



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
CARRIER AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SQUADRON
ONE TWO SIX
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From: Commanding Officer, Carrier Airborne Early Warning
Squadron 126
To: Director of Naval History (N09BH)
Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

1. Mission: To provide our chain of command with ready AEW aircraft on station, on time, to provide Command and Control, Battle Management, and Surveillance Support to Joint Forces conducting continuous operations - From the Sea.

Command Composition: 30 Officers/133 Enlisted

Immediate Superior in Command: Captain John F. Kilkenney,
Carrier Air Wing THREE (CVW-3)

Commanding Officer: Commander James D. Settele

Executive Officer: Commander Stephen N. Thompson

Aircraft Bureau Numbers: (600) 163027
(601) 163024
(602) 163026
(603) 162618
(604) 163028

2. Chronology

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
TSTA I/II	3-19MAY00	USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75)
CVW-3 Weapons Exercise	9-30JUN00	Naval Air Station Fallon, NV
TSTA III/COMPTUEX	28JUL-01SEP00	USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75)
JTFEX	11-30OCT00	USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75)
JTG 01-1	28NOV00-23MAY01	USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75)

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Operation NOBLE EAGLE	06OCT-16DEC01	Norfolk, VA

3. Narrative

In November 2000, VAW-126 deployed aboard USS HARRY S TRUMAN (CVN 75) for JTG 01-1. In the first month of deployment, the squadron participated in Exercise MAJOR MANOR in the Arabian Gulf. The squadron spent the remainder of the deployment participating in Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. The USS HARRY S TRUMAN Battle Group completed their operations in the Arabian Gulf in April 2001. Upon leaving the Gulf, the USS HARRY S TRUMAN turned over with the USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) on 3 May 2001 and returned to Norfolk, Virginia on 23 May 2001.

VAW-126 provided Space Shuttle support to NASA for STS-105, which launched the Space Shuttle on August 9, 2001.

From September 16 to October 7, 2001, VAW-126 participated in Counter-Narcotics operations, based out of Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. The SEAHAWKS were tasked with the monitoring and detection of illegal drug operations in the Caribbean Sea in cooperation with the Joint Interagency Task Force-East.

On October 6th, the Seahawks were recalled to Norfolk, Virginia and placed under the operational control of North American Air Defense to assist in Operation NOBLE EAGLE. The squadron stood alerts and flew missions from October 6 to December 16, 2001.

4. Photo and biography of Commanding Officer are enclosed.



S. N. THOMPSON