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

Subj: Command History for Calendar Year 1980  
(OPNAV Report 5750-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

Encl: (1) Commanding Officer's biography  
(2) Summary of Operations for Calendar Year 1980  
(3) Operational Statistics for Calendar Year 1980  
(4) Monthly Summaries for Calendar Year 1980  
(5) Citations and Congratulatory Message for Calendar Year 1980  
(6) Message for Calendar Year 1980

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) 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 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 location of headquarters or homeport: None.

b. Summary of Operations.

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

c. Special Topics.

(1) The operational statistics for calendar year 1980 are included in enclosure (3).

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3. Documentary Annex.

a. Enclosure (4) contains the squadron's monthly summaries for calendar year 1980.

b. Enclosure (5) refers to citations, awards and congratulatory messages received during 1980.

4. Highlights of calendar year 1980.

a. In April 1980, VC-6 hosted two foreign officers from Great Britain's Royal Navy for the purpose of Remote Control Operation training in MQM-74.

b. June - December 1980, Crew Alpha completed UNITAS XXI operations, with a most successful rate of drone launches and the first time use of QST-33 SEPTARS on this exercise.

c. In November 1980, the USS Retriever (DR-1) departed for a 6 month overhaul in Salisbury, Md.

d. In December 1980, Crew Bravo and Delta performed simultaneous dual drone launch of Dam Neck.

  
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## SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CALENDER 1980

### JANUARY

- 9-16 Detachment Charlie deployed to NS Mayport in support of Gunnex and Bombex Exercise with USS Saratoga. However, operations were cancelled due to heavy seas.
10. Detachment Bravo provided services to the USS Connelly for its Missilex off Dam Neck, one target launched and recovered. No missiles fired.
- 14-28 Detachment Echo deployed to NS Mayport and Lake George operating areas for USS Luce and the Air Wing off the USS Eisenhower (VA 42 and VA 46). One QST-33 Septar received a direct hit, and although sunk, was recovered.
- 25 Detachment Charlie provided 10 hours of QST-33 services for the USS Comp De Grass in Vacapes Area.
- 29 Detachment Alfa Deployed aboard USS Richard E. Byrd. Three missiles and 50 rounds were expended against two targets.

### FEBRUARY

- 13 Detachment Charlie operated in Vacapes Area in support of Special Boat Unit No. 20. 907 20mm rounds expended.
- 20-21 Detachment Alfa launched one target in Missilex at Dam Neck for VF-33/VF-101/VF-102.
- 25 Detachment Delta deployed to Camp Lejuene, North Carolina. Two targets were launched for THIRD LAMB HAWK MISSILEX.
- 27-28 Detachment Alfa at Dam Neck flew four targets for VF-31/VF-103 MISSILEX.

### MARCH

- 6 Detachment Alfa at Dam Neck launched two targets for VF-171 MISSILEX.
- 6-22 Detachment Bravo aboard USS Santa Barbara supported Lant Fleet Translant. 20 missiles fired, two drones expended.
- 12 Detachment Delta at Dam Neck launched four targets for VF-14/VF-32 MISSILEX.
- 20 Detachment Echo deployed aboard USS Papago in support of Gunnery Exercise for USS Mississippi.
- 24 Detachment Charlie supported Special Boat Unit 20 in the Vacapes Oparea. 244 60 mm rounds fired.

## APRIL

24 Detachment Alfa at Dam Neck launched three targets in support of VF-14/VF-32/VF-101/VF-102 MISSILEX.

29 Detachment Alfa at Dam Neck supported VF-33 MISSILEX with one target.

## MAY

1 Detachment Alfa launched four targets in support of USS Kennedy SQT from Dam Neck.

10-20 Detachment Delta deployed to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina in support of THIRD LAMB HAXK MISSILEX. Two targets launched.

21-27 Detachment Echo supported COMPTEVFOUR and Special Boat Unit 20 in their test and evaluation of a new 40 mm cannon. Two QST-33 Septars were destroyed.

28 Detachment Bravo at Dam Neck supported VF-171/VF-101 MISSILEX with one target.

## JUNE

8-22 Detachment Bravo deployed on USS Mount Baker for Mediterranean MISSILEX. Eight targets launched.

7-15 Detachment Charlie deployed aboard USNS Atacapa out of NS Newport in support of a Gunnery Exercise with USS Luce.

21 Detachment Alfa departs on UNITAS XXI aboard USS Pharris ff-1094 for a five month South American deployment. Two Qst-33 Septars were carried on board for the first time in support of UNITAS.

24 Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck in support of Royal Navy RC0 Training.

## JULY

6-12 Detachment Charlie departed in Albermarle Sound supporting Medium Attack Wing ONE and VA-35.

9 Detachment Bravo at Dam Neck supported VF-41/VA-81/VF-101 MISSILEX with one drone launch.

10-11 Detachment Echo operated in Vacapes in support of Special Boat Unit 20 Gunnery Exercise. 1660 40 mm rounds fired.

14-29 Detachment Delta deployed aboard USS Detroit conducting Open Ocean Atlantic TRANSIT. Six missiles were fired.

22-24 Detachment Bravo launched five drones for USS Ricketts and VF-84 from Dam Neck.

22 Detachment Bravo Launched three drones in support of USS Claude V. Ricketts's MISSILEX from Dam Neck.

22-25 Detachment Echo operated with Special Boat Unit 20 in the Vacapes Oparea. 4,712 40 mm rounds expended.

23-24 Detachment Bravo operated at Dam Neck supporting VF-84 MISSILEX with two drones launched.

29 Detachment Alfa aboard USS Pharris on UNITAS XXI launched ten drones and three septars in support of units of various South American Navies.

### AUGUST

1 Detachment Charlie operated with Special Boat Unit 20 in the Vacapes Area.

5-6 Detachment Bravo operated at Dam Neck. Five drones launched in support of VF-41 MISSILEX.

6 Detachment Charlie deployed aboard USN Atakapa to support USS Truett and USS Peterson Gunnery Exercise.

7 Detachment Echo operated in the Vacapes Area in support of Special Boat Unit 20 Gunnery Exercise.

10-16 Detachment Echo deployed to Albermarle Sound in support of Medium Attack Wing ONE.

13 Detachment Delta deployed to Dam Neck supporting USS Texas MISSILEX. Launched two drones.

18 Detachment Bravo operated at Dam Neck supporting USS Texas MISSILEX. Launched two drones.

19 Detachment Bravo launched two drones at Dam Neck supporting VF-41/VF-84/VA-32/VA-86 MISSILEX.

28 Detachment Delta deployed aboard USS Savannah to support NATO Teamwork 80 Exercise. Launched 12 drones for 20 missiles fired.

### SEPTEMBER

7-8 Detachment Bravo launched three drones in support of CVW-6 Airwing in the Vacapes Area.

14-29 Detachment Bravo deploys aboard USS Mount Baker in support of National Week 29 Mediterranean MISSILEX. Six drones launched.

17 Detachment Echo deployed aboard USS Papago to support USS Barney and USS D. B. Beary.

24 Detachment Delta operated at Dam Neck supporting VF-74/  
VF-103, launching two targets.

#### OCTOBER

Detachment Alfa launched one drone in support of UNITAS XXI.

#### NOVEMBER

15 Detachment Alfa on UNITAS XXI launched one drone.

17 Detachment Delta deployed aboard USS Butte in support  
of LANTFLT Task Force Atlantic Crossing. Seven Drones  
launched.

24 Detachment Bravo operated from Dam Neck supporting USS  
Claude V. Ricketts.

25-26 Detachment Bravo launched one drone in support of  
VF-41 at Dam Neck.

Detachment Alfa returned home from Unitas XXI.

#### DECEMBER

17 Detachment Delta supported VF-41 with one drone launched  
from Dam Neck.

18 Detachment Charlie operated in Vacapes Oparea in support  
of Rapid Deployment Forces Helicopter Firepower Demonstration.

19 Detachment Delta supported VF-41 with two drones launched  
from Dam Neck.

30 Detachments Bravo and Delta performed simultaneous dual  
drone launch from Dam Neck for feasibility demonstration of a  
Dual Threat Presentation.

MQM-74C	CY 1980	%
LAUNCHES	133	----
SAT MISSION	106	80.0
SAT LAUNCHES	129	97.0
RECOVERIES	74	56.0
OP LOSSES	27	20.0
HIT AND KILLED	25	19.0

QST-35

LAUNCHES	21
SAT MISSION	21
OPS HOURS	133

QST-33

LAUNCHES	55
SAT MISSIONS	54
OP HOURS	196

DR-1

HOURS OF OPERATION	127
DAYS OPERATED	26
TARGETS RECOVERED	27