



857 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON

MOTTO

'Animis Opibusque Parati' - 'Prepared in Minds and Resources'

ROLE

Operational Airborne Surveillance and Control

BASE

RNAS Culdrose



SQUADRON HISTORY

857 Naval Air Squadron initially formed during World War 2 in 1944 as a Torpedo Bomber Reconnaissance Squadron of Mk II Avengers. They also embarked upon an Anti-Submarine course before travelling to the Far East in November 1944.

After attacking Sumatran targets, including Palembang, the Squadron regrouped in Australia, only to re-embark in February 1945 for two months of continuous attacks on islands in the East China Sea and Formosa. 857 NAS then sailed to Hong Kong where the Squadron was active against Japanese suicide boats in September 1945. The Avengers were left in Australia when the Squadron returned to the UK and disbanded in November 1945.

In 2006, 'B' Flight 849 NAS was re-badged as 854 NAS using the Sea King ASaCS Mk 7. Current Squadron commitments include carrying out Maritime Surveillance Operations in the Middle East.

PREVIOUS AIRCRAFT TYPES

Avenger, Sea King

BATTLE HONOURS

Palembang 1945, Okinawa 1945



WESTLAND SEA KING ASaCS Mk 7

Primary Role

Airborne Surveillance and Control

Max Speed

120 Knots

Crew

1x Pilot, 2x Observer

Max Takeoff Weight

9,800kg

Endurance

4 Hours

Weapons

Searchwater 2000 Radar



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