

CARRIER ANTI SUBMARINE AIR GROUP

59



The mission of Carrier Anti-Submarine Air Group FIFTY-NINE is to conduct all-weather anti-submarine operations either carrier-based or ashore. Specific tasks include: detection, tracking and destruction of enemy submarines, singly or in connection with other air, surface, or sub-surface forces; all-weather anti-submarine protection of convoys and naval task forces; patrol of sea and coastal areas to protect against enemy submarine penetrations and submarine launched attack; destruction of enemy shipping within the capability of assigned aircraft and equipment. CVG-59 is normally composed of three squadrons selectively qualified to perform this vital mission. Air Anti-Submarine Squadrons THIRTY-NINE and THIRTY-EIGHT flying the SF-26 Tracker, and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron EIGHT with the HSS type helicopter. A recent addition to the air group is Detachment "Quebec" of Airborne Early Warning Squadron EIGHT whose AD-5W aircraft are specially configured to support anti-submarine warfare operations.

