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(2) Chronology of Outstanding Events
(3) Narrative of Outstanding Events
(4) Biography of CDR Leo F. Enwright, Jr.
(5) Photograph of CDR Leo F. Enwright, Jr.

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are hereby submitted.

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B. W. CLINGAN

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

COMMANDING OFFICER

(01 JAN 91 to 04 SEP 91)
CDR Steven R. Nichols
(04 SEP 91 through Present)
CDR Leo F. Enwright, Jr.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(01 JAN 91 to 04 SEP 91)
CDR Leo F. Enwright, Jr.
(04 SEP 91 to Present)
CDR Bruce W. Clingan

LOCATION OF COMMAND

Naval Air Station Oceana
Virginia Beach, VA 23460

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL ASHORE

Commander, Fighter Wing ONE
Commander, Tactical Wings, Atlantic
Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

OPERATIONAL CONTROL AFLOAT

Commander, Carrier Air Wing SIX
Commander, Carrier Group SIX

AIRCRAFT

F-14A TOMCAT
Tail Code "AE"

CARRIER ASSIGNMENTS

USS FORRESTAL (CV 59)
Homeported at Mayport Naval Station, Florida

MISSION

Fleet Air Superiority and Power Projection Missions include: Combat Air Patrol, Air Intercept, Maritime Air Superiority and Strike Escort.

CHRONOLOGY OF OUTSTANDING EVENTS

JANUARY

02-12 Fallon, NV Air Wing Detachment
26 CQ/Fly on
27-14 FEB Embarked USS FORRESTAL (CV 59), Advanced/Hostilities
Phase exercises in Jacksonville Operating area

FEBRUARY

14-15 Fly off
26-01 MAR Missilex, W-72

MARCH

05-08 Surface lift to Mayport and back to Oceana
15-26 Mini-FFARP with VF-43, NAS Oceana

APRIL

12-18 CQ/Fly on
19-27 Embarked, USS FORRESTAL, Workup phase exercises in Jacksonville
Operating area
27 Fly off

MAY

POM Period
30-31 CQ/Fly on

JUNE

08-09 PASSEX with French CV CLEMENCEAU, AAWEX (no DACT)
08-21 VF-11 F-14 at Paris Air Show
10 INCHOP, Mediterranean Sea
14 Begin PROVIDE COMFORT Operations, Eastern Mediteranean.
23-27 Inport Haifa, Israel
28-30 PROVIDE COMFORT Operations

JULY

01-04 Inport Rhodes, Greece
06 Air Show, U.S. Ambassador to Greece
06-16 PROVIDE COMFORT Operations
17-20 Unit training, Avgo Nisi. Presence provided for Presidential visit to Greece.
21-23 PROVIDE COMFORT Operations
24-01 AUG Inport Rhodes, Greece

AUGUST

04-10 PROVIDE COMFORT Operations
18-21 Inport Haifa, Israel
27-30 Inport Alexandria, Egypt

SEPTEMBER

02 Missilex, NAMFI Range, Crete. Expended 1 AIM-9M and 1 AIM-54 vs BQM-74C Mirach Drone.
04 Change of Command, USS FORRESTAL, CDR L. F. Enwright, Jr., Commanding; Airshow, CINCEUR (GEN Galvin) visit.
06-16 Inport Palma de Mallorca, Spain
17 Air Show, President of Italy and VIP's
22-25 PROVIDE COMFORT Operations
26-30 Inport Antalya, Turkey

OCTOBER

02-15 DISPLAY DETERMINATION 91. Detachment with one F-14 to Akhisar, TU for DD '91 opposition air.
16-20 Inport Antalya, Turkey
21 COMNAVAIRLANT (VADM Less) visit

21-26 Ramstein Detachment. DACT for F-14's vs USAF F-16C.
23 Air Show, NATO CINC SOUTH Commanders Conference
27-30 Inport Souda Bay, Crete

NOVEMBER

01-03 Transit to Western Mediterranean, cyclic operations
04-06 Inport Toulon, France
06-15 Exercises Harmonie Sud Est and Iles d'Or
16-18 NEO exercise with MARG and Spanish nationals
19-23 Inport Palma, Spain
24-25 Transit in Western Mediterranean, cyclic operations
26-30 Inport Marseilles, France

DECEMBER

01-05 Inport Marseilles, France
06-11 Cyclic operations, long range strike against CV 66
12 OUTCHOP Mediterranean Sea
19 Tiger cruise load aboard from Bermuda
21 Fly Off
23 USS FORRESTAL returned homeport, Mayport, Florida

NARRATIVE OF OUTSTANDING EVENTS

The Red Rippers began 1991 in preparation for Operation Desert Storm with a two-week detachment to Fallon, NV. Due to inclement weather, the squadron flew back to Oceana after nine days of very limited flying operations. In the middle of January, the squadron deployed on board USS FORRESTAL for a cruise to the Middle East and participation in Desert Storm. The deployment was canceled and turned into a 3-week exercise in the Jacksonville Operating Area (OPAREA). Returning to Oceana in mid-February, the Red Rippers conducted a missile firing exercise and a mini-Fleet Fighter ACM Readiness Program (FFARP) with VF-43.

April started with a final pre-deployment work up in the Jacksonville OPAREA. This period was highlighted by a successful missile shoot, numerous ACM sorties with the British carrier HMS INVINCIBLE's Air Wing and a dependent's day cruise/air show. The Red Rippers returned to Oceana at the end of April.

In mid-May, the Red Rippers resumed ACM training and FCLP's. On 30 May the squadron deployed on cruise on board the USS FORRESTAL. The FORRESTAL arrived on station in the eastern Mediterranean on 15 June and the Air Wing began flying combat sorties; escort and Combat Air Patrol (CAP) missions; over northern Iraq in support of Operation Provide Comfort - the Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) Kurdish Humanitarian Relief Effort.

Flight operations were put on hold 23-26 June for a liberty stop in Haifa, Israel. However, missions resumed shortly after weighing anchor and continued through the rest of June. Another break in Provide Comfort operations was taken 1-4 July when the FORRESTAL anchored at the Island of Rhodes, Greece. The ship pulled out on the 5th and performed an Air Wing Six Air Power Demonstration for visiting dignitaries.

Provide Comfort Operations continued 10-16 July with the Red Rippers flying daily escort and CAP missions over Northern Iraq. From 16-20 July, VF-11 participated in unit training near the Avgo Nisi target in the Aegean Sea, and the FORRESTAL provided a U.S. presence during the President's visit to Greece. After two more days of Provide Comfort operations, the FORRESTAL pulled into port on the island of Rhodes, Greece for 10 days liberty.

The ship pulled out on 2 August, and Provide Comfort operations resumed through 10 August. The FORRESTAL moved off Israel and the Air Wing flew opposed strike training exercises culminating in a port call in Haifa. Following a short at sea period and air show, the FORRESTAL pulled into Alexandria, Egypt on the 27th for a port visit.

The squadron conducted a missile shoot in the NAMFI Range south of Crete on 2 September. The Red Ripper Change of Command ceremony took place at sea on 4 September where CDR Leo F. Enwright, Jr. took over from CDR Steve Nichols. Following the Change of Command, the squadron enjoyed ten days of liberty in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Pulling out of port, the Air Wing conducted an air show for the President of Italy and other VIP's. The FORRESTAL then headed back towards Iraq for Provide Comfort operations, 22-25 September.

On 2 October, the FORRESTAL participated in Display determination 1991. On the 15th the ship pulled into Antalya, Turkey for a port of call and then visited Souda Bay, Crete for a port visit at the end of October.

In November the FORRESTAL transited back to the Western Mediterranean with the Rippers flying several low levels over the islands of Corsica, Sicily, and Sardinia. After a three-day stop in Toulon, France, the Air Wing joined in Operation Iles d'Or, an exercise with French, British, and Italian forces which lasted through the 15th. 19-23 November found the Red Rippers back in Palma, Spain and then off to the port of Marseilles, France.

On 5 December, the Rippers departed the Mediterranean Sea for the United States, completing a 7 month cruise on 23 December.