



846 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON

MOTTO

'Semper instans' - 'Always threatening'

ROLE

Airborne Support for the Royal Marines of 3 Commando Brigade

BASE

RNAS Yeovilton



SQUADRON HISTORY

Disbanded in 1945 the Squadron re-formed in 1962 flying the Whirlwind HAS 7 in the jungles of Borneo seeing considerable action against terrorist guerrillas. In 1979 the Squadron converted to the Sea King HC4. In 1982, Sea Kings from 846 NAS embarked in HMS Hermes as part of the Falkland Island Task Force. During 1983, detachments were embarked in HMS Fearless for the withdrawal of British Nationals and troops from Beirut.

The 1990's saw the Squadron deployed to the Gulf for Operation Desert Storm, leading to the liberation of Kuwait. From there they moved to Northern Iraq to assist with humanitarian relief for the Kurds. In 1993, 846 NAS embarked in HMS Ark Royal as part of the British Task Group assisting the UN operations in Yugoslavia. On return they moved to Northern Ireland, remaining there until 2002. In 2003 the Squadron deployed on combat operations in the Iraqi desert, returning in 2006. They are currently deployed in Afghanistan.

PREVIOUS AIRCRAFT TYPES

Avenger, Wildcat, Whirlwind, Wessex, Sea King

BATTLE HONOURS

Atlantic 1944, Normandy 1944, Arctic 1944-45, Norway 1944-45, Falkland Islands 1982, Kuwait 1991



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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