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CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY FOR 1985

JANUARY

- 01-04 INPORT SINGAPORE.
- 05-11 PROCEEDED THROUGH STRAITS OF MALLORCA BACK TO STATION IN NORTH ARABIAN SEA.
- 11-14 ON STATION NORTH ARABIAN SEA.
- 15-18 CONDUCTED EXERCISE "BEACON FLASH II" WITH OMAN.
- 19 USS INDEPENDENCE BATTLE GROUP RELIEVED BY USS CARL VINSON BATTLE GROUP. CV-62 DEPARTS STATION FOR RETURN TRANSIT.
- 20-25 TRANSITED RED SEA AND SUEZ CANAL AND INCHOPPED MEDITERRANEAN EVENING OF 25TH.
- 26-31 CONDUCTED DUAL CARRIER OPS IN CENTRAL MED WITH THE USS EISENHOWER WHILE INVOLVED IN EXERCISE "NATIONAL WEEK". CVW-6 A/C FLEW AGAINST TARGETS IN SOUTHERN FRANCE AS WELL AS SARDINIA. ALSO W.A.S. CONDUCTED AGAINST ITALIAN BG WHICH WAS SIMULATING SOVIET BG.

FEBRUARY

- 01-06 INPORT PALMA DE MALLORCA, SPAIN.
- 07-18 TRANSIT OF ATLANTIC BACK TO NORFOLK.
- 19 CV-62 INPORT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA. CVW-6 OFF-LOADS.

MARCH

- 01-31 SQUADRON STANDS DOWN FROM CRUISE. TWO LEAVE PERIODS SET. TURNOVER OF HARM AIRCRAFT AND ACCEPTANCE OF REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT.

APRIL

- 23 MAJORITY OF SQUADRON DEPARTS FOR ROOSY ROADS, PUERTO RICO TO SUPPORT CVW-3 AS ORANGE AIR.

MAY

- 06 DET RETURNS FROM ORANGE AIR IN PUERTO RICO.
- 19 HALF OF SQUADRON AIRCRAFT/PILOTS DEPART FOR NAS KEY WEST, FLORIDA FOR ACM TRAINING.

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**MAY (continued)**

24 SECOND HALF OF PILOTS DEPART FOR NAS KEY WEST FOR ACM TRAINING. FIRST GROUP RETURNS.

31 ALL AIRCRAFT RETURN FROM DET IN NAS KEY WEST, FLORIDA.

**JUNE**

01-30 TURNAROUND TRAINING CONTINUES.

**JULY**

06-21 MAJORITY OF SQUADRON DEPARTS FOR ORANGE AIR DET IN ROOSY ROADS, PUERTO RICO - CVW-3 CONTROLLING.

**AUGUST**

05-09 SQUADRON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TRAINING PROFICIENCY INSPECTION HELD - EXCELLENT.

19 SQUADRON IN MASS DEPARTS NAS CECIL FIELD FOR WEAPONS DETACHMENT TO NAS FALLON, NEVADA.

**SEPTEMBER**

06 SQUADRON RETURNS FROM FALLON WEAPONS DETACHMENT.

**OCTOBER**

08 CHANGE OF COMMAND. CDR LESLIE G. KAPPEL RELIEVED BY CDR P. CRAIG LONDON

21 SQUADRON DEPARTS FOR EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA TO PARTICIPATE IN "MABCAX 85". EXERCISE DESIGNED TO COORDINATE ALL ELEMENTS OF A GROUND ATTACK. SQUADRON PROVIDED CAS AND NAPALM DROPS.

**NOVEMBER**

03 SQUADRON RETURNS FROM "MABCAX 85" DETACHMENT.

26 EARLY DETACHMENT DEPARTS NAS CECIL FIELD FOR MCAS IWAKUNI, JAPAN.

29 EARLY DETACHMENT ARRIVES AT MCAS IWAKUNI, JAPAN.

30 C-5 CARGO AIRLIFT DEPARTS FOR MCAS IWAKUNI, JAPAN.

**DECEMBER**

01 12 AIRCRAFT AND TRANSPAC DETACHMENT DEPART NAS CECIL FIELD FOR TRANSPAC TO MCAS IWAKUNI, JAPAN.

**DECEMBER (continued)**

- 04 C-5 AIRLIFT ARRIVES AT MCAS IWAKUNI, JAPAN.
- 05 MAIN BODY DEPARTS NAS CECIL FIELD FOR MCAS IWAKUNI, JAPAN.
- 07 MAIN BODY ARRIVED AT MCAS IWAKUNI, JAPAN.
- 09 12 AIRCRAFT ARRIVE AT MCAS IWAKUNI, JAPAN.
- 10 TRANSPAC DETACHMENT ARRIVES AT MCAS IWAKUNI, JAPAN.  
TRANSPAC COMPLETED.
- 12-31 CONDUCTED WEAPON SYSTEMS AND LOW-LEVEL INTERDICTION TRAINING  
AGAINST TARGETS IN OKINAWA, JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA.

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ATTACK SQUADRON FIFTEEN  
NARRATIVE HISTORY FOR CY 1985

Attack Squadron 15, homeported at Naval Air Station, Cecil Field, Florida, flies the VOUGHT A-7E CORSAIR II.

Nineteen Eighty-Five was a fast-paced year for the VALIONS of VA-15. The year began in Singapore with the squadron embarked aboard the USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62) and as a component of CVW-6. On 5 January 1985 the ship proceeded through the Straits of Malacca, returning to station in the North Arabian Sea after the seven-day port of call in Singapore. On 15 January the squadron took part in "BEACON FLASH II". The three day exercise with Oman was followed by the arrival of the USS CARL VINSON Battle Group on 19 January. With the USS INDEPENDENCE Battle Group relieved on station, we departed the North Arabian Sea for the return transit to CONUS.

After transit of the Red Sea, and the Suez Canal on January 23rd, the ship arrived in the Mediterranean on the evening of January 25th. The following day CVW-6 aircraft were participants in dual-carrier operations in the Central Mediterranean. While operating in conjunction with the USS EISENHOWER, and as part of Exercise "NATIONAL WEEK" our aircraft flew against targets in southern France as well as Sardinia. War-at-sea strikes were conducted against an Italian battle group simulating Soviet tactics. The six-day exercise ended successfully with a port visit to Palma De Mallorca, Spain where we arrived on 1 February and remained for six days.

The USS INDEPENDENCE departed Spain on 7 February to transit the Atlantic and arrived in port at Norfolk, Virginia on February 19th. CVW-6 off-loaded and the VALIONS returned to Cecil Field. Squadron standdown commenced on March 1st followed by normal turnaround activities including Orange Air detachments to Puerto Rico, and Air Combat Maneuvering Training detachments to NAS Key West, Florida during May, Orange Air detachments again to Puerto Rico in July and a weapons training detachment to NAS Fallon, Nevada in August/September.

October found the VALIONS at El Centro, California where the squadron participated in Exercise "MABCAX 85". During this exercise, designed to test the effective coordination of all elements involving a Marine ground operation, the squadron provided close air support and napalm deliveries.

The VALIONS returned from El Centro in early November and began preparations for forward deployment to the West Pacific. By December 10th the VALIONS of VA-15 were in place at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, beginning a scheduled six month deployment involving operations with the Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific under command of Marine Air Group 12 and the 1st Marine Air Wing. This deployment was designed to enhance the Marine and Naval Air Forces' interoperability through the sharing of expertise and techniques used by both communities in procedural and practical applications. The year ended with the VA-15 VALIONS operating onboard MCAS Iwakuni, Japan.

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FLIGHT STATISTICS FOR CY 1985

YEARLY TOTALS

Number of hours flown:	3,638.6
Number of ashore hours:	3,179.0
Number of sorties:	1,804
Number of carrier hours:	459.6
Number of arrested landings:	297

EXERCISES AND OPERATIONAL STATISTICS FOR CY 1985

BEACON FLASH II

DATE: 12-15 January 1985

TOTAL SORTIES FLOWN: 58  
TRAINING SORTIES: 35  
OPERATIONAL SORTIES: 22  
SERVICE SORTIES: 1

NATIONAL WEEK

DATE: 26-31 January 1985

TOTAL SORTIES FLOWN: 76  
TRAINING SORTIES: 50  
OPERATIONAL SORTIES: 75  
SERVICE SORTIES: 1

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ORDNANCE EXPENDITURES CY 1985

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ALLOWANCE</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>% OF ALLOWANCE</u>
BDU 20/24/36	10	10	100 PERCENT
DECOY FLARES	136	102	75 PERCENT
MK 15 S.E. FINS	168	168	100 PERCENT
MK 36 DST	12	12	100 PERCENT
MK 45 PARA FLARE	46	14	30 PERCENT
MK 76	3388	3388	100 PERCENT
MK 77 FIRE BOMB	12	12	100 PERCENT
MK 82	227	227	100 PERCENT
MK 83	36	36	100 PERCENT
MK 83 (INERT)	5	5	100 PERCENT
MK 106/BDU 48	389	272	70 PERCENT
20MM/TP	10,043	9,642	96 PERCENT
RR 129 (CHAFF)	1,491	686	46 PERCENT
5" ZUNI RKT	98	98	100 PERCENT

SQUADRON CEP BY TYPE DELIVERED

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>METERS</u>
A-6-R DAY DIVE	15.7
A-6-RN NIGHT DIVE	20.6
A-7-R MIN ALT	10.0
A-8-R LAYDOWN	20.3
A-11-R PURA	12.1
A-14-R LOFT	75.7

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AIRCRAFT RECEIVED AND TRANSFERRED 01 JAN 85 - 31 DEC 85

AIRCRAFT RECEIVED

<u>BUNO</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>MO/YR</u>	<u>CURRENTLY ASSIGNED BUNOS</u>
157586	VA-86	FEB/85	157489
157489	VA-105	MAR/85	157586
158652	VA-105	MAR/85	158026
158839	VA-86	MAR/85	158652
158819	VA-82	MAR/85	158819
158026	VA-105	MAY/85	158839
157567	VA-81	AUG/85	159263
156811	VA-174	AUG/85	159291
159291	VA-37	SEP/85	159294
160712	VA-105	SEP/85	160551
160617	VA-174	OCT/85	160617
159263	VA-174	OCT/85	160712
159294	VA-37	NOV/85	

AIRCRAFT TRANSFERRED

<u>BUNO</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>MO/YR</u>
160613	VA-46	MAR/85
160558	VA-105	APR/85
158825	VA-105	APR/85
159971	VA-66	JUL/85
160553	VA-82	JUL/85
156811	VA-37	SEP/85
157567	VA-12	OCT/85
159285	VA-37	DEC/85
160879	VA-174	DEC/85

NOTE: WE HAVE PROCESSED TWENTY-TWO AIRCRAFT THROUGH ATKRON FIFTEEN IN THE PAST YEAR. WE CURRENTLY HAVE TWELVE AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED.



**ADVANCEMENT/RETENTION STATISTICS FOR CY 1985 (U)**

**AVERAGE MONTHLY SQUADRON MANNING LEVEL FOR CY 1985**

Onboard average: 272

Average Manpower Authorization: 272

**Reenlistments:**

Number of personnel eligible for reenlistment: 82

Number of reenlistments: 49

ATTACK SQUADRON FIFTEEN OFFICER ROSTER 1985

JANUARY 1, 1985

RANK/NAME

CDR KAPPEL, LESLIE G.  
CDR DUFF, BYRON L.  
CDR LANDON, PHILIP C.  
CDR [REDACTED]  
CDR [REDACTED]  
LCDR [REDACTED]  
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ENS [REDACTED]  
CWO4 [REDACTED]  
CWO4 [REDACTED]  
CWO4 [REDACTED]

DECEMBER 31, 1985

CDR LANDON, PHILIP C.  
CDR [REDACTED]  
CDR [REDACTED]  
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