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From: Commander Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range/Commander Fleet Air
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To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05A5G)

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FLEET COMPOSITE SQUADRON EIGHT
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OPNAV REPORT 5750-1

19 FEB 1969

From: Commanding Officer, Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05A5G)
Via: Commander Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range/Commander Fleet Air
Caribbean

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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12

Encl: (1) Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT History for Calendar Year
1968 with attachments thereto

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted
herewith.


D. E. LASHBROOK

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CNO (OP-09B9)

FLEET COMPOSITE SQUADRON EIGHT
HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1968

OPNAV Report 5750-1

Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT enjoyed a highly successful year in fulfilling its mission of providing aerial and target services in support of the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range (AFWR). Once again services were furnished LANT Fleet air and surface units, NATO ships, OPTEVFOR and CNO projects and Marine units. It was an "all hands" evolution that culminated in providing the most realistic combat training available.

In 1968, VC-8 flew a total of 7,699 hours. This brought the squadron accident free hour total to 25,129 which has accumulated over the past 39 months.

January was a very full month for VC-8. On 16 and 17 January the Annual Administrative and Material Inspection was conducted by the Commander Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range/Commander Fleet Air Caribbean. Almost simultaneously was the beginning of "Springboard 68". Augmenting VC-8 for "Springboard 68" were two T-33 aircraft from the Royal Canadian Navy, Utility Squadron 32, three F-8 aircraft from VC-4 and two S-2 aircraft from VC-2. During the month aircraft services were provided CTG 44 for close air support missions as well as numerous tracking flights. Squadron QF-9 aircraft were busy in preparation for anticipated CNO and OPTEVFOR projects. Many ships, including USS BOSTON, SELLERS, and DANIELS, received tracking and air control services. Several Canadian ships also received tracking services from VC-8; these included HMCS GATINEAU, FASER, ASSINIDOINE and ST. LAURENT.

Starting on the first of February the QF-9s were at it again. This time engaged in project FO-237, a CNO project involving surface missile systems. BQMs were launched for the USS BOSTON, FURER, DANIELS and FARRAGUT. The USS AMERICA and her air group exercised their firepower against AQMs and BQMs launched by VC-8 during their ORI in February. On 17 and 18 February VC-8 accomplished a move of the entire squadron to the new hanger 1625 while still keeping pace with its operational commitments.

March was another big month for the VC-8 team. The AMERICA returned for further training primarily utilizing BQM services. F-8s acted as strike opposition to the AMERICA's aircraft. Project FO-237 was still in full swing with more QF-9 tracking flights, followed by BQM launches for the USS SELLERS. Missile operations continued at a fast pace with the launching of targets for the USS TATNELL, FARRAGUT and SPRINGFIELD.

April and May saw an increased rate of target presentations for the fleet. The AMERICA's aircraft along with the USS FURER, ADAMS, TALBOT, SEMMES, and LUCE exercised their firepower during several BQM operations. Starting on the first of April, the STATEWAVE fully utilized VC-8 P-2 tracking and surveillance services during project DV-51. The Third LAAM Battalion, which was operating on the Island of Vieques, received many tracking flights in preparation for their surface to air HAWK missile firings against BQMs augmented with TDU-22 towed targets.

Enclosure (1)

During the month of June, the VC-8 F-8 pilots were kept busy towing banners and providing escorts for VF-701, a reserve F-8 squadron from Dallas, Texas, and the VF-111 "Sundowners" who were operating off the USS INTREPID.

Operations continued at a fast pace as VC-8 participated in operation "Baker Run", a major fleet missile exercise. During this exercise VC-8 launched 10 BQMs in a single day which was a new record for the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range.

On 20 July, Commander D. E. LASHBROOK relieved Commander M. E. SMITH as the Commanding Officer of VC-8. The change of command was held in hangar 1625 and was attended by RADM A. R. MATTER, Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier and Captain W. D. DIETZ, Commander Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range/Commander Fleet Air Caribbean. Operational control of VC-8 shifted to the Atlantic Fleet Range Support Facility which was created on 1 July. On 15 and 16 July, 3 QF-9 Drones were launched to complete project FO-237. The first two drones were destroyed by missile firings and the third was successfully recovered. VC-8 was cited by VADM BOOTH, COMNAVAIRLANT, on 15 July for "meritorious achievement in Aviation Safety" for conducting accident free operations during fiscal year 1968. VC-8 also received the COMLANTFLTWPNNRAN/COMFAIRCARIB Quarterly Safety Award for the second time this fiscal year.

In August HMS MINERVA was provided target sleeves towed by our US-2C aircraft for surface to air gunnery. VC-8 also provided the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range Support Facility with many jet aircraft sorties for air controller training.

Phase two of project DV-51 again utilized the surveillance services of our P-2 aircraft in September. The P-2 Neptunes were also busily engaged in tracking exercises for DS-491, a project involving surface missile systems. Marine Support Squadron One, a radar control bombing group, controlled our A-4 Skyhawks over the island of Culebra acquiring very valuable training.

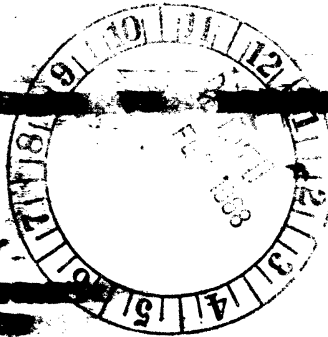
In October the VC-8 Redtails received the NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads Ofstie Trophy for athletic achievement for the third year in a row. Our athletes took first place in basketball, softball and volleyball. October also saw 70 enlisted men advance in rate. VF-101 began air to air firings at BQM targets in October, an event that now occurs regularly each month. VF-32 also participated in air to air firings.

When VP-18 was decommissioned in October, VC-8 assumed administrative control of the two plane SP-2H detachment deployed to South America on UNITAS IX. Upon return the aircraft and personnel were transferred to other AIRLANT units.

November was an exceptionally heavy operating month. BQMs were launched for VF-32, VF-101, VF-14, CTU 27.2.4, Third LAAM, USS DANIELS, MACDONOUGH, and PRATT. In doing this a new fleet record was set in launching 57 BQMs during this month. While some of our jets were providing tracking services for the Third LAAM and close air support for PHIBGRU-4, three detachments of F-8s were deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to augment VC-10.

The weeks prior to Christmas were anything but slack with operations scheduled up through the 30th of December. Jet tracking and AQMs were furnished to the HMS FIFE while the USS STANDLEY and CVW-8 were provided BQMs. On 4 December VC-8 began providing services for the USS SHANGRI-LA and CVW-8 who were here for ORI. These services included strike opposition, TDU tow flights, tracking flights and AAWEX exercises. Tracking flights for the USS BOXER on 30 December finished operations for the year.

During 1968, VC-8 pilots and crews flew a total of 2,021 operational sorties, for a total of 3,703 hours. The remainder of the year's 7,699 total hours were logged on training flights, search and rescue missions, transportation and logistics flights and medical evacuation flights, attesting to the fact that VC-8 is one of the most versatile squadrons in the Navy.



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WE WOULD ALL LIKE TO THANK YOU, YOUR STAFF, VCS AND THE MANY
OTHERS WHO MADE OUR RECENT VISIT YOUR WARD SUCH A MEMORABLE
AND HAPPY EXPERIENCE.

2. WE MET NOTHING BUT EFFICIENCY, FRIENDLINESS AND AN OBVIOUS
WILLINGNESS TO HELP US ALL OF WHICH WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

3. WE WOULD LIKE TO COME BACK

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SERVICES PROVIDED BY YOUR AIRCRAFT AND PILOT

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1. THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT RENDERED BY YOUR COMMAND TO THE D/V 51

DET FROM 18 UNTIL 25 MARCH WAS SUPERIOR AND IS GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED.
THANK YOU.

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REYNOLDS FOR AWARD IN THE REFERENCE, WHICH WE SHARE WITH YOU.
RADM J. P. WATTEY, USN.

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 FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN SPRINGBOARD 68
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 COMPLEX AND IN FULL RECOGNITION THAT THESE AND THE MANY OTHER
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 WERE MADE POSSIBLE ONLY THROUGH THE ENTHUSIASTIC PROFESSIONALISM
 OF NAVSTA ROOS RDS AND VC-8. THE FOREIGN UNITS PARTICIPATING IN
 SPRINGBOARD WERE CLEARLY AND FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY YOUR CHEERFUL
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3100 RACER RUN RIMEX

1. FINAL RESULTS RIMEX WILL REQUIRE MUCH ANALYSIS, HOWEVER FOR COOPERATION, SUPPORT, UNDERSTANDING AND HARD WORK ON PART OF ALL CONCERNED ORIG EXPRESSES DEEP APPRECIATION AND MANY THANKS. MAXIMUM EFFORT BY ALL WAS MUCH IN EVIDENCE AND IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO WORK WITHEACH OF YOU. LANDIS.

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3120 EXERCISE RACER RUN

1. THE AFWR COMPLEX HAS ONCE AGAIN ENHANCED ITS REPUTATION THROUGH YOUR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN RACER RUN. THE PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, RESPONSIVENESS, FLEXIBILITY, AND ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT AND COOPERATION DISPLAYED BY YOUR ORGANIZATIONS PERMITTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW FLEET RECORD OF 34 SHIP MISSILE FIRINGS IN ONE DAY AND EARNED FOR THE COMPLEX THE SPECIFICALLY EXPRESSED ADMIRATION AND APPRECIATION OF COMSECONDFLEET. "WELL DONE".

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**COMMANDER ATLANTIC FLEET WEAPONS RANGE/
 COMMANDER FLEET AIR CARIBBEAN
 FPO New York 09551**

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 9 JUL 1968**

From: Commander Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range/Commander Fleet Air Caribbean
**To: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, P. R.
 Commanding Officer, Atlantic Fleet Range Support Facility
 Commanding Officer, Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT**
Subj: Letter of Appreciation for Period 1 January 1968 to 30 April 1968

- Encl: (1) Comments by Deployed Units for Aircraft Maintenance Department**
(2) Comments by Deployed Units for Supply Department
(3) Comments by Deployed Units for Weapons Department
(4) Comments by Deployed Units for Administration Department
(5) Comments by Deployed Units for Public Works Department
(6) Comments by Deployed Units for Air Operations Department
(7) Comments by Deployed Units for Atlantic Fleet Range Support Facility
(8) Comments by Deployed Units for Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT
(9) Comments by Deployed Units for Fleet Air Detachment Coordination Center

1. During the period of 1 January 1968 to 30 April 1968, the Roosevelt Roads Complex was tasked to provide support for numerous fleet aviation units involved with operation SPRINGBOARD 1968, as well as routine of conventional ordnance delivery training for aviation units of Naval Air Force Atlantic; and special exercises, such as ORI's and CIG priority projects.

2. During this period of heavy base loading and during the high tempo of operations, the Roosevelt Roads Complex repeatedly received commendatory reports for their "can do" attitude, and for a much higher standard of performance than had been experienced in past deployments. These commendations (1) were received from selected command elements and (2) were based on their operations. These appreciative comments were received from individuals who are compiled as follows: (1) The Commander, Fleet Air Caribbean, advised that he was pleased to know that the Roosevelt Roads Complex was able to provide the necessary support to fulfill the requirements of the fleet during the past few weeks. It is noted that the Roosevelt Roads Complex is an independent organization and that the support provided to the fleet is a commendable and highly specialized task.

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1968

cally mentioned. This exercise required the support of all activities and of each man. It was truly a fine performance and all should share the rewards.

3. I take this opportunity to forward a sincere and much deserved "Well Done" to your commands. I, also, submit the support of "All Hands" in a comprehensive review of our performance and the correction of any identifiable discrepancies or deficiencies which we or supported activities may have noted during exercise ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~.

W. D. RICE
W. D. RICE

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**COMMENTS BY DEPLOYED UNITS FOR
F-4E OPERATIONAL READINESS**

UNITS

COMMENTS

44F-102

"The squadron had difficulty in locating a suitable hydraulic jenny. Obtained one from WC-3..."
... "Suitable jennies for drop-checking an F-4 were also difficult to obtain, but were borrowed from WC-3."

44-174

"Thanks to WC-3 for the T-28 used for EICA during OMS."

NOTE: Although this comment was made prior to 1 January 1968 (Commencement of SERVICEMAN), it is worthy of mention for it reflects the cooperative and helpful attitude of FINEGROUNDS EIGHT and their interest in the problems of deployed squadrons.

Enclosure (8)

COMMANDER ATLANTIC FLEET WEAPONS RANGE/
COMMANDER FLEET AIR CARIBBEAN

FPO NEW YORK 09551

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11 JUL 1968

From: Commander Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range/Commander Fleet Air Caribbean
To: Commanding Officer, Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

Encl: (1) COMCARIBSEAFRON ltr ser 318 of 8 JUL 68
(2) NAVAIRSYSCOM ltr of 27 JUN 68

1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded with pleasure, and with my personal congratulations. Well done!

W. D. Dietz
W. D. DIETZ

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COMCARIBSEAFRON (w/o encl)
NAVAIRSYSCOM (w/encl (1))

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8 JUL 1968

From: Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier
To: Commander, Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range/Commander
Fleet Air, Caribbean

Subj: Letter of appreciation

Encl: (1) NAVAIRSYSCOM ltr of 27 June 1968

1. Enclosure (1) expresses appreciation for the exemplary assistance rendered during the recent Naval Air Systems Command sponsored sea trials in the Puerto Rican area for an experimental array.

2. It is with pleasure that I add my personal congratulations for a job well done.

A. R. MATTER



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20360

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27 JUN 1964

From: Commander, Naval Air Systems Command
To: Commander
Caribbean Sea Frontier
Fleet Post Office
New York, New York 09550

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

1. This Command recently sponsored sea trials in the Puerto Rican area for an experimental array. The tests employed the Naval Ordnance Laboratory experimental vehicle SPAR and required extensive coordination of Commands in your area to provide support and assistance in data collection.
2. Air surveillance was of critical importance in these trials. The efforts of Commander Kramer of your staff and the support provided by the Atlantic Fleet Weapon Range and VC-8 were particularly noteworthy. In addition, the assistance provided by the Surface Operations Department and the Air Operations Department of the Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads were exemplary.
3. It is this type of response and assistance that contributes to the reduction of time required to take an idea from exploratory development into delivery of an improved weapon system to the Fleet. Such response is greatly appreciated.

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CO Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads
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J. P. SAGER
Acting Commander

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19 JUL 1968

From: Commander Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range/Commander Fleet Air Caribbean
To: Commanding Officer, Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT

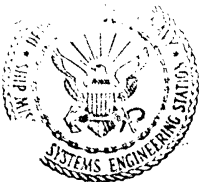
Subj: Letter of Appreciation

Encl: (1) CO, ~~NAVSTA~~ ltr ser 6516 of 9 JUL 68

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded with pleasure, and with my personal congratulations. Well done!

W. D. HINTZ

Copy to:
CO, ~~NAVSTA~~ (w/o encl)



U. S. NAVAL SHIP MISSILE SYSTEMS
ENGINEERING STATION
PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA 93041

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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SERIAL 6313

9 JUL 68

From: Commanding Officer, Naval Ship Missile Systems Engineering
Station
To: Commander, Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range, FPO, New York 09551
Commander, Caribbean Sea Frontier, FPO, New York 09550
Subj: Roosevelt Roads Radar Collimation Shore Tower #2
Ref: (a) Shore Tower briefing on 24 May 1968 presented by my
Mr. Robert J. Mac Donald to CDR M. L. Davison (AFWR) and
CDR J. L. Kremer (COMCARIBSEAFRON)

Encl: (1) Photographs of Radar Collimation Shore Tower, Roosevelt Roads

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded as requested during reference (a) for
your information and retention.

2. The support and cooperation afforded my shore tower team by your
Command during tower updating and certification was outstanding. The
efforts of CDR M. L. Davison, RDI W. R. Stroud and Mr. C. H. O'Brien of
AFWR contributed greatly to the success of the operations. Particular
note must be made of LCDR J. E. Rylee of VC-8 who demonstrated his superb
skills as a helicopter pilot in removal and reinstallation of the tower
arrays as shown in Figures 21 thru 26.

O. F. DREVER

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U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23511

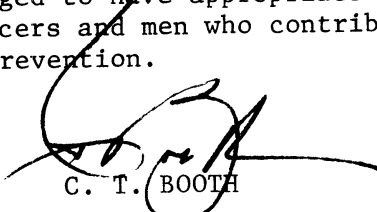
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15 JUL 1968

From: Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet
To: Commanding Officer, Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT

Subj: Recognition for Accident-Free Operations, Fiscal Year 1968

Encl: (1) COMNAVAIRLANT Citation

1. Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet takes pleasure in according special recognition for meritorious achievement in aviation safety.
2. Enclosure (1), a COMNAVAIRLANT Citation for accident-free operations during fiscal year 1968, is forwarded with pleasure. The Commanding Officer, officers and men are congratulated for this fine achievement; they can take pride in such outstanding performance.
3. The Commanding Officer is urged to have appropriate entries made in the official records of the officers and men who contributed to the squadron's success in accident prevention.


C. T. BOOTH



*The Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet
takes pleasure in presenting this certificate of award to*

FLEET COMPOSITE SQUADRON EIGHT

for meritorious achievement in Aviation Safety during


FISCAL YEAR 1968

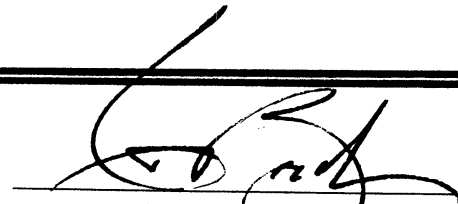
Records indicate that

FLEET COMPOSITE SQUADRON EIGHT

*conducted operations during this period without a major
aircraft accident.*

*To the officers and men who made this achievement possible
I extend my hearty congratulations.*




Vice Admiral
U. S. Navy

**COMMANDER ATLANTIC FLEET WEAPONS RANGE/
COMMANDER FLEET AIR CARIBBEAN**

FPO NEW YORK 09551

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14 AUG 1968

From: Commander Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range/Commander Fleet Air
Caribbean

To: Commanding Officer, Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT

Subj: Recognition for Excellence in Aviation Safety

I, Commander Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range, Commander Fleet Air Caribbean, takes pleasure in presenting this letter of recognition for your outstanding achievement in aviation safety for the second consecutive year.

Your squadron's flexibility and responsiveness to the varied commitments of the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range has enabled the Range to establish new fleet firing records thereby increasing the rate of fleet training. Safely accomplishing the required air operations over the past fifty-four consecutive months, attests to the high morale and "go and get it" spirit of your officers and crew. The excellent accident free flight hour total of over 100,000 hours on several different types of aircraft, stands as a testament to the high level of safety which you, your officers and men may be proud to have achieved.

It is my sincere hope that you will never end this success. You and your squadron have set a high standard for safety and achieving excellence in aviation safety.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION FORCE
Norfolk, Virginia 23511

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30 AUG 1968

From: Commander Operational Test and Evaluation Force
To: Lieutenant Commander Jack B. MINER, USN, 554763/1310
Via: Commanding Officer, Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

During the period 15 December 1967 through 17 July 1968 CNO AA Priority Projects 270009, "Conduct a Fleet Operational Investigation of TERNER Weapons System (Mk 76 Mod 3) Against Various Threats" and F/O237, "Conduct a Fleet Operational Investigation of the TARTAR Weapons System Capability Against Various Threats," were conducted at the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range.

Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT (VC-8) was charged with providing various target services for these projects. As Targets Officer and Command Operations Officer of VC-8, your exceptional performance was demonstrated through excellent services provided by VC-8 and your personal attention to all phases of these projects.

Especially praiseworthy was your contribution in response to the sudden and important F/O237 requirement for QJ-9 drone presentations. Also noteworthy were your accomplishments in training the project pilots and crew members in the profiles demanded by both projects, as well as your contribution in providing a large portion of the required presentations. Your efforts were substantially in surmounting numerous

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~~3100 AUGMENTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS
THE AUGMENTATION OF FLECOMPRON TEN PROVIDED BY FLECOMPRON TEN
DURING THE PAST THREE WEEKS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. WITHOUT THE VERY
CAPABLE ASSISTANCE OF YOUR AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS THE SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF SEVERAL VERY NECESSARY TRAINING EXERCISES WOULD NOT~~

~~BEEN POSSIBLE. WELL DONE TO YOUR COMMAND AND ESPECIALLY TO THE PILOTS
CONCERNED. RADM HILDRETH~~

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UNCLAS E F T O

1. YOUR HELP IN KEEPING OUR SHIPS TRAINING EXERCISES UP TO SNUFF IS
SINCERELY APPRECIATED.

2. THE VC-8 CHARGERS ARE WELCOME BACK ANYTIME.

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CAPT J.M. WEST, USN

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UNCLAS E F T O
1. UPON THE OCCASION OF YOUR DETACHMENT FROM TF 86 (AND MY COMMAND). I WISH EACH AND EVERY OFFICER, CPO, PETTY OFFICER AND NON-RATED MAN IN THE AIR DETACHMENT A HEARTY FAREWELL.
2. DURING THE PAST OPERATION UNITAS AROUND SOUTH AMERICA YOU HAVE BEEN A CREDIT TO YOUR COUNTRY, YOUR NAVY AND TO YOUR PARENT SQUADRON. YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED IN THE SP2H THE ABILITY TO OPERATE SEMI-INDEPENDENTLY OVER LONG PERIODS OF TIME IN UNFAMILIAR ENVIRONMENTS AND VARYING WEATHER CONDITIONS. THROUGH YOUR EXPERTISE, YOU HAVE GIVEN OUR SOUTH

PAGE TWO RULPNFG1517 UNCLAS E F T O
AMERICAN FRIENDS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND IMPLANTED A SPIRIT OF GENUINE FRIENDSHIP.
3. I AM PROUD TO HAVE HAD SUCH REPRESENTATIVES OF NAVAL AVIATION AS A UNIT UNDER YOUR COMMAND DURING OUR HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL UNITAS OPERATION THIS YEAR. WELL DONE AND WARM REGARDS. J.A. DARE RADM USN
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SECOND MENTORSHIP on COMNAVSTA/INSTRON ltr of 29 October 1968

**From: Commander Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range/Commander Fleet Air
Caribbean**

**To: Commanding Officer, Atlantic Fleet Range Support Facility
Commanding Officer, Fleet Composite Squadron KMSB**

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

1. Readdressed and forwarded with pleasure.

W. R. KMSB
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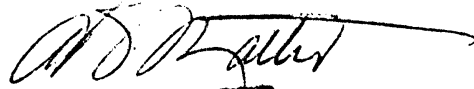
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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Commander, Naval Air Systems Command ltr of
29 OCT 1968

From: Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier
To: Commanding Officer, Atlantic Fleet Range Support Facility
Via: Commander Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range/Commander Fleet Air
Caribbean

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

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A. R. MATTER

Copy to:
COMNAVAIRSYSCOM



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20360

IN REPLY REFER TO

29 October 1968

From: Commander, Naval Air Systems Command

To: Commander
Caribbean Sea Frontier
FPO New York 09550

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

1. This Command sponsored sea trials in the Puerto Rican area in August and September 1968 on an experimental sonic array. These tests required a high degree of coordination and cooperation with various commands in your area in order to provide necessary support and assistance in the data collection.
2. Data was collected in four separate locations around Puerto Rico and St. Croix. In three of the areas, air surveillance, which was of critical importance to the tests, was provided in timely and accurate fashion by fleet Composite Squadron 8 and the radar station at the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range.
3. The assistance of Lieutenant Commander John H. MUNSON of your Command in coordinating the schedules of all support facilities was invaluable. In addition, Commander Cyrus MCCONNELL and his staff at the St. Croix Tracking Range, contributed greatly to the success of these tests by their cooperative and constructive efforts. Use of the facilities at St. Croix enabled this Command to expeditiously evaluate the array in passive and active modes as well as simulating both deep and shallow water in heavy traffic conditions.
4. It is this type of response and assistance that contributes to the reduction of time and expense required to progress from exploratory development to fleet introduction of new and advanced systems. The Commander, Naval Air Systems Command expresses his appreciation for the effort put forth by your Command, particularly the efforts of the two men mentioned above. It is suggested that their contribution to this program be reflected in their fitness reports.

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R. L. TOWNSEND

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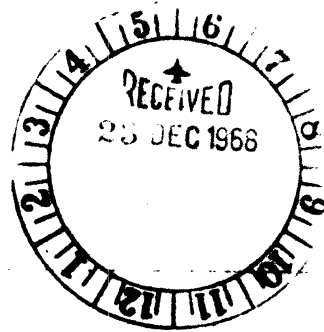
VERY MANY TAHANKS FOR THE USUAL EXCELLANT SERVICE ESPECIALLY THE
UNSCHEDULED SERIAL.

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UNCLAS E F T O
300 SHANGRI LA/CVW 8 ORI SUPPORT
1. SERVICES PROVIDED IN SUPPORT OF SHANGRI LA/CVW EIGHT ORI
WERE EXCELLENT. OPAREA ASSIGNMENTS WERE RESKED PROMPTLY WHEN
IT WAS DETERMINED THAT SEA CONDITIONS IN THE NORTHERN AREAS WOULD
BE NA

GINAL FOR CARRIER OPS, SHIP/SHORE COMMUNICATIONS WERE
MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE ORI, AND ALL ORI SERVICE REQUIREMENTS
WERE MET. THE OUTSTANDING COOPERATION OF ALL CONCERNED
CONTRIBUTED MATERIALLY TO SUCCESS IN CONDUCTING A THOROUGH
EVALUATION OF SHANGRI LA/CVW EIGHT READINESS. WELL DONE.
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FLEET COMPOSITE SQUADRON EIGHT
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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF COMMANDER DURWOOD E. LASHBROOK

Commander Durwood E. Lashbrook, a native of Algona, Iowa, entered the United States Navy through the Officer Candidate Program after graduating from Iowa State Teachers College. He attended the Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island, and upon graduation in July 1953, was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve. He was then assigned duty under instruction at the Explosive Ordnance Disposal School, Indian Head, Maryland. Ensign Lashbrook graduated in February 1954 and was ordered to duty as the EOD Officer aboard the USS COCKATOO (AMCU-21) at Port Townsend, Washington.

In June 1955, LTJG Lashbrook reported to Pensacola, Florida for flight training. In September of that year he was augmented into the Regular Navy while undergoing primary flight training at NAAS, Whiting Field. LTJG Lashbrook completed his flight training in P-2 aircraft at NAS Hutchinson, Kansas, and was designated as a Naval Aviator in November 1956.

During the next three years, LTJG Lashbrook flew SP-2H aircraft while attached to PATRON NINE, earning his Patrol Plane Commander designation and deploying to the Alaskan area.

Lieutenant Lashbrook was subsequently ordered to the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California and completed the General Line School course in December 1960.

Lieutenant Lashbrook's next tour of duty was with TRARON ONE at NAAS, Saufley Field, Pensacola, Florida, where he was a primary flight instructor in the T34 "Mentor" until March 1963.

Lieutenant Commander Lashbrook was then ordered to the USS YORKTOWN, (CVS-10) as Ordnance Officer and served aboard until October 1965, participating in two West Pac cruises.

In November of the same year he reported to Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT. He is currently qualified in the P-2E, QF-9J, and DT-28B aircraft and has flown over 3900 flight hours. Commander Lashbrook has served in all departments of the Squadron and assumed the duties of the Squadron Executive Officer in February 1968.

In July 1968, Commander Lashbrook relieved Commander M.E. Smith as the Commanding Officer of the 450 officers and men of Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT.



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