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To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05D2)

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Encl: (1) Basic Narrative with Annexes A - H

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded. This enclosure comprises the squadron command history for calendar year 1971.

  
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## BASIC NARRATIVE

VRC-40 is the only squadron in the Atlantic fleet which carries out the unusual task of Carrier Onboard Delivery, thus the nickname "COD". COD operations primarily consist of transporting passengers, mail, and high priority cargo to and from aircraft carriers operating at sea. Some of our country's most important business, government, and military officials have been passengers of the squadron. During 1971, a total of 187 such VIP's were transported in VRC-40's aircraft. The squadron is often required to deliver urgently needed supply items to ports along the eastern seaboard and occasionally to different islands in the Caribbean Sea. Generally, the latter consist of quarterly weapons loading exercises at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, and infrequent logistics flights to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Antigua. In addition, numerous missions such as paradrops for Navy Seal Teams and Marines and occasional gunspotting exercises are conducted in the Virginia Capes area. Consequently, with operational requirements varying widely from day to day, the squadron has developed the ability and flexibility to perform a wide variety of tasks.

With such a varied mission, safety is of paramount importance and the squadron's thorough training program is evidenced by its record of accident free hours. Since October 1968, VRC-40 has logged nearly 18,000 accident free hours. In recognition of this outstanding safety record, COMNAVAIRLANT, awarded the squadron a citation for Meritorious Achievement in Aviation Safety in 1971, (Annex A & B).

As illustrated above, VRC-40 is tasked with a unique mission; so, too, is its deployment practice. Unlike other aviation commands, VRC-40 rarely deploys as an entire unit. Extended deployments usually consist of only one or two aircraft and their crews. The most extensive involvement, in 1971, was aboard the USS INTREPID. This detachment, DET 11, consisted of 5 pilots, 8 crewmen, and two aircraft, and was divided into two segments spanning a period from 15 April to 15 October. Of shorter duration was DET 10 aboard USS INDEPENDANCE for 4 weeks consisting of 3 pilots and 4 crewmen, 16 September 1971 - 18 October 1971.

VRC-40's opening year for the second decade of operations since commissioning was a busy one. During that year, VRC-40

transported nearly, 7,000 passengers and over 700,000 pounds of mail and cargo while flying more than 5.5 thousand hours. Complete operational statistics are contained in Annex (C).

During 1971, with increasing dependence upon C-1A's for COD support throughout the Navy, (Annex D), VRC-40's Maintenance Department maintained an average 77% availability of aircraft. In addition, each aircraft averaged 58.3 hours of flight time per month - an increase of nearly 6 hours per month per aircraft over 1970.

All operations and maintenance activities in 1971 were conducted with an average total of 128 enlisted, and 26 officers (23 pilots).

Of major importance during calendar year 1971 was the change of command, 2 July 1971, in which CDR Richard L. BRUMMAGE relieved CDR William E. WILDER of VRC-40's helm.

15 July marked the awarding of the Navy Unit Commendation for the crew of DET 18 who served an extended tour aboard USS WASP in 1970 and on 19 July, VRC-40 received special recognition by NAVAIRLANT for aviation safety. (Annex G)

In keeping with the new BUPERS policy of relating to people, VRC-40 sent one man, TAD, for the summer months to work as a counselor in an Area Boy Scout Camp. In addition, just prior to Christmas, VRC-40, by unanimous vote, shared its assets from the Crew's lounge by donating \$500.00 to the Joy Fund - a charity for area orphanages sponsored by a leading local newspaper. This donation was in lieu of the annual squadron Dependents Christmas party.

ACCIDENT FREE HOURS

<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
NOV 443.3	JAN 469.8	JAN 394.7	JAN 544.7
DEC 546.0	FEB 395.1	FEB 496.6	FEB 450.3
TOTAL 989.3	MAR 590.4	MAR 467.5	MAR 435.8
	APR 567.5	APR 575.6	APR 458.2
	MAY 544.5	MAY 425.8	MAY 527.1
	JUN 425.5	JUN 380.0	JUN 544.2
	JUL 584.3	JUL 387.3	JUL 417.7
	AUG 545.3	AUG 316.2	AUG 487.5
	SEP 559.2	SEP 404.4	SEP 531.9
	OCT 382.4	OCT 468.0	OCT 420.1
	NOV 570.0	NOV 593.3	NOV 459.5
	DEC 372.0	DEC 435.2	DEC 376.5
	TOTAL 6006.0	TOTAL 5344.6	TOTAL 5653.5

1968	-	989.3
1969	-	6006.0
1970	-	5344.6
1971	-	5653.5
TOTAL		17,993.4

ANNEX A



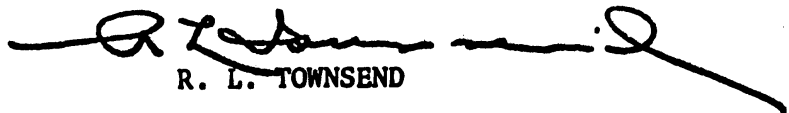
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19 JUL 1971

From: Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet  
To: Commanding Officer, Fleet Tactical Support Squadron FORTY  
Subj: Recognition for Achievement in Aviation Safety, Fiscal Year  
1971  
Encl: (1) COMNAVAIRLANT Citation

1. The Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet takes pleasure in according special recognition for meritorious achievement in aviation safety.
2. Enclosure (1), a COMNAVAIRLANT Citation for operations without a major aircraft accident during fiscal year 1971, is hereby forwarded. The Commanding Officer, officers, and men are congratulated for this fine achievement; they can take great pride in such outstanding performance and in their contribution to the safest year in NAVAIRLANT history.
3. The Commanding Officer is urged to have appropriate entries made in the official records of the officers and men who contributed to the success of the unit in accident prevention.

  
R. L. TOWNSEND

ANNEX B

OVERALL OPERATIONAL STASTICS

	<u>AVG # PILOTS</u>	<u>AVG # A/C</u>	<u>FLIGHT HRS</u>	<u>CVLDGS</u>	<u># PAX</u>	<u>VIP's</u>
JAN	34	9.3	530.1	67	631	8
FEB	32	8.9	450.3	85	463	13
MAR	29	6.7	426.5	153	472	19
APR	28	6.8	461.9	86	855	14
MAY	28	7.6	517.1	99	883	14
JUN	28	8.6	541.8	89	470	14
JUL	25	6.6	411.0	95	695	24
AUG	24	7.0	484.7	90	519	22
SEP	25	7.3	539.1	54	658	13
OCT	25	8.5	420.1	103	402	17
NOV	28	9.3	455.1	72	414	14
DEC	25	6.7	374.8	69	511	15
TOTAL	<u>27.3</u>	<u>7.8</u>	<u>5612.5</u>	<u>1062</u>	<u>6937</u>	<u>187</u>

	<u>MAIL AND CARGO LBS</u>	<u>DETS</u>	<u>SHIPS</u>	<u>CAT SHOTS</u>
JAN	76,619	12	6	34
FEB	53,770	7	5	26
MAR	32,345	4	2	55
APR	90,170	5	3	38
MAY	100,042	4	2	36
JUN	48,265	6	4	38
JUL	54,675	2	1	13
AUG	64,512	7	3	57
SEP	90,016	2	1	12
OCT	26,847	7	3	59
NOV	53,713	7	3	24
DEC	55,837	5	3	45
TOTAL	<u>756,811</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>437</u>

AVERAGE CVLDGS PER MONTH = 88.5

BASED BY <i>R. J. BRUMMAGE</i>		DRAFTED BY <i>[Redacted]</i>		PHONE EXT NR 4-2872	PAGE 1	PAGES 1
R. J. BRUMMAGE, CDR, USN		[Redacted], CDR, USN		CHECKED BY mgd		
DATE 5 OCTOBER 1971	TOR/TOD	ROUTED BY				

MESSAGE NR	DATE/TIME GROUP (GCT)	PRECEDENCE	FLASH	EMERGENCY	OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE	PRIORITY	ROUTINE	DEFERRED
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1. AT APPROXIMATELY 051600Z OCT 71, VRC-40 AIRCRAFT WERE EMPLOYED AS FOLLOWS:

- 146026 ON DECK USS KENNEDY
- 146029 ON DECK USS WASH
- 146040 ON DECK USS KENNEDY
- 146043 LP-4 NAS NORVA ENGINE CHANGE
- 146050 OPCON USS INDEPENDENCE
- 146052 ON DECK USS LEXINGTON
- 136752 ON DECK USS KENNEDY
- 136757 ON DECK USS LEXINGTON
- 136761 OPCON USS INTREPID

2. ~~NO OTHER AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED.~~ OPS NORMAL.

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ANNEX D

OFFICER ROSTER

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>DATE DESG</u>	<u>INSTRUMENT RATING</u>
CDR	R. L. BRUMMAGE	PLANE COMMANDER	OCT 70	SPECIAL
CDR	█ █ █	PLANE COMMANDER	SEP 71	SPECIAL
LCDR	█ █ █	PLANE COMMANDER	AUG 71	SPECIAL
LCDR	█ █ █	PLANE COMMANDER	SEP 70	SPECIAL
LCDR	█ █ █	PLANE COMMANDER	MAR 71	SPECIAL
LCDR	█ █ █	PLANE COMMANDER	JAN 72	SPECIAL
LT	█ █ █	PLANE COMMANDER	NOV 71	STANDARD
LT	█ █ █	PLANE COMMANDER	NOV 71	STANDARD
LT	█ █ █	PLANE COMMANDER	JUN 71	STANDARD
LT	█ █ █	PLANE COMMANDER	JUN 71	STANDARD
LT	█ █ █	PLANE COMMANDER	APR 71	STANDARD
LT	█ █ █	PLANE COMMANDER	JUL 71	STANDARD
LT	█ █ █	PLANE COMMANDER	MAR 71	SPECIAL
LT	█ █ █	PLANE COMMANDER	DEC 71	STANDARD
LT	█ █ █	PLANE COMMANDER	JUN 71	STANDARD
LT	█ █ █	SECOND PILOT	AUG 71	STANDARD
LT	█ █ █	PLANE COMMANDER	OCT 71	STANDARD
LTJG	█ █ █	SECOND PILOT	BEB 71	STANDARD
LTJG	█ █ █	SECOND PILOT	OCT 71	STANDARD
LTJG	█ █ █	SECOND PILOT	OCT 71	STANDARD
LTJG	█ █ █	SECOND PILOT	OCT 71	STANDARD
LTJG	█ █ █	THIRD PILOT	AUG 71	STANDARD
LTJG	█ █ █	THIRD PILOT	AUG 71	STANDARD
LT	█ █ █	ASST ADMIN OFFICER		
CW02	█ █ █	ASST MAINT OFFICER		
W01	█ █ █	A/C MAINT CONTROL DIV OFFICER		