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D. L. JACKSON

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FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO
COMMAND DATA

Commanding Officer: Marvin T. Serhan, Commander, U. S. Navy

Executive Officer: David L. Jackson, Commander, U. S. Navy

Senior Administrative Command: Commander Fighter Airborne Early
Warning Wing, U. S. Pacific
Fleet

Senior Operational Command: Commander Carrier Air Wing TWO

I. Squadron Missions:

a. To sustain at all times the capability to establish and maintain Maritime Air Superiority in the vicinity of the Task Force.

b. To project power ashore in support of strike operations and maintain air supremacy in the vicinity of a strike group.

c. To provide a tactical reconnaissance capability.

II Aircraft: GRUMMAN F-14A BUREAU NOS:

162604	162606	162598	162600	160680
160668	160695	159843	159624	161299
*160696	*161271	*161276	159869	

* Configured to carry Tactical Air Reconnaissance Pod System (TARPS)

III. Deployment - USS RANGER (CV-61):

READIEX 89-2A	07 - 22 JAN
WESTPAC/IO 89	24 FEB - 24 AUG

**FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO
1989 CHRONOLOGY**

07-22 JAN 89 CARRIER OPS: Successful completion of READIEX 89-2A on board USS Ranger in SOCAL

02 FEB 89 MISSILEX: Successful launch of 3 AIM-7F and 2 AIM-9H in SOCAL

15 FEB 89 FIGHTERTOWN AWARDS CEREMONY: Bounty Hunters receive 3 of the 4 fighter awards (Fighter Derby, High Noon, TARPS Excellence) and place second in ECCM COMPEX

24 FEB 89 CARRIER OPS: WESTPAC/I.O. 89 deployment

28 FEB - 07 MAR 89 READIEX 89-2B: Successful Battle Group exercise in Hawaiian OPAREAS; emphasis on AAW, long range strike escort and TARPS RECCE

07 MAR 89 MISSILEX: Successful launch of 1 AIM-7F at Barking Sands, HI

22-25 MAR 89 INCHOP SEVENTH FLEET: PASSEX with USS Midway

03 APR 89 FLOGGER INTERCEPTS: VF-2 completes first MIG-23 intercept. Eight aircrews engage Floggers. VF-2 also completes the only Badger intercept of the cruise

15 APR 89 SHELLBACK INITIATION: USS Ranger rids itself of "Slimy Woqs"

20 APR 89 NAS OPS: "GONZO" Station

29 APR, 30 MAY, 07, 14 JUN 89 TARPS: Reconnaissance missions flown in Strait of Hormuz

08-11 MAY 89 WEAPONS WEEK: VF-2 participates in Air-to-Air Gunnery operations off Diego Garcia

16-17 MAY 89 MID-CRUISE MATERIAL CONDITION INSPECTION: Successful effort by all Maintenance Personnel

21-24 MAY 89 EXERCISE: Beacon Flash

14 JUL 89 DACT: Flew 2 V UNK Sorties against Royal Thai Air Force F-5s and F-16s

22 JUL 89 FLOGGER INTERCEPT: VF-2 section encountered MIG-23s near Cam Rahn Bay

29 JUL 89 CONRECCEX: Several TARPS sorties flown in South China Sea OPAREA

17 AUG 89 TIGER CRUISE 89: USS Ranger welcome "Tigers" in Hawaii. VF-2 hostes more Tigers per capita than any other unit onboard

24 AUG 89 HOMECOMING: VF-2 returns to Fightertown after a highly successful deployment. Airwing TWO completes 6-month FOD-free Cruise

06 SEP 89 POST-CRUISE INSPECTION: Successful MCI GRADE: Above average

12-13 SEP 89 PACEX: VF-2 provides Orange Air Support to USS Enterprise (CV-65) READIEX

05-13 OCT 89 FLEET WEEK 89: VF-2 embarks 2 F-14s and 5 aircrew to USS Independence (CV-62) for deployment to San Francisco

23-27 OCT 89 TARPS DERBY: 4 crews participate in CFAWP-sponsored competition. VF-2 wins first place.

28 OCT 89 TOPGUN: VF-2 graduates two officers from NFWS, NAS, Miramar

30 OCT - 03 NOV 89 ACM DETACHMENT: Five crews participate in highly successful detachment to Holloman AFB to experiment with current division employment strategies and develop new, more effective tactics

08 NOV 89 ECCM COMPEX: Ten crews participate in CFAWP-sponsored competition. VF-2 finishes in second place.

21 NOV 89 HIGH NOON: Crews participate in CFAWP-sponsored air-to-air gunnery competition. Squadron average was 21%. Individual high was 44%. VF-2 finishes in first place.

27 NOV 89 CHANGE OF COMMAND: Commander David L. Jackson relieves Commander Marvin T. Serhan as Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron TWO. Commander James J. Quinn assumes responsibilities as Executive Officer

04-06 DEC 89 FIGHTER DERBY: VF-2 aircrew participate in CFAWP-sponsored competition

31 DEC 89 SAFETY: VF-2 completes 4825.6 mishap-free flight hours

1989 CHARITY CONTRIBUTIONS:

Combined Federal Campaign: \$15,147
COMNAVAIRPAC "Gold Award" for the highest F-14 squadron in
CNAP for the third consecutive year

Navy Relief: \$10,782
Highest NAS Miramar squadron

WESTPAC/INDIAN OCEAN CRUISE 1989 PORT VISITS:

07-10 MAR	Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
26-29 MAR	Cubi Point, Philippine Islands
11-14 APR	Singapore
12-14 MAY	Diego Garcia
29 JUN - 05 JUL	Perth, Australia
15-19 JUL	Pattaya, Thailand
24-28 JUL	Hong Kong
30 JUL - 01 AUG	Subic Bay, Philippine Islands
16-17 AUG	Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

**FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO
1989 NARRATIVE**

In February 1989 the Squadron left beautiful San Diego once again for an extended deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans aboard USS RANGER (CV-61). The cruise was highlighted by the BULLETS completing the first Soviet Bear intercept of the cruise and successful operations in the Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman and South China Sea. Also including was highly motivating encounter with MIG-23 Floggers off Cam Rahn Bay, Vietnam. The Bounty Hunters led the Air Wing in the intercept and escort of Flogger C's and K's, exposing a record number of aircrew to this real-world tactical threat aircraft. All in all everyone received invaluable fighter training that others only dream about.

WESTPAC '89 was a resounding success for VF-2. The Squadron completed the deployment in August accident - free, while setting new records for hours and sorties flown. While embarked, the Bullets flew 2589 hours (1875 Day, 714 Night) and amassed 1483 carrier landings (999 Day, 484 Night).

On 27 November 1989, CDR Dave Jackson took command of VF-2, with CDR J. J. Quinn as his Executive Officer. Also, in keeping with the tradition of excellence within the Squadron, Fighting TWO was awarded FIRST PLACE in both the "HIGH NOON" aerial gunnery competition and the "TARPS Excellence" competition of 1989, while placing second in the ECCM COMPEX.

FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO
1989 MISCELLANEOUS SUMMARY

1989 Hours Flown: 6,679.1
1989 Embarked Hours Flown: 2,588.2
1989 Carrier Landings: 1,483
 Day: 999
 Night: 484

Squadron Awards:

(1) COMNAVAIRPAC Gold Award for 1989 CFC contributions as highest CNAP F-14 squadron; \$15,147.00. Third consecutive year.

(2) Highest NAS Miramar squadron for Navy Relief contributions \$10,782.00.

(3) 1989 COMFITAEEWWINGPAC High Noon Air-to-Air Gunnery Champions.

(4) 1989 COMFITAEEWWINGPAC TARPS Excellence Champions.

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