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This compilation of the air task organizations of the Atlantic Ocean Areas is believed to be reasonably complete and accurate. The basic source of information has been the operation plans and orders on file in Naval Records and Library, but data on the movement of units between the issuance of operation plans has come from war diaries, base, squadron and wing histories. In many cases where the organization of the command in a given area has been intricate and confusing, administrative histories were consulted and were found most helpful in clarifying the command relationships. This was particularly true in the case of the Eastern Sea Frontier.

The organization of U.S. Naval Forces in Europe is incomplete for the early days of the war because very little information was available in war diaries, no operation plans could be found, and no administrative history had been submitted.

When the sections on the sea frontiers, European waters and the South Atlantic were completed, it was found that the activities of the escort carrier task forces, and of air operations from Newfoundland, Greenland and Iceland had not been included in any of the designated areas. Therefore, a section on the U.S. Fleet was added, giving the various operation plans, but footnoting only the activities that had not already been covered in the area treatment.

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Lieutenant John F. King, USNR

December 1945
U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA

1. Sea Frontiers
   a. Eastern Sea Frontier
   b. Gulf Sea Frontier
   c. Caribbean Sea Frontier
   d. Panama Sea Frontier
   e. Moroccan Sea Frontier

2. European Waters

3. North African Waters
   African Invasion
   Invasion of Southern France

4. South Atlantic

5. U.S. Atlantic Fleet (covering operations in areas other than those above.)
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER

September 1941 -- January 1942
1 January 1942 -- 14 April 1942
15 April 1942 -- 5 July 1942
15 April 1942 -- 5 July 1942
6 July 1942 -- 9 October 1943
10 October 1943 -- July 1945
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER

SEPTEMBER 1941 - JANUARY 1942

Operating under: Cinclant Operation Plan #7-41 dated 1 September 1941 and #8-41 dated 20 December 1941.

North Atlantic Naval Coastal Frontier #4-41 dated 10 September 1941, #5-41 dated 30 October 1941.

Cinclant

Task Force 6 NAVAL COASTAL FRONTIERS

6.1 North Atlantic Naval Coastal Frontier

Com Northern Patrol
Com III

6.11 Naval Local Defense Forces

Com I
Miscellaneous Escort Craft

6.12 Naval Local Defense Forces

Com III
USS GANNET AVP-8
Miscellaneous Escort Craft

6.13 Naval Local Defense Forces

Com IV
Miscellaneous Escort Craft

6.14 Naval Local Defense Forces

Com V
Miscellaneous Escort Craft
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER
SEPTEMBER 1941 - JANUARY 1942

(Footnotes)

1. Before Dec. 1941, Atlantic Fleet had its training program at NAS Norfolk and NAS Quonset Point with Fleet Officers in command. The Naval Districts had own NAS with some planes assigned to District by VCNO. When Frontier Forces were organized, it was planned to activate the Local Defense Forces of the Naval District Commanders; but these forces were wholly inadequate. Only two squadrons were available by 12 Jan. 1942 (VS-1D3, NAS, New York and VS-1D1, NAS, Squantum, Massachusetts).

2. On 10 March 1941, RAdm A. Andrews, USN, was made Commander, North Atlantic Naval Coastal Frontier in addition to his duties as Com III. The Commandants of First, Fourth and Fifth Naval Districts were placed in his command. On 7 September 1941 ComInch clarified the position by stating that Naval Coastal Frontier Forces (air and sea) would be composed of Naval Local Defense Forces. These would be made up of units assigned by the respective Commandants of Naval Districts from forces available to them. CNA-NCF was made a TF Commander with Naval District Commandants as TG Commanders.

3. The region controlled by CNA-NCF (ComEasSeaFron) was modified in the period of its existence as follows: Dec. 1941 - St. John, New Brunswick, to Cherry Point, N. C. (approximately 150 miles off shore); Feb. 28, 1942 - St. John, New Brunswick, to Jacksonville, Florida (approximately 150 miles off shore); June 12, 1942 - present - St. John, New Brunswick, to Jacksonville, Florida (approximately 300 miles off shore).

4. Following 7 December 1941, CNA-NCF called upon his TG Commanders (Coms I, IV and V) to prepare to defend their districts and convoys passing through from impending attacks by Axis U-boats. A number of small Navy and civilian craft were available, but air support was almost wholly lacking. Army A/S units were at once brought in to provide both inshore and off shore patrols "because the Frontier possessed no planes capable of sea search." Certain Coast Guard units at Salem, New York, and Elizabeth City, flew patrols with obsolete and unarmed aircraft at the same time.
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER

1 JANUARY 1942 - 14 APRIL 1942

Operating under: CincLant Operation Plan #8-41 dated 20 December 1941 and #1-42 dated 4 March 1942.
CNA-NCF Operation Plan #1-42 dated 3 January 1942.

CincLant

TASK FORCE 6 NAVAL COASTAL FRONTIERS RAdm A. Andrews, USN

6.1 North Atlantic Naval Coastal Frontier RAdm A. Andrews, USN
ComNorthern Patrol Group
Com III

6.1.1-4 Escort Craft

6.1.5 Coastal Air Patrol
VS-1D3, NAS New York, N. Y., 6,8
VS-1D1, NAS Squantum, Mass. 6,8
VS-1D5, NAS Norfolk, Va. 7,8

6.1.6 Observation Group
ZP-12, NAS, Lakehurst, New York

6.1.7 Salem Air Patrol
Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS, Salem

6.1.8 Rockaway Air Patrol
Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS, Brooklyn, N.Y.

6.1.9 Currituck Air Patrol
Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS, Elizabeth City, N.C.
1. Title Naval Coastal Frontier changed to Sea Frontier in March 1942.

2. Cominch refused in January request for transfer of Fleet Aircraft to Sea Frontier. 14 Feb. 1942, ComEasSeaFron advised that Fleet Aircraft based at Norfolk, Virginia, and Quonset Point, R. I. with advanced bases farther afield could be used by ComEasSeaFron (ComNav Districts) in emergencies only and not for routine patrols.

3. Beside the squadrons at Squantum and New York, miscellaneous Coast Guard Aircraft at New York, Elizabeth City and Salem, and Army Anti-Submarine Units, CNA-NCF had available on 31 Jan. 1942: two OS2U's at NAS Quonset Point; 3 J2F-5's at NAS New York; one J2F-5, one PBT and two ATBF-1's at NAS Norfolk; and three J2F-5's at CGAS, Elizabeth City.

4. Component parts of Northern Patrol Group are controlled operationally by their respective Naval District Commanders.

5. Commissioned 22 Dec. 1941 under ComNorthern Air Group (CNA-NCF)

6. Commissioned 13 Jan. 1942 under ComNorthern Air Group (CNA-NCF)

7. Reported to ComEasSeaFron at Norfolk, 28 March 1942.

8. On 28 March 1942, Cominch assigned a number of OS2U aircraft, originally destined for the British, to ComEasSeaFron and CGSF. Of these ComEasSeaFron apportioned 6 aircraft to VS-1D1, 6 to VS-1D3, and 18 to VS-1D5.

9. Commissioned 2 January 1942 under CNA-NCF.

10. Formally assigned to Frontier by Cominch, 7 February 1942.
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER

15 APRIL 1942 - 5 JULY 1942

Operating under: CinciLant Operation Plan #1-42, dated 4 March 1942 and #2-42 dated 8 May 1942.

ComEasSeaFromFor Operation Plan #2-42 dated 15 April 1942.

CinciLant

TASK FORCE 26

SEA FRONTIERS

26.1 Eastern Sea Frontier

26.1.1 Northern Force

Northern Air Patrol
VS-1D1, NAS Squantum, Mass.
VS-1D1(Detachment), NAAS Lewiston, Maine
Coast Guard Units, CGAS, Salem, Mass.
USAAF and Civilian Patrol units

26.1.2 Narragansett Force

Narragansett Air Patrol
VB-9, NAS Quonset Ft., R.I.
VJ-4 (Detachment) NAS Quonset It.
VI-82, NAS Quonset Ft., R.I.
VP-84, NAS Quonset It., R.I.
Coast Guard, Miscellaneous Navy, Army Air Force and Civilian aircraft

26.1.3 New York Force

VS-1D3, NAS New York
Coast Guard Units, CGAS, Brooklyn, N.Y.
USAAF and Civilian units

26.1.4 Delaware Force

Delaware Air Patrol
VT-9, NAS Cape May, N.J.
VJ-5, NAS Cape May, N.J.
Coast Guard, Miscellaneous Navy, Army Air Force and Civilian aircraft units

26.1.5 Chesapeake Force

RAdm M. H. Simons, USN

Chesapeake Air Patrol
VS-1D5, NAS Norfolk, Va.
VS-9, NAS Norfolk, Va.10
VF-84, NAS Norfolk, Va.7
VI-82 (detachment) NAS Norfolk, Va.6
VF-74, NAS Norfolk, Va.11
ZP-14, CGAS, Elizabeth City, N.C.12
VT-9, NAS Norfolk, Va.8
Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS, Elizabeth City, N.C.
Army and Civilian aircraft

26.1.6 Southern Force

Southern Air Patrol
VN-14, NAS Jacksonville, Florida13
VN-15, NAS Jacksonville, Florida13
VF-83, NAS Jacksonville, Florida14
VF-94, NAS Jacksonville, Florida15
VF-84 (detachment) NAS Charleston, S.C.7
VS-9, NAS Cherry Point, N.C.10
Coast Guard, AAF, and Civilian Air units

26.1.8 Airship Force

Cdr. G. H. Mills, USN

ZP-12, NAS Lakehurst, N. J.
GANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER

15 APRIL 1942 - 5 JULY 1942

(Footnotes)

1. Fleet Air was reorganized in July 1942 with ComatWingLant (CFatWingFac) at top. Under them were Patrol Wings which exercised administrative control of Fleet Aircraft. Wing Commanders of PatWings 5 and 7 (for example) located within the EasSeaFron command, could be utilized as TG Commanders by ComEasSeaFron to control Squadrons assigned by Fleet to the SeaFrontier. Actually, the operations of Fleet aircraft continued to be controlled by ComEasSeaFron through Naval District Commandants.

2. Relations between ComEasSeaFron and CinCinLant, ComEasSeaFron and Army were "clarified" in June 1942: Seafrontiers were equals of LantFit under Cominch except that "Commanders of Sea Frontiers are responsible to CinC of appropriate fleets only for operations which involve cooperation or coordination between Fleet forces and Sea Frontier Forces." In this case ComSeaFronFor acts as TF Commander of Fleet. Within EasSeaFron organization, Commanding General of I BomCom was made TG Commander. His units were not operated under Naval District Commandants as TG Commanders of EasSeaFron as were the Navy and Coast Guard Air and Surface Units.

3. A Detachment established at Bangor, Maine, 29 April 1942 and decommissioned 20 May 1942. Lewiston Detachment formed 5 May 1942.


5. Detachment assigned to ComEasSeaFron in May and withdrawn in July. Based at NAS Quonset Point, Rhode Island.

6. Transferred to FatWing 9, 10 June 1942. Detachments established later at Norfolk, Cherry Point, North Carolina, and Jacksonville, Fla.

7. Assigned to NAS Norfolk, 12 April 1942. On 12 May, a 3-plane detachment was set up at NAS Charleston. When squadron was transferred to FAN-7 on 1 June 1942, a 1-plane detachment remained at Quonset Point, R.I. This was withdrawn in July.

8. Assigned to ComEasSeaFron 26 April 1942 - remained at NAS Norfolk until 4 May 1942 - at which time it was sent to NAS Cape May. On 23 August 1942, it was withdrawn from control of ComEasSeaFron.
Footnotes (cont.)


11. Transferred to PatWing 5, 14 May 1942. In June under operational control of CommSeaFron and was based until 22 Sept. 1942 at Norfolk. Transferred to PatWing 11 at that date.

12. Detachment of one blimp established at CCAS, Elizabeth City, N. C. between 10 - 19 June 1942.

13. Detachments of these squadrons assigned to CommSeaFron in May and June were based at NAS Jacksonville, Florida.


15. Assigned to CommSeaFron 3 March 1942, but did not begin A/S operations until 31 May 1942 when it was set up at NAS Jacksonville. Detachments sent to Quonset Point, Cherry Point, and Charleston during fall. Detached by CommSeaFron 16 January 1943.
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER
6 JULY 1942 - 9 OCTOBER 1943

Operating under: CincLant Operation Plans #2-42, 8 May 1942; #3-42, 8 December 1942; #1-43, 1 September 1943.

ComEastSeaFrontFw Operation Plans #5-42, 6 July 1942; #16-42, 10 November 1942 and #1-43, 1 January 1943.

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TASK FORCE 90-2 EASTERN SEA FRONTIER FORCES3,4

VAdm A. Andrews, USN

(ComTG 26.1)

90.1 Northern Group

RAdm Tarrant, USN

(RAdm W. Brown, USN)

Northern Air Patrol

VS-1D1 (Detach), NAS Lewiston, Me. (VS-31)5
VS-1D1, NAS Squantum, Mass. (VS-31)
(ZI-11, NAS So. Weymouth, Mass.)
(VS-1D1 (Detach), NAS Brunswick, Me.) (VS-31)6
(VS-1D1 (Detach), NAS Bar Harbor, Me.) (VS-31)7

Coast Guard Units, CGAS Salem, Mass.

90.2 Narragansett Force

RAdm Kalbfus, USN

(RAdm W. S. Fye, USN)

Narragansett Air Patrol

VP-82, NAS Quonset Pt., R.I. (VB-125, 3/1/43)8
VB-9, NAS Quonset Pt., R.I.5
VS-3D-1 (VS-33), NAS Quonset Pt., R.I.10
VF-31 (Detach) VB-105, 5/15/43, NAS Quonset Pt.11
VS-1D1 (VS-31)12, NAS Quonset Pt.
VF-6313, NAS Quonset Field
VB-12614, NAS Quonset Pt.

90.3 New York Group

RAdm E.J. Marquart, USN

New York Air Patrol

VS-1D3 (VS-34), NAS New York
VB-218, NAS New York15
VF-203, NAS New York16

Coast Guard Units, CGAS, Brooklyn, New York

90.4 Delaware Group

RAdm A.E. Watson, USN

(RAdm Draemel, USN)

Delaware Air Patrol

VT-9, NAS Cape May, N.J.17
VS-1D4 (VS-36), NAS Cape May, N.J.18
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50.5 Chesapeake Group

Delaware Air Patrol
VI-82 (Detach), NAS Norfolk, Va. (VB-125, 3/1/43)\textsuperscript{6}
VS-1D5 (VS-37), NAS Norfolk, Va.
VP-74, NAS Norfolk, Va.\textsuperscript{19}
VF-201, NAS Norfolk, Va.\textsuperscript{20}
VF-203, NAS Norfolk, Va.\textsuperscript{16}
VI-209, NAS Norfolk, Va.\textsuperscript{21}

Z1-14, CGAS, Elizabeth City, Va. (NAS Weeksville, N.C.)
VF-31, CGAS, Elizabeth City, Va. (VS-105, 5/15/43)\textsuperscript{11}
VF-81 (Detach), CGAS Elizabeth City, Va.\textsuperscript{22}
Coast Guard Air Units, CGAS Elizabeth City, Va.

VS-2D5 (VS-38), NAS Manteo, N.C.\textsuperscript{23}

90.6 Southern Group

Southern Air Patrol
VI-82 (Detach), NAS Cherry Pt., N.C.\textsuperscript{6}
VS-9, NAS Cherry Pt., N.C.\textsuperscript{24}
VS-2D5 (VS-38), NAS Cherry Pt., N.C.\textsuperscript{23}
VP-94 (Detach), NAS Cherry Pt., N.C.\textsuperscript{25}
VB-105 (Detach), NAS Cherry Pt., N.C.\textsuperscript{11}
VB-126 (Detach), NAS Cherry Pt., N.C.\textsuperscript{14}
VB-134, NAS Cherry Pt., N.C.\textsuperscript{26}

VF-94 (Detach), NAS Charleston, S.C.\textsuperscript{25}
VS-2D5 (VS-38) (Detach), NAS Charleston, S.C.\textsuperscript{23}
Z1-15 (Detach), NAS Charleston, S.C.\textsuperscript{27}

VF-94, NAS Jacksonville, Fla.\textsuperscript{25}
VI-31 (Detach), NAS Jacksonville, Fla. (VB-105, 5/15/43)\textsuperscript{11}
VF-63 (Detach), NAS Jacksonville, Fla.\textsuperscript{13}
ZP-15, NAS Glynco, Ga.\textsuperscript{27}
VI-84, NAS Beaufort, N.C.\textsuperscript{28}

50.7 Army Air Force and Civilian Patrol Units\textsuperscript{29}

50.8 Airship Group\textsuperscript{30}

Fleet Airship Wing\textsuperscript{30}
Z1-12, NAS Lakehurst, N.J.
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90.13 **Fleet Air Wing 5**
Hedron 5

90.14 **Fleet Air Wing 9**
Hedron 9

90.15 **Air Escort Group**

Escort Air Detachment
VF-31 (Detach), NAS Quonset Pt., R.I. (VB-105, 5/15/43)
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER

6 JULY 1942 - 9 OCTOBER 1943

(Footnotes)

1. In his #9-42 OpPlan, ComEasSeaFron employed Task Force designation of United States Fleet rather than that of the Atlantic Fleet. This was thought more appropriate since Frontier Commanders since June were considered subordinates of Atlantic Fleet only in emergencies.

2. Although the U. S. Tenth Fleet (A/S Warfare) was organized 19 May 1943 with all the East Coast frontiers included, ComEasSeaFron does not reflect this change in his TF organization until OpPln 2-43, dated 10 October 1943.

3. On 17 Oct. 1943, Inshore Patrol Squadrons were all transferred to the Atlantic Fleet and immediately reassigned to the Frontiers. Thus after this date Naval District and Frontier Force Commanders had no squadrons not assigned by Fleet Commanders.

4. By December Fleet Squadrons were under Fleet Air Commanders for maintenance and training and under Sea Frontier Commander for operational control.

5. Decommissioned 11 February 1943.

6. Commissioned 11 February 1943.

7. Commissioned 6 September 1943.

8. Withdrawn from control of ComEasSeaFron (CTF 90) 15 September 1942. On 10 June 1942, detachments were established at Norfolk and Cherry Point, N. C.


11. Transferred to ComEasSeaFron 30 September 1942. Headquarters set up at CGAS Elizabeth City in October 1942. Detachments established at Quonset Point, R.I., October 1942; at Argentia under CFAW 7, November and December 1942; and at NAS Jacksonville, Florida, February 1943. Squadron changed to VB-105, 5/15/43 and re-equipped with FB4Y aircraft. On 5/15/43, Headquarters changed to CGAS, Cherry Point, N. C. with a detachment at Quonset Point. Withdrawn from control of ComEasSeaFron June 1943.
Footnotes (Cont.)

12. Detachment established in February 1943 and decommissioned in August 1943.


14. Transferred to ComEasSeaFron 16 June 1943 - Headquarters NAS Quonset Pt., R.I. Detachment MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. In July detachment withdrawn from Cherry Point to Quonset.


17. Transferred to ComAirLant 23 August 1942.

18. Assigned to ComEasSeaFron (FatWing 9) 15 August 1942. Based at NAS Cape May.

19. Assigned to FatWing 5 (ComEasSeaFron) 14 May 1942 - detached 22 September 1942 to FatWing 11.

20. Assigned to ComEasSeaFron 6 February 1943 - transferred 15 August 1943 to ComAirLant.

21. Assigned to ComEasSeaFron (FAW 5) 1 September 1943 - transferred to FAW 3, 22 January 1944.

22. Assigned to temporary duty to FAW 5 (ComEasSeaFron) January 1943.


24. Withdrawn from control of ComEasSeaFronFor on 29 August 1942.


27. ZI-15 Headquarters established at Glynco, Georgia on 1 February 1943. Detachment at Charleston, S.C. set up on 1 August 1943.
28. Assigned to CFAW 9, 7 September 1943 at NA3 Beaufort, S.C. Transferred to Quonset Point 18 December 1943. Detached from FAW 9, 11 May 1944 to CFAW 3.

29. In September 1943, Civilian Air Patrol and Army A/S Units replaced in EastSeaFron by Navy planes of FAW 9.

30. On 1 December 1942 Airship Group One at Lakehurst was ordered to report to CincLant instead of to ComEastSeaFron.

31. On 1 August 1943 CominCh authorized the merging of activities of FAW 9 and FAW 5 with CFAW 9 responsible for maintenance of Fleet aircraft in the whole Eastern Sea Frontier. FAW 5 was made a training wing. Hedron 9 was broken into Hedron 9-1 (Quonset Point) and 9-2 (Norfolk).

32. September 1943, New York became home base of FAW 9 and CFAW 9 was assigned additional duty of EastSeaFron Air Officer.
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN EASTERN SEA FRONTIER

10 OCTOBER 1943 - JULY 1945

Operating under: CincLant Operation Plan #1-43, 1 September 1943 and #1-44, 17 February 1944.

ComEasSeaFrontFor Operation Plan #2-43, 10 October 1943; #3-43, 18 December 1943; 1-44, 24 June 1944 and #2-44, 1 December 1944.

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TASK FORCE 02 EASTERN SEA FRONTIER FORCES

02.1 Northern Group

Northern Air Group
VS-31 (Detach), NAS Bar Harbor, Me.¹
VS-31 (Detach), NAS Brunswick, Me.²
VS-44, NAS Brunswick, Me.³
VFB-129 (Detach), NAS Brunswick, Me.⁴
VPB-141 (Detach), NAS Brunswick, Me.⁵
VPB-145, NAS Brunswick, Me.⁶

VS-31, NAS Squantum, Mass.⁷
VS-44, NAS Squantum, Mass.³
Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS, Salem, Mass.⁸
ZF-11, NAS, South Weymouth, Mass.
A/S/R Group (Miscellaneous aircraft)⁸

02.2 Narragansett Group⁵

A/S/R Units, NAS Quonset Pt., R.I.⁸

02.3 New York Group

Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS Brooklyn, NY
A/S/R Aircraft, NAS New York⁸

02.4 Delaware Group

A/S/R Units, NAS Cape May, N.J.⁸

02.5 Chesapeake Group

Chesapeake Air Group

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02.5 (Cont.)

VS-37, NAS Norfolk, Va. 10
VT-209, NAS Norfolk, Va. 11
VS-60, NAS Norfolk, Va. 12
VP-74, NAS Norfolk, Va. 13
VI-214, NAS Norfolk, Va. 14
VP-73 (Detach), NAS Norfolk, Va. 15
VS-38, NAS Norfolk, Va. 16
VP-32, NAS Norfolk, Va. 17
VB-B74 (Detach), NAS Norfolk, Va. 13
ZP-14, NAS Weeksville, N.C. 13
ZP-24, NAS Weeksville, N.C. 18
VP-74, CGAS Elizabeth City, N.C. 13
VB-147, CGAS Elizabeth City, N.C. 13
VB-129, CGAS, Elizabeth City, N.C. 4
VPB-206, CGAS Elizabeth City, N.C. 20

A/S/R Units, CGAS Elizabeth City, N.C. 8
Coast Guard Units, CGAS Elizabeth City, N.C.

VS-38, NAAS Manteo, N.C. 16

02.6 Southern Group

RAdm J. James, USN

VB-134, MCAS, Cherry Point, N.C. 21
VB-149, MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. 22
VS-38, MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. 16
VS-31 (Detach), MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. 7
VS-34, MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. 23

VFB-141 (Detach) MCAS, Cherry Point, N.C. 5

ZP-15 (Detach), NAS Charleston, S.C.

VP-84, NAS Beaufort, S.C. 24
VS-38 (Detach), NAS Beaufort, S.C. 16
VS-35, NAS Beaufort, S.C. 25
VB-149, NAS Beaufort, S.C. 22
VS-36 (Detach), NAS Beaufort, S.C. 26
VP-73 (Detach), NAS Beaufort, S.C. 15
VB-141, NAS Beaufort, S.C. 5

ZP-15, NAS Glynco, Ga.
VS-35, NAS Glynco, Ga. 25
Organization of Air Forces in Eastern Sea Frontier, 10 October 1943 - July 1945.

02.7 Headquarters Air Group

Quonset Point Air Units

VS-3227
VS-126 (VF-126)28
VF-84 (VF-84)24
VF-1264
VF-206 (VF-206)20
VF-73 (Detach)15
VF-9229
VF-21230
VF-143 (Detach)31

Floyd Bennett (NAS N.Y.) Air Units

VS-3423
VF-20302
VF-7413
VB-14719
VB-126 (VF-126)28
VP-1294
VS-44 (detachmant)31
VF-73 (VF-73)15
VP-1333
VP-1431

Cape May Air Units

VS-3626

02.8 Headquarters Airship Group

ZP-12

02.14 Fleet Air Ring

Hedron 9-1
Hedron 9-2

02.15 Fleet Airship Ring One

Cdr R. M. Head, USN
(Cdr. F. G. Gregg)

Cdr C. H. Kendall, USN
(LtCdr F. S. Rexey, USN)
(LtCdr H. S. Graves, USN)

Capt. F. L. Baker, USN
(Capt. D. T. Day, USN)
(Capt. C. A. Bond, USN)

Cdr F. F. Tyler, USN
Decommissioned and returned to Brunswick, Maine, 7 February 1944.

Decommissioned and returned to NAS Squantum 14 February 1944. Re-commissioned 22 April 1944, decommissioned June 5, 1944. Re-commissioned 4 December 1944, terminated 31 December 1944.

Assigned to ComEasSeaFron 30 January 1944 - 14 February 1944 (Squantum). Detachment at New York and Squantum with headquarters at Brunswick, Maine, 14 February - 6 April 1944. Units transferred to FAF-11 - 15 April 1944.

Assigned to CFAW 5 (EasSeaFron) 27 March 1944. Based at Quonset Pt. until 4 May 1944, Elizabeth City until 4 November, NAS New York until 11 November 1944. From 12 November 1944 to 21 May 1945, headquarters at Elizabeth City - detachment at Brunswick 3 December 1944 - 13 March 1945. Transferred to ComAirLant 21 May 1945.


Transferred to FAW 9, 10 March 1945. Based at NAS Brunswick, Maine, until operations suspended 1 June 1945. Decommissioned 18 June 1945.

Cherry Point detachment commissioned 5 June 1944 - decommissioned two days later - main squadron ceased operations at Squantum, 21 May 1945.

A/S/R units established at these bases at end of November 1944.

Eliminated from TF organization of ComEasSeaFron by CPlAn 7-44 dated 24 June 1944.

Transferred to CFAW 11, 15 December 1943.

Transferred to CFSF (CFAW 3), 22 January 1944.

Reported to CFAW 5 at Norfolk, 1 December 1943 - decommissioned at Norfolk 5 June 1944.

Footnotes)

4. Reported to ComEasSeaFron at Norfolk, 23 January 1944. Transferred to FAW 11, 12 September 1944.


8. ZP-14 transferred to CFSFF in May 1944 - replaced at Weeksville by ZP-21.


11. Reported to CFAW 5 (EasSeaFron) 25 July 1943 at Cherry Point. Transferred to FAW 16, 21 November 1943.


14. Assigned to FAW 5 at Beaufort, S.C., 7 September 1943 - 18 December 1943. NAS Quonset from December until 11 May 1944 when Squadron transferred to FAW 3. On 11 November 1944 reassigned to FAW 5 at Quonset Point and remained there until 7 April 1945 (transferred to CFAW 8, except for Detachment One at NAB, Coco Solo, Canal Zone).

15. Reported to CFAW 5 at Beaufort, N. C., 10 October 1943. On 22 May 1944 it moved to NAS Glynco, Georgia. On September 29, 1944, detached from CFAW 5.

16. Based at NAS Cape May until 2 June 1945 - Detachment at Beaufort in March and April 1944. Detached to CFAW 5 on 4 June 1945.
27. Detached from EasSeaFron control 5 June 1944.


29. Assigned to FAW 9, 6 January 1945. Based at Quonset Point, R.I. Remained there until transfer to FAW 5 (Decommissioning) 24 May 1945.

30. Transferred to FAW 9, 4 April 1945. Based at NAS Quonset. Detached to CFAW (decommissioning) 21 May 1945.


32. Transferred to CFAW 16, 4 October 1943.


34. Decommissioned 19 July 1945.
NOTE: The information on the preceding pages is believed to be as exact and as accurate as it can be made with the source materials available at the Navy Department at this time.

The following documents were carefully examined:

(1) North Atlantic, Naval Coastal Frontier and Eastern Sea Frontier Operation Plans.
(2) Atlantic Fleet Operation Plans.
(3) TG 26.1 and TF 90 and C2 Operation Plans.
(4) Eastern Sea Frontier War Diary.
(5) Eastern Sea Frontier History (Northern Air Patrol).
(6) Fleet Air Wing Nine War Diary.
(7) Fleet Air Wing Nine History.
(8) War Diaries and Histories of Squadrons attached to ComEasSeaFron organization when necessary to verify dates.
(9) Daily Disposition Of Vessels and Aircraft.
(10) Composition of Task Forces of US Fleet.
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES GULF SEA FRONTIER

7 December 1941 - 19 March 1942
20 March 1942 -- 30 June 1942
1 July 1942 -- 23 December 1942
24 December 1942 -- 30 December 1943
3 October 1943 -- July 1945
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN GULF SEA FRONTIER

7 DECEMBER 1941 - 19 MARCH 1942

Operating under: CinCLant Operation Plans #8-41 dated 20 December 1941; #1-42, dated 4 March 1942.
ComGulfSeaFron Operation Plan #1-42 dated 15 February 1942.

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TASK FORCE 6 SEA FRONTIERS RAdm A. Andrews, USN

6.2 Gulf Sea Frontier RAdm Allen, USN
ComGulfPatrol

6.2.1 Local Defense Forces RAdm Allen, USN
Com VI

6.2.2 Local Defense Forces RAdm Allen, USN (Capt. Crenshaw, USN)
Com VII
Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS Miami, St. Petersburg, Florida
Navy Aircraft (training), NAS Miami & Jacksonville
VS-1D7, NAS Banana River, Fla.

6.2.3 Local Defense Forces Capt. T.A. Thomson, USN
Com VIII
Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS, Biloxi, Miss.
Navy Aircraft (training), NAS Pensacola & Corpus Christi

6.2.4 Fleet Air Detachments
VI-81 (Cp training), NAS Key West, Fla.
Miscellaneous Navy Aircraft, NAS Banana River, Fla.

6.2.5 Army Support Units - USAAF Coastal Bases
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN GULF SEA FRONTIER

7 DECEMBER 1941 - 15 MARCH 1942

(Footnotes)

1. On 7 December 1941, Gulf Sea Frontier was part of the Southern Coastal Frontier. Its commander was also Commandant of Sixth and Seventh Naval Districts with headquarters at Charleston, S. C. Its force consisted of Coast Guard patrol forces and minor Navy patrol forces comprising the Local Defense Forces of the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Naval Districts. On 1 February 1942, a separate Seventh Naval District Command was established at Key West under Capt. Crenshaw, USN. On 4 February 1942, NAS Jacksonville, Florida (and vicinity), was transferred to jurisdiction of Sixth Naval District. On 6 February the Southern Coastal Frontier officially became the Gulf Sea Frontier. Eight days later the Sixth Naval District (including Jacksonville, Florida) became a part of the Eastern Sea Frontier.

2. Task Group 6.2 is the Atlantic Fleet designation for Gulf Sea Frontier. It is normally under CNO and acts as a Task Group of Atlantic Fleet only in special operations.

3. 18 OS2U aircraft were assigned 13 February 1942 to these Air Stations by CNO.

4. Fleet Aircraft were to be used by ComGulfSeaFron (via Commandants of Naval Districts) in emergencies only and not for routine patrols.

5. Assigned to Com 7, NAS Banana River, Florida, 13 March 1942.
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN GULF SEA FRONTIER

20 MARCH 1942 - 30 JUNE 1942

Operating under: CincLant Operation Plans #1-42, dated 4 March 1942 and #2-42, dated 8 May 1942.

ComGulfSeaFron Operation Plan #3-42, dated 30 March 1942 and #2-42, dated 1 April 1942.

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TASK GROUP 26.21 GULF SEA FRONTIER Capt. Crenshaw, USN
(Radi: J.L. Kauffman, USN)

26.2.2 Seventh Naval District Patrol

Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS Miami & St. Petersburg, Fla.
VS-2D72, NAS Key West, Fla.
VS-1D73, NAS Banana River, Fla.
VP-81 (Detach)4, NAS Key West, Fla.
Miscellaneous NAS aircraft, Miami, Fla.5

26.2.3 Eighth Naval District Patrol

Coast Guard Aircraft, CGAS Biloxi, Miss.
Miscellaneous N.A.S. aircraft, Pensacola & Corpus Christi5

26.2.4 Fleet Air and Surface Units (training)

Naval Aircraft-Fleet Air Detachment, NAS Key West, Fla.5
VI-815
Naval Aircraft-Fleet Air Detachment, NAS Banana River, Fla.5

26.2.5 Army Support Units - Army-Controlled Civilian Patrol Units5

1. Atlantic Fleet designation for Gulf Sea Frontier.
2. Reported to ComGulfSeaFron at NAS Key West, 16 June 1942, then sent to an advanced base, Old St. Julian, Cuba.
3. Detachment set up 22 April 1942 at Nassau, B.W.I.
4. One detachment assigned to ComGulfSeaFron and based at NAS Key West, April and May 1942.
5. Utilized in emergency as Strike Forces by ComGulfSeaFron.
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN GULF SEA FRONTIER

1 JULY 1942 - 23 DECEMBER 1942

Operating under: CincLant Operation Plans #2-42, 8 May 1942 and #3-42, 8 December 1942.

ComGulfSeaFron Operation Plan #3-42, 1 July 1942.

CincLant:

TASK FORCE 91\textsuperscript{1} GULF SEA FRONTIER\textsuperscript{2}

RAdm J.I. Keuffman, USN

ComTG 26.23
Vi-534, NAS Key West, Fla.

91.2 Naval Air Task Group

Capt. Sprague, USN

Patrol Wing 125
VI-416, NAS Key West, Fla.
VS-2D7, NAAB San Julian, Cuba
VS-1D7, NAS Banana River, Fla.
VS-3D7, NAS Key West, Fla.

Coast Guard Aircraft:
CGAS, Miami, Fla.
CGAS, St. Petersburg, Fla.
CGAS, Biloxi, Miss.

91.5 Emergency Navy Strike Group

Capt. W.G. Tomlinson, USN
(Capt. A.I. Price, USN)

Fleet and Miscellaneous Navy Aircraft
NAS Pensacola
NAS Corpus Christi
NAS Miami
NAS Fort Lauderdale
NAS Melbourne
NAS Banana River
NAS Vero Beach
NAS Sanford
NAS Deland

91.6 Emergency Army Air Strike Group
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN GULF SEA FRONTIER

1 JULY 1942 - 23 DECEMBER 1942

(Footnotes)


2. ComGulfSeaFron is authorized in emergencies to employ in addition to Naval and Coast Guard forces, Army A/S units and Army-controlled Civilian Patrol units.

3. Atlantic Fleet designation for GulfSeaFron.


5. On 16 September 1942, Patrol Wing 12 (Headquarters Key West, Fla.) was established for administration of Fleet Units under operational control of ComGulfSeaFron (Com VII and VIII). Originally three squadrons, VF-81, VS-2D7 and VS-1D7, were assigned to ComPatWing 12. Designation changed to Fleet Air Wing, 1 November 1942.

6. Assigned to ComPatWing 12 (GSF) 16 September 1942. That date a 3-plane detachment was located at Grand Cayman. Squadron was detached from FAW 12 on 12 December 1942.

7. Reported to CFAW 12 on 1 November 1942.
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN GULF SEA FRONTIER

24 DECEMBER 1942 - 30 SEPTEMBER 1943

Operating under: CincLant Operation Plan #3-42, dated 3 December 1942.

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GULF SEA FRONTIER


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TASK FORCE 91

GULF SEA FRONTIER

ComNG 26.2

1.2 Naval Air Task Group

1.2.4 Fleet Air Wing 12

Capt. Sprague, USN

Capt. H. T. Stanley, USN

Capt. A. I. Price, USN

Capt. S. J. Michael, USN

Capt. H. T. Stanley, USN

Hedron 12

VS-1D7 (VS-35)2,3, NAS Banana River, Fla.

VS-2D7 (VS-40)2, NAAB San Julian, Cuba.

VS-3D7 (VS-62)2,4, NAS Key West, Florida

VF-635, NAS Key West, Florida

VB-1256, Boca Chica, Florida

VB-1327, Boca Chica, Florida

VF-2028,9, Key West, Florida

VF-20810, Key West, Florida

1.2.5 Fleet Airship Group Two

Capt. W. E. Zimmerman, USN

Capt. M. M. Bradley, USN

ZF-2112, NAS Richmond, Fla.

ZI-2213, NAS Houma, Louisiana

ZF-2314, NAS Hitchcock, Texas

1.5 Emergency Naval Air Striking Group

Miscellaneous Utility and Training Aircraft

NAS Pensacola, Corpus Christi, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Melbourne, Banana River, Vero Beach, Sanford, Deland, Lake City and Daytona Beach.

1.6 Emergency Army Air Striking Group
1. In emergency ComGulfSeaFron could call upon Army A/S Forces and Army-controlled Civilian units - the latter, however, were withdrawn in September 1943.

2. Designation changed 1 March 1943.

3. Detachment of 3 OS2U's established at Walker Cay on 16 September 1942.

4. Detachment of six OS2U's set up at Cayo Frances on 1 March 1943 - withdrawn on 20 September 1944.

5. Reported to CFAW 12 on 5 April 1943 - detached on 12 April 1943.

6. Reported to CFAW 12 on 12 July 1943.

7. Reported to CFAW 12 on 12 July 1943.

8. Reported to CFAW 12 on 28 February 1943.

9. Detachment of 3 PBM's set up at Grand Cayman on 28 February 1943 and was withdrawn on 15 November 1943.

10. Reported to CFAW 12 on 19 April 1943.


12. Commissioned 1 March 1943 at NAS Richmond, Fla. - Detachment established at Santa Fe, Cuba, on 23 March 1943.

13. Commissioned 15 May 1943 at NAS Houna, La., under ComGulfSeaFron.

14. Reported to ComGulfSeaFron at NAS Hitchcock, Texas, on 12 June 1943.
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN GULF SEA FRONTIER

1 OCTOBER 1943 - JULY 1945

Operating under: Cinclant Operation Plans #1-43, 1 September 1944 and #1-44, 17 February 1944.

ComGulfSeaFron Operation Plan #1-43, 1 October 1943; Change #4, 1 November 1943 and #1-44, 1 February 1944.

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ComTenth Fleet

TASK FORCE 03

GULF SEA FRONTIER

Com Task Group 26

Frontier Air Task Group

Units of FAW 12 and Fleet Airship Wing 2 attached to U. S. Naval activities: Key West, Banana River, Walker Cay, Cayo Frances, Camaguey, San Julian, Grand Cayman, La Fe, Santa Fe, Richmond, Houma, Hitchcock, and to U. S. Coast Guard Stations, St. Petersburg, Biloxi and Miami.

Capt. H. T. Stanley, USN
(Capt. W. T. Rhodes, USN)
(Cdr. J. Johnson, USN)

03.2

03.3

Gulf Sea Frontier Fleet Air Task Group

Capt H. T. Stanley, USN
(Capt. W. T. Rhodes, USN)
(Cdr. J. Johnson, USN)

03.3.1

Fleet Air Wing 12

Capt H. T. Stanley, USN
(Capt. W. T. Rhodes, USN)
(Cdr. J. Johnson, USN)

Hedron 12

VS-624, NAS Key West, Fla.
VI-202, NAS Key West, Fla.
VF-206, NAS Key West, Fla.
VI-213, NAS Key West, Fla.
VI-201 (VI-B-201), NAS Key West, Fla.
VI-B-204, NAS Key West, Fla.
VB-125, NAS Boca Chica, Fla.
VB-132, NAS Boca Chica, Fla.
VB-143, NAS Boca Chica, Fla.
VS-39, NAS Banana River, Fla.
VS-40, NAAB San Julian, Cuba
VI-B-145, NAAB San Julian, Cuba
Organization of Air Forces in Gulf Sea Frontier, 1 October 1943 - July 1945

03.3.2 Fleet Airship Wing 216

- ZI-217, NAS Richmond, Fla.
- ZP-2218, NAS Houma, La.
- ZP-2319, NAS Hitchcock, Texas
- ZI-2420, NAS Hitchcock, Texas

Capt. L. M. Bradley, USN
(Cdr. M. F. Flaherty, USN)
(Cdr. A. L. Cope, USN)

03.5 Emergency Naval Air Strike Group

Miscellaneous Utility and Training Aircraft
NAS Pensacola, Corpus Christi, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Melbourne, Banana River, Vero Beach, Sanford, Deland, Lake City, and Daytona Beach.

03.6 Emergency Army Air Striking Group
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN GULF SEA FRONTIER

1 OCTOBER 1943 - JULY 1945

(Footnotes)

1. Although the forces of ComGulfSeaFron 12 were assigned to Com Tenth Fleet in May 1943 for A/S purposes, this task designation does not show up on a ComGulfSeaFron OpPlan until 1 October 1943. CincLant first indicates the assignment on his OpPlan #1-43 dated 1 September 1943.


5. Detachment at Grand Cayman was closed out 15 November 1943 and the squadron was detached from FAW 12 on 1 December 1943.

6. Detachments of three aircraft each were established at Grand Cayman, (15 November 1943 - 2 May 1944), at Pelican Harbor (1 October 1943 - 18 October 1943), and at Royal Island (15 May 1944 - 28 July 1944). Squadron was detached from FAW 12 on 28 July 1944.

7. Reported to CFAW 12 on 13 December 1943 - detached 24 November 1944. A detachment of three planes operated from Grand Cayman between 2 May 1944 and 20 September 1944.


10. A detachment of three planes was based at San Julian, Cuba, from 1 October 1943 until 8 May 1944 at which time squadron made its home base there. A second detachment of two planes operated from Camaguey, Cuba, between 3 April 1944 and 10 April 1944. The squadron was detached from FAW 12 on 5 February.

11. A detachment of six planes operated from San Julian, Cuba, between 9 August 1943 and 1 October 1943. The squadron was detached from FAW on 18 October 1943.
(Footnotes)

12. Reported to CFAW 12 on 26 June 1944 - detached 10 July 1944.

13. Detachments of three planes each were established at Walker Cay (16 September 1942 - 1 July 1944), at Royal Island (15 February 1945 - 1 March 1945), and at Dinner Key (1 March 1945 - 15 May 1945). The squadron was detached from CFAW 12 on 27 June 1945.

14. A detachment of two aircraft operated from Camaguey, Cuba, between 3 April 1944 and 10 April 1944. Home base was moved to San Julian from Asiento Vieja on 1 August 1943. Squadron was detached on 1 June 1944.

15. Reported to CFAW 12 on 5 February 1945 - detached 4 March 1945.


17. Squadron was based at Richmond but operated detachments at NAF, San Julian, Cuba; NAS, Banana River, Florida; and NAS, Houma, Louisiana, under ComGulfSeaFron. Another detachment was based at Chorrera, Panama, under ComPanSeaFron. On 24 May 1945 one-blimp detachments were set up at NAS, Key West and Army Air Base, Apalachicola, Fla., under ComGulfSeaFron. On 25 May 1945 21-21 was transferred to FASW One under ComBasSeaFron.

18. Squadron based at NAS Houma, La., with Advanced Base at NAS, Hitchcock, Texas. Decommissioned 12 September 1944.

19. On 9 February 1944 squadron was transferred from NAS Hitchcock to NAS Houma and then on 1 March 1944 to Vernam Field, Jamaica, B.W.I. for operations under CFAW 3. Decommissioned 2 December 1944.

20. Decommissioned under ComGulfSeaFron at NAS Hitchcock, Texas, on 9 February 1944. Transferred to FASWing One (ComBasSeaFron) 31 May 1944.
Notes: The information on the preceding pages is believed to be as exact and accurate as it can be made with the source materials available at the Navy Department.

The following documents were examined in the preparation of the ComGulfSeaFron Task Organization:

(1) Com Seven and ComGulfSea Frontier Operation Plans.
(2) Atlantic Fleet Operation Plans.
(3) ComGulfSea Fron War Diaries.
(4) ComFlairWing 12 War Diary.
(5) ComFlairWing 12 History.
(6) War Diaries and Histories of the Squadrons attached to GulfSeaFrontier when necessary to verify facts.
(7) Daily Disposition of Vessels and Aircraft.
(8) Composition of Task Forces of US Fleet.
Organisation of Canadian Air Forces

15 March — 25 May 1942
25 May — 15 July 1942
15 July — 30 July 1942
30 July — 11 December 1942
11 December 1942 — 14 January 1943
14 January 1943 — 15 March 1943
15 March 1943 — 10 April 1944
10 April 1944 — 10 December 1944
10 December 1944 —
Organizations of Caribbean Sea Frontier Forces - 15 March - 25 May 1942

Operating under:
CinCLant Operation Plan No. 7C-41

Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier RAdm J.H. Hoover
Commandant Tenth Naval District
Commander Sea Frontier Group, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (when and as directed by CinCLant.)

Task Organization
A. Guantanamo Sector
B. Puerto Rico Sector
C. Trinidad Sector
D. Curacao-Aruba Group
E. Atlantic Fleet Detachment - Task Group 26.3 of U.S. Atlantic Fleet. 5 DE, 1 ASTD, 1 DE, 1 HMCS sloop, 1 Canadian Armed Merchant Ship, 3 SS of Subron 7

Notes:
1. CaribSeaFron Operation Plans prior to 15 March 1942 are not available. However, the following information is provided from the preface to the War Diary of the CaribSeaFron for 1942.

The Tenth Naval District was established 1 January 1940. On 1 August 1941, Rear Admiral J.H. Hoover relieved Rear Admiral R.A. Sprague as Commandant of the Tenth Naval District, Commander of the Caribbean Naval Coastal Frontier and Commander of the Caribbean Patrol of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

At the outbreak of hostilities the Caribbean Patrol of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Task Group 6.3, under the command of the Commandant of the Tenth Naval District, was operating in the area under CinCLant Operation Plan 7C-41. It was composed of the U.S.S. Barney, U.S.S. Blakeley, Eagles 43 and 55, Patrol Squadron 31 with the U.S. Luswina as tender, and the S-12, S-14, S-16 operating from the Submarine Base, St. Thomas.

On 7 March 1942 the Caribbean Naval Coastal Frontier became the Caribbean Sea Frontier.
e. Atlantic Fleet Detachment (cont.)

Patron 31
Patron 92
LaPueG AVP-1

(Supplied (Temporarily)

f. Antilles Air Force

Puerto Rico Region Interceptor Command
36th Pursuit Group 41 planes
Trinidad Region Interceptor Command
37th Pursuit Group (in Panama)
Detachment 36th Pursuit Group and Flight C,
28th Squadron, 37th Group.
9th Bombardment Group 15 planes
25th Bombardment Group 7 planes
40th Bombardment Group 7 planes
59th Bombardment Squadron 7 planes
44th Reconnaissance Squadron 4 planes
27th Reconnaissance Squadron 3 planes
5th Reconnaissance Squadron 3 planes

On 5 May 1942 Task Group 26.3 was augmented by ships from the U.S. Atlantic Fleet which remained with the task group until 15 May 1942. During this period the task group operated under ComCaribSeafron Operation Order No. 3.42 and was composed as follows:

26.3.9 ANTILIAN GROUP
2CL, 7 DD

26.3.10 GUADELOUPE GROUP
4 DD

26.3.11 AIR FORCE

1. VP-31 and VP-92 were both under the administration of PatWing 3.
2. On 1 April 1942 VP-92 had two planes at Guantanamo and five at Antigua. On 5 May 1942 the Antigua detachment was moved to St. Lucia.
26.3.11 AIR FORCE (cont.)

VP-31

VP-92

Antilles Air Force (as assigned).
Caribbean Sea Frontier Group Operation Order no. 5-42, dated 25 May 1942.

Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier
RAdm J.H. Hoover
Commander Tenth Naval District
Commander Sea Frontier Group, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

Task Organization

26.3.1 Patrol and Escort Group

8DD, 1 APD, 1 PG, 3 Pc, 1 PY, FYc, 3 CGC, 6 HMS Corvettes, 1 HMS Sloop, 1 HMIS mine layer

26.3.2 Air Group

Lt. Commander Huberton
VP-31
VP-92

26.3.3 Submarine Detachment

Lt. Commander Knapp
3 SS

26.3.4 Submarine Base, St. Thomas
LtCdr Fish

26.3.5 Marine Corp Air Group, St. Thomas
LtCol Rogers

WAD-3

26.3.6 NOB, Guantanamo Bay

Captain Weyler
1 DD, 1 PG, 1 AIQ, 5 VP

1. The ships listed in the patrol and escort group are also listed under their bases.

2. On 24 June 1942 VP-92 established a detachment of 3 planes at Camaguey, Cuba. On 5 July 1942 VP-92 moved from San Juan to Guantanamo, leaving 2 planes at San Juan for air-sea rescue.
Task Organization (cont.)

26.3.7  aOB, TkLdUml  Captain Ginder

- 1 DD, PT, 1 PTc, 1 PC, 4 VP

26.3.8  CulHaO-nRüda Group  Ruch Oldendorf

- 2 PC, 5 HNMS corvettes, 1 HNMS sloop,
  1 HNMS nine layer
ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN SEA FRONTIER FORCES - 15 JULY - 30 JULY 1942

Operating under: ComCaribSeaFron Operation Plan No. 1-42, dated 15 March 1942
ComCaribSeaFron Group Operation Order No. 5-42, dated 25 May 1942
Correction to Caribbean Sea Frontier Order No. 5-42, dated 15 July 1942

Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier
Commandant Tenth Naval District
Commander Sea Frontier Group, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

Task Organization

92.1 PATROL AND ESCORT GROUP
1 APD, 1 PG, 3 PC, 1 PY, 1 PTc, 3 CGC, 6 HMS corvettes,
1 HMMS sloop, 1 HMMS mine layer

92.2 Aircraft Group
LtCdr Heberton
VP-31
VP-92
SSDPIPac

92.3 SUBmarine DETACHMENT
Cdr Knapp
3 SS

92.4 SUBmarine BASE, ST. THOMAS
LtCdr Fish

92.5 Manned VHP AIR GROUP, ST. THOMAS
LtCol Major

92.6 MOL, GUANTANAMO BAY
Captain Weyler
1 DD, 1 PG, 1 ATO, 5 VP

92.7 MOL, TRINIDAD
RAdm Oldendorf
1 DD, 1 PY, 1 PTc, 1 PG, 4 VP
Task Organization (cont.)

92.8 CUNA-CHI GROUP

R. Radm Robinson

2 PC, 5 HISS corvettes, 1 HISS sloop, 1 HISS mine layer

Commander Carib Sea Frontier
Commandant Tenth Naval District
Commander Sea Frontier Group, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

Task Organization

a. Guantanamo Sector Group

Navy 92.6

Vessels and aircraft as assigned.

Naval Local Defense Forces

MOB, Guantanamo Bay

Army

Captain Weyler

MGen Collins

Army Ground Forces

Combined Local Defense Forces, Jamaica

Army Air Forces

BGen House

Air Units, Jamaica, Cuba

b. Puerto Rico Sector Group

Navy 92. ComCaribSeaFron

Vessels and aircraft as assigned.

Naval Local Defense Forces

Submarine Base, St. Thomas

Army

MGen Collins

1. Vessels assigned to sector groups are the same as those shown under the Naval Escort and Striking Group.
Army (continued)

Army Ground Forces

Joint Local Defense Forces, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix, Antigua

Army Air Forces

Air Units, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix, Antigua

BGen House

ARMV AWFRCS BGen House

ARMY LDV BGen House

ARMY AVFRCS BGen House

c. Trinidad Sector Group

Navy 32-7

Vessels and aircraft as assigned

Local Naval Defense Forces.

NOS, Trinidad

Army

Army Ground Forces

Combined Local Defense Forces, Trinidad, St. Lucia, British Guiana, Surinam, Venezuela (mutual cooperation)

Army Air Forces

Air Units, Trinidad, St. Lucia, British Guiana, Surinam

BGen House

Army

Army Ground Forces

d. Aruba-Curacao Group

Navy 32-8

All U.S. and Dutch Army, Navy and Air Forces assigned.

e. Naval Escort and Striking Group

92.1 Escort Group

3 DD, 1 APD, 3 HMHS sloop, 1 HMHS mine layer, 3 HMDS DD, 8 HMDS corvettes, 14 PC, 19 SC, 4 PG, 1 PYc, 2 YMS, 11 GGC

92.3 Submarine Group

3 SS
Task Organization (continued)

92.2 Navy Air Group
Patrol Wing BLWAN 1
VP-31
VP-92 4 5
VS-1D10 6
Sandpiper

92.5 Marine Air Group
VMS-3

1. Antilles Air Force
   BGen House
   Puerto Rico Region Fighter Command
   Trinidad Region Fighter Command
   25th Bombardment Group, Puerto Rico and Cuba
   9th Bombardment Group, Trinidad
   59 Bombardment Squadron, Aruba, Curacao

1. On 1 November 1942 PatWing Eleven became Fleet Air Wing BLVAN.
2. On 15 August 1942 the administration of VP-31 was transferred from PatWing 3 to PatWing 11.
3. On 19 September 1942 a 2 plane detachment was established at Great Barrier.
4. Transferred to Trinidad for duty on 10 September 1942.
5. Administration transferred to ComAirWingLant on 19 November 1942.
6. Commissioned at San Juan 2 July 1942.
ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN SEA FRONTIER FORCES - 11 DECEMBER 1942 -  

14 JANUARY 1943

Operating under: ComCaribSeaFron Operation Plan 2-42, dated 20 July 1942  
ComCaribSeaFron Operation Order No. 7-42, dated 11 December 1942

Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier  
Commandant Tenth Naval District  
Commander Sea Frontier Group

VAdm J. H. Hoover

Task Organization

a. 92.1 Naval Escort Group

TU 92.1.1 Tarbell Group (Guantanamo)
   1 DD, 1 PG, 3 PC

TU 92.1.2 Greer Group (Trinidad)
   1 DD, 1 PG, 3 PC

TU 92.1.3 Upshur Group (Trinidad)
   1 DD, 1 PG, 3 PC

TU 92.1.4 Breckenridge Group (Trinidad)
   1 DD, 1 PG, 3 PC

TU 92.1.5 Sea Group (Guantanamo)
   1 DD, 1 PG, 3 PC

TU 92.1.6 Blakeley Group (Trinidad)
   1 DD, 1 PT, 3 PC
1/ The Naval Air Group represents the planes under the operational control of ComCaribSeaFron as of 11 December 1942. Administrative control of these squadrons was under Patrol Wing Eleven, which was commissioned on 15 August 1942, and took over the administration of VP-63, VP-31 and VP-92 from ComPatron Three. Administration of VP-74 was transferred to PatWing Eleven on 1 October 1942. VP-74 operated from Trinidad until 18 December 1942, when it was moved to Natal for operation under Commander Task Force 93. VP-83 had been operating from Brazil since April 1942, and PatWing Eleven maintained its administration, together with that of VP-74 and VP-94 until April 14, 1943, when they were transferred to PatW-16 in Brazil.

2/ On 19 August 1942 VP-32 was transferred from PanSeaFron to CaribSeaFron and on 21 October 1942 its administration was transferred from PatWing 3 to PatWing 11.

3/ On 10 October 1942 VP-34 transferred from PanSeaFron to CaribSeaFron, and on 21 October its administration was transferred from PatWing 3 to PatWing 11.

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Naval Air Group (cont.)

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VP-53

Norfolk 1 PBY5 (under repair)

Trinidad 11 PBY5

2/
Hedron 11

San Juan 1 PBY5A

3/ 4/
VS1D10

Antigua 38 082N

Borinquen 31 082N

San Juan 41 45 082N

5/ 6/
VS2D10

Guantanamo Bay 13S 082N

7/ 8/
VS3D10

Curacao 81 082N

San Juan 68 082N

1/ On September 24, 1942 the administration of VP-53 transferred from PatWing 12 to PatWing 11.
2/ Commissioned 29 August 1942
3/ Commissioned at San Juan 2 July 1942
4/ 23 October 1942 VS1D10 reports to PatWing 11 for administration, operational control resting with ComCaribSeaFron.
5/ Commissioned at Guantanamo 25 September 1942.
6/ 23 October 1942 VS2D10 reports to PatWing 11 for administration, operational control resting with ComCaribSeaFron.
7/ Commissioned at San Juan 3 November 1942.
8/ 23 October 1942 VS3D10 reported to PatWing 11 for administration, operational control resting with ComCaribSeaFron.
92.2 Naval Air Group (cont.)

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92.5 Marine Corp Air Group, St. Thomas

VMS-3

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<td>St. Lucia</td>
<td>1 J2F</td>
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92.3 Submarine Group

3 SS

92.4 Submarine Base, St. Thomas

LtCdr Fish

92.6 Guantanamo Forces

Ships and aircraft as assigned.

Naval Local Defense Forces

NOB Guantanamo Bay

92.7 Trinidad Forces

RAdm Oldendorf

Ships and aircraft as assigned.

Naval Local Defense Forces

NOB, Trinidad

1/ Commissioned at Trinidad 1 September 1942

2/ 23 October 1942 VS410 reported to PatWing 11 for administration, operational control resting with ComCaribSeaFron.
ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN SEA FRONTIER FORCES - 14 JANUARY -

15 MARCH 1943


Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier
Commandant Ten'th Naval District
Commander Sea Frontier Group, U. S. Atlantic Fleet

Task Organization 92.0

a. Puerto Rico Sector

Sea Frontier vessels assigned

1 PC, 1 SC, 3 CGC, 1 YMS, 2 AMo, 3 YP, 1 YN, 3 YNT

CG Reserves assigned to Dominican Republic

4 CGC, 1 AT

Inshore Patrol

4 YP, 1 AMo, 1 YT, 2 YM, 4 CGC, 1 CGR

92.2 Naval aircraft assigned

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VMS-3 11 OS2N, 3 J2F, 1 JRF

92.5 Marine aircraft assigned

Col. Major

Army aircraft assigned

Hgen House

Detbomron 35 Borinquen 1 M6, 2 M6B
Cofron 32 Arecibo 10 P40e, 4 P36A, 2 P40G
Cofron 23 Vega Baja 14 P3CD, 3 P36A
Cofgru 36 Losey 2 P39D
Detron 23 Bourne 5 P40e, 1 P36A

1/ On 1 March 1943 the designation of VSIIDIO was changed to VS-63

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Task Organization (cont.)

b. **Trinidad Sector Forces**

**RAdm Oldendorf**

**Sea Frontier vessels assigned:**

5 DD, 2 PG, 14 PC, 11 SC, 4 CGC, 1 FYs, 2 YMS, 2 AMc, 1 YF, 1 AVP (Lapwing)

**Inshore Patrol**

2 YP, 1 AMc, 4 CGC

**LtCdr Penny**

**92.2 Naval Aircraft assigned.**

**LtCdr Nichols**

-Nedron 11 Trinidad 1 PBm-9

-VP-53 " " 10 PBm-5

-VP-81 " " 4 PBm-5

-VP-34 " " 4 PBm-5

**92.5 Marine Aircraft assigned**

Col Major

-VMS-3 Bean Field 1 J2F

-St. Lucia 3 OS2N

**Army aircraft assigned.**

-Cofron 22 Waller 9 P39D

-Cobourn 80 Edinburg 10 H1S2B

-Cobourn 10 " 9 H1S2B 1 H1S

c. **92.6 Guantananmo Sector Forces**

**Captain Wayler**

**Sea Frontier vessels assigned.**

3 DD, 1 PG, 9 PC, 2 Sc, 1 FY, 1 YMS, 1 AMc, 1 YN, 1 TNT

6 CGR assigned to Haiti

1/ Reported for duty 18 December 1942. Administration transferred same date.
c. 92.6 Guantanamo Sector Forces (cont.)

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<td>Detbosron 417 Camaguey</td>
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<td>CoBosron 417 Veran</td>
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d. 92.8 Curacao-Aruba Forces RAdm Robinson

| Sea Frontier and district vessels assigned: |
| 1 RNMS DD, 1 RNMS PC, 6 PC, 4 CGG, 4 YMS, 3 YP, 1 YMT, 2 CGC |
| 92.2 Naval Aircraft assigned LtCdr Ingram |
| VS3D10 Curacao 9L 062N |
| Aruba 5L 062N |

1/ On 1 March 1943 the designation of VS2D10 was changed to VS-43.
2/ On 1 March 1943 the designation of VS3D10 was changed to VS-44.
Army aircraft assigned

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ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN SEA FRONTIER FORCES - 15 MARCH 1943 -
10 APRIL 1944

Operating under: ComCaribSeaFron Operation Plan 1-43, dated 15 March 1943

Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier
Commandant Tenth Naval District
Commander Sea Frontier Group, U. S. Atlantic Fleet

VAdm J. H. Hoover

Task Organization

04.1

a. Naval Escort and Striking Group

04.1 Surface vessels assigned to escort duty.

As assigned.

04.2 Naval Aircraft

As assigned.

04.3 Submarines

As assigned.

04.5 Marine aircraft

As assigned.

2/ The following squadrons were at the disposal of ComCaribSeaFron on 15 March 1943:

VP-32
VP-34
VP-53
VP-61 (reported 18 December 1942)
VP-203 (reported 13 December 1942 for shakedown training)
VP-204 (began daylight only operations 1 March 1943)
VP-205 (reported 2 February 1943 for shakedown training)
VP-207 (reported 10 February 1943)

VS-43, VS-44, VS-45, VS-63

VP-83, VP-74, VP-61 were administratively under Fleet Air Wing ELEVEN, but were operating from Brasil.

1/ Relieved by VAdm Cook 12 Aug 43 VAdm Cook detached 15 February 1944 - 58 -
a. Naval Escort and Striking Group (cont.)

04.9 Lighter-than-air ships.

As assigned.

04.10 Killer Group

As assigned.

b. Puerto Rico Sector Group

Navy - ComCaribSeaFron and Commandant Tenth Naval District

Vessels and aircraft as may be assigned.

Naval Local Defense Forces

04.4 Naval Operating Base, St. Thomas

Army - MGent Pratt

Army Ground Forces

Joint Local Defense Forces - Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix

Combined Local Defense Forces - Antigua

Fourth Observation Squadron

Army Air Forces MGent House

Air Units - Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix, Antigua

c. Guantanamo Sector Group

Navy - RAdm Weyler

Vessels and aircraft as assigned.

Naval Local Defense Forces

04.6 NOB Guantanamo Bay

Army MGent Collins

Army Ground Forces

Combined Local Defense Forces, Jamaica, Great Exuma

Joint U. S. Local Forces, Cuba

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e. *Quantamano Sector Group* (cont.)

Army Air Forces  MGen House

Air Units, Jamaica and Cuba

d. *Trinidad Sector Group*

Navy  RAdm Oldendorf

Vessels and aircraft assigned

Naval Local Defense Forces

04.7 NOB Trinidad

Army  MGen Patch

Army Ground Forces

Army Air Forces  MGen Patch

Air units, Trinidad, St. Lucia, British Guiana, Surinam.

e. *Aruba-Curacao Group*  RAdm Robinson

04.8 All U. S. and Dutch Army, Navy and Air Forces assigned.

f. *Army Air Group*

Antilles Air Task Force  MGen House

VI Fighter Command

36th Fighter Command

25th Bombardment Group

25th Bombardment Group

59th Bombardment Squadron

Area Service Commands Antilles Air Task Force
Task Organization

a. 04.1 FRONTIER/SURFACE ESCORT, STRIKING AND SPECIAL TASK GROUP

SURFACE ESCORT GROUP

04.1.1 Vessels assigned to TAG-GAT Convoys - Task Unit Commander
04.1.2 " " " " " " " "
04.1.3 " " " " " " " "
04.1.4 " " " " " " " "
04.1.5 " " " " " " " "
04.1.6 Vessels as assigned. " " " 
04.1.7 Vessels as assigned. Subsidiary Convoys " 
04.1.9 Vessels as assigned " 

STRIKING GROUP

04.1.11 A/S Group 1, Vessels and aircraft as assigned.
04.1.12 to 19 inclusive, vessels and aircraft as assigned.

SPECIAL TASK GROUP

04.1.20 Vessels not otherwise assigned.
04.1.21 to 29 inclusive - Special Task Units as ordered.
b. 04.2 FRONTIER AIR TASK GROUP

04.2.1 to 10 inclusive FLEET AIR WING ELEVEN  Captain Rule

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1/ 18 September 1944 relieved by Captain Crawford
2/ For distribution of squadron planes to bases, see breakdowns under sector bases.
3/ Transferred to FAW-5 8 August 1944
4/ Transferred from MorSeaFrom to CaribSeaFrom 10 March 1944.
5/ Transferred to FAW-12 25 November 1944
6/ Transferred to FAW-9, 19 September 1944
7/ Transferred to FAW-11 24 February 1944
8/ Transferred to FAW-5, 6 June 1944.
9/ Transferred to FAW-5, April 16, 1944.
10/ Transferred to FAW-9, 8 August 1944
11/ Withdrew without relief and decommissioned 27 October 1944.
12/ Administration transferred to FAW-5 6 June 1944.
13/ Transferred to FAW-5 for decommissioning April 16, 1944
    Relieved by VS-44, VS-44 decommissioned 8 October 1944
14/ Decommissioned June 5, 1944.
FLEET AIR WING ELEVEN (cont.)

Squadrons assigned as of 1 November 1944.

1/ VP-92
2/ VP-204
3/ VP-210
4/ VP-212
5/ VP-214

FLEET AIRSHIP WING FIVE

Cdr Bailey

04.2.11 Blimp Squadron 51

04.2.12 Blimp Headquarters Squadron FIVE

04.2.13 to 19 inclusive - Blimp detachments as assigned.

MARINE AIRCRAFT

Col Major

04.2.20 to 29 inclusive - Headquarters and scouting squadrons as assigned.

ARMY AIR - Antilles Air Command

BGen Hayes

04.2.30 to 39 - Army air units as assigned.

c. 04.3 U. S. ARMY FORCES - Antilles Department and Caribbean

Coastal Frontier

- BGen Shedd

04.3.1 Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment of Antilles Department

1/ Transferred to San Juan from Curacao 27 November 1944.
2/ Administration transferred to FAW-12 25 November 1944.
3/ Transferred to FAW 11 at Guantanamo 15 September 1944.
4/ Reported to FAW-11 5 May 1944.
5/ ComCaribSeaFrom War Diaries do not show VS-63 as active
   after June 1944 but change No. 2 to annex "I" of ComCaribSeaFrom
   Operation Plan No. 1-44 shows 3 SM5's still operating from
   Borinquen Field as of 1 November 1944.

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c. 04.3 U. S. ARMY FORCES (cont.)

04.3.2 U. S. Army Ground Forces Not otherwise assigned.

04.3.3 U. S. Army Air Forces not otherwise assigned.

d. 04.4 PUERTO RICO SECTOR GROUP

04.4.1 NOB St. Thomas

04.4.2 Naval vessels as assigned.

(10 April 1944, vessels assigned as follows:

1 FGS, 4 YE, 2 COC, 2 AMC, 1 AT, 5 YT, 2 YNG, 1 YWT)

(11 November 1944 Naval Vessels assigned as follows:

2 SC, 2 COC, 2 YNS, 2 COC, 1 ATR, 3 YE, 2 COC, 4 COC

Buoy Tenders, 4 AMC, 1 YTB, 1 YTL, 1 YTM, 1 YNG, 3 YWT)

04.4.3 Naval aircraft as may be assigned.

(10 April 1944 aircraft assigned as follows:

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<td>VB-45 2 OS2N</td>
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<td>VS-63 6 SBD5</td>
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<td>1 JRF</td>
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1/ VB-12F had 4 PV1's at Boca Chica
04.4.3 Naval aircraft as may be assigned.

(11 November 1944 aircraft assigned as follows:

San Juan Borinquen Field
VP-92 3PBY5A VS-63 3 SBD5
VP-147 13 PVI

04.4.4 Naval Local Defense Forces

04.4.5 Dominican Flotilla (U. S. Coast Guard).

04.4.6 Joint Local Defense Forces, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix

04.4.7 Combined Local Defense Forces, Antigua

04.4.8 U. S. Army Ground Forces

04.4.9 U. S. Army aircraft as assigned.

04.5 GUANTANAMO SECTOR GROUP

04.5.1 NOB Guantamano

04.5.2 Naval vessels as assigned.

(10 April 1944 Naval Vessels assigned as follows:

3 DE, 15 PC, 1 PCS, 3 XP, 1 AMG, 1 AT)

(11 November 1944 Naval vessels assigned as follows:

2 DD, 14 PC, 2 SC, 5 CGC, 3 CCC, 1 SS, 1 ATR
2 AMG, 1 AH, 1 ATO, 1 YNG, 1 YNT, 5 YTL)

04.5.3 Naval aircraft as may be assigned.

(10 April 1944 aircraft assigned as follows:

Guantanamo Great Exuma
VP-32 10 PBM3 VP-32 2 PBM3
VP-204 1 PBM3 VP-210 3 PBM3
VP-210 10 PBM3
VS-43 12 SBD5
VS-45 14 OS2N
2 blimps

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04.6.3 Naval Aircraft (cont.)

(11 November 1944 naval aircraft assigned as follows:

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<td>VP-210 8 PBM3, VP-214 9 PBM3, 2 blimps</td>
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<td>Great Farm</td>
<td>VP-210 1 PBM3</td>
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f. 04.6 Trinidad Sector Group

O4.6.1 NOB Trinidad

O4.6.2 Naval vessels as assigned.

(1 Naval vessels assigned as of 10 April 1944
1 HNMS DD, 1 DE, 1 HNMS PG, 9 PC, 1 PC9)

(1 Naval vessels assigned as of 11 November 1944
1 DD, 10 PC, 3 SC, 1 YMS, 6 COC, 1 SS, 2 ATF, 1 ATR, 1 APS, 3 TP, 4 ACM, 1 YNT, 2 YTL, 1 YTB, 1 AN)

Royal British Naval Forces
5 anti-submarine yachts
8 Fairmile launches, 30th Flotilla
4 Fairmile launches, 47th Flotilla
8 harbor defense launches, 118th Flotilla
5 contact mine sweepers
2 miscellaneous ships
2 Fleet Air Arm Safety Ships.)

04.6.3 Naval aircraft as may be assigned.

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<td>VP-204 7 PBM3, VP-205 8 PBM3, VP-212 4 PBM3, VP-215 6 PBM3</td>
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<td>Panama</td>
<td>3 PBM3 at Panama, 2 PBM3 at Panama, 6 PBM3 at Panama</td>
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04.6.3 Naval aircraft as may be assigned. (cont.)

Carlsen Field
VB-133 10 PV1
4 Blimps

British Guiana
VP-205 1 PBM3

Atkinson Field
1 Blimp

Dutch Guiana Zandery Field
VP-92 7 PBY5

Paramaribo
1 Blimp

(Naval aircraft assigned as of 11 November 1944)

Trinidad
VP-204 8 PBM3
VP-212 9 PBM3

Carlsen Field
3 Blimps

Paramaribo
1 AVP (Thrush)

04.6.4 Naval Local Defense Forces

04.6.5 Combined Local Defense Forces, Trinidad

04.6.6 Combined Local Defense Forces, St. Lucia

04.6.7 Combined Local Defense Forces, British Guiana

04.6.8 U.S. Army Ground Forces

04.6.9 U.S. Army aircraft as assigned

g. 04.7 Aruba-Curacao Sector Group

All U.S. and Netherlands Army, Navy and Air Forces assigned.

(Naval vessels assigned as of 10 April 1944:
2 PC)
g. 04.7 Aruba-Curacao Sector Group (cont.)

(Naval vessels assigned as of 11 November 1944:
1 PC, 3 SC, 6 XMS, 4 CGC, 2 ATR
1 YNT, 1 YTB, 1 YTL
RNMS
1 motor torpedo boat
3 anti-submarine whalers
2 motor torpedo boats (in reserve)
1 tug.)

(Naval aircraft assigned as of 10 April 1944:
Curacao Hato Field  Aruba Dakota Field
VP-92 6 PBY5A  VS-37 5 SBD5
VB-141 6 PV1
VS-37 5 SBD5

(Naval aircraft assigned as of 11 November 1944:
Curacao Hato Field
VP-92 10 PBY5A)
ORGANIZATION OF CARIBBEAN SEA FRONTIER FORCES-10 DECEMBER 1944

Operating under: ComCaribSeaFron Operation Plan No. 2-44.

Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier
Commandant Tenth Naval District

Task Organisation

a. 04.1 FRONTIER SURFACE ESCORT, STRIKING AND SPECIAL TASK GROUP

Vessels assigned to ComCaribSeaFron

b. 04.2 FRONTIER AIR TASK GROUP

Fleet Air Wing ELEVEN Cdr. Shields (acting)

The following squadrons were active under FAW-11 as of 31 December 1945:

VP-92 4/
VP-210 5/
VP-212 6/
VP-213 7/
VP-214 8/
VB-147 9/

1/ No ComCaribSeaFron Operation Plans or Orders available after 10 December 1944.
2/ 8 August 1945 relieved by Vice Admiral Monroe.
3/ 15 January 1945 relieved by Captain Goodney.
4/ Ordered to Eastern Sea Frontier to reinforce A/S forces 6 January 1945
5/ 2 July 1945 departed San Juan for decommissioning.
6/ 1 April 1945 reported to Eastern Sea Frontier for temporary duty.
7/ 1 July 1945 departed San Juan for decommissioning.
8/ 15 January 1945 transferred to FAW-3.
9/ 30 May ordered to Quonset for decommissioning.
b. 04.2 Frontier Air Task Group (cont.)

Fleet Airship Wing Two   Cdr. Flaherty

Army Air - Antilles Air Command - BGen Hayes

c. 04.3 U.S. Army Forces - Antilles Department and Caribbean Coastal Frontier - MGen Harding

d. 04.4 Puerto Rico Sector Group

e. 04.5 Guantanamo Sector Group   Commodore Mahoney

f. 04.6 Trinidad Sector Group   Commodore Baughman

g. 04.7 Aruba-Curacao Group   RAdm Beatty

By 1 September 1945, all of the squadrons which had operated with Fleet Air Wing ELEVEN had been decommissioned or transferred, but two new squadrons had been added: VPB-114 on 29 May and VPB-73 on 30 May 1945. These squadrons were distributed as follows on 1 September 1945:

San Juan

Commander Fleet Air Wing ELEVEN and Staff
Headquarters Squadron, Fleet Air Wing ELEVEN
VP-73
VPB-114 (sub-detachment of Boca Chica unit.)

Lagos, Azores

VPB-114
Hedron 11 Detachment

Port Lyautey, French Morocco

VPB-73 Detachment
VPB-114 Detachment
Hedron 11 Detachment

Key West (Boca Chica) Florida
VPB-114 Detachment

Guantanamo Bay
VPB-73 Detachment
Sources

ComCaribSeaFron War Diaries

ComCaribSeaFron Operation Plans and Orders

Wing and squadron histories
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES PANAMA FTA FRONTIER

22 December 1941 -- 26 March 1942
27 March 1942 -- 9 September 1942
10 September 1942 -- 14 March 1943
15 March 1943 -- July 1945
NOTE: The information on the following pages is believed to be as exact and accurate as it can be made with the source materials available at the Navy Department at this time.

The following documents were examined in the preparation of the ComPanSeaFron Task Organization:

3. ComPanSeaFron War Diary.
4. ComFleetAirWing 3 War Diary.
5. ComFlairWing 3 History.
7. War Diaries and Histories of Squadrons attached to FlairWing 3 when necessary to verify facts.
8. Daily Disposition of Vessels and Aircraft.
ORGANIZATION OF THE AIR FORCES IN THE PANAMA SEA FRONTIER

22 DECEMBER 1941 - 26 MARCH 1942

Operating under: CinClant Operation Plan #8-41, dated 20 December 1941.
ComPanSeaFron Operation Plan #24-41, dated 8 December 1941 and #1-42, dated 9 January 1942.

CinClant
Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command
Commending General, Air Task Force

TASK GROUP 6.4  

PANAMA NAVAL COASTAL FRONTIER  

RAdm F.H. Sadler, USN

Com 15

Patrol Wing 3

NAS Coco Solo, C.Z. 5
VP-316
VP-326
VP-52 (Detachment) 8
VP-81 (Detachment) 9

USS Clemson AVD-4 6,10
USS Osmond Ingram AVD-96,11
USS Lapwing AVP-16,12
USS Sandpiper AVP-96,13
USS Goldsborough AVD-56,14

Advanced Bases
Fonseca, Nicaragua 15
Salinas, Ecuador 26
Galapagos Island, Ecuador 17
ORGANIZATION OF THE AIR FORCES IN THE PANAMA SEA FRONTIER

22 DECEMBER 1941 - 26 MARCH 1942

(Footnotes)

1. Established on 22 December 1941 under Commanding General, Caribbean
Defense Command, in order to integrate Army and Navy forces in the
defense of the Canal.

2. Atlantic Fleet designation of Panama Naval Coastal Frontier Forces.

3. Replaced by Panama Sea Frontier with Com 15 in command on 4 April 1942.

4. Operated under Com 15 at Fleet Air Base, Coco Solo, Canal Zone, since
1 October 1937. Fleet control was exercised by Commander, Aircraft
Scouting Force, U.S. Fleet, and later by ComPatWingLand.

5. Formerly Fleet Air Base - originally established at Coco Solo, Canal
Zone in 1918.

6. Units assigned to ComPatRon 3 at time of attack on Pearl Harbor.

7. Based at San Juan, P.R. under temporary orders of Com Caribbean Patrol
at time of Pearl Harbor attack.

8. A detachment of VP-52 reported to CPatWing 3 on 11 December 1941.

9. A detachment of VP-81 reported to CPatWing 3 on 12 December 1941.

10. On 8 December 1941 on temporary duty at Natal, Brazil, under ComTaskFor
Three. It arrived at Coco Solo 13 January 1942.

11. On 8 December 1941 in Charleston, S.C. Navy Yard under overhaul. Ar-
rived Coco Solo 29 December 1941.

12. On 8 December 1941 at Trinidad, B.W.I. on temporary duty under ComCarib-
Pat.

13. On 8 December 1941 based at Coco Solo, Canal Zone. On 11 December sent
to advanced base, Fonseca, Nicaragua.

14. On 8 December 1941, enroute to Canal Zone. Arrived Coco Solo, Canal
Zone, 23 December 1941.

15. Established 11 December 1941 by units of NAS Coco Solo as advanced base
for patrol aircraft.


17. Established between 12 and 23 December 1941. The seaplane tenders were
moved from one base to another for servicing of aircraft before the
bases were equipped to do the work themselves.
ORGANIZATION OF THE AIR FORCES IN THE PANAMA SEA FRONTIER

27 MARCH 1942 - 9 SEPTEMBER 1942

Operating under: CinCLant Operation Plans #1-42, dated 4 March 1942 and #2-42, dated 8 May 1942.


CinCLant
Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command
Commanding General, Air Task Force

TASK GROUP 26.42 PANAMA NAVAL COASTAL FRONTIER

Com 15

26.4.3 Aircraft Group

Patrol Wing 3

NAS Coco Solo, Canal Zone

HedRon 34
VP-31
VP-32
VP-52 (Detachment)7
VP-81 (Detachment)8
VP-339
VP-3410

VS-1D15 (VS-59)11

BomRon 45, USAAF (Detachment)12
FightRon 52, USAAF (Detachment)13

USS Clemson AVD-44
USS Osmond Ingram AVD-915
USS Lapwing AVP-116
USS Sandpiper AVP-9
USS Goldsborough AVD-517
USS Matagorda AVP-2218
USS Albemarle AV-518

Advanced Bases

RAdm F.H. Sadler, USN
(PAdm C.E. Van Hook, USN)

Cdr. A. Gavin, USN
(Cdr. A.L. Compo, USN)
Cdr. A. Gavin, USN
(Cdr. A.L. Compo, USN)
1. On 7 August 1942 tacit approval of CNO was received for putting the operational control of aircraft of PatWing 3 into the hands of ComPanSeaFron alone. Thereafter, until 9 June 1943, Navy air forces' chain of command went from the Wing Thru ComPanSeaFron to Commanding General, Panama Canal Department.

2. On 24 June 1942 Task Force numbers were changed to 93 and 93.3 from 26.4 and 26.4.3.

3. Panama Sea Frontier established under Com 15 on 4 April 1942.

4. Established at NAS Coco Solo, Canal Zone on 4 September 1942.

5. Transferred to ComPatWing 11 on 15 August 1942.


9. Reported to ComPatWing 3 on 16 July 1942 at NAS Coco Solo, Canal Zone.

10. Reported to ComPatWing 3 on 26 July 1942 at NAS Coco Solo, Canal Zone.

11. Reported to ComPatWing 3 on 17 June 1942 at NAS Coco Solo, Canal Zone.

12. Reported to ComPatWing 3 on 15 June 1942 at France Field, Canal Zone.

13. Reported to ComPatWing 3 on 19 June 1942 at France Field, Canal Zone.


15. Detached 2 June 1942.


17. Reported to ComPatWing 3 on 20 May 1942.

18. Assigned to ComPatWing 3 on 1 September 1942.
ORGANIZATION OF AIR FORCES IN THE PANAMA SEA FRONTIER

10 SEPTEMBER 1942 - 14 MARCH 1943

Operating under: CinCLant Operation Plans #2-42, dated 8 May 1942 and #3-42, dated 8 December 1942.

ComPanSeaFron Operation Plans #35-42, dated 10 September 1942; #36-42, dated 14 September 1942; #35-42 (revised) and #36-42 (revised), dated 1 December 1942.

CinCLant
Commanding General, Panama Canal Department

**TASK FORCE 93**

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93.1 **Aircraft Group**

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NAS Coco Solo, Canal Zone

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VP-33

VP-34³

VS-1015 (VS-59)⁵

VS-2015 (VS-60)⁵,⁶

BomRon 45, USAAF (Detachment)⁷

FightRon 52, USAAF (Detachment)⁸

**USS Albermarle** AV-5⁹

**USS Coldseborough** AVD-510

**USS Matagorda** AVP-229

**USS Sandpiper** AVP-611

**USS Pocomoke** AV-512

**USS Clemson** AVD-413

**USS Rockaway** AVP-2914

Air Stations and Bases¹⁵

Portland Bight, Jamaica; Galapagos Island;

Puerto Castilla, Honduras; Corinto, Nicaragua;

Limon, Panama; Barranquilla, Colombia;

Vernam Field, Jamaica; Turbo, Colombia; Salinas, Ecuador.

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1. U.S. Fleet designation for PanSeaFron.

2. Atlantic Fleet designation for PanSeaFron.

3. Designation changed to Fleet Air Wing on 1 November 1942. Next higher administrative command: ComFleet Air Wings, Atlantic Fleet.

4. Transferred to ComPatWing 11 on 27 October 1942.

5. Reclassified 1 March 1943 as VS-59 and VS-60.

6. Reported to ComPatWing 3 on 16 September 1942.

7. Operational control transferred to Sixth Bomber Command on 6 November 1942.

8. Detached on 26 February 1943.

9. Transferred to CFAW 5 on 12 November 1942.

10. Detached 29 October 1942.

11. Administration transferred to PatWing 7 on 22 September 1942.

12. Reported 1 November 1942 - detached 14 November 1942.

13. Reported 1 November 1942 - detached 23 February 1943.


15. All these advanced air bases were in operational use by 31 March 1943.
Organizing Air Forces in the Panama Canal Area

15 March 1943 - July 1945

Operating under: CincLant Operation Plans #2-43, dated 8 December 1942; #1-43, dated 1 September 1943; and #1-44, dated 17 February 1944.

ComPanSeaFron Operation Plans #3-43, dated 15 March 1943 and #5-43, dated 3 April 1943.

CincLant
Com Tenth Fleet
Commanding General, Panama Canal Department

T. SK FORCE 05 Panama Canal Area

- Com T. G. 26.5
- Com 15

05.1 Aircraft Group

- Com T. U. 26.5.3
- Fleet Air Wing 3

A.S Coco Solo
Heidron 3

- VP-33
- VP-206
- VP-1 (VPB-1)
- VP-276
- VP-209 (VPB-209)
- VP-204 (Detachment)
- VP-205 (Detachment)
- VP-15 (VPB-15)
- VP-84 (VPB-84)
- VPB-2011
- VP-7412
- VPB-21413
- VS-5914
- VS-6015
- ZP-23 (Detachment)16
- ZP-21 (Detachment)17
- BomRon 10, USN18

RAdm C. E. Van Hook, USN
(RAdm H. C. Train, USN)
(Capt. E. S. Stone, USN)
(RAdm H. F. Kingman, USN)

Capt A. L. Compo, USN
(Capt C.A. McDonald, USN)
(Capt B.F. Schaege, USN)
(Capt A. L. Compo, USN)
(Capt C.A. McDonald, USN)
(Capt B.F. Schaege, USN)
Organization of Air Forces in the Panama Sea Frontier, 15 March 1943 - July 1945

05.1 (Cont.)

| USS Rockaway     | AVP-22
| USS Tarush       | AVP-32
| USS Union        | AVP-31
| USS Buckeye      | AVP-13
| USS Albeaure     | AV-5

Advanced Bases, Naval Air Stations, etc.24
15 January 1943 - July 1945

(Footnotes)

1. From 9 June 1943 to 1 October 1943, Fleet Air Wing 3 was placed under the operational control of Sixth Bomber Command, USAAF. Then from that date to 31 March 1944, the Sixth Air Force, Patrol Command, operated under Commander Fleet Air Wing 3. From 1 March 1944 until it was decommissioned 2 December 1944, Blimp 23 was under operational control of CFAW 3.

2. Atlantic Fleet designation for Panama Sea Frontier.

3. Detached 7 July 1943.

4. Reported 2 April 1943. Under Operational Control of Sixth Air Force, USAAF, from 1 October 1943 to 31 March 1943 Detached from CFAW 3 on 24 April 1944.


6. Reported 15 June 1943. Under operational control of Sixth Air Force, USAAF from 1 October 1943 to 31 March 1943. Detached from CFAW 3 on 17 May 1944.


8. A detachment of two aircraft of each squadron were transferred to CFAW 3 on 17 March 1944. The four aircraft were at once incorporated into assigned squadrons.

9. Reported to Wing on 21 April 1944 - detached 15 October 1944.


11. Assigned to CFAW 3 for temporary duty 12-27 July 1944.


15. Transferred to CFAW 5, 20 October 1943.
16. Detachment based at Chorrera, Panama, from 1 March 1944 until it was decommissioned on 2 December 1944.

17. Detachment assigned to CPSF on 2 December 1944 - it was still operating under FAW 3 in June 1945.

18. Reported for temporary duty under FAW 3 at French Field, Canal Zone, on 1 January 1944 - removed from FAW 3's operational control 30 March 1944.


20. Reported 1 September 1943 - detached 23 March 1944.


24. Summary of detachments operated by FAW 3:

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(1) Maintained after this date as emergency & refueling base.

(2) Operations were occasionally conducted from these places after regular detachments were withdrawn. Barranquilla and Vernam Field were used by LTA after withdrawal of planes.

Note: Dates indicate first and last times the bases were used by FAW-3 detachments. Operations at many bases were intermittent.
ORGANIZATION OF FORCES IN GIBRALTAR-MOROCCO AREA

October 1942 — April 1943
April 1943 — April 1945
15 April 1945 — 1 August 1945
ORGANIZATION OF FORCES IN GIBRALTAR-MOROCCO AREA

OCTOBER 1942 - APRIL 1943

Operating under: Western Task Force Operation Order #A-42, dated 16 Oct. 1942

Allied Commander-in-Chief
Naval Commander, Allied Forces

Task Force 34

Western Naval Task Force
ComPhibForLant

Western Task Force

Task Group 26.7

Sea Frontier Forces, W.T.F.

26.7.1 Escort Unit

26.7.2 Patrol Wing

26.7.3 Base Unit

Naval Operating Base, Casablanca

1. S.F. established by order of ComPhibLant (NGWTF), was first under the operational command of Commanding General, WTF, and under the administrative control of CinCNav. As of 1 March 1943 operational control of MSF was turned over to ComNav (ComEighth Flt).

2. Title was changed to Moroccan Sea Frontier Forces on 17 Feb. 1943.


4. Fleet Air Wing 15 (title changed from Patrol Wing 1 Nov. 1942) commissioned 1 Dec. 1942 at Norfolk and began operations at P.L. 10 Jan. 1943 under Capt. G. A. Sietz, USN.

5. Relieved by Capt. G. A. Sietz, USN, 10 Jun. 1943.


7. Arrived at Port Lyautey 13 Nov. 1942.


VAdm H.K. Hewitt

MajGen G. Patton, USA

RAdm J. L. Hall, jr, USN

Cdr H.M. Briggs, USN

Lt.Cdr. A.S. Heyward, USN

VP 73 (originally at P.L.)

VP 92 (originally at Casa)

USS Burnegat

USS Biscayne

AVP-10

AVP-11
0.7.3 Cont.

Fedalla Section Base

Sanl Section Base

Minor Escort and Sweeper Craft

Organisation of Units in USS. Mid-1940-1946

April 1943 – April 1945

Operating under: Con Eighth Fleet (ComNavNaw) Operation Orders #3-43, dated 15 April 1943; #6-43, dated 13 August 1943; #9-43 dated 17 November 1943; #1-44, dated 12 February 1944.

Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces in N. Africa (Br)

USN, Med(Br)

Commander Eighth Fleet (ComNavNaw)

Ships and Craft Assigned

PC'S, SC'S, YMS

Naval Operating Base, Casablanca

15 April 1943 – 12 August 1943

Naval Aviation Group

Capt. G.A. Seitz, USN

Naval Air Station, Port Lyutey

Capt. G.A. Seitz, USN

(Naval Air Facility, Tunis)

Ships and Craft Assigned

PC'S, SC'S, YMS

(Ships and Craft Assigned)


2. Replaced by Capt. T. A. Turner, USN, as ComPAW 15 and Co, NAS Port Lyutey.

3. Merged with PAW 15 by order of ComNavNaw, 8 June 1943.

4. Established 3 June 1945 by order of ComNavNaw, withdrawn from TF 52 on 17 Nov. 1943 by ComNavNaw.

5. Established by order of ComNavNaw on 17 April 1943.

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TF 87  Cont.

**Fleet Air Wing 15**

Hedron 15
VP-92
VP-73
First Squadron, 2037th A/S Wing, AAF
Second Squadron, 2037th A/S Wing, AAF

Fedala Section Base

Safi Section Base

**13 August 1943 — 12 February 1944**

Naval Aviation Group

Naval Air Station, Port Lyutey
Naval Air Facility, Tunisia
Naval Air Advanced Base #1, Agadir
567 Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit

**Fleet Air Wing 15**

Hedron 15
VP-92
VP-73

1. Detachment of six PBY-5A's sent to NAAAB #1, Agadir.
2. Arrived at NAS Port Lyutey for duty under CRW 15, 9 Mar. 1943.
3. Closed 16 Sept. 1943 and port turned over to French.
4. Closed 26 August 1943 and port turned over to French.
5. NAS Port Lyutey established 12 Jun. 1944 by order of ComInch and CNO.
7. Replaced VP-73 at NAAAB #1, Agadir, on 5 Dec. 1943.
First Squadron, 480th A/S Group,AAF
Second Squadron, 480th A/S Group,AAF

(NB127)2,3
(NB111)4
(NB112)5
(NB132)6
(NB63)7

13 February 1944 - 1 September 1944

Naval Aviation Group
Capt. T. A. Turner, USN.

Naval Air Station, Port Lyautey
Capt. T. A. Turner, USN

(Naval Air Facility, Dakar)9

Naval Air Advanced Base #1, Agadir
(Advanced Base French Detachment, Ajaccio, Corsica)10
(Advanced Base Air Detachment, Gibraltar)11

566 Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit

Fleet Air Wing 15
Capt. T. A. Turner, USN

Hedron 15
VP 92
VP 9212

1. Detached from FAW 15, 19 Nov. 1943.
2. Reported to CFAW 15 on 6 Sept. 1943.
3. A detachment of six PV-1's sent to NAAB #1, Agadir, 30 Nov. 1943.
4. Reported to CFAW 15 on 3 Nov. 1943.
5. Reported to CFAW 15 on 17 Nov. 1943.
7. Reported to CFAW 15, 16 Dec. 1943.
8. Relieved by Capt. G. T. Owen, USN, as SOP and CFAW 15 and by Comdr. T. G.
Penny, USN, as CO, NAS, Port Lyautey, 6 March 1944.
9. NAS Port Lyautey assumed Administrative control on 9 July 1945.
11. Temporary base set up 29 Mar. 1944 to support detachments of VB 114 and
VB 112. Closed 7 July. British facilities used thereafter when needed.
TF 32  Cont.

VB 1271
VB 132
VB 1112,3
VB 1124,5,6
(VB 114)7,8,9,10,11
VP 63
(VFP-1)12,13
(AP-14)14
(VFB-1)15
(VFB-2)16

2 September 1944 - 14 April 1945

Naval Aviation Group  Commodore C.T. Olm, USN

Naval Air Station, Port Lyutey  Comdr. T. C. Penny, USN

1. Replaced at Agadir by VB 133, 13 Feb. 1944.
2. A detachment of four PB4Y's sent to temporary duty with CFAW 7, 3 May 1944.
3. Detached from FAW 15, 10 July 1944.
4. A detachment of 4 PB4Y's sent to operate out of Gibraltar 29 April 1944.
5. A detachment of four PB4Y's sent to temporary duty with CFAW 7, 3 May 1944.
6. Detachment of four PB4Y's return from Gibraltar to Port Lyutey, 7 July 1944.
7. Reported to CFAW 15, 27 Feb. 1944.
8. Detachment of 6 SL PB4Y's sent to Gibraltar, 29 March
9. A detachment of 8 SL PB4Y's sent to duty with CFAW 7, 18 June 1944.
10. Gibraltar detachment of VB 114 ordered back to Port Lyutey, 7 July 1944.
11. Last of VB 114 detached from FAW 15 for duty under ComNavForZones (CFW 7)
12. Reported to CFAW 15, 13 Feb. 1944 - assigned to NAAS #1, Agadir, 3 Feb. 1944.
14. Reported to CFAW 15, 1 June 1944.
15. Reported to CFAW 15, 1 July 1944 at Agadir, F.M.
16. Reported to CFAW 15, 11 July 1944 at Agadir, F.M.
Naval Air Facility, Dakar

Naval Air Advanced Base #1, Agadir

566 C. B. M. U.

(Advanced Base Blimp Detachment #1, Cuers, France)\(^1\)

Advanced Base French Detachment #1, Ajaccio, Corsica

(Advanced Base French Detachment #2, Malta)\(^2\)

Fleet Air Wing 15

Commodore G. T. Owen, USN

Hedron 15

VB (VPB)\(^3\) 127

VB (VPB)\(^3\) 132\(^5\)

VB (VPB)\(^3\) 112\(^6\)

VP (VPB)\(^3\) 63\(^7\)

VFP (VPB)\(^{4,8,9,10}\)

VFP 2\(^11,12,13,14,15\)

VFB 1\(^16,17\)

VFB 2\(^18\)

ZP 1\(^19\)

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1. Established on 16 Sept 1944 to support a Blimp Minespotting & Utility Detail.
3. Classification changed 1 Oct. 1944 from VP and VB to VPB.
4. Classification changed 16 Nov. 1944.
5. Detached from FAW 15, 20 Nov. 1944 - aircraft turned over to FVFP-1.
8. Detachment of 3 PBY-5A's based at Malta.
9. Malta and Ajaccio Detachments brought back to NAAB #1 Agadir.
10. VFPB-1 detachment of 3 PV-1's transferred from Agadir to Port Lyautéy, 27 Dec. 1944.
11. Reported to CFAN 15 and sent to Agadir 3 Sept. 1944.
13. A detachment of PBY-5A's sent to Cuers, France, 1 Nov. 1944.
ORGANIZATION OF FORCES IN GULF OF MOROCCO AREA

15 APRIL 1945 - 1 AUGUST 1945

Organized under: ComTenth Flt, Operation Order #1-45, dated 15 April 1945.

Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean
Lt. Gen.

Commander Twelfth Fleet

Task Force 125

Naval Forces Northwest African Waters

VAdm W. Glassford, USN

125.2 Moors and Naval Frontier Forces

Commander B. V. McCandlish, USN

Ships and Craft Assigned

PC's, SC's and YMS:

Naval Operating Base, Casablanca

Naval Aviation Group

Commodore G. T. Owen, USN

Naval Air Station, Port Lyautey

LtCdr D. C. Allen, USN

Naval Air Facility, Dakar

Naval Air Advanced Base #1, Agadir

Advanced Base Blimp Detachment #1, Cuers, France

1. Cuers, France, detachment joins Agadir Detachment at Port Lyautey 1 Jan. 1945
2. Transferred from Agadir to Port Lyautey for duty, 21 Sept. 1944.
3. Detached from FAN 15 and assigned to T.A.F., USA, Cognac, France, 22 Nov. 1944
4. Detached from FAN 15 and assigned to T.A.F., USA, Cognac, France, 23 Nov. 1944
5. Detachment of ZP-14 established in Mine Sweeping Detail at Cuers, France, 1 Sept. 1944.

6. Twelfth Fleet Op Order 1-45 (15 Apr. 1945) (Naval War made Com Task Force (125) of twelfth Fleet (ComNav Europe) under the administration and policy making control of ComNav Eu and as representative of ComNav Eu, under the operational control of Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean.
7. Dissolved with departure of FAN 15 and staff on 9 July 1945 for U.S.
8. Remains in charge of Craw Field even though ATC is using field for Project Green, July 1945.
9. Taken over in May ATC for Green Project.
10. Facilities taken over by the 125th Base Unit, AAF, ATC for Green Project, 24 May 1945.
11. By June, other Blimp bases were set up at Pisa, Italy, and Venice, Italy.
566th Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit
(1272nd Base Unit, ATC, AAF)\(^1\)

**Fleet Air Wing 15**\(^2,3\)

- Hedron 15\(^4\)
- VPB-127\(^5\)
- VPB-636\(^6\)
- VFPB-17\(^7\)
- VFP-17\(^7\)
- ZP-14\(^8\)

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1. Activated at NAS Port Lyutey, 10 May 1945
2. CFAW 15 and staff departed Port Lyutey for US, 9 July 1945
3. FAW 15 decommissioned, 28 July 1945.
4. Dissolved - most of personnel returned to states 9 July 1945 with FAW-15 personnel.
5. Detached from FAW 15, 16 June 1945 and directed to CFAW 5 for decommissioning.
6. Detached from FAW 15, 6 June 1945 and directed to CFAW 5 for decommissioning.
7. Returned to Agadir for duty May 1945 - units destined to be turned over to French Navy.
8. As of July, AP-14 remained based at NAS, Port Lyutey, but operational control exercised by ComNavNav.
COMPOSITION OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE

(AIR FORCES)

25 March 1942 — 4 August 1945
1. On 4 April 1942 Task Force 39 arrived at Scapa Flow from Casco Bay, Maine, and reported to the Home Fleet.

2. On 25 April 1942 the designation of Task Force 39 was changed to Task Force 99.

3. RAdm Wilcox was lost overboard from the WASHINGTON on 27 March 1942, and RAdm Giffen assumed command of the task force.

4. Squadrons aboard the WASP were VF-71 (27 VF, 1 VSN), VS-71 (15 VSB), VF-72 (15 VSB), and VT-7 ((VB).
Position U.S. Naval Forces in Europe - 26 April - 1 September 1942.

Operating under: No operating plan available.

ComNavBu

Operational Control: Adm Sir John C. Tovey

ComHh, British Home Fleet

Task Organization

1. Task Force 99 (except WASP) departed Scapa Flow 28 April 1942 with KING U.O.M., VICTORIOUS, KENYA, MARGASTO, MIDLOTH, BULWARK, HIBISCUS, LAMBTON to cover convoys between Iceland and Murmansk. OTC: ComHh Home Fleet.

2. Detached from Home Fleet 16 August 1942 and reported to CinC for duty.

3. 1 September 1942 TF 99 dissolved at Greenoch, Scotland.

4. Departed Hvalfjordur, Iceland, for Brooklyn 14 July 1942. Flag transferred to ICHITA.

5. 11 April 1942 WASP loaded British aircraft and personnel and carried them to Malta, returning Scapa Flow 26 April 1942. A second ferry trip to Malta was made 2 May - 15 May 1942. 17 May 1942 the WASP departed Roseneath, Scotland, and arrived Norfolk 27 May for trans or to the Pacific.
During the above period there appear to have been no ships or aircraft operating under the Commander of U.S. Naval Forces in Europe.
20 January 1943

Operating under:

ComNavEu Adm Stark

Task Organization

99.1 ULVAdi, D.J.B., heating

99.1.2 BLAckerISH

99.1.4 SIRAD

99.2 ALBAck
    THOMAS STONE

99.2 MADISON
    LecSDeLE
    C.F. HUGHES
    H.P. JONES
COMPOSITION OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE - 20 January - 3 February 1943

Operating under:

ComNavEu

Adm Stark

Task Organization

Task Force 99

99.1 BEAVAK, SHAD, HAM, LOV, HUH

99.1.2 BLACKFISH

99.1.4 SHAH

99.7 ALLSBACK, THOMAS STONE
COMPOSITION OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE - 3 FEBRUARY - 15 MARCH 1943

Operating under:

ComNavEu

Adm Stark

Task Organization

Task Force 99

99.1 BUNKER, BLACK, HUNTING

99.1.2 BLACKFISH

99.1.4 SHAD

90.1 DAKOTA, THUNDER STORM

99.2 MADISON, LANE, SHELTON, O.F. HUGHES, H.P. JOHNSON

1. Detached 10 March 1943.
Operating under:

Commissioner: A.E. Stark

Task Organization

Task Force 92

92.1 Black, Blue, Gray

92.1.2 Black

92.1.4 Blue

92.2.1 Black, Blue, Gray, C.I. numbers, En. June 1/

92.7 Blue, Grey 2/

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1/ Lettered 14 April 1943.
2/ Reported 28 April 1943.
COMPOSITION OF U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE - 27 MAY - 26 JULY 1943

Operating under:

COMM. NAV. ADM. STARK

Task Organization

Task Force 92

92.1 BAY
92.2 MARLIA
92.3 TUB
92.4 SMR
92.5 NAANOS, HNS, HAO
92.3 Bogue, Boston, Inverary, Glenta, Inland, Lass

1/ Reported 23 April 1943. The Bogue Task Group, operating under Operation Order 2-43 of COM Task Force 92, became Task Group 92.3 for the protection of Convoy AN-235 to the United Kingdom. The Bogue Task Group, assisted by 22.1.14, consisting of H.M.S. Churchill, H.M.C.S. Restigouche, Brandon, Collinwood, H.M.S. Brent and H.M.C.S. St.Cached. On 15 May the Bogue Task Group departed Helmsford Lough en route to Iceland to support Convoy ON-134.

2/ 9.C-7 aboard.

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Operating under:

Commodore

Admiral

Task Organization

Task Force 92.

1/ ALABAMA

SOUTH DAKOTA

LILY SAN

HOLY SAV

LIONS

LINCOLN

FIRCA

1/ Task Group 92.2 dissolved 5 August 1973.
Operating under:

CoaNavéu

Llavérdu U. S. Fleet

Task Force 112.

Task Group 112.1

1/ 3/ Rhett Borden

Laguna

Tuscalousa

Augusta

Isakiwold

Corry

Forrest

Hobo

Bell

1/ Task Force came under the operational control of the Admiralty on 17 August 1943 and changed its designation to T.G. 112.1 and .

2/ 19 August 1943 arrived Scapa Flow.

Operating under:

C ommander

ETO SHAE

Tenth FLEET

Task Force 121

S.S. CLY

S.S. AUGUSTA

TUSCALOOSA

PITCAIRN

CORY

FORSYTH

HOBSON

CARTS

Eleventh Amphibious Force

Room S108

1/ 26 November 1943 TF 121 became TF 68, a part of the Atlantic Fleet at Hvalfiord, Iceland. Various changes in the escort force were made during this period.
Operating under:

Commander

Acm Stark

Tasks Force 122

Flag Command

Task Force 123

11th Amphibious Force

AFCOM

123. Ships, landing craft and bases as assigned.

Task Force 124

Support

Task Force 129

129.1 Advance Bases

Capt Ives

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With the exception of the ship-based forces listed above, U.S. Navy planes did not operate in European waters until August 1943.

Prior to that date, anti-submarine coverage of the approaches to the United Kingdom was provided by planes of the R.A.F. Coastal Command and of the U.S. Army Air Forces, while Fleet Air Wing Seven was cooperating with Canadian and British activities in covering the northern convoy route from bases in Newfoundland, Greenland and Iceland.

In August 1943, Fleet Air Wing Seven began to move from its northern bases into the United Kingdom to supplement the anti-submarine activities of the U.S. Army Air Forces. The first U.S. Navy Squadron to operate from the United Kingdom was VF-63, which moved from Iceland to Pembroke Dock, South Wales, on 20 July 1943, and was based there until 15 December 1943, when it was transferred to Fleet Air Wing Eleven at Port Lympne, France/Morocco. The head quarters of Fleet Air Wing Seven were moved from Argentina to Plymouth and other squadrons were flown in, until by 29 March 1944, the task organization shown below had been established.

All operations by Fleet Air Wing Seven and its constituent squadrons were under the operational control of the 19th Group of the R.A.F. Coastal Command. For administration, the Wing reported to CinCLant until 26 April 1944, when it was transferred to the 9th Fleet.
U.S. naval forces in Europe were designated as the 10th Fleet, effective 1 October 1943. The 10th Fleet was largely an administrative command, embracing all United States naval forces assigned to British waters and the Atlantic Coastal waters of Europe. Command was responsible for the maintenance and training of all U.S. Naval units in the area. For operations connected with the invasion of Europe, he assigned appropriate task forces to the operational control of the British Admiral commanding the Allied naval contingent of the Supreme Command. The development of the 10th Fleet is not undertaken in this guide, apart from its air force, which was limited to the activities of Fleet Air Wing Seven. The composition of that wing until August 1945 is given on the following pages.

1/ One other naval aviation activity existed briefly and was not under Fleet Air Wing SEVEN. Before the Normandy Invasion, the seventeen naval aviators from the USS (LHA-1), KAMA, LSC-1038, and THAS were trained to fly S-47s by the U.S. Army 67th Reconnaissance Group, 9th Tactical Air Force, and formed a part of the Air Spot team, which operated from R.A.S., Lee-on-Solent from 1 to 4 August.

2/ In January 1945, the 10th U.S. Fleet, under Command Naval Forces Northwest African Waters, became a task force of the 10th Fleet. For the composition of air forces in the 10th U.S. Fleet and in the task force to which it became, see the Guide to the Composition of the 10th U.S. Fleet.
Fleet Air Wing Seven Patrol Group U.S. (cont.)

| VB-102 | Lt. PENY-1 | Lt. Car Gwy |
| VB-103 | Lt. PENY-1 | Lt. Car Von Luecat |
| VB-114 | Detachments of PENY-1's |
| VB-111 | Detachments of PENY-1's |

1/ Prior to 5 May 1943 had been designated as VP-31. Transferred on 18 September 1943 to St. Evie, Cornwall, and on 12 October 1943 to Dunswell, Devon.

2/ Designation changed from VB-102 to VB-103 on 1 October 1944.

3/ Commissioned at San Diego 3 March 1944. On 15 August 1944 transferred from Argentina to St. Evie, Cornwall. On 20 September transferred to Dunswell, Devon.

4/ Designation changed from VB-102 to VB-103 on 1 October 1944.

5/ On 17 June 1944 6 searchlight lenses to 9 crews reported from Fort Lyndey, French Morocco, and were joined by 3 additional lenses on July 1944. On 29 July 1944 a detachment of VB-111 was established at Lajes in the Azores, reporting to PA-7 for administration. Operational control was under the British and the lenses bore both British and American insignia. On 7 February 1945 the detachment of VB-111 rejoined the squadron in the Azores.

6/ Designation changed from VB-114 to VP-114 on 1 October 1944.

7/ Commissioned Norfolk 30 August 1943. On 3 October 1943 2 lenses arrived at St. Eliz. On 8 October 1943 administration transferred from PA-5 to PA-7. On 3 November 1943 VB-111 was transferred to PA-15. On 2 March 1944 3 lenses and 3 crews were transferred from PA-15 to PA-7, followed by another crew on 19 July 1944 and three additional crews on 15 May 1944.

8/ Designation changed from VB-111 to VP-111.

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4 August 1944

(Air Forces J.t.L.)

Operating under:

Command Operation Plan 1-22, dated 8 March 1944.
Command Operation Plan 2-22, dated 23 March 1944.
Command Operation Plan 3-22, dated 13 April 1944.
Command Operation Plan 4-22, dated 24 April 1944.
Command Operation Plan 5-22, dated 25 May 1944.
Command Operation Plan 6-22, dated 12 September 1944.

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New Stark

Operational Control
19th Group, R.A.F. Coastal Command
15th Group, R.A.F. Coastal Command

Task Organization

Fleet Air Wing Seven

Commodore Hamilton

a. 121.1 Fleet Air Wing Seven Command Headquarters, Plymouth

b. 121.2 Fleet Air Wing Seven Patrol Air Group One Car Control

1/ Beginning 11 September 1944, FAA-7 planes began to fly additional patrols in the Northeastern approaches under the operational control of the 15th Group, R.A.F. Coastal Command.

2/ Decommissioned at Norfolk 4 August 1945.

3/ As of 31 March 1944 FAA-7 had reported to R.A.F. Fleet.

4/ Relieved by R.A.M. McCall 31 March 1945.

5/ Based at Lunsford, Devon.

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b. 1112 Fleet Air Wing, Seven Patrol Air Group OIC (cont.)

1/ 1112.3 VPB-103 14 PBY-1 Capt. Patterson
2/ 1112.5 VPB-105 14 PBY-1 Lt Col Johnson
2/ 1112.11 VPB-111 14 PBY-1 Lt Col Caroll
2/ 1112.63 VPB-63 Detachment 2 PBY-1 Lt Col Nesboster

1112.3 Fleet Air Wing Seven Patrol Group CO. OIC. Johnson

1112.9 VPB-107 13 PBY-1 Lt Col Brewer

1/ Departed Dunsowell, Devon for Norfolk, Virginia, 3 June 1945.
2/ Departed Dunsowell, Devon, for Norfolk, Virginia, 3 June 1945.
2/ Departed Dunsowell, Devon, for Norfolk, Virginia, 3 June 1945.
4/ On temporary duty with Foms 1-9 from 1 January 1945 to 1 June 1945. Administration remained with Foms 1-9.
5/ Detachment returned to Foms 1-5 3 June 1945 and was discontinued with VPB-63 3 July 1945.
6/ Based at Upottery.
7/ Transferred to Foms 7 on 26 January 1945 and became operational 3 February 1945.
8/ Administration remained with Foms 1-6.
9/ Departed Dunsowell, Devon for Norfolk, Virginia, 3 June 1945.
c. 14.5. Fleet Air Wing Unit 10 (cont.)

14.5.2 Air Wing 10.4, H.M.S. "Victory"

14.5.3 Air Wing 10.1 Carrier A.A. Station

14.5.6 Headquarters Squadron 7

a. Phx-1, Phx-2, Phx-3 Utility CRC or it assigned.

b. U.S. Naval Air Facility: (1) Immediate and (2) Battery Cat. Killer

W-11W Base - 1 Searahight A-1

Special Air Unit - 1 = H-1, 1 P-211

14.7. Special Air Unit - 1 P-211

1/ Reported to Ph-7 6 January 1945

2/ Administration remained with Ph-75.

3/ Commissioned 23 March 1944 as an activity of the 12th Fleet.

4/ Reported 19 June 1944.

5/ Reported for duty 23 July 1944 and has subsequently been at

a. Horsfield, Hampshire, England. The purpose of this unit was to

b. Attack targets of special importance with newly developed weapons.

Under U.S. Army operational control.

6/ This unit was dissolved 18 September 1944.

7/ On 14 September 1944 a B-24 was transferred to this unit and was

a. Based at Woodhaven to carry out special operations in collaboration

b. With U.S. Army planes under the general direction of Col. Berton Easter.

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Scheme:

Composition of Task Forces - Ravel Records and Library
Disposition of Ships and Aircraft

War Libraries

histories of ships and Squadrons concerned.

operation plans
Task Force 34 (Western Naval Task Force)

Operation ANX-122

Mission:
Establishment of Western Task Force on beachheads ashore near Melilla, Fez, and Safi, and support of subsequent coastal military operations in the capture of Casablanca, French Morocco as a base for further military and naval operations. 23 October 1942 to 40 November 1942.

Force, Group, and Unit Organization.

I. LEA TURE
23-26 Oct. 1942

II. P l a s t e n c e
27 Oct. - 6 Nov. 1942

III. D e e p e n t a c t
7-15 Nov. 1942

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## I. LETTUCE

### Eastern Naval Task Force

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III. Landing Attack

Western Naval Task Force

Covering Group

HOSSACHUSNETTS (F) DD59
VO-7
ComCruDiv SEVEN
VICHIITA CA45
VCS-7
tESGALOOSA CA37
VCS-7
ComDesRon EIGHT
MAINWRIGHT (F) DD419
ComDesDiv SIXTEEN
RAYMOND DD402
RIHIND 404
JANKINS DD447

Capt. D. P. Moon, USN

Air Group

CTU Center Air Group

ComSubTaskUnit

RANGER CV4
ComRangerAirGroup (1 TBF)
VF-9
VF-41
VS-41
CLEVELAND CL55
ELLYSON DD454
CORY 463
HOBBSON 464

ComSubTaskUnit

SUNRISE ACV(CVE)27
VCS-27
VGF-27
VGF-28
VCS-30
FORREST DD461
PITCH 462

RAdm. H.K. Kewitt, USN
(ComPhibsLant)
RAdm. R.C. Giffen, USN
(ComCruDiv SEVEN)

RAdm. E.D. MoWhorter, USN
(ComCruDiv SEVEN)

RAdm. E.D. MoWhorter, USN
CTU Northern Air Group
San Jacinto
VGS-26
VGF-26
Iledebecht
Hamburg
Capt. C.W. Wieber, USN
ACV(CVE)26

CTU Southern Air Group
San Diego
VGS-29
VGF-29
Rodman
Eisenhower
Capt. W.D. Sample, USN
ACV(CVE)29

CTU Train
Cherbourg
Capt. B.H. Wyatt, USN

(With capacity load U.S. Army P40-F planes embarked)

Train
Capt. J.J. Twomey, USN

Northern Attack Group
Radm. Monroe Kelly, USN

Fire Support
Texas (F) (F.S.G. 1) BB35
Vo-5
Savannah (F.S.G. 2) CL42
VGS-8
ComDestrOn Eleven (F.S.G. 3)
Hoe (F) (F.S.G. 3L) DD418
Kearny (F.S.G. 32) 412
Ericsson (F.S.G. 33) 440

Transport Group
Transports
Livermore
Ebrene
Parker
DD429
430
6-4

Task Group ZED
Brig. Gen. Truscott, USA

Special Detachment
Dallas
DD199

Center Attack Group
Capt. Emmett, USN

Fire Support
Augusta (F.S.G. 4) CA51
VGS-7
Rovaniemi
Brooklyn (F.S.G. 5) CL40
VGS-8

Attached and transferred to 34.2, 11 Nov. 1942.
Attached from 34.2 and transferred to 34.9.1, 12 Nov. 1942.
4.9.1 (Cont'd)  
ComDesDiv TWENTY-SIX (F.S.G. 6)  
WILKES (F) (F.S.G. 61) DD441  
SWANSON (F.S.G. 62)* 443  
LUDLOW (F.S.G. 63)* 438  

4.9.2  
Transports, A/S Screen and A/M Sweepers  
WOOLSEY DD437  
EDISON 439  
BRISTOL 453  
BOYLE 600  
MURPHY 605  
TILLMAN 641  

4.9.3  
Task Group YOKE  
Maj. Gen. Anderson, USA  

4.10  
Southern Attack Group  
RAdm. L. A. Davidson, USN  

4.10.1  
Fire Support  
NEW YORK (F.S.G. 7) DD34  
VO-5  
PHILADELPHIA (F) (F.S.G. 8) CL41  
VCS-8  

4.10.4  
ComDesRon FIFTEEN (F.S.G. 9) Capt. C.C. Hartman, USN  
PERVINE (F) (F.S.G. 91) DD489  
KNIGHT (F.S.G. 92) 635  
BEATTY (F.S.G. 93) 640  

4.10.2  
Transports, A/S Screen and A/M Sweepers  
COXIE DD632  
DORAN 634  
QUICK 490  
COLE 155  
BERNADOU 153  

4.10.3  
Task Group X-RAY  
Maj. Gen. Harmon, USA  

4.11  
Submarine Group
Invasion of Southern France

9 August - 25 September 1944

Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean - Gen. Sir. H. H. Wilson, KCB

N.A.V.A.L Commander Western Task Force - VAdm H. K. Hewitt, USN (Com3thFlt)
Army * * * * - MajGen A. H. Patch (ComGen7thArmy)
Air * * * * - BGenc G. F. Saville (ComGen12thTAF)

Task Force 30
Control Force, Western Task Force - RAdm H. K. Hewitt, USN.
ComEighth Fleet
ComNavW.T.F.

80.1
Force Flagship
USS Caution
AGC-5
Conadr. G. O. Corp

Task Force 34
Al.pha Attack Force
ComEighth PhibFor
US.S DUANE (F)
AGC-6

84.7
Gunfire Support Group
RAdm J. M. Lansfield, R.N.

ConC aRon 15 (Br.)

HMS Ramilies
BB
USS Quincy*
CA-71
VCS-10

HMS Orion
CL
HMS Ajax
CL
HMS Black Prince
CL
FS Floire
CL
6 DD

Task Force 35
Delta Attack Force
Com Group 2 Eighth PhibFor
US.S SUSTAIN (F)
AVP-11

85.12
Gunfire Support Group
ConB.tDiv Five

USS Texas
BB-35
USS Nevada
BB-36

*Withdrawn from operation 28 August 1944

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**Task Force 37**  
**Cruise Attack Force**  
**Commanding Group 2 Eighth PhibFor**  
**USS New London (p)**  
11 DD  

**Task Force 36**  
**Support Force**  
**Commanding CruDiv Eight**  
**USS Augusta (F)**  
CA-31  

FS Lorraine  
HS Dido  

**Gunfire Support Reserve**  
**USS Cincinnati**  
CL-6  
**USS Omaha**  

**Task Force 38**  
**Aircraft Carrier Force**  
**Commanding Escort Carriers (BR.)**  
**HS Royalist (F)**  
12 CL

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* After departure of NCMF on 24 September, this unit was left behind to support operations against enemy on Ligurian coast.  
**Withdrawn from operation 27 August 1944*
British Carrier Force

Com TF 88
HMS Royalist (F)\textsuperscript{AA}
HMS Khedive\textsuperscript{CVE}
HMS Emperor\textsuperscript{CVE}
HMS Selucher\textsuperscript{CVE}
HMS Pursuer\textsuperscript{CVE}
HMS Attacker\textsuperscript{CVE}
HMS Delhi\textsuperscript{AA}
HMS Troubridge\textsuperscript{DD}
HMS Tuscan\textsuperscript{DD}
HMS Tyrian\textsuperscript{DD}
HMS Teazer\textsuperscript{DD}
HMS Tumult\textsuperscript{DD}
HMS Tenacious\textsuperscript{DD}
HMS Navarino\textsuperscript{DD}

U.S. Carrier Force

Com Crg Group Eighth Fleet
USS Ticonderoga (C)*\textsuperscript{CVE-72}

VF-1

USS Enterprise (F)*\textsuperscript{CVE-69}
VF-74
VF(N)-74

HMS Hunter\textsuperscript{CVE}
HMS Stalker\textsuperscript{CVE}
HMS Colombo\textsuperscript{AA}
HMS Coldon\textsuperscript{AA}

Destroyer Squadron 17

Capt. Murrough, USN*
Co DesDiv-34
Capt. W. L. Benson, Jr.

USS Butler (F)\textsuperscript{DD-636}
USS Guernsey\textsuperscript{DD-637}
USS Shubrick\textsuperscript{DD-639}
USS Murphy\textsuperscript{DD-603}
USS Jek:flexs\textsuperscript{DD-611}

* Relieved Capt. Murrough on 21 August 1941

Other Naval Aviation Units Involved:


PBY-5A's of VP-63 engaged in recce and utility work 21 Aug. 1944, 1 Nov. 1944. Minespotting Units Involved:


TG 38.2, USN pilots in carrier-based HAA units.

TG 39.3, USN pilots in carrier-based HAA units.

SOUTH ATLANTIC AREA

FOURTH FLU\L

1 June 1943 - 20 September 1943

20 September 1943 — 15 May 1944

15 May 1944 — 15 April 1945
SOUTH ATLANTIC AREA

UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET

FOURTH FLEET

Task Organization (Air) as of 1 June 1943, with changes effected during the period 1 June 1943 to 20 September 1943.

ConFOURThFleet

Vice admiral Jonas H. Ingram, USN.

Operating under Commander in Chief, US. Atlantic Fleet Operation Plan No. 3.42, dated 8 December 1942 as modified by CinCLant dispatch 01093 of March 1943, and Commander FOURTh Fleet Operation Plan No. 1-43, dated 20 May 1943.

ConFOURThFleet Op-Plan No. 1-43 placed in effect 1 June 1943.

MISSION

(a) Guard traffic in local areas;
(b) Destroy or capture enemy forces and shipping;
(c) Destroy or capture vessels trading directly or indirectly with the enemy;
(d) Escort Bahia-Trinidad, Trinidad-Bahia convoys and furnish air coverage for same within the area assigned to this fleet;
(e) Patrol the sea areas under this command with surface forces, ship-borne and land-based aircraft with the specific purpose of accomplishing (b) and (c) above;
(f) Patrol the sea areas adjacent to the Brazilian coast and islands, using air and surface craft, for offensive anti-submarine operations, and for the defense of convoys;
(g) Destroy or capture enemy expeditionary forces in this area; support the Army and Caribbean Sea Frontier Commands in the defense of land positions in order to prevent extension of the enemy military power in the SOUTH ATLANTIC AREAS.

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**Plus carriers and destroyers as ordered to Force or to groups.**

**Task Force 42. Escort Force (DD's, No Air Units)**

**Carriers as ordered. Destroyers as ordered.**

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*JIt. JIt. JIt. JIt. was absent from South Atlantic Area 20 June 1943 to 14 Sept. 1943 to undergo overhaul at Navy Yard, New York.*

**Following destroyers were assigned duty with TF 41 (Ocean Patrol) at various times during the period 1 June 1943 to 20 Sept. 1943:**

- JIt. JIt. JIt.  | DD 359
- JIt. JIt. JIt.  | 362
- JIt. JIt. JIt.  | 395
- JIt. JIt. JIt.  | 396

**No ships or other units were assigned to TF 43 (Carrier Group during the period 1 June 1943 to 20 September 1943.**
44.1 Fleet Air Wing I (HQ. at NAVAL)  
44.1.1 VP-74 (HQ. at NAVAL)  
44.1.2 VP-94 (HQ. at NAVAL)  
44.1.3 VB-127 (HQ. at NAVAL)  
44.1.9 Heddron 16 (HQ. at NAVAL) Lt. Cdr. L. W. Williams  
44.2 Fleet Airship Wing 14 (u. on reporting)  
44.2.1 Airship Squadron 52  
44.2.2 Airship Squadron 53  
44.2.9 Heddron 50  
44.3 Naval Air Shore Facilities.  
44.3.1 Naval Air Facility, Anapu, Brazil (LP&A/LTA)  
44.3.2 Naval Air Facility, Belem, Brazil (LTA/SP)  
44.3.3 Naval Air Facility, Irapuassu, Brazil (LTA)  
44.3.4 Naval Air Facility, Sao Luiz, Brazil (LTA/SP)  
44.3.5 Naval Air Facility, Fortaleza, Brazil (LTA)  
44.3.6 Naval Air Facility, Paul, Brazil (Land) (LP)  
44.3.7 Naval Air Facility, Natal, Brazil (Sao) (SP)  
44.3.8 Naval Air Facility, Recife, Brazil (LP&A/LTA)  
44.3.9 Naval Air Facility, Maceio, Brazil (LP&A/LTA)  
44.3.11 Naval Air Facility, Bahia, Brazil (SP)  
44.3.12 Naval Air Facility, Fernando de Noronha, Brazil (LP&A/LTA)  
44.4 Aircraft Tenders  
MURDOVAT VP21  
Command. G. C. Montgomery, USN  
*Did not report.


**TASK FORCE 45.** **Killers Groups.**

Ships and planes as may be ordered from Task Forces 42, 43, 44, 46, and 49.

**TASK FORCE 46.** **Brazilian Naval Forces of the Northeast.**
RAdm. Sares Dutru, B.N.

**TASK FORCE 47.** **Miscellaneous Force.**

47.1 **Fleet Flotillas.**

47.1.1 *HMS PHIS*  
CL 13

47.1.2 *BIG Pelada*  
YHB23

47.1.3 *Pratense*  
PYc44

47.1.4 *Blue Bird*  
R50-4, #5049

47.2 **Recife Detachment.**  
(No air units)

47.3 **Beira Detachment.**  
(No air units)

47.4 **Naval Detachment.**  
(No air units)

**TASK FORCE 48.** **Shore Bases.**

U. S. Naval Operating Facilities

**TASK FORCE 49.** **Brazilian Air Forces.**

49.1 **First Air Zone.**  
Col. Apel Hato, FAB

49.2 **Second Air Zone.**  
Brigadier Eduardo Gomez

49.3 **Third Air Zone.**  
Brigadier Heitor Varady

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Changes

In Task Organization (Air)

FOURTH FLEET

During the period 1 June 1943 to 20 September 1943

Task Force 44

Aircraft Wings

44.1 Fleet Air Wing 815 exchanged headquarters from Natal to Recife 23 July 1943.

44.1.2 VP-94 headquarters changed from Natal to Belem 16 June 1943.

44.1.3 VB-127 headquarters changed from Natal to Fortaleza 10 June 1943.

VB-127 detached and sent to Moroccon Sea Frontier 1 Sept. 1943.

44.1.4 VB-127 reported to Natal 15 June 1943.

Transferred to Belem by 1 June 1943. Headquarters at Natal 1943, at which time it moved to Re-

Transferred to Bahia (Ipitanga) assigned to TG 44.1.4 in ComFleet

44.1.5 VB-127 reported at Fortaleza 16 August 1943. Assigned to TG in ComFleet Op-Plan No. 2-43.

44.1.6 VB-143 reported at Recife (Ibura Field) 21 August 1943.

Assigned to TG 44.1.6 in ComFleet Op-Plan No. 2-43.

44.1.7 VB-145 reported at Natal 18 September 1943. Assigned to TG 44.1.7 in ComFleet Op-Plan No. 2-43.

44.2 Fleet Airship Wing FOUR

44.2.1 Blimp Squadron 41 of Fleet Airship Wing FOUK reported at Recife 27 September 1943.

(Fleet Airship Wing FIFTY did not report as contemplated in ComFleet Op-Plan No. 1-43)

44.4 Aircraft Tenders

44.4.1 HUMIDLOT detached 6 July 1943.

SudPipit reported for duty 14 September 1943. Assigned to TG 44.4.1 by ComFleet Op-Plan 2-43.

44.4.2 DAKOLOT reported for duty 26 June 1943. Assigned to TG 44.4.2 by ComFleet Op-Plan 2-43.
Sources

Commander, FOURTH FLEET Operation Plan No. 1-43, dated 20 May 1943.
Commander, FOURTH FLEET Operation Plan No. 2-43, dated 4 September 1943.
War Diaries for the months of June, July, August, September of the following:

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ComTaskForce 41
JSS Osaka
JMSUKa
CLICJII
JMSR
LPHIS
JOJTT
DAVIS
LSHLO
OFFLTT
JMSUOTT
SADPIPak
JMSUOTT

History of Fleet Air Wing SIAT....

Op-31 (LTA) (Interview)
SOUTH ATLANTIC AREA

UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET

FOURTH FLEET

Task Organization (Air) as of 20 September 1943, with changes effected during the period 20 September 1943 to 15 May 1944.


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CommunHt Fleet

VAcm. Jonas H. Ingram, USN

DePdIS CLl3

Fleet Flaggship

PLueVann E PE44

Relief Flaggship

sIG PhBly XHB23

Relief Flaggship (Ordered)

OceHh Patrul

RAdm. O.H. Reid, USN

ComCruDiv 2

41.1 OhaHA (F) CL4

VCS-2

41.2 IllmaUKlb UL5

VCS-2

41.3 CLlLhntm Tl UL6

VCS-2

41.4 IllmaUKlb UL7

VCS-2

41.5 DePdIS CLl3

VCS-2

Plus Carriers and Destroyers as ordered to Force or to Groups.**

CTF 41 flag shifted from OMAHA to IllmaUKlb 4 Oct. 1943; shifted from IllmaUKlb TO IllmaUKlb 16 Oct. 1943; shifted from IllmaUKlb to OMAHA 25 Nov. 1943.

Following vessels were assigned to duty with CTG 41 (Ocean Patrul) at various times during the period 20 Sept. 1943 to 15 May 1944:

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Escort Force
Commander H.C. Robinzon
(DesRon 9 and other destroyers and miscellaneous craft for escort and for assignment to CTF 41. No air units).

U.S. Army Forces of the South Atlantic Theatre.
Brig. Gen. Robert L. Walsh, U.S.A.

First Composite Sqdrn, Comp. Force 8022, Ascension I.

Aircraft Wings.

Aircraft Wings.
Captain R. D. Lyon

AirWing 16. (Headquarters at Recife)

VP-74 (Headquarters at Aratu)
VP-94 (Headquarters at Belem)
VB-107 (Headquarters at Natal)
VB-129 (Headquarters at Ipitanga)
VB-130 (Headquarters Fortaleza)
VB-143 (Headquarters at Recife-Ibura Field)
VB-145 (Headquarters at Natal)
VP-211 (Headquarters at Galeao-Rio de Janeiro. Reported 9-28-43)
HedRon 16 (Headquarters at Recife)
Utility Squadron FairWing 16

ComFleetAirship Wing A. Captain W. E. Zimmerman

Blimp Squadron 41 (Headquarters at Sao Luiz)*
Blimp Squadron 42 (Headquarters at Maceio)**

Blimp Hedron 4

* First airship arrived 27 Sept. 1943.
**First airship arrived 7 Nov. 1943.

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44.3 *Naval Air Shore Facilities.*

44.3.1 MAF Amapá, Brazil (LP&LTA)
44.3.2 MAF Belém, Brazil (LP&SP)
44.3.3 MAF Igape-Assú, Brazil (LTA)
44.3.4 MAF São Luiz, Brazil (LP&LTA)
44.3.5 MAF Fortaleza, Brazil (LP&LTA)
44.3.6 MAF Natal, Brazil (Lnd) (LP)
44.3.7 MAF Natal, Brazil (Shn) (SP)
44.3.8 MAF Recife, Brazil (LP&LTA)
44.3.9 MAF Maceió, Brazil (LP&LTA)
44.3.11 MAF Bahia (Aratu), Brazil (SP)
44.3.12 MAF Bahia (Ipatinga), Brazil (LP&LTA)
44.3.13 MAF Fernando de Noronha, Brazil (LP&LTA)
44.3.14 MAF Curavellas, Brazil (LTA)
44.3.15 MAF Rio de Janeiro (Santa Cruz), Brazil (LP&LTA)
44.3.16 MAF Montevideo, Uruguay (LP&SP)
44.3.17 MAF Ascension (LP)

44.4 *Aircraft Tenders.*

44.4.1 Said DIP-10 AVP9
44.4.3 CGC-83449 (Target towing) (Reported to Com.thFlt 23 Sept. 1943).
44.4.2 Baldwin AVP10

**FORCE 45.** *Brazilian Naval Forces of the Center Command.*

RAdm. Durval de Oliveira Teixeira, B.N.

**FORCE 46.** *Brazilian Naval Forces of the Northwest.*

RAdm. Soares Dutra, B.N.

**FORCE 47.** *Miscellaneous Force.*

47.1 *Fleet Flagships.*

47.1.1 USNPHS CL13 VCS-2
47.1.2 BIG PEBBLE YFB23
47.1.3 PBR & R & CGS PTc44
47.1.4 BLUE bIRD R50-4, #5049

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Task Force 47. Continued

47.2 Recife Detachment.

47.2.5 Utility Towing Plane (At present 4J-13)

(No other air units in 47.2)

47.3 Bahia Detachment.

(No air units)

47.4 Natal Detachment.

(No air units)

47.5 Minesweeping Group.

47.6 Belem Detachment.

(No air units)


Task Force 49. Brazilian Air Forces.

49.1 First Air Zone Lt. Col. Americo Leal

49.2 Second Air Zone Brigadoro Eduardo Gomes

49.3 Third Air Zone Brigadoro Gervasio Rodrigues

49.4 Fourth Air Zone Coronel Antonio Avel Neto

49.5 Fifth Air Zone Coronel Fabio de Sa Earp

Brazilian Forces as ordered for joint operations.
Changes

In Task Organization (Air)

FOURTH SHEET

During the period 20 September 1943 to 15 May 1944

41. Ocean P. tral.

RAdm. O. H. Reel detached as ConCruDiv 2 to assume duty as
ComNOB, Trinidad, 7 April 1944.

41.1 CLC INMMTI attached to TG 41.1 from 15 November 1943 to
22 November 1943.

MaliPHIS attached to TG 41.1 from 8 February 1944 to 11
February 1944.

41.2 CLC INMMTI attached to TG 41.2 from 18 December 1943 to
22 December 1943.

MaliPHIS attached to TG 41.2 from 22 October 1943 to
23 November 1943.

MaliMUSK detached for temporary duty with CinClant 11 March 1944.

41.3 Temporarily dissolved from 15 November 1943 to 22 November
1943 and from 18 December 1943 to 22 December 1943. See
TG 41.1 and TG 41.2 above, for assignment of CLC INMMTI
during these periods.

CLC INMMTI detached for temporary duty with CinClant, 17
March 1944.

41.4 MaliMUSK detached for temporary duty with CinClant, 10
February 1944.

41.5 Temporarily dissolved from 22 October 1943 to 23 November
1943, and from 8 February 1944 to 11 February 1944. See
TG 41.1 and TG 41.2 above, for assignment of MaliPHIS
during these periods.
Changes—continued

TASK FORCE 41.

41.6 TG 41.6 was formed 23 December 1943, consisting of
U.VIS (DD395) and was dissolved 4 January 1944.

TG 41.6 was formed on 31 March and was still in existence
on 15 May 1944, when COMFOURTHFLEET Operation Plan No. 1-44
went into effect. Units comprising TG 41.6 were:

SOLOMONS CVE 67
VC-9

THULITAN DE 180
ST.EUB 181
DAVIS 182
HINZOG 178 (Attached 14 April 1944)

41.7 TG 41.7 was formed 31 December 1943, consisting of
SOLSTIS (DD381) and was dissolved 8 January 1944.

TG 41.7 was formed 20 April 1944 consisting of

ALGIX DE 101
MAHILIO DINS (Brazilian Destroyer)

for the purpose of escorting WAKL ISLAND (CV56) and
MISSION MAY (CV259) while these vessels were in FOURTH
Fleet area. Rendezvous effected 24 April 1944. Mission
completed 5 May 1944, and TG 41.7 was dissolved.

41.8 TG 41.8 was formed 3 January 1944, consisting of
WINSTON (DD359) and was dissolved 15 January 1944.
4. Aircraft Movers.

4.1 ComFleetAirWing 16.

4.1.1 VP-74 detached 20 October 1943.

4.1.2 VP-94 headquarters moved from Belem to Maceio 25 April 1944.

4.1.4 VB-129 detached 2 February 1944.

4.1.5 VB-130 detached 1 May 1944.

4.1.6 VB-143 headquarters moved from Recife to Itagüa 24 Jan. 1944.

4.1.8 VP-211 headquarters moved from Galena (Rio de Janeiro) to Aratu 23 January 1944.


VP-45 reported 29 April 1944. Headquarters at Belem.

4.4 Aircraft Tenders.

4.4.1.2 Buinale (AVP22) reported for duty 6 May 1944.

4.4.3 CGC-83449 (Reported 23 Sept. 1943) Operational Control of these vessels was transferred to ComFleetAirWing 16 (CTF 44) on 9 March 1944, and vessels were given task designations as here shown, Com4thFlt Op-Plan No. 1-44

4.4.4 CGC-83481 (Reported 30 Dec. 1943) CGC-83482 (Reported 30 Dec. 1943) CGC-83483 (Reported 30 Dec. 1943)

4.4.7 CGC-83484 (Reported 14 Jan. 1944) CGC-83485 (Reported 14 Jan. 1944)

4.4.8 CGC-83486 (Reported 14 Jan. 1944)
SOUTH ATLANTIC AREA

UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET

FOURTH FLEET

Task Organization (Air) as of 15 May 1944, with changes effected during the period 15 May 1944 to 15 April 1945.

ComFOURTHFleet (to 11 Nov. 1944) VAdm. Jonas H. Ingram, USN
(11 Nov. to — ) VAdm. William R. Munroe, USN

Operating under Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet Operation Plan No. 1-44 (effective 15 March 1944) and Commander FOURTH Fleet Operation Plan No. 1-44 (dated 8 May 1944, effective 15 May 1944 to 15 April 1945).
Task Organization

(As of 15 May, 1944)

ComForrithFlt: VADM. James H. Ingram, USN

Task FORK 41

Ocean Patrol

41.1 Okinawa
VCS-2

41.2 Minsk
VCS-2

41.3 CINCINNATI
VCS-2

41.4 HANCOCK
VCS-2

41.5 HAMPHIS
VCS-2

Plus Carriers, Destroyers, and Destroyer Escorts as ordered to Force or to groups.

1. ComClu absent from FOURTH Fleet area as follows:
   Departed Recife 4 July 1944 to escort USS General W. A. Mann to Gibraltar. Remained in Mediterranean waters through August 1944. Returned, arrived Bahia 10 September 1944 and reported to Com4thFlt.


2. MINSK detached from Com4thFlt 11 March 1944 for duty with CINCLANT. Did not report back to Com4thFlt during period covered by this report.

3. CINCINNATI was absent on detached duty at time Com4thFlt Op-Plan No. 1-44 went into effect (15 May 1944). Reported back to Com4thFlt for duty 7 November 1944. Arrived Recife 17 November 1944.
4. The ship was absent on detached duty at time Com4thFlt Op-Plan No. 1-44 went into effect (15 May 1944). Returned and reported to Com4thFlt, arriving Bahia 10 September 1944.

Departed Rio de Janeiro 8 February 1945 escorting USS General M. C. Haig to Gibraltar. Proceeded from Gibraltar to Naval Yard, New York. Was still absent from FOURTH Fleet area when period covered by this report ended.

5. This ship departed FOURTH Fleet area 26 September 1944 to escort USS General M. C. Haig and USS General M. C. Haig to Gibraltar. Proceeded from Gibraltar to New York. Returned to Com4thFlt area arriving Recife 1 January 1945.

Departed Recife 5 January 1945 for Gibraltar. Arrived 13 January 1945 and was detached from ComFOURTHFleet on that date.

6. Following vessels were assigned duty with Task Force 41 at various times during the period covered by this report:

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** Escort Force. **

Cmdr. H. C. Robison

Destroyer Escorts and other craft for escort and for assignment to TF 41. No air units.

** U. S. Army Forces of the South Atlantic Theatre. **

Brig. Gen. Robert L. Walsh, USA

43.1 First Composite Sqn, Comp. Force 3017, Ascension I.

5 B-25C
13 P-39D

43.2 Miscellaneous Aircraft Rescue Btts.

** Aircraft, Airship Bns., and Tenders. **

Capt. R. D. Lyon, USN

44.1 ComFleetAirWing 16.

* (Headquarters at Recife)

44.1.1 VP-94 (Headquarters at Maceio)

44.1.2 VB-107 (Headquarters at Natal)

44.1.31

44.1.4 VB-134 (Headquarters at Fortaleza)

44.1.5 VB-145 (Headquarters at Natal)

44.1.62

44.1.7 VP-203 (Headquarters at Galeao, Rio de Janeiro)

44.1.8 VP-211 (Headquarters at Aratu)

44.1.9 Hedron 16 (Headquarters at Recife)

44.1.11 Utility Sqn, Fuirwing 16

VP-45

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1 Com4thFlt Operation Plan No. 1-44 shows VB-130 as TU 44.1.3. This squadron, however, was detached from Com4thFlt 1 May 1944, prior to effective date of Op-Plan 1-44.

2 Com4thFlt Operation Plan No. 1-44 shows VB-143 as TU 44.1.6. This squadron was detached 13 May 1944, prior to effective date of Op-Plan 1-44.

3 VP-45 not shown on Com4thFlt Op-Plan 1-44. It was on duty however, having reported 29 April 1944. Headquarters, Bolivian
TASK FORCE 44. Continued

44.2 Fleet Airship Wing 4. Captain W.E. Zimmerman
44.2.1 Blimp Squadron 41
44.2.2 Blimp Squadron 42
44.2.9 Blimp MedRon 4
44.3 Aircraft Tenders. Comdr. H.T. Dietrich, USN
44.3.1 MATAGORDA
44.3.2 SANDPIPER AVP9
44.3.3 CGC-83449
44.3.4 CGC-83481
44.3.5 OEC-83482
44.3.6 CGC-83483
44.3.7 CGC-83484
44.3.8 CGC-83485
44.3.9 63' Aircraft Rescue Boat C-9502
44.3.10 63' Aircraft Rescue Boat C-16508
44.3.11 63' Aircraft Rescue Boat C-16509

Brazilian Southern Naval Forces.

RAdm. Gustavo Goulart, RN

Ships of Brazilian Navy (less Task Force 46) as assigned by the Brazilian Chief of the Naval General Staff for joint operations.

Brazilian Naval Force of the Northeast.

RAdm. Soares Dutra, RN.

Footnote 1: "Com4thFlt Op-Plan 1-44 shows BARNEGAT as TU 44.5.1, with footnote as follows: "To be relieved by MATAGORDA in April." BARNEGAT was detached 6 May 1944 (prior to effective date of Op-Plan 1-44) and MATAGORDA reported on the same date."
Task Force 47.

**Miscellaneous Force.**

47.1 **Fleet Flagships**

47.1.1 MEMPHIS CI13
VCS-2

47.1.2 BIG PEBBLE YRB23

47.1.3 PERSEVERANCE FYc44

47.1.4 BLUE BIRD R50-4, #5049

47.2 **Recife Detachment.**

47.2.6 Utility Towing Planes

1. FY
2. JM-1
3. JM-1 (to be assigned)

(No other air units in 47.2)

47.3 **Bahia Detachment.**

(No air units)

47.4 **Natal Detachment.**

(No air units)

47.5 **Linesweeping Group.**

47.6 **Belem Detachment.**

(No air units)

Task Force 48.

**Shore Bases.**

48.1 to 48.15 Naval Operating Base, Rio de Janeiro and Naval Operating Facilities. (No air units).

Task Force 48.15 Naval Air Shore Facilities. Captain R.D. Lyon, USN

48.15.1 NAF Amapa, Brazil (LP/LTA)
48.15.2 NAF Belem, Brazil (LP/LTA)
48.15.3 NAF Sao Luis, Brazil (LP/LTA)
48.15.4 NAF Fortaleza, Brazil (LP/LTA)
48.15.5 NAF Natal, Brazil (Land) (LP)
48.15.6 NAF Natal, Brazil (Sea) (SP)
48.15.7 NAF Recife, Brazil (LP/LTA)
48.15.8 NAF Maceio, Brazil (LP/LTA)
**TASK FORCE 48** (Continued)

| 48.15.9 | NAF | Bahia (Aratu), Brazil (SP) |
| 48.15.11 | NAF | Bahia (Ipitanga), Brasil (LP&LTA) |
| 48.15.12 | NAF | Fernando de Noronha, Brazil (LP&LTA) |
| 48.15.13 | NAF | Rio de Janeiro (Santa Cruz), Brasil (LP&LTA) |
| 48.15.14 | NAF | Montevideo, Uruguay (LP) (To be established) |

**TASK FORCE 49**

**Brazilian Air Forces.**

| 49.1 | First Air Zone | Brigadeiro Ivo Borges |
| 49.2 | Second Air Zone | Brigadeiro Eduardo Gomez |
| 49.3 | Third Air Zone | Brigadeiro Gervasio Rodrigues |
| 49.4 | Fourth Air Zone | Brigadeiro Antonio Apel Neto |
| 49.5 | Fifth Air Zone | Brigadeiro Fabio de Sa Earp |

Brazilian Air Forces as ordered for joint operations.
Changes

In Task Organization (Air)

FOURTH FLEET

During the period 15 May 1944 to 15 April 1945

Task Force 41.

Ocean Patrol.

41.5

MEMPHIS (CL13) detached from Com4thFlt 13 January 1945.

41.6

Task Group 41.6, composed of SOLOMONS (CVE67) with VC-9 embarked, plus assigned Destroyer Escorts, was formed 31 March 1944. TG 41.6 operated in the South Atlantic area until 15 August 1944, on which date SOLOMONS departed Recife for Norfolk, passing out of operational control of Com4thFlt.

41.7

TRIPOLI (CVE64) with VC-6 embarked, plus assigned Destroyer Escorts (TG27.2) arrived Recife 13 August 1944 and reported to Com4thFlt. TG 27.2 was dissolved, and TG 41.7 was formed, consisting of TRIPOLI and assigned Destroyer Escorts. TG 41.7 operated in the South Atlantic area until 15 November 1944, on which date TRIPOLI departed Recife for Norfolk, passing out of operational control of Com4thFlt.

Note: Task Group 22.1, composed of MISSION BAY (CVE59) with VC-36 embarked, D. L. HOWARD (DEL38), HILL (DE141), J. R. Y. BLAKELY (DEL40), PEESENDEN (DE142), and FARQUAR (DE139) departed Dakar, F.W.A. on 21 September 1944 for anti-submarine operations southwest of Cape Verde Islands. On 23 September 1944 TG 22.1 reported to CTF 41.7 in TRIPOLI for joint operations. Joint operations were terminated on 2 October 1944 by CinCLant despatch. On 9 October TG 22.1 came under the operational control of Com4thFlt, operating under that command until 15 November 1944, on which date it departed Recife for Hampton Roads.
**TASK FORCE 44**

**Aircraft, Airship Wings, and Tenders.**

**44.1 Complete Air Wing 16.**

44.1.1 VP-94 headquarters moved from Massie to Ipatinga 23 May 1944. VP-94 ceased operations, was decommissioned, and all planes turned over to Brazilian Air Force 12 December 1944.

44.1.2 VP-107 detached from Com4thFlt and assigned to CFAW-7 at Dunkeswell, Eng. 10 January 1945.

44.1.4 VP-124 detached, departed Fortaleza for RAA, Norfolk, Virginia, 1 March 1945.

44.1.5 VP-145 detached from Com4thFlt and assigned to San Julian, Cuba, 1 February 1945.

44.1.7 VP-203 headquarters moved from Galera to Aratu 14 Aug. 1944.

44.1.8 VP-211 headquarters moved from Aratu to Natal (Sea) 10 June 1944.

44.1.11 Utility Squadron Fairing 16 omitted from ComSoLant Op-Plan No. 1-45 dated 15 April 1945.

VPB-125 reported at Natal 14 February 1945.

VPB-126 transferred from CFAW-9 to CFAW-16, 24 January 1945. Based at Natal.

**44.3 Aircraft Tenders.**

44.3.2 SANDPIPER (AVP9) detached 24 June 1944.

LAPWING (AVP1) reported for duty 17 June 1944. Detached 4 September 1944.

REHOBOTH (AVP50) reported for duty 31 August 1944. Detached 15 January 1945.

ROCKAWAY (AVP29) reported for duty 27 February 1945.

HUNDOLBE (AVP21) detached Trinidad 30 March 1945 enroute to Recife to report for duty.
Changes - Continued

OTF 44 Change No. 1 to OTF 44 Operation Plan No. 1-44 (Change dated 28 August 1944) notes the following additions and changes in task designation:

44.1.6 First Brazilian Air Group, Ijura (Maj. R. C. Jahaty)

44.1.9 First Brazilian Hudson Air Group, Salvador
    (Former designation of HedRon 16) (Maj. R. Fires)

44.1.10 HedRon 16.
COMPOSITION OF U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET

(with notes covering the activities of its air forces in areas other than those covered above.)

20 December 1941 -- 8 May 1942
8 May 1942 -- 1 January 1943
1 January 1943 -- 1 September 1943
1 September 1943 -- 15 May 1944
15 March 1944 -- 1 March 1945
1 March 1945 --
COMPOSITION OF U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET

20 DECEMBER 1941 - 6 MAY 1942

Operating under: U. S. Atlantic Fleet Operation Plan 8-41, dated 20 December 1941

Atlantic Atlantic Fleet

Task Organization

a. 1. TASK FORCE ONE

BatDiv 5, 6
CruDiv 7
DesRon 11
HORN (during training period)

b. 2. TASK FORCE TWO

CarDiv 3 (less YORKTOWN)
CruDiv 8
DesRon 8
ALTAIR

c. 3. TASK FORCE THREE

CruDiv 2
DesRon 9

One PatDiv plus 2 tenders from PatWing 5

From 7 December 1941 until 20 December 1941, the current operations plan was CominCh V. J. Fleet Operation Plan 70-41 of 29 September 1941.
Position of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 20 December 1941 - 8 May 1942

1/  
d. 4. TASK FORCE FOUR (Support Force)  
RADM Bristol  

Escort Units  
PRAIRIE  
DENEBOA  
VULCAN  
MELVILLE  

DesFlot 3 less DesRon 9, 11  
ST. AUGUSTINE  
ZIROON  
CAMPBELL  
INGRAM  

4 OGC (when available)  

3.4.5.6/  
Patrol Wing SEVEN  
Capt Mullinnix  

8/2/  
VP-71  
12 PBY  
VP-72  
12 PBY  

1. Designation changed to T.F. 24, 6 March 1942.  
2. Relieved by RADM Brainard, 20 April 1942.  
3. 9 December 1941, administration of wing shifted to Fleet Air Detachment, Norfolk.  
4. 22 December 1941, VP-82 joined PatWing 7.  
5. March, April, May 1941, PatWing 7 based at Argentina with spare planes at Quonset under ComEasSeaFron.  
6. 10 March 1942, reported to ComPatrol Wings, Atlantic Fleet.  
8. 7 December 1941, detachments at Argentina and Quonset.  
9. 9 December 1941, detached and ordered to reinforce the Pacific Fleet.  
10. 7 December 1941, detachments at Argentina and Quonset.  
11. 9 December 1941, detached and ordered to reinforce the Pacific Fleet.

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4.3 *Patrol Wing SEVEN (con't)*

**1.2.2/**

*VP-73*  
12 PBY

*VP-74*  
12 PBM

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*ALBEMARLE (at Norfolk)*

*POCOMOK (temporary duty from PatWing 8)*

*GEORGE E. BADGER*

*BENEFIT, at Reykjavik*

**5.**

**TASK FORCE FIVE**

**VILAY**

*SubRon 1*

*SubRon 5 (less SubDivs 51, 53)*

*SubRon 7 (less 4 OSS to Bermuda)*

**6.**

**TASK FORCE SIX**

**6.1**

*Northern Patrol*

*Vessels and aircraft as assigned*

**6.2**

*Gulf Patrol*

*Vessels and Aircraft as assigned*

**6.3**

*Caribbean Patrol*

*Vessels and aircraft as assigned*

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1. 7 December 1941, detachments at Argentina, Iceland and Norfolk.
2. 30 December 1941, re-equipped with 12 PBY-5A's.
3. March, April, May 1942 - 6 planes at Iceland under ComTask Group 4.6; 6 planes at Quesnet under ComEnSeaFron.
4. 7 December 1941, detachments at Argentina, Iceland and Norfolk.
5. Task Force Six is the Atlantic Fleet designation for forces assigned to the respective Sea Frontiers.
6. See the Guides to the Sea Frontiers for a listing of these vessels and aircraft.
Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 30 December 1941 - 8 May 1942.

1. 6. **TASK FORCE SIX (con't)**

   6.4 *Panama Patrol*

   DesRon 33 less DesDiv 66
   SubRon 3 less 3 OSS's to T.G. 6.3
   DesDiv 51, 53
   PatWing 3, less detach. to T.G. 6.3,
   plus 1 Patron

2. **TASK FORCE SEVEN**

   7.1 *SOPA CACCO BAY*

   4 AM's from 1st Naval District

   7.2 *SOPA Bermuda*

   OWL

   N.O.B. Bermuda

   2/ 1 PatDiv and 1 tender (when available)

   4/5/ 6/7

   SeeRons 2D1, 5D4, OSSU

   4 OSS's (from SubRon 7)

   4 AM's (from 1st Naval District)

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1. See "Organization of Air Forces in Panama Sea Frontier".
2. A six-plane detachment of VP-74 was based at Daniels Island, Bermuda.
   From 22 January 1942 until 1 May, when they were moved to King's Point.
   On 20 August 1942, the detachment was released from duty with T.G. 26.6
   and returned to the Eastern Sea Frontier.
3. USS GAMBIT.
4. Commissioned 1 June 1941.
5. April 1-26, 1942 operated from Darrell's Island, N.A.S. Bermuda. April
   27, transferred to N.A.S. King's Point, Bermuda.
6. Commissioned 16 September 1940.
7. 10-27 April 1942, operated from Darrell's Island, Bermuda. 27 April 1942
   transferred to Morgan-Rucker Island.
Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 20 December 1941 - 8 May 1942

6. 7. Task Force Seven (con't)

7.3 SOPA Trinidad

7.4 SOPA Argentina

1 Min Div

N.O.B. Newfoundland

2 CGC, 1 AM or AT from Trinon 5.

7.5 SOPA Iceland

1 MinDiv

N.O.B. Iceland

WILLIAMSBURG

REDWING

7.6 SOPA Hampton Roads

SOPA Boston

SOPA Recife

SOPA Bahia

SOPA Natal

8. TASK FORCE EIGHT

RAdm McHorter

8.1 Transitional and Operational Training Squadrons, Atlantic (Patrol Planes)

8.2 Carrier Training Squadrons

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h. 8. TASK FORCE EIGHT (Con't)

8.3 Fleet Air Photo Unit, Atlantic

N.B. - Patrons 51, 71, 72 on temporary detached duty

1. 9. TASK FORCE NINE

9.1 TaskRon 1, less VULCAN, CONSTELLATION

9.2 TaskRon 3

TaskDivs 1, 3, 5, 7 (less Leonard Wood, J.T. Dickmen), 11

ALMAACK

9.3 TaskRon 5

Less units detailed to SOPA's (T.F. 7)

9.4 TaskRon 7

Less PATOKA

9.5 Utility Wing (UtRon 4, 5)

J. 10. TASK FORCE TEN

Headquarters

10.1 1st Marine Division

10.2 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (on detached duty)

10.3 Second Defense Battalion

10.4 1st Base Depot (forward echelon)

10.5 Army troops duly assigned

k. 11. Fleet Flagship

AUGUSTA

CONSTELLATION (relief flagship)
COMPOSITION OF U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET

8 MAY 1942 - 1 JANUARY 1943

Operating under: U. S. Atlantic Fleet Operation Plan 2-42, dated 8 May 1942
Effective date: 16 May 1942.

Command, U. S. Atlantic Fleet

VAdm Ingersoll

First Organization

a. 21. TASK FORCE TWENTY-ONE

21.1 Troop Convoy Escort Force
BatDiv 6
CruDiv 8
DesRon 7, 11, 13
DesDiv 15 less LANG, GERMANY, COLE, DALLAS

21.2 Training Group
DENVICOLA AD 12
VULCAN AR 5

21.2.1 Northern Unit
Ships as assigned for upkeep and training

21.2.2 Southern Unit
Ships as assigned for upkeep and training

b. 22. TASK FORCE TWENTY-TWO

NORTH CAROLINA BB 55

VAdm Sharp

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b. 22. TASK FORCE TWENTY-TWO (Cont')
   - RANGER
   - AUGUSTA
   - QUINCY
   One ship of CruDiv 10
   DesRon 10

    

c. 23. TASK FORCE TWENTY-THREE
   CruDiv 2
   1 Ship of CruDiv 10
   HMS DIOMENE
   DesRon 9
   PATOKA
   Patrons and tenders as assigned
   Now assigned: 1 PatDiv from PatRon 83
   GREENE, HUMBOLDT, THURST
   16th and 19th Provisional Marine Companies


d. 24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR
   Ocean Trade Convoys Escorts
   DesDiv 53

    

1. VF-9 reported aboard 3 Oct. 1942.
3. 22 November 1942, VF-9 detached.
4. Operating under Commander Task Force 24 Operation Plan 3-42, dated
   1 April 1942.

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Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 8 May 1942 - 1 January 1943.

d. 24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR (Con't.)

Ocean Trade Convoy Escorts (con't)

British, Canadian and other corvettes as assigned

PRAIRIE AD 15

Greenland Patrol

9 CGC (3 others when available)

USS BEEAR

USS BOWDOIN

Patrol Wing SEVEN

Patrons and tenders as assigned

Now assigned: Patrons 73, 82, 93

BARNEGAT, BELKINAP, BISCAYNE, BADGER, LAPWING

POCOMOKE

H.O.B. Argentia

U.A.S.

1. On 29 May 1942, the first three planes of VP-84 reported to PatWing 7 at Argentia.

2. Patrol Wing SEVEN became the patrol wing of Task Force 24 effective 11 March 1942. VP-74 remained under Patrol Wings Atlantic Fleet.

3. VP-84 added to the wing; the first three planes (PBY-5A's) arriving 29 May 1942. Administration transferred to Patrol Wing SEVEN, 1 June 1942, moved to Iceland 21 October 1942.


5. Designation changed to Fleet Air Wing SEVEN, 26 October 1942.

6. On 9 November 1942, the detachments of the wing were changed to Air Groups as follows: Argentia Fleet Air Group, Greenland Fleet Air Group, Iceland Fleet Air Group and Fleet Air Wing SEVEN Training Group (Quonset).


8. Departed Iceland 21 October 1942 for Ballykelly, Ireland and continued to North Africa.

9. On 9 June 1942, VP-82 reported to PatWing 9 for administration and to ComEasSeaFron for duty.

10. On 16 November 1942, VP-82 reported for duty with FAW-7 at Argentia.

11. Added to the wing 12 May 1942. On 14 May 1942, 3 PBY-5A's of VP-93 arrived Greenland for operations based on LAPWING. The planes shortly moved to BLUE WEST ONE.
Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 8 May 1942 - 1 January 1943.

e. 25. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FIVE  
   RAdm Daubin
   SubRon 1, less detachments to ServRon 9 (SubDiv 12)
   SubRon 7, less detachments to T.G. 26.3, 26.5, 27.1
   SubDiv 51

f. 26. TASK FORCE TWENTY-SIX (In addition to Sea Frontier Forces)
   26.1 Eastern Sea Frontier Group  
      RAdm Andrews
      Ships and PatRons as assigned

   26.2 Gulf Sea Frontier Group  
      Capt Cranshaw
      Ships and PatRons as assigned

   26.3 Caribbean Sea Frontier Group  
      PAdm Hoover
      Ships and PatRons as assigned

   26.4 Panama Sea Frontier Group  
      PAdm Van Hook
      Ships and aircraft as assigned

   26.5 Bermuda Group  
      PAdm James
      Combined local defense forces, Bermuda
      including N.O.B. Bermuda

      N.A.S.
      Mobile Base Hospital No. 1

4 SS (from SubRon 7)

1. See the Guides to the Sea Frontiers for a listing of these vessels and aircraft.
Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 8 May 1942 - 1 January 1943.

26.5 Bermuda Group (cont.)

4 PC (upon reporting)

ALT AIR, OWL

ENERGY, HEPOIC, JACAMAF, MARABOUT (from 1st N.D.)

ScoRon 2D1

ScoRon 5D4

PatRons and tenders as assigned.

Now assigned:

One PatDiv from PatFon 74

GANNETT

26.6 Iceland Group

Naval Local Defense Forces

N.O.B. Iceland

Fleet Air Base

MELVILLE, WILLIAMSBURG, PEDWING

27. TASK FORCE TWENTY-SEVEN

27.1 SOPA CASCO BAY

SS as detailed

IUKA, KALMIA, ACCENTOR, CHIMANGO, COTINGA, PULMAR (from 1st N.D.)

27.2 SOPA Bermuda

1. Administration assigned to FAW-5, 17 September 1942.
2. Plane Complement increased from 6 to 12 OS2U's, 18 May 1942.
3. Plane Complement increased from 6 to 8 OS2U's.
4. Released 20 August 1942.
Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 8 May 1942 - 1 January 1943.

i. TASK FORCE TWENTY-SEVEN (Cont.)

27.3 SOPA Trinidad
27.4 SOPA Argentia

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4 PC (upon reporting)
5 USCGC

27.5 SOPA Iceland
27.6 SOPA Hampton Roads
27.7 SOPA Boston
27.8 SOPA Recife
27.9 SOPA Bahia
27.10 SOPA Natal

h. TASK FORCE TWENTY-EIGHT

CHARGER

Patrol Wings

PatWings 3, 5, 7, 8, 9 less PatRons assigned to other TF's
Seaplane tenders less tenders assigned to other TF's

Training Activities:
Carrier Replacement Air Groups
Advanced Carrier Training Groups
Transition Training Squadrons
Operational Training Squadrons
Fleet Aircraft Photo Squadrons

1. 1 April 1942, the administration of Patrol Wing SEVEN was transferred to Fleet Air Detachment, Quonset.
Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 8 May 1942 - 1 January 1943.

1. 29. TASK FORCE TWENTY-NINE  
VAdm Reichmuth
ServRon 1 less CONSTELLATION, IUKA,
KALMIA, REDWIN, VULCAN
ServRon 5 less units assigned to other TF's
ServRon 7 less units assigned to other TF's
Utility Wing

j. 30. TASK FORCE THIRTY  
RAdm Hewitt
30.1 Covering Group
Ships assigned for exercises or particular operations
30.2 Transport Group
TransDivs 1, 3, 5, 7, 11
30.3 Amphibious Corps Atlantic Fleet  
MGen Smith
Headquarters
Marine Corps troops assigned.
Army troops assigned (9th Army Division so assigned (for training)

k. 31. Fleet Flagship
CONSTELLATION (Flagship)
VIXEN (Relief flagship on reporting)
31.9 Anti-Submarine Warfare Unit
COMPOSITION OF U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET

1 JANUARY 1943 - 1 SEPTEMBER 1943

Operating under: CincLant Operating Plan No. 3-42 dated 8 December 1942. Effective date: 1 January 1943.

Modification No. 1 dated 20 December 1942.

VAdm Ingersoll

Task Organization

a. 21. TASK FORCE TWENTY-ONE

21.1 Troop Convoy Escort Group

BatDiv 5 plus ALABAMA RAdm Kelly
CruDiv 8 RAdm Davidson
DesRon 7, 8, 13, 15, 16, 17
BERNADOU, COLE, DALLAS, HAMBLFTON

21.2 Training Group

DENEBOA
HAMUL (upon reporting)

21.2.1 Northern Unit

Ships as assigned for training.

21.2.2 Southern Unit

Ships as assigned for training

21.2.3 United Kingdom Unit

Ships as assigned for training.

b. 22. TASK FORCE TWENTY-TWO PAdm McWhorter

MASSACHUSETTS

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b. 22. TASK FORCE TWENTY-TWO (Cont.)
CruDiv 7
DesRon 10 less HAMBLETON
RAdm McWhorter

c. 23. TASK FORCE TWENTY-THREE
CruDiv 2
DesRon 9
DesDiv 21
ELLIS, Santee
PatRon 74
PatRon 83 (from FAW-11)
HUMBOLDT
MinDiv 17 (upon reporting)
N.O.B. Rio de Janeiro
18th, 19th Provisional Marine Companies

RAdm Ingram

24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR
PRAIRIE
KAWEAH
Ocean Trade Convoy Escorts
BOGUE
CARD (upon reporting)

VAdm Brainard

1. Reported to TF 23, 26 December 1942.
2. 3 March 1943, designation changed to 41.7.
3. Relieved by RAdm Oldendorf, 2 May 1943.
5. Joined TG 92.3 under operational control TF 24, 23 April 1943.
Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 - 1 September 1943.

d. 24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR (Cont.)

VAmd Breinard
DesDiv 53
CortDiv 1
5 USCGC
Vessels of Allied forces as assigned

FAIR WING SEVEN

Capt Beker

1. VB-103 reported 15 May 1943.
2. On 18 May 1943, together with all anti-submarine forces in the Atlantic, placed under TENTH Fleet.
3. On 23 January 1943, a 3-plane detachment (PBY-5A's) of VP-31 reported to the wing for duty. 26 April, personnel of this detachment transferred to FAW-5, while the planes were transferred to Hedron 7.
4. On 28 January 1943, a 1-plane detachment of Utility Squadron 4 reported for duty to the wing at Argentina. Detached 29 March 1943.
5. On 3 February 1943, a 3-plane detachment of VP-52 (PBY-5A's) reported to FAW-7 for duty.
6. On 6 February 1943, a 2-plane detachment of VP-31 was transferred from Argentina to Greenland to reinforce the Greenland Air Group.
7. On 16 April 1943, a 1-plane detachment of Utility Squadron 4 reported to FAW-7 for duty.
8. From 30 April 1943, Argentina Air Detachment reported to No. 1 Group PCAF for operational control.
9. 15 May 1943, VB-103 (PBY-11's) reported to FAW-7 for duty at Argentina.
10. 19 June 1943, the joint British-American anti-submarine operations from Iceland were placed under British operational control.
11. 22 June 1943, VP-63 (15 PBY-5's) was transferred from FAW-9 to FAW-7. Reported for duty in Iceland 27 June 1943. Departed Iceland for Pembroke Dock, Wales on 11 July 1943 for duty under the operational control of 19th Group, RAF Coastal Command.
12. Patrol Squadron 6 (CG) commissioned 21 August 1943 and given transitional training by FAW-7.
13. FAW-7 Operation Order 2-43, dated 13 August 1943, provided for the temporary movement of the wing to England.
15. On 23 September 1943 the administration of FAW-7 units in Iceland, Greenland, Labrador and Newfoundland (VB-128, Patrol Squadron (CG) and detachments of VB-126 and Hedron 7) were temporarily transferred to FAW-9.
Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 - 1 September 1943.

d. 24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR (Cont.) VAdm Brainard

Fair Wing SEVEN (cont.)

FAW-7 Hedron
PatRon 82
PatRon 84
PatRon 93

SANDPIPER

Greenland Patrol RAdm Smith, USCG

BEAR
BOWDOIN
23 USCGC's
6 SC
N.O.B., Argentia

N.A.B.

Weather Patrol Ships
MANASQUAN, MANHASSET
MENEMSHA, MONOMOY

SEA CLOUD

1. 1 March 1943, designation changed to VB-125.
2. During spring of 1943, a gradual change-over to PV-1's was made by these two squadrons.
3. Transferred to Gulf Sea Frontier 17 June 1943. Administration transferred to FAW-12.
4. 5 September 1943, relieved by VB-126. VP-84 transferred to FAW-5.
5. 1 March 1943, designation changed to VB-126.
6. At the beginning of February 1943, a 3-plane detachment of VP-93 was based at Brunswick, Maine, for operation under ComEasSeaFron. 17 May 1943, the detachment returned to Argentia.
7. On 27 May 1943, a det. of 2 PBY-5A's of VB-126 departed Argentia for Crystal Is. for ice reconnaissance and a/s operations in Hudson Straits.
Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 - 1 September 1943.

e. 25. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FIVE

SubRon 1

SubRon 7 less detachments to TG 26.2,

26.3, 26.5, 27.1

SubDiv 31

SS as assigned for training

f. 26. TASK FORCE TWENTY-SIX

(U.S. Atlantic Fleet Units Assigned to Sea Frontiers)

26.1 Eastern Sea Frontier

26.2 Gulf Sea Frontier See Composition of Sea

26.3 Caribbean Sea Frontier Frontier Forces

26.4 Panama Sea Frontier

26.5 Bermuda Group

Combined Local Defense Forces, Bermuda

including:

N.O.B., Bermuda

N.A.S.

U.S. Mobile Hospital Unit No. 1

Airons and tenders

1/ Patron 52 less detachment to

TG 27.1 (from FAW-5)

1. Operated from Bermuda until 15 May 1943 when squadron departed Bermuda for Norfolk.
Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 - 1 September 1943.

f. 26.5 Bermuda Group (cont.)

Airons and tenders (cont.)

1/ ScoRon 2D1

2/3/ ScoRon 5D4 (from FAW-5)

3 SS, 4 SC (upon reporting)

4 YMS, 1 YO, 1 YP, 1 YC, 1 YF

ALGORMA

MONTEZUMA

HEROIC

JACAMAR

MARABOUT

26.6 Iceland Group

N.O.B., Iceland

Fleet Air Base

VULCAN BODEGA

WILLIAMSBURG BRONCO

URANUS GAUGER

KEWAYDIN PESSACUS

BELMONT UNCAS

GEMINI

1. Designation changed to VS-32, 1 March 1943.
2. Designation changed to VS-35, 1 March 1943.
3. 10 May 1943, began departure for Norfolk to be re-equipped with SBD's.
Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 – 1 September 1943.

f. 26.7  **Northwest Africa Group**

(see Composition of Northwest African Forces)

26.8  **M.O.B. Oran**

g. 27.  **TASK FORCE TWENTY-SEVEN**

27.1  **SOPA CASCO BAY**

**RELIEF**

SS as temporarily detailed by ComSubLant

1 Section Patron 52

IUKA

KALMIA

4 YMS, 1 YA, 1 YC, 2 YF, 1 YFB, 2 YO

CHENANGO, COTINGA, FULMAR

27.2  **SOPA Bermuda**

27.3  ------

27.4  **SOPA Argentia**

MinDiv 25

4 SC, 3 YMS, 12 CGC, 1 YF, 1 YP, 1 YSD

27.5  **SOPA Iceland**

27.6  **SOPA Hampton Roads**

27.7  **SOPA Boston**
Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 - 1 September 1943.

h. 28. TASK FORCE TWENTY-EIGHT (ComAirLant) RAdm Bernhard

- Transitional Training Squadron
- Operational Training Squadron
- Fleet Aircraft Photographic Squadron No. 2

Fleet Air Wing Five

FAW-5 Hedron
PatRons 201 to 209
ALBEMARLE
BARNEGAT
GOLDSBOROUGH
MATAGORDA

Fleet Air Wing Nine

FAW-9 Hedron

Units assigned to this Task Force
FairShip Wing 30, less units assigned to TG 26.1, 26.2
New squadrons until assigned to a wing

i. 29. TASK FORCE TWENTY-NINE VAdm Sharp

Service Force less units assigned to other Task Forces

2 YP

Ships as assigned for training

1. RAdm Bernhard was later relieved by VAdm Bellinger.
Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 - 1 September 1943.

j. 30. TASK FORCE THIRTY
      Amphibious Force less TransDiv 11
      Ships assigned for exercise or particular operations
      Troops assigned
      1 YAG, 1 YH, 3 YP, 2 YR, 2 YT

k. 31. Fleet Units
      31.1 Flagships
      VIXEN
      CONSTELLATION

      31.2 Vessels of Atlantic Fleet not under control
            of TF or TG commanders of Atlantic Fleet
            CHARGER
            Amphibious Force Mediterranean
            DAUNTLESS
            YM 80
            SubRon 50
            TransDiv 11

      31.9 Anti-Submarine Warfare Development Unit
            Vessels assigned to the Atlantic Fleet but not
            assigned to any Task Force
            SOUTH DAKOTA
            CruDiv 13
Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 January 1943 - 1 September 1943.

31.9 Anti-Submarine Warfare Development Unit (cont.)

1/ CROATAN

BARNES

BLOCK ISLAND 2/

GLACIER

RYBUS

ROCKAWAY

SAN PABLO

UNIMAK

DesRon 18

DesRon 19

COMPOSITION OF U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET

1 SEPTEMBER 1943 - 15 MARCH 1944

Operating under: CinCFLant Operation Plan 1-43, dated 1 September 1943.
Change to above plan dated 16 November 1943.

CinCFLant
Adm Ingersoll

Task Organization

a. 20. TASK FORCE TWENTY

Amphibious Training Command Atlantic Fleet

Amphibious bases

Ships assigned for exercise or particular operations

Ships assigned for training

Troops assigned

b. 21. TASK FORCE TWENTY-ONE

BatDiv 5 less NEW YORK

CruDiv 8*-

BLOCK ISLAND 1,2/

Bogue 3/

Core 4/

CARD 5/

* Temporarily assigned to 8th Fleet.
1. Attached to 21.17.
2. 15 October 1943 attached to 21.16. VC-1 aboard.
4. 27 June 1943 underway with convoy UGS-11; VC-13 aboard. 30 October 1943 joined TG 21.15. 5 December 1944 embarked VC-6.
5. VC-1 aboard. Part of TG 21.11. 10 November 1943, VC-9 aboard. 22 November 1943, VC-55 reported for duty.
Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 September 1943 - 15 March 1944.

b. 21. TASK FORCE TWENTY-ONE (cont.)

1/ CROATAN
2/ SANTEE

DesRons 7*, 8*, 13*, 15*, 16, 17*, 18, 19

27, 30*, 31

DesDivs 21, 58, BARRY, DORIE, GOFF

CortDivs less GOLDSBOROUGH, CortDiv 2

5 USCGC

21.9.1 Flagships

VIXEN

CONSTELLATION

21.9.3 U.K. Unit and Convoy Escort Control Officer Londonderry

Ships assigned for training

c. 22. TASK FORCE TWENTY-TWO

BatDiv 7

DesDiv 19

d. 23. TASK FORCE TWENTY-THREE

Operational Training Command

Ships assigned for training

NEW YORK

* Temporarily assigned to 8th Fleet.
Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 September 1943 - 15 March 1944.

d. 23 TASK FORCE TWENTY-THREE (Cont.) RAdm Beary

CortDiv 2
ALTAIR
DENEBOLA
HAMUL
WILLIAMSBURG
WYOMING
DAHLGREN
5 PE, 2 ege, OWL, PARTRIDGE
MTBron 4
SubDiv 12
8 SS from TF 25
7 PC, 7 SC, 1 ATR, 1 YMS
Training Centers

e. 24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR RAdm Oldendorf

PRAIRIE
KIOWA
PINTO

Detachment from Bedron 7
BonRon 128
PatRon 6 (CG)

MinDiv 25

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Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 September 1943 - 15 March 1944.

e. 24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR (cont.)

ALBATROSS
BLUEBIRD
2 APc, 4 YMS,
BEAR
BOWDOIN
8 SC, 30 CCC
Navy No. 26 (Grundal)
Navy No. 1503 (Marsasquin)
N. O. E., Argentia

Naval Station
N. A. S.
10th Construction Regiment

Weather Patrol Ships

CONIFER
EVERGREEN
MANHASSET
SEA CLOUD
SORBEL

f. 25. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FIVE

Sub Force

Subs 1, 3, 7 less units temporarily assigned elsewhere
Subs assigned for training

FORCE

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g. 26. TASK FORCE TWENTY-SIX

26.1 Bermuda Group

Combined Local Defense Forces, Bermuda,
including:

- N.O.B., Bermuda
- N.A.S.
- U.S. Mobile Hospital No. 1
- 31st Construction Battalion
- 49th Construction Battalion
  1/
  PatRon 15
  2/
  PatRon 201
  3/
  ScoRon 32
- MinDiv 23
- HERCIC
- JACAMAR
- MARABOUT
- SC's 676 to 681
- CHEROKEE
- CHOCTAW
- 3 APh

ARDC-1 (upon reporting)

1. Operated from Bermuda from 15 May 1943 to 1F April 1944. Administration under FAW-5.

2. A 6-plane detachment of VP-201 operated from Bermuda during the period 27 May 1943 to 19 August 1943, and was joined by the balance of the squadron 19 August 1943. VP-201 operated from Bermuda until 8 June 1944.

3. 18 September 1943, administration transferred to FAW-9. 1 February 1944, plane complement reduced to 6 OS2U's. 8 April 1944 planes transferred to VS-15 and squadron decommissioned 15 April 1944.
ATLANTIC FLEET UNITS ASSIGNED TO SEA FRONTIERS

(See COMPOSITION OF THE RESPECTIVE SEA FRONTIERS)

26.2 Eastern Sea Frontier
26.3 Gulf Sea Frontier
26.4 Caribbean Sea Frontier
26.5 Panama Sea Frontier

26.6 Iceland Group

N.O.B., Iceland
28th Construction Battalion
R.A.F.
CONCORANT

ATLANTIC FLEET UNITS ASSIGNED TO THE TENTH FLEET

26.10 FAW 5, 9, 11, 12
BomRoms 114, 125, 126, 131 to 134, 141
PatRoms 32, 84, 202 to 205, 208 to 210, 212
ScoRons 31, 33, 34, 36 to 40, 43 to 45, 62, 63
Airship Wings 1, 2, 5

26.11 SOFA CASCO BAY

MinDiv 24
3 planes (from Hedron 9)
CHIMANGO, COTINGA, FULMAR, IUKA, KALMIA
3 YMS, 2 APc

1. On 16 November 1943 the Iceland Group was changed to TG 24.4.
Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 September 1943 - 15 March 1944.

h. 27. TASK FORCE TWENTY-SEVEN

Units operating directly under CinCLant

i. 28. TASK FORCE TWENTY-EIGHT

RAdm Bellinger

All carriers, seaplane tenders, aircraft and airship organizations not assigned other task forces and including those assigned for training.

GOLDSBOROUGH, 7 CGC

Anti-Submarine Warfare Development Detachment

STILPH (upon reporting)

1 PC, 1 SC, 2 CGC

j. 29. TASK FORCE TWENTY-NINE

VAdm Sharp

Service Force, less units assigned to other Task Forces

ANTEUS

Ships assigned for training.

k. 60. TASK FORCE SIXTY.

to

69. TASK FORCE SIXTY-NINE.

Task Forces operating directly under CinCLant

l. FOURTH U. S. FLEET

(See Composition of the FOURTH U. S. Fleet)

Vessels of the Atlantic Fleet not under operational control of Task Force or Task Group Commander Atlantic Fleet:

RANGER,

* Temporarily assigned to 5th Fleet.
Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet. 1 September 1943 - 15 March 1944.

1. FOURTH U. S. FLEET (Cont.)
   CruDiv 7
   DesDiv 20
   DAUNTLESS
   FAW-7
   VB 103
   VB 105
   VB 110
   VB 111
   VB 112
   VP-63
COMPOSITION OF U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET

15 MARCH 1944 - 1 MARCH 1945

Operating under: CinCLant Operation Plan No. 1-44 dated 17 February 1944.
Effective date: 15 March 1944

CinCLant

Adm Ingersoll

Task Organization

a. 20. TASK FORCE TWENTY

Amphibious Training Command, Atlantic Fleet

Commodore Johnson

b. 21. TASK FORCE TWENTY-ONE

BatDiv 5 less NEW YORK

RAdm Bryant

CruDiv 8*

RAdm Davidson

1/2/ BLOCK ISLAND

3/ TRIPOLI

4/ MISSION BAY

5/ GUADALCANAL

* Certain vessels temporarily assigned to 8th and 12th Fleets.

1. Attached to 21.16. VC-6 aboard.

2. 22 April 1944 attached to 21.11. VC-6 aboard.

3. 15 March 1944 joined 21.14; VC-13 aboard. -- 1 Aug. 1944 joined 27.2.

18 May 1944 joined 22.4; VC-6 aboard. -- 22 Aug. 1944 joined 41.7.

22 July 1944 reported 28.2

4. 20 February 1944 - 24 April 1944 ferried planes to India as part of

TG 27.2.

5 May 1944 joined 22.1
28 May 1944 joined 27.1.
19 July 1944 joined 28.2

5. Attached 21.12; VC-13 aboard.

12 May 1944 VC-8 reported.

8 July 1944 VC-19 aboard.
25 September 1944 VC-6 reported aboard.
28 September 1944 VC-69 embarked
30 November 1944 VC-19 embarked
1 January 1945 attached to 22.7.
20 January 1945 VC-19 embarked.
23 February 1945 VC-6 embarked.

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b. 21. TASK FORCE TWENTY-ONE (Cont.)

1/ BOGUE
CARD
CORE
CROATAN
WAKE ISLAND
SOLOMONS
KASAN BAY
TULAGI

DesRon 7*, 8*, 15, 16*, 17, 18, 27, 29, 30
DesDiv 20, 21*, 25*, 66

* Certain vessels temporarily assigned to 8th and 12th Fleets.
1. Attached to TG 21.11 VC-95 aboard.
2. 3 April 1944 joined 21.16, VC-36 aboard.
   8 August 1944 joined 22.4, VC-13 aboard.
   1 December 1944, joined 22.2, VC-58 aboard.
   13 December 1944 joined 28.2.
   24 January 1945 joined 22.4, VC-58 aboard.
3. 24 March 1944 attached to 21.15, VC-42 aboard.
4. Attached to 27.2.
   24 April 1944, designation changed to 41.7.
   5 May 1944 designation changed to 22.1.
   15 June 1944 joined 22.6, VC-58 aboard.
   11 November 1944, underway for the Canal to join Pacific Fleet,
   VC-9 aboard.
5. Operated with T/ 41.6, 31 March 1944 - 26 September 1944.
6. 28 May 1944 - 27 June 1944, operated with 27.1.
7. 28 May 1944 - 9 July 1944, operated with 27.1.
Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 15 March 1944 - 1 March 1945

b. 21. TASK FORCE TWENTY-ONE (Cont.)

CortDivs 1, 3, 4*, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13,
15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 35,
45, 46, 48, 51, 60, 62, 66, 67,
71

7 CGC

Temporarily assigned to the Pacific Fleet

DE STERN

O'NEILL
O'TOOLE

JOHN J. POWERS

MASON

JOHN M. HERRINGHAM

c. 22. TASK FORCE TWENTY-TWO

RANGER

CruDiv 7

DesDiv 19

d. 23. TASK FORCE TWENTY-THREE

Operational Training Command

RAdm Beary

e. 24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR

Iceland Group

RAdm Smith, USCG

Commodore Wentworth

* Certain vessels temporarily assigned to 8th and 12th Fleets.

e. 24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR (Cont.)

N.O.B., Iceland

Weather Patrol Group

ASTERION

BIGHORN

MANHASSET

NOURMAHAL

SEA CLOUD

Greenland Patrol

Naval Operating Facility, Grondel

Naval Station

N.A.S.

6 SC, 25 CGC plus 5 to report

VP-6 (CG)

f. 25. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FIVE

Submarine Force

g. 26. TASK FORCE TWENTY-SIX

26.1 Bermuda Group

Radm Sowell

26. TASK FORCE TWENTY-SIX (Cont.)

Atlantic Fleet Units Assigned to Sea Frontiers

26.2 Eastern Sea Frontier

26.3 Gulf Sea Frontier

26.4 Caribbean Sea Frontier

26.5 Panama Sea Frontier

Atlantic Fleet Units Assigned to 10th Fleet

26. TASK FORCE TWENTY-SEVEN

Units operating directly under CinCantu

27. TASK FORCE TWENTY-EIGHT

Fleet Air Command, Norfolk

VAdm Bellinger

RAdm Reed

SOSU-2

Fleet Air Command, Quonset

RAdm Durgin

CASU's 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Fleet AirShips Atlantic

Commodore Mills

Anti-Submarine Development Detachment

9 SS from TF 25

CGC BOONE

Surface vessels as assigned

Naval AirShip Training and Experimental

Command

RAdm Rosen Dahl

1. 28. TASK FORCE TWENTY-EIGHT (Cont.) VAdm Bellinger

FairWing Five

VD-2

CHARGER

ALBEMARLE

HUMBOLDT

MATAGORDA

ROCKAWAY

UNHAIK

REHOBOTH

GOFF

McCORMICK

LAPWING

Aircraft carriers and aircraft as assigned for training.

29. TASK FORCE TWENTY-NINE VAdm Sharpe

Service Forces* less units assigned to other TF's

BAINBRIDGE

SIMPSON

BROOME

* Certain vessels temporarily assigned to 8th and 12th Fleets.
Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet. 15 March 1944 - 1 March 1945.

k. 60 TASK FORCE SIXTY

to

69 TASK FORCE SIXTY-NINE

TF's operating directly under CinCInt

1. FOURTH FLEET VAdm Ingram

(See Composition of the FOURTH Fleet)

Units of the Atlantic Fleet not under operational
control of Task Force or Task Group Commanders of
the Atlantic Fleet

DAUNTLESS

FAIRWING SEVEN

3 PCE
COMPOSITION OF U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET

1 MARCH 1945 -

Effective date: 1 March 1945.

CinClant

Task Organization

a. 20 TASK FORCE TWENTY
   Amphibious Training Command
   RAdm Rockwell

b. 21 TASK FORCE TWENTY-ONE
   2 CA, 3 CL, 38 DD, 9 DD
   12 DD, 84 DE, 11 DE, 21 PF
   9 PF, 1 AD, 1 PG, 1 PY
   Adm Ingram

c. 22 TASK FORCE TWENTY-TWO
   Striking Force
   22.1 -- 22.5, 2217 and 1 CVE, 6 DE
   22.8 -- 22.10, 22.13, 22.14 each 4 DE
   Adm Ingram

d. 23 TASK FORCE TWENTY-THREE
   Operational Training Command
   RAdm Bryant

e. 24 TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR
   RAdm Smith, USCG

   24.1 Unassigned
   24.2 Service Group, 1 ATF
   24.3 Air Group--9 VPB (MS)
   24.4 Iceland Group
Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 March 1945

24. TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR (Cont.)

24.4.1 N. O. B. Iceland
24.4.2 Jan Mayen
24.5 Atlantic Weather Patrol Group
   1 AGL
   13 PF
   5 PF
24.6 Ocean Escort Group
   6 PG
24.7 Ice Information Group
24.8 Greenland Patrol
   8 PG
   2 CGC
   3 CGAT
   4 AGL
24.8.4 NOF, Grondal
   1 YCK
24.8.6 Naval Facility, Narsarsuaq
24.9 NOB Argentina
   1 YE
   2 YO
   1 YF

RAdm Smith, USCG
Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 March 1945

e. 24 TASK FORCE TWENTY-FOUR (Cont.)

24.9 NOB Argentina (Cont.)

1 YSD
2 TTB
1 AN
1 YNG
1 YPD
4 YMS

24.9.1 Naval Station

24.9.2 Naval Air Facility

f. 25 TASK FORCE TWENTY-FIVE

Submarine Force

Radm Styer

g. 26 TASK FORCE TWENTY-SIX

26.1 Bermuda Group

Adm Ingram

RAdm Braisted

1 ATF
1 AN
1 ARS
5 APC
2 PCE
2 YC
2 YD
1 YG
2 YF
Composition of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 March 1945

g. 26.1 Bermuda Group (cont.)

2 YO
1 YOG
1 YR
1 YSD
3 TTB
3 TTL
1 TW
2 YMS
18 VPB (US)

Foreign vessels assigned temporary duty

Combined local defense forces

NOB Bermuda

NAS Bermuda

Facilities for submarines (Ordnance Island)

ATLANTIC FLEET UNITS ASSIGNED SEA FRONTIERS

26.2 Eastern Sea Frontier
26.3 Gulf Sea Frontier
26.4 Caribbean Sea Frontier
26.5 Panama Sea Frontier

(See Composition of Air Forces in the respective Sea Frontiers)

26.7 Aspore Detachment

12 VPB (HL) Assigned from FairWing 9
(under British Operational)

Commander Jaap
Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 March 1945

ATLANTIC FLEET UNITS ASSIGNED TO TENTH FLEET

FairWings 7, 9, 11, 12, 15
FairShipWings 1, 2

h. 27 TASK FORCE TWENTY-SEVEN
Units as assigned

i. 28 TASK FORCE TWENTY-EIGHT
Air Force

28.1 Fleet Air Command, Norfolk
1 CVE
7 CCG
2 AM
1 SOSU
1 CASU
1 CVE (assigned operational control of CMAOpTra)

28.2 Fleet Air Command, Quonset
1 CVE
8 ODD
8 CASU
1 AG

28.3 Fleet AirShips Command, Atlantic

28.4 Anti-Submarine Development Detachment
1 ODD

Commodore Rowe
Commodore Mills
Captain Turner
Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 March 1945

1. 28.4 Anti-Submarine Development Detachment (cont.)
   1 DE
   1 ATP
   8 CG
   1 PG
   5 SC
   1 YMS
   1 YTL
   SS (as assigned from TF 25)
   1 CCG
   1 FYc

28.5 Fleet Air Wing FIVE

   2 AVP
   1 SC

Fleet Wing FIVE, 1 AG

28.6 Tenders, Escorts and AG's

   1 AV
   6 AVP
   1 AG (assigned to operational control
       of CNAOpTra)
   1 YP
   1 PF

28.7 Fleet Weather Central

   Captain Rafferty
Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 March 1945

1. 28 TASK FORCE TWENTY-EIGHT (Cont.)

- Naval Airships Training and Experimental
  Command
  Vessels and Aircraft assigned for training
  RAdm Rosendahl

j. 29 TASK FORCE TWENTY-NINE

- Service Force
  RAdm Taffinder

29.1 Service Group
  3 APC
  ATF (as assigned)
  1 ATR
  2 PG
  1 SC
  3 YP
  1 TTB

29.2 Mine Group
  2 IMS
  3 AM

29.3 Logistic Group
  6 AF
  10 AO
  7 ODD
Composition of U. S. Atlantic Fleet, 1 March 1945

j. 29.4 Utility Wing

VJ-4
VJ-5
VJ-15
VJ-16

29.5 Fleet Administrative Officers

29.5.1 FAO, Boston
29.5.3 FAO, New York
29.5.5 FAO, Norfolk
29.5.6 FAO, Charleston

29.6 Special groups or units reporting for
loading and onward routing
Vessels temporarily assigned from
other Fleets and Forces.

k. 60 TASK FORCE SIXTY

Adm Ingram

UGS-GUS Convoy Escort Force

60.1-12 (Inclusive)

60 DD, DE or PF (as assigned from TF-21)

l. 61 TASK FORCE SIXTY-ONE

Adm Ingram

CU-UC Convoy Escort Force

61.1-6 (Inclusive)

60 DD or DE (as assigned from TF-21)
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