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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN
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From: Commanding Officer, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 117
To: Director of Naval History


SUBJ: COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) (C) 1991 COMMAND HISTORY
(2) Commanding Officer's Biography
(3) Commanding Officer's Photograph
(4) Change of Command brochure

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.


FRANK N. CLARK


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BASIC HISTORY

1. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Commander F.N. Clark relieved Commander R.A. Wiley as VAW-117's Commanding Officer on 02 September 1991. Commander J.C. Tellefson relieved Commander F.N. Clark as Executive Officer. No other changes to composition and organization.

2. CHRONOLOGY

JANUARY

14-25 Detachment to NAF El Centro for FFARP

FEBRUARY

02-21 Detachment to NAS Fallon for Airwing workups

08 COMFITAEEWINGPAC Pre-Cruise Material Condition Inspection

MARCH

10-31 Onboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) for REFTRA and Advanced Tactical Assessment

APRIL

28-30 Onboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) for READIEX and Battle Group Evaluation

MAY

28 Deployed with Commander, Carrier Group THREE and Commander, Air Wing ELEVEN on board USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72)

JUNE

01 WASEX vs. USS LONG BEACH (CGN-9)

07-11 Transit to Philippine Sea

11 Inchop 7th Fleet

13 Intercepted 1 Bear

18-22 Operation Fiery Vigil

28 Intercepted 1 Bear

29 Provided SAR coordination for midair collision of 2 VF-213 aircraft

30 Inport Singapore

JULY

01-05 Inport Singapore

09 Inchop USNAVCENT

10-12 Transit to Arabian Gulf

12 Transit Strait of Hormuz

12-31 Arabian Gulf Operations

AUGUST

01-31 Arabian Gulf Operation

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Enclosure (1)

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12-18 Detachment to Shaikh Isa for DACT
12-16 Inport Dubai, U.A.E.
18 Olive Branch
24 Olive Branch
29 Launched alert in response to Iraq/Kuwait skirmish
31 Olive Branch

SEPTEMBER

01-27 Arabian Gulf Operations
02 Squadron Change of Command
07 Olive Branch
15-20 Inport Dubai, U.A.E.
21 Olive Branch
25 AAWEX vs. USAF
26 Performed IR signature evaluation of E2C(PLUS)
27 Transit Strait of Hormuz
28-30 Beacon Flash Exercises

OCTOBER

01-02 Beacon Flash Exercises
03 Transit Strait of Hormuz
04-11 Shaikh Isa detachment
05-11 Inport Dubai, U.A.E.
12 Iraqi AAWS TARPS Control
17 INCHOP 7th Fleet
21 Thai/Malay DACT, Thai LINKEX
22 Transit Strait of Malacca
24 Transit to South China/Philippine OPAREA
26-30 Inport Subic Bay, Philippines

NOVEMBER

01-05 Inport Hong Kong
08-09 ANNUALEX '91
10-19 Transit to Hawaiian OPAREA
25 Outchop 7th Fleet, Inchop 3rd Fleet
22-29 Transit to CONUS
24 Fly Off
25 Inport Alameda, Airlift to Miramar

DECEMBER

No Significant Events

2. NARRATIVE

Operation Fiery Vigil evacuated U.S. military dependents from Subic Bay Navy Base in the wake of the Mt. Pinatubo eruption. Arabian Gulf operations were in support of Battle Group and Allied forces. Olive Branch flights supported U.S. reconnaissance flights over Iraqi territory. Shaikh Isa detachments provided DACT against USN and USAF assets. Beacon Flash exercises consisted of DACT, strike control and low-level training. Awarded Joint Meritorious Unit Citation for participation in Operation Fiery Vigil, and Southwest Asia Service Medal for participation in Operation Desert Storm.

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3. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Enclosed as supporting documents are new Commanding Officer's biography, photograph, and Change of Command brochure.

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