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- To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05D2)
- Subj: 1981 Command History; submission of OPNAV Report 5750-1
- Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.1B
- Encl: (1) FITRON FOURTEEN History  
 (2) 1981 Chronology of Events  
 (3) Biography of Commander Jack H. Hawver, Jr., Commanding Officer  
 (4) Biography of Commander Alex C. Rucker, Executive Officer  
 (5) FITRON FOURTEEN Officers and Billets held 31 Dec 1981  
 (6) FITRON FOURTEEN Pilot/NFO flight time, January thru December 1981.  
 (7) Weapons Expended - 1981

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted.

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1. (U) Command Organization

a. 1981 - The basic mission of the squadron has not changed; however, the emphasis in training has been shifted. As stated in the VF-14 Watch and Information Sheet, the mission of Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN is to intercept and destroy enemy aircraft and anti-ship cruise missiles in all weather conditions and to establish and maintain local air superiority. Historically, a fighter squadron is tasked with opposing enemy aircraft. However, with the threat of potent long range missiles in the enemy arsenal, the multi-track and ECM capabilities of the F-14A/AWG-9 Phoenix Weapons System have received added importance. Consequently, the Maritime Air Superiority role of the TOMCAT and its crew has received added emphasis. During 1981, VF-14 has continued training for both threats.

b. Command organization has remained consistent during the calendar year. Enclosure (5) presents a command structure as it existed through 1981 and lists the officers who held squadron billets at the close of the calendar year. Enclosures (3) and (4) provide a brief biography of the present Commanding Officer and the Executive Officer.

2. (C) Summary of Operations:

Calendar Year 1981 was a stimulating and successful year for the "TOPHATTERS". Continuing the tradition as a "sea-going" fighter squadron, the first three months of 1981 were spent deployed to the the Mediterranean, finishing the final phase of an extended eight month deployment, embarked in the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67).

During the final three months of the Mediterreanean Deployment the "TOPHATTERS" celebrated the 1981 New Year inport in Naples, Italy. On the 3rd of January the KENNEDY got underway for the Western Mediterranean for 38 days of flight operations. Operations consisted of refresher training and warm-up AIC/ACM flights to get the pilots/RIOs back into operational readiness after the two week stand-down.

After flying over 975 hours and 500 sorties, the "TOPHATTERS", arrived inport Malaga, Spain on 13 March 1981 for a 4 day Turnover with VF-74. On 17 March the KENNEDY departed Malaga after turning the Mediterranean over to the USS FORRESTAL (CV 59). The KENNEDY was ready for her transit through the Straits of Gibraltar and the big run across the Atlantic for Norfolk. The transit across the Atlantic took 8 days and saw a lot of rough weather. On board for the transit were dependents of KENNEDY and AIRWING personnel making a dependents cruise, better known as a "Tiger" Cruise. All dependents enjoyed the time spent with their dads and really learned what daddy's job was all about.

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On 27 March 1981 the "TOPHATTER" aircrews lead by Captain James A. "RED" BEST, COMCARAIRWING ONE, and Commander Jack H. HAWVER, JR., Commanding Officer of the "TOPHATTERS" flew into NAS Oceana in full formation to the waiting families and friends thus ending the final cruise of the "TOPHATTERS" with Carrier Air Wing ONE. In July of 1981 the "TOPHATTERS" would be changing over to Carrier Air Wing SIX onboard the USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62). On 28 March the KENNEDY pulled into Pier 7, Norfolk Naval Station, with the rest of the Officers and Men of Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN and the usual homecoming always given men coming home from long deployments.

From 28 March until through the month of April the "TOPHATTERS" enjoyed a well deserved post-cruise standdown.

May saw the commencement of a modified turnaround cycle at NAS Oceana to prepare for the 1982 Indian Ocean Cruise on board USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) under command of Carrier Air Wing SIX. In the weeks to follow the "TOPHATTERS" flew ACM sorties against VF-43 adversary pilots.

June and July saw the "TOPHATTERS" leaving for Rosie Roads for three weeks of aircrew flight training. As always much was learned during this period and the squadron had a chance to play the adversary against the USS NIMITZ (CVN 70) and EISENHOWER (CV 68), as the ORANGE FORCES.

August found us at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada in the hottest part of the year. The aircrews participated in air combat training with an Air Force Aggressor Squadron.

September found us giving support operations to the USS KIDD, one of the SPRUANCE class destroyers.

In October the "TOPHATTERS" were back out to Nevada. This time we were at NAS FALLON doing low level training, strafing and a ACM.

In November, we went back to Puerto Rico for a little more sun and training (more training then sun). We gave support to the USS EISENHOWER and USS JOHN F. KENNEDY, again as the ORANGE FORCES. A lot of good training was received by all.

December found the squadron preparing for refresher training on Indy. FCLP for our pilots was followed by a much needed holiday standdown.

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1981 Chronology of Events

1. (C) The squadron relocated numerous times during the calendar year 1981, due to exercises and workups in preparation for the June 1982 deployment.

- 9-11 JAN Battle Group Operations
- 13-17 JAN National Week
- 27-29 JAN Bannner tow/Air to Air firing from SOUDA BAY.
- 29 JAN Missilex NAMFI Missile Range, Souda Bay, Crete
- 31 JAN Burning Wind Exercise
- 11-12 FEB DASIX
- 21-23 FEB PHIBLEX
- 10 MAR Burning Wind Exercise
- 11-15 MAY Fighter Showdown
- 19-22 MAY SEABAT
- 9 JUN Missilex, VACAPES
- 15-27 JUN Orange Air Forces vs USS NIMITZ, Roosevelt Roads, PR
- 24 JUNE Missilex AFWTF
- 7-19 JUL Orange Air Forces vs USS EISENHOWER
- 10 JUL Missilex AFWTF
- 27-30 JUL SEAFLAG
- 1-7 AUG NELLIS Overland ACM
- 11-12 AUG Missilex VACAPES
- 17 AUG - 4 SEP FFARP
- 15 SEP Missilex VACAPES
- 17 SEP Unannounce CFW-1 Missilex, VACAPES
- 22-24 SEP SEABAT
- 25 SEP - 1 OCT Services USS KIDD Key West, FL
- 5-8 OCT EAGLE THRUST
- 13 OCT Missilex, VACAPES
- 16-27 OCT NAS FALLON - CVW-6 WEAPONS DET
- 2-11 NOV Orange Air vs USS EISENHOWER and USS J. F. KENNEDY, Roosevelt Roads, PR
- 5 NOV Missilex, VACAPES
- 3 DEC Missilex, VACAPES
- 7-8 DEC Services for USS PENSACOLA
- 7-16 DEC SOPWITH CAMEL
- 15-18 DEC SEABAT
- 18-22 DEC SOPWITH CAMEL
- 19-21 DEC CQ, USS INDEPENDENCE

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OFFICER BILLET/DUTY ASSIGNMENTS AT THE END OF DECEMBER 1981

CDR JACK H. HAWVER, JR  
CDR ALEXANDER C. RUCKER

COMMANDING OFFICER  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LCDR JERRY D. MERRITT III  
LCDR MICHAEL W. ROGERS  
LCDR ROBERT W. DICKERSON II  
LCDR WILLIAM D. BANKART  
LCDR ROBERT E. RIERA  
LCDR WILLIAM F. COLL  
LCDR THOMAS W. RHODES, JR  
LCDR DANIEL M. CHOPP  
LCDR JOHN D. MCCLOSKEY  
LCDR MARK A. EMMERT

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
MAINTENANCE OFFICER  
OPERATIONS OFFICER  
QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICER  
PERSONNEL OFFICER  
SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICER  
ASST MAINTENANCE OFFICER  
JUST REPORT  
ASSISTANT OPERATIONS OFFICER  
SAFETY OFFICER

LT GERALD A. DONATO  
LT MICHAEL J. MCGRAW  
LT JEFFREY A. KRALLER  
LT KEITH E. HARDMAN  
LT KIEL L. NORRIS  
LT JOHN W. SHERMAN  
LT STANLEY L. SAUNDERS  
LT MICHAEL STURM  
LT JAMES H. BRAUN  
LT WILLIAM D. ESKRIDGE  
LT DIRK E. BERRY  
LT MARK T. FRANCIS

HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER  
WEAPONS TRAINING OFFICER  
AIRCRAFT DIVISION OFFICER  
AE BRANCH OFFICER  
POWER PLANTS OFFICER  
AIRFRAMES/CORROSION CONTROL OFFICER  
TAD TO FITWING ONE  
AV/ARM DIVISION OFFICER  
LINE DIVISION OFFICER  
MAINTENANCE CONTROL OFFICER

LTJG JOHN A. ZEMBUCH  
LTJG PAUL S. FISHER  
LTJG CRAIG S. KAIN  
LTJG SCHOLL, JAMES K.  
LTJG ROBERT N. MIXON  
LTJG ROBERT J. WILSON  
LTJG WALTER G. DINKLA

ORDNANCE OFFICER  
TAD TO FITWING ONE  
LEGAL OFFICER  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OFFICER

ENS DAVID J. GRAFF  
ENS JOHN D. BURPO

AIR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER  
SUPPLY OFFICER  
MATERIAL CONTROL OFFICER

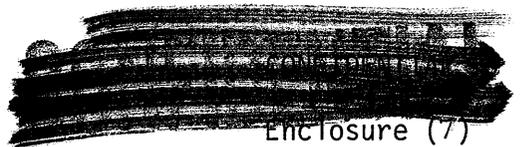
FITRON FOURTEEN Pilot/NFO Flight Time  
(January - December 1981)

<u>MON.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>NFO</u>
JAN	380.5	338.6
FEB	382.0	312.3
MAR	91.9	90.9
APR	239.7	255.4
MAY	431.5	422.8
JUN	505.8	505.9
JUL	342.0	344.7
AUG	294.6	294.6
SEP	350.0	347.1
OCT	474.4	474.4
NOV	346.0	346.0
DEC	306.5	310.5
HRS.	TOTAL: 4,144	4,043



WEAPONS EXPENDED - 1981

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>MISSILE/ORD</u>	<u>A/C LAUNCHED</u>	<u>MISSILE SER NO.</u>
JAN 81	1. Two AIM 9H 2. 435 rnds CHAFF 3. 435 rnds MD 4. 4,200 rnds 20 MM TP	A/C 114 A/C 100	EPN 0020 DZX 0435
FEB 81	1. 633 rnds CHAFF 2. 633 rnds MD-48 3. 3600 rnds 20MM		
MAR 81	NO ORDNANCE EXPENDED		
APR 81	1. 300 rnds 20MM		
MAY 81	1. 1700 rnds 20MM TP		
JUNE 81	1. Four AIM-7E/4 2. Three AIM-9G,H,L 3. 11,092 rnds 20MM TP	A/C 102 A/C 104 A/C 100 A/C 101 A/C 107 A/C 111 A/C 100	R-8284-B-4 R-3010-B-4 R-17299-B-4 R-18890-B-4 HXM 0635 HXM 0098 HAR 0146
JULY 81	1. One AIM-7E/4 2. 7600 rnds 20MM TP	A/C103	R-16448-B-4
AUG 81	1. Three AIM-7E/4 2. RR-129 CHAFF-8 EA. 3. MK-46 FLARE 10 EA.	A/C110 A/C106 A/C112	R-14117-B-4 R-17303-B-4 R-16788-B-4
SEPT 81	1. Three AIM-7E/4 2. Two AIM-9L 3. 3300 rnds 20MM	A/C101 A/C104 A/C110 A/C102 A/C103	R-18541-B-4 R-18924-B-4 R-19662-B-4 HXN 0281 HXN 0298



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	4. RR-129 CHAFF 18 EA		
	5. MK-46 FLARES 38 EA		
OCT 81	1. One AIM-7F	A/C106	R-61318
	2. 7850 rnds 20MM		
	3. RR-129 CHAFFD 133rns		
	4. MK-46 FLARES 22 rnds		
NOV 81	1. Two AIM-7E/4	A/C105	R-705-B-4
		A/C107	R-18325-B-4
	2. Two AIM-9H	A/C106	HAR 0845
		A/C111	HAR 1187
	3. 9900 rnds 20MM TP		
DEC 81	1. One AIM-7E/4	A/C111	R-11447-B-4
	2. Two AIM-9H	A/C105	HAR 1269
		A/C112	HAR 1385
	3. 2400 rnds 20MM TP		

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