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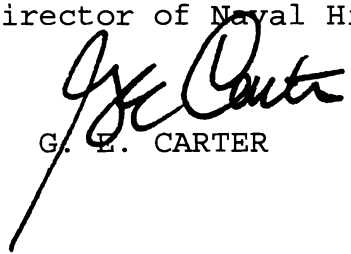
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- Encl:
- (1) 1993 COMMAND HISTORY REPORT
 - (2) Bimonthly Operating Reports for January to December 1993
 - (3) CDR G. E. Carter Biography and Photo
 - (4) CDR M. D. Sullivan Biography and Photo

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted for use by the Director of Naval History.



G. E. CARTER

COMMAND HISTORY FOR CY1993

Command Composition and Organization

1. **Squadron Mission:** The primary mission of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 125 (VAW-125) is providing the early detection and warning of airborne and surface threats. The principle, as ancient as warfare, involves the use of long range radar and sophisticated computer controlled electronic systems to detect, identify, and report threats while still distant from the fleet task force.

2. **Organizational Structure:** VAW-125 reports directly to Carrier Air Wing 17 (CVW-17). While ashore, VAW-125 reports to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

3. **Name of Commander:** CDR M. D. SULLIVAN 1 JAN - 31 AUG 93
CDR G. E. CARTER 31 AUG - 31 DEC 93

4. **Permanent Duty Station:** Naval Air Station, Norfolk, VA

5. **Type and Number of Aircraft:** (Tailcode AA)

E-2C Hawkeye, Buno #159107	(JAN 93 - MAR 93)
E-2C Hawkeye, Buno #159109	(JAN 93 - OCT 93)
E-2C Hawkeye, Buno #160699	(MAR 93 - DEC 93)
E-2C Hawkeye, Buno #160703	(JAN 93 - DEC 93)
E-2C Hawkeye, Buno #161227	(APR 93 - DEC 93)
E-2C Hawkeye, Buno #161346	(JAN 93 - DEC 93)

CHRONOLOGY

14	JAN	EAGLE THRUST
19	JAN	CV-64 LINKEX
4 - 7	FEB	ORANGE AIR
15	FEB	CV-64 LINKEX
17	FEB	CFW-1 MISSILEX
24	FEB	EAGLE THRUST
5	MAR - 7	MAR CV-64 CQ
3	MAR - 5	APR CV-64 Shakedown CRUISE
30	MAR - 31	MAR CG-69 CSSQT
13	APR - 14	APR DESRON 22 MISSILEX
	28	APR CVW-17 MISSILEX
26	APR - 3	MAY ORANGE AIR
4	MAY - 18	MAY FFARP
2	JUN - 3	JUN AARP
9	JUN - 10	JUN VF-41 MISSILEX
15	JUN - 30	JUN FALLON DETACHMENT
14	JUL - 16	JUL CVW-17 MISSILEX
24	JUL - 28	JUL CV-60 TSTA I
12	AUG - 17	AUG CV-60 TSTA I
24	AUG - 25	AUG AEGIS TEST
	31	AUG CHANGE OF COMMAND
1	SEP - 24	SEP SFARP
6	OCT - 4	NOV COMPTUEX
8	NOV - 12	NOV JTG
1	DEC - 7	DEC JTG
8	DEC - 15	DEC FLEETEX 1-94

During 1993, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 125 (VAW-125) was committed to many tasks. The squadron participated in USS CONSTELLATION'S (CV-64) shakedown cruise and workups for a Mediterranean cruise, as well as providing range surveillance, command, control and communications services for numerous missile shoots in the Virginia and Jacksonville Operating Areas. Missile shooters included airwing aircraft, Aegis missile cruisers and USS SARATOGA (CV-60).

On January 14th the squadron entered its operational year with a joint USN/USAF exercise called EAGLE THRUST 94. On 19 January the TIGERTAILS conducted Link-11 Naval Tactical Data System Evaluation with the USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64) as part of the carrier's preparation to return to the fleet after an extensive shipyard overhaul.

From February 4th to the 7th, the TIGERTAILS participated with Air Wing 17 in ORANGE AIR/MISSILEX exercises at NAS Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. Air Wing 17 provided the aggressor forces for a battle group preparing for deployment. Later that same month, they joined forces with the Air Force in another EAGLE THRUST exercise.

The entire month of March was spent aboard the USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64) for a shakedown cruise. This embarkation period ensured that the entire ship was fully operational and capable of supporting sustained flight operations.

On the 30th and 31st of March, the TIGERTAILS took part in exercises with the USS VICKSBURG (CG-69) to evaluate Link 11 capabilities.

From 26 April to the 3rd of May, the TIGERTAILS returned to NAS Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for another CVW-17 ORANGE AIR/MISSILEX detachment.

Between May 4th and the 18th, the TIGERTAILS began preparations for its own workups. The squadron participated in the Fleet Fighter ACM Readiness Program (FFARP) with the Sluggers of Fighter Squadron VF-103.

In June, the TIGERTAILS joined the rest of Air Wing 17 in a weapons detachment to NAS Fallon, Nevada. The detachment provided weapons, tactics and interoperability for the entire airwing in preparation for deployment.

The 24th through the 28th of July, and again from the 12th of August to the 17th, the TIGERTAILS were underway aboard the USS SARATOGA (CV-60) taking part in carrier qualification and workups for their 1-94 MED cruise.

In an August 31st change of command ceremony, Commander Gary E. Carter became VAW-125's newest commanding officer, relieving Commander Mark D. Sullivan.

From the 1st to the 24th of September, VAW-125 was involved in SFARP training in Key West, Florida with CVW-17's two F/A-18 squadrons. The TIGERTAILS provided command and control services to the SUNLINERS of VFA-81 and the RAMPAGERS of VFA-83.

The month of October was spent aboard the USS SARATOGA (CV-60) in advanced battle group training. The carrier and airwing successfully completed COMPTUEX and JOINT TASK GROUP (JTG) operations, exercising fleet and joint interability skills to be used in the upcoming deployment.

On December 8th VAW-125 again joined USS SARATOGA (CV-60) for FLEETEX 1-94. FLEETEX provided for the further integration of Airwing Seventeen into the SARATOGA battle group. VAW-125 completed operations on 15 Dec. 1993.

VAW-125 departed on a MED/JTG deployment 1-94 aboard USS SARATOGA (CV-60) on January 11th, 1994. The TIGERTAILS are currently aboard USS SARATOGA (CV-60) operating in the Adriatic Sea in support of operations DENYFLIGHT, SHARPGUARD and PROVIDE PROMISE.