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- Annex A USS KITTY HAWK Instruction 5750.1, Subj: KITTY HAWK Command History
- B Roster of Officers, 1 December 1969
- C Roster of Enlisted Personnel, December 1969
- D KITTY HAWK and CVW-11 Cruise Report, 30 DEC 68 - 4 SEP 69
- E KITTY HAWK Intelligence Cruise Report, DEC 68 - SEP 69
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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, bolted 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.

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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 GOY and the RIO, LTJG Roy L. MC CREADY, egressed on deck without injury. 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 fire-fighting 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

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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 ship's 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.

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Departing the Okinawa area on 15 June, KITTY HAWK headed for Sasebo and an inport period from 16 through 24 June. During the period from 25 to 28 June the HAWK was enroute back to Yankee Station, arriving there on 29 June, after conducting type training in the Okinawan area.

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 wing-spar, 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

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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.

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

1 JAN	4 JAN	Enroute Pearl Harbor
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 COMSEVENTHFLT 15 JAN)
20 JAN	24 JAN	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

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16 MAY 24 MAY Inport Sasebo, Japan

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/CGD 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 Pt, Philippine
Islands

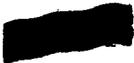
18 AUG 20 AUG Inport Naval Air Station Cubi Pt, Philippine
Islands (Disembarked CTF 77/CCD 5 18 AUG)

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)

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ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL (U)

Commander Attack Carrier Striking Force SEVENTH Fleet (CTF 77) and Commander Carrier Division FIVE (CGD 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 CGD 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 Sylvester R. FOLEY, USN (Embarked 1 JAN - 4 SEP)

Commanding Officer (00)

Captain John F. DAVIS, USN

01 JAN 15 NOV

Captain Earl F. GODFREY, USN

15 NOV 31 DEC

Executive Officer (01)

Captain Merle P. MEAD, USN

01 JAN 16 JUN

Captain H. F. BRYANT, USN

16 JUN 31 DEC

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

01 JAN 17 SEP

Commander Alexander G. B. GROSVENOR, USN

17 SEP 31 DEC

Strike Operations (03A)

Commander Felton "M" HUMPHREYS, Jr., USN

01 JAN 05 FEB

Commander Gerald W. BEISEL

05 FEB 31 DEC

CATCC (31)

Commander Charles E. STEEL, USN

01 JAN 10 SEP

Commander Carroll E. MYERS, USN

10 SEP 31 DEC

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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 01 JAN 01 JUL
Commander James L. ELLIS, USN 01 JUL 31 DEC

Communications Officer (36)

Lieutenant Commander Albert (n) MILLS, USN 01 JAN 31 DEC

Air Officer (04)

Commander Kenneth E. GORNELL, USN 01 JAN 15 MAR
Commander John R. KEMBLE, USN 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 01 JAN 10 SEP
Commander Richard H. HEALY, USN 10 SEP 31 DEC

Weapons Officer (05)

Commander Charles J. MOORE, USN 01 JAN 31 DEC

Deck Department Officer (10)

Lieutenant Commander Frederick W. BENGE, USN 01 JAN 17 MAY
Lieutenant Commander Francis J. SULLIVAN, USN 17 MAY 31 DEC

Engineering Officer (06)

Commander Winfred L. BUCKINGHAM, USN 01 JAN 20 JAN
Commander Ross E. SUGG, USN 20 JAN 31 DEC

Supply Officer (07)

Commander Andrew A. GIORDANO, SC, USN 01 JAN 31 DEC

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Medical Officer (08)

Commander George E. BALYEAT, MC, USN

01 JAN 31 DEC

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

01 JAN 17 SEP

Lieutenant Commander John R. MC NAMARA, CHC, USN 17 SEP 31 DEC

Marine Detachment Commanding Officer

Captain William E. HUDSON, USMC

01 JAN 31 DEC

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THOUSANDTH CARRIER LANDINGS (U)

<u>ENGAGEMENT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>SQD</u>	<u>A/C</u>
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-105	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-105	A7A
100,000	10 AUG	CDR S. R. FOLEY	CVW-11	A7A

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COMBAT AND SUPPORT SORTIES (U)

Number of sorties flown during the 1st Line Period from 28 January to 28 February:	2510
Number of sorties flown during the 2nd Line Period from 13 March to 4 April:	2185
Number of sorties flown during the 3rd Line Period from 18 April to 9 May:	2201
Number of sorties flown during the 4th Line Period from 29 June to 14 July:	1450
Number of sorties flown during the 5th Line Period from 30 July to 16 August:	1388

ARRESTING GEAR STATISTICS (U)

<u>ENGINE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
#1	1,726
#2	4,176
#3	4,821
#4	2,719
Barricade	0
	<u>13,442</u>

CATAPULT STATISTICS (U)

<u>CAT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
#1	4,783
#2	1,925
#3	3,503
#4	<u>3,379</u>
	13,590

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UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT SCHEDULE (U)

1 JAN	USS ROBINSON (DDG 12)
2 JAN	USS RADFORD (DD 446)
11 JAN	USS HIGBEE (DD 806)
11 JAN	USS ANGERHOLM (DD 826)
13 JAN	USS ROBINSON (DDG 12)
15 JAN	USS ANGERHOLM (DD 826)
16 JAN	USS CHEMUNG (AO 30)
18 JAN	USS ANGERHOLM (DD 826)
26 JAN	USS ANGERHOLM (DD 826)
26 JAN	USS MORTON (DD 948)
28 JAN	USS HASSAYAMPA (AO 145)
29 JAN	USS CAMDEN (AOE 2)
1 FEB	USS CAMDEN (AOE 2)
4 FEB	USS CAMDEN (AOE 2)
7 FEB	USS CAMDEN (AOE 2)
10 FEB	USS CAMDEN (AOE 2)
13 FEB	USS CAMDEN (AOE 2)
14 FEB	USS PICTOR (AF 59)
15 FEB	USS HASSAYAMPA (AO 145)
16 FEB	USS MOUNT BAKER (AE 4)
18 FEB	USS HASSAYAMPA (AO 145)
19 FEB	USS WRANGUE (AE 12)
20 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	USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1)
19 MAR	USS MARS (AFS 1)
20 MAR	USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1)
22 MAR	USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1)
23 MAR	USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1)
26 MAR	USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1)
29 MAR	USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1)
31 MAR	USS HASSAYAMPA (AO 145)
1 APR	USS PARICUTIN (AE-18)
2 APR	USS PONCHATOULA (AO 148)
3 APR	USS PARICUTIN (AE 18)
4 APR	USS PONCHATOULA (AO 148)
19 APR	USS NAVASOTA (AO 106)
20 APR	USS MAUNA KEA (AE 22)
22 APR	USS NAVASOTA (AO 106)
23 APR	USS MAZAMA (AE 9)
24 APR	USS MAZAMA (AE 9)
25 APR	USS PASSUMPSIC (AO 107)

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26 APR USS MAZAMA (AE 9)
28 APR USS PASSUMPSIC (AO 107)
29 APR USS MOUNT BAKER (AE 4)
30 APR USS 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 USS BUCHANAN (DDG 14)
7 JUN USS ROWAN (DD 782)
8 JUN USS MCGORMICK (DDG 8)
8 JUN USS 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 USS VEGA (AF 59)
8 JUL USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 1)
8 JUL USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1)
12 JUL USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1)
14 JUL USS 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)
5 AUG USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1)
8 AUG USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1)
12 AUG USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1)
13 AUG USS MARS (AFS 1)
15 AUG USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1)
24 AUG USS GURKE (DD 783)
24 AUG USS KING (DLG 10)

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27 AUG
28 AUG
31 AUG

USS KING (DLG 10)
USS CAMDEN (AOE 2)
USS KING (DLG 10)

Total of 102 UNREPS on USS KITTY HAWK's WESTPAC deployment.

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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.

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.

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- 7 JUL RADM M. F. WIESNER, PCTF 77, on board for Flag visit.
- 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, COMNAVPHEL; 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 three-day 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.
- 18 NOV LUTES Singers, 44 high school and college singers from Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Bremerton, on board to give concert for ship's personnel.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS (U)

9 APR Teacher and her class of students from Clark AFB visited the KITTY HAWK

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

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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.

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AWARDS EARNED BY SHIPS COMPANY PERSONNEL

Legion of Merit	1
Bronze Star Medal	4
Navy Commendation Medal	67
Navy Achievement Medal	96
SEVENTH Fleet Letter of Commendation	124
Navy Meritorious Service Medal	5 (Foreign Award)
Navy Distinguished Service Order SECOND Class	4 (Foreign Award)

The above awards were earned by personnel while attached to the USS KITTY HAWK.

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