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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.


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VA-15 Chronology of Events 1975

January

- 3 Depart NAS Mayport, Fl aboard the USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT for the Mediterranean Sea. ENS [REDACTED] and LT [REDACTED] transferred.
- 12-14 In chop to SIXTH Fleet while in port NAVSTA Rota, Spain. No liberty granted due to heavy seas.
- 15-16 Transit the Strait of Gibraltar.
- 17-26 Flight Operations conducted from South of Majorca to South of Sicily.
- 19 OPERATION OPTIMIZE conducted.
- 23-24 Missilex on NAMFI MISSILE range.

February

- 27 JAN - 2 Training Anchorage - Kithira
- 3-7 Flight Operations East Mediterranean.
- 8-12 In port Brindisi, Italy with only limited liberty due to heavy seas.
- 13-18 Flight Operations from South of Italy to South of Crete.
- 19-22 Training Anchorage - Kithira.
- 23-25 Flight Operations South of Crete.
- 26-27 Training Anchorage - Kithira.
- 28 W01 [REDACTED] reported for duty.

March

- 28 FEB - 5 Flight Operations around Crete.
- 6-13 Training Anchorage, Augusta Bay, Sicily.
- 14-18 West Mediterranean Operations in the Tyrrhenian Sea while enroute to Palma de Majorca. LTJG [REDACTED] reported for duty.

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19-31 In port Palma de Majorca for the mid-cruise leave period.
Normal liberty granted.

April

1-4 In port Palma.

5-9 West Mediterranean Flight Operations with VA-15 participating
in OPERATION RED EYE, an exercise to test the Spanish Air Defense
system.

10-18 In port Barcelona, Spain. LT [REDACTED] transferred.

19-25 West Mediterranean Operations which included EXERCISE
SARDINIA 75. VA-15 flew training missions including anti-
ship strikes, live and simulated ordnance strikes, CAS
missions, SSSC and BIRDDOG missions. Along with exercise
SARDINIA 75 was the Combat Readiness Assessment Exercise
(CRAE) and a Missilex. LTJG [REDACTED] report for duty.

May

26 APR - 5 In port Cannes, France. VA-15 received the CVW-6 Maintenance
award for outstanding A7-B Availability and Full Systems
performance.

6-12 Flight Operations South of Sicily. LCDR [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
transferred to COMNAVAIRLANT.

13-24 In port Naples.

25-30 Flight Operations South of Sardinia.

25 VA-15 A-7B piloted by LCDR [REDACTED] involved in a midair
collision with a VA-176, KA-6D overhead the USS ROOSEVELT. The
A-7B was lost at sea, LCDR [REDACTED] was safely rescued. The
KA-6D binged to Naples, Italy.

June

31 MAY - 8 In port Palma de Majorca.

9-15 Flight Operations in the Tyrrhenian Sea south of Sardinia and
Malta.

16-17 Training Anchorage - Malta (Hurd Bank).

18-26 Exercise DAWN PATROL. Amphibious assault exercise. VA-15
conducted SSSC, BIRDDOG and anti-ship strike operations.

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July

- 27 JUN - 4 In port Malaga, Spain. LCDR [REDACTED] transferred to COMLATWING ONE.
- 6 Departed the Mediterranean Sea and conducted flight operations in the Atlantic Ocean.
- 7-8 In port NAVSTA Rota, Spain. The USS ROOSEVELT is relieved by the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY and outchopped leaving for Norfolk, Va.
- 19 Return to NAS Norfolk, Va.
- 20-21 Enroute to NAS Mayport to complete the cruise, VA-15's last cruise aboard the USS ROOSEVELT.
- 30 VA-15 Change of Command - CDR Gordon E. EVANS relieved CDR Harry P. KOBER.
- 31 LCDR Kelvin W. HUEHN reported aboard as new Executive Officer.

August

- 11 1st Increment began transition to the A-7E.
- 18 2nd Increment began transition to the A-7E.
- 28 VA-15 sponsored a Father-Son cruise from Norfolk to Mayport. ENS [REDACTED] reported for duty.

September

- 22 LT [REDACTED] reported for duty.
- 26 VA-15 adopted POP, a lion in the Jacksonville Zoo as mascot.

October

- 31 LCDR [REDACTED] reported for duty.

November

- 1 LT [REDACTED] transferred to inactive duty, USNR.
- 8 Transition to the A-7E is completed.
- 9 LCDR [REDACTED] reported for duty.
- 12 LCDR [REDACTED] reported for duty.

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December

- 17 NOV - 16 VA-15 embarked in USS AMERICA (CV-66) for Refresher Training in the area South of Guantanamo to West of Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
- 16 VA-15 returned to NAS Cecil Field for the Christmas leave period and to make preparations for type training in the New Year, 1976.

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FLIGHT/ORDNANCE/REENLISTMENT STATISTICS

I. 1975 Mediterranean cruise statistics:

- a. Flight operating days - 74
- b. CVA flight hours - 4159 HRS
- c. CVA total traps - 1949
 - (1) Day - 1510
 - (2) Night - 439

II. 1975 Total Flight Hours 5437

III. 1975 Ordnance Expenditures:

a. 20 mm TP AMMO	23,008 rds
b. Practice Bomb MK-76	4,195
c. Practice Bomb MK-106	163
d. Bomb MK-82 GP	194
e. 2.75" Rockets	391
f. 5" 20 M1 w/Inert Heads	52
g. Chaff NW-20	7,137
h. Flare MK-45 para-flare	462
i. MK-58 Smoke	67
j. MK-25 Mine	7

IV. 1975 Reenlistment Statistics:

- a. 1st Term: 17, Rate 34.7%
- b. 2nd Term: 11, Rate 100%

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ATTACK SQUADRON FIFTEEN OFFICER ROSTER

Commander Gordon E. EVANS
Lieutenant Commander Kelvin W. HUEHN
Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED]
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Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED]
Lieutenant [REDACTED]
Lieutenant [REDACTED]
Lieutenant [REDACTED]
Lieutenant [REDACTED]
Lieutenant [REDACTED]
Lieutenant [REDACTED]
Lieutenant (junior grade) [REDACTED]
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Lieutenant (junior grade) [REDACTED]
Lieutenant (junior grade) [REDACTED]
Lieutenant (junior grade) [REDACTED]
Ensign [REDACTED]
Ensign [REDACTED]
Warrant Officer [REDACTED]