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From: Commanding Officer, Fleet Composite Squadron SIX  
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05D2)  
Subj: Command History for Calendar Year 1977 (OPNAV REPORT 5750-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12B

Encl: (1) Commanding Officers Biography  
(2) Summary of Operations for Calendar Year 1977  
(3) Operational Statistics for Calendar Year 1977  
(4) Monthly Summaries for Calendar Year 1977  
(5) Citations and Congratulatory Messages for calendar year 1977  
(6) Message changing squadron call sign  
(7) Letter from CNO authorizing new insignia

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosures (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) are forwarded.

2. Basic History

a. Command Organization

(1) The biography of the present commanding officer is included as enclosure (1).

(2) Mission and functions which have changed since a previous submittal, and the authority for the changes. None.

(3) 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 calendar year. No changes.

(4) Any changes in the location of headquarters or home-port. None.

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b. Summary of Operations.

(1) The significant events and a summary of operations is included in enclosure (2).

c. Special Topics.

(1) The operational statistics for the calendar year 1977 are included in enclosure (3).

3. Documentary Annex.

a. Enclosure (3) contains the squadron's monthly summaries for calendar year 1977.

b. Enclosure (4) refers to citations, commendations, awards and congratulatory messages received during 1977.

4. Highlights of Calendar Year 1977.

a. During Fiscal Year 1977, VC-6 launched a total of 321 MQM-74C and 30 KD2R-5 Aerial Drone Targets, setting an all-time record for the squadron and the Navy.

b. On 6 April 1977, LT [REDACTED] first employed the over the horizon hand-off control technique which was developed to extend the effective range of MQM-74C operations.

c. 14 May 1977 the squadron's call sign was officially changed, enclosure (6).

d. 1977 was the first year of operations using the new insignia (approved 26 November 1976) enclosure (7).

e. 9 July 1977, VC-6 participated in its first Open Ocean Missilex with the SIXTH Fleet, launching eight MQM-74C Aerial Targets.

f. LT [REDACTED] launched and controlled the last VC-6 KD2R-5 Aerial Target Drone from USS MILWAUKEE on July 1977 while returning from Operation Silver Jubilee.

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g. September 1977 was the busiest month in the history of FLECOMPRON SIX with a total of 47 launches accomplished.

h. November 1977 Crew Delta completed UNITAS XVIII Operations, the first all jet (MQM-74C) UNITAS Deployment.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1977

JANUARY

20 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74 services for VF-101 MISSILEX (Missile exercise).

27, 28 - Crews ALPHA and DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C (Aerial Drone) services for VF-101 MISSILEX and Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic tracking exercise.

FEBRUARY

1 - Crews ALPHA and Bravo at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-31 and VF-103 MISSILEX.

2 - Crews ALPHA and Bravo at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-31 and VF-103 MISSILEX and Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic tracking exercise.

3 - Crews ALPHA and BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-101 MISSILEX. Crew ALPHA provided MQM-74C services for Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic Firing exercise.

4 - Crew BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic Tracking and Firing exercise.

10 - Crew CHARLIE aboard DR-1 (Drone Recovery Boat), provided MK-35 (Seaborne Powered Target) services for Surface Warfare Officers School Command Gunnery exercise in the VACAPES OPAREA.

11 - Crew CHARLIE aboard DR-1, provided MK-35 services for the USS HAWKINS Gunnery exercise in the VACAPES OPAREA.

14 - Crews BRAVO and DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-101 MISSILEX.

15 - Crews BRAVO and DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-143 MISSILEX. Crew CHARLIE aboard DR-1, provided MK-35 services for the USS BEARY Gunnery exercise in the VACAPES OPAREA

17, 18 - Crews BRAVO and DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-142 MISSILEX.

25 - Crews ALPHA and BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-101 MISSILEX.

ENCLOSURE (2)

## MARCH

- 1 - Crew ECHO aboard DR-1, provided MK-35 services for CDS-28 Gunnery exercise in the VACAPES OPAREA.
- 2 - Crews ALPHA and DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-102 MISSILEX. Crew DELTA provided MQM-74C services for Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic Tracking exercise.
- 3 - Crews ALPHA and DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-33 MISSILEX.
- 4 - Crew DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic Tracking and Firing exercises.
- 9 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck for KD2R-5 Aerial Target PRE-UNITAS work-up.
- 15 - Crews ALPHA and BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for CVW (Carrier Air Wing) SIX MISSILEX.
- 16 - Crews ALPHA and BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for CVW SIX MISSILEX. Crew ALPHA provided MQM-74C services for Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic Tracking exercise.
- 17, 18 - Crews ALPHA and BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-101 MISSILEX and Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic Tracking and Firing exercises.
- 21 - Crew ECHO departed for Mayport, FL on 2 weeks TAD.
- 24 - Crews BRAVO and DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-101 and USS AMERICA MISSILEX.
- 25 - Crews BRAVO and DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-101 MISSILEX.
- 28 - Crew CHARLIE aboard DR-1, provided MK-33 (Seaborne Powered Target) services for USS AMERICA.
- 29 - Crews ALPHA and DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-101 MISSILEX.
- 30, 31 - Crew CHARLIE aboard DR-1, provided MK-33 services for USS AMERICA.

## APRIL

- 1 - Crew CHARLIE aboard DR-1, provided MK-33 services for USS AMERICA. Crew ECHO departed for Mayport, FL for MK-33 services.

7 - Crew ECHO returned from Mayport, FL.

11 - Crew ALPHA deployed aboard USS MILWAUKEE, provided MQM-74C and KD2R-5 services on COMTUEX Fleet Exercise - 4/77. Crew CHARLIE deployed aboard USS RECOVERY, provided MK-33 services on COMTUEX Fleet Exercise - 4/77.

13, 14, 15 - Crew BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic Tracking and Firing exercises.

16 - DET LITTLE CREEK provided drone recovery services for Virginia National Guard at Dam Neck.

21 - Crews BRAVO and DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-74 MISSILEX.

22 - Crews ALPHA and CHARLIE returned after completion of COMTRUEX Fleet Exercise - 4/77. The last deployment of Aerial Prop (KD2R-5) Drones.

25, 29 - Crew ECHO provided MK-33 services at Lake George, FL for VA-37 Bombing exercise.

26, 27, 28 - Crew CHARLIE provided MK-33 services at Dare County Range (R-5302) in North Carolina for MATWING Bombing exercises.

#### MAY

3 - Crews ALPHA and DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-101 MISSILEX.

10 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for the USS BYRD gunnery exercise.

18, 19, 20 - Crew DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic Tracking and Firing Exercises.

21 - Crew CHARLIE provided MK-35 services for the Virginia Air National Guard Bombing exercise.

24, 25, 26 - Crew ECHO at Dare County Range (R-5302), provided MK-33 services for MATWING (Medium Attack Wing).

27 - Crews ALPHA and DELTA at Dam Neck, evaluated the MQM-74C transfer of control procedures.

31 - Crew CHARLIE at Lake George Range, FL, provided MK-33 services for VA-82 Bombing exercises.

## JUNE

- 1 - Crews ALPHA and BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-84 Missillex.
- 1, 2 - Crew CHARLIE at Lake George range, Florida, provided MK-33 services for VA-82 Bombing exercise.
- 6, 7 - Crew CHARLIE aboard USS PAIUTE in Jacksonville OPAREA, provided MK-33 services for Patrol Wing 2 Bullpup exercise.
- 13 - Crew DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VA-75 Missillex.
- 13 - Crew ALPHA deployed aboard USS MILWAUKEE, provided KD2R-5 services during Silver Jubilee.
- 14, 15 - Crew DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-101 and VA-75 Missile exercise.
- 16 - Crew DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for USS MACDONOUGH and USS SELLERS Missile exercise.
- 16 - 24 Crew BRAVO at CAMP LEJEUNE, provided MQM-74C for a Hawk Missile exercise with the U. S. Marines.
- 20, 21 - Crew DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-101 Missile exercise.
- 28 - Crew ECHO provided MK-33 services in VACAPES OPAREA for USS PHARRIS Gunnery exercise.
- 28 - 30, Crew CHARLIE at Dare County range (R-5302), provided MK-33 services for MATWING Bombing exercise.
- 29, 30 - Crew DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic tracking and firing exercises.

## JULY

- 1 - Crew DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic Tracking and firing exercises.
- 6 - Crew DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS Missillex.
- 6 - Crew ECHO aboard DR-1, provided MK-35 services in VACAPES OPAREA for USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS.

7, 8 - DR-1 at Dam Neck, provided tracking services for Naval Ordnance Station.

11, 12 - Crew BRAVO in the Mediterranean, provided MQM-74C services for Sixth Fleet Open Ocean Missilex.

11, 12 - Crew DELTA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for USS MOUNT WHITNEY Missilex.

20 - Crew DELTA deployed aboard USS VREELAND, provided MQM-74C services on UNITAS XVIII around South America.

21 - Crew ALPHA arrived after completion of Silver Jubilee.

#### AUGUST

2 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for USS YARNELL Missilex.

4, 5 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for USS FORRESTAL Missilex.

9 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for USS NIMITZ Missilex.

9 - Crew ECHO aboard USNS ATAKAPA, provided MK-33 services in VACAPES OPAREA for USS NIMITZ Missilex.

12 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic Tracking and Firing Exercises.

19 - Crew ALPHA deployed to CAMP LEJEUNE, provided MQM-74C services for CG 2nd MAW Missilexes.

22, 23 - Crew BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-171 Missilex.

23 - Crew CHARLIE aboard USS ESCAPE, provided MK-33 services for USS CLAUDE V. RICKETTS.

29, 30 - Crew ECHO deployed to MAYPORT, FL., provided MK-33 services in Jacksonville OPAREA for Patrol Wing 2 bullpup exercise.

30 - Crew CHARLIE at Dare County Range (R-5302) provided MK-33 services for Medium Attack Wing Bombing exercise.

#### SEPTEMBER

1 - Crew CHARLIE at Dare County Range (R-5302), provided MK-33 services for Medium Attack Wing Bombing Exercises.

1 - Crew BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for USS FARRAGUT Missilex.



4 - Crew ALPHA returned from CAMP LEJEUNE, NC.

8, 9 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for Fighter Wing One Missilex.

10 - 22 - Crew BRAVO deployed aboard USS MILWAUKEE, provided MQM-74C services during COMTUEX Fleet Exercise - 6/77.

10 - 22 - Crew CHARLIE deployed aboard USS MASOPOLEA, provided MK-33 services during COMTUEX Fleet Exercise - 6/77.

12 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-142 and VF-143 Missilexs.

14 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-142 and VF-143 Missilexs and Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic Firing Exercise.

15, 16 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic Tracking and Firing Exercises.

19 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for Carrier Air Wing 17 Missilex.

19 - Crew ECHO aboard DR-1, provided MK-35 services in VACAPES OPAREA for USS NINITZ Missilex.

20 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for Carrier Air Wing 17 and VF-171 Missilex.

20 - Crew ECHO aboard DR-1, provided MK-35 services in VACAPES OPAREA for USS NIMITZ Missilex.

21 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-171 Missilex.

21 - Crew ECHO aboard DR-1, provided MK-35 services in VACAPES OPAREA for USS MILLER Missilex.

22 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for CVW-17 Missilex.

26 - Crew BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-171 Missilex.

26 - Crew ALPHA deployed aboard USS CONYNGHAM, provided MQM-74C services during Open Ocean Safari Missilex.

27 - Crew BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS Missilex.

27 - 29, Crew Echo at Dare County Range (R-5302), provided MK-33 services for MATWING Bombing exercise.

28 - Crew BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-14 Missilex and Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic Tracking Exercise.

29, 30 - Crew BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS Missilex and Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic Tracking and firing exercise.

#### OCTOBER

16 - Crew ALPHA returned from Rota, Spain after completion of Open Ocean Safari Missilex.

20 - 28 - Crew BRAVO deployed aboard USS EISENHOWER, provided MQM-74C service for missilexes.

20 - 28 - Crew CHARLIE deployed to Mayport, Fl., provided MK-33 services in Jacksonville OPAREA for CARGRU TWO. They operated from USS NIPMUC.

25, 26 - Crew ECHO aboard DR-1, provided MK-35 services in VACAPES OPAREA for USS EISENHOWER Missilex.

#### NOVEMBER

2 - 4 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic Tracking and Firing Exercises.

7 - Crew ECHO deployed to Quantamano Bay, Cuba, provided MK-33 services for USS EISENHOWER.

15, 16 - Crew BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-101 Missilex.

17, 18 - Crew BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic Tracking and Firing Exercises.

18, 19 - Crew CHARLIE aboard USS NIPMUC, provided MK-33 services in the Jacksonville OPAREA for Carrier Air Group SIX.

22, 23 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-102 Missilex.

25 - Crew DELTA returned after successful completion of UNITAS XVIII. The first all jet drone (MQM-74C) UNITAS Deployment.

DECEMBER

4 - 6 - Crew CHARLIE deployed to Mayport, Fl., provided MK-33 services in Jacksonville OPAREA for Carrier Air Group SIX. They operated from USS NIPMUC.

5 - 15 - Crew BRAVO deployed aboard USS MITSCHER, provided MQM-74C services for Missilex.

13, 14 - Crew ALPHA at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-102 Missilex.

20, 21 - Crews ALPHA and BRAVO at Dam Neck, provided MQM-74C services for VF-171 Missilex.

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1977

AERIAL OPS

	<u>D.N.</u>	<u>CREWS DEPLOYED</u>	<u>COMB</u>
LAUNCH	208	99	307
SAT LAUNCH	206	99	305
SORTIES PROVIDED FOR SHIPS	19	54	73
SORTIES PROVIDED FOR A/C	107	17	124
OPERATION EXPENDITURES	46	18	64
SUCCESSFUL MISSIONS COMPLETED	180	73	253
HIT & KILLED EXP.	35	22	57
DAM NECK GUN LINE SORTIES	53	--	53
RECOVERIES DR-1	85	--	85

SURFACE OPS

	<u>MK-33</u>	<u>MK-35</u>
HOURS OPERATED	213.3	162.9