



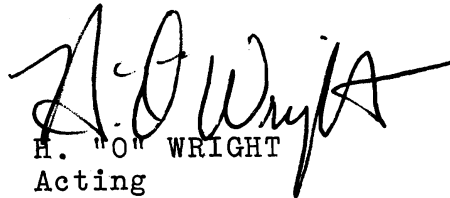
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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and
(2) are forwarded.


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VR-30 DET North Island

VR-30 COMMAND HISTORY - 1976

Basic History

(1) Command Organization

(a) Commanding Officers of VR-30:

CDR R. E. HUNTER, USN	01 OCT 66 - 08 JUN 67
CDR D. H. CRAWFORD, USN	08 JUN 67 - 02 APR 68
CDR T. M. BOGART, USN	02 APR 68 - 29 MAY 69
CDR L. A. SCHOWLEN, USN	29 MAY 69 - 18 MAR 70
CDR E. J. RIVARD, USN	18 MAR 70 - 31 MAR 71
CDR J. R. WHEELER, USN	31 MAR 71 - 15 MAR 72
CDR H. O. FLOM, USN	15 MAR 72 - 28 MAR 73
CDR T. G. CAMPBELL, USN	28 MAR 73 - 28 MAR 74
CDR W. D. RAY, USN	28 MAR 74 - 25 MAR 75
CDR R. B. PICKETT, USN	25 MAR 75 - 17 MAR 76
CDR H. B. BARTELS, USN	17 MAR 76 - 09 MAR 77
CDR J. V. CUDDY, USN	09 MAR 77 - PRESENT

(b) The squadron presently flies three types of aircraft: The C-9B, T-39, and C-1A. The C-9B "Skytrain II" is tasked with the primary mission of providing logistic airlift in support of fleet units and squadrons throughout the continental United States. The T-39 "Sabreliner" is utilized for the "rapid response" transportation of urgently needed personnel and materials. The Grumman C-1A "Trader" provides ship to shore carrier-on-board-delivery service of personnel, mail, and material to the aircraft carriers of the Pacific Fleet.

(c) The command is comprised of approximately 35 officers and 160 enlisted personnel.

(d) VR-30 is based at NAS Alameda, CA and presently exists as the Navy's only permanently based active transport squadron on the West Coast.

(e) VR-30's C-1A CODS are now permanently based at NAS North Island, San Diego, CA.

(2) Summary of Operations

(a) See attached aircraft flight summary sheets.

(b) VR-30 was complemented by VR-1020, a Reserve organization established on 1 SEP 1974. As of 1 APR 1976, VR-1020 was commissioned VR-55 and received three of VR-30's C-9B aircraft.

(c) VR-30 Instrument Course approved by CNO 12 JUL 1976.

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(d) As of 1 AUG 76, VR-30's C-1A CODS were permanently detached to NAS North Island, San Diego, CA. Seven C-1A aircraft were detached to carry out the carrier-onboard-delivery service from NAS North Island.

(e) The C-9B "Skytrain II" became the primary "Pathfinder" aircraft, proving itself during Operation Keyjoint, beginning 25 JUL 76. VR-30 was tasked through the Marine Corps to pathfind VMA 223's A-4 Skyhawks to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan. The C-9B has proved itself in the past to be extremely reliable and equipped with Inertial Navigation Omega and the ability to fly long range, seemed the perfect choice to lead A-4's across thousands of miles of water where there are no navigational aids.

Two C-9's, utilizing 8 pilots and 12 enlisted aircrew, departed MCAS El Toro with several double shuttles to MCAS Kaneohe Bay HI. The next leg was to Wake Island AFB and then to MCAS Iwakuni. The A-4's had to aerial refuel at least once every leg to be able to fly the long distances over water nonstop. On the return trip, The C-9's were "Pathfinding" for VMA 211, leading the squadron of A-4's back to MCAS El Toro, CA.

At the completion of Transpac Keyjoint, both the Navy and Marine Corps were congratulated by General Louis H. WILSON, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

As a result of the success of Transpac Keyjoint, VR-30 utilizing the C-9B, has been tasked with other "Pathfinder" missions to WESTPAC. To date, VR-30 has led A-4's, A-6's A-7's F-4's and Harriers to and from WESTPAC. Each mission was carried out with great success.



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COMMAND HISTORY

The Carrier On-Board Delivery component of VR-30 located at NAS Alameda, began operations on board NAS North Island, San Diego, on 1 August 1976 and carried the designation as VR-30 DET. The Detachment utilizes the CIA Trader aircraft and has a total of six aircraft assigned. The detachment is under the command of Lieutenant Commander G. J. REHRIG, USN, [REDACTED], designated as the Officer in Charge.

The primary mission of VR-30 Detachment is to provide logistic support to the West coast fleet carriers, as well as acting as the Pacific Fleet CIA NATOPS Evaluators. In addition, under the direct guidance of NALCOEASTPAC, VR-30 Detachment provides passenger and cargo support throughout Southern California and numerous Western states. The Detachment has also provided a platform for the West coast contingent of the Navy's Parachute Team, and Marine forces at Camp Pendleton.

The Detachment's maintenance department was originally headed by LT [REDACTED], USN. LT [REDACTED], USN, relieved LT [REDACTED] in October 1976. During the initial two months the detachments commitments were extremely heavy. All six aircraft were involved and, on the average, were double cycled each day. Following a CARQUAL Detachment to NAS Pensacola in October, the maintenance department was subjected to its heaviest burden. During the period from October 1976 to the end of the year, the Maintenance Department has had to complete replacements or major overhauls on seven engines. This hardship was primarily due to poor engine build-up procedures and extreme manpower shortages. Due to the age of the CIA and the phaseout of the S-2 and US-2B aircraft, the supply system and support activities located across the nation have been extremely ineffective in providing full support for the VR-30 Det's aircraft. Despite these setbacks, this

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Detachment has achieved many successes. VR-30 Detachment, North Island, during it's first 5 months of operation has transported 17,480 pounds of cargo and mail, carried 1831 passengers and serviced three aircraft carriers as well as dropping 378 parachutists, with a daily average of only three of it's six aircraft in a operationally flyable condition. The original maintenance department had thirty one Group IX enlisted personnel assigned. The near future will see the maintenance department expanded to twice this size. The appendix that follows includes a monthly compendium of some of the major problem areas the maintenance department has encountered.

The first operational mission of VR-30 DET occurred 1 August 1976, the same date of establishment. During the first two months of operations VR-30 DET provided an unprecedented overhead reliability by flying 58 shipboard missions with one cancellation due to aircraft availability.

The following is a month by month summary of the highlights of the first five months of flight operations:

AUGUST

The CIA is particularly well suited for paradrop operations, a mission VR-30 DET performs for the U. S. Navy Parachute Demonstration Team West. During the month of August, 16 practice missions were flown from neighboring Brown Field. A flight to a short, civilian airfield high in the Sierra's was flown during August to retrieve two pilots from NAS North Island stranded in the nearby small town by an engine failure. In August, the Detachment carried 107 passengers, 3265 pounds of cargo and mail and dropped 301 parachutists.

SEPTEMBER

The month of September earmarked an operational milestone for VR-30 DET when 6 carrier onboard delivery missions were flown during one day of operations aboard the USS CONSTELLATION. FCLP training began at neighboring NAS Miramar for the planned carrier qualification

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of five pilots aboard the USS LEXINGTON, Pensacola, Florida. The managing editor of Air Progress Magazine, Ms Ned Papineau, arrived to gather first hand information for an article on VR-30 DET's COD mission. A flight on an overhead mission to the USS CONSTELLATION added realism to the civilian pilot's ensuing article in the January issue. A local TV personality, Captain Stickey, "Fighter of Evil", took his battle to the USS CONSTELLATION, flying aboard CV-64 in VR-30 Dets CIA Buno 136785. Complete with helmet, cape, evil detectors, and film crew, the intrepid hero leaped to the flight deck to the whirring of movie cameras. VR-30 DET was once again on film when on 29 September, the OINC and Operations Officer flew aircraft 146046 on a unique Paradrop Mission for a new Universal Studios Movie, Grey Lady Down. Orbiting a position 5 miles off the coast of NAS North Island, three groups of Navy seals made jumps to awaiting ships below. The director (who had recently completed filming Midway) congratulated the "CODDERS" on a job well done. In September, the Detachment carried 630 passengers, 5782 pounds of cargo and mail, and dropped thirty parachutists.

OCTOBER

The month of October saw a continuation of the FCLP's, with 41 overheads flown to the USS CORAL SEA, RANGER, AND CONSTELLATION. The Detachment carried 584 passengers and 5790 pounds of cargo and mail and and dropped 28 parachutists. Also, VR-30 Det sent 3 aircraft and support crews to Pensacola for initial carrier qualifications of new pilots. Five pilots were qualified in the week long deployment. We also conducted night static line paradrops for the Marines at Camp Pendleton.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

In November and December, the tone of operations decreased considerably from the hectic pace of the first three months. Still the Det met the missions despite a heavy maintenance burden. Sixteen overheads were flown to the Coral Sea and Constellation and Marine paradrops were conducted at Camp Pendleton in November. During the month of December, 20 overheads were flown to the USS Coral Sea, Constellation and Ranger. It was the first time we had 3 PACFLT carriers to service at one time over a two day period. In November

and December, the Detachment carried 510 Passengers, 2645 pounds of cargo and mail, and 47 parachutists.

Acting as COMNAVAIRPAC's NATOPS Evaluator, VR-30 evaluated the following activities during the period of August through December: Naval Air Station Miramar, PMRF Barking Sands Hawaii, Naval Air Station Lemoore, VX-5 China Lake, VRC-50 Cubi Point, Phillipines. The following individuals were evaluated at VR-30 Det: LCDR REHRIG, LT [REDACTED], LT [REDACTED] and LTJG [REDACTED]. VRC1421 Pilots evaluated were CDR [REDACTED], CDR [REDACTED], LCDR [REDACTED], and LT [REDACTED].

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