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Unit

USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63)

Signature of Commanding Officer or authorized representative

J.L. Butts

Period (From - To)

31 March 1964 - 30 September 1964

Date Forwarded

26 OCT 1964

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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.

C.O. relieved if command changed this period

Date of change

2. Commanding Officer

J.L. Butts, CAPT, USN

H.H. Epos, Jr. CAPT, USN

20 April 1964

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.

OFFICER

36

AIR PILOTS

93

TOTAL

ENLISTED

0

2375

2375

CIVILIAN

0

0

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.)

1 Apr 64-1 Jul 64 CTG 77.4 (COMCARDIV 7) 11 Jul 64-20 Jul 64 CTG 11.1 (COMCARDIV 3)
1 Jul 64-11 Jul 64 CTF 77 20 Jul 64-30 Sept 64 COMNAVAIRPAC

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.)

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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.)

- Exercise "Crazy Horse" CVA-63/CVW-11, 3-5 Apr 1964, Okinawa/Japan
CTF 77 COMCARDIV 7 OP order 304-64
- Exercise "Newboy" CVA-63/CVW-11, 7 Apr 1964, Philippines
CTF 77 Inst. 03320.7
- Joint operations with HMS Victorious, 10-11 May 1964, Japan
COMCARDIV 7 LOI Ser 065 of 28 Apr 1964.
- Special Operations in So. China Sea, 18 May-10 June 1964.

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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.)

1. April 3-Kitty Hawk awarded Naval "E" for Battle Efficiency in competition with all other attack carriers of the Pacific Fleet during the period 1 Nov. 1962 to 1 March 1964. An individual "E" was awarded to the Air Department and an efficiency "C" to the Communications Department.
2. LT. C.E. Klusmann, VFP 63, Det. C. was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his participation in photo recon missions(over Communist Laos).
3. Seventh Fleet records for the replenishment of aviation fuel were set by Kitty Hawk as follows:

23 April-Single hose record-Average transfer rate	6,742 barrels per hour
Received	9,776 barrels
30 April-Double hose record-Average transfer rate	9,585 barrels per hour
Received	11,303 barrels

These records were confirmed by Service Squadron Three letter 3180 ser 30.31-1489 of 11 June 1964.

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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.)

- SEE ATTACHED SHEET.

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General Resume of Activity

On 6 April 1964, Rear Admiral Thomas Winfield South III was relieved by Rear Admiral William F. Bringle as Commander Carrier Division Seven aboard Kitty Hawk. Admiral Bringle was well known to the old hands aboard Kitty Hawk as he had previously served as her first commanding officer. The ship then visited Hong Kong during the period of 10 April to 17 April.

After departing Hong Kong, Captain John "L" Butts, Jr. relieved Captain Horace H. Epes, Jr. as Commanding Officer of Kitty Hawk on 20 April. Kitty Hawk then conducted operations in the South China Sea until she departed that area to arrive at Yokosuka, Japan on 6 May 1964 for a three day stay. Following this, the ship and air group engaged in joint operations with HMS Victorious on 10 and 11 May 1964.

During the period between 18 May and 10 June, Kitty Hawk was again engaged in special operations in the South China Sea off the coast of Viet Nam. While conducting photo reconnaissance flights over Communist Laotian territory, two Kitty Hawk pilots were downed by ground fire. Commander D.W. Lynn, executive officer of VF-111 went down under Communist fire on 7 June, but was rescued and returned to the ship on the 8th. Also at this time, Lieutenant C. F. Klusmann of the VFP-63 detachment aboard Kitty Hawk was shot down and captured by Communist forces in Laos. After almost three months in his prison camp, Lieutenant Klusmann managed his escape and was returned to the United States in mid-September.⁷ Kitty Hawk arrived in Yokosuka, Japan on 14 June 1964 after 36 continuous days at sea. On 15 June in an impressive Change of Command ceremony aboard Kitty Hawk, Vice Admiral Thomas H. Moorer was relieved by Vice Admiral Roy L. Johnson as Commander Seventh Fleet. In October 1962, Admiral Moorer had assumed command of the Seventh Fleet in a ceremony also held on board Kitty Hawk.

On 29 June Kitty Hawk departed Yokosuka for operations south of Japan and returned on 5 July to make final preparations for the return trip to CONUS. The ship departed Yokosuka on 7 July for her return to CONUS, leaving a day early to avoid a threatening typhoon. Kitty Hawk arrived home at San Diego after a deployment that lasted over 9 months. She thus was entitled to fly her "homeward-bound" pennant, over 1,000 feet long, which she earned by being deployed more than 9 months.


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On 10 August, Kitty Hawk departed San Diego for the three day trip to Bangor, Washington. While enroute on 12 August the icebreaker USS STATEN ISLAND towed the Kitty Hawk for several hours off Newport, Oregon, to test this capability. The ship spent two days at Bangor offloading ammunition and departed on 15 August for the one day trip to the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard at Bremerton, Washington. During this short inland sea cruise local dignitaries and their families were invited aboard. On 16 August, an open house was conducted at Bremerton during which approximately 25,000 people streamed aboard. This was the largest crowd to visit Kitty Hawk in a single day.

On 16 August, the eight month overhaul and modification period began with several major modifications being installed in Kitty Hawk. These include the Naval Tactical Data System (NTDS), Integrated Operational Intelligence Center (IOIC), Automatic Handling System (AN/SPN-10), and the Airborne System Support Center (ASSC). On 4 September, she moved into Dry Dock Number 6, the world's largest dry dock, and thus provided the first full capacity load for this dry dock.

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CARRIER LANDING RESUME

<u>LANDING</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>
27,000	7 Apr 64	VA-115	A1H	511	LTJG KALEMBER
28,000	27 Apr 64	VF-111	F8D	108	LCDR MOORE
29,000	15 May 64	VQ-1	A3Q	7	LCDR NEW
30,000	9 Jun 64	VAP-61	RA3B	901	LCDR BAILEY

<u>CATAPULT NO.</u>	<u>LAUNCH</u>	<u>DATE</u>
2	7,000	11 May 1964
4	4,000	6 Apr 1964

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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-7 Jul 64	Operating with U.S. Seventh Fleet-West Pac
7 Jul-20 Jul 64	Enroute CONUS
20 Jul-9 Aug 64	At San Diego
10 Aug-13 Aug 64	Enroute Bangor, Washington
14 Aug 64	At Bangor
15 Aug 64	Enroute Bremerton, Washington
15 Aug-30 Sept 64	At Bremerton

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

PERIOD	UNIT	PERIOD	UNIT
1 Apr 64-20 Jul 64	CVW 11		

<i>3. Miles steamed</i> 33,181	<i>4. Ship's fuel consumed</i> 13,016,549 Gals.	<i>Aviation fuel consumed</i> 4,814,306 Gals.
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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.

<i>5. Carrier landings</i> SEE ATTACHED SHEET	<i>6. Catapult launchings</i> SEE ATTACHED SHEET
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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



