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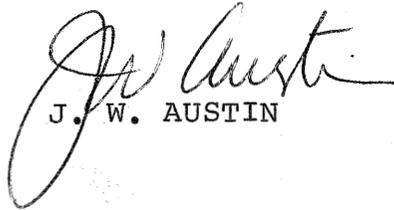
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New Year's Day 1970 found the "TOPHATTERS" of Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN enjoying the Holiday Season back home in Oceana having just returned from a nine month deployment to the Mediterranean aboard USS John F. KENNEDY (CVA-67). The Squadron was starting a stand-down period after the cruise until 20 January, 1970.

Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN embarked upon the new year under the leadership of Commander Kenneth B. STAFFORD, U.S. Navy, who had assumed Command 30 December, 1969. The Squadron consisted of 34 officers and 229 enlisted personnel; assigned the task of operating and maintaining thirteen McDonnell/Douglas F4B Phantom II aircraft. The Squadron was assigned the primary mission of providing Fighter/Inteceptor cover for the fleet when deployed. The secondary mission was the attack role utilizing the conventional weapons capability of the Phantom II. The Squadron training and operations while shorebased stressed the primary and secondary roles of the Squadron.

After the thirty day stand-down period, in which limited flight operations were conducted, the Squadron began an intensive "back in the saddle" training program before heavy flight operations were started. Once under way, flight operations stressed all phases of the combat role of the Phantom II. Particular attention was devoted to air-to-air intercept work, air-to-ground weapons delivery, and air combat maneuvering. Also, all flight crews had at least one flight exercising electronics warfare tactics at the EW range in Florida. The molding of a proud and superior Fighter Squadron was the prime objective during the time the Squadron would spend shorebased. On 14 February, 1970 the "TOPHATTERS" provided the VF Detachment 14 at NAS Key West, Florida. Fighting FOURTEEN sent four air-crews, four aircraft, and forty-five enlisted personnel to maintain the committment. This committment lasted for a period of two weeks ending 28 February, 1970. The "Hot Pad" duty was again assumed from 13 April, 1970 until 22 April, 1970. This was the final VF Detachment committment for Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN in 1970.

On 12 June, 1970, the "TOPHATTERS" embarked with Carrier Air Wing ONE on board the USS John F. KENNEDY for flight

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operations in preparation for the approaching Operational Readiness Inspection. These operations were conducted off the coast of Cuba. Normal carrier operations was the "order of the day". After ten days of operations the Squadron returned to Naval Air Station Oceana to continue shore based training operations.

Flight operations were conducted from Naval Air Station Oceana until 13 July, 1970, at which time the Squadron again embarked in USS John F. KENNEDY. This time training operations were conducted in the Virginia Capes area. On 1 August, 1970, the KENNEDY began a transit to Boston, Massachusetts. After three days in Boston harbor, during which time over 100,000 visitors were hosted by the KENNEDY and Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN, the ship returned to Norfolk.

Once again the Squadron returned to Naval Air Station Oceana for shorebased flight operations. On 14 September, 1970, the "TOPHATTERS" again embarked in USS John F. KENNEDY; this time for the Operational Readiness Inspection to be held at the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range. However, on 17 September, 1970, the USS John F. KENNEDY and Carrier Air Wing ONE, were diverted to the Eastern Mediterranean in support of COMSIXTH-FLT during the Jordanian crisis.

The Squadron arrived on Bravo station 100 miles off the coast of Lebanon on 29 September, 1970. Flight operations were conducted in twelve hour cycles on station Bravo until 7 October, 1970. With the easing of tensions in Jordan, USS John F. KENNEDY sailed to Soudha Bay, Crete arriving on 8 October, 1970, for a three day inport period. The next stop was Athens, Greece for a period of four days. On 27 October, 1970, Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN received a new Commanding Officer. Commander James W. AUSTIN relieved Commander Kenneth B. STAFFORD as Commanding Officer of the Navy's oldest Squadron, the "TOPHATTERS, at ceremonies aboard USS John F. KENNEDY at sea.

The next port call for USS John F. KENNEDY was Naples, Italy. While in Naples four crew members, who had been left behind due to the emergency deployment, joined the Squadron in F4B aircraft BUNOS 152208 and 151433. The Translant of these aircraft is a separate page in the history of the "TOPHATTERS". The route of travel of the Translant was Bermuda; Lajes, Azores; Rota, Spain; and Naples, Italy. With the arrival of these two aircraft, the "TOPHATTERS" now had their full complement of twelve aircraft for the cruise.

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Leaving Naples, the KENNEDY conducted one day of flight operations enroute to Palma de Mallorca, where seven days of liberty were upcoming. After leaving Palma on 14 November, 1970, three days of flight operations were conducted while on the way back to a three day port of call at Naples.

After leaving Naples five days of flight operations were conducted before pulling into Malta. USS John F. KENNEDY pulled out of Malta for seven days of operations in the Ionian Sea starting 2 December, 1970. Due to student riots in Toranto, Italy, the KENNEDY did not adhere to it's planned port schedule; but instead returned to Malta for another five days.

Leaving Malta on 14 December, 1970, the Squadron prepared for a combat readiness exercise which included a live ordnance drop on the Greek target Avgo Nisi. The Squadron delivered MK-82 general purpose bombs, CBU's, and 5" Zuni Rockets on target. After the CRAE, the KENNEDY then steamed to the western coast of Crete to anchor at Soudha Bay to play host to the Bob Hope Show.

On 18 December, 1970, KENNEDY anchored at Soudha Bay, Crete and loaded the Bob Hope troupe on board that night. The following day Bob Hope presented his troupe on the flight deck of USS John F. KENNEDY; however, not all "TOPHATTERS" were at the show. Two aircrews and six enlisted men were on alert at the United States Naval Facility at Soudha Bay, Crete. The "TOPHATTERS" were launched around 1230, 19 December, 1970, to intercept a Soviet aircraft being flown to Egypt. Both "TOPHATTER" aircraft effected a swift rendezvous with the Soviet aircraft and obtained many valuable pictures of the rarely seen aircraft.

The Squadron spent the Holiday Season in Athens, Greece and was among the first to participate in the Dependent Air Charter Program. This enabled many "TOPHATTERS" to spend Christmas with their families in Athens and many others to return home to the United States for 13 days of well earned leave.

The year of 1970 was indeed a good year for the Navy's oldest active Squadron. The Squadron flew over 3200 hours without a major accident. This was the second year in a row that the "TOPHATTERS" have had a perfect safety record. Also the squadron was active in community relations, sponsoring three boys in the Soap Box Derby and providing teaching aids

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for a local "head start" school program. The Squadron donated \$6,301 to the Combined Federal Campaign to place first in the COMFAIRNORFOLK community and earn its second consecutive Fair Share Award. The "TOPHATTERS" were also awarded second place in the COMNAVAIRLANT "Golden Mike" competition for the vigorous internal and community relations program which helped the men and families of Fighting FOURTEEN.

The objective of the "TOPHATTERS" has been reached and is quite evident by the performance statistics compiled throughout the year. The "TOPHATTERS" are a close knit, smooth operating Squadron that has attained an enviably high state of combat readiness. The "TOPHATTERS" have made their fifty-first year an extremely successful page in the history of United States Navy Fighter Aviation.

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

1 JAN - 20 JAN	Stand-down Period
21 JAN - 11 JUN	Flight Operations from NAS Oceana
14 FEB - 28 FEB	HotPad Duty NAS Key West
13 APR - 22 APR	NotPad Duty NAS Key West
12 JUN - 21 JUN	Extensive Flight Operations off the Coast of Cuba
22 JUN - 12 JUL	Flight Operations from NAS Oceana
13 JUL - 31 JUL	Flight Operations off Virginia Capes
01 AUG	Enroute to Boston
02 AUG - 04 AUG	Anchored Boston Harbor
05 AUG - 06 AUG	Enroute to Norfolk
07 AUG - 13 SEP	Flight Operations from NAS Oceana
14 SEP - 17 SEP	Enroute to Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range for ORI and type training
18 SEP	Emergency Deployment to Station Bravo in Eastern Mediterranean
18 SEP - 28 SEP	Transit to Station Bravo
29 SEP	Arrived Station Bravo; Eastern Mediterranean approximately 100 miles off Lebanon
29 SEP - 07 OCT	Tactical Operations from Station Bravo
08 OCT	Anchor Soudha Bay, Crete
11 OCT	Underway to Athens, Greece
12 OCT - 16 OCT	Anchored Athens, Greece

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS (CONT'D)

- 17 OCT Underway from Athens
- 18 OCT - 01 NOV Flight Operations Eastern Mediterranean
- 27 OCT Commander J. W. AUSTIN assumes Command of Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN from Commander K. B. STAFFORD
- 02 NOV - 05 NOV Anchored Naples, Italy
- 05 NOV LT PIERCE, LTJG BURNS, LTJG MARGOLIS LTJG LYLE join the Squadron after transiting aircraft 152208, 151433 from NAS Oceana to Naples, Italy
- 06 NOV Flight Operations enroute to Palma de Mallorca
- 07 NOV - 14 NOV Anchored Palma de Mallorca
- 15 NOV - 17 NOV Flight Operations enroute to Naples, Italy
- 18 NOV - 20 NOV Anchored Naples, Italy
- 21 NOV - 25 NOV Flight Operations in Central Mediterranean
- 26 NOV - 01 DEC Anchored Valetta, Malta
- 02 DEC - 08 DEC Flight Operations in Ionian Sea
- 09 DEC - 13 DEC Anchored Valetta, Malta
- 14 DEC - 18 DEC Flight Operations in Ionian Sea
- 16 DEC Combat Readiness Exercise; Live Ordnance drop on Greek target Avgo Nisi
- 18 DEC Anchored Soudha Bay, Crete

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS (CONT'D)

19 DEC Bob Hope Show onboard USS John F. KENNEDY - Flight crews of LT PIERCE and LTJG LYLE and LTJG GURICK and LTJG MARGOLIS intercept two Soviet Bloc aircraft while on special alert at Soudha Bay, Crete

20 DEC Underway from Soudha Bay, Crete to Athens, Greece

21 DEC Anchor Athens, Greece - Remained anchored at Athens, Greece until 6 JAN 1971

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FIGHTER SQUADRON FOURTEEN STATISTICS - 1 JAN 1970
THRU 31 DEC 1970

FLIGHT TIME	3227.9
NIGHT TIME	697.9
INSTRUMENT TIME	477.1
AVERAGE HRS/PILOT	215.2
TOTAL FIELD LDGS D/N	1164/296
AVERAGE NIGHT HRS/PILOT	46.4
AVERAGE DAY FIELD LDGS/PILOT	78
AVERAGE NIGHT FIELD LDGS/PILOT	20
AVERAGE DAY CARRIER LDGS/PILOT	94
AVERAGE NIGHT CARRIER LDGS/PILOT	22
TOTAL INTERCEPTS	2451
AVERAGE INTERCEPTS/CREW	164
ACM ENGAGEMENTS	567
AVERAGE ACM ENGAGEMENTS/CREW	33
AVERAGE CONVENTIONAL ORD SORTIES/ CREW	7
CREWS FIRED MK-4 GUN POD	8
CREWS EXPENDING FLARES	10
AVERAGE ECM SORTIES/CREW	2
IFR PLUGS D/N	283/133
AVERAGE IFR PLUGS/PILOT D/N	18/9
SPARROWS FIRED	23
SIDEWINDERS FIRED	20
BADGER/BEAR INTERCEPTS	9/0

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FIGHTER SQUADRON FOURTEEN 1970 HOURS/LANDINGS
PER PILOT

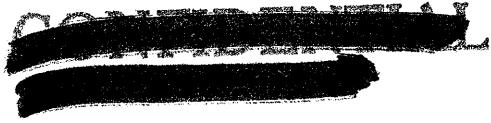
NAME	TOTAL HOURS	DAY HOURS	NIGHT HOURS	TOTAL LDGS	FIELD LDGS		CARRIER LDGS	
					D	N	D	N
CDR AUSTIN	208.4	171.5	36.9	154	58	8	67	21
CDR KUJAWSKI	36.7	25.9	10.8	22	-	-	15	7
LCDR LINEBERGER	175.0	132.0	43.0	126	47	19	41	19
LCDR JASKOLSKI	205.8	164.8	41.0	166	73	14	58	21
LCDR READY	246.4	204.8	41.6	196	103	13	52	28
LT DENARDO	239.5	207.3	32.2	161	54	25	54	28
LT PINKSTON	22.0	18.7	3.3	13	-	-	11	2
LT YOUNG	224.2	175.8	48.4	208	111	23	51	23
LT PIERCE	210.7	178.2	32.5	180	92	18	44	14
LT IKE	128.5	97.2	31.3	102	24	9	41	27
LT PHELPS	197.2	157.0	40.2	171	70	23	55	23
LT BURNS	170.2	138.7	31.5	126	59	13	41	13
LT GURICK	204.7	151.8	42.9	178	81	19	53	25
LT FORBES	187.1	137.3	49.8	135	43	13	50	29
LT HOLLOWAY	214.6	185.3	56.3	183	70	26	65	22

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FIGHTER SQUADRON FOURTEEN 1970 HOURS/LANDINGS PER RIO

NAME	TOTAL HOURS	DAY HOURS	NIGHT HOURS	TOTAL LDGS	FIELD LDGS		CARRIER LDGS	
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LCDR STEPHENSON	221.6	171.3	50.3	150	47	18	64	21
LT SHARER	207.0	171.1	35.9	149	53	12	64	20
LT MARSDEN	146.1	103.5	42.6	105	18	13	51	23
LT CHAPMAN	227.0	179.8	47.2	170	70	19	58	23
LT PONIATOWSKI	216.3	169.3	47.0	148	64	15	50	19
LT STILES	214.4	172.5	41.9	158	72	17	49	20
LT KIERSTEAD	232.2	180.4	51.8	175	76	23	53	23
LT MARGOLIS	218.6	176.8	41.8	160	83	20	35	22
LT PETER	218.6	182.0	36.6	161	76	12	48	25
LT WORK	203.1	157.9	45.2	146	58	14	51	23
LTJG GREEN	200.0	142.5	57.5	143	53	22	45	23
LTJG POULOS	124.6	38.7	38.7	80	11	7	39	23
LTJG KELLY	103.8	75.7	28.1	66	6	2	39	19
LTJG NOIA	151.7	118.8	32.9	90	10	5	53	22
LTJG LYLE	75.1	57.8	17.3	39	9	3	17	10

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1970 TOPHATTER HOURLY TOTALS/MONTH

MONTH	SQUADRON SORTIES D/N	TOTAL HOURS	MONTHLY TOTALS D/N	ACTUAL INST. HOURS	PER PILOT D/N
JAN	80/5	131.3	125.5/5.8	13.9	8.3/.4
FEB	86/11	145.0	130.3/14.7	17.0	20/1
MAR	106/14	162.2	141.5/20.7	18.7	9.4/1.4
APR	147/4	197.0	189.5/7.5	18.0	12/.5
MAY	142/110	258.2	163.6/94.6	5.2	10.9/6.3
JUN	183/37	309.3	279.4/29.9	21.1	18.6/2
JUL	225/62	459.0	368.7/90.3	84.2	24.5/6
AUG	109/29	180.8	1420/38.8	18.7	9.5/2.6
SEP	135/64	276.0	202.9/73.1	26.8	13.5/4.9
OCT	167/95	458.8	295.5/5.8	139.3	19.6/10.9
NOV	135/44	292.4	226.2/66.2	48.6	15.1/4.4
DEC	150/63	357.9	265.2/92.7	65.6	17.7/6.3
TOTALS	1665/538	3227.9	2530.0/697.9	477.1	
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1970 TOPHATTER LANDINGS/MONTH

MONTH	FIELD		ARRESTED		FCLP	
	TOTAL	D/N	TOTAL	D/N	TOTAL	D/N
JAN	145	139/6	0	0/0	15	14/1
FEB	124	114/10	0	0/0	5	5/0
MAR	146	123/23	0	0/0	34	31/3
APR	211	192/19	0	0/0	0	0/0
MAY	315	171/144	24	24/0	637	55/482
JUN	166	144/22	125	98/27	115	0/115
JUL	120	96/24	185	146/39	51	11/40
AUG	110	90/20	44	30/14	5	5/0
SEP	81	55/26	122	89/33	161	15/146
OCT	28	26/2	243	138/105	0	0/0
NOV	6	6/0	173	121/52	0	0/0
DEC	8	8/0	205	142/63	0	0/0
TOTALS	1164/296		788/333		136/886	
	<u>1460</u>		<u>1121</u>		<u>1022</u>	

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FIGHTER SQUADRON FOURTEEN 1970 ORDNANCE EXPENDITURES

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
1. Practice Bomb, MK 76 MOD 5	1217
2. Practice Bomb, MK 106	13
3. Practice Bomb, Inert MK 82	24
4. Bomb, MK 81 MOD 1 LDGP	26
5. Bomb, MK 82 MOD 1 LDGP	87
6. Cluster Bomb Unit 24	4
7. 2.75" Rocket Motor	360
8. 2.75" Head Inert	360
9. 5" Rocket Motor	114
10. 5" Head Inert	75
11. 5" Head Live	39
12. 20 mm inert ammunition MK 4 gun pod	244
13. MK 45 parachute flare	86
14. MK 2 Impulse Cartridge	1371
15. MK 8 Impulse Cartridge	1
16. MK 904E2 Fuze	113
17. MK 907E1 Fuze	4

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FIGHTER SQUADRON FOURTEEN PERSONNEL 31 DEC 1970

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>
CDR AUSTIN	COMMANDING OFFICER
CDR KUJAWSKI	EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LCDR LINEBERGER	MAINTENANCE OFFICER
LCDR JASKOLSKI	OPERATIONS
LCDR READY	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
LCDR STEPHENSON	ASST. MAINTENANCE OFFICER
LT SHARER	ASST. OPERATIONS OFFICER
LT MARSDEN	SAFETY OFFICER
LT DENARDO	A/C DIVISION
LT PINKSTON	NATOPS OFFICER
LT YOUNG	LINE DIVISION
LT PIERCE	QUALITY ASSURANCE
LT IKE	POWER PLANTS
LT PHELPS	LSO
LT STILES	AV. EQUIPMENT BRANCH
LT KIERSTEAD	ELECTRONICS BRANCH
LT PONIATOWSKI	PERSONNEL OFFICER
LT CHAPMAN	AVIONICS/WEAPONS
LT HOLLOWAY	WEAPONS TRAINING
LT BURNS	ASSISTANT LINE
LT MARGOLIS	ENLISTED TRAINING
LT PETER	AI/EW TRAINING
LT WORK	COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
LT GURICK	AIRFRAMES BRANCH
LT FORBES	LEGAL OFFICER
LTJG CURRY	MATERIAL CONTROL
LTJG GREEN	FLIGHT OFFICER
LTJG POULOS	FIRST LIEUTENANT
LTJG KELLY	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
LTJG NOIA	ELECTRICAL/INST BRANCH
LTJG LYLE	ED. SERVICES/RETENTION/PAO
LTJG SPRAGUE	AIR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
LTJG ELLIOTT	ARMAMENT
CWO2 MANGO	MAINTENANCE CONTROL

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