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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO ZERO ONE

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(2) VF-201 Operations Summary for Calendar 81  
(3) 12 Plane Fly Over Photograph

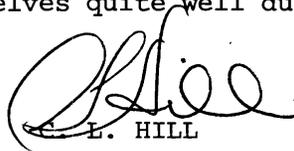
1. Fighter Squadron TWO ZERO ONE celebrated its tenth anniversary in 1980. Commissioned on 25 July 1970 to stand ready in the event of a national emergency for immediate assignment to an aircraft carrier as a fully operational unit, VF-201 ten years later continued its brief but proud tradition of providing the air superiority, fleet defense, and air to ground weapons delivery needed for a potent and viable strike force.

2. Not wasting any time, the VF-201 Hunters began their yearly cycle on 5 January with an air combat maneuvering deployment to Naval Air Station Key West, Florida. Lasting one week the deployment was one of two "tune-ups" for the annual Chief of Naval Reserve Fighter Meet held at Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona, in March. Prior to VF-201's second CNAVRES Fighter Meet "tune-up" at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida (8 FEB to 16 FEB), CDR C. L. "Charlie" HILL became Hunter One relieving CDR Jon JORDAN in ceremonies held at Naval Air Station, Dallas, Texas, on February 2nd. Leading the Hunters to a second place finish in a very successful deployment at the Fighter Meet, CDR HILL provided outstanding leadership throughout the year with his readily apparent affection for the squadron and its personnel.

3. Relaxing somewhat prior to the squadron's Annual Active Duty for Training (ACDUTRA) in May, VF-201 nevertheless sent a small detachment of planes to Holloman Air Force Base in April to fight the F-15 Eagle. ACDUTRA itself was a maximum effort by all squadron personnel. Held at Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada, in conjunction with CVWR-20 Airwing Exercises, VF-201 flew 105% of its scheduled sorties and culminated the highly successful deployment with a 12 plane flyover at Pyramid Lake, a feat very seldom accomplished. However, when you consider that our fine maintenance department averaged eleven full systems capable aircraft per day for the entire 2 week deployment, a twelve plane launch was not unexpected.

4. The Hunter's next deployment was to NAS PT MUGU, California, for a AIM 9 Sidewinder Air to Air Missile Shoot in July and August. During competitive exercises (Compexes), VF-201 aircrews garnered 3 Quals and 7 Battle Efficiency "E's" while expending 14 missiles. Again VF-201's fine maintenance department provided outstanding support as no hung ordnance, misfires, or downing discrepancies interfered with the shoot. In September, the Hunters sent a small detachment of three airplanes and support personnel for a CNO Project with the SLQ-31 Shipboard Missile Detection, Threat Assessment, and Warning Radar System.

5. The squadron completed its yearly training cycle in middle to late October with a return trip to NAS Key West for a final Air Combat Maneuvering Deployment against VF-43's F-5s, T-38s, and TA4s. Simulating high threat foreign adversary aircraft, it was a real challenge to the Hunter's outstanding aircrews who acquitted themselves quite well during the exercises.



C. L. HILL

OPERATIONS SUMMARY

<b>1) <u>Flight Program</u></b>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Night</u>
Total Flight Hours	2756	390
Total Field Landings	3014	286
Total Sorties	2163	261
c/o Programmed Flown - 98%		

**2) Training Syllabus**

	<u>Number of Missions</u>
a) Instruments	244
b) NAV/RECCE	195
c) Conventional Weapons	100
d) Radar Weapons	579
e) Special Weapons	0
f) EW/ECM	48
g) Tactics/ACM	1046
h) FCH	0
i) CQ	0
j) CW operations	121
k) Photo recon	0
l) Air Refueling	35
m) Other	36

**3) Embarked Data** None

VF-201 ACDUTRA

- 1) NAS Fallon
- 2) Total Hours 294 Day/30 Night
- 3) Total Sorties 277 Day/24 Night
- 4) ORE Score Outstanding

VF-201 DEPLOYMENTS

1. NAS Key West 5-12 Jan 80  
115.7/0  
112/0
2. Tyndall AFB 8-16 Feb 80  
119.5/0  
127/0
3. MCAS YUMA 2-8 Mar 80  
45.3/0  
55/0
4. NAS PT MUGU 27 Jul - 2 Aug 80.  
48.6/0  
40/0
5. N. S. Roosevelt Roads 21-26 Sep 80  
62.4/0  
36/0
6. NAS Key West 19-25 Oct 80  
127.7/0  
123/0