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COMMAND HISTORY
1980

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JAN 81

A. COMMAND ORGANIZATION. On 15 May 1980, Commander J. W. LAW relieved Commander R.L.E. PRATH as Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Commander H. M. HIGHFILL reported on 14 May 1980 as Executive Officer. These were the only changes to the basic command organization. There were no changes to the squadron mission and the E-2B aircraft continued as the unit's weapons system.

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.
- 19 Squadron deployed to NAS Fallon for air operations exercises with CVW-2.
- 26 Squadron returned to NAS Miramar.

FEBRUARY

- 01 Refresher/CQ aboard USS RANGER (CV-61).
- 04 Refresher completed.

MARCH

- 07 CQ aboard USS RANGER (CV-61).
- 10 Refresher Training (REFTRA) aboard USS RANGER (CV-61).
- 30 REFTRA completed.

APRIL

- 09 Air Operations aboard USS RANGER (CV-61).

MAY

- 02 Squadron returned to NAS Miramar.
- 15 CDR J. W. LAW relieved CDR R. L. E. PRATH as Commanding Officer.
- 29 WEAPTRAEX commenced aboard USS RANGER (CV-61).

JUNE

- 12 WEAPTRAEX completed.

JULY

- 09 RDX/ORE commenced aboard USS RANGER (CV-61).

JULY (CON'T)

19 RDX/ORE completed

AUGUST

06 Air Operations aboard USS RANGER (CV-61),

13 Squadron returned to NAS Miramar,

SEPTEMBER

01 VAW-117 assigned to Commander Air Wing TWO for operational control. Embarked USS RANGER (CV-61),

09 Departure for WESTPAC Operations.

10 TRANSITEX 20-80 operations commenced (San Diego to Hawaii),

12 TRANSITEX 20-80 completed,

17 ALTREV Grey Eagle commenced.

21 ALTREV Grey Eagle completed.

22 ALTREV Yonex commenced.

23 ALTREV Yonex completed,

24-26 Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii,

26 TRANSITEX 1-81 commenced (Hawaii to Subic Oparea),

OCTOBER

05 Guam Operations.

13 Exercise Beaver Snare 1-81,

14 TRANSITEX 1-81 completed.

15-27 Inport Subic Bay, Philippines.

28 Squadron aircraft detects previously unknown Soviet Task Force.

NOVEMBER

01 Operation Rawhide commenced.

06 PASSEX USS MIDWAY (CV-41)

10 B-52 MINEX

21 B-52 MINEX

NOVEMBER (CON'T)

30 Operation Rawhide completed.

DECEMBER

08 B-52 MINEX

19 B-52 MINEX

27- Inport Mombasa, Kenya

C. Special Topics

1. OFFICER COMPLEMENT FOR 1980.

CDR R, L, E. PRATH	USN	TRANSFERRED 15MAY80
CDR J. W. LAW	USN	
LCDR H, M. HIGHFILL	USN	REPORTED ONBOARD 14MAY80
LCDR [REDACTED]	USN	
LCDR [REDACTED]	USN	TRANSFERRED 22DEC80
LCDR [REDACTED]	USN	TRANSFERRED 29AUG80
LCDR [REDACTED]	USN	REPORTED ONBOARD 30DEC80
LCDR [REDACTED]	USN	TRANSFERRED 01DEC80
LCDR [REDACTED]	USN	REPORTED ONBOARD 12JUN80
LT [REDACTED]	USN	TRANSFERRED 07JUL80
LT [REDACTED]	USNR	REPORTED ONBOARD 05NOV80
LT [REDACTED]	USNR	
LT [REDACTED]	USN	
LT [REDACTED]	USN	TRANSFERRED 18AUG80
LT [REDACTED]	USNR	TRANSFERRED 07MAR80
LT [REDACTED]	USN	TRANSFERRED 19AUG80
LT [REDACTED]	USN	TRANSFERRED 25NOV80
LT [REDACTED]	USN	TRANSFERRED 04FEB80
LT [REDACTED]	USN	
LT [REDACTED]	USN	
LT [REDACTED]	USN	
LT [REDACTED]	USNR	
LT [REDACTED]	USN	
LT [REDACTED]	USN	
LTJG [REDACTED]	USNR	TRANSFERRED 15JAN80
LTJG [REDACTED]	USN	REPORTED ONBOARD 05SEP80
LTJG [REDACTED]	USNR	REPORTED ONBOARD 07JUL80
LTJG [REDACTED]	USN	REPORTED ONBOARD 07JUL80
LTJG [REDACTED]	USNR	REPORTED ONBOARD 25JUN80
LTJG [REDACTED]	USN	
LTJG [REDACTED]	USNR	
ENS [REDACTED]	USNR	REPORTED ONBOARD 24MAR80
CWO2 [REDACTED]	USN	REPORTED ONBOARD 03JUN80

2. AIRCREW DESIGNATION ACHIEVED DURING 1980.

<u>AIRCREW</u>	<u>*DESIGNATION</u>	<u>DATE OF DESIGNATION</u>
LCDR [REDACTED]	CAPC/PMCF	07JAN80
	NI	06AUG80
LT [REDACTED]	NI	14FEB80
LT [REDACTED]	CAPC/PMCF	06MAR80
	LSO	09NOV80
LTJG [REDACTED]	ACO/PMCF	07MAR80
LT [REDACTED]	MC/CICO/PMCF	26MAR80
LT [REDACTED]	CAPC/PMCF	04APR80
LT [REDACTED]	NI	21MAY80
LCDR H. M. HIGHFILL	CAPC/PMCF	27MAY80
LTJG [REDACTED]	CA3P	29JUL80
LTJG [REDACTED]	CA3P	29JUL80
LTJG [REDACTED]	CA3P	29JUL80
	CA2P	27OCT80
LT [REDACTED]	CICO/PMCF	08AUG80
	MC	10AUG80
LCDR [REDACTED]	ACO/PMCF	26AUG80
LT [REDACTED]	NI	05SEP80
LTJG [REDACTED]	CA3P	09SEP80

ENLISTED AIRCREWMAN SUMMARY

AT2 [REDACTED]	NI	04MAR80
AT2 [REDACTED]	PMCF/AC	12JUL80
AT2 [REDACTED]	PMCF/AC	29AUG80
AT2 [REDACTED]	PMCF/AC	29AUG80
AT2 [REDACTED]	PMCF/AC	29AUG80

*DESIGNATION KEY

CAPC	CARRIER AIRCRAFT PLANE COMMANDER
CA2P	CARRIER AIRCRAFT SECOND PILOT
CA3P	CARRIER AIRCRAFT THIRD PILOT
PC	PLANE COMMANDER
MC	MISSION COMMANDER
PMCF	POST MAINTENANCE CHECK FLIGHT
CICO	COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER OFFICER
ACO	AIR COMBAT OFFICER
AC	AIRCREWMAN
NI	NATOPS INSTRUCTOR

3. ENLISTED COMPLEMENT OF 1980

AT3 [REDACTED]
 SA [REDACTED]
 DK2 [REDACTED]
 AT2 [REDACTED]
 MS2 [REDACTED]
 ATAN [REDACTED]
 AEAN [REDACTED]
 ADAN [REDACTED]
 AT2 [REDACTED]
 AA [REDACTED]

ATAA [REDACTED]
 AT2 [REDACTED]
 ADAN [REDACTED]
 AME3 [REDACTED]
 AT2 [REDACTED]
 AMS3 [REDACTED]
 AMS3 [REDACTED]
 AMHAN [REDACTED]
 AZ1 [REDACTED]

ENLISTED COMPLEMENT FOR 1980 (CON'T)

AMEAN
AE3
AD2
YN1
AK3
AE1
AZ3
AMS3
ADCS
AA
AA
AMS3
ATC
AZ1
AN
AMHAA
AR
AEAN
AT2
AD3
AD2
AD1
AT1
AT1
AD3
AKAA
AK3
PN3
AT2
ADAN
MSSN
AT2
AMH3
AE3
ADAN
AMSAA
AD3
AZ2
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AT1
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AT3
AT2
AA

HM2
AEAN
AT2
AT1
AMHAA
PN1
AME1
AMSC
AT3
AMS3
AK1
PR3
MS2
AMH3
BM2
AR
AMSAN
AME3
AT1
AEAN
AT3
AMHAN
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YN2
AMS2
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AE1
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AME3
AD3
AD3
AD3
ATCS
AA
AT1
ATL
AKC
AT2
ACSC
AMHC
AN
AT2
AT3
YN2
AT3
AT2

4. SAILOR AND SUPERVISOR OF THE QUARTER AWARDS DURING 1980

1ST Quarter	AE1 [REDACTED]	(SUPERVISOR)
	AMH3 [REDACTED]	(SAILOR)
2ND Quarter	AMH1 [REDACTED]	(SUPERVISOR)
	AME3 [REDACTED]	(SAILOR)
3RD Quarter	AE1 [REDACTED]	(SUPERVISOR)
	ATAN [REDACTED]	(SAILOR)
	AMS3 [REDACTED]	(SAILOR)
	AZ3 [REDACTED]	(SAILOR)
4TH Quarter	AMS1 [REDACTED]	(SUPERVISOR)
	AE3 [REDACTED]	(SAILOR)

5. AIRCRAFT ONBOARD DURING 1980

E2B BUNO 151719	Received from RVAW-110 (SDLM)	*16JAN80
151725	Received from VAW-113 (SDLM)	*22JAN80
152479	Received from VAW-113 (SDLM)	*15FEB80
151707	Stricken	20FEB80
151712	Transferred to RVAW-110	22FEB80
151706	Transferred to VAW-78	26FEB80
152482	Transferred to RVAW-110	09JUL80
151714	Transferred to VAW-115	05NOV80
151719	Transferred to VAW-115	05NOV80
151702	Received from VAW-115	05NOV80
152484	Received from VAW-115	05NOV80

*SDLM - Scheduled Depot Level Maintenance

6. FLIGHT HOUR STATISTICS FOR 1980

	<u>ASHORE</u>	<u>EMBARKED</u>	<u>NIGHT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
JANAURY	163.5	0	42.2	163.5
FEBRUARY	142.9	0	94.6	142.9
MARCH	111.4	59.4	46.6	170.9
APRIL	114.0	258.1	137.2	372.1
MAY	85.3	57.4	59.8	142.7
JUNE	61.1	192.1	106.4	253.7
JULY	80.0	192.5	120.7	272.5
AUGUST	49.7	99.0	51.0	148.7
SEPTEMBER	19.6	222.7	69.7	242.3

FLIGHT HOUR STATISTICS FOR 1980 (CON'T)

	<u>ASHORE</u>	<u>EMBARKED</u>	<u>NIGHT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
OCTOBER	18.2	155.7	40.3	173.9
NOVEMBER	0	295.6	97.9	295.6
DECEMBER	0	251.8	164.4	251.8
TOTAL	846.2	1784.3	1034.8	2630.5