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From: Commanding Officer, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 30  
To: Director of Naval History, Navy Historical Center

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

Encl: (1) VRC 30 Command History 1995  
(2) VRC 30 Battle "E" inputs for calendar year 1995  
(3) Commanding Officer's Biography

1. In accordance with OPNAVINST 5750.12E, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron Thirty submits the following Command History for Calendar Year 1995.

  
F. L. SALOMON

**FLEET LOGISTICS SUPPORT SQUADRON THIRTY COMMAND HISTORY 1995  
FLELOGSUPPRON 30, COMMANDER F.L. SALOMON  
NAVAL AIR STATION NORTH ISLAND**

**1. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION**

**A. MISSION:**

TO PROVIDE CARRIER ONBOARD DELIVERY(COD) AND LOGISTICS AIRLIFTS IN SUPPORT OF PACIFIC FLEET OPERATIONS AND TO TRAIN C-12 REPLACEMENT PILOTS AND AIRCREW FOR PACIFIC FLEET C-12 OPERATIONS.

**B. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:**

VRC-30 REPORTS DIRECTLY TO COMAEWWINGPAC, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

VRC-30 OPERATES FOUR DETACHMENTS ASSIGNED TO PACIFIC FLEET CARRIERS AND A PERMANENT DETACHMENT IN ATSUGI, TO SUPPORT CARRIER AIR WING FIVE AND THE USS INDEPENDENCE.

**C. AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED:**

16 C-2A GREYHOUND CARRIER ONBOARD DELIVERY AIRCRAFT  
3 UC-12 SUPER KING AIR AIRCRAFT

<u>C-2A</u>		<u>UC-12</u>	
A/C #	BUNO	A/C#	BUNO
20	162173	197	161197
21	162148	320	161320
22	162162	323	161323
23	162146G		
24	162161		
30	162165G		
31	162163G		
32	162164		
33	162149		
34	162167G		
35	162175G		
36	162154G		
37	162171		
430	162141		
431	162150		
432	162147		

## 2. CHRONOLOGY

### A. DEPLOYMENTS

JAN 95-MAY 95 DET 2: WESTPAC ABOARD USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)  
APR 95-OCT 95 DET 3: WESTPAC ABOARD USS LINCOLN (CVN 72)  
AUG 95-NOV 95 DET 5: WESTPAC ABOARD USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62)  
DEC 95 DET 4: WESTPAC ABOARD USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)

### B. DETACHMENTS PROVIDED LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING PERIODS:

<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>DATES</u>
WESTPAC/USS CONSTITUTION	JAN-MAY 95
CQ/USS KITTY HAWK	FEB 95
FLEETEX/USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN	FEB 95
TSTA/USS NIMITZ	FEB 95
CQ/USS CARL VINSON	APR 95
WESTPAC/USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN	APR-OCT 95
SEA TRIAL/USS NIMITZ	APR 95
SOCAL/USS NIMITZ	MAY 95
COBRA GOLD/USS INDEPENDENCE	APR-MAY 95
TSTA/USS CARL VINSON	JUN 95
STRLS/LTT/USS KITTY HAWK	JUN 95
CQ/USS KITTY HAWK	JUN 95
COMPTUEX/USS NIMITZ	JUN 95
SOCAL/CQ/USS CARL VINSON	JUL 95
CQ/USS KITTY HAWK	JUL 95
SEA FAIR/USS KITTY HAWK	JUL-AUG 95
SOCAL/CQ/USS NIMITZ	JUL 95
PEARL/USS CARL VINSON	AUG-SEP 95
COMPTUEX/USS NIMITZ	AUG 95
WESTPAC/USS INDEPENDENCE	AUG-NOV 95
TCQ/USS KITTY HAWK	SEP 95
SEA TRIALS/USS CONSTELLATION	SEP 95
FLEETEX/USS NIMITZ	SEP 95
JTFEX/USS NIMITZ	SEP 95
ACAPULCO/USS KITTY HAWK	OCT 95
VANCOUVER/USS CONSTELLATION	OCT-NOV 95
TSTA/USS CARL VINSON	NOV 95
CQ/USS CONSTELLATION	NOV 95
WESTPAC/USS NIMITZ	DEC 95
COMPTUEX/USS CARL VINSON	DEC 95
TSTA/USS KITTY HAWK	DEC 95
MAZALTAN/USS CONSTELLATION	DEC 95

### 3. NARRATIVE

VRC-30 provides the finest in logistical support to the Pacific Fleet. In order to accomplish the mission of logistics support throughout the Pacific Fleet's theater of operations, VRC-30 utilizes the detachment concept. There are five detachments of VRC-30 personnel aircraft that operate worldwide in support of fleet operations. Four detachments are specifically assigned to certain carriers. One detachment, DET FIVE, operates as a permanent detachment in Atsugi, Japan in support of Carrier Air Wing Five and the USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 64). DET FIVE serves as the only medium-lift capable unit in the Western Pacific theater.

In 1995 Detachment TWO, deployed aboard USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64), flew 598 hours and transported 348,522 pounds of cargo, 217,288 pounds of mail, 737 Distinguished Visitors (DV) and VIP's, and 3,223 passengers. Detachment THREE deployed aboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72). DET THREE logged over 836 hours, while transporting 266,445 pounds of cargo, 241,984 pounds of mail, 628 DV/VIP, and 2309 passengers. Detachment FOUR deployed aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) in December of 1995. In the course of 1995, Detachment FIVE flew over 1,000 mishap free flight hours, while transporting 359,019 pounds of cargo, 298,797 pounds of mail, 466 DV/VIP, and 2,764 passengers.

When not deployed on cruise, the detachments provide support of the many exercises conducted by Pacific Fleet carriers. These include Exercise COBRA GOLD, operating out of Thailand, and deploying to the Western Pacific/Indian Ocean/Arabian Gulf theaters; Pacific Rim Exercise (RIMPAC), operating out of Hawaii, and involving forces from U.S. Allies.

In addition to the two above exercises, VRC-30 DETS provided support for numerous Fleet Exercises and Joint Task Force Exercises. VRC-30 also participated in the following noteworthy events:

- Seattle Sea Fair onboard USS KITTY HAWK (JUL-AUG 95)
- World War II 50th Anniversary Commemoration onboard USS CARL VINSON (AUG-SEP 95)
- Acapulco, Mexico port visit onboard USS KITTY HAWK (OCT 95)
- Vancouver, Canada port visit onboard USS CONSTELLATION (OCT-NOV95)
- Mazatlan, Mexico port visit onboard USS CONSTELLATION (DEC 95)

While homeported, VRC-30 Provides daily logistics support to carriers operating in the Southern California area. This includes numerous carrier onboard delivery missions and carrier qualifications, as well as aircrew training flights and shore logistic missions.

VRC-30 also provides expert training as the West Coast C-12 Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). The FRS serves as the UC-12B/F Model Manager, Navy Wide C-12 ACT Model Manager, and the COMNAVAIRPAC Evaluator. In 1995 the highly experienced instructors and aircrew instructors provided training in C-12 aircraft systems and operations to 133 replacement pilots and 30 aircrew. The FRS also provides mobile FRS training programs and assist visits to establish new C12 sites throughout the Pacific Fleet theater.



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From: Commanding Officer, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 30  
To: Commander, Naval Air Force U.S. Pacific Fleet  
Via: Commander Airborne Early Warning Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Subj: BATTLE "E" AWARD SUBMISSION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1995

Ref: (a) COMNAVAIRPAC SAN DIEGO CA 270131Z NOV 95

Encl: (1) VRC-30 Battle "E" inputs for calendar year 1995

1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted for consideration in Category XI competition.

  
F.L. SALOMON

(enclosure 2)



VRC-30 BATTLE "E" INPUTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1995

(A) OPERATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

1. FLIGHT HOURS

A. TOTAL HOURS FLOWN

TOTAL HOURS (NOTE 1)	<u>C-2</u>	<u>C-12</u>	<u>ALL TYPES</u>
(1) TOT DAY HOURS/PCT	5331.3	1884.2	7215.5
(2) TOT NIGHT HOURS/PCT	4669.5/88	1675.6/89	6345.1/88
(3) TOT PRI MSN HRS/PCT	661.8/12	207.6/11	869.4/12
	5014.2/97	1325.4/70	6339.6/88

NOTE 1: DETACHMENT 2 FLEW 598.0 HOURS UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF CVW-2/USS CONSTELLATION

DETACHMENT 3 FLEW 836.8 HOURS UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF CVW-11/USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN

DETACHMENT 4 FLEW 94.1 HOURS UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF CVW-9/USS NIMITZ

DETACHMENT 5 FLEW 853.5 HOURS UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF CVW-5/USS INDEPENDENCE

C-12 PRIMARY MISSION HOURS REPRESENT STUDENT SYLLABUS HOURS

B. EMBARKED HOURS (C-2 ONLY)

TOTAL HOURS 2497.2/47% OF 5331.3 TOTAL C-2 HOURS

(1) DAY HRS 2293.8/92% OF 2497.2 EMBARKED C-2 HOURS

(2) NIGHT HRS 203.4/ 8% OF 2497.2 EMBARKED C-2 HOURS

(3) PRI MSN 2337.6/94% OF 2497.2 EMBARKED C-2 HOURS

C. TOTAL SORTIES EMBARKED (C-2 ONLY)

TOTAL 1431

(1) DAY 1309

(2) NIGHT 122

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D. TOTAL SORTIES ASHORE

TOTAL 2009

	<u>C-2</u>	<u>C-12</u>	<u>ALL TYPES</u>			
(1) DAY	1325	301	1626			
(2) NIGHT	305	78	383			
(3) UTILIZATION RATE PER MONTH						
	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUN</u>
	22.8	31.7	28.2	29.7	49.8	43.6
	<u>JUL</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
	51.2	34.1	29.9	35.2	24.0	22.7
	AVG.		33.6			

2. OPTAR MANAGEMENT--TOTAL FLT HRS/% UTILIZATION

	<u>OPTAR HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS FLOWN</u>	<u>%</u>
C-2	3022	2784	92.2%
C-12	1941	1885	97.1%

NOTE: C-2 DATA REFLECTS VRC-30 HOMEGUARD ONLY. OPTAR FOR DEPLOYED DETACHMENTS IS CONTROLLED BY EACH DETACHMENT'S RESPECTIVE CARRIER AIR WING COMMANDER.

3. SHIPBOARD LANDINGS (C-2 ONLY)

A. TOTAL CARRIER ARRESTED LANDINGS	1073
(1) DAY (NUMBER/PERCENTAGE)	1043/97%
(2) NIGHT (NUMBER/PERCENTAGE)	30/3%
B. BOARDING RATE (DAY/NIGHT)	97%/97%
C. CARRIER LANDING GRADES	3.35

6. DEPLOYMENTS

- A. DET 2: WESTPAC ABOARD USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64)  
JAN 95 - MAY 95
- B. DET 3: WESTPAC ABOARD USS LINCOLN (CVN-72)  
APR 95 - OCT 95
- C. DET 4: WESTPAC ABOARD USS NIMITZ (CVN-68)  
DEC95



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D. DET 5: WESTPAC ABOARD USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62)  
AUG 95 - NOV 95

(B) TRAINING READINESS (VRC SPECIFIC)

5.H. LOGISTICS DATA

(1) CARGO MOVED 2,451,599 lbs (1225.8 TONS)  
MAIL MOVED 802,525 lbs ( 401.3 TONS)

(2) PASSENGERS CARRIED 16,664  
FLAG OFFICERS/DV'S 4,541  
MEDEVACS FROM CARRIERS 11

(3) MK-30 ASW TARGETS TRANSPORTED: 342

(C) PERSONNEL READINESS

1. ADVANCEMENT

	PAY GRADE	ELIG/ TOOK EXAM	NOT RECOM/ SELECTED	PNA/ FAILED
MAR 95	E-4	60/54	2/2	28/0
	E-5	57/52	2/7	39/3
	E-6	69/62	2/3	31/2
OCT 95	E-4	65/53	4/24	29/0
	E-5	87/81	2/13	13/0
	E-6	70/70	0/4	4/1

(D) COMBAT READINESS INSPECTIONS AND EXERCISES

1. INSPECTIONS RESULTS (CHRONOLOGICAL)

- A. DET ONE POST CRUISE MCI IN JANUARY - EXCELLENT
- B. DET THREE PRE CRUISE MCI IN MARCH - OUTSTANDING
- C. HOMEGUARD ADMAT IN MAY - SATISFACTORY
- D. DET TWO POST CRUISE MCI IN JUNE - OUTSTANDING
- E. C-2A NATOPS UNIT EVALUATION IN JULY - OUTSTANDING
- F. DET THREE POST CRUISE MCI IN OCTOBER - EXCELLENT
- G. DET FOUR PRE CRUISE MCI IN OCTOBER - EXCELLENT





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H. DET FOUR ADMAT IN NOVEMBER - SATISFACTORY

I. HOMEGUARD MCI IN NOVEMBER - OUTSTANDING

2. MAJOR EXERCISE/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

A. DETACHMENTS PROVIDED LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE  
DETACHMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING PERIODS:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME FRAME</u>	<u>ACFT</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>
WESTPAC/USS CONSTELLATION	JAN-MAY95	2	52
CQ/USS KITTY HAWK	FEB95	1	8
FLEETEX/USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN	FEB95	2	42
TSTA/USS NIMITZ	FEB95	1	13
CQ/USS CARL VINSON	APR95	1	7
WESTPAC/USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN	APR-OCT95	2	51
SEA TRIAL/USS NIMITZ	APR95	1	13
SEA TRIAL/USS NIMITZ	APR95	1	10
SOCAL/USS NIMITZ	MAY95	1	10
COBRA GOLD/USS INDEPENDENCE	APR-MAY95	2	55
SOCAL/USS NIMITZ	MAY95	1	11
TSTA/USS CARL VINSON	JUN95	1	11
STRLS/LTT/USS KITTY HAWK	JUN95	1	11
CQ/USS KITTY HAWK	JUN95	1	11
COMPTUEX/USS NIMITZ	JUN95	1	8
SOCAL/CQ/USS CARL VINSON	JUL95	1	9
CQ/USS KITTY HAWK	JUL95	1	11
SEA FAIR/USS KITTY HAWK	JUL-AUG95	2	18
SOCAL/CQ/USS NIMITZ	JUL95	1	8
PEARL/USS CARL VINSON	AUG-SEP95	2	28
COMPTUEX/USS NIMITZ	AUG95	1	9
WESTPAC/USS INDEPENDENCE	AUG-NOV 95	2	58
TCQ/USS KITTY HAWK	SEP95	1	8
SEA TRIALS/USS CONSTELLATION	SEP95	1	13
FLEETEX/USS NIMITZ	SEP95	1	6
JTFEX/USS NIMITZ	SEP95	1	7
ACAPULCO/USS KITTY HAWK	OCT95	2	27
VANCOUVER/CONSTELLATION	OCT-NOV95	2	27
TSTA/USS CARL VINSON	NOV95	1	8
CQ/USS CONSTELLATION	NOV95	1	9
WESTPAC/USS NIMITZ	DEC95	2	50
COMPTUEX/USS CARL VINSON	DEC95	1	8
TSTA/USS KITTY HAWK	DEC95	1	11
MAZATLAN/USS CONSTELLATION	DEC95	1	28

(E) ACHIEVEMENTS IN AVIATION SAFETY

1. ALPHA FLIGHT/FLIGHT RELATED/GROUND MISHAPS - ZERO



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2. BRAVO FLIGHT/FLIGHT RELATED GROUND MISHAPS - ZERO
  3. HAZARD REPORTS SUBMITTED - 16
  4. NATOPS CHANGES SUBMITTED - 30
- (F) CONTRIBUTIONS TO WEAPONS SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT N/A
- (G) CONTRIBUTIONS TO TACTICS DEVELOPMENT N/A
- (H) GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY

VRC-30 has been at the forefront of the C-2A Greyhound community in the installation and use of the Global Positioning System in the C-2 aircraft. Taking an active role in the installation and shakedown and with extensive troubleshooting, the command identified an incorrect part number on the BDHI in use for the modification, causing incorrect navigation displays.

VRC-30 is actively assisting in investigating incompatibility problems between the C-2 GPS system and the latest TAMPS software version. Long term solutions are presently in work with VRC-30 providing extensive operator input and feedback. For the near term, VRC-30 has taken an active role in ensuring workarounds have been identified and are in place so that present and future C-2 detachments have access to up to date GPS almanac data.

The squadron installed and implemented the NALCOMIS system in September. The implementation included all detachments and VRC-30 is aggressively investigating the problems resulting from transfer of aircrew data between detachment systems and homeguard in order to track aircrew training qualifications.

The revised C-2 Training and Readiness Instruction was implemented in Mid 1995, and this command has been actively working with our Type Wing to identify and effect necessary changes.

The C-12 FRS publishes the "C-12 RAG", a quarterly newsletter addressing community issues as well as safety and standardization practices that affect all DON C-12 operators. This publication provides a valuable forum for C-12 operators to discuss issues affecting the entire C-12 community, enhancing communication and standardization.

In 1995 the VRC-30 C-12 FRS was designated the Navy's C-12 Aircrew Coordination Training (ACT) Model Manager. This quality training is provided to all FRS students as an integral part of their ground school curriculum. ACT Facilitator training and qualification as facilitator is provided by VRC-30 ACT instructors to all IUT course graduates who return to their command as ACT Instructors. This training was also provided to



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Flight Safety International (FSI) instructors who have incorporated it as part of the Initial and Refresher training provided by FSI.

Taking the lead in safety and standardization, the C-12 FRS offers a monthly Instructor training curriculum for Navy and Marine Corps pilots at C-12 sites worldwide. The return on this critical program has been clearly evident in the Unit Evaluation process at Navy and Marine Corps Air Stations that have graduates of this training. This class has routinely been critiqued as "the best training I've received in the Navy". Upon completion of this course, pilots return to their commands for designation as Instructor Pilots.

### (J) ADDITIONAL SQUADRON REMARKS

VRC-30 has set the standard for fleet logistics support, deploying detachments aboard every Pacific Fleet carrier with unqualified success. As the sole C-2 squadron and as the Pacific Fleet C-12 Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS), VRC-30 has led the way in every aspect of C-2 Carrier Onboard Delivery (COD) and C-12 operations, demonstrating the vision, capability and commitment to accomplish all assigned missions safely, professionally and on time. Completing our transition to a sea duty, carrier based detachment concept for COD operations, VRC-30 has stood up all four North Island based detachments and seen the maturation of the forward deployed unit, Detachment FIVE, onboard USS INDEPENDENCE homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. With the decommissioning of Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN, the squadron has provided support to five West Coast Aircraft Carriers utilizing only four detachments. On the C-12 side, the FRS has continued to embellish it's already outstanding reputation for providing the highest quality of ground and flight instruction for Pacific Fleet C-12 pilots and aircrew. As the COMNAVAIRPAC UC-12 B/F NATOPS Model Manager and Evaluator, the VRC-30 C-12 FRS has taken an active role in achieving and upholding flight standards for all Pacific Fleet UC-12 operators.

Detachment TWO returned from a highly successful six month cruise in May 1995 onboard USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64), flying 598 hours, safely and expeditiously transporting 348,522 pounds of cargo, 217,288 pounds of mail and 737 Distinguished Visitors and VIP's and 3,223 passengers.

Detachment THREE deployed aboard USS LINCOLN (CVN-72) in May 1995, returning in November 1995, again demonstrating the effectiveness and value of the embarked C-2 detachment as a force multiplier. Det THREE flew over 836 flight hours, transporting 266,445 pounds of cargo, 241,984 pounds of mail and 628 Distinguished Visitors and VIP's and 2,309 passengers.

Detachment Four deployed onboard USS Nimitz in December 1995. Their cargo, mail, DV/VIP and passenger numbers for the month of December 1995 are 28,913 pounds, 10,967 pounds, 22 and 121, respectively.

As the only forward deployed C-2 detachment in the Navy, Det FIVE has



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integrated smoothly into the USS INDEPENDENCE/CVW-5 team, rapidly establishing themselves as an invaluable and exceptionally capable fleet support unit. In 1995, Detachment FIVE deployed aboard USS INDEPENDENCE in support of Exercise Cobra Gold, operating out of Thailand, and deployed to the Western Pacific/Indian Ocean/Arabian Gulf theater with the USS INDEPENDENCE CVBG from August to November 1995. During the course of 1995, Det FIVE flew over 1,000 mishap free flight hours, transporting 359,019 pounds of cargo, 298,797 pounds of mail, 466 Distinguished Visitor's/VIP's and 2,764 passengers. These are tremendous achievements, given that Det FIVE only became operational in November 1994. With the decommissioning of VRC-50, Detachment FIVE stands as the only medium lift capable unit in the Western Pacific theater. Det FIVE has met every operational requirement as well as providing in theater aircraft back-up to other Carrier Battle Groups transiting the local operating area.

During the past year, VRC-30 has improved on previous detachments, incorporating lessons learned into each successive detachment. Each detachment has become better prepared to execute the tasking involved with a six month WESTPAC deployment. These preparations included the initiation of a Type Wing Command Inspection (ADMAT) for detachments, pre- and post-cruise Material Condition Inspections (MCI), Maintenance Program Assist (MPA) visits conducted by the Type Wing and Type Commander Aircraft Maintenance Evaluation (AME) inspections, ensuring a well prepared and fully operational detachment.

VRC-30 has established a policy of embarking a detachment of squadron personnel on every carrier for all at sea periods. This has resulted in a much closer working relationship with the air wing staffs and the various air and supply departments aboard the carriers. These detachments, though primarily comprised of sea going personnel, were augmented with shore personnel as necessary. By doing so, VRC-30 has developed a reputation for fleet and logistics support of unprecedented success. VRC-30 personnel are aboard every Pacific Fleet carrier for every at sea period, a level of support and commitment unmatched by any other squadron.

Of particular interest, VRC-30 deployed detachments to participate in the noteworthy following events:

- Seattle Sea Fair onboard USS KITTY HAWK (JUL - AUG 95) with two aircraft and 18 personnel.

- World War II 50th Anniversary Commemoration onboard USS CARL VINSON to Hawaii (AUG - SEP 95) with two aircraft and 28 personnel.

- Acapulco, Mexico port visit onboard USS KITTY HAWK (OCT 95) with two aircraft and 27 personnel.

- Vancouver, Canada port visit onboard USS CONSTELLATION (OCT - NOV 95) with two aircraft and 27 personnel.



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- Mazatlan, Mexico port visit onboard USS CONSTELLATION (DEC 95) with one aircraft and 28 personnel.

All of these detachments were in support of high interest, highly publicized events, often involving the transportation of dozens of senior military and government officials and foreign dignitaries. Without exception, VRC-30 completed every tasked mission safely and professionally, greatly enhancing the image and prestige of the U. S. Navy. It is no exaggeration to say that much of the success and positive results derived from these public events and foreign port visits can be directly credited to VRC-30's enviable record of mission accomplishment.

Detachments deploying under the operational control of the Carrier Air Wing Commander bring a unique asset to the Air Wing and the Battle Group. Aircrews deployed for WESTPAC are fully qualified to deploy the Combat Rubber Raiding Craft (CRRC) and combat equipped parachutists (in both free fall and static line configurations) in support of the Naval Special Warfare mission. The squadron flew a total of 48 Paradrop/CRRC missions for this reporting period for training of aircrews and SEAL Team personnel.

During 1995, including all detachments and operations flown from North Island, VRC-30 transported a remarkable 2,451,599 pounds of cargo, 802,525 pounds of mail, and 16,664 passengers. Additionally, VRC-30 continued to fully support all requirements of the COMNAVAIRPAC "Come to the Sea" civilian Distinguished Visitor Orientation Program both from its home station of NAS North Island, CA and while on deployment. This highly successful and visible program carried 4,541 civilians and Flag Officers for orientation and indoctrination events aboard the Pacific Fleet carriers operating at sea.

VRC-30 was also tasked to support the Naval Undersea Warfare Engineering Center throughout the year, transporting 342 MK-30 ASW targets to and from NALF San Clemente Island for use in the SOCAL Offshore ASW Range (SOAR). VRC-30 was the only fixed wing squadron performing this unique mission, and was the primary transport for targets in support of SOAR exercises.

VRC-30 passed the important safety milestone of 20 years of mishap free flying on 21 December 1995, encompassing 123,430 flight hours. Additional squadron achievements include:

- COMNAVAIRPAC Bronze Hammer Award for CY-94
- CINCPACFLT Silver Anchor Award for FY-94
- Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation for FY-94

The Providers of VRC-30 provided expert training as the West Coast C-12 Fleet Replacement Squadron, including serving as the UC-12B/F Model Manager, Navy wide C-12 ACT Model Manager, and COMNAVAIRPAC Evaluator. The highly experienced pilot and aircrew instructors taught C-12 aircraft



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systems, ground and flight procedures and Aircrew Coordination Training (ACT) to 76 replacement pilots and 12 aircrew, in support of 16 Navy and Marine Corps West Coast commands, including evaluation and assist visits to those sites to ensure standardization of current procedures. Additionally, the FRS instructed 57 pilots and 18 aircrew in C-12 ground school.

The C-12 FRS/CNAP Evaluation Team was called upon to assist COMSTRATCOMWING ONE in the initial stand-up of a new C-12 site at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City. They provided extensive ground training and a comprehensive administrative review to establish a fully operational Unit NATOPS Program.

In December 1995, the FRS provided a mobile FRS training program to a newly established C-12 site at NAS Patuxent River. Our instructors provided the full CNO approved ground school curriculum to 7 pilots, and completed flight syllabus training and NATOPS qualification for 4 pilots, including one qualified for Instructor Pilot. The VRC-30 team also assisted in establishing the unit's NATOPS training and administration program.

Development of an extensive training and readiness matrix for FRS Instructors became a reality in 1995. This has greatly improved Instructor Pilot standardization as well as documentation of training accomplishment.

As the CNAP C-12 Model Manager, the VRC-30 FRS serves as the primary community liaison with CNAP and CNO for issues related to C-12 flight safety, standardization, training and readiness.

VRC-30 continues to provide outstanding logistics support throughout the Pacific and Indian Ocean Theaters. Our implementation of the detachment concept of operations has continued to be refined, resulting in improved service to the fleet. While the "Providers" take pride in our mission accomplishments, we are especially proud of our safety record. While every crew is instilled with a "can do" attitude, they are also molded with a "safety first" mind set.

1995 was a year that included many challenges for VRC-30. The squadron met every one with consistently superior performance and a positive attitude. Based on an impressive record of mission accomplishment while adapting to a rapidly changing operational environment, VRC-30 stands alone as the obvious choice for the 1995 Battle Efficiency Award.





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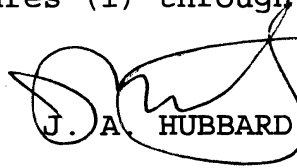
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1. Command Composition and Organization.

The primary mission of the Fleet Logistics Support Squadron THREE ZERO (VRC-30) Det 5 "PROVIDERS" is to provide the transport of high-priority cargo, mail and passengers between aircraft carriers at sea and shore bases throughout the Pacific Theater. In addition, Det 5 is capable of providing airdrop/paradrop support for Special Warfare Units of any branch of service. Det 5 flies three C-2A Greyhounds, better known as the C.O.D. (Carrier Onboard Delivery), emblazoned with the "NF" markings of the Operational Commander, Carrier Air Wing FIVE (CVW-5). Det 5's Officer in Charge is LCDR James A. Hubbard.

The C-2A is a twin engine aircraft manufactured by Grumman. Maximum payload capacity is 10,000 pounds with the ability to carry 26 passengers. Det 5 supports USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62), and Commander Fleet Air Western Pacific (COMFAIRWESTPAC).

Det 5, stationed at NAF Atsugi, Japan, is a permanent detachment of VRC-30, NAS North Island, San Diego, CA, Commanding Officer, CDR F. L. Salomon.

2. Chronology.

EVENT	DATE	REMARKS
First at sea period	3-17 FEB 95	First at sea period with the USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62). Maintained a beach det at Atsugi, Japan and a det on board INDY. Hauled a total of 275 passengers, 33,324 pounds of cargo and 14,969 pounds of mail to and from the carrier.
Kobe earthquake relief	27 MAR 95	Transported earthquake relief personnel to Kobe, Japan in support of relief efforts for Kobe earthquake victims.
Spring Training/Cobra Gold '95	01 APR - 01 JUN 95	Provided logistics support for the INDEPENDENCE Battle Group for these two Joint Forces exercises. Maintained a beach det in Utapao, Thailand and on board the INDY. Hauled 750 passengers including 75 distinguished visitors (DVs) from various countries. Hauled 105,637 pounds of cargo and 113,874 pounds of mail to and from the carrier. Achieved a 100% sortie rate.
Airwing Sailor of the Month	JUN 95	AD1 (NAC) [REDACTED] was selected as Carrier Airwing FIVE Sailor of the Month for the Month of May 1995.
Airwing Sailor of the Month	JUL 95	AZ2 [REDACTED] was selected as Carrier Airwing FIVE Sailor of the Month for the Month of June 1995.



EVENT	DATE	REMARKS
Arabian Gulf Operations	30 AUG - 11 NOV 95	Provided logistics support for INDEPENDENCE Battle Group for Operation Southern Watch. Maintained a beach det in Manama, Bahrain and a det on board INDY. Hauled 2,517 passengers, 444,118 pounds of cargo/mail. Established a 98% sortie completion rate.
1,000 Hours	04 NOV 95	Completed 1,000 hours of mishap free flying.
First Year of Operations	01 DEC 95	Anniversary of Det 5's first year of operations.
1,000 Hours	01 DEC 95	Completed 1,000 hours of mishap free flying.
Command Advancements	10 DEC 95	AZ2 [REDACTED] and AD3 [REDACTED] were Command Advanced to AZ1 and AD2 through the Command Advancement Program (CAP).
Sailor of the Year	10 DEC 95	AD1 (AW/NAC) [REDACTED] was selected as VRC-30 Detachment FIVE's Sailor of the Year for 1995.
PCS transfer	11 DEC 95	LT [REDACTED] detaches.
Airwing Sailor of the Month	31 DEC 95	AZ3 [REDACTED] was selected as Carrier Airwing FIVE Sailor of the Month for the Month of December 1995.
Operational	31 DEC 95	During 1995, Det 5 hauled a total of 3,542 passengers and (DVs) and hauled 711,922 pounds of cargo and mail.
Manning	31 DEC 95	Manning as of 31 Dec 95 is 51 enlisted and 6 officers.
Safety	31 DEC 95	During 1995, Det 5 completed 1,065.2 mishap free flight hours, for a total of 1,096.7 mishap free flight hours since stand-up.

### 3. Narrative.

VRC-30 Det 5 is the first and only permanently forward deployed carrier logistics detachment in the Navy. Det 5 is a detachment of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 30 of San Diego, CA.

Detachment 5 currently consists of six officers and 52 enlisted troops who have worked extremely long days, weekends, and even some holidays during 1995 in support of the USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62), Carrier Airwing FIVE (CVW-5) and Fleet Air Western Pacific (COMFAIRWESTPAC). During 1995, Det 5 has hauled a total of 3,542 passengers and Distinguished Visitors as well as hauling 711,922 pounds of cargo and mail.

Detachment 5's missions were as diverse as demanding during 1995. From transporting Construction Battalion personnel (CBs) to Kobe, Japan for earthquake relief to dual and sometimes tri-citing whenever the USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) steamed out of Yokosuka, Japan for her deployments and underway periods. Det 5 carried out successful operations during the year

because of its outstanding personnel; as evidenced by having three "Providers" selected as Carrier Airwing FIVE Sailors of the Month (out of 11 CVW-5 squadrons). Additionally, Det 5 was awarded the "INDY Spirit of Teamwork Award" by the Carrier after achieving a 100 percent sortie completion rate during the annual joint forces exercise known as Cobra Gold '95.

## DET 5 PROVIDERS COMPLETE FIRST AT SEA PERIOD

Fleet Logistics Support Squadron THREE ZERO (VRC-30) Detachment FIVE recently lived up to the VRC-30 motto, "We Deliver", during a recent USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62) two week at sea period. DET 5, a VRC-30 detachment permanently based in Atsugi, JA, transported 275 passengers and supplied 33,324 pounds of cargo and 14,969 pounds of mail to and from CV-62. Twenty-five of those passengers were media personnel from the Japanese Island of Okinawa, who went to observe a "normal" day at sea on board the aircraft carrier. DET 5 was able to show them only a few, but perhaps the most fun, of the daily occurrences of life at sea.

A fly-by of the ship was performed for the Japanese Media with the cargo ramp of the C-2A "Greyhound" open to provide the distinguished visitors, riding inside, a panoramic view of the aircraft carrier. Moments after the fly-by the C-2A would be brought to a complete stop by grabbing a wire strung across the deck of the ship with a tailhook attached to the aircraft. Leaving the ship, the Japanese media responded by clapping after they were thrown from the ship by a catapult system attached to the aircraft, allowing the C-2A to go from 0-150 mph in 2.5 seconds.

To compliment the USS INDEPENDENCE at sea period, Det 5 also flew Naval Air Logistics Missions, transporting 84 personnel and 6,000 pounds of cargo. Included in those missions was the transporting of SeaBees in support of relief efforts for the earthquake ridden city of Kobe, Japan.

Detachment FIVE is now setting their sights on the upcoming Carrier Air Wing FIVE/USS INDEPENDENCE March at sea period where once again their motto will be proven, "We Deliver".

By YNC(SW/AW) Daryl C. Nielsen

COBRA GOLD FROM THE BACK OF A C.O.D. (C-2A GREYHOUND)

VRC-30 DET 5, a permanently forward deployed detachment of the VRC-30 "Providers" home based in San Diego, CA, recently returned home to Atsugi, Japan from a six week deployment. The majority of support to USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) and Carrier Air Wing FIVE during the at sea period included "Cobra Gold", a multi-national force/joint U.S. Forces exercise conducted in conjunction with the Royal Thailand Forces. The Detachment FIVE "Providers", flying the C-2A Greyhound or "C.O.D." (carrier onboard delivery), provided logistics support for the entire INDEPENDENCE Battle Group.

Detachment FIVE delivered 105,637 pounds of cargo, which included high priority parts needed to repair jets, and 113,874 pounds of mail dubbed by the sailors aboard ship as "pony", reminiscent of the origins of postal delivery. In addition, 754 personnel and 76 distinguished visitors were transported by C.O.D. to the USS INDEPENDENCE, including Military Attache members from 19 different countries on one flight. These dignitaries came from China, India, Germany, New Zealand, Italy, Australia, Vietnam, United States, Russia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, France, Japan, Israel, United Kingdom, South Korea, Philippines, and Thailand. Further exemplifying the flexibility of the C-2A, Paradrops were performed with the Marines 5<sup>th</sup> Force Recon homebased in Okinawa.

May 28, 1995, Det FIVE was presented the USS INDEPENDENCE/Carrier Air Wing FIVE "I-5 Spirit" award for the support provided during Cobra Gold. This award is given to the CVW-5 squadron who best exemplifies the concept of teamwork and cooperation throughout the I-5 Airwing. Receiving such a distinctive award as a detachment with minimal manning shows the pride and professionalism exhibited by the Det Five "PROVIDERS". The demanding tasking was accomplished with two C.O.D.'s and 44 personnel tri-cited in Japan, Thailand, and aboard the USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62).

Under the leadership of Officer in Charge, LCDR J.A. "Hubs" Hubbard, The DET 5 "Providers" are performing on the "Tip of the Sword" from the Northern Pacific to the Indian Ocean echoing the VRC-30 signature with pride, performance and style. The Marines 5<sup>th</sup> Force Recon on their way out of the C-2 Greyhound (C.O.D.) during Cobra Gold.