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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
CARRIER AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SQUADRON
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE
FPO NEW YORK 09507-6406

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From: Commanding Officer, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 121
 To: Director, Naval Aviation History and Publications Division

Subj: 1990 COMMAND HISTORY REPORT

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

- Encl: (1) ~~Change of Command Report~~
 (2) ~~Exercise National Week Exercise Report (U)~~
 (3) ~~Exercise Distant Thunder Report (U)~~
 (4) ~~Exercise Dragon Hammer 1991 Report (U)~~
 (5) ~~DASIX Report (U)~~
 (6) ~~VAW 121 Post Deployment Report (U)~~
 (7) ~~VAW 121 Safety Report, CNO Aviation Safety and Aviation~~

1. Command Composition and Organization. Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE TWO ONE under Carrier Airborne Early Warning Wing TWELVE. Commanded by Commander Edward F. Caffrey, JR, USN from October 1988 to 23 February 1990 and Commander Mark R. Milliken, USN from 23 February 1990 to 08 February 1991. Stationed at Naval Air Station Norfolk, Virginia. Four E-2C aircraft assigned (AG 600, 601, 602, 603).

2. Chronology 1990.

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| 26 JAN - 07 FEB | Embarked USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) Battle Group Phase |
| 08 - 10 FEB | SOCEX |
| 23 FEB | Change of Command |
| 07 MAR | Embarked USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) underway MED 2-90 |
| 20 - 27 MAR | Exercise National Week |
| 16 - 20 APR | Exercise Distant Thunder |
| 03 - 15 MAY | Exercise Dragon Hammer |
| 28 - 29 MAY | Exercise DASIX |
| 30 MAY - 01 JUN | Exercise POOPDECK |
| 08 - 24 AUG | Operation Desert Shield |
| 12 SEP | Completion of MED 2-90 |

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3. Narrative. VAW-121 completed a successful year of intense exercise and operational tasking including Mediterranean Deployment 2-90 and participation in the initial stages of Operation Desert Shield. Exceptional combat readiness, aircraft availability and tactical leadership in the Airborne Early Warning community resulted in the squadron receiving the following awards for outstanding operational performance throughout 1990:

- COMNAVAIRLANT Battle Efficiency "E"
- AEW Excellence Award
- Meritorious Unit Commendation

4. Supporting Documents. See enclosures (1) through (7).

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