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From: Commanding Officer, Fleet Composite Squadron SIX  
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05D2)

Subj: Command History for Calendar Year 1978  
(OPNAV REPORT 5750-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12B

- Encl: (1) Commanding Officer's Biography
- (2) Summary of Operations for Calendar Year 1978
- (3) Operational Statistics for Calendar Year 1978
- (4) Monthly Summaries for Calendar Year 1978
- (5) Citations and Congratulatory Messages for Calendar Year 1978

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) 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 designation of units assigned, dates and authority for any activations or deactivations, and information on significant organizational changes during the calendar year. None.

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

b. Summary of Operations.

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

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c. Special Topics.

(1) The operational statistics for the calendar year 1978 are included in enclosure (3).

3. Documentary Annex.

a. Enclosure (4) contains the squadron's monthly summaries for calendar year 1978.

b. Enclosure (5) refers to citations, commendations, awards and congratulatory messages received during 1978.

4. Highlights of calendar year 1978.

a. December 1978 Crew Bravo completed UNITAS XIX Operations, with the most drone launches ever on this exercise.

b. In February 1978, VC-6 launched a record 15 drones in three days in support of a U.S. Marine Corps Hawk missile exercise to complete an exercise normally requiring seven days.

c. In September 1978, the squadron provided 88.2 hours of SEPTAR services, more than twice as many as ever achieved in one month.

d. During Fiscal Year 1978, VC-6 conducted more aerial target operations than any other squadron in the U.S. Navy. Ships and fighter squadrons expended 196 missiles and hundreds of rounds from their guns to maintain their readiness.

e. VC-6 hosted foreign officials from Egypt and India for the purpose of assisting DOD in promoting foreign military sales.

f. VC-6 maintenance department was able to repair a SEPTAR which had been very heavily damaged by a SHRIKE missile which resulted in a \$40,000 savings for the Navy.

  
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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CALENDAR YEAR 1978

JANUARY

17 - Detachment Bravo operated on the USS DAHLGREN for COMSECONDFLT. Launched one target.

FEBRUARY

1 - Detachments Bravo and Delta operated at Dam Neck providing services for VF-101 and COMNAVAIRLANT. Launched four targets.

8 - Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck providing services for VF-103 and COMNAVAIRLANT. Launched two targets.

15 - Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck providing services for VF-103 and COMNAVAIRLANT. Four targets were launched.

15 - 19 - Detachment Alfa operated on the USS MILWAUKEE providing services for COMSECONDFLT in the Mediterranean. Launched 11 targets.

14 - 21 - Detachment Charlie operated on the USS HOIST providing services for COMSECONDFLT over in the Mediterranean. Operated 36.9 hours.

21 - Detachment Bravo operated at Dam Neck providing services for VF-32 and COMNAVAIRLANT. Launched two targets.

23 - Detachment Bravo operated at Dam Neck providing services for VF-32/14 and COMNAVAIRLANT. Launched two targets.

23 - Detachment Echo operated the MK-35's providing services for the USS J. F. KENNEDY. Operating 9 hours.

MARCH

1 - 6 - Detachment Echo operated in the Mayport area for the USS KENNEDY. Operated for 19.4 hours.

5 - 17 - Detachment Bravo and Delta operated in the Mediterranean for COMSIXTHFLT. Launched six targets.

MARCH

- 20 - 23 - Detachment Echo operated in the Jax Oparea for SWOSCHOLCOM providng MK-33 services. Operated for 2.8 hours.
- 20 - 24 - Detachment Alfa operated at Camp Lejeune for CGFMFLANT. Launched 15 targets.

APRIL

- 4 - 5 - Detachment Alfa operated at Dam Neck for COMNAVAIRLANT and VF-101. Launched four targets.
- 7 - 10 - Detachment Delta operated off the USS YARNELL for COMSECONDFLT. Launched seven targets.
- 13 - Detachment Bravo operated off the USS IWO JIMA for COMNAVSEASYSKOM and launched two targets.

MAY

- 3 - Detachment Bravo operated at Dam Neck provided services for VA-33. Launched three targets.
- 11 - Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck providing services for the USS KENNEDY. Launched one target.
- 11 - 12 - Detachment Charlie operated in the VACAPES area providing MK-35 services for the USS KENNEDY. Launched for 19.9 hours.
- 11 - 13 - Detachment Echo operated in the VACAPES area providing MK-35 services for COMPATWING 5. Launched for 8.4 hours.
- 5 - 19 - Detachment Alfa operated in the VACAPES area providing services for the USS SAIPAN. Launched four targets.
- 22 - 26 - Detachment Charlie operated in the Jax Oparea providing MK-33 services for the USS MONTGOMERY. Launched for 9.5 hours.
- 26 - Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck providing services for the USS SPRUANCE. Launched two targets.

## JUNE

- 6 - Detachment Echo operated at Dam Neck providing services for VF-101. Launched two targets.
- 4 - 9 - Detachment Echo operated in the Jax Oparea providing MK-33 services for USS OLIVER HAZARD PERRY. Operated for 7 hours.
- 8 - Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck providing services for
- 9 - 18 - Detachment Echo operated at Lake George providing MK-33 services for ATKRON THREE ELEVEN. Operated for 19.5 hours.
- 13 - 19 - Detachment Alfa operated at Dam Neck providing services for VF-101 and the USS RADFORD. Launched six targets.
- 12 - 14 - Detachment Charlie operated in Jax Oparea providing services for USS OLIVER HAZARD PERRY. Launched for 10 hours.
- 15 - 16 - Detachment Charlie operated in Vacapes Oparea providing MK-35 services for USS KENNEDY. Launched for 18.5 hours.
- 21 - 23 - Dam Neck launch crew operated at Dam Neck providing services for FCTCL. Launched 8 targets.
- 22 - 30 - Detachment Echo operated at Dare County providing MK-33 services for MATWING ONE. Operated for 8.1 hours.

## JULY

- 1 - 13 - Detachment Alfa operated aboard the USS FORREST SHERMAN providing target services for CTG 20.3. Launched 10 targets.
- 3 - Detachment Charlie operated in the Vacapes Oparea providing MK-35 services for the USS T. C. HART. Operated for 3.3 hours. Exercise cancelled due to weather.
- 7 - Detachment Delta and Dam Neck launch crews operated at Dam Neck for VF-142/143.
- 10 - 31 - Detachment Bravo operated aboard USS DUPONT providing services for UNITAS XIX. Launched three targets.

JULY Cont'd

- 11 - 14 - Detachment Echo operated in the Jax Oparea for the USS SAMPSON. Launch for 2.4 hours.
- 19 - 20 - Detachment Echo operated in the Vacapes Oparea providing MK-35 services for the USS NIMITZ and USS TRUETT. Operated for 49.5 hours.
- 19 - 20 - Detachment Delta operated for VF-102 at Dam Neck. Launched three targets.
- 21 - Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck providing services for the USS GUADAL CANAL. Launched three targets.
- 22 - 28 - Detachment Echo operated in the Jax Oparea providing MK-33 services for PATWING ELEVEN. Operated for 8.3 hours.
- 23 - 28 - Detachment Charlie operated at Dare County providing MK-33 services for MATWING. Operated for 15 hours.
- 25 - Detachment Alfa operated at Dam Neck providing services for VF-101. Launched four targets.
- 27 - Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck providing services for VF-171. Launched two targets.

AUGUST

- 2 - 4 - Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck providing services for VF-143 and FCTCL. Launched 12 targets.
- 4 - Detachment Echo operated in the Vacapes Oparea providing MK-35 services for CONDESRON 32. Operated for 23.2 hours.
- 7 - Detachment Echo operated in the Vacapes Oparea providing MK-35 services for COMDESRON 32. Operated for 20.8 hours.
- 11 - Detachment Alfa operated at Dam Neck providing services for USS MT WHITNEY. Launched two targets.
- 15 - Detachment Alfa operated at Dam Neck providing services for VF-143. Launched 2 targets.
- 14 - 20 - Detachment Charlie operated in the Jax Oparea for the USS SARATOGA. Operated for 15.5 hours.

AUGUST Cont'd

- 23 - 24 - Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck providing services for FCTCL. Launched 5 targets.
- 28 - Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck conducting a target test. Launched one target.
- 30 - Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck providing services for VF-84. Launched three targets.
- 1 - 31 - Detachment Bravo operated aboard the USS DUPONT for UNITAS XIX. Launched 5 targets.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 - 13 - Detachment Alfa operated in the Mediterranean for SIXTHFLT. Launched 12 targets.
- 6 - Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck providing services for VF-143 and COMNAVAIRLANT. Launched three targets.
- 12 - Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck providing services for VF-181/33. Launched 6 targets.
- 19 - Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck providing services for VF-201/202. Launched two targets.
- 19 - Detachment Charlie operated in the Vacapes Oparea providing MK-35 services for the USS CALIFORNIA. Operated for 23.8 hours.
- 21 - Detachment Charlie operated in the Vacapes Oparea providing MK-35 services for the USS MOINESTER. Operated for 22 hours.
- 26 - 29 - Detachment Alfa operated at Dam Neck providing services for VF-171, VF-84, VF-101, VF-102, VA-176, and VA-15. Launched 22 targets.
- 27 - 28 - Detachment Charlie operated in the Vacapes Oparea providing MK-35 services for VA-35 and COMNAVAIRLANT. Operated for 42.4 hours.
- 1 - 30 - Detachment Bravo operated aboard USS DUPONT providing services for UNITAS XIX. Launched 4 targets.

OCTOBER

- 1 - 17 - Detachment Delta operated aboard the USS MILWAUKEE conducting services for the TRANSEX. Launched 9 targets.

OCTOBER Cont'd

1 - 31 - Detachment Bravo operated aboard the USS DUPONT conducting services for UNITAS XIX. Launched 11 targets.

NOVEMBER

1 - 30 - Detachment Bravo operated aboard the USS DUPONT conducting services for UNITAS XIX. Launched 10 targets.

24 - 30 - Detachment Alfa operated aboard the USS MT BAKER conducting services for GULFEX 1-79. Launched 10 targets.

1 - 30 - Detachments Charlie and Echo conducted maintenance on the MK-33's and MK-35's preparing them for December operations. Maintenance time - 17.7 hours.

DECEMBER

1 - 13 - Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck providing services for UNITAS XIX. They launched four targets.

9 - 16 - Crew Charlie operated in the Jacksonville area providing services for VP squadrons at Lake George. Operated for 15.0 hours.

DAM NECK LAUNCHES

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOT
Launches	0	14	3	4	6	18	14	25	33	0	11	2	130
Sat Launches		14	3	4	6	18	13	25	31		9	2	125
Sorties Ship					3	3	3	2	0		5		16
Series A/C		14	3	4	3	7	11	7	33		6	2	90
Sat Mission		11	3	4	6	18	11	20	25		9	2	98
Hit & Killed		3	2	1	2	3		2	8		3	0	24
Ops Loss		3			2	2	3	2					12
Gunline						8		15					23
Tot Time		481	101	139	163	637	394	728	835		325	104	3907

DEPLOYED OPS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOT
Launches	1	11	21	9	4	0	13	5	16	20	20	4	124
Sat Launches	1	10	21	9	4		13	5	16	20	20	4	123
Sorties Ship	1	11	6	9	4		13	5	16	20	20	4	109
Sorties A/C			15										15
Sat Mission	1	10	16	9	4		12	4	9	17	15	3	100
Hit & Killed			8	2	1	0	1	1	3	2	4	0	22
Ops Loss		2	6	4	0		2	1	3	3	8	3	32
Tot Time	60	456	510	279	141		603	151	403	690	591	120	4004

SEPTAR OPS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
MK-33	10.9	36.9	22.2	0	17.9	58.0	86.5	15.5	0	0	4.0	15.0
MK-35	2.7	9.0	0	0	19.9	18.5	52.8	44.0	88.2	0	13.7	0

Enclosure (3)