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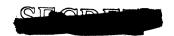
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NARRATIVE OF EVENTS - 1969

As 1969 began, the USS KITTY HAWK was enroute to Pearl Harbor prior to her sixth WESTPAC deployment and fourth combat cruise. The ship was under the command of Captain John F. DAVIS, USN, with Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN (CVW-11), under Commander Sylvester R. FOLEY, USN, embarked.

After arriving in Hawaiian waters on 3 January, CVW-11 conducted warm-up training on 3 and 4 January. During night carrier qualifications on 4 January, an E-2A of VAW-114, piloted by LT Paul BUEHLER with LT Van A. STAYTON as co-pilot, boltered right of centerline and struck a parked F4B. The E-2A sustained damage to the right outer wing panel and aileron and was diverted to NAS Barbers Point for recovery.

KITTY HAWK arrived in Pearl Harbor the morning of 5 January. Departing Pearl the next afternoon, the ship commenced its pre-deployment Operational Readiness Inspection, an evolution which lasted three days. The evening of 8 January saw the KITTY HAWK return to Pearl Harbor for last-minute preparations before departing the next day for WESTPAC. A ceremony was held on the hangar deck the morning of 9 January in which the KITTY HAWK and CVW-11 were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for "exceptionally meritorious and heroic service from 23 December 1967 to 1 June 1968." The award was presented by Admiral John J. HYLAND, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET.

The afternoon of 9 January the KITTY HAWK and her three destroyer escorts were underway for Subic Bay. On 15 January KITTY HAWK changed operational control from COMFIRSTFLT to COMSEVENTHFLT, at which time Captain J. F. DAVIS, CO USS KITTY HAWK, assumed the responsibilities of Commander Task Group 77.3. The task group refueled from the USS CHEMUNG (AO-30) in the afternoon of 16 January. The ship moored at Leyte Pier, NAS Cubi Point, Subic Bay, Philippines on 20 January and embarked Vice Admiral R. W. COUSINS, USN, Commander Task Force 77, and his staff.

On 25 January, KITTY HAWK was underway for two days of type training prior to arriving on Yankee Station for special operations. Two missiles were fired against an AQM-37A drone on 26 January during a SAMEX on the Philippines Missile Firing Range Juliett. The first missile, an RIM-2E3, fired from System 1, was declared a missile failure by Fleet Missile Systems Analysis and Evaluation Group (FMSAEG). The second, an RIM-2DE, fired from System 3, was a failure due to shipboard equipment.

KITTY HAWK arrived on Yankee Station the morning of 28 January and commenced combat operations. On 15 February the ship lost her first aircraft and crew in combat. An A7A of VA-105 piloted by LTJG William Clinton NIEDECKEN failed to return from a night combat mission over LAOS and was presumed to have impacted in the target area. The pilot was subsequently declared missing in action.





On 23 February, following an arrestment with a PC-1 failure, an A7A of VA-105 slid over the port deck edge, coming to rest at the port catwalk. The pilot, LT G. D. MERRIMAN who had ejected as his aircraft went over the deck edge, was returned safely aboard by helo.

The first line period ended 28 February and KITTY HAWK departed Yankee Station and arrived at Subic Bay on 2 March. After nine days in port, KITTY HAWK was underway on 10 March for CARQUALS and type training enroute back to Yankee Station.

A separate Ship's 3M office was established in the Executive Department in March. Under the direction of the Executive Officer, a major effort has been made to improve preventive maintenance procedures throughout the ship, with particular emphasis placed on training and indoctrination of personnel.

The second line period began on 13 March 1969. On the first day of special operations, an F4B of VF-114 was lost near the ship due to starboard engine oil pressure failure and port engine flameout. The pilot, LTJG Kenneth J. ODEN, and the RIO, LTJG Ernest L. BRAZIL, ejected safely and were picked up by the ship's helicopter and returned to the ship.

On 22 March, another F4B of VF-114, returning from a BARCAP mission, sustained nose gear failure on a night recovery. The pilot, LTJG Michael W. MC COY and the RIO, LTJG Roy L. MC CREADY, egressed on deck without finjury. Also on 22 March a news team from WCST-TV of San Diego was received onboard the KITTY HAWK to film a documentary on the San Diego - based carrier.

An A6A from VA-65 was downed by AAA over LAOS on 3 April. The pilot, LCDR E. G. REDDEN, and bombardier/navigator, LT J. F. RICCI, ejected safely and were picked up by helo and taken to Nakhon Phanom, 'Thailand, prior to returning to the ship.

Completing her second line period on 4 April, KITTY HAWK headed for Cubi Point. Enroute on 5 April, the HAWK fired her sixtieth missile, which successfully intercepted an AQM-37A drone in area KILO in the South China Sea. As the HAWK neared Subic early the morning of 6 April, an Easter Sunrise Service was held on the Hangar Bay with over 600 men attending.

Arriving at Cubi Point on 6 April, KITTY HAWK remained in port nine days conducting maintenance, upkeep and supply replenishment. An MB-5 fire truck equipped with light water was loaded aboard, and crew training was accomplished during this period. It was not necessary to utilize the MB-5 during 1969, but it was a welcome addition to the HAWK's aircraft firefighting capability.

On 15 April the HAWK was underway for Hong Kong, arriving there the morning of 16 April for a scheduled six-day R&R visit. The anticipated stay there was cut short, however, by the EC-121 shoot-down by the North







Koreans. Early on 17 April after less than twenty hours in Hong Kong, KITTY HAWK was underway, returning to Yankee Station to resume special operations on 18 April.

On 28 April an A7A from VA-37 experienced a rough running engine and power failure immediately after launch. The pilot, CDR J. R. TAPPAN, VA-37 CO, ejected safely and was picked up by the ship's helicopter and returned aboard.

On 29 April the Commanding Officer took time out to cut a cake commemorating the KITTY HAWK's eighth birthday. Captain DAVIS presented the first piece to the last remaining member of the ships original crew, Gunner's Mate Missileman First Class B. G. LYON. "Plank Owner" LYON was aboard KITTY HAWK in 1961 when she was commissioned in Philadelphia and set sail under her first Commanding Officer, now Vice Admiral BRINGLE, Commander of the SEVENTH FLEET.

April 30 saw the largest one-day expenditure of ordnance in the combat zone during the cruise, 215 tons.

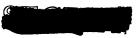
On 2 May an A7A from VA-105 was downed by enemy groundfire while on a combat mission over LAOS. The pilot, LCDR W. J. M. O'CONNOR, ejected safely and was rescued by helicopter and taken to Danang, South Vietnam, enroute to the HAWK.

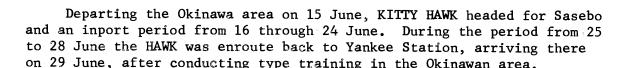
While operating in the Tonkin Gulf on 8 May, the KITTY HAWK unexpectedly received a Chinese fisherman aboard for medical treatment to his thumb, which had been crushed by a motor on his junk. A destroyer was called for help once the accident occurred, and a KITTY HAWK helicopter flew the man from the destroyer to the ship where the tip of his thumb was amputated by one of the ship's doctors. The fisherman was returned to his junk after treatment.

On 10 May the third line period was completed, and KITTY HAWK headed north to take her turn with Task Force 71 off Korea. On 16 May, after two days of operations in the East China Sea, KITTY HAWK arrived in Sasebo, Japan, for the first of three visits there. After a nine-day upkeep period inport, the ship was underway on 25 May for TF 71 operations on Defender Station. KITTY HAWK departed Defender Station on 27 May and arrived in Sasebo on 28 May for a seven-day inport period. Leaving Sasebo on 5 June, the ship conducted routine training operations for 10 days in the Okinawa operation area, as well as in the East China Sea on Defender Station.

On 10 June an RIM-2E3 and an RIM-2D6 were fired on the Okinawa area missile range. The former achieved a 32-foot miss distance and was declared a success by the Fleet Missile Systems Analysis and Evaluation Group, while the latter was evaluated as undetermined.







On 3 July, an F4B from VF-213 was lost close aboard the ship prior to recovery, probably due to control malfunction. The pilot, LT Scott J. SHIELDS, and RIO, LTJG Ross G. BENN, ejected safely and were returned aboard by the ship's helo.

On 7 July an EKA-3B of VAQ-131 was damaged when it was backed over the deck edge by a flight deck crew tow tractor driver who was attempting to load the aircraft onto a catapult. The plane suffered a broken wingspar, a cracked keel, and damage to an engine, the fuel drogue assembly and the bomb bay.

On 10 July, CTF 77 Change of Command was held on the flight deck. VADM M. F. WIESNER, USN, relieved VADM R. F. COUSINS, USN, as COMCARDIV 5/CTF 77.

Typhoon "TESS" caused the KITTY HAWK to move south of Yankee Station the evening of 10 July to avoid being trapped in the Tonkin Gulf. Special operations were resumed on 11 July and continued until the 14th.

On 15 July while enroute to Subic Bay, the KITTY HAWK hosted the U.S./ Philippine Mutual Defense Board. The visit, sponsored by RADM D. L. KAUFFMAN, Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Philippines, included tours of the ship and a Naval Air Fire Power Demonstration by KITTY HAWK's Air Wing ELEVEN. Those in the party included RADM KAUFFMAN and GEN. R. R. YAN, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and other notable U.S. and Philippine military officials.

Arriving at Subic Bay on 16 July, the period 16 to 20 July was spent in upkeep and in conducting a mining exercise in Binanga Bay. KITTY HAWK departed Subic for Hong Kong on 20 July. The first surface-to-surface missile exercise by the ship was conducted 21 July using an RIM-2E5 against a KOMAR configured AVR target. This firing resulted in a direct hit on the target.

KITTY HAWK arrived in Hong Kong on 22 July for a scheduled six-day R&R visit. Leaving Hong Kong a day early on 27 July in order to evade Typhoon "VIOLA" KITTY HAWK headed for Yankee Station for her fifth and final line period of the cruise.

Special operations commenced on 30 July. In the early morning hours of 2 August an A7A from VA-37 was lost during carrier control approach. The pilot, LCDR George Francis TALKEN, was declared lost at sea after aircraft wreckage was sighted in the water in the vicinity of the ship.



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On 5 August the Reverend Dr. Norman Vincent PEALE visited the KITTY HAWK while on a tour through the combat zone, and he conducted a religious service for all hands on the forecastle on 6 August.

Ending her fifth line period on 16 August, KITTY HAWK headed for Subic for a three-day inport period prior to leaving for CONUS. CTF 77 and staff debarked on 18 August, and on 21 August KITTY HAWK and her escorts were underway for CONUS. On 23 August a rendezvous with USS KEARSARGE, with CTG 70.4 embarked, was effected, and CTG 70.4 assumed operational control of CTG 77.3.

KITTY HAWK changed operational control from COMSEVENTHFLT to COMFIRSTFLT on 27 August, and on 28 August the task group refueled from the USS CAMDEN (AOE-2). That same day a special Ceremony of Thanksgiving and Remembrance was held on the flight deck with over 700 men attending in formation. The four men who died on the cruise were given honors with a rifle salute and taps. The four were LCDR George Francis TALKEN, VA-37; LTJG William Clinton NIEDECKEN, VA-105; AZC Richard Franklin ELROD, IM1 Division; and AA Charles Patrick NAYLOR, V-1 Division.

102 underway replenishments were conducted from 1 January to 31 August without accident or injury to personnel as the Deck Department kept a vital supply of stores, ammo, and fuel flowing to and from the KITTY HAWK. This included over 16,268 tons of ordnance handled by KITTY HAWK Weapons Department personnel and ammunition unrep teams.

The Sales Division scored another record-breaking ship's store sales figure for the trimester period ending 30 June. Sales of \$1,092,524.83 surpassed the previous aircraft carrier record by over \$65,000.

During the cruise, the Communications Department handled a total traffic volume of 474,067 messages. The KITTY HAWK was the first CVA to participate in Project STRIP (Stabilized Routing Indicator Program) for an entire WESTPAC cruise. Under the program the HAWK maintained a SHIP/SHORE Termination with NAVCOMMSTA, Philippines, while in the Seventh Fleet.

On 4 September KITTY HAWK arrived in San Diego, completing her sixth WESTPAC deployment and fourth combat cruise. At 1200 on 10 September KITTY HAWK got underway from San Diego with over 200 dependents onboard for the three day trip to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington, for overhaul. A group of Seattle civic and business leaders joined the HAWK on its journey to Bremerton to welcome the ship to the Pacific Northwest. Among the guests was the Mayor of Seattle, the Honorable Floyd Miller. KITTY HAWK arrived at Bremerton in the afternoon of 13 September and entered her berth at Pier 6.

Concurrent with the start of the regular shipyard overhaul, the Supply Overhaul Assistance Program (SOAP) commenced. Over 130,000







line items valued in excess of \$18,000,000 were offloaded, sorted out and inventoried in a warehouse ashore. KITTY HAWK has the distinction of being the first NAVAIRPAC carrier to process Aviation Stores through SOAP.

On Saturday, 11 October, KITTY HAWK entered Drydock 6 where she was to remain throughout the remainder of 1969 undergoing an extensive overhaul. The overhaul has been highlighted by the inauguration of a new system, the Ship's Force Overhaul Management System (SFOMS) which utilizes the manpower of the ship's force to effect many of the overhaul requirements.

KITTY HAWK utilizes a SFOMS computer program developed by the staff for Planning and Engineering for Repairs and Alterations (PERA-CV), and management techniques written by the Fleet Work Study Group. The HAWK is the first ship to use an all Navy developed SFOMS computer program, earlier programs being contracted civilian software systems. SFOMS has provided an increased ship's force productive effort of over thirty per cent. A history of the overhaul to date, as well as an indication of what can be expected in future weeks has also been provided. Additionally, the SFOMS program has enabled the SFOMS staff to efficiently manage manpower requirements, in order to shift personnel as needed. The KITTY HAWK SFOMS team has also developed a software package to coordinate interface between ship's force and shipyard work.

Two new divisions have been formed during the overhaul. The Habitability Division is responsible for substantial refurbishing and upgrading of all the ship's berthing compartments and staterooms, to insure that the KITTY HAWK is the most liveable ship in the fleet. The Vents and Voids Division is responsible for cleaning and painting the ship's voids and renovating the ventilation system.

On 15 November Captain EARL F. GODFREY relieved Captain J. F. DAVIS as Commanding Officer of KITTY HAWK during a ceremony on the hangar deck. Visiting dignitaries included RADM Martin J. CARMODY, COMCARDIV 1 and RADM William F. PETROVIC, Commander, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. RADM CARMODY, a former CO of KITTY HAWK, was the guest speaker for the ceremony.

The remainder of 1969 was spent in Drydock 6 at PSNS as the KITTY HAWK underwent the most extensive overhaul she has had since her commissioning in 1961. The modernization program will continue until the summer of 1970.





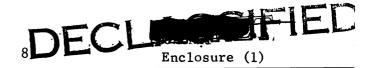
CALENDAR OF EVENTS (C) 1 JAN 69 THROUGH 31 DEC 69

| 1 | JAN | 4 JAN | Enroute Pearl Harbor |
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| 5 | JAN | | Inport Pearl Harbor |
| 6 | JAN | 8 JAN | Underway - ORI |
| 8 | JAN | | Inport Pearl Harbor |
| 9 | JAN | 19 JAN | Enroute Naval Air Station Cubi Pt, Philippine Islands (CHOP COMSEVENTHELT 15 JAN) |
| 20 | JAN | 24 J A N | Inport Naval Air Station Cubi Pt, Philippine Islands (Embarked CTF 77/CCD 5 20 JAN) |
| 25 | JAN | 27 JAN | Enroute Yankee Station |
| 28 | JAN | 28 FEB | Yankee Station Operations (1st Line Period) |
| 1 | MAR | | Enroute Naval Air Station Cubi Pt, Philippine Islands |
| 2 | MAR | 9 MAR | Inport Naval Air Station Cubi Pt, Philippine Islands |
| 10 | MAR | 12 MAR | Enroute Yankee Station |
| 13 | MAR | 4 APR | Yankee Station Operations (2nd Line Period) |
| 5 | APR | | Enroute Naval Air Station Cubi Pt, Philippine Islands |
| 6 | APR | 14 APR | Inport Naval Air Station Cubi Pt, Philippine Islands |
| 15 | APR | | Enroute Hong Kong |
| 16 | APR | | Inport Hong Kong |
| 17 | APR | | Enroute Yankee Station |
| 18 | APR | 9 MAY | Yankee Station Operations (3rd Line Period) |
| 10 | MAY | 12 MAY | Enroute Defender Station, East China Sea |
| 13 | MAY | 15 MAY | Contingency Operations - Defender Station |
| 15 | MAY | | Enroute Sasebo, Japan |





| 16 | MAY | 24 | MAY | Inport Sasebo, Japan |
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| 25 | MAY | | | Enroute Defender Station, East China Sea |
| 26 | MAY | 27 | MAY | Contingency Operations-Defender Station |
| 27 | MAY | | | Enroute Sasebo, Japan |
| 28 | MAY | 4 | JUN | Inport Sasebo, Japan |
| 5 | JUN | | | Enroute Defender Station-East China Sea |
| 6 | JUN | | | Contingency Operations-Defender Station |
| 6 | JUN | 8 | JUN | Enroute Okinawa Operation Area/Air Operations |
| 9 | JUN | 14 | JUN | Contingency Operations - Okinawa Operation Area |
| 15 | JUN | | | Enroute Sasebo, Japan |
| 16 | JUN | 24 | JUN | Inport Sasebo, Japan |
| 25 | JUN | 28 | JUN | Enroute Yankee Station (Contingency Operations-Okinawa Operation Area 26 JUN) |
| 29 | JUN | 14 | JUL | Yankee Station Operations (CTF $77/CCD$ 5 Change of Command 10 JUL) |
| 15 | JUL | | | Enroute Naval Air Station Cubi Pt, Philippine Islands |
| 16 | JUL | 19 | JUL | Inport Naval Air Station Cubi Pt, Philippine Islands |
| 20 | JUL | 21 | JUL | Enroute Hong Kong |
| 22 | JUL | 26 | JUL | Inport Hong Kong |
| 27 | JUL | 29 | JUL | Enroute Yankee Station |
| 30 | JUL | 16 | AUG | Yankee Station Operations (5th Line Period) |
| 17 | AUG | | | Enroute Naval Air Station Cubi P_{τ} , Philippine Islands |
| 18 | AUG | 20 | AUG | Inport Naval Air Station Cubi Pt, Philippine Islands (Disembarked CTF 77/CCD 5 18 AUG) |
| 21 | AUG | 3 | SEP | Enroute Naval Air Station North Island (CHOP COMFIRSTFLT 27 AUG) |





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| 4 SEP | 9 SEP | Inport Naval Air Station North Island |
| 10 SEP | 12 SEP | Enroute Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash. |
| 13 SEP | 31 DEC | Inport Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash. (KITTY HAWK Change of Command 15 NOV) |







ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL (U)

Commander Attack Carrier Striking Force SEVENTH Fleet (CTF 77) and Commander Carrier Division FIVE (CCD 5)

VADM Ralph Wynne COUSINS, USN (Embarked 20 JAN - 10 JUL) VADM Maurice F. WIESNER, USN (Embarked 10 JUL - 18 AUG)

Chief of Staff, CTF 77 and CCD 5

Captain Billy Douglas HOLDER, USN (Embarked 20 JAN - 3 MAY) Captain John H. DICK, USN (Embarked 3 MAY - 18 AUG)

Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN (CVW-11)

Commander Carroll E. MYERS, USN

Commander Sylvester R. FOLEY, USN (Embarked 1 JAN - 4 SEP)

Commanding Officer (00)

| Captain John F. DAVIS, USN Captain Earl F. GODFREY, USN | 01 JAN 15 NOV | |
|--|------------------|--------|
| Executive Officer (01) | | |
| Captain Merle P. MEAD, USN Captain H. F. BRYANT, USN | 01 JAN 16 JUN | |
| Ship's Secretary (11) | | |
| CWO2 Edward H. CHOATE, USN | 01 JAN | 31 DEC |
| Administrative Officer (011) | | |
| Lieutenant Donald E. WINSLOW, USN | 01 JAN | 31 DEC |
| Operations Officer (03) | | |
| Commander Harold A. RIEDL, USN Commander Alexander G. B. GROSVENOR, USN | 01 JAN 17 ŞEP | |
| Strike Operations (03A) | | |
| Commander Felton "M" HUMPHREYS, Jr., USN Commander Gerald W. BEISEL | 01 JAN 05 FEB | |
| CATCC (31) | | |
| Commander Charles E. STEEL, USN | 01 JAN | 10 SEP |



31 DEC

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| BEAL COLUMN | | |
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| DECLASSIFIED | | 20 CE B |
| IOIC Supervisor (32) | | |
| Lieutenant Commander Johann R. FORSTER, USN | 01 JAN | 31 DEC |
| CIC (34) | | |
| Commander John W. GILROY, USN | 01 JAN | 19 DEC |
| Navigator (02) | | |
| Commander Herman W. JONES, USN Commander James L. ELLIS, USN | 01 JAN 01 JUL | 01 JUL 31 DEC |
| Communications Officer (36) | | |
| Lieutenant Commander Albert (n) MILLS, USN | 01 JAN | 31 DEC |
| Air Officer (04) | | |
| Commander Kenneth E. CORNELL, USN Commander John R. KEMBLE, USN | 01 JAN 15 MAR | 15 MAR 31 DEC |
| Assistant Air Officer | | |
| Commander Richard E. WHITE, USN | 01 JAN | 05 SEP |
| Aircraft Immediate Maintenance Officer (20) | | |
| Commander Rolland E. LEENERTS, USN Commander Richard H. HEALY, USN | 01 JAN 10 SEP | 10 SEP 31 DEC |
| Weapons Officer (05) | | |
| Commander Charles J. MOORE, USN | 01 JAN | 31 DEC |
| Deck Department Officer (10) | | |
| Lieutenant Commander Frederick W. BENCE, USN Lieutenant Commander Francis J. SULLIVAN, USN | 01 JAN 17 MAY | 17 MAY 31 DEC |

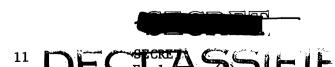
Engineering Officer (06)

Supply Officer (07)

Commander Winfred L. BUCKINGHAM, USN

Commander Andrew A. GIORDANO, SC, USN

Commander Ross E. SUGG, USN



01 JAN

20 JAN

01 JAN

20 JAN

31 DEC

31 DEC





Medical Officer (08)

| Commander George E. BALYEAT, MC, USN | 01 JAN | 31 DEC |
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| Dental Officer (09) | | |
| Commander Jack E. HYDE, DC, USN | 01 JAN | 31 DEC |
| Protestant Chaplain | | |
| Commander Charles D. KEMP, CHC, USN | 01 JAN | 31 DEC |
| Catholic Chaplain | | |
| Lieutenant John R. DALY, Jr., CHC, USN Lieutenant Commander John R. MC NAMARA, | 01 JAN CHC,USN 17 SEP | 17 SEP 31 DEC |
| Marine Detachment Commanding Officer | | |
| Captain William E. HUDSON, USMC | 01 JAN | 31 DEC |





THOUSANDTH CARRIER LANDINGS (U)

| ENGAGEMENT NO. | DATE | PILOT | SQD | A/C |
|----------------|--------|--------------------------|----------------|-------|
| 88,000 | 30 JAN | LT Ronald HINKEL | VF-114 | F4B |
| 89,000 | 11 FEB | LCDR J. H. AUSLEY | RVAH-11 | RA5C |
| 90,000 | 21 FEB | LCDR Robert J. MUMM, Jr. | VAQ-131 | EKA3B |
| 91,000 | 14 MAR | LCDR George F. TALKEN | VA-37 | A7A |
| 92,000 | 22 MAR | LCDR Frank F. RAPE | VF-213 | F4B |
| 93,000 | 2 APR | LT K. J. ODEN | VF-114 | F4B |
| 94,000 | 24 APR | LT Michael W. DOYLE | VF-114 | F4B |
| 95,000 | 2 MAY | LTJG P. E. MILLS | VF-213 | F4B |
| 96,000 | 26 MAY | LCDR A. A. LESS | VA-1 05 | A7A |
| 97,000 | 14 JUN | LTJG Larry B. WATTERS | VF-114 | F4B |
| 98,000 | 6 JUL | LCDR Robert V. SALLADA | VA-105 | A7A |
| 99,000 | 30 JUL | LCDR R. W. MUSGROVE | VA-1 05 | A7A |
| 100,000 | 10 AUG | CDR S. R. FOLEY | CVW-11 | A7A |







COMBAT AND SUPPORT SORTIES (U)

| Number of sorties flown during the 1st Line Period from 28 January to 28 February: | .0 |
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| Number of sorties flown during the 2nd Line Period from 13 March to 4 April: | 35 |
| Number of sorties flown during the 3rd Line Period from 18 April to 9 May: |)1 |
| Number of sorties flown during the 4th Line Period from 29 June to 14 July: | 50 |
| Number of sorties flown during the 5th Line Period from 30 July to 16 August: | 38 |
| ARRESTING GEAR STATISTICS (U) | |
| <u>YEA</u> | <u>R</u> |
| #1 1,72 #2 4,17 #3 4,82 #4 2,71 Barricade | 76 21 |
| CATAPULT STATISTICS (U) | |
| | |
| <u>YEA</u> | <u>lR</u> |
| #1 | 25 03 <u>79</u> |





UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT SCHEDULE (U)

| 1 | JAN | USS | ROBINSON (DDG 12) |
|----|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|
| | JAN | | RADFORD (DD 446) |
| | JAN | | HIGBEE (DD 806) |
| | JAN | | ANGERHOLM (DD 826) |
| | JAN | | ROBINSON (DDG 12) |
| | JAN | | ANGERHOLM (DD 826) |
| | JAN | | CHEMUNG (AO 30) |
| | JAN | | ANGERHOLM (DD 826) |
| | JAN | | ANGERHOLM (DD 826) |
| | JAN | | MORTON (DD 948) |
| | JAN | | HASSAYAMPA (AO 145) |
| | JAN | | CAMDEN (AOE 2) |
| | FEB | | CAMDEN (AOE 2) |
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| | FEB | | CAMDEN (AOE 2) |
| | FEB | | PICTOR (AF 59) |
| | FEB | | HASSAYAMPA (AO 145) |
| | FEB | | MOUNT BAKER (AE 4) |
| | FEB | | HASSAYAMPA (AO 145) |
| | FEB | | WRANGUE (AE 12) |
| | FEB | USS | HASSAYAMPA (AO 145) |
| 22 | FEB | USS | WRANGELL (AE 12) |
| 24 | FEB | USS | PASSUMPSIC (AO 107) |
| 24 | FEB | USS | CHARA (AE 31) |
| 26 | FEB | USS | PASSUMPSIC (AO 107) |
| 27 | FEB | USS | WRANGELL (AE 12) |
| 28 | FEB | USS | NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3) |
| 14 | MAR | USS | SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) |
| 17 | MAR | | SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) |
| | MAR | | MARS (AFS 1) |
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| | MAR | | HASSAYAMPA (AO 145) |
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| | | | PARICUTIN (AE-18) |
| | APR | | PONCHATOULA (AO 148) |
| | APR | | PARICUTIN (AE 18) |
| | APR | | PONCHATOULA (AO 148) |
| | APR | | NAVASOTA (AO 106) |
| | APR | | MAUNA KEA (AE 22) |
| | APR | | NAVASOTA (AO 106) |
| | APR | | MAZAMA (AE 9) |
| | APR | | MAZAMA (AE 9) |
| 25 | APR | USS | PASSUMPSIC (AO 107) |



| 26 | APR | USS | MAZAMA (AE 9) |
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| 28 | APR | | PASSUMPSIC (AO 107) |
| 29 | APR | | MOUNT BAKER (AE 4) |
| 30 | APR | | NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3) |
| 1 | MAY | USS | PASSUMPSIC (AO 107) |
| 2 | MAY | USS | MOUNT BAKER (AE 4) |
| 4 | MAY | USS | PONCHATOULA (AO 148) |
| 4 | MAY | USS | MAUNA KEA (AE 22) |
| 7 | MAY | USS | NAVASOTA (AO 106) |
| 8 | MAY | USS | MAUNA KEA (AE 22) |
| 9 | MAY | USS | VEGA (AF 59) |
| 10 | MAY | USS | NAVASOTA (AO 106) |
| 10 | MAY | USS | MAUNA KEA (AE 22) |
| 12 | MAY | USS | FRANK KNOX (DD 742) |
| 12 | MAY | USS | BLACK (DD 666) |
| 14 | MAY | USS | KENNEBEC (AO 36) |
| 15 | MAY | USS | MARS (AFS 1) |
| 27 | MAY | USS | MEREDITH (DD 790) |
| 5 | JUN | USS | GURKE (DD 783) |
| 7 | JUN | | BUCHANAN (DDG 14) |
| 7 | JUN | USS | ROWAN (DD 782) |
| 8 | JUN | | MCCORMICK; (DDG 8) |
| 8 | JUN | | GURKE (DD 783) |
| 9 | JUN | USS | TOLOVANA (AO 64) |
| 10 | JUN | USS | STRIPLING (DD 867) |
| 12 | JUN | USS | TOLOVANA (AO 64) |
| 14 | JUN | USS | ROBINSON (DDG 12) |
| 27 | JUN | USS | O'BANNON (DD 450) |
| 29 | JUN | USS | SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) |
| 2 | JUL | USS | SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) |
| .5 | JUL | USS | SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) |
| 8 | JUL | | VEGA (AF 59) |
| 8 | JUL | USS | NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 1) |
| 8 | JUL | USS | SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) |
| 12 | JUL | USS | SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) |
| 14 | JUL | | SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) |
| 15 | JUL | USS | DOUGLAS H. FOX (DD 779) |
| 30 | JUL | USS | KAWISHIWI (AO 146) |
| 30 | JUL | USS | MAUNA KEA (AE 22) |
| 31 | JUL | USS | VIRGO (AE 30) |
| 2 | AUG | USS | KAWISHIWI (AO 146) |
| | AUG | USS | SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) |
| 8 | AUG | USS | SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) |
| | AUG | USS | SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) |
| | AUG | | MARS (AFS 1) |
| | AUG | | SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) |
| | AUG | | GURKE (DD 783) |
| | AUG | | KING (DLG 10) |
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USS CAMDEN (AOE 2)
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Total of 102 UNREPS on USS KITTY HAWK's WESTPAC deployment.





DISTINGUISHED VISITORS (U)

| 9 | JAN | ADM John J. HYLAND, USN, Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet; VADM W. F. BRINGLE, USN, Commander SEVENTH FLEET; CAPT. D. C. DAVIS, USN, CINCPACFLT Staff, on board for Presidential Unit Citation Presentation. |
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| 29 | JAN | Billy Ray SMITH, Baltimore Colts; Irv CROSS, Los Angeles Rams Dick SCHAFRATH, Cleveland Browns; William GRANHOLM, National Football League Assistant Commissioner, on board for USO Handshake Tour. |
| | | A. SILVEIRA and J. GIOFFRY, WPRI-TV Providence, R. I., on board for interviews of Rhode Island residents. Cy WOLHEN, CBS Bureau Chief for Research accompanied them. |
| 6 | FEB | Bob JONES, NBC-TV, on board to film a documentary on aerial reconnaissance. |
| 17 | FEB | ADM John J. HYLAND, CINCPACFLT, and VADM W. F. BRINGLE, COMSEVENTHFLT, on board for Flag visit. |
| 22 | FEB | D. BAKER, ABC-TV, on board for personnel interviews. |
| 2 | MAR | RADM V. G. LAMBERT, COMNAVBASE SUBIC, on board for Flag visit and tour of ship. |
| 17 | MAR | BGEN DYAS, 7AF/TFALFA, on board for Flag visit and coordination of Steel Tiger operations. |
| 27 | MAR | Al JESSEN, KIDN-TV, Portland, Oregon, on board for interviews of residents of Pacific Northwest. |
| 30 | MAR | USO Show Folk Singers. |
| 30 | APR | ADM John J. HYLAND, CINCPACFLT, and VADM W. F. BRINGLE, COMSEVENTHFLT, on board for Flag visit. |
| 1 | MAY | NGUYEN VAN THI and HOANG NGOC PHAN, on board to gather material for "Thoi Nay" magazine article. |
| 3 | MAY | VADM B. F. ROEDER, COMFIRSTFLT, on board for a Flag visit. |
| 2 | JUN | RADM MIZUIANI, Commander Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force, Sasebo, Flag visit. |
| 5 | JUL | John WHILHELM and Burt PINE, TIME Magazine, on board for personnel interviews. |



| 7 JUL | RADM M. F. WIESNER, PCTF 77, on board for Flag visit. |
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| 8 JUL | George BAGEN Show, on board for USO Show. |
| 13 JUL | LTGEN M. S. DAVISON, DCINCUSARPAC, VADM W. F. BRINGLE, COMSEVENTHFLT; ADM FENG CHI-CHUNG, CINC ROC Navy; and VADM John L. CHEW, COMUSTDC, on board for Flag visit. |
| 15 JUL | RADM E. C. OUTLAW, U.S Philippines Mutual Defense Board; RADM D. L. KAUFFMAN, COMNAVPHIL; RADM V. G. LAMBERT, COMNAVBASE SUBIC; LTGEN F. C. GIDEON, USAF; MGEN G. N. PICKETT, USA; GEN R. R. YAN, AFP, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines; BGEN R. M. ILETO, AFP; BGEN V. R. RAVAL, AFP; BGEN J. Z. SINGSON, AFP; and COMMO I. L. LOMIBAO, AFP, on board for U.S Philippines Mutual Defense Board meeting and CVW-11 Naval Air Fire Power Demonstration. |
| 5-6 AUG | Dr. Norman Vincent PEALE, on board for Flag visit and to conduct a special religious service for ship's personnel. |
| 9 AUG | Ambassador William E. COLBY, Deputy Commander of U.S. Forces Vietnam for Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development, on board for Flag visit. |
| 10-13 SEP | Honorable Floyd MILLER, Mayor of Seattle and group of 7 Seattle civic and business leaders, on board for threeday cruise from San Diego to Bremerton, Washington, to welcome the HAWK to the Pacific Northwest. |
| 15 NOV | RADM M. J. CARMODY, COMCARDIV 1; and RADM W. F. PETROVIC, Commander, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, on board for KITTY HAWK Change of Command. |

concert for ship's personnel.

18 NOV

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LUTES Singers, 44 high school and college singers from Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Bremerton, on board to give





COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS (U)

| 9 | APR | Teacher and her class of students from Clark AFB visited the KITTY HAWK |
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| 12 | APR | 30 Brownie Scouts and 30 8th graders from Clark AFB visited |
| 13 | APR | 20 Filipino boys visited the ship |
| 21 | JUN | Major Mike McDermott, USA, 30 school children and 2 school teachers from Japan visited the HAWK |
| 24 | JUL | 250 school children visited during Hong Kong inport period |
| 25 | JUL | 250 school children visited KITTY HAWK in Hong Kong |
| 18 | AUG | 9 Cub Scouts and their den mother from Subic Bay, Philippines, visited |
| 7 | SEP | 200 Mexican charros visited the KITTY HAWK in San Diego |
| 19 | SEP | 30 school children visited the ship in Bremerton, Washington |
| 20 | SEP | 14 Sea Scouts and their sponsor, Paul Warner, visited the HAWK |
| 4 | OCT | 25 Sea Scouts and L.S. Triebwasser, their sponsor, visited the ship |
| 8 | OCT | 60 4th graders and 5 teachers from Ollala, Washington, visited in Bremerton |
| 25 | OCT | 15 Sea Cadets and their sponsor, CDR BENTON, visited KITTY HAWK |
| 1 | NOV | 6 Boy Scouts and their sponsor, Bob Borquist (PSNS Data Processor) visited the ship |
| | | 30 Cub Scouts and 8 parents visited |
| 8 | NOV | 14 Cub Scouts and their den mother from Chico, Washington, visited the HAWK with their host, Chaplain MC NAMARA |
| | · | 20 Boy Scouts from Bremerton area visited |
| 11 | NOV | 40 Cub Scouts and their Pack Master visited the HAWK |
| 15 | NOV | 25 school children and five sponsors visited the ship in Bremerton |







22 NOV

14 Bluebirds from Minette School and five sponsors visited the KITTY HAWK with their host, LCDR TAYLOR

On 20 December a Christmas Party for children of KITTY HAWK Officers and men was held at the Mariner (EM) Club with over 400 children participating.

During 1969 two charity fund-raising drives were held aboard KITTY HAWK with the following outstanding results:

1. Navy Relief

\$12,940.16

2. Combined Federal Campaign

\$12,100.00

Two special financial projects through chapel giving included the following:

- 1. LCDR Leo Pich Memorial Fund
- 2. Chaplain Capodanno Memorial Fund

KITTY HAWK personnel actively participated in certain People-to-People projects during the cruise, including the following:

- 1. Negrito Bethel Pentecostal Church, Olongapo, P. I.
- 2. Subic Service Center, Olongapo, P. I.
- 3. Boys Town Orphanage, Olongapo, P. I.
- 4. St. Louis School, Baguio, P. I.
- 5. Seiwo School, Sasebo, Japan
- 6. Tenshin-Ryo Boys Orphanage, Sasebo, Japan
- 7. World Mission for Children Orphanage, Sasebo, Japan

Additionally, KITTY HAWK sailors sponsor 25 children in the Philippines for four years of high school under the OPERATION SCHOOLHOUSE Program, at a cost of \$2,000.







AWARDS EARNED BY SHIPS COMPANY PERSONNEL

| Legion of Merit | | |
|---|-----|-----------------|
| Bronze Star Medal | 4 | |
| Navy Commendation Medal | | |
| Navy Achievement Medal | | |
| SEVENTH Fleet Letter of Commendation | 124 | |
| Navy Meritorious Service Medal | | (Foreign Award) |
| Navy Distinguished Service Order SECOND Class | 4 | (Foreign Award) |

The above awards were earned by personnel while attached to the USS KITTY $\ensuremath{\mathsf{HAWK}}$.

