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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

- Encl:
- (1) Fleet Composite Squadron SIX CY 1997 Command History
 - (2) CDR J. P. Holtzman's Biography and Photograph
 - (3) Squadron History and Mission pamphlet
 - (4) Command Photograph
 - (5) FLECOMPRON SIX ltr 3590 Ser 10/591 of 29 Dec 97 "1997 Battle Efficiency Award Nomination for Fleet Composite Squadron SIX (VC-6)"
 - (6) COMNAVAIRLANT Message 241935Z Feb 98 announcing VC-6 as a 1997 Battle "E" Winner
 - (7) FLECOMPRON SIX ltr 5000 Ser 10/649 of 6 Oct 97 "FY-97 Golden Anchor Award"
 - (8) "VC-6 honors top performers as Sailors of the quarter" The Aerogram
 - (9) "VC-6 finds new home aboard NAS," The Flagship
 - (10) "Fleet Composite Squadron 6 names best two," The Flagship
 - (11) "VC-6 Det Pax Flies 15,000th hour," The Pioneer Newsletter
 - (12) "Det Two returns from Fallon," The Tester
 - (13) "VC-6 personnel bike ride nets cash for CFC," The Flagship

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (12) are submitted.


J. P. HOLTZMAN

FLEET COMPOSITE SQUADRON SIX CY 1997, COMMAND HISTORY

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission: We exist to make sure the Fleet is ready to fight our wars and enforce our peace.

b. Organizational Structure:

(1) ISIC: Commander, Helicopter Tactical Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

(2) Squadron Composition:

09806 - VC-6 Shore (NAS Norfolk, VA; NAB Little Creek, VA)

32019 - VC-6 Sea DET Component (NAB Little Creek, VA; FCTCL Dam Neck, VA)

30197 - VC-6 Shore DET Dam Neck (FCTCL Dam Neck, VA)

55243 - VC-6 Sea Surveillance DET (Webster Field, MD)

46550 - VC-6 Shore Surveillance DET (Webster Field, MD)

c. Squadron Commander: Commander J. P. Holtzman, USN.

d. Headquarters location: Naval Air Station Norfolk, Virginia.

e. Type and number of assets assigned:

(1) UAV - 31

(2) BQM-74E - 42

(3) QST-35 - 8

(4) QST-33 - 9

(5) DLR-3 - 1

2. Chronology

January

02

LT [REDACTED] reenlists HT2 [REDACTED] at Det Little Creek

15

BQM operation for training
QST-35 operation for Innercap

16

LCDR [REDACTED] reenlists ET2 [REDACTED]
at Det Dam Neck

20 Jan - 28 Feb UAV Det deployed onboard USS SHREVEPORT
(LPD 12) for CARS Test/Eval
26 Jan - 15 Feb QST Det deployed to Mayport, FL,
supporting ATG/HSLWINGLANT
29 BQM operation for training
QST-35 and DLR-3 operation for Innercap

February

02 - 07 BQM Det deployed to NASA Flight
Facility, Wallops Island for
supporting NAVSEA(SSDS)
03 QST-33 operation supporting USS
KEARSARGE (LHD 3) port break out
04 QST-35 operation supporting PHIBRON 4
port break out
QST-35 operation supporting USS NORMANDY
(CG 60) port break out
DLR-3 operation supporting PHIBRON 4
port break out
10 Feb - 01 Mar UAV Det deployed to NSA WC Fallon, NV,
supporting CVW-1
10 QST-35 operation supporting HM-14 GUNNEX
11 QST-35 operation supporting HM-14 GUNNEX
18 - 28 BQM Det deployed onboard USS WADSWORTH
(FFG 9) supporting C3F
19 QST-35 operation supporting U.S. Army
GUNNEX
20 QST-35 operation supporting U.S. Army
GUNNEX
23 Feb - 01 Mar BQM Det deployed to RV Gosport-Trial
Bravo supporting NAVSEA
26 BQM operation supporting VF-41
MSLEX

March

03 CW03 [REDACTED] reenlists AS2 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at Norfolk Live
04 LCDR [REDACTED] reenlists AS3 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at VC-6
06 LCDR [REDACTED] reenlists AMS2 [REDACTED]
at Det Dam Neck
10 QST-33 operation supporting USS STENNIS
(CVN 74) port break out
12 LT [REDACTED] reenlists AT1 [REDACTED] in the
Avionics Shop
13 - 23 QST Det deployed to Morehead City, NC,
supporting JTFEX 97-1
13 - 23 DLR-3 deployed to Morehead City, NC,
supporting JTFEX 97-1

13 QST-35 operation supporting Small Boat Unit 4 GUNNEX
 14 LT [REDACTED] reenlists EN3 [REDACTED] at Morehead City, NC
 14 LT [REDACTED] reenlists AT2 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at Morehead City, NC
 19 Mar - 02 Apr UAV Det deployed to NSAWC Fallon, NV, supporting CVW-1
 20 QST-35 operation supporting USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69) port break out
 24 Mar - 04 Apr BQM Det deployed to NASA Flight Facility, Wallops Island, supporting NAVSEA(SSDS)
 25 QST-35 & QST-33 operation supporting USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN-73) port break out
 27 BQM operation supporting SWATSLANT MSLEX

 April
 01 LT [REDACTED] reenlists AMS3 [REDACTED] in the Airframes Shop
 03 QST-35 and QST-33 operation supporting USS ELROD (FFG 55) port break out
 QST-35 operation supporting HC-8 Search and Rescue
 06 Apr - 27 May BQM Det deployed onboard USS DETROIT (AOE 4) supporting C5F, C6F, and CVW3
 08 QST-35 operation supporting USS ASHLAND (LSD 48) small boat attack
 10 LT [REDACTED] reenlists AMS2 [REDACTED] at Det Little Creek
 QST-33 operation for training
 QST-33 operation supporting HC-8 Search and Rescue
 14 QST-35, QST-33 and DLR-3 operation supporting USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69) port break out
 16 QST-33 operation for training
 21 - 25 UAV Det deployed onboard USS SHREVEPORT (LPD 12) for work ups
 22 QST-35 operation supporting USCG ASU-6/8 GUNNEX
 23 CO reenlists AS3 [REDACTED] at VC-6
 28 QST-35 and QST-33 operation supporting USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69) port break in
 29 QST-35 operation supportin USCG ASU-6/8 GUNNEX

30 DLR-3 operation giving tour of Harbor to Malibu Elementary fifth grade students

May

01 LCDR [REDACTED] reenlists AT3 [REDACTED] at Det Dam neck
BQM operation for training

02 LT [REDACTED] reenlists EN1 [REDACTED] at NAS Norfolk Theatre

05 BQM operation supporting VF-103 MSLEX

08 QST-35 and QST-33 operation supporting Patrol Wing 5 DRUGEX
DLR-3 operation giving tour of harbor to Malibu Elementary fifth grade students

09 QST-35 operation supporting USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) port break out

11 - 17 UAV Det deployed onboard USS SHREVEPORT (LPD 12) for work ups

15 QST-35 operation supporting HC-8 Search and Rescue

18 May - 07 Jun BQM Det deployed to Anderson AFB, Guam, supporting C7F

June

06 - 08 DLR-3 deployed to Norfolk, VA, supporting Harborfest 97/Norfolk Waterside

08 - 12 QST Det deployed to Palmetto Point, NC, for RCO Training

09 QST-33 operation for training

11 QST-35 operation for remote checks

17 QST-35 and QST-33 operations supporting ASU-6/8 Training

19 - 26 UAV Det deployed onboard USS SHREVEPORT (LPD 12) for work ups

20 AEC [REDACTED] reenlists DS1 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at Det Dam Neck

20 - 27 BQM Det deployed to NASA Flight Facility, Wallops Island, supporting NAVSEA(SSDS)

23 QST-35 operation for functional check

24 QST-35, QST-33 and DLR-3 operation for photo shoot

25 Jun - 22 Nov BQM Det deployed onboard USS DE WERT (FFG 45) for UNITAS XXXVIII

25 BQM and DLR-3 operation supporting VF-11 MISSLEX

26 QST-35 and QST-33 operation supporting USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69) port break in

27	QST-35, QST-33 and DLR-3 operation supporting USS STENNIS (CVN 74) port break out
28	QST-35 and QST-33 operation supporting USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69) port break out
29 Jun - 03 Jul	QST Det deployed to Palmetto Point, NC, for RCO Training
29 Jun - 18 Jul	QST Det deployed to OPTEVFOR CIWS OPEVAL/ATG
July	
7 - 11	UAV Det deployed to Aberdeen Army Base for JTFX 97-1
08	QST-35 and DLR-3 operation supporting VF-143 BOMBEX
09	QST-35 operation for remote checks QST-35 and DLR-3 operation supporting VF-143 BOMBEX
10	QST-35 operation for remote checks QST-35 operation supporting USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8) TRACKEX
11	QST-35 operation supporting USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8) GUNEX
11 - 14	QST-35 operation supporting Norfolk Hydrofest
12	QST-35 and DLR-3 operation supporting ISTT Recovery QST-35 operation supporting USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8) TRACKEX
13	QST-35 operation supporting USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8) GUNEX
14	QST-35 and DLR-3 operation for ISTT Recovery
15	BQM operation for training QST-35 operation for USS O'BANNON (DDG 987) port break out and port break in QST-35 and QST-33 operation supporting USS ELROD (FFG 55) port break out DLR-3 operation for Drone Recovery
19 - 25	BQM Det deployed to RV Gosport-Trial Bravo supporting NAVSEA
20 - 30	UAV Det deployed onboard USS SHREVEPORT for work ups
21	QST-35 and QST-33 operation supporting USS CARON (DD 970) and USS COLE (DDG 67) port break out
22	QST-35 operation supporting supporting ATG Norfolk port break out
23	QST-35 operation for SEPTAR recovery

	QST-35 and QST-33 operation supporting VF-102 BOMBEX
25	QST-35 operation supporting HC-8 SAR exercise
	QST-35 and QST-33 operation supporting USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69) port break in
29	QST-35 operation supporting USS BERRY (DDG 52) and USS SAMUEL B ROBERTS (FFG 58) port break out
30	QST-35 operation for maintenance QST-35 operation for remote checks
August	
01	BQM operation for RCO Training
	DLR-3 operation for INNERCAP
04	BQM operation for CWTPI
	DLR-3 operation for INNERCAP
06	QST-35 operation for Op Check
07 - 12	BQM Det deployed to NASA Flight Facility, Wallops Island, supporting NAVSEA(SSDS)
07	BQM operation supporting VF-32 MISSLEX
08	QST-35 operation supporting USS STENNIS (CVN-74) port break out
11	QST-35 operation supporting USS STENNIS (CVN-74) port break out
12	LCDR [REDACTED] reenlists AMS3 [REDACTED] at Det Dam Neck
	QST-35 operation supporting USS STENNIS (CVN-74) port break out
13	QST-35 operation supporting USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) port break out
	QST-35 operation supporting HC-8 SAREX
15	LCDR [REDACTED] reenlists AS2 [REDACTED] at Norfolk Live
18 Aug - 05 Sep	UAV Det deployed onboard USS SHREVEPORT (LPD 12) for JTFX/SOCEX
19	QST-35 operation for Op Check
20	QST-35 operation for fuel run
21	LCDR [REDACTED] reenlists AD3 [REDACTED] at VC-6
21 Aug - 04 Sep	QST Det deployed to Morehead City, NC, supporting JTFEX 97-2/Harbor Defense Command
22 - 26	BQM Det deployed to NASA Flight Facility, Wallops Island, supporting NAVSEA(SSDS)
25 Aug - 01 Sep	UAV Det deployed to Aberdeen Army Base for JTFX 97-2

26		QST-35 operation for Op Check
28 Aug - 05 Sep		DLR-3 deployed to Morehead City, NC, supporting JTFEX 97-2
28		QST-35 operation supporting NAWCAD INNERCAP BQM operation supporting USS STENNIS (CVN 74) MISSLEX
September		
06		QST-35 operation for Op-Check
08		QST-35 operation supporting ASU-6 Orange Forces
08 - 11		UAV Det deployed to Fort Bliss, TX, for C/N Ops IPC
11		QST-35 and QST-33 operation supporting USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69) port break out QST-35 and QST-33 operation supporting USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) port break in
12		DLR-3 operation supporting VP-30 BOMBEX QST-35 operation supporting VP-30 BOMBEX QST-35 operation for Op-Check QST-35 operation for remote checks
12 - 22		BQM Det deployed to Eglin AFB supporting COMMARSYSCOM
13		XO reenlists AT3 [REDACTED] in the XO's office
15 - 19		QST-35 operation supporting NAVAIR INNERCAP and OUTERCAP
15 Sep - 03 Oct		UAV Det deployed onboard USS DENVER (LPD 9) for work ups/ISE
16 - 19		DLR-3 operation supporting NAVAIR INNERCAP and OUTERCAP
16 - 18		BQM operation supporting NAVAIR E-2C MULTIPATH
17		QST-35 operation supporting US Army GUNEX
18		QST-35 operation for Op-Check
19		QST-35 operation supporting VP-30 BOMBEX
21 Sep - 01 Oct		UAV Det deployed to NSAWC Fallon, NV, for TLAM/CVW Integration
23		BQM operation supporting SWATSLANT MISSILEX QST-35 operation supporting VF-102 and VF-103 INNERCAP QST-35 operation for Op-Check QST-33 and DLR-3 operation supporting VF-102 and VF-103 BOMBEX
26		QST-35 and DLR-3 operation supporting VP-16 BOMBEX

29 BQM operation for training
QST-35 operation supporting USS TORTUGA
(LSD 46) port break out
QST-35 operation for INNERCAP
30 LCDR [REDACTED] reenlists AD3 [REDACTED]
at Det Dam Neck

October

03 QST-35 operation supporting USS GEORGE
WASHINGTON (CVN 73) Orange Forces
03 Oct - 31 Dec UAV Det deployed onboard USS SHREVEPORT
(LPD 12) for Med Cruise
06 - 21 UAV Det deployed onboard USS DENVER
(LPD 9) for COMPUTEX
08 CO reenlists AT3 [REDACTED] in CO's
Office
09 VC-6 Change of Command Ceremony where
CDR J. P. Holtzman relieved CDR R. C.
Sain as Commanding Officer
14 QST-35 operation supporting USS TORTUGA
(LSD 46) Orange Forces
13 - 14 BQM Det deployed to SOCAL Range
supporting C3F
20 QST-35 operation supporting HM-14 Orange
Forces
20 - 23 QST Det deployed to Webster Field, MD,
supporting UAV Ops
21 - 24 BQM Det deployed onboard USS KAUFFMAN
(FFG 59) supporting C2F
23 QST-35 operation for Op-Check
27 QST-35 operation supporting USS MITSCHER
(DD 57) Orange Forces
29 QST-35 operation for Op-Check
30 Oct - 02 Nov DLR-3 deployed to Urbanna, VA,
supporting Oyster Festival
31 Command PRT at Dam Neck

November

03 QST-35 operation supporting USS DWIGHT D
EISENHOWER (CVN 69) orange forces
03 - 14 UAV Det deployed onboard USS TARAWA
(LHA 1) for FLTEX/TCS Demo
03 - 14 UAV Det deployed onboard USS DENVER
(LPD 9) fro FLTEX
04 QST-33 operation supporting USS DWIGHT D
EISENHOWER (CVN 69) Orange Forces
QST-35 operation for repairs
QST-35 operation for Op-Check

04 - 21 UAV Det deployed to Padre Island, TX,
 for C/N Ops
 12 QST-35 operation for Op-Check
 DLR-3 operation supporting HM-14 MINEX
 16 - 21 UAV Det deployed onboard USS CLEVELAND
 (LPD 7) for work ups
 18 QST-35 and QST-33 operation for Op-Check
 QST-33 operation supporting USS DEYO
 (DD 989) Orange Forces
 25 BQM operation for training
 QST-35 operation for INNERCAP
 26 QST-35 operation for Op-Check

December

01 LT [REDACTED] reenlists ATC [REDACTED] at Det
 Dam Neck
 01 - 05 UAV Det deployed onboard USS CLEVELAND
 (LPD 7) for Ship-alt
 02 - 12 UAV Det deployed onboard USS DENVER
 (LPD 9) for SOCERT
 03 BQM operation for training
 DLR-3 operation for training
 05 DLR-3 operation for VSBB NSWTT Support
 08 QST-35 operation for Maintenance Check
 09 QST-35 operation for training
 10 QST-35 operation for training
 11 QST-35 and DLR-3 operation supporting
 PATWING 5 Maverick MISSILEX
 16 QST-35 operation for transport to Little
 Creek
 17 LT [REDACTED] reenlists QM1 [REDACTED]
 onboard DLR-3
 QST-33 operation for maintenance check
 18 QST-35 and QST-33 operation supporting
 USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER (CVN 69) port
 break out
 23 QST-35 operation for Maintenance Check