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{2} Documentary Annex

1. Enclosures {1} and {2} are submitted in satisfaction of
the requirements of reference {a}.


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BASIC HISTORY

{1} Command Organization

{a} Commanding Officers and Dates of Command and Biography of Present Commanding Officer

MARCH	1952	LCDR	R. W. SAYLOR	USN
JUNE	1953	CDR	J. V. LANCASTER	USN
SEPT	1954	CDR	T. L. WOOD	USN
OCT	1956	CDR	J. A. HOLMES	USN
MARCH	1958	CDR	E. F. WILLIAMSON	USN
APRIL	1959	CDR	J. M. REIGHER	USN
JUNE	1960	CDR	V. W. LYDSON	USN
MAY	1961	CDR	G. M. BELL	USN
JULY	1962	CDR	J. E. GRAY	USN
JULY	1963	CDR	R. M. BOLLENBACHER	USN
OCT	1964	CDR	W. D. WILSON	USN
JULY	1965	CDR	H. J. SYLVIA	USN
JUNE	1966	CDR	C. K. O'MEARA	USN
JULY	1967	CDR	C. R. JASPER	USN
JULY	1968	CDR	J. K. GADDY	USN
JULY	1969	CDR	R. L. RHODES	USN
JULY	1970	CDR	R. G. ANDERSON	USN
JULY	1971	CDR	T. A. GASSER	USN
JULY	1972	CDR	G. F. RYAN	USN
JULY	1973	CDR	E. C. BERNARD	USN
JULY	1974	CDR	C. H. MUNCH	USN

COMMANDER
CHARLES H. MUNCH
UNITED STATES NAVY

Commander Charles H. MUNCH graduated from Duke University with a degree in Geology in June 1957. He entered the Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, and was commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve in November 1957.

Enclosure {1}

- {b} Missions and functions which have changed since a previous submittal, and the authority for the changes. NONE
- {c} Composition of Command, including the designations of units assigned, dates and authority for any activations or deactivations, and information on significant organizational changes during the year - NO CHANGES
- {d} Any change in the location of headquarters or homeport - NONE

{2} Summary of Operations

- {a} The significant events, and highlights of 1974 are listed in the following chronology:

JANUARY

- 2 - DETACHMENT BRAVO AT DAM NECK FOR LOCAL MQM-74A OPS
- 11 - DETACHMENT ECHO DEPLOYED TO JACKSONVILLE OPERATING ABOARD USS NIPMUC PROVIDING MK-33 SERVICES TO CVA-59, CVW-17, FIRST LASER GUIDED MK-82 BOMB RUN ON MK-33.
- 27 - DETACHMENT ALFA AT DAM NECK FOR LOCAL MQM-74A OPS.

FEBRUARY

- 5 - DETACHMENT CHARLIE TO JACKSONVILLE OPERATING AREA TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO LATWING-1 AND PATWING-11 ABOARD USS ESCAPE
- 10 - DETACHEMENT BRAVO TO DAM NECK FOR LOCAL MQM-74A OPERATIONS
- 15 - SECOND ANNUAL SQUADRON VALENTINES PARTY
- 24 - DET ALFA TO DAM NECK FOR LOCAL MQM-74A OPS

MARCH

- 1 - VC-6 CELEBRATED 22 YEARS OF PROVIDING "SKEET FOR THE FLEET"
- 4 - DET ECHO DEPLOYED JACKSONVILLE OPERATING AREA FOR 3 DAYS TO PROVIDE MK-33 SERVICES TO LATWING-1, PATWING-11, BULLPUPEX ABOARD USS ESCAPE.
- 11 - DETACHMENT BRAVO DEPLOYED ABOARD USS TURNER FOR 2 WKS PROVIDING MQM-74A SERVICES. FIRST USE OF TRAVELING WAVE TUBE {TWT} FOR RADAR ENHANCEMENT.
- 18 - DETACHMENT CHARLIE DEPLOYED TO CHERRY POINT TO PROVIDE 3 DAYS MK-33 DEPTAR SERVICES 2ND MAW.

APRIL

- 1 - DETACHMENT BRAVO TO DAM NECK FOR LOCAL MQM-74A OPS.
- 8 - DETACHMENT ALFA TO DAM NECK FOR LOCAL MQM-74A OPS.
- 13 - SQUADRON EASTER EGG HUNT.

APRIL {CON'T}

- 15 - DETACHMENT CHARLIE DEPLOYED TO DAM NECK FOR LOCAL MK-33 OPS.
- 22 - DETACHMENT BRAVO DEPLOYED ABOARD USS SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOR SOLID SHIELD TEST OF MQM-74 REMOTE PILOTED VEHICLE {RPV}.
- 15 - DET ECHO ABOARD USS OPPORTUNE FOR LOCAL AREA MK-33 OPS VP-44.
- 18 - FIRST MK-35 DESTROYED BY SIX DIRECT HITS FROM LASER GUIDED BOMBS.
- 24 - DET CHARLIE DEPLOYED JACKSONVILLE OPERATING AREA PROVIDE MK-33 SERVICES VP-24 ABOARD USS ATAKAPA.

MAY

- 1 - VC-6 ADMAT BY COMTAC SUPWING ONE.
- 1 - DET DELTA DEPLOYED DAM NECK LOCAL MQM-74A OPS.
- 2 - DET BRAVO TO DAM NECK FOR MQM-36A TRAINING.
- 9 - DET ALFA DEPLOYED CAMP LEJEUNE PROVIDE ONE WEEK MQM-74A, HAWK EXERCISE.
- 10 - DET ECHO ABOARD USS EDENTON FOR USS INDEPENDENCE
- 13 - DET CHARLIE DEPLOYED JACKSONVILLE OPERATING AREA TO PROVIDE SERVICES COMATKCARAIRWING THREE.
- 17 - DET CHARLIE DEPLOYED JACKSONVILLE OPERATING AREA FOR USS INDEPENDENCE OPS ABOARD USS PAIUTE.
- 20 - DET DELTA DEPLOYED ON USS R. K. TURNER FOR CV-62 OPS
- 22 - DET ALFA TO DAM NECK LOCAL MQM-74A OPS
- 24 - DET BRAVO ABOARD USS SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOR 2 WK SOLID SHIELD EXERCISE.
- 25 - DET CHARLIE DEPLOYED TO LAKE GEORGE, FL.

JUNE

- 1 - DET LITTLE CREEK TO SUPPORT SOLID SHIELD AT CAMP LEJEUNE.
- 5 - DET ALFA AT DAM NECK FOR LOCAL MQM-74 GUNLINE SERVICES.
- 6 - DET CHARLIE DEPLOYED TO MAYPORT ABOARD USS ESCAPE SEPTAR SERVICES FOR INDEPENDENCE.
- 12 - DET ALFA AT DAM NECK FOR FITWING ONE MISSILEX.
- 19 - DET ECHO DEPLOYED ON USS HOIST FOR VP-10 BULLPEX FOR MQM-74 SERVICES.

JUNE {CON'T}

- 20 - DET ALFA DEPLOYED USS SANSFIELD FOR MQM-74 SERVICES IN JACKSONVILLE OPERATIONS AREA.
- 20 - DET BRAVO AT DAM NECK FOR LOCAL MQM-74 GUNLINE SERVICES.
- 24 - DET BRAVO AT DAM NECK FOR FITWING ONE MISSILEX.
- 27 - DET ECHO DEPLOYED ON USS OPPORTUNE FOR LIVE SHRIKE SHOOT IN VIRGINIA CAPES OPERATING AREA {VCOAC}

JULY

- 8 - DET DELTA DEPLOYED FOR ARMED FORCES WEAPON RANGE {AFWR} OPS WITH IRANIAN SHIPS IN PUERTO RICO.
- 10 - DET ALFA DEPLOYED DAM NECK FOR LOCAL MQM-74 GUNLINE SERVICES.
- 24 - DET ALFA AT DAM NECK FOR LOCAL MQM-74 GUNLINE SERVICES.
- 26 - DET BRAVO DEPARTED ABOARD USS BORDELON FOR SIX MONTHS UNITAS XV CRUISE.
- 26 - CDR C. H. MUNCH RELIEVED CDR W. C. BERNARD AS CO FLECOMPRON SIX.
- 30 - DET ECHO DEPLOYED ON USNS ATAKAPA TO JACKSONVILLE OPERATING AREA PROVIDING SEPTAR SERVICES FOR SARATOGA OPS.

AUGUST

- 7 - DET DELTA AT DAM NECK FOR LOCAL MQM GUNLINE SERVICES.
- 11 - DET ALFA DEPLOYED TO CAMP LEJEUNE FOR SARATOGA AIR TO AIR OPS.
- 12 - DET CHARLIE DEPLOYED TO VCOAC ON USNS ATAKAPA FOR PATWING 11 BULLPUPEX EXERCISE.
- 12 - DET ECHO DEPLOYED TO JACKSONVILLE OPERATING AREA ON USNS NIPMUC SEPTAR SERVICES FOR CAG-3 AND LATER FOR SARATOGA ORE.
- 14 - DET LITTLE CREEK AT DAM NECK FOR TRACKING EXERCISE.
- 19 - DET CHARLIE DEPLOYED ON USS RECOVERY FOR COMPTUEX 2-75.
- 21 - DET DELTA AT DAM NECK FOR LOCAL MQM-74 GUNLINE SERVICES.
- 29 - DET LITTLE CREEK INVOLVED WITH PHOTO EXERCISE WITH T-28 FOR PICTURES OF MK-35 SEPTAR CAPABILITY.

SEPTEMBER

- 3 - DET CHARLIE DEPLOYED ON USS RECOVERY IN VACAPES FOR BULLPUPEX VP-26, 11, 44.
- 5 - DET LITTLE CREEK INVOLVED IN MK-35 SHRIKEX WITH VA-34.

SEPTEMBER {CON'T}

- 9 - DET DELTA DEPLOYED ON USS GUAM FOR MQM-74 OPS.
- 12 - DET ALFA AT DAM NECK FOR LOCAL MQM-74 GUNLINE SERVICES.
- 19 - DET DELTA AT DAM NECK FOR LOCAL MQM-74 GUNLINE SERVICES.
- 22 - DET ALFA DEPLOYED ON USS INGRAM FOR LANTREDEX 1-75 IN JACKSONVILLE OPERATING AREA AND AFWR.
- 26 - DET DELTA AT DAM NECK FOR MISSILEX.

OCTOBER

- 2 - DET DELTA AT DAM NECK FOR MQM-74 OPS GUNLINE.
- 9 - DET ALFA AND DELTA AT DAM NECK FOR VF-84 MISSILEX.
- 9 - DET LITTLE CREEK OFF DAM NECK FOR RECOVERY OF MQM-74's.
- 18 - DET DELTA DEPLOYED TO CAMP LEJEUNE FOR HAWKEX.
- 23 - DET ALFA AT DAM NECK FOR GUNLINE.
- 23 - DET ECHO AND LITTLE CREEK DEPLOYED TO MAYPORT FOR COMPTUEX 3-75.

NOVEMBER

- 4 - DET CHARLIE DEPLOYED ON USS RECOVERY IN VCOAC FOR BULLPUPEX-{VP-16, 24}
- 5 - DET LITTLE CREEK OFF DAM NECK FOR MK-35 TRACKEX WITH USS TALBOT.
- 6 - DET ECHO DEPLOYED TO MAYPORT FOR USS FDR SEPTAR OPS.
- 11 - DET CHARLIE IN VACAPES FOR VA-85 BOMBEX.
- 11 - DET DELTA DEPLOYED ON USS IWO JIMA IN VACAPES FOR MISSILEX.
- 14 - DET ALFA AT DAM NECK FOR USS MITCHNER MISSILEX.
- 19 - DET ALFA AT DAM NECK FOR USS MULLINIX MISSILEX AND COMPTUEX 4-75.
- 19 - DET LITTLE CREEK OF DAM NECK FOR COMPTUEX 4-75.
- 21 - DETS ALFA AND DELTA AT DAM NECK FOR VF-84 AND VF-41 MISSILEXS
- 25 - DETS ALFA AND DELTA AT DAM NECK FOR VF-11 MISSILEX
- 26 - DET LITTLE CREEK OFF DAM NECK WITH USS PAPAGO.

DECEMBER

- 4 - DET ALFA AT DAM NECK FOR USS KING MISSILEX.
- 5 - DET CHARLIE DEPLOYED TO MAYPORT AND USS NIPMUC, FOR SEPTAR OPS.

DECEMBER {CONT'D}

- 11 - DETS ALFA AND DELTA AT DAM NECK FOR VF-74 MISSILEX.
- 12 - DET ECHO DEPLOYED WITH COMOPTEVFOR OFF DAM NECK FOR SEPTAR GUNNEX.
- 16 - DET LITTLE CREEK DEPLOYED TO WASHINGTON D. C. TO PICK UP PT-809 AND RETURN DOWN THE POTOMAC RIVER TO LITTLE CREEK.
- 17 - DETS ALFA AND DELTA AT DAM NECK FOR VF-101 MISSILEX.
- 27 - DETS ALFA AND DELTA AT DAM NECK FOR VF-32 MISSILEX.

{3} Special Topics

- {a} Major Command problems faced and action taken by the Commanding Officer:

One of the most costly problems encountered by VC-6 has been the high loss rate of Aerial Targets. As background information to this problem the following facts should be known. VC-6 provides two distinct types of operations at the DAM NECK site. Approximately 60% of the VC-6 launches from DAM NECK are in support of Fleet Combat Direction Systems Training Center in an Aerial Target pattern within 8NM to seaward of the launch site. Approximately 85% of the targets enter the recovery zone 2-10NM to seaward. These exercises are normally scheduled for two or three hours and involve one or two MQM-74's. Approximately 40% of the DAM NECK launches are in support of Fighter Wing ONE in an Aerial Target pattern between 30-45NM to seaward. The remainder enter the water 10-45NM to seaward. These exercises are scheduled for two hours and involve two to four MQM-74's. In the past, recovery has always been accomplished by helo or Amphibious LARC. While utilized as fully as possible, neither was wholly acceptable. The helo was difficult to schedule and did not have the on-station time needed to support an increasingly complex series of operations. The LARC was also unacceptable due to its short range. The lack of a dedicated vehicle at DAM NECK has resulted in the cancellation of exercises and an unacceptable target loss rate. In order to increase the probability of recovering targets at the termination of the flight, a dedicated recovery vehicle was considered essential. Requests for assistance in obtaining assets to permit recovery of targets went out over the Summer and Fall of 1974 and resulted in the transfer of PT-809 from Naval District Washington, D. C. to FLECOMPRON SIX in December 1974. The boat had formerly been used as a security craft for the presidential yacht.

PT-809 is approximately 100 feet in length and has a beam of 25 feet, accomodating a crew of up to eighteen men. It is of all aluminum construction and is powered by eight General Motors 250 horsepower diesel engines which provide a speed range up to 20 knots.

PT-809 will be employed as a control-recovery craft for the operation of Aerial and Seaborne Targets. The boat will enable FLECOMPRON SIX to expand target services provided to the fleet because the squadron will be less dependent upon other commands to provide control and recovery platforms required in threat simulation operations.

{b} Statistics on main programs of the Command that should be part of the historical record.

SUMMARY OF VC-6 OPERATIONS, FY 1974

	<u>DAM NECK</u>	<u>DEPLOYING DETS</u>	<u>COMBINED</u>
LAUNCH ATTEMPTS	187	101	287
SAT LAUNCH ATTEMPTS	134	66	200
SORTIES PROVIDED FOR SHIPS	12	35	47
SHIPS SERVICED	5	12	17
SORTIES PROVIDED FOR A/C	132	67	199
A/C SERVED	19	20	39
OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES	74	31	105
HIT & KILL EXPENDITURES	28	23	211
SUCCESSFUL OPERATION PER LAUNCH ATTEMPT	137	74	211
DAM NECK GUNLINE	84	N/A	84

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