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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

MISSION: The Black Eagles are tasked with providing carrier based Airborne Early Warning, Battle Management and Command and Control for the Carl Vinson (CVN-70) Battle Group.

ISIC: Carrier Air Wing 14

Commanding Officer: CDR Myles E. Roeling

Homeport: NAS Miramar

Type and Number of Aircraft: (4) E-2C Group II Hawkeye Aircraft

Tail Code: NK

Bureau Numbers: 164353, 164486, 164355, 164487

Encl (1)

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1994 ABBREVIATED FORMAT

JANUARY 01-09 10-15 16-31	SECOND HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD - NAS MIRAMAR CARRIER QUALIFICATION - USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) POM LEAVE PERIOD - NAS MIRAMAR
FEBRUARY 01-14 14-29 (21)	POM LEAVE PERIOD - NAS MIRAMAR WESTPAC DEPLOYMENT - USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) AIRCRAFT FLY ON - NAS MIRAMAR TO USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70)
MARCH 01-31	WESTPAC DEPLOYMENT - USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70)
APRIL 01-30 (29)	WESTPAC DEPLOYMENT - USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) VAW-113 SURPASSES 27 YEARS MISHAP FREE
MAY 01-31	WESTPAC DEPLOYMENT - USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70)
JUNE 01-31	WESTPAC DEPLOYMENT - USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70)
JULY 01-31	WESTPAC DEPLOYMENT - USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70)
AUGUST 01-15 14	WESTPAC DEPLOYMENT - USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) AIRCRAFT FLY OFF - USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70) TO NAS MIRAMAR
SEPTEMBER 01-30 (16)	LOCAL OPS - NAS MIRAMAR CHANGE OF COMMAND, CDR M.E. ROELING RELIEVES CDR T.C. TRUDELL - NAS MIRAMAR
OCTOBER 01-31	LOCAL OPS - NAS MIRAMAR
NOVEMBER 01-30	LOCAL OPS - NAS MIRAMAR
DECEMBER 01-16 16-27 27-31	LOCAL OPS - NAS MIRAMAR FIRST HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD - NAS MIRAMAR SECOND HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD - NAS MIRAMAR

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1994 NARRATIVE FORM

The "World Famous Black Eagles" of VAW-113 began 1994 preparing for a six month Western Pacific deployment, and the premiere deployment for the E-2C Group II aircraft. The squadron deployed with COMCRUDESGRU 3 onboard the USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70). In addition, the "Black Eagles" of VAW-113 were tasked with conducting Navy's Operational Evaluation of the Joint Tactical Information Distribution System (JTIDS) Data Link system.

The month of January was spent Preparing for Overseas Movement (POM). In addition, the squadron spent one five day at sea period finishing carrier qualifications (CQ). The USS CARL VINSON pulled out of port for the first day of WESTPAC94 deployment on February 14th. Four "Black Eagle" E-2C Group II aircraft flew onboard the USS CARL VINSON on the 21st of February. In March the Battle Group stopped in Hawaii for their first WESTPAC94 liberty port. After the Battle Group left Hawaii, COMCRUDESGRU 3 "out-chopped" from Third Fleet to Seventh Fleet. The month of March and the first part of April was spent in transit to the Persian Gulf.

The months of April, May, and June found the "Black Eagles" and COMCRUDESGRU-3 in the Arabian Gulf supporting Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. While on station in the Arabian Gulf the "Black Eagles" flew over 170 sorties, logging over 625 flight hours. On April 29 the "Black Eagles" surpassed 27 years and 54,000 mishap free flight hours.

After leaving the Persian Gulf, the USS CARL VINSON and the "Black Eagles" crossed the Equator on the 26th of June. The traditional "Shellback" ceremony rid the "Black Eagles" of slimy "pollywogs". The Battle Group proceeded to the ports of Perth, Australia and Hobart, Tasmania for well deserved liberty. The Battle Group then proceeded to Hawaii and "in-chopped" back to Third Fleet.

The "Black Eagles" flew off of the USS CARL VINSON on the 14th of August. The next day the USS CARL VINSON pulled into San Diego harbor marking the end of the "Black Eagles" 1994 WESTPAC cruise. During WESTPAC94 the "Black Eagles" flew over 1290 hours and accumulated 443 traps while maintaining an unprecedented 100 percent sortie completion rate.

From August to the beginning of September, most of the "Black Eagles" took leave to reacquaint themselves with their family and friends. The squadron had an Awards ceremony upon their return; over 80 personal awards were presented, a tribute to the professionalism of the "Black Eagles."

A new "Black Eagle 1" was designated on the 16th of September, 1994. Cdr Myles "Pete" Roeling relieved Cdr Thomas "Trudy" Trudell as Commanding Officer of VAW-113. Guest speaker for the Change of Command was CAPT Pete Shepard, E-2C Program Director. RADM Clark, Commander Crusier Destroyer Group 3, CAPT Fitzgerald, Commander Carrier Air Wing 14, RADM Box, a former Airwing 14 commander and CAPT Reed, a former Commanding Officer of VAW-113 were some of the distinguished visitors who attended the Change of Command ceremony.

After returning from their deployment the "Black Eagles" were inspected by COMAEWINGPAC during the Post Cruise Material Condition Inspection (MCI). The results were in keeping with the high standards of the "Black Eagles." A grade of OUTSTANDING was awarded in each of the 12 inspection categories.

The accomplishments of the "Black Eagles" of VAW-113 over 1994 were varied and impressive. The pride and professionalism of the "Black Eagles" is second to none and is the major reason for the Command's success. The "Black Eagles" had an outstanding year in 1994 and look forward to an even better year in 1995. HOURS FLOWN: 1857.9 NIGHT HOURS: 837.4 EMBARKED HOURS: 1292.7 CARRIER LANDINGS: 487