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COMMAND HISTORY
1978

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A. COMMAND ORGANIZATION. There were no changes to the basic command organization or mission during calendar year 1978. The E-2B aircraft continued as the unit's weapons system; Commander J. C. French, Jr., continued as Commanding Officer through the entire year; Commander R. L. E. Prath continued as the Executive Officer through the entire year.

B. CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

JANUARY

- 01 VAW-117, based ashore at NAS Miramar is assigned to Commander, Fighter Airborne Early Warning Wing, Pacific for operational and administrative control.
- 07 TOMAHAWK Cruise Missile Test Project.
- 27 READIEX 2-78 commenced.

FEBRUARY

- 01 READIEX 2-78 completed.
- 27 Carrier Air Wing TWO (CVW-2) MINEX in the COMOX, British Columbia area just north of Vancouver.

MARCH

- 01 CVW-2 MINEX completed. VAW-117 assigned to Commander Carrier Air Wing TWO (CVW-2) for operational control.
- 12 Squadron deployed to NAS Fallon for air operations.
- 24 Squadron returned to NAS Miramar.

APRIL

Nothing operationally significant.

MAY

- 01 Tactical Distant Early Warning (TACDEW) Exercise commenced.
- 065 TACDEW Exercise completed.
- 15 Detachment to USS Ranger (CV-61).
- 31 Ranger Detachment returned to NAS Miramar.

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JUNE

01 Refresher Training (REFTRA) aboard USS Ranger.

08 REFTRA completed.

JULY

10 Over the Horizon (O-T-H) targeting for TOMAHAWK cruise missile project.

25 Completed O-T-H Targeting Project.

AUGUST

20 Squadron deployed to NAS Fallon with CVW-2.

24 Squadron returned to NAS Miramar.

SEPTEMBER

26 Squadron embarked aboard USS Ranger.

OCTOBER

06 Squadron returned to NAS Miramar.

16 Squadron was embarked aboard USS Ranger for Pre-Cruise Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) evaluation.

NOVEMBER

09 Squadron returned to NAS Miramar.

12 Integrated Weapons Systems Review (IWSR) commenced.

28 Squadron deployed aboard USS Ranger for Project Varsity Lance.

DECEMBER

05 FLEETEX 1-79 commenced.

15 FLEETEX 1-79 completed.

16 Squadron returned to NAS Miramar.

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C. SPECIAL TOPICS

1. OFFICER COMPLEMENT FOR 1978

CDR J. C. FRENCH, JR.	USN	
CDR R. L. E. PRATH	USN	REPORTED ABOARD 7 JAN
LCDR [REDACTED]	USN	DETACHED 30 JUN
LCDR [REDACTED]	USN	
LCDR [REDACTED]	USN	
LCDR [REDACTED]	USN	DETACHED 29 JUN
LCDR [REDACTED]	USN	REPORTED ABOARD 7 APR
LCDR [REDACTED]	USN	DETACHED 19 DEC
LT [REDACTED]	USN	REPORTED ABOARD 1 JAN
LT [REDACTED]	USN	
LT [REDACTED]	USN	REPORTED ABOARD 14 APR
LT [REDACTED]	USN	
LT [REDACTED]	USN	DETACHED 17 JUL
LT [REDACTED]	USNR	
LT [REDACTED]	USN	DETACHED 1 AUG
LT [REDACTED]	USNR	REPORTED ABOARD 21 DEC
LT [REDACTED]	USN	REPORTED ABOARD 7 APR
LTJG [REDACTED]	USN	
LTJG [REDACTED]	USNR	
LTJG [REDACTED]	USN	REPORTED ABOARD 23 FEB
LTJG [REDACTED]	USNR	REPORTED ABOARD 30 JUN
LTJG [REDACTED]	USN	REPORTED ABOARD 23 AUG
LTJG [REDACTED]	USNR	REPORTED ABOARD 1 MAR
LTJG [REDACTED]	USNR	
LTJG [REDACTED]	USNR	REPORTED ABOARD 30 JUN
ENS [REDACTED]	USN	
ENS [REDACTED]	USNR	REPORTED ABOARD 28 APR

2. AIRCREW CREW DESIGNATIONS FOR 1978

<u>AIRCREW</u>	<u>*DESIGNATION</u>	<u>DATE OF DESIGNATION</u>
LT [REDACTED]	NI	27 JAN
LT [REDACTED]	CA2P	31 JAN
PC [REDACTED]	PC	12 JUN
LT [REDACTED]	PC	13 FEB
	PMCFP	21 APR
	CAPC	28 APR

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AIRCREW

LT [REDACTED]

LTJG [REDACTED]
ENS [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]

LTJG [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]

*DESIGNATION

DATE OF DESIGNATION

PC 13 FEB
CAPC 28 APR
PMCFP 15 MAY
CA3P 22 FEB
CA3P 06 MAR
CA2P 03 APR
PC 12 JUL
PMCPP 21 OCT
CAPC 25 OCT
CA2P 07 APR
CAPC 08 JUN
CA3P/CA2P 28 DEC
CA2P 28 DEC

NAVAL FLIGHT OFFICER SUMMARY

LT [REDACTED]
ENS [REDACTED]
LCDR [REDACTED]

LTJG [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]

ENS [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]

LTJG [REDACTED]

LTJG [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]

NI 27 JAN
ACO 03 MAR
CICO 13 APR
MC 14 APR
NI 11 JUL
ACO 13 APR
CICO 20 APR
MC 25 APR
NI 11 JUL
ACO 24 JUL
CICO 25 JUL
MC 04 NOV
CICO 14 AUG
NI 22 NOV
MC 26 DEC
ACO 24 OCT
ACO 04 NOV

ENLISTED AIRCREWMAN SUMMARY

AT1 [REDACTED]
AT1 [REDACTED]

PMCF/AC 08 FEB
PMCF/AC 08 FEB
NI 07 APR

*DESIGNATION KEY

CAPC
CA2P
CA3P
PC
MC
PMCF
CICO
ACO
AC
NI

CARRIER AIRCRAFT PLANE COMMANDER
CARRIER AIRCRAFT SECOND PILOT
CARRIER AIRCRAFT THIRD PILOT
PLANE COMMANDER
MISSION COMMANDER
POST MAINTENANCE CHECK FLIGHT
COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER OFFICER
AIR CONTROL OFFICER
AIRCREWMAN
NATOPS INSTRUCTOR

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3. ENLISTED COMPLEMENT FOR 1978

AME2
AME2
AMH2
AMH3
MS2
AN
AT3
PN1
PR3
AMH3
AMS1
AD1
AE3
AT3
AE1
AEAA
PN1
AD3
AE3
AN
AMEAA
BM1
AT3
AD3
AD3
AA
AT3
AMEAN
ADAN
AT1
AT3
ATCS
AZ2
AD3
AK3
PN2
MSSN
AE2
AE3
ATC
AZAA
PR1
AMH3
AMH1

AMS1
ATAN
AMHC
AN
AMSAA
AT1
AT2
AT2
AT1
AN
AD1
AMEAN
ADAN
ADAN
AN
AMS2
AD2
AT2
AT1
AT2
AMH3
AZAN
AKAA
PNSA
AT3
AK3
AMS2
MSSA
AT3
ATAN
AK2
AMSAA
AN
AE1
AMEAN
AD2
AT1
YN2
ADAA
AZAN
AT2
ADCS
AE2
YN3

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AT1
 PR2
 AD2
 AT1
 AD3
 AMS3
 AD1
 AD2
 AMHAN
 AZAA
 AE1
 SA
 DK2
 AT2
 AMS2
 AMS3
 AD2
 AT3
 AEAN
 AT2
 AZ1
 AMSAN
 AME2
 AMHAN
 AN
 AMSC
 AZAA
 AVCM
 AD1
 AMSAN
 YN1
 ADC
 AMH2
 BM2

AT3
 AE1 P
 AMHAN
 YN3
 AT2
 AMS3
 AMS3
 AN
 AMCS
 ADC
 AMH3
 ATAN
 ATAN
 AMH3
 ASM3
 AN
 AT2
 AT2
 AMS1
 AD3
 ATC
 SA
 AZ2
 DK3
 ATAN
 AT2
 AEAN
 AK1
 HM3
 AMSC
 AE2
 AT3
 AME1
 AMS3

4. SAILOR AND SUPERVISOR OF THE QUARTER AWARDS DURING 1978

1ST Quarter	AMS2 PN3	(SUPERVISOR) (SAILOR)
2ND Quarter	AE1 AK3 AMS3 AE3	(SUPERVISOR) (SAILOR) (SAILOR) (SAILOR)
3RD Quarter	BM1 AMS2	(SUPERVISOR) (SAILOR)
4TH Quarter	AMS1 PN2	(SUPERVISOR) (SAILOR)

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5. AIRCRAFT ONBOARD DURING 1978

E2B BUNO	151710	TRANSFER TO SDLM*	20	JAN
	150539	RECEIPT OF FROM RVAW-110	20	JAN
	151715	TRANSFER TO VAW-78	09	MAY
	152484	TRANSFER TO SDLM	04	JUN
	151713	RECEIPT OF FROM RVAW-110	05	JUN
	151713	TRANSFER TO SDLM		SEP
	151712	RECEIPT FROM SDLM		SEP
	152484	RECEIPT FROM SDLM	27	OCT
	151718	TRANSFER TO SDLM	17	NOV
	152484	RECEIPT OF FROM SDLM	15	DEC
	150532	TRANSFER TO VAW-112	27	DEC

*SDLM-SCHEDULED DEPOT LEVEL MAINTENANCE

6. FLIGHT HOUR STATISTICS FOR 1978

	<u>DAY</u>	<u>NIGHT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
JANUARY	122.7	34.2	156.9
FEBRUARY	88.0	22.4	110.4
MARCH	140.4	34.3	174.7
APRIL	137.5	24.0	161.5
MAY	133.9	21.1	155.0
JUNE	116.3	44.5	160.8
JULY	113.0	99.4	122.4
AUGUST	86.5	24.6	111.1
SEPTEMBER	128.0	59.0	187.0
OCTOBER	135.9	69.6	205.5
NOVEMBER	81.3	55.4	136.7
DECEMBER	<u>151.7</u>	<u>77.3</u>	<u>229.0</u>
TOTALS	1435.2	475.8	1911.0

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