARRIER LANDINGS	105

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