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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded. Enclosure (1) comprises the Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FORTY History for calendar year 1977.

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BASIC HISTORY

Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FORTY (VRC-40) was commissioned on 1 July 1960, and assigned the primary mission of providing logistics support to the Navy's Atlantic Fleet. VRC-40 operates out of the U. S. Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia and functions under the operational and administrative control of Commander Tactical Support Wing ONE. The Squadron operates seven to ten C-1A aircraft with 25 to 30 officers and 140 enlisted personnel.

Nineteen Hundred Seventy-Seven saw VRC-40 surpass nine years and over 45,500 hours of accident-free flying. This achievement came while VRC-40 continued its outstanding service and support of the Atlantic Fleet. This outstanding safety record, coupled with an enviable record for mission accomplishment, is indicative of the 100% plus dedication of every member of VRC-40 to the achievement of SERVICE with SAFETY.

Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FORTY is tasked with the mission of Carrier Onboard Delivery to the aircraft carriers of the Atlantic Fleet. In addition to operating from various eastern and Gulf Coast Naval Air Stations, VRC-40 also operates detachments out of Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The mainstay of VRC-40 is the Grumman built C-1A "TRADER" aircraft which can carry eight passengers or 3,500 pounds of mail or cargo, or combinations of both passengers and cargo, as necessary. Safely transporting the numerous passengers, mail, and high priority cargo in the aging C-1A aircraft accentuates the significance of the outstanding safety record which VRC-40 has compiled.

Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FORTY's operational requirements vary widely from day to day, and the squadron has developed the capability and flexibility to perform almost any conceivable tactical support task. Such requirements include instrument training flights, carrier qualification flights, and providing a platform for the parachute training and Navy SEAL teams. VRC-40 also provides aircraft and crews in support of the Navy's recruiting efforts. Although the squadron does not deploy as a complete unit, many one or two plane detachments are assigned to carriers or different geographical areas in the Atlantic to carry out assigned missions. There is no routine work in VRC-40. The unpredictable, the emergency, and the priority are our forte.

NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN was a rewarding year for VRC-40. During the year this squadron supported all eight Atlantic Fleet carriers while operating from ten different bases. Also, four officers and seven enlisted personnel operated out of four bases in Brazil last summer from 9 June to 14 July. Those operations were conducted in support of the USS AMERICA (CV-66).

Commander Grady W. DAVIS served as Commanding Officer of VRC-40 until 18 November 1977, when he was relieved by Commander James F. DUFFY. Commander Fleet Tactical Support Wing ONE, VRC-40's reporting senior, is Captain John E. PAGANELLI.

With the close of 1977, VRC-40 had transported to the fleet over 220,000 pounds of mail and cargo and more than 4,600 passengers while safely accumulating 967 arrested landings. In its varied and continuous commitments, VRC-40 daily accomplishes its motto of "Service to the Fleet with Safety, Dependability, and Courtesy".

ACCIDENT FREE FLIGHT HOURS

1968 (NOV-DEC)	989.3
1969	6006.0
1970	5344.6
1971	5653.5
1972	4913.5
1973	6101.1
1974	4826.4
1975	4228.7
1976	<u>3831.8</u>
	41894.9
1977	
JAN	271.7
FEB	234.0
MAR	414.77
APR	317.4
MAY	369.1
JUN	327.7
JUL	284.5
AUG	350.1
SEP	354.6
OCT	345.6
NOV	209.5
DEC	<u>382.2</u>
1977 TOTAL	3861.1

Total Accident-Free Flight Hours-9 years 45,756.0

1977 OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

MONTH	AVE PILOTS	SORTIES	CV OPS (HRS)	PILOT FLIGHT HRS
JAN	22	237	150.4	568.3
FEB	23	223	181.3	485.4
MAR	22	325	281.7	824.4
APR	22	251	222.7	638.9
MAY	22	206	203.3	736.4
JUN	20	252	226.2	648.6
JUL	21	182	125.2	553.4
AUG	21	244	193.8	701.5
SEP	20	238	217.7	694.4
OCT	21	258	278.2	699.7
NOV	22	168	135.5	415.7
DEC	<u>22</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>191.5</u>	<u>765.0</u>
	21.5	2814	2407.5	7722.2

MONTH	CV LANDINGS	VIPS	TOTAL NO PAX	MAIL CARGO (IRS)
JAN	82	22	354	1788/325
FEB	96	13	385	17474/2534
MAR	112	54	504	14852/8067
APR	120	19	540	23803/3419
MAY	47	38	336	9922/6848
JUN	74	33	433	1610/1162
JUL	74	19	270	3762/1600
AUG	68	23	478	13552/1213
SEP	185	10	297	7538/367
OCT	86	10	492	28550/49196
NOV	41	19	253	4119/1540
DEC	<u>62</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>5659/20205</u>
	967	272	4604	132629/96476

ANNEX C

<u>DATES</u>	<u>UNIT SUPPORTED</u>	<u>STAGING PT</u>	<u>NO AIRCRAFT</u>
<u>JAN</u> 11-20	USS SARATOGA	JACKSONVILLE	2
19-28	USS INDEPENDENCE	GITMO/PENSACOLA	1
25-28	USS LEXINGTON	PENSACOLA	1
26-4FEB	USS SARATOGA	JACKSONVILLE	2
<u>FEB</u> 4-8	USS INDEPENDENCE	ROOSEVELT ROADS	1
7-11	USS LEXINGTON	CORPUS CHRISTI	1
10-22	USS SARATOGA	JACKSONVILLE	2
28-4MAR	USS LEXINGTON	CORPUS CHRISTI	2
<u>MAR</u> 2-14	USS SARATOGA	ROOSEVELT ROADS	2
7-11	USS LEXINGTON	CORPUS CHRISTI	1
14-18	USS LEXINGTON	PENSACOLA	1
22-3APR	USS AMERICA	JACKSONVILLE	2
<u>APR</u> 4-8	USS LEXINGTON	CORPUS CHRISTI	3
11-15	USS LEXINGTON	PENSACOLA	1
11-25	USS SARATOGA	JACKSONVILLE	3
<u>MAY</u> 9-13	USS LEXINGTON	CORPUS CHRISTI	1
16-20	USS LEXINGTON	PENSACOLA	1
10-14	USS AMERICA	JACKSONVILLE	2
<u>JUN</u> 10-18JUL	USS AMERICA	SOUTH AMERICA	1
13-17	USS LEXINGTON	CORPUS CHRISTI	2
19-25	USS LEXINGTON	PENSACOLA	1
22-29	USS SARATOGA	JACKSONVILLE	2

<u>JUL</u> 24-29	USS LEXINGTON	PENSACOLA	2
<u>AUG</u> 14-26	USS AMERICA	ROOSEVELT ROADS	1
16-31	USS NIMITZ	GUANTANAMO BAY	2
29-2SEP	USS LEXINGTON	PENSACOLA	1
<u>SEP</u> 19-23	USS LEXINGTON	CORPUS CHRISTI	2
26-30	USS LEXINGTON	PENSACOLA	1
27-7OCT	USS NIMITZ	JACKSONVILLE	2
26-19OCT	USS FORRESTAL	GUANTANAMO BAY	1
<u>OCT</u> 9-19	USS FORRESTAL	GUANTANAMO BAY	1
11-27	USS NIMITZ	ROOSEVELT ROADS	2
24-28	USS LEXINGTON	CORPUS CHRISTI	1
31-7NOV	USS FORRESTAL	JACKSONVILLE	2
31-4NOV	USS LEXINGTON	PENSACOLA	1
<u>NOV</u> 11-22	USS FORRESTAL	JACKSONVILLE	2
14-08DEC	USS NIMITZ	GUANTANAMO BAY/ ROOSEVELT ROADS	2
19-30	USS EISENHOWER	GUANTANAMO BAY	1
28-02	USS LEXINGTON	CORPUS CHRISTI	1
<u>DEC</u> 3-8	USS EISENHOWER	ROOSEVELT ROADS	1
6-9	USS LEXINGTON	PENSACOLA	1