

Unit

USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-67)

Signature of Commanding Officer or authorized representative

H. H. EPES, Jr.

Period Covered (From - To)

31 MAR 1963 - 30 SEP 1963

Date Forwarded

15 OCT 1963

DIRECTIONS: Complete in duplicate semi-annually for periods ending 31 March and 30 September, retain copy and forward original to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Op-05A5G, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C., within 15 days after report period. No covering letter is required.

All units complete Part I and other Parts as indicated. Follow instructions for each blank; fill in all required

blanks using "same" to avoid repeating previously recorded information. If more space is needed, attach extra sheets. Amplifying and/or historically significant documents, including photos, may be appended with proper notation under Part VI.

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PART I - ALL UNITS

1. Designation: Omit if same as in previous period. If changed, enter previous designation, date of change and the authorizing directive. New units record date and place of commissioning.

2. Commanding Officer

C.O. relieved if command changed this period

Date of change

H. H. EPES, Jr. CAPT USN

W. L. CURTIS, Jr. CAPT USN

4 MAY 1963

3. PERSONNEL ON BOARD

At end of reporting period. Ships give ships company only; wings and groups give staffs only; air stations give station personnel only.

	AVIATORS	AIR PILOTS	OTHER	TOTAL
OFFICER	34		93	127
ENLISTED		NONE	2520	2520
CIVILIAN			NONE	NONE

4. Mission or function (If changed or specifically assigned during the period, then enter a brief with dates and identity of authorizing directive.)

NO CHANGE

5. Next senior operational command (Give start and end dates if changed during this reporting period.)

31 MAR - 21 JUL 1963 First Fleet      4 AUG - 23 SEP 1963 First Fleet  
22 JUL - 3 AUG 1963 COMCARDIV 7      24 SEP - 30 SEP 1963 COMCARDIV 7

6. GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: (Air Stations omit; ships enter in Part II. Wings and groups should not record squadron locations; ship-based units give name of ship only. Enter beginning and end dates when part of period is involved.)

PERIOD (From - To)	PLACE
SEE PART II	

7. Participation in special exercises, operations, and operational tests (Principally those of a major nature rather than what is normally a part of routine operational training. Use official code names or descriptive titles, identify the overall command, and give dates, area and brief summary of own participation. Make reference to reports and orders covering the operation.)

Presidential Demo COMCARDIV 1 3 - 7 JUN 1963 Southern California. President John F. Kennedy viewed a First Fleet weapons demonstration from the flight deck.

8. Official or other recognition of accomplishment - (Such as unit citations, commendations and awards; decorations and awards to individuals, and records or events believed to be "firsts" which may be fleet-wide or apply only within the unit. Give dates of awards and events; claims for "firsts" are meaningless without a date.)

NONE DURING THIS PERIOD.

9. General resume of activity - (Narrative statement of activity not otherwise covered, summarizing work, training, special cruises and visits, conversion, modification, overhaul, new equipment, and the like. Air Stations consider, in addition, such things as reorganization, new operational administrative and management procedures introduced; special programs initiated or completed, construction in progress, expansion of facilities, etc. Use additional sheets as necessary. Documents appended should be identified in Part VI, page 4.)

On April 2, 1963, KITTY HAWK returned to San Diego after her first Western Pacific Cruise. On May 4, 1963, Captain Horace H. Epes, Jr., became the third Commanding Officer of KITTY HAWK, relieving Captain W. L. Curtis, Jr.

Later that month, KITTY HAWK hosted members of the Early Naval Aviators Association for a one-day orientation cruise. These "Bald Eagles," as they are called, meet each year to observe the latest in Naval Aviation.

June 6, 1963, will always be a high point of KITTY HAWK's history. For that day and the morning of June 7, KITTY HAWK was literally a "floating White House." President John Kennedy was on board to view the at-sea phase of a FIRST Fleet Weapons Demonstration. From KITTY HAWK's flight deck, he viewed a task force of 18 ships and more than 10,000 men plus countless number of aircraft, demonstrating the powerful deterrent force the Navy has today.

The President's official party included the Chief of Naval Operations and other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, California Governor Pat Brown, Secretary of the Navy Fred Korth, and Under-secretary of the Navy Paul B. Fay. More than 100 members of the nation's press were aboard to cover the demonstration.

A week later, more than 200 third class cadets from the Air Force Academy embarked for a week's cruise. These "Falcons" observed the Naval Aviation as part of their summer indoctrination program with all branches of the Armed Forces.

On August 3, more than 3,000 extra crewmembers streamed aboard for the Third Annual Dependent's Day Cruise. They were treated to an air show similar to the one viewed by President Kennedy, including an air-to-air missile shoot.

KITTY HAWK left San Diego for her second Middle Pacific Cruise August 16, returning September 9. The crew enjoyed rest and recreation in Honolulu over the Labor Day weekend.

On September 25, 1963, KITTY HAWK began a series of exercises off the California coast, which included a ten-day strike exercise as a unit of Commander FIRST Fleet's striking force.

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PART II - SHIPS

1. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION: Daily location positions not required. Note dates in and out of U.S. ports and general operating area in between as: Mediterranean, Caribbean, Hawaiian, West Pac, etc. For daily or frequent operations out of one port, use the term "Operating out of".

PERIOD	LOCATION
31 MAR - 2 APR	Enroute Yokosuka - San Diego
2 APR - 16 AUG	Operating out of San Diego
16 AUG - 9 SEP	MIDPAC Operating out of Hawaii
9 SEP - 30 SEP	Operating out of San Diego

2. AIR UNITS ON BOARD OR TENDED (Omit component squadrons when an Air Group is on board.)

PERIOD	UNIT	PERIOD	UNIT
31 MAR - 2 APR	CVG-11	16 AUG - 9 SEP	CVG-11
20 MAY - 30 MAY	CVG-11	25 SEP - 30 SEP	CVG-11
3 JUN - 7 JUN	CVG-11		
24 JUL - 2 AUG	CVG-11		

3. Miles steamed 20,665	4. Ship's fuel consumed 8,696,135	Aviation fuel consumed 3,444,826 gallons
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CARRIER LANDINGS AND CATAPULT LAUNCHINGS: Give date upon which even thousands were reached, cumulative from original commissioning when possible, but if from other event as recommissioning or conversion, should so state. May include a breakdown as desired. For some numbers it will be of interest to note, also, the air unit, plane type, and pilot involved.

5. Carrier landings  <b>SEE ATTACHED SHEET.</b>	6. Catapult launchings  <b>SEE ATTACHED SHEET.</b>
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PART III - WINGS AND GROUPS: List units on board, including detachments; give dates when only part of report period is involved, otherwise use "entire" or "all".

PERIOD	SUBORDINATE UNITS	PERIOD	SUBORDINATE UNITS
ALL PERIODS LISTED	HU 1		
PART II PAR 2	VAH 13, VAW 11, VFP 63		
7 MAY - 15 MAY	HU 1, VFP 63 VAH 123, VF 121, VF 124		
10 JUN - 14 JUN	HU 1, VFP 63, VAW 11 VF 124, VA 122, VA 125		
21 AUG - 23 AUG	VMF 232, VMA 214		
4 SEP - 9 SEP	VAW 13		
25 SEP - 30 SEP	VAW 13		

PART IV - SQUADRONS

1. TYPE A/C ASSIGNED	NUMBER ON HAND			DATE FIRST RECEIVED		

  

2. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS	MONTH	HOURS FLOWN	NO. OF FLIGHTS	MONTH	HOURS FLOWN	NO. OF FLIGHTS

PART V - AIR STATIONS: On board refers in this instance to what is physically present; not to be confused with Home Port assignment. Do not repeat units reported as on board in the previous period unless they departed in this period. For composite units such as Carrier Air Groups, record only the parent group.

1. UNITS ON BOARD	ARRIVED	DEPARTED

  

2. COMMANDS AND ACTIVITIES ON BOARD	ARRIVED	DEPARTED

PART VI - DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL APPENDED (Number serially and describe sufficiently to insure proper identification.)

CARRIER LANDING RESUME

LANDING	DATE	SQUADRON	A/C	NO.	PILOT
1,000	11 SEP 1961	VA 115	AD-6	507	LT. [REDACTED]
2,000	16 NOV 1961	VA 112	A4D	203	LT. [REDACTED]
3,000	4 JUL 1962	VF 111	F8U	111	LT. [REDACTED]
4,000	6 AUG 1962	VA 115	AD-6	502	CDR. [REDACTED]
5,000	29 AUG 1962	VAH 13	A3B	607	CDR. [REDACTED]
6,000	26 SEP 1962	VF114	F4H	413	LT. [REDACTED]
7,000	2 NOV 1962	VA 113	A4C	313	LT. [REDACTED]
8,000	21 NOV 1962	VFP 63	F8U	925	LT. [REDACTED]
9,000	19 DEC 1962	VA 112	A4D	201	LTjg. [REDACTED]
10,000	7 JAN 1963	VF 114	F4B	408	LT. [REDACTED]
11,000	5 FEB 1963	VAW 11	F3B	749	LTjg. [REDACTED]
12,000	4 MAR 1963	VAH 13	A3B	607	LT. [REDACTED]
13,000	12 MAY 1963	VF 121	F4B	126	LT. [REDACTED]
14,000	10 JUN 1963	VA 125	A4C	575	LT. [REDACTED]
15,000	16 JUN 1963	VA 122	A1H	201	LT. [REDACTED]
16,000	17 AUG 1963	VF 114	F4B	401	LT. [REDACTED]
17,000	28 AUG 1963	VA 112	A4C	209	LTjg. [REDACTED]
18,000	28 SEP 1963	VA 115	AD-6	509	LT. [REDACTED]

CATAPULT NO.	LAUNCH	DATE
#1	2000	20 OCT 1962
#1	4000	10 JUN 1963
#2	2000	10 JUN 1963
#2	4000	23 AUG 1963
#3	2000	18 FEB 1963
#4	2000	31 JUL 1963