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1. Sir, enclosed you will find the history requested from this command.

  
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1985 was a busy year for the WYVERNS of HS-12. It began with the squadron ringing in the New Year at their "home" Atsugi, Japan. Deploying on USS Midway (CV-41) the Wyverns, were in-port Manila, Philippines in mid-February. March saw the squadron transit the South China Sea for a short stop in Hong Kong before joining the Korean Forces for exercise Team Spirit.

After spending April in Atsugi, the men of HS-12 participated in Valiant Usher, an exercise that afforded the squadron many ASW quals.

Commander W. A. Roop was relieved as Commanding Officer of HELANTISUBRON TWELVE in May and Commander J. K. Marshall assumed Command. With a new Skipper on board, HS-12 set sail in June for the longest at sea period for the squadron since arriving in Japan.

Before relieving USS Constellation in the Indian Ocean, the Wyverns made a stop in the Philippine Islands and managed to deck landing qualify (DLQ) its pilots aboard USS OLDENDORF (DD 972). While in the I.O., HS-12 participated in joint HS/VP real world ASW and two CSAR scenarios on the islands of Diego Garcia and Masirah. An E-2 mishap gave the Wyverns their first actual SAR operations of the year, rescuing one of the crewmen of the downed E-2. More DLQ's, both day and night, and a successful NTPI were completed. The I.O. deployment concluded up with an enjoyable port visit to Perth, Australia.

By mid-October, the squadron was back in Atsugi. In November HS-12 deployed again, transiting first to Hong Kong then operating in the vicinity of Iwo Jima for the most productive ASW exercise of the year operating against up to ten submarines. At the conclusion of this at sea period the squadron launched a record seven exercise torpedoes in 24 hours.

After an eventful year, mostly spent at sea, the Wyvern's were happy to spend Christmas and New Year's with their families at Atsugi.



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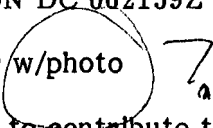
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The HS-12 WYVERNS, home ported in Atsugi, Japan and commanded by CDR John Marshall, maintained an 80% optempo with the USS MIDWAY/CVW-5 team for the past year. The year began with work-ups to the Philippines and Hong Kong. Team Spirit '85 followed with the Wyverns prosecuting, for their first time, actual Russian submarines. A stop back to Yokosuka - the MIDWAY's home port - and then on to a couple of big exercises for the quarter: Valiant Usher and ASWEX 85-3U. This was followed by another stop in the Philippines and ended a strong first half of 1985.

With extensive ASW exercises, including several actual torpedo drops behind them, the Wyverns were ready for their extended Indian Ocean deployment. The deployment, beginning in mid-June, took off on the right foot with HS-12 winning the CVW-5 Maintenance Excellence Award and the six month Airwing Retention Award. It was also during this cruise, that HS-12 reached a new squadron milestone - four years of major accident free flights. After 84 days at sea, in the middle of September, the Wyverns welcomed a port visit to Perth, Australia. After this very successful Indian Ocean deployment the squadron completed a major ASW exercise against nine nuclear and diesel submarines. It was during this time that HS-12 was presented with the COMASWINGPAC Top Torpedo Delivery Award.

After a three and a half week stop-over in Yokosuka, it was two weeks at sea, then off to Hong Kong. After five days in port, the ship was primed for its second major ASW exercise of the quarter. HS-12, being the MIDWAY's sole ASW asset, contributed greatly to the success of this joint U.S. Navy - Japanese exercise against five nuclear and diesel submarines. It was with this successful and rewarding year behind them, that the HS-12 WYVERNS rung in the New Year back "home" at Atsugi.