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CARRIER AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SQUADRON  
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From: Commanding Officer, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 117  
To: Director of Naval History

SUBJ: COMMAND HISTORY

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Encl: (1) (C) 1988 COMMAND HISTORY

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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## BASIC HISTORY

### 1. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Commander J.M. Edmondson relieved Commander M.D. Fellows as VAW-117's Commanding Officer on 22 November 88. Commander R.A. Wiley relieved Commander J.M. Edmondson as Executive Officer. No other changes to composition and organization.

### 2. CHRONOLOGY

#### JANUARY

5-7 Carrier Qualification  
8-11 Transit to Hawaii  
12-16 Battle Group Exercises  
18-29 Transitted Bear Box  
30-31 Dissimilar Aircraft Operations with Japan

#### FEBRUARY

1-5 Inport Subic Bay  
6-10 Transit to Indian Ocean. Encountered Floggers out of Viet Nam  
10-14 Battle Group Exercises  
26 Earnest Will Escort Mission

#### MARCH

15-18 In port Mombasa  
19-22 Low level flights over Somalia  
25-26 Tarps missions over Straits of Hormuz  
26 Earnest Will Escort Mission  
29 Intercepted 1 Cub, 2 Mays, 3 Bears

#### APRIL

8 Earnest Will Escort Mission  
12-13 Intercepted 1 Cub, 2 Mays, 3 Bears  
14-17 Persian Gulf Operations  
18 Operation Praying Mantis, attack on Iranian oil platforms and surface combatants  
19-25 Surface Action Support Operations  
26 Earnest Will Escort Mission, Tarps over Straits of Hormuz

#### MAY

1-2 Earnest Will Escort Mission  
3 Earnest Will Escort Mission  
4-5 Persian Gulf Operations  
4 Intercepted 2 Mays  
6 Earnest Will Escort Mission  
7-8 Persian Gulf Operations  
9 Tarps mission, intercepted 2 Mays  
13 Earnest Will Escort Mission  
17 Tarps mission  
18-21 Turn over Indian Ocean Operations with USS Forestal  
21 Surface Group Support Operations  
22-28 Transit to Malacca Straits  
29-31 Transit to Subic Bay

JUNE

1-4 In port, Subic Bay  
4-5 Transit to Hong Kong  
6-10 In port, Hong Kong  
11-13 Transit to Pusan, Korea  
14-16 In port, Pusan  
17-27 North Pacific Transit via Sea of Japan to Seattle Wa.  
22 Bear intercepts  
24-25 B-52 intercept exercise  
28-29 In port, Seattle Wa.  
30 Transit, Alameda

JULY

1 Fly off, Squadron returns to Miramar  
8-14 Ferry Flights

AUGUST

7-11 Ferry Flights  
15-19 CNO Special Project Flights

SEPTEMBER

No significant events

OCTOBER

No significant events

NOVEMBER

No significant events

DECEMBER

10-17 Fighter Derby competition

2. NARRATIVE

Earnest Will escort missions followed reflagged tankers through the Persian Gulf and the Straits of Hormuz. The Praying Mantis Operation coordinated attack on Iranian oil rigs and surface combatants.

3. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Enclosed as supporting documents are new Commanding Officer's biography, photograph, and Change of Command brochure. Also enclosed are squadron's Periodic Operating Reports.