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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
CARRIER AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SQUADRON
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR
FLEET POST OFFICE
NEW YORK 09501

COMMAND HISTORY
1979

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CARRIER AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SQUADRON
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR
COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1979

I. COMMAND ORGANIZATION

A. Commanding Officer

Commander J. R. SLAUGHTER
13 December 1978 to 14 March 1980

B. Executive Officer

Commander L. N. ODEN
13 December 1978 to 14 March 1980

C. Mission

To act as an airborne tactical command and control center for offensive and defensive fleet operations by providing early warning and aircraft control, and services through data link and voice communications.

D. Composition of Command

Aircraft: Four (4) E-2C

Personnel on board: Officers in flight status
(04 May 1979) - 21

Enlisted in flight status
(04 May 1979) - 01

Officers (Maintenance and Intelligence)
(04 May 1979) - 03

Enlisted on Board
(02 May 1979) - 132

E. Squadron Nickname

"Bullseye Hummers"

F. Squadron Motto

"Bullseye Hummers - Right on Target"

II. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

01 JAN - 04 JAN	Inport NORVA
05 JAN - 23 JAN	TYT-2/3 Roosevelt Roads, OP Area
24 JAN - 28 JAN	Inport St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
29 JAN - 04 FEB	OPS Roosevelt Roads, OP Area
05 FEB - 08 FEB	ORE Roosevelt Roads, OP Area
09 FEB - 13 FEB	Enroute NORVA
13 FEB - 12 MAR	Inport NORVA
13 MAR - 23 MAR	OPS/Transit Rota, Spain
24 MAR - 29 MAR	Inport Rota
30 MAR - 03 APR	ASW week/OPS Western Mediterranean
04 APR - 10 APR	Inport Naples, Italy
11 APR - 12 APR	OPS Tyrrhenian Sea
13 APR - 18 APR	Inport Naples
19 APR - 22 APR	Inport Taranto
23 APR	OPS Ionian
24 APR	T/A Augusta Bay
24 APR - 30 APR	Multiplex 1-79, Ionian Sea
30 APR - 02 MAY	Inport Catania, Sicily
03 MAY	MINEX - Pachino, Target Complex
04 MAY - 10 MAY	Inport Split, Yugoslavia
10 MAY - 11 MAY	OPS Adriatic
12 MAY - 24 MAY	Dawn Patrol
25 MAY - 27 MAY	T/A Taranto Bay
28 MAY	OPS Adriatic
29 MAY - 04 JUN	Inport Venice, Italy
04 JUN - 12 JUN	Inport Trieste, Italy
13 JUN - 17 JUN	Tridente - 79
18 JUN - 25 JUN	Inport Alexandria, Egypt
25 JUN - 27 JUN	Traex-AVGO NISI
28 JUN	T/A Soudha Bay
29 JUN - 30 JUN	Missilex/Mini-AAWEX
01 JUL	MINEX - Pachino TGT
02 JUL - 04 JUL	AAWEX Western MED
05 JUL	T/A Pollensa Bay
06 JUL - 08 JUL	OPS Western MED
09 JUL - 16 JUL	Inport Palma De Mallorca, Spain
16 JUL - 23 JUL	Inport Barcelona, Spain
24 JUL - 25 JUL	AAWEX Western MED
26 JUL	T/A Augusta Bay
27 JUL - 30 JUL	National Week XXVII - Phase I
31 JUL - 01 AUG	OPS Western Mediterranean

02 AUG - 09 AUG	Inport Marseille, France
09 AUG - 10 AUG	Passex, Western Mediterranean
11 AUG - 13 AUG	OPS Tyrrhenian
14 AUG - 18 AUG	Inport Genoa
19 AUG - 20 AUG	OPS Tyrrhenian
21 AUG - 23 AUG	T/A Augusta Bay
24 AUG - 27 AUG	National Week XXVII - Phase II
28 AUG	T/A Augusta Bay
29 AUG - 30 AUG	OPS Western Mediterranean
31 AUG - 08 SEP	Inport Valencia, Spain
09 SEP	OPS Western Mediterranean
10 SEP - 12 SEP	Inport Rota/Outchop
13 SEP - 14 SEP	Transit Eastern Atlantic
15 SEP	Turnover USS Nimitz
16 SEP - 21 SEP	Transit
22 SEP	Arrive NORVA
23 SEP - 22 OCT	Post-Deployment Standdown/Inport NORVA
22 OCT - 30 OCT	Inport NORVA
31 OCT - 01 NOV	E-2C Flight Trainer Evaluation for GAC
02 NOV - 05 NOV	Inport NORVA
06 NOV - 09 NOV	Seabat 1-80
10 NOV - 31 DEC	Inport NORVA

III. OPERATIONS HISTORY

Following a very successful year in 1978, the "Bullseye Hummers" of VAW-124 began 1979 at flank speed. On 5 January 1979, operations commenced with CVW-11 aboard USS AMERICA (CV-66). This time allowed VAW-124 to integrate fully with the airwing (this being CVW-11's first deployment aboard USS AMERICA). On 24 January, the Squadron began an enjoyable five day port visit to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. On the 29th the AMERICA was underway and operating in the Carribbean.

VAW-124 received its ORE on 05 February, beginning an intensive four day operation, during which the "Bullseye Hummers" monitored strikes, controlled CAP aircraft, and controlled SSSC aircraft and, performed Hummer controlled approaches. The squadron received a score of "low outstanding" for the ORE; a further demonstration of the Squadron's superior abilities. The squadron returned to Norfolk on 13 February commencing its pre-deployment stand down.

On 13 March the squadron departed Norfolk aboard the USS AMERICA (CV-66) and began its sixth Mediterranean deployment. A BEAREX conducted on the 15th with a Bermuda based P3C proved to be a dress rehearsal for an actual alert exercise when two Soviet Bear D aircraft were detected by airborne E-2's and intercepted by F-14's. On 17 March the Squadron provided open ocean range surveillance for Terrier missile shoots. On the 24th USS AMERICA arrived in Rota, Spain and officially in-chopped as part of SIXTHFLEET Naval forces.

Deployed operations began with ASW week, during which the Squadron provided flight following and communication relays for ASW aircraft as well as AEW force defense. On 04 April USS AMERICA conducted a port call in Naples. Following two days of operations (11 & 12 April) in the Tyrrhenian Sea, AMERICA returned to Naples. After a port visit to Taranto, Italy from the 19th to the 22nd, AMERICA conducted a training anchorage to coordinate planning for its first major exercise "Multiplex 1-79". Consisting of joint CV operations with the USS EISENHOWER, Multiplex 1-79 was a complex exercise testing every facet of the "Hawkeye's" command and control facilities. On the 30th AMERICA made a port call to Catania, Sicily.

Departing Catania on 2 May the squadron began what was to be the most demanding period of the deployment. Following a short transit through the Adriatic Sea, AMERICA visited Split, Yugoslavia from the 4th to the 10th. On May 11th "Dawn Patrol" commenced, during which every aspect of E-2C operations was tested and new innovations tried. The primary "hostile" target was the French Aircraft Carrier, CLEMENCEAU, which was located 350 NM from the AMERICA battle group using solely passive means. During this exercise VAW-124 provided 100 percent AEW coverage which enabled the detection and interception of USAF aircraft simulating Soviet reconnaissance flights. VAW-124 devised a Blue/Gold method of tracking real-world as well as exercise surface traffic and also demonstrated the capability to assume the duties of AAWC. "Dawn Patrol" terminated on the 24th with VAW-124 having flown 247 flight hours in ten days. May ended with AMERICA in Venice, Italy and a new monthly flight record established for the "Bullseye Hummers" with 279 hours flown.

In June USS AMERICA visited Trieste and Alexandria. The major exercise was "TRIDENTE-79" with the Italian Naval Units. Primary emphasis was placed on precise SSSC. On the 29th VAW-124 monitored and controlled an Air-To-Air missile with VF-114 and VF-213, the two F-14 squadrons embarked.

In July, AMERICA visited Palma de Mallorca and Barcelona, Spain. Throughout the month the ship and airwing conducted several exercises emphasizing AAW training. On 27 July "National Week XXVII" Phase I began with the squadron providing assistance in the first live Harpoon firing in the Mediterranean. As in the past the E-2C was used to coordinate SSSC and AAW.

Following a port visit to Marseille, France during the first two weeks of August, the airwing conducted a Prowlex north of Algeria. A port visit to Genoa was conducted from the 14th to 18th. Phase II of National Week XXVII started on the 24th with joint CV operations with the USS INDEPENDENCE. VAW-124 was tasked with maintaining the SSSC picture for the task force. On the 31st AMERICA made a final port visit to Valencia, Spain prior to out-chop.

Departing Valencia on 8 September USS AMERICA spent three days in Rota and on the 12th departed for Norfolk. A turnover with USS NIMITZ was conducted near the Azores and on the 22nd AMERICA arrived at Pier 12 Norfolk, Virginia.

In Mid-October, the Squadron began its shore-based training program for newly reporting personnel. 31 October VAW-124 assisted Grumman Aerospace Corporation with an evaluation of the E-2C Flight Trainer (OFT).

During November, the Squadron continued its turn-around training program conducting refresher flights for all aircrews. On 6 November SEABAT 1-80 commenced, which enabled all aircrews to train in an environment of extensive jamming.

In December, VAW-124 maintained its training program as it continued its transition to the E-2C ARPS aircraft.

IV. SAFETY DEPARTMENT

VAW-124 continues to maintain its reputation as a highly energetic and extremely professional squadron. The single goal of the squadron safety program was to maintain an atmosphere of total safety awareness, both at home and at work, through education of all hands. VAW-124's safety program was not one of slogans, posters and instructions, but one of attitude, shared by all, that superior performance and safety produces desired results.

In 1979, VAW-124 accumulated 1668 accident free hours, including over 425 day and night arrested landings while deployed aboard USS AMERICA (CV-66). On 21 July 1979, the eight consecutive year of accident free aircraft operations was attained, totaling 12,592 hours over this time span. The professionals of VAW-124 intend to keep this record continuing far into the future.

V. AWARDS

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

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AMS1
AME1
AE2
AD1



COMSIXFLT

AT1 [REDACTED]
AMH1 [REDACTED]
AE1 [REDACTED]
YN1 [REDACTED]
AMCS [REDACTED]

AMERICA

AMS2 [REDACTED]
AK3 [REDACTED]
AMS3 [REDACTED]
PN1 [REDACTED]
AMS2 [REDACTED]
AT2 [REDACTED]
AD2 [REDACTED]
AT2 [REDACTED]

CAG 11

AT3 [REDACTED]
AE2 [REDACTED]
AT2 [REDACTED]
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AT2 [REDACTED]
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AT2 [REDACTED]
ADC [REDACTED]

AIR MEDAL

LTJG [REDACTED] LT [REDACTED]

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

ADCS [REDACTED] - From VT-6

SAILOR OF THE YEAR

AMS1 [REDACTED]

SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

AMS2	[REDACTED]	JAN - MAR
AMS1	[REDACTED]	APR - JUN
AT1	[REDACTED]	JUL - SEP
AD2	[REDACTED]	OCT - DEC