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- Encl: (1) Annex I, POR for 21 NOV 77 - 31 JAN 78
(2) Annex II, POR for February 1978
(3) Annex III, POR for March 1978
(4) Annex IV, POR for April 1978
(5) Annex V, POR for May 1978
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(12) Annex XII, POR for December 1978
(13) Annex XIII, AEW Excellence Award Submission
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(16) Annex XVI, Overall Command History
(17) Annex XVII, Personnel Manning Rosters

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following is submitted as VAW-126's Command History for calendar year 1978.

a. Basic History

(1) CDR Dennis M. KINNEY, USN, [REDACTED]/1320 was Commanding Officer from 15 JUL 1977 to 8 SEP 1978 when he was relieved by CDR Vady R. CLARK, USN, [REDACTED] 1310.

(2) The mission, composition of command, and homeport were unchanged in 1978. The officer and enlisted manning rosters as of 31 December 1978 are attached as enclosure (17).

b. Summary of Operations (specific details in Annexes I - XII)

(1) 1 JAN 78 - 8 MAY 78: Intensive squadron pre-deployment training period in Norfolk, VA, including carrier qualification aboard USS EISENHOWER (CVN-69) 08 - 14 MAR 78.

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(2) 9 - 25 MAY 78: Coordinated pre-deployment training for CVW-9 commenced with integrated flight operations at NAS Fallon, NV.

(3) 26 MAY - 13 JUN 78: NAS Norfolk, VA

(4) 14 JUN - 24 JUN 78: Type Training (TYT-1) with CVW-9 aboard USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64).

(5) 25 JUN - 4 JUL 78: NAS Norfolk, VA

(6) 5 JUL - 17 JUL 78: TYT-2 aboard USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64).

(7) 18 JUL - 30 JUL 78: NAS Norfolk, VA

(8) 31 JUL - 28 AUG 78: TYT-3/ORE/FLEET-EX 2-78 aboard USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64). FLEETEX 2-78 was major fleet exercise involving over 30 surface combatants and six submarines from 4 different nations, and more than 200 aircraft. Specific VAW-126 achievements included:

(a) An adjective grade of OUTSTANDING for the ORE, and the highest numerical grade in the Air Wing.

(b) A carrier landing grade of 3.49 for the ORE period, highest in the Air Wing.

(c) A record total of 372.5 flight hours for the month of August, the highest ever for any E-2C squadron.

(d) On 25 AUG 1978, through effective utilization of the E-2C's Airborne Tactical Data System, a squadron aircrew identified the probable ejection position of the crew of a missing F-14. A relieving E-2C assumed control of all SAR assets and successfully concluded the rescue effort.

(9) 29 AUG - 24 SEP 78: POM period NAS Norfolk, including the change of command on 8 SEP 1978.

(10) 26 SEP - 31 DEC 78: Deployed aboard USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64) to the Western Pacific Ocean.

(a) MULTIPLEX 1-79 (17-21 NOV): Squadron aircrews demonstrated that the E-2C is a major element in Sea Control and Power Projection missions.

(b) 26 NOV: Successful SAR for another F-14 aircrew.

(c) On 30 DEC 78 ship departed NS Subic Bay in response to an international crisis situation in Iran.

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c. Special Topics: Summarized in Annexes XIII, XIV, and XV.

d. Documentary Annexes: POR's (Annexes I - XII), AEW Excellence Award Submission (Annex XIII), Battle "E" Award Submission (Annex XIV), CNO Annual Aviation Safety Award Submission (Annex XV), PAO handout and overall command history (Annex XVI), and Personnel Manning Rosters (Annex XVII).



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