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## COMMAND HISTORY

The year 1969 for Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN, the Navy's oldest active squadron, was marked by three significant accomplishments; the fiftieth anniversary of the squadron; an accident free calendar year; and a successful nine month deployment aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY, our nations newest aircraft carrier.

On 1 January 1969 the squadron was located at NAS Oceana, Virginia Beach, Virginia, with twelve F4B "Phantom II" aircraft assigned. Commander John B. BARNES, the forty fifth commanding officer of the TOPHATTERS, was in command. Squadron personnel were enjoying holiday leave with their families and friends during the stand-down period that followed our deployment to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico and our participation in the initial shake-down cruise of KENNEDY. The stand-down terminated in mid-January and preparations began for the squadrons forthcoming deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with Carrier Air Wing ONE aboard KENNEDY.

The squadron channeled its efforts into the preparation of aircrews, maintenance personnel and aircraft for nine months of carrier operations. in the Mediterranean.

Starting in January the aircrews undertook conventional weapons training, airborne intercept training, air combat maneuvering, and field mirror landing practice. These efforts were instrumental in increasing overall squadron readiness. Realistic training was possible during a two week deployment (3 March - 18 March) aboard KENNEDY as she operated off the eastern coast of Florida. This short deployment was the initial melding of KENNEDY and Air Wing ONE.

Following a short period at Oceana, the squadron boarded KENNEDY (3 April) and bade farewell to families and friends for the deployment with the Sixth Fleet.

KENNEDY, with embarked Carrier Air Wing ONE remained off of the southeastern coast of the United States from the fifth of April until the 14th of April. During this period, type training continued and the Air Wing along with KENNEDY successfully completed the Operational Readiness Inspection. With the inspection completed, KENNEDY undertook her maiden crossing of the Atlantic.

The nine months in the Mediterranean was highlighted by outstanding weather during the entire cruise. The weather conditions were instrumental in our aircrews compiling 3143 hours of flight during the deployment. Out of the 3143 hours flown, 728 hours were at night. Overall statistics for the cruise and a breakdown of each aircrewman's efforts are contained in enclosure (1). The squadron's activities during the entire cruise are depicted in enclosure (2).

The return of the aircrews and aircraft to NAS Oceana on 21 December, and the arrival of the remainder of the squadron personnel with KENNEDY on 22 December enabled all hands to enjoy the Christmas holidays in the United

States with their families.

Commander Kenneth B. STAFFORD assumed command of the squadron on 30 December 1969, thereby becoming the forty-sixth commanding officer of the squadron. Commander James W. AUSTIN reported aboard as Executive Officer.

The operational statistics for the entire year are impressive. Ordnance expenditures and total flight hours/sorties flown are shown in enclosures (3) and (4) respectively.

There were 235 enlisted personnel on board as of 1 January 1969. The average number of enlisted personnel on board during the year was 230. There were nine reenlistments during the year; four first, one second and four third reenlistments. There were forty nine honorable and one unsuitable discharges. As the result of Navy wide examinations, sixty four personnel were advanced. There were thirty four captain's masts held with punishment being awarded in only nineteen. Finally there were two administrative boards and one summary and two special courts-martial.

The year 1969 was indeed impressive for Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN. The command celebrated fifty years of continuous naval service, a distinction which no other squadron can claim. There were many highlights of the year which are too numerous to mention here. While aboard the KENNEDY, the TOPHATTERS were visited by many dignitaries and guests including the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Thomas H. MOORER.

The TOPHATTERS of Fighting FOURTEEN look with pride on their past and with determination on their future.

LIST OF ENCLOSURES

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FIGHTER SQUADRON FOURTEEN STATISTICS  
MED CRUISE 5 APRIL THRU 21 DECEMBER 1969

FLIGHT TIME - - - - - 3,143  
 NIGHT TIME - - - - - 728  
 INST TIME - - - - - 632  
 AVERAGE HRS/PILOT - - - - - 199  
 AVERAGE NIGHT HRS/PILOT - - - - - 48  
 AVERAGE LDGS/PILOT - - - - - 126  
 AVERAGE NIGHT LDGS/PILOT - - - - - 33  
 TOTAL INTERCEPTS - - - - - 2,723  
 AVERAGE INTERCEPTS/CREW - - - - - 180  
 ACM ENGAGEMENTS - - - - - 234  
 AVERAGE ACM ENGAGEMENTS/CREW - - - - - 15  
 AVERAGE CONVENTIONAL ORD SORTIES/CREW - - - - - 6  
 CREWS FIRED MK-4 GUN POD - - - - - 10  
 CREWS EXPENDING FLARES - - - - - 7  
 BADGER/BEAR INTERCEPTS - - - - - 20/2  
 AVERAGE ECM SORTIES/CREW (CHAFF) - - - - - 2  
 IFR PLUGS D/N - - - - - 335/133  
 AVERAGE IFR PLUGS/PILOT D/N - - - - - 23/9

MONTH	AVE # PILOTS	SORTIES/PILOT	HRS/PILOT	DAY HRS.	NIGHT HRS.	DAY LDGS	NIGHT LDGS
DEC	14	3	5	5	0	4	0
NOV	15	10	16	12	4	7	3
OCT	14	23	37	27	10	15	7
SEP	14	13	20	13	7	9	4
AUG	16	22	32	25.5	6.5	18	5
JUL	16	14	22	17	5	10	3
JUN	16	11	17	12.5	4.5	9	4
MAY	16	17	29	23	6	12	4
APR	16	13	21	16	5	10	3
CRUISE	15	126	199	151.0	48.0	93	33

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ACTUAL CRUISE HRS/LDGS PER PILOT

NAME	TOTAL HRS	DAY HRS	NIGHT HRS	TOTAL LDGS	DAY LDGS	NIGHT LDGS	JEP LDGS
CDR BARNES	223.4	171.7	51.7	141	107	34	175
CDR STAFFORD	213.5	164.5	49.0	129	96	33	145
PAUL	205.7	152.0	53.7	127	94	33	169
HARMON	195.5	141.4	54.1	118	84	34	155
LINEBERGER	121.0	94.0	27.0	78	59	19	106
JASKOLSKI	202.7	156.4	46.3	128	95	33	160
READY	25.0	19.7	5.3	16	13	3	16
CROWE	196.5	145.8	50.7	125	92	33	158
STANCLIFF	205.7	158.9	46.8	120	88	32	154
BARTO	197.4	149.1	48.3	120	88	32	149
YOUNG	187.3	138.6	48.7	115	82	33	131
LEWIS	184.2	143.6	40.6	109	82	27	123
PIERCE	145.6	109.8	35.8	93	70	23	93
PHELPS	199.9	147.1	52.8	125	90	35	139
BURNS	17.0	17.0	---	14	14	0	14

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ACTUAL CRUISE HRS/LDGS P'R RIO

NAME	TOTAL HRS	DAY HRS	NIGHT HRS	TOTAL LDGS	DAY LDGS	NIGHT LDGS	JFK LDGS
STEPHENSON	75.8	54.3	21.5	48	35	13	48
YOUNG	209.4	165.0	44.4	124	95	29	164
DODGE	206.4	156.7	49.7	130	94	36	166
PETERMAN	201.5	149.8	51.7	117	88	29	141
STANISZEWSKI	211.9	155.3	56.6	133	96	37	164
MCADAMS	200.2	149.7	50.5	129	94	35	167
KIERSTAD	188.8	138.1	50.7	116	86	30	153
CHAPMAN	200.5	151.6	48.9	123	87	36	133
PONIATOWSKI	190.7	136.5	54.2	121	83	38	137
STILES	252.7	199.5	53.2	154	121	33	175
MARGOLIS	189.8	136.5	53.3	117	79	38	134
PETER	191.3	140.5	40.8	114	88	26	131
WORK	206.8	164.8	42.0	128	96	32	145
GREEN	150.5	108.8	41.7	70	53	17	70

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## CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

1 Jan - 4 Mar Stand-down and flight operations out of NAS Oceana

5 Mar - 14 Apr Type training and ORI aboard KENNEDY

14 Apr - 21 Apr KENNEDY transit to the Mediterranean

22 Apr Turnover in Rota, Spain with FORRESTAL

23 Apr - 1 May Operations in Eastern Mediterranean

2 May - 11 May In port, Valetta, Malta

5 May Two squadron aircraft led by CDR STAFFORD participate in fly-by of USEUCOM I change of command at Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany

12 May - 26 May Operations  
Mini National Week II (17-18 May)  
Quickdraw (20 May)  
National Week III (22-24 May)

27 May - 3 Jun In port, Genoa, Italy

4 Jun - 10 Jun Operations  
Exercise Transitex (4-6 June)  
48 hours continuous flight operations (8-9 June)

11 Jun - 20 Jun In port, Naples, Italy

14 Jun Dependents Day Cruise, Air Wing Fire Power  
Demonstration led by VF-14 aircraft for dependents.

21 Jun - 29 Jun Operations  
Quickdraw 6-69 (23 June)  
48 hours continuous flight operations (27-28 June)  
Quickdraw 7-69 (28 June)

30 Jun - 2 Jul In port, Tarranto, Italy

3 Jul - 6 Jul In port, Corfu, Greece

7 Jul - 20 Jul Operations  
Quickdraw (16 July)  
Mini National Week I (17-19 July)

21 Jul - 30 Jul In port, Naples, Italy

31 Jul - 1 Aug Operations

2 Aug - 3 Aug In port, Valetta, Malta

4 Aug - 15 Aug	Operations Phiblex 2-70 (6-12 August)
16 Aug - 24 Aug	In port, Athens, Greece
25 Aug - 31 Aug	Operations National Week IV (26-29 Aug) Air Wing Fire Power Demonstration led by VF-14 aircraft for Ambassador SHRIVER and French guests (31 August)
1 Sep- 3 Sep	In port, Cannes, France
4 Sep- 14 Sep	Operations
15 Sep - 24 Sep	In port, Naples, Italy
25 Sep - 3 Oct	Operations Diamond Blue (26-27 September) Quickdraw (2 October)
4 Oct - 10 Oct	In port, Trieste, Italy
11 Oct - 3 Nov	Operations Deep Furrow (17-24 October)
4 Nov - 10 Nov	In port, Athens, Greece
11 Nov - 14 Nov	Flight Operations
15 Nov - 20 Nov	In port, Marsalox, Malta
21 Nov - 24 Nov	Operations Quickdraw 11-69 (22 November)
25 Nov - 3 Dec	In port, Barcelona, Spain
4 Dec --11 Dec	Operations
12 Dec	Turnover in Golfo di Palmas with FORRESTAL
12 Dec - 22 Dec	Transit to CONUS
21 Dec	Aircraft fly into NAS Oceana
22 Dec	KENNEDY arrived in Norfolk, Virginia
30 Dec	Change of Command, CDR K. B. STAFFORD relieved CDR J. B. BARNES

FIGHTER SQUADRON FOURTEEN  
1969 ORDNANCE EXPENDITURES

	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
1.	Practice, Bomb MK 76 Mod 5	595
2.	Bomb, MK 81 Mod 1 LD (GP)	25
3.	Bomb, MK 82 Mod 1 LD (GP)	129
4.	2.75" Rocket Motors	782
5.	2.75" Insert Heads	782
6.	5" Rocket Motors	146
7.	5" Inert Heads	146
8.	20MM inert ammunition for MK4 gun pod	2195 rounds
9.	MK 45 parachute flares	80
10.	Fuze, M904E2	106
11.	Fuze, M990	48
12.	MK 1 Impulse Cartridge	2
13.	MK 2 Impulse Cartridge	201
14.	MK 4 Signal Cartridge	595
15.	T 45 Adapter Booster	106

Enclosure (3)

FLIGHT HOURS/SORTIES FLOWN DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1969

	<u>DAY</u>	<u>NIGHT</u>
Total Hours	3984.7	1006.7
Carrier Landings	1600	598
Field Landings	531	791
Sorties	1932	658

Enclosure (4)