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NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

(U) 1970 dawned on USS KITTY in Dry Dock 6 at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington as she was undergoing the most extensive overhaul she has had since her commissioning in 1961.

(U) Captain Earl F. Godfrey, USN commanded KITTY HAWK throughout 1970.

(U) Two systems were developed in overhaul for the efficient utilization of ship's material and manpower. The Supply Overhaul Assistance Program (SOAP) processed, offloaded and inventoried ashore all line items under the cognizance of the Supply Department. The Ship's Force Overhaul Management System effected many of the overhaul requirements. KITTY HAWK is the first carrier to have utilized SFOMS in the Pacific and the first carrier in the Navy to have utilized the system in as large a scale. Both SOAP and SFOMS were successful beyond expectations.

(U) Two new divisions were formed during the overhaul. The Vents and Voids Division opened, cleaned, repaired, painted and resealed all the ship's vents and voids. The Habitability Division upgraded all of the ship's berthing compartments and staterooms to give the ship the best living conditions in the fleet. The results of the Habitability Division were so successful that the division has been actively retained to improve and repair material which affect the living of the crew.

(U) Phase I of the Improved Rearming Rate Package installed in KITTY HAWK during overhaul improved the ship's strikedown capability (rate at which the ship can place weapons in her magazines during UNREP) and her strikeup capability (rate at which the ship can take weapons from the magazines and ready them to be hung on aircraft).

(U) The ship's closed circuit entertainment system was improved to include the installation of a live or replay closed circuit color TV system with over six hundred outlets including outlets in each berthing compartment, lounge and stateroom. The outlets also serve the ship's closed circuit FM radio system that broadcasts on four stations.

(U) A closed circuit color TV system was also installed in IOIC to present classified live or replay intelligence briefs and programs to all ready rooms, flag warroom, captain's at-sea cabin and CIC.

(U) A third closed circuit TV system (B&W) was installed in CIC to offer surface contact status board, NTDS surface search, and NTDS AAW presentations to the bridge, secondary conn, flag warroom and IOIC.

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(U) All of the CCTV systems have proven to be highly successful.

(U) In February, KITTY HAWK Supply Department was selected as "Best of Type" by COMNAVAIRPAC for 1968-69 competitive year.

(U) KITTY HAWK left Dry Dock Six on 8 March. Light-off from cold iron status was conducted on 25 March. Dock trials were completed 28 April. Sea trials were carried out from 16 May to 18 May.

(U) Upon completion of overhaul on 19 June, three weeks ahead of schedule, KITTY HAWK got underway for San Diego Harbor, arriving at her homeport, San Diego, on 22 June. The ship transported 350 dependents in "first class accommodations" including maternity patient preparations by the medical department. Unfortunately, KITTY HAWK did not have the honor of a birth at sea.

(U) During one to three week periods from 30 June until 9 October KITTY HAWK trained at sea by undergoing operations, exercises and inspections in the Southern California Operating Area (SOCAL OP AREA) (See Calendar of Events).

(U) On 5 July 1970, the Marine Detachment provided an honor guard, firing squad, and pallbearers for the Burial at Sea of a retired Marine Corps Captain.

(U) On 9 July, KITTY HAWK received her first UNREP since August 1969 from USS CAMDEN (AOE-2).

(U) The AN/SPN-42 Automatic Carrier Landing System (ACLS) was certified aboard KITTY HAWK in July. Test pilots from Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, made one hundred fifteen MODE I (hands off) ACLS landings to prove the system was satisfactory.

(U) KITTY HAWK precisioned her emergency reacting abilities by developing first rate damage control and repair teams and crew preparedness through her refresher training period, 27 July to 14 August, under the operational control of Commander, Training Forces, Pacific.

(U) KITTY HAWK's Administrative/Material Inspection was conducted by COMCARDIVNINE from 17 to 21 August. The overall grade for the ship was 93.47.

(U) The President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Joseph H. Mobutu, included KITTY HAWK in his and his family's visit to Disneyland on 19 August. The surprise call gave one hour to KITTY HAWK to translate and give in French the command presentation and tour of the ship. The President and party seemed impressed and pleased with their visit.

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(U) During the CARQUAL period from 24 August to 28 August, KITTY HAWK utilized the patrol gunboat USS BEACON (PG-99) as her planeguard. This was the first time that a PG had been tasked as carrier plane guard. KITTY HAWK refueled BEACON in an UNREP during this period for a CVA-to-PG UNREP historical first.

(U) On 3 September, KITTY HAWK was the dress ship for President Nixon's meeting with President Diaz of Mexico in Coronado, California.

(U) On 5 September, KITTY HAWK hosted the change of command ceremony for Commander, Carrier Division NINE. RADM William R. McClendon, USN, was relieved by RADM Damon W. Cooper, USN.

(U) The first KITTY HAWK JP-5 fueling UNREP to a destroyer was made on 15 September to USS ALBERT DAVID (DE-1050).

(U) On 16 September LT [REDACTED] of VF-213, piloting an F4J, made the first MODE I landing within Air Wing ELEVEN utilizing the newly installed Automatic Carrier Landing System (ACLS). This was also the first ACLS landing aboard any West Coast carrier by an operational squadron aircraft.

(C) The largest naval exercise since the Korean War, ROPEVAL 4-70, was conducted from 23 September to 2 October and included KITTY HAWK with Airwing ELEVEN aboard as one of the three attack carriers. This intensive readiness and operational evaluation tasked KITTY HAWK with defense of the force from air, surface and sub-surface attack, conduct of Alpha strikes, sustained air to ground attacks and nuclear planning. New offensive and defensive tactics were employed as were the proven tactics. New equipment and capabilities incorporated in KITTY HAWK during her overhaul period were evaluated extensively.

(C) On 23 September, LCDR [REDACTED] USN, Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, was recovered in good condition by helo after his specially configured A7E rolled off the flight deck when his brakes failed during preparation for launch.

(C) A total of thirteen surface to air missiles were fired during SOCAL Operations. Range support provided KITTY HAWK by the Pacific Missile Range was outstanding. The operational experience gained through the conduct of unstaged live missile firings in a multi-ship, multi-threat, countermeasures environment during ROPEVAL 4-70 cannot be surpassed, short of the real thing. Of the 13 missiles fired during the period, six were successful, six were failures and one was undetermined.

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(U) KITTY HAWK's Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) took place from 5 to 9 October. COMCARDIVNINE was chief observer. A final grade of "EXCELLENT" was assigned.

(U) After her POM period from 9 October to 5 November, KITTY HAWK departed San Diego on 6 November for her seventh WESTPAC deployment and fifth combat cruise. Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN (CVW-11) under Commander Jack F. O'Hara, USN, was embarked.

(U) The squadrons in Air Wing ELEVEN in 1970 were VF-114 Blacklions and VF-213 Aardvarks flying F4J's, VA-192 Golden Dragons and VA-195 Dambusters piloting A7E's, VA-52 Knightriders flying A6A's and A6B's, RVAH-6 Fleurs flying RA5C's, VAQ-133 Golden Zappers flying EKA3B's and KA3B's, VAW-114 Hormell's controlling from E2B's and a detachment of HC-1 hovering in UH2C's.

(U) Fourteen guests of the Secretary of the Navy were hosted on the first leg of the transit to Hawaii. After observing the carrier in exercises off the Hawaiian Islands, the guests departed the ship upon arrival in Pearl Harbor 16 November.

(U) On 17 and 18 November, COMFAIRHAWAII gave KITTY HAWK her Operational Readiness Exercise.

(C) At night, on 18 November, an F4J from VF-114 caught on fire after catapult launch. The pilot, LT [REDACTED] and the RIO, LT [REDACTED] ejected and were picked up in good condition by helo.

(U) After two days inport Pearl Harbor, KITTY HAWK got underway for WESTPAC on the morning of 21 November.

(U) On 27 November, the ship passed from operational control of Commander, First Fleet, to Commander, Seventh Fleet, Captain Earl F. Godfrey, Commanding Officer, assumed Commander, Task Group Seventy Seven Point Five (CTG 77.5).

(U) KITTY HAWK arrived in Subic Bay on 3 December and moored at Leyte Pier. On 4 December, Commander Task Force Seventy Seven/Carrier Division Five, Vice Admiral Frederic A. Bardshar, USN, embarked KITTY HAWK with his staff.

(U) On 5 December KITTY HAWK was again underway. The ship and air wing successfully completed the NOREX requirements then took up heading for Yankee Station. The ship arrived in the Gulf of Tonkin on 7 December.

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(C) The first line period commenced 8 December and ended 29 December. No KITTY HAWK aircraft were lost or damaged during the first line period. 1320 strike sorties were flown over Laos and 32 were flown over South Vietnam.

(U) On 8 December an E2B from VAW-114 drifted left of center on approach, caught number one wire and continued left into the catwalk which resulted in substantial damage to the aircraft. There were no personal injuries incurred.

(U) A Vietnamese national was injured on board a Market Time U.S. minesweeper when a mine sweeping cable parted on 20 December. He was high lined to USS MAUNA KEA (AE-22). A KITTY HAWK medical officer and corpsman were transferred by helo to MAUNA KEA and after a brief examination, the injured man was brought to KITTY HAWK. The man was treated for fractures, abrasions and contusions then transferred to the Army hospital at DaNang on 21 December.

(U) After a very successful line period, KITTY HAWK departed Yankee Station on 29 December and arrived in Subic Bay on 31 December.

(U) The year 1970 ended with KITTY HAWK moored at Leyte Pier, NAS CUBI POINT, Philippine Islands.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (C)
1 JAN 70 THROUGH 31 DEC 70

1 JAN	19 JUN	Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington - Overhaul
19 JUN	22 JUN	Enroute San Diego Harbor
22 JUN	30 JUN	Inport NAS North Island (Homeport)
30 JUN	2 JUL	ISE, SOCAL OP Area
2 JUL	6 JUL	Inport NAS North Island
6 JUL	10 JUL	ISE SOCAL OP Area
10 JUL	13 JUL	Inport NAS North Island
13 JUL	17 JUL	TYT, SOCAL OP Area
17 JUL	20 JUL	Inport NAS North Island
20 JUL	24 JUL	TYT, SOCAL OP Area
24 JUL	29 JUL	Inport NAS North Island
29 JUL	31 JUL	RFT, SOCAL OP Area
31 JUL	3 AUG	RFT, Inport NAS North Island
3 AUG	7 AUG	RFT, SOCAL OP Area
7 AUG	10 AUG	RFT, Inport NAS North Island
10 AUG	14 AUG	RFT, SOCAL OP Area
14 AUG	24 AUG	UPK, Inport NAS North Island ADMAT INSP 17-21 AUG
24 AUG	28 AUG	CARQUALS, SOCAL OP Area
28 AUG	31 AUG	Inport NAS North Island
31 AUG	2 SEP	TYT, SOCAL OP Area
2 SEP	8 SEP	Inport NAS North Island

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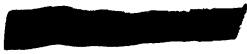
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8 SEP	18 SEP	TYT, SOCAL OP Area
18 SEP	23 SEP	Inport NAS North Island
23 SEP	2 OCT	ROPEVAL 4-70, SOCAL OP Area
2 OCT	5 OCT	Inport NAS North Island
5 OCT	9 OCT	ORI, SOCAL OP Area
9 OCT	6 NOV	POM, Inport NAS North Island
6 NOV		Deploy for Seventh WESTPAC Cruise, Fifth Combat Cruise
6 NOV	16 NOV	Enroute Hawaii
16 NOV	17 NOV	Inport Pearl Harbor
17 NOV	19 NOV	ORE, Hawaiian OP Area
19 NOV	21 NOV	Inport Pearl Harbor
21 NOV	3 DEC	Enroute Naval Air Station Cubi Point, Philippine Islands (Chop to Seventh Fleet 27 NOV)
3 DEC	5 DEC	Inport Naval Air Station Cubi Point, Philippine Islands (Embarked CFF 27/GCD 5 4 DEC)
5 DEC	7 DEC	Enroute Yankee Station
8 DEC	29 DEC	Yankee Station Operations (First Line Period)
29 DEC	31 DEC	Enroute Naval Air Station Cubi Point, Philippine Islands
31 DEC		Inport Naval Air Station Cubi Point, Philippine Islands



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ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL (U)

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

VADM Frederic A. BARDSHAR, USN (Embarked 4 DEC - 31 DEC)

Chief of Staff, CTF 77 and CCD 5

Captain Herbert "R" POORMAN, USN (Embarked 4 DEC - 31 DEC)

Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN (CVW-11)

Jack F. O'HARA, USN (Embarked 29 AUG - 31 DEC)

Commanding Officer (00)

Captain Earl F. GODFREY, USN 01 JAN 31 DEC

Executive Officer (01)

Captain H. F. BRYANT, USN 01 JAN 27 JUL
Captain Alexander G. B. GROSVENOR, USN 27 JUL 31 DEC

Ship's Secretary (11)

CWO2 [REDACTED], USN 01 JAN 24 FEB
CWO2 [REDACTED], USN 24 FEB 31 DEC

Administrative Officer (011)

Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN 01 JAN 17 JAN
Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN 17 JAN 31 DEC

Operations Officer (03)

Commander [REDACTED], USN 01 JAN 27 JUL
Commander [REDACTED], USN 27 JUL 31 DEC

Strike Operations (03A)

Commander [REDACTED], USN 01 JAN 31 DEC



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GATCG (31)

Commander [REDACTED], USN	01 JAN	30 APR
Commander [REDACTED], USN	02 AUG	31 DEC

IOIC Supervisor (32)

Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED], USN	01 JAN	29 JUL
Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED], USN	29 JUL	31 DEC

CIC (34)

Commander [REDACTED], USN	09 MAR	31 DEC
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Navigator (02)

Commander [REDACTED], USN	01 JAN	30 APR
Commander [REDACTED], USN	30 APR	31 DEC

Communications Officer (36)

Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED], USN	01 JAN	18 JUN
Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED], USN	18 JUN	31 DEC

Air Officer (04)

Commander [REDACTED], USN	01 JAN	31 DEC
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Assistant Air Officer

Commander [REDACTED], USN	11 FEB	31 DEC
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Aircraft Immediate Maintenance Officer (20)

Commander [REDACTED], USN	01 JAN	31 DEC
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Weapons Officer (05)

Commander [REDACTED], USN	01 JAN	29 OCT
Commander [REDACTED], USN	29 OCT	31 DEC


Deck Department Officer (10)

Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED], USN	01 JAN	27 AUG
Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED], USN	27 AUG	31 DEC

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Engineering Officer (06)

Commander  , USN 01 JAN 31 DEC

Supply Officer (07)

Commander  , SC, USN 01 JAN 04 JUN
Commander , SC, USN 04 JUN 31 DEC

Safety Officer (01B)

Commander  , USN 09 JAN 31 DEC


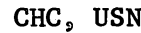

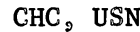
Medical Officer (08)

Captain George E. BALLYEAT, MC, USN 01 JAN 07 AUG
Commander  , MC, USN 07 AUG 31 DEC

Dental Officer (09)

Commander  , DC, USN 01 JAN 08 AUG
Commander  , DC, USN 08 AUG 31 DEC

Protestant Chaplain

Commander  , CHC, USN 01 JAN 15 AUG
Commander  , CHC, USN 15 AUG 31 DEC

Catholic Chaplain

Lieutenant Commander  , CHC, USN 01 JAN 05 JUL
Lieutenant Commander , CHC, USN 05 JUL 31 DEC

Marine Detachment Commanding Officer

Captain William E. HUDSON, USMC 01 JAN 20 NOV
Captain Nicholas F. CARLUCCI, Jr., USMC 20 NOV 31 DEC

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SELECTED LIST OF MODIFICATIONS/EQUIPMENT
ADDED TO KITTY HAWK IN 1970 (C)

Engineering:

New Dial Telephone System.
Numbers Nine and Ten Chill Water Plant.
100,000 Gallon Per Day Evaporator.

Supply:

Card Reader Punch Interpreter Mod "B"

Weapons:

Improved Rearming Rate Package Phase One including
Installation of Number Three Lower Stage Weapons
Elevator.

AIMD:

Increased Aircraft Servicing Capabilities, by addition
of seven 400 cycle power outlets on Flight Deck/Hangar
Deck.

Communications:

Three KW-7 Crypto equipments.
One KWR-37 crypto receiver.
Two URC-35 HF transceivers.
Addition of quality control system.
Consolidation of UHF equipment already on board
and equipment added.

Navigation:

SRN-9 Satellite Navigation System
SHIP's INERTIAL NAVIGATION SYSTEM (SINS).

Operations:

CIC-Closed Circuit TV-Surface, Air NTDS presentation to
Bridge, IOIC, Flag Warroom.
OC - AUTOMATIC CARRIER LANDING SYSTEM (ACLS)
IOIC - NIPS Change FIVE
NIPS Change Ten.
Closed Circuit Color TV System secure to ready rooms,
Captain's at Sea Cabin, CIC and Flag Warroom.

Executive:

PAO - Closed circuit color TV entertainment system.

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UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT SCHEDULE - CALENDAR YEAR 1970 (U)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SHIP</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
9 JUL	USS CAMDEN (AOE-2)	First KITTY HAWK UNREP since AUG 69
21 JUL	USS MISPILLION (AO-105)	
22 JUL	USS HALEAKALA (AE-25)	
30 JUL	USS MISPILLION (AO-105)	
11 AUG	USS MANATEE (AO-58)	
26 AUG	USS BEACON (PG-99)	First CVA/PG UNREP
2 SEP	USS PYRO (AE-24)	
11 SEP	USS DETROIT (AOE-4)	
15 SEP	USS ALBERT DAVID (DE-1050)	First time KITTY HAWK transferred JP-5 to an escorting destroyer
24 SEP	USS PYRO (AE-24)	
24 SEP	USS PASSUMPSIC (AO-107)	
29 SEP	USS PASSUMPSIC (AO-107)	
7 OCT	USS MOUNT KATMAI (AE-16)	
25 NOV	USS DEHAVEN (DD-727)	
25 NOV	USS SOMERS (DDG-34)	
27 NOV	USS NAVASOTA (AO-106)	
7 DEC	USS DEHAVEN (DD-727)	
7 DEC	USS SOMERS (DDG-34)	
8 DEC	USS WICHITA (AOR-1)	
12 DEC	USS WICHITA (AOR-1)	
13 DEC	USS WICHITA (AOR-1)	
16 DEC	USS HALEAKALA (AE-25)	
17 DEC	USS MISPILLION (AO-105)	
19 DEC	USS PYRO (AE-24)	
20 DEC	USS MISPILLION (AO-105)	
21 DEC	USS MARS (AFS-1)	
22 DEC	USS MAUNA KEA (AE-22)	
23 DEC	USS MISPILLION (AO-105)	
25 DEC	USS MAUNA KEA (AE-22)	
26 DEC	USS MISPILLION (AO-105)	
27 DEC	USS MAUNA KEA (AE-22)	
28 DEC	USS KAWISHIWI (AO-146)	

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AIRCRAFT CATAPULT SHOTS AND ARRESTMENTS 1970 (U)

Catapult #1	2759
Catapult #2	2487
Catapult #3	1297
Catapult #4	916
Arresting Gear #1	1088
Arresting Gear #2	2296
Arresting Gear #3	2606
Arresting Gear #4	1357
Barricade Engine	0
Total aircraft catapult shots	7459
Total aircraft arrestments	7394

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AWARDS EARNED BY SHIP'S COMPANY PERSONNEL (U)

Distinguished Flying Cross..... 1
Bronze Star..... 9
Air Medal..... 4
Strike Flight Air Medal.....139
Navy Commendation Medal.....275
Navy Achievement Medal.....172
Purple Heart..... 1
CINCPACFLT Letter of Commendation..... 1
SEVENTH FLEET Letter of Commendation.....204

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FIRST LINE PERIOD STATISTICS (C)
8 December - 29 December, 1970

Combat and Combat Support:

Laos Strike Sorties	1329
Laos Combat Support Sorties	542
South Vietnam Strike Sorites	32

Bomb Damage Assessment:

Trucks Destroyed	27
Damaged	48
Secondary Explosions	257
Residual Fires	137
Road Interdictions	291
POL Storage Areas Destroyed	4
Damaged	16
Open Storage Areas Damaged	4
Bunkers Destroyed	4
Buildings Destroyed	3
AAA Sites Silenced/Destroyed	4
Bridges Destroyed	1

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