



# 845 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON

## MOTTO

'Audio Hostem' - 'I Hear the Enemy'

## ROLE

*Airborne Support for the Royal Marines of 3 Commando Brigade*

## BASE

RNAS Yeovilton



## SQUADRON HISTORY

845 Naval Air Squadron was formed in 1943 as a Torpedo Bomber Reconnaissance Squadron.

Reformed in 1955 as a Helicopter Anti - Submarine Warfare squadron it carried out history's first "vertical assault" during the Suez Crisis. 845 first became a Commando Helicopter Squadron in 1959 spending its first commission in the jungles of Borneo during the Indonesian Insurrection. In 1977 they committed to the Support Helicopter Detachment Northern Ireland and 4 years later deployed in support of the Falklands Campaign.

During the 1990's the Squadron were involved in the Kuwait Crisis, Desert Storm and operations in the former Yugoslavia. In March 2003, 845 led the insertion of 40 Commando Royal Marines to secure oil infrastructure on the Al Faw peninsular. They remained in Iraq until the end of 2007 and are now currently deployed on Operations in Afghanistan.

### PREVIOUS AIRCRAFT TYPES

Avenger, Hoverfly, Whirlwind, Wessex, Sea King

### BATTLE HONOURS

Falkland Islands 1982, Kuwait 1991, Al Faw 2003



### WESTLAND SEA KING HC Mk 4

#### Primary Role

Medium Lift Support Helicopter

#### Max Speed

125 Knots

#### Crew

2x Pilot, 1x Aircrewman,

1x Door Gunner,

#### Max Takeoff Weight

9,700 kg

#### Endurance

4 Hours

#### Weapons

7.62mm General Purpose Machine Gun



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