



849 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON

MOTTO

'Primus video' - 'The first to see'

ROLE

*Aircrew and Maintainer Training Squadron for Sea King
ASaCS Mk 7*

BASE

RNAS Culdrose



SQUADRON HISTORY

849 Squadron first formed in 1943 with Avenger torpedo, strike and reconnaissance aircraft but has its origins with the Naval Wing of the Royal Flying Corps from 1912. Seconded to Coastal Command, they supported Operation Overlord, the D-Day landings.

The Squadron disbanded at the end of the war but was reformed in 1952 to perform the new Airborne Early Warning role. The first of 50 Douglas Skyraiders, fitted with long range radar, had been delivered in 1951. Airborne Early Warning embarked for the first time on a carrier in September 1952.

The rebirth of Airborne Early Warning in the Royal Navy occurred in 1982 as a result of the Falklands War. The first two helicopters to be converted to carry the Thorn EMI Searchwater radar were completed in just 90 days. They returned to RNAS Culdrose later in 1982 to continue trials. In 1984, the concept having been proved, 849 Squadron was commissioned.

PREVIOUS AIRCRAFT TYPES

Avenger, Skyraider, Gannet, Sea King

BATTLE HONOURS

Normandy 1944, Palembang 1945, Japan 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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