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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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From: Commanding Officer, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 115 To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05D2)

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV 5750.1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

Encl: (1) VAW-115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser CO1 07FEB85
(2) VAW-115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser CO4 04MAR85
(3) VAW-115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser CO8 05APR85
(4) VAW-115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser CO11 06MAY85
(5) VAW-115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser CO16 01JUN85
(6) VAW-115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser C017 01JUL85
(7) VAW-115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser C023 02AUG85
(8) VAW-115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser C031 07SEP85
(9) VAW-115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser C033 02OCT85
(10) VAW-115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser C032 10NOV85
(11) VAW-115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser C038 14DEC85
(12) VAW-115 Monthly Operating/Training Report Ser C034 10JAN86

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosures (1) through (12) are forwarded and the following report is submitted.

2. Narrative: Operating in the South China Sea, Yellow Sea, and Sea of Japan during the early part of the year with E-2B's, VAW-115 participated in exercise Team Spirit 85. At the end of March the last operational E-2B in the Navy was transferred from the squadron while training and transition to the E-2C went into full swing. By 15 May the Liberty Bells were fully operational flying E-2C's with the APS-125 radar and ALR-73 Passive Detection System. June began an Indian Ocean cruise which provided an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the overland capabilities of our new aircraft by participating in exercises Mini-Beacon Flash and Inferno Creek. Following an at-sea turnover with Kitty Hawk in September, the Liberty Bells enjoyed a port visit to Perth, Western Australia and, on the way home to Japan, participated in Annualex-60G. Another mini-deployment in Nov-Dec included a Hong Kong port visit and return to Japan in time for Christmas.

3. Special Topics:

a. Commander Ronald B. Weber relieved Commander Donald D. Herzberg as Commanding Officer on 4 August 1985.

b. On 10 August 1985, CDR F.S. Achille assumed his duties as Executive Officer.

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c. Aircraft 603 (BUNO 161094) was lost at sea following a bolter aboard CV-41 in the North Arabian Sea on 17 August 1985. Two crewmen were lost.

d. On 31 December 1985, a formal sister squadron relationship with the 601st AEW Squadron JASDF was signed, thus beginning a new era of cooperation between the USN and the JASDF.

4. For statistical and other detailed data see enclosures (1) - (12).

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