

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
AIR FORCE  
TORPEDO SQUADRON EIGHTY FOUR

5 March 1945.

CHRONOLOGY

- (1) 1 May 1944: Torpedo Squadron EIGHTY-FOUR commissioned. Base: U.S. Naval Air Station, San Diego, California. Acting Commanding Officer: Lieutenant (j.g.) B.F. BERRY, U.S.N.R.
- (2) 4 May 1944: Lieutenant Commander Chandler Waterman SWANSON, U.S.N., assumed command.
- (3) 22 May 1944: Lieutenant (j.g.) R.D. ARKINS and Lieutenant (j.g.) R.B. INGRAM killed in mid-air collision.
- (4) 17 June 1944: Ensign Ralph HENDRICKS receives the Distinguished Flying Cross from Rear Admiral Frederick C. SHERMAN.
- (5) 19 Aug. 1944: Lieutenant (j.g.) Bernard F. BERRY receives the Air Medal and Commendation Ribbon, and Lieutenant (j.g.) Geoffrey A. TURNBULL receives the Commendation Ribbon from Rear Admiral W.K. HARRILL.
- (6) 5 Sept. 1944: Lieutenant D.W. BYERLY, U.S.N.R., replaced by Lieutenant Philip N. WAINWRIGHT, U.S.N.R., as Executive Officer of Squadron.
- (7) 15 Sept. 1944: Lieutenant J.C. DAVIS and Lieutenant (j.g.) T.M. CALDWELL made first cross country flights to Denver, Colorado, and Amarillo, Texas, respectively, and thereby inaugurated such flights in the squadron's syllabus.
- (8) 14 Nov. 1944: Squadron temporarily based afloat on U.S.S. TAKANIS BAY (CVE-89) for carrier qualification.
- (9) 16 Nov. 1944: Squadron, fully qualified, returns to Naval Air Station, San Diego, California.



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CHRONOLOGY (CONT'D)

- (10) 20 Nov. 1944: Squadron temporarily based at N.A.A.S., Holtville, California, for forward firing training.
- (11) 24 Nov. 1944: Squadron returns to Naval Air Station, San Diego, California.
- (12) 27 Nov. 1944: Squadron temporarily based afloat on U.S.S. RANGER (CV-4) for shakedown exercises.
- (13) 2 Dec. 1944: Squadron returns to Naval Air Station, San Diego, California.
- (14) 19 Dec. 1944: Squadron changed from eighteen (18) plane, twenty-nine (29) pilot unit to fifteen (15) plane, twenty-four (24) pilot unit. Five (5) pilots detached.