



848 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON

MOTTO

'Accipe hoc' - 'Take that'

ROLE

Commando Helicopter Force Aircrew, Groundcrew and Support Personnel Training

BASE

RNAS Yeovilton



SQUADRON HISTORY

848 Naval Air Squadron was first established in 1943 equipped with Avenger aircraft, but was disbanded after the war. In October 1952, the Squadron was re-commissioned with the new Whirlwind helicopter for anti-terrorist protection duties in Malaya, becoming the first operational Royal Navy Whirlwind Squadron. It was disbanded in 1956. The Squadron re-formed in 1958 and saw service in Kuwait in 1961 before being re-equipped with Wessex HU5 helicopters. When the Falkland Islands were invaded in 1982, the Squadron was quickly reformed but after the campaign it was again disbanded.

Recommissioned in 1991 with Sea King Mk 4 aircraft to bolster the Commando Helicopter Force during the Gulf War, it was disbanded on its return but reformed in 1995 to undertake its current operational training and RM support role. 848 NAS is one of four Fleet Air Arm helicopter Squadrons that form the Commando Helicopter Force (CHF). CHF is a combined Royal Navy / Royal Marine force that fly Sea King and Lynx helicopters, which specialize in amphibious warfare.

PREVIOUS AIRCRAFT TYPES

Avenger, Swordfish, Whirlwind, Wasp, Wessex, Sea King

BATTLE HONOURS

Normandy 1944, Okinawa 1945, Japan 1945, Falklands 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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