



847 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON

MOTTO

'Ex alto concutimus' - 'We shake them from on high'

ROLE

*Light Battlefield Helicopter Support for the Royal Marines of
3 Commando Brigade*

BASE

RNAS Yeovilton



SQUADRON HISTORY

The history of 847 Naval Air Squadron began towards the end of World War 2 and continued on an ad hoc basis into the 50's and 60's, operating in locations as diverse as Cyprus and Malaysia.

In 1982 the Squadron was re-formed for the Falklands conflict operating Wessex Mk 5s. As part of the Commando Helicopter Force, within the Joint Helicopter Command, 847 NAS is a fully-fledged Royal Navy Squadron, equipped with Lynx Mk 7 helicopters, which are operated by Royal Marines and Royal Navy pilots primarily in support of the Royal Marines.

Since 1995, elements of 847 NAS have been deployed in a variety of roles and to a wide range of destinations. This includes Honduras, to assist with the disaster relief after 'Hurricane Mitch', Sierra Leone for Operation Palliser, Kosovo and during the amphibious assault on the Al-Faw Peninsula in 2003. Since then the Squadron has completed a further two tours of Iraq and will deploy to Afghanistan in October 2008 for 7 months.

PREVIOUS AIRCRAFT TYPES

Barracuda, Gannet, Whirlwind, Wessex, Gazelle, Lynx

BATTLE HONOURS

Falkland Islands 1982, Al Faw 2003



WESTLAND LYNX AH Mk 7

Primary Role

Light Battlefield Helicopter

Max Speed

160 Knots

Crew

2x Pilot, 1x Door Gunner

Max Takeoff Weight

4,750 kg

Endurance

2 Hours 10 minutes

Weapons

7.62mm General Purpose Machine Gun



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