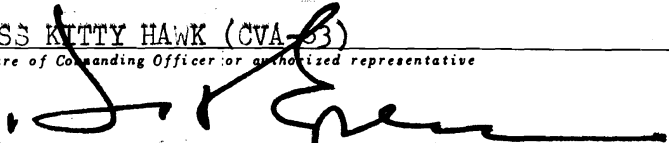


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 AVIATION HISTORY UNIT
 OPNAV REPORT 5750-3
 PART 4

AVIATION HISTORICAL SUMMARY
 OPNAV FORM 5750-2 (REV. 4-60) See effective edition of OPNAVINST 5750.8

Unit USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63)	Period Covered (From - To) 30 SEP 1963 - 31 MAR 1964
Signature of Commanding Officer or authorized representative 	Date Forwarded 16 APR 1964

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-05ASG, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C., within 15 days after report period. No covering letter is 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.

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

Security classification may be at any level consistent with content. Identify classified items within the report, by an additional stamp at their position in the report. Avoid over-classification.

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
H. H. EPES, Jr. CAPT USN

C.O. relieved if command changed this period
 Date of change

3. PERSONNEL ON BOARD		AVIATORS	AIR PILOTS	OTHER	TOTAL
At end of reporting period. Ships give ships company only; wings and groups give staffs only; air stations give station personnel only.	OFFICER	32		98	130
	ENLISTED		NONE	2553	2553
	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.)

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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.)

- Exercise "BLACK BEAR II," CVW-11/CVA-63, 30 Sep - 4 Oct 1963, Eastpac, COMCARDIV SEVEN Op Order 303-63
- ORI/NORM, CVW-11/CVA-63, 28-31 Oct 63, Midpac, COMFAIRHAWAII Op Order 311-63
- Exercise "CHECKERTAIL," CVW-11/CVA-63, 19 Nov 63, E. Okinawa
- Exercise "BIG DIPPER," CVW-11/CVA-63, 2-4 Dec 63, SW Taiwan, COMPHIBGRU ONE/CTF 76 Op Order 301-64
- Exercise "CHECKERTAIL," CVW-11/CVA-63, 30 Jan 64, S. Okinawa
- Exercise "DICE DROP," CVW-11/CVA-63, 18-21 Feb 64, Yokosuka, CINCPAC OPLAN
- Exercise "BACKPACK," CVW-11/CVA-63, 1-5 Mar 64, SE TAIWAN, COMPHIBGRU ONE/CTF 76 Op Order 302-64

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.)

9 February 1964—53.7 tons of general stores were transferred to KITTY HAWK from the attack cargo stores ship USS CASTOR (AKS-1) in 11 minutes and 42 seconds. This gave KITTY HAWK and CASTOR an all-Navy transfer record of 275.6 tons per hour—more than doubling the previous record between an AKS and CV type. RADM Russell Kefauver, CTG 73, confirmed the record.

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

The 30th of September, 1963 saw KITTY HAWK at sea off the California coast for her final exercise as a unit of the FIRST Fleet. For on 17 October 1963, she departed her homeport at San Diego for the Far East and her second tour of duty with the SEVENTH Fleet.

Enroute to the Western Pacific, KITTY HAWK received her Operational Readiness Inspection in Hawaiian waters. Upon completion, RADM Duerfeldt, COMFAIRHAWAII said the combination of KITTY HAWK/CAW-11 was "the best weapons system we have observed this year."

Following initial SEVENTH Fleet port visits to Buckner Bay, Okinawa, and Sasebo, Japan, in November, KITTY HAWK headed south to Taiwan to participate in Exercise Big Dipper. Nationalist Chinese forces combined with SEVENTH Fleet units for the amphibious exercise to demonstrate how American forces can answer the call from a besieged ally. KITTY HAWK aircraft supplied air support and aerial reconnaissance for the assault forces. Admiral Claude V. Ricketts, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, observed KITTY HAWK's operations 3 December for Big Dipper. Aboard with him was Vice Admiral T. H. Moorer, Commander SEVENTH Fleet.

After Big Dipper, KITTY HAWK visited Kobe, Japan, for a four-day goodwill visit. On 23 December, KITTY HAWK moored at Yokosuka, Japan, for a two-week Christmas visit. January 5, 1964, KITTY HAWK was seaward again for operations. During that at-sea period, she held joint operations with the carrier ORISKANY (CVA-34).

KITTY HAWK visited Hong Kong 20-26 February and hosted many visitors aboard the ship. More than 300,000 gallons of fresh water was donated to the British government for use in the drought stricken colony.

KITTY HAWK returned to Yokosuka 10 February for a two-week upkeep period. Because of inclement weather before entering port, many airplanes due to be launched to nearby NAS Atsugi for maintenance were left on board. But on 12 February, more than 20 planes were catapulted off while the ship was moored, in an unusual demonstration of the flexibility of the carrier and her aircraft.

In late February KITTY HAWK headed south again to Taiwan--this time to participate in the amphibious exercise Back Pack. During the exercise Vice Admiral J. F. D. Bush, RN, British Naval Attache to Washington, visited and was given a ride in the F4B Phantom II jet. As in Big Dipper, KITTY HAWK aircraft provided air support and aerial reconnaissance for the SEVENTH Fleet Marines assaulting the beach.

Following Back Pack, KITTY HAWK spent a week at Sasebo followed by an Easter weekend visit to Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

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At the end of March, Rear Admiral T. W. South II, embarked, hosted Major General Albert P. Clark, Commanding General of the 313th Air Division at Kadena Air Force Base and other top Air Force and Army Officers for an overnight visit to an attack carrier.

Unit: **USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63)** Period Covered (From - To): **30 SEP 1963 - 31 MAR 1964**

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
30 SEP - 17 OCT	Operating out of San Diego
17 OCT - 26 OCT	Enroute Hawaii
26 OCT - 4 NOV	Operating out of Hawaii
4 NOV - 11 NOV	Enroute WESTPAC
11 NOV - 31 MAR	Operating with the SEVENTH FLEET

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

PERIOD	UNIT	PERIOD	UNIT
Entire	CVW 11		

3. Miles steamed: **38493** 4. Ship's fuel consumed: **13,984,156** Aviation fuel consumed: **9,818,751 Gallons**

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 SEE ATTACHED SHEET	6. Catapult launchings 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
Entire	VAW 11		
"	VFP.63		
"	HUP 1		
"	VAH 13		

