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From: Commanding Officer, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05D2)

Subj: Command History

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

- Encl:
- (1) Annex I, POR for January 1979
 - (2) Annex II, POR for February 1979
 - (3) Annex III, POR for March 1979
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 - (13) Annex XIII, Final Cruise Report--Westpac 1978-79
 - (14) Annex XIV, AEW Excellence Award Submission
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 - (17) Annex XVII, Overall Command History
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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following is submitted as VAW-126's Command History for calendar year 1979.

a. Basic History

(1) CDR Vady R. CLARK, USN, [REDACTED]/1310 was Commanding Officer from 8 September 1978 until his death on 5 September 1979, when command was assumed by CDR Herman J. LONG, JR. USN, [REDACTED]/1320.

(2) The mission, composition of command, and homeport were unchanged in 1979. The officer and enlisted manning rosters as of 31 December 1979 are attached as enclosure (18).

b. Summary of Operations (specific details in Annexes I - XIII)

(1) 1 Jan - 17 May 79: Deployed aboard USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64) in the Western Pacific Ocean.

(a) 1 Jan - 31 Jan: Ship sent to Singapore Modified Location (MODLOC) for at-sea operations due to events in Iran. During this time, the ship had one in-port period 15-18 Jan at Singapore.

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(b) 26 Feb - 3 Mar: Ship at sea for operations in the Philippine Op Area.

(c) 8 Mar: Ship departed NS Subic Bay for the Arabian Sea and Gulf of Aden in response to the crisis developing between North and South Yemen. The ship remained on station in the Indian Ocean until 14 April.

(d) 15 April - 17 May: Ship transited back to San Diego via Subic Bay, RP and Pearl Harbor, HI. The squadron then flew back to NAS Norfolk, VA.

(2) 17 May - 26 Aug 79: NAS Norfolk, VA.

(3) 26 Aug - 29 Aug 79: Participated in COMPTUEX 3-79, a major multiplatform, inter-service exercise in the Jacksonville, FL Op Area.

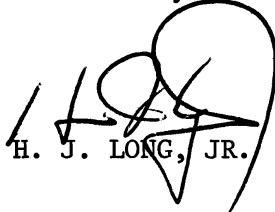
(4) 30 Aug - 26 Nov 79: NAS Norfolk, VA.

(5) 26 Nov - 15 Dec 79: Coordinated pre-deployment training for CVW-1 commenced with integrated flight operations at NS Roosevelt Roads, PR.

(6) 15 Dec - 31 Dec 79: NAS Norfolk, VA.

c. Special Topics: Summarized in Annexes XIII, XIV, XV, and XVI.

d. Documentary Annexes: POR's (Annexes I-XII), Final Cruise Report (Annex XIII), Battle "E" Award Submission (Annex XV), AEW Excellence Award Submission (Annex XIV), Overall Command History (Annex XVII), and Personnel Manning Rosters (Annex XVIII).


H. J. LONG, JR.