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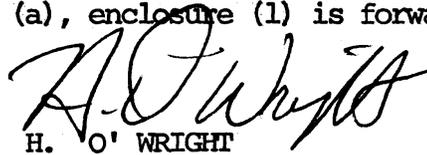
From: Commanding Officer, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron THREE ZERO
To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Squadron Command History

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12 series

Encl: (1) VRC-30 Command History for Calendar Year 1978 (w/attachments)

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.


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COMMAND HISTORY

1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 1978

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COMMAND HISTORY - 1978

1. Command Organization

Change of Command.....1978

CDR John V. CUDDY, USN.....9 March 1977 - 16 June 1978

CDR Hendon 'O' WRIGHT, USN.....16 June 1978 - Present

2. Fleet Logistics Support Squadron THREE ZERO, commanded by Commander Hendon 'O' WRIGHT, is based at Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego, California. The squadron operates three CT-39 Sabreliners and seven C-1A Trader aircraft and is manned by 38 officers and 173 enlisted personnel. The primary mission of VRC-30 is to provide unscheduled airlift operations directly responsible to the requirements of CINCPACFLT. In carrying out this mission VRC-30 participates in such diversified tasks as: emergency delivery of critical personnel or material required to maintain fleet readiness; airlift incident to aircraft ferry movement; and delivery of personnel to aircraft carriers via Carrier Onboard Delivery (COD) aircraft. This support is directly responsive to the needs of West Coast Fleet Carriers and Carrier Air Wings, but VRC-30's flexibility and rapid response allows for additional missions such as providing high priority executive airlifts and parachute platform aircraft for the west coast contingent of the Navy's Parachute Team.

3. During 1978, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron THREE ZERO moved its base of operations from Naval Air Station, Alameda, California to Naval Air Station, North Island, California. On October first, VR-30 was decommissioned and VRC-30 was commissioned. This new designation reflects the importance of the squadron's Carrier Onboard Delivery function. The C-1A North Island DET, operating since 1976, welcomed the rest of the squadron to North Island and joined them in the broader designation. Responding to the highly concentrated logistics demands of the San Diego Operational Area the CNO directed the move and squadron reclassification. The transfer was a non-funded PCS move of over 500 miles. All personnel and equipment were relocated within five months. This monumental task was completed without any work slowdown or tasking shift. In fact a C-1A flight time record was set in August 1978 in the middle of the move period.

4. Along with the change of station task came another order. To further consolidate the squadron's mission and task load VRC-30 transferred its three C-9B Skytrain II aircraft to VR-57. VRC-30 relinquished several missions with these aircraft: the Pathfinder squadron movement mission, C-9B organic airlift tasking, and certain special weapons missions.

The task load shift was offset, however, with the addition of two more C-1A aircraft to the VRC-30 inventory. Now located in the San Diego operation area with more fleet responsive aircraft, VRC-30 gained higher visibility. Fleet components increased tasking to the squadron saving valuable man hours and equipment down time.

5. An excellent example of the VRC-30 logistics function yielding a high return emerged during the Fallon Detachment in November 1978. The DET involved a CAG training support mission in which VRC-30 aircraft made numerous timely logistics runs to free airwing aircraft and personnel. This proto type project showed VRC-30's flexibility and rapid response capabilities by yielding a 17% increase in CAG operational readiness.

6. VRC-30 continued its leadership posture in Defense Logistics during 1978 with other programs. The squadron expanded its mission as the C-1A West Coast NATOPS Evaluator by writing and implementing the first Fleet Replacement Syllabus for the C-1A aircraft. The syllabus, approved in October 1978, includes both ground and flight phases. A pilot goes through familiarization, instrument and Carrier Quals stages culminating in a NATOPS check flight and Transport Third Pilot (T3P) designation. The ongoing program has completed 20 pilots since August and was utilized to train the COD crews from the USS RANGER (CV61).

7. VRC-30 cross qualified 15 squadron pilots in both the C-1A and CT-39 aircraft during 1978 to improve squadron readiness and flexibility.

8. In December 1978, VRC-30 completed a feasibility study for a Fleet Replacement Aviation Maintenance Personnel (FRAMP) program for the C-1A aircraft.

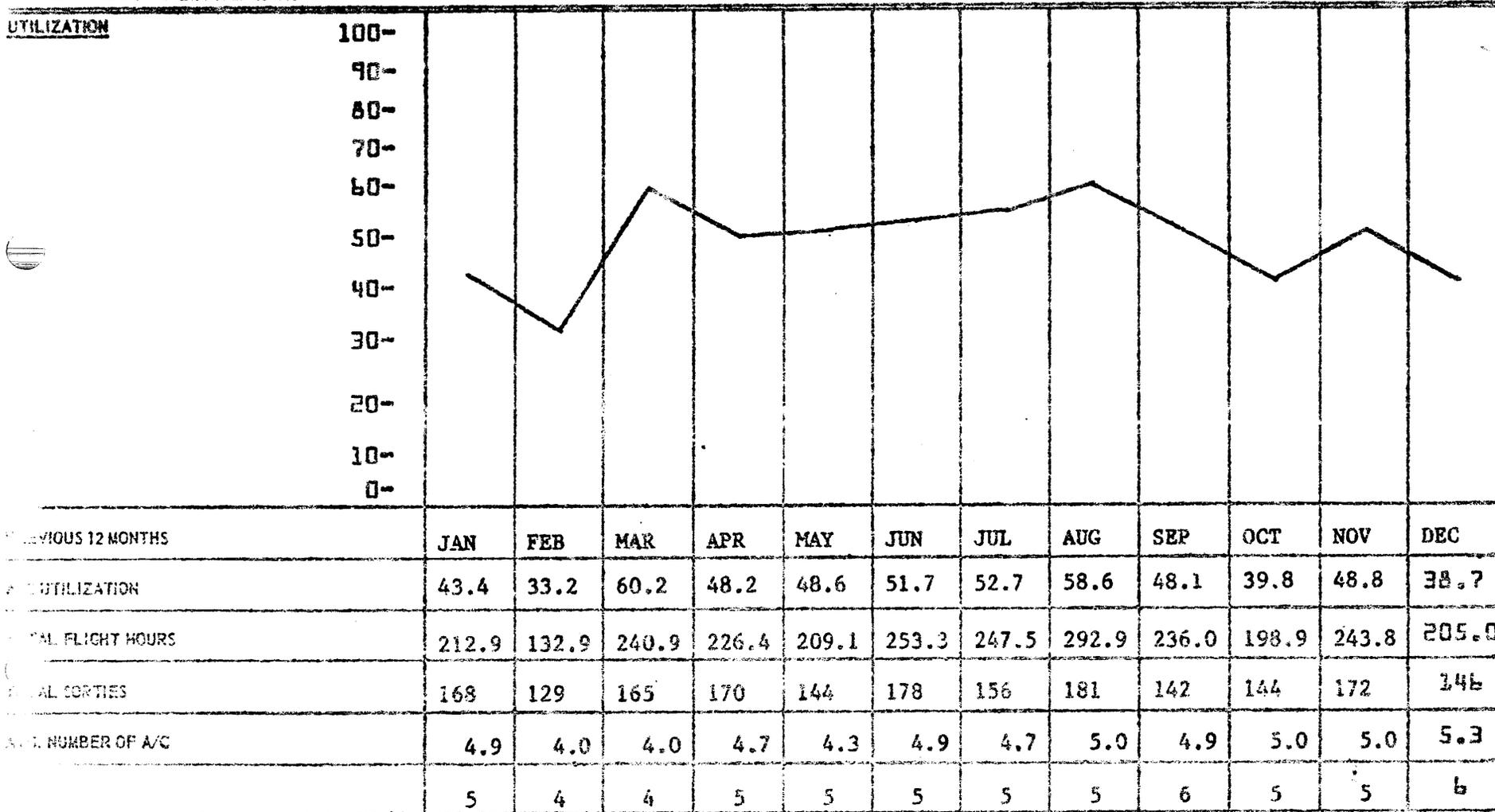
9. VRC-30 intends to maintain its eminent position in defense logistics operations by continuing to provide rapid response to increasingly complex tasks. Flexible and innovative utilization of logistics assets maximizes fleet readiness while conserving costly assets. VRC-30 meets the expanding challenge with determination and creativity.

10. Enclosures (1) through (3) depict Squadron activity during 1978.

ENCLOSURE 1

C-1A FLIGHT TIME AND AIRCRAFT UTILIZATION

AIRCRAFT UTILIZATION TREND CHART
 CRAP GEN-070/7 (3-78) (AFN 0100-LP-780-0000)



REMARKS:

VRC-30

C-1A

DEC 78

ACTIVITY

TYPE A/C

MONTH-YEAR

T-39 FLIGHT HOURS FOR CALENDAR 1978

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
EXEC AIRLIFT	3.4	5.7	26.1	26.8	20.5	5.8	8.2	11.4	64	52.7	79.4	27.1
LINE MISSIONS	143.3	170.2	150.9	127.9	143.3	115.2	142.9	196.3	242.3	343.4	216.2	193.2
TEST/ TRNG	53.3	73.9	36.9	87.9	96.8	71.4	97.9	109.9	23.4	39.2	19.6	34.2
TOTAL	200.0	249.8	213.9	242.6	260.6	198.2	249.0	317.6	329.7	335.3	315.2	254.5

Annual Total 3,166.4 hrs

Enclosure (2)

VRC-30 Det's for 1978

<u>A/C</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
C-1A	CAG Support	Fallon, Nevada	13-21 JUN 78
C-1A	CQ & COD support for USS LEXINGTON	Corpus Christi, Tx	14-18 AUG 78
C-1A	COD support for USS ENTERPRISE	Alameda, Ca and Whidby Is, Wa	18-25 AUG 78
C-1A	Navy Parachute Team support	El Toro, Ca	23-25 SEP 78
C-1A CT-39	CAG Support	Fallon, Nevada	29 OCT-10 NOV 78

Enclosure (3)