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Encl: (1) Command History of VF-201 with annexes

1. As required by references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.


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COMMAND HISTORY
FIGHTER SQUADRON 201
Calendar Year 1977

1. Summary of Events:

1st Quarter (Jan - Mar)	F4N Transition continues
2nd Quarter (Apr - Jun)	Missile firing exercise NAS Point Mugu. First carrier qualification in F-4N.
3rd Quarter (Jul - Sep)	Deployment to NAS Fallon, Nevada for CVWR-20 ORE
4th Quarter (Oct - Dec)	Deployment to CFB Cold Lake, Alberta, Canada. Missile firing exercise at NAS Point Mugu

2. Command Organization

Fighter Squadron TWO ZERO ONE is commanded by Commander Guy H. FREEBORN who is the first active duty officer (TAR) to command a Naval Reserve Fighter Squadron.

The total complement of personnel has increased to 17 Pilots, 15 Rio's, 4 ground officers, and 220 enlisted personnel. 13 F-4N Aircraft have been assigned to VF-201 and are on board.

There has been no change in the overall function or mission of VF-201. The command continues to operate out of NAS Dallas, Texas. The only change to squadron spaces is the addition of a new briefing/ready room.

3. Summary of Operations

The squadron's first major operation was a missile firing exercise at NAS Point Mugu 24-29 April. The 11 Pilots and 8 Rio's flying the F-4N fired a total of 8 AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles and earned 14 "E" awards and 2 Quals.

The first carrier qualification in the F-4N occurred aboard the USS Saratoga CV-60) 10-12 June. All 16 Pilots and 12 Rio's qualified with a total of 159 carrier landings.

The two week Annual Active Duty was spent at NAS Fallon, Nevada, 9-22 July, for the CVWR-20 ORE. 13 Pilots and 11 Rio's participated in Air to Air and Air to Ground exercises and earned a total of 12 "E" and numerous Qual awards flying 307.1 hours.

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The most successful and exciting deployment of the year was to Canadian Forces Base, Cold Lake, Alberta, Canada 2-15 October. The 417th Tactical Fighter Squadron hosted the Renegades for dissimilar ACM training. The aircraft participating in the exercise were the CF-104, CF-5, CT-33, CF-101, A-7B and F-4N. Operation Star Phan is an annual event and this is the first year VF-201 has taken F-4's to Canada. The 13 Pilots and 9 RIO's participating in the exercise flew 216.7 hours.

The final deployment was again to NAS Point Mugu, 28 Nov - 3 Dec, for a missile firing exercise. Six AIM-9 Sidewinder and 2 AIM-7 Sparrow missiles were fired by the 8 Pilots and RIO's earning 14 "E" awards and 2 Qual.

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