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| Unit Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO | Period Covered (From - To) 1 April - 30 September 1966 |
| Signature of Commanding Officer or authorized representative <i>H. D. Arnold</i> CDR H. D. ARNOLD, USN | Date Forwarded |

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PART I - ALL UNITS

1. Designation: Omit if same as in previous period. If changed, enter previous designation, date of change and the authorizing directive. New units record date and place of commissioning.

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2. Commanding Officer

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| CDR H. D. ARNOLD, USN | C.O. relieved if command changed this period | Date of change |
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3. PERSONNEL ON BOARD

| | AVIATORS | AIR PILOTS | OTHER | TOTAL |
|---|----------|------------|-------|-------|
| At end of reporting period. Ships give ships company only; wings and groups give staffs only; air stations give station personnel only. | 22 | | 3 | 25 |
| OFFICER | | | 180 | 180 |
| ENLISTED | | | 0 | 0 |
| CIVILIAN | | | | |

4. Mission or function (If changed or specifically assigned during the period, then enter a brief with dates and identity of authorizing directive.)

Light Jet Attack

5. Next senior operational command (Give start and end dates if changed during this reporting period.)

Carrier Air Wing TWO

6. GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: (Air Stations omit; ships enter in Part II. Wings and groups should not record squadron locations; ship-based units give name of ship only. Enter beginning and end dates when part of period is involved.)

| PERIOD (From - To) | PLACE |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1-24 April 1966 | NAS, Lemoore, Calif. |
| 24 Apr - 13 May | NAAS, Fallon, Nevada |
| 13 May - 12 Jun | NAS, Lemoore, Calif. |
| 12 Jun - 16 Jul | Embarked in USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) |
| 16 Jul - 27 Jul | NAS, Lemoore, Calif. |
| 27 Jul - 30 Sep | Embarked in USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) |
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7. Participation in special exercises, operations, and operational tests (Principally those of a major nature rather than what is normally a part of routine operational training. Use official code names or descriptive titles, identify the overall command, and give dates, area and brief summary of own participation. Make reference to reports and orders covering the operation.)

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8. *Official or other recognition of accomplishment* - (Such as unit citations, commendations and awards; decorations and awards to individuals, and records or events believed to be "firsts" which may be fleet-wide or apply only within the unit. Give dates of awards and events; claims for "firsts" are meaningless without a date.)

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In addition to the normal training cycle evolutions, Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO, the Fighting Redcocks, participated in the following evolutions:

1. Weapons training exercise, 29 June - 2 July, 1966, embarked in USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43).
2. Operational readiness exercise "Operation BELAYING PIN," July 8 - July 15, 1966. The Fighting Redcocks very successfully completed a wide range of tests, from close air support to a full SIOP evolution.
3. Commenced deployment embarked in USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43), on 29 July, 1966.
4. Played a major role, completing all evolutions successfully, in a most demanding "Operational Readiness Inspection" conducted by COMFAIRHAWAII between 3 August and 5 August, 1966.
5. 20 August, 1966. Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO, participating in operation AUTUMN FLOWER, flew sorties against the Japanese early warning system.
6. 21 August, 1966, TRAEX BRAVO.
7. 22 August, 1966, the Redcocks flew sorties against the Okinawan air defense in operation CHECKERTAIL.
8. 24 August, 1966, operation NEWBOY. A test of the Philippine air defense system.
9. 13 September, 1966. Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO began operations on Yankee Station. During the nineteen days on the line covered by this report, Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO played a leading role in major ALFA strikes which Air Wing TWO conducted on the Thanh Hoa Bridge, Phu-Ly Railroad yard, Thanh Hoa Railroad yard, Phu-Ly transshipment point, Ninh Binh Railroad and highway bridges, Sac Le POL, and Vinh POL and petroleum products storage.

NOTE: CDR E. H. SCHORZ, USN was Commanding Officer during this reporting period.

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Enclosure (1)

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In addition to the information contained in Enclosure (1) the following items are of Historical interest and serve to give an insight into the present day Light Attack Squadron.

The Fighting Redcocks flew 361 combat sorties and 19 combat support sorties in the 18 on the line days covered by this report, thus carrying a major load in the fight against communist aggression in Southeast Asia.

Combat flying has taken its toll among the Redcocks. LCDR John BURNS was shot down near Thanh Hoa and reportedly captured after a successful ejection. LTJG Robert HEGSTROM ejected over the Tonkin Gulf after his plane was crippled by flak south of Ninh Binh but fortunately was rescued uninjured. LTJG Robert WADE and LTJG James HAYS both skillfully returned their aircraft to USS CORAL SEA after major combat damage over North Vietnam.

During the time frame covered by this report each Redcock aviator flew an average of 97 sorties for nearly 3,000 total hours. Included in this average were 17 combat sorties in 22 days. Each Redcock, both officer and enlisted, also averaged 59 out of the 120 days prior to deployment away from home.

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Enclosure (2)

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PERSONAL AWARDS

| | <u>Approved and presented for 1966-67 Cruise</u> | <u>Pending</u> |
|---------------|--|-----------------|
| CDR ARNOLD | Silver Star Distinguished Flying Cross 8-14 Air Medals | 15 th Air Medal |
| CDR ASHMORE | DFC NCM 1-3 AM | 4-5 AM |
| LCDR COLLIER | 1 AM | NCM 2-3 AM |
| LCDR LACY | DFC 13-18 AM | 19-20 AM |
| LCDR GROUSE | 6-11 AM DFC 2 - NCM | 12 AM |
| LCDR SPELLMAN | 16-21 AM 3-NCM DFC | DFC |
| LCDR VEZINA | 1-8 AM DFC | NCM |
| LCDR MIEFERT | 18-26 AM 2 - DFC NCM | |
| LCDR BARRON | 1-9 AM DFC NCM | NCM |
| LT POTTRATZ | 1-2 AM | |
| LT MADDEN | 1-8 AM | |
| LT SMITH | 1-6 AM 2- NCM | |
| LT JACOBSON | 1-7 AM | NCM |
| LT WEBBER | DFC 11-16 AM NCM | |

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Approved and Presented
for 1966-67 Cruise

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| LTJG ARNOLD | 8-11 AM 2 NCM | |
| LTJG WADE | 5-11 AM DFC NCM | |
| LTJG HAYS | 1-6 AM DFC 3- NCM P. H. | |
| LTJG DAVIS | 1-6 AM 2 NCM | |
| LTJG SANDERS | 1-7 AM NCM | NCM |
| LTJG SAUCIER | 1-7 AM DFC NCM | 2 -AM NCM |
| LTJG BUCHANAN | 1-6 AM NCM | |
| LTJG FULLER | 5-10 AM NCM | AM NCM |
| LTJG HEGSTROM | 1-6 AM DFC NCM | |
| LTJG DINWIDDIE | NCM 1-6 AM | NCM |
| LTJG THOMPSON | Secretary of the Navy Commendation for Achievement Ribbon | NCM |

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PILOT AND AIRCRAFT LOSSES

LCDR John Douglas Burns was captured northeast of Thanh Hoa when, during missile evasion, his aircraft was hit by probable automatic weapons and 37 mm fire which was reported as heavy in the area. After ejection he was seen to land in a small lake and was subsequently captured according to ONI 53-1, "The Status of Downed Aviators".

LTJG William T. Arnold is carried as missing in action by ONI 53-1. The exact nature and cause of his disappearance is unknown as the incident occurred in a cloud bank during a bombing maneuver. Disorientation is suspected, but ground fire or SA-2 missiles can not be ruled out.

LTJG James M. Hays experienced two successful ejections during this deployment. One was as a result of ground fire east of Thai Binh, which resulted in an engine fire and ejection near the northern SAR station; the other was the result of aircraft failure immediately after a catapult shot.

LTJG Robert Hegstrom ejected and was successfully recovered after combat damage near Ninh Binh.

LTJG George Davis ejected and was successfully recovered after an operational loss over the Tonkin Gulf.

ENCLOSURE (8)

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THOUSANDTH LANDINGS

Several Fighting Redcocks made "Thousandth Landings" onboard USS Coral Sea and thus helped maintain Coral Sea's distinction of having more landings than any other deploying carrier, East or West Coast. Following is a listing: LTJG James Hays, 155,000th landing; LTJG Brad Fuller, 156,000th landings; LT M. J. Madden, 157,00th landing; CDR H. D. Arnold, 160,000th landing; LCDR Fred Spellman, 163,000th landing; and LT C. A. E. Jacobson, 165,000th landing.

ENCLOSURE (9)

PART IV - SQUADRONS

| 1. TYPE A/C ASSIGNED | NUMBER ON HAND | DATE FIRST RECEIVED |
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| A4C | 14 | 6 October 1961 |
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| 2. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS | MONTH | HOURS FLOWN | NO. OF FLIGHTS | MONTH | HOURS FLOWN | NO. OF FLIGHTS |
|---------------------------|-------|-------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| | April | 400.2 | 352 | July | 375.6 | 259 |
| | May | 543.9 | 524 | August | 212.2 | 131 |
| | June | 604.0 | 416 | September | 776.6 | 470 |
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| 1. UNITS ON BOARD | ARRIVED | DEPARTED |
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| N/A | | |
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| 2. COMMANDS AND ACTIVITIES ON BOARD | ARRIVED | DEPARTED |
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PART VI - DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL APPENDED (Number serially and describe sufficiently to insure proper identification.)

Enclosure (1) and (2)

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| Unit Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO | Period Covered (From - To) 1 October 1966- 31 March 1967 |
| Signature of Commanding Officer or authorized representative <i>H. D. Arnold</i> Cdr. H. D. Arnold, USN | Date Forwarded 13 April 1967 |

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PART I - ALL UNITS

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| 2. Commanding Officer Cdr. H. D. Arnold, USN | C.O. relieved if command changed this period Cdr. E. H. Schorz, USN | Date of change 20 October 1966 |

| 3. PERSONNEL ON BOARD At end of reporting period. Ships give ships company only; wings and groups give staffs only; air stations give station personnel only. | AVIATORS | | AIR PILOTS | OTHER | TOTAL |
|--|----------|----------|------------|-------|-------|
| | OFFICER | ENLISTED | | | |
| | 25 | | 4 | 160 | 29 |
| | | | | | 160 |
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4. Mission or function (If changed or specifically assigned during the period, then enter a brief with dates and identity of authorizing directive.)

Light Jet Attack

5. Next senior operational command (Give start and end dates if changed during this reporting period.)

Carrier Air Wing TWO

6. GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: (Air Stations omit; ships enter in Part II. Wings and groups should not record squadron locations; ship-based units give name of ship only. Enter beginning and end dates when part of period is involved.)

| PERIOD (From - To) | PLACE |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Oct. '66- 23 Feb. '67 | USS Coral Sea (CVA-43) |
| 24 Feb. '67- 31 Mar. '67 | NAS Lemore, California |
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7. Participation in special exercises, operations, and operational tests (Principally those of a major nature rather than what is normally a part of routine operational training. Use official code names or descriptive titles, identify the overall command, and give dates, area and brief summary of own participation. Make reference to reports and orders covering the operation.)

From 1 October 1966 to 1 February 1967 Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO, the FIGHTING REDCOCKS, spent 93 days on Yankee Station in the Gulf of Tonkin conducting daily strikes against targets in North Vietnam, Laos, and adjacent waters. Enclosure (1) is a list of the major coordinated strikes conducted by the Air Wing and participated in by the Squadron.

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1. Enclosures (2) through (5) are congratulatory messages received upon the successful completion of the WestPac cruise.
2. Enclosure (6) announces the awarding of the Navy Unit Commendation to Air Wing TWO. This is the Wing's second consecutive NUC for Southeast Asia Operations.
3. Enclosure (7) is a listing of personal awards.

9. General resume of activity - (Narrative statement of activity not otherwise covered, summarizing work, training, special cruises and visits, conversion, modification, overhaul, new equipment, and the like. Air Stations consider, in addition, such things as reorganization, new operational administrative and management procedures introduced; special programs initiated or completed, construction in progress, expansion of facilities, etc. Use additional sheets as necessary. Documents appended should be identified in Part VI, page 4.)

The FIGHTING REDCOCKS completed their second consecutive WestPac combat cruise on 23 February 1967 when the USS Coral Sea (CVA-43) returned from a seven month deployment with the United States Seventh Fleet.

An otherwise successful cruise was marred by the capture of LCDR John D. Burns and the disappearance of LTJG William T. Arnold while on combat missions to North Vietnam. Details are outlined in enclosure (8).

The Redcocks supported American policy in Southeast Asia by expending 3,385,000 pounds of ordnance on North Vietnamese, Viet Cong, and Pathet Lao targets. The Lion's share of this ordnance was dropped on Rolling Thunder (NVA) targets. To accomplish this gargantuan task Redcock ordnancemen loaded, and pilots flew, 1708 combat sorties. High day for the cruise was 4 November 1966 when 30 combat sorties for 53 hours were flown by VA-22. Overall, each Redcock aviator averaged 74 combat missions. For a listing of major targets see enclosure (1).

The reliable A-4C Skyhawks flown by the FIGHTING REDCOCKS suffered battle damage on eleven occasions, but with the loss of only two pilots. Two other pilots ejected after major damage, but the aircraft was flyable long enough for the pilots to reach SAR points. In one case the point was 60 miles from the point where the damage occurred. Seven other damaged aircraft were recovered safely.

PART IV - SQUADRONS

| 1. TYPE A/C ASSIGNED | NUMBER ON HAND | DATE FIRST RECEIVED |
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| A-4C | 14 | 6 October 1961 |
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| 2. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS | MONTH | HOURS FLOWN | NO. OF FLIGHTS | MONTH | HOURS FLOWN | NO. OF FLIGHTS |
|---------------------------|---------|-------------|----------------|---------|-------------|----------------|
| | Oct '66 | 537.8 | 321 | Jan '67 | 804.0 | 467 |
| | Nov '66 | 859.7 | 503 | Feb '67 | 23.8 | 14 |
| | Dec '66 | 310.5 | 190 | Mar '67 | 157.2 | 77 |
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| 2. COMMANDS AND ACTIVITIES ON BOARD | ARRIVED | DEPARTED |
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| NA | | |
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- Enclosure (1) -- Major Coordinated Strikes
- Enclosure (2) -- SEVENTHFLT Congratulatory Message
- Enclosure (3) -- CINCPACFLT Congratulatory Message
- Enclosure (4) -- CTF 77 Congratulatory Message
- Enclosure (5) -- COMFAIRALAMEDA Congratulatory Message
- Enclosure (6) -- CNO Congratulatory Message
- Enclosure (7) -- Personal Awards
- Enclosure (8) -- Details of Pilot and Aircraft Losses
- Enclosure (9) -- Thousandth Landing Statistics

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| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>NUMBER OF STRIKES</u> |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 16 SEPTEMBER | NINH BINH RR YARD | 3 |
| 17 SEPTEMBER | NINH BINH RR RR. | 3 |
| 18 SEPTEMBER | NINH BINH RR YD. | 3 |
| 19 SEPTEMBER | VINH POL /PPS | 1 |
| 21 SEPTEMBER | THANH HOA RR YD. | 1 |
| 22 SEPTEMBER | THANH HOA POL | 1 |
| 23 SEPTEMBER | THANH HOA RR RR. | 2 |
| 23 SEPTEMBER | THANH HOA RR YD. | 1 |
| 25 SEPTEMBER | THANH HOA RR YD. | 2 |
| 26 SEPTEMBER | VINH POL STORAGE | 1 |
| 1 OCTOBER | PHULY RR YD. | 2 |
| 1 OCTOBER | THANH HOA RR YD. | 1 |
| 7 OCTOBER | SAC LE POL | 3 |
| 8 OCTOBER | SAC LE POL | 3 |
| 9 OCTOBER | PHULY RR YD. | 2 |
| 9 OCTOBER | SAC LE POL | 1 |
| 12 OCTOBER | DO SON POL | 1 |
| 11 NOVEMBER | NINH BINH RR YD. | 2 |
| 22 NOVEMBER | HAIPHONG SAM SUPPORT FACILITY | 1 |
| 23 NOVEMBER | CAN THON (KEP) POL | 1 |
| 2 DECEMBER | CAN THON (KEP) POL | 1 |
| 7 JANUARY | QUI VINH RR YD. | 1 |
| 15 JANUARY | QUI VINH RR YD. | 1 |

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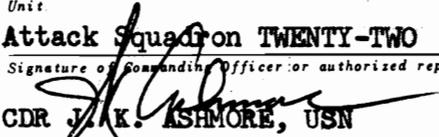
| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>NUMBER OF STRIKES</u> |
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| 19 JANUARY | DONG PHONG THUONG RR COMPLEX | 3 |
| 20 JANUARY | DONG PHONG THUONG RR COMPLEX | 2 |
| 21 JANUARY | NINH BINH RR YD. | 3 |
| 28 JANUARY | THANH HOA RR YD. | 1 |
| 29 JANUARY | THANH HOA RR YD. | 1 |

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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| Signature of Commanding Officer or authorized representative  CDR J. K. ASHMORE, USN | Date Forwarded 10 October 1967 |

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2. Commanding Officer

C.O. relieved if command changed this period

Date of change

SAME

3. PERSONNEL ON BOARD

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| ENLISTED | | | 172 | 172 |
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| PERIOD (From - To) | PLACE |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 APR-29 JUL 1967 | NAS Lemoore, California |
| 30 JUL-17 AUG 1967 | NAAS Fallon, Nevada |
| 18 AUG-15 SEP 1967 | NAS Lemoore, California |
| 15 SEP-30 SEP 1967 | USS Ranger (CVA-61) |
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From 23 July 1967 to 3 August 1967 Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO participated in Joint Task Force Two Low Altitude Test 4.4 at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas. The various exercises involved low altitude flights over the test range in the Little Rock area.

8. Official or other recognition of accomplishment - (Such as unit citations, commendations and awards; decorations and awards to individuals, and records or events believed to be "firsts" which may be fleet-wide or apply only within the unit. Give dates of awards and events; claims for "firsts" are meaningless without a date.)

NONE

9. General resume of activity - (Narrative statement of activity not otherwise covered, summarizing work, training, special cruises and visits, conversion, modification, overhaul, new equipment, and the like. Air Stations consider, in addition, such things as reorganization, new operational administrative and management procedures introduced; special programs initiated or completed, construction in progress, expansion of facilities, etc. Use additional sheets as necessary. Documents appended should be identified in Part VI, page 4.)

Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO has been engaged in a training cycle during this reporting period in preparation for its third combat deployment to Southeast Asia. Preparation has included nuclear and conventional weapons delivery training at NAAS Fallon during which time annual competitive exercises were conducted.

Administrative and Maintenance/Material inspections were held and grades of excellent were assigned in both cases.

Carrier landing qualification operations were conducted in July with Ranger and Air Wing operations were performed while embarked in Ranger during September.

PART IV - SQUADRONS

| 1. TYPE A/C ASSIGNED | NUMBER ON HAND | DATE FIRST RECEIVED |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| SAME | SAME | SAME |
| | | |
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| 2. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS | MONTH | HOURS FLOWN | NO. OF FLIGHTS | MONTH | HOURS FLOWN | NO. OF FLIGHTS |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | April 1967 | 441 | 210 | July 1967 | 439 | 316 |
| | May 1967 | 688 | 344 | August 1967 | 833 | 693 |
| | June 1967 | 541 | 349 | 1967 | | |
| | | | | September | 268 | 220 |

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| NA | | |
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| 2. COMMANDS AND ACTIVITIES ON BOARD | ARRIVED | DEPARTED |
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| NA | | |
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From: Commanding Officer, Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OPO5AG)

Subj: Command History; submission of (U)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12

- Encl:
- (1) Personal Awards
 - (2) Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO Combat Sorties
 - (3) Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO Officers' Roster
 - (4) Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO Muster Roll
 - (5) Commanding Officer's Biography

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1. (U) The period of this report is from 1 April to 31 December 1967 vice the full calendar year as required by reference (a) due to inadvertant coverage of the period of 1 January to 31 March 1967 in a previous report. Since the erroneously submitted report of the additional quarter covered an eventful period and consisted of lengthy summaries of action and activity in Vietnam, it is considered desirable to continue the chronological history after that period rather than resubmitting a large amount of material.

2. (U) Chronology:

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| 23 July - 3 August 1967 | Participated in Joint Task Force TWO Low Altitude Test 4.4 |
| 30 July - 18 August 1967 | Weapons Training Deployment at NAAS Fallon |
| 15 September - 18 October 1967 | Carrier qualification landings aboard USS RANGER |
| 7 October 1967 | Change of Command |
| 4 November 1967 | Deployed aboard USS RANGER to Western Pacific |
| 3 December 1967 | First combat sortie of the cruise against North Vietnamese forces |

3. The "Fighting Redcocks" of Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO are presently headed by Commander J. K. ASHMORE, USN who relieved Commander H. D. ARNOLD, USN on 7 October 1967 in ceremonies aboard USS RANGER (CVA-61) at NAS Alameda. The squadron is currently deployed from its home port, NAS

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Lemoore, California and is serving in RANGER on its third combat cruise to Southeast Asia.

The squadron's contribution to the strike arm of Attack Air Wing TWO is twelve A-4C Skyhawks. Other attack aircraft assigned to this uniquely composed air wing are the A-3, A-5, A-6, and A-7 making it particularly flexible and effective. The squadron officer complement, as of 31 December was 24, consisting of 20 pilots and 4 ground officers. The crew numbered 163 excluding Romeo, the Fightingest Redcock of them all. The squadron's mascot, an authentic fighting cock, is now making his second combat tour.

Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO prepared for the deployment in a comprehensive training cycle emphasizing ground training, low level navigation and weapon delivery. Early in the cycle, an Administrative Inspection was conducted and a grade of excellent was assigned. A highlight of the shore based turnaround was an Award Ceremony during which additional recognition for achievement in the latter line periods of the preceding combat cruise was given to each of the veteran Redcock officers and several of the men. A summary of the awards not previously reported is attached as enclosure (1).

From 23 July to 3 August, the squadron made a contribution of three pilots and three aircraft to the Joint Task Force TWO Low Altitude Test 4.4 at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas. The tests involved extremely low altitude flights over an instrumented course in an effort to determine target detectability information.

A combined squadron, air wing weapon training deployment was made to NAAS Fallon, Nevada from 30 July to 18 August. Refresher training in dive bombing, strafing, rockets and nuclear weapon delivery preceded coordinated exercises with other squadrons of the embryo air wing. Realism was incorporated into these exercises to as high a degree as possible in preparation for the forthcoming movement to the hostilities of Vietnam. Efforts to ready the squadron for sea were continued in day and night carrier landing qualifications aboard RANGER from 15 September to 18 October. Additional coordinated exercises were conducted while operating off the coast of California ultimately culminating in an Operational Readiness Exercise. During the few remaining weeks prior to deployment, the Maintenance Inspection was held and a mark of excellent was awarded.

On 4 November, Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO sailed in RANGER from NAS Alameda, under the Golden Gate Bridge, bound for the Western Pacific. Enroute, in the Hawaiian Operating Area, a combined Operational Readiness Inspection was performed and the squadron's individual grade was excellent. RANGER proceeded to the Gulf of Tonkin after short in-port periods in

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Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Yokosuka, Japan and Subic Bay, Philippine Islands and commenced special operations in support of Yankee Team forces against North Vietnam. The first combat sortie by the squadron was flown on 3 December.

During the weeks from 3 December to the end of the reporting period, the "Fighting Redcocks" totaled 225 flights into action and expended 221 tons of ordnance on hostile targets with no loss of pilots or aircraft. Three of the squadron's aircraft suffered damage as a result of action but all were subsequently returned to service. Enclosure (2) is a summary of combat sorties and their targets.

In totalling statistics for the entire calendar year, Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO amassed 5473 flight hours and 1372 carrier landings.


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Personal Awards

Presented in addition to previously reported awards for 1966 - 1967 WestPac cruise.

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| CDR Henry D. ARNOLD | 15th Air Medal |
| CDR Jackie K. ASNMORE | 4, 5th Air Medal |
| LCDR Lacey A. COLLIER | NCM, 2, 3rd Air Medal |
| LCDR William A. LACY | 19th, 20th Air Medal |
| LCDR James U. CROUSE | 12th Air Medal |
| LCDR George R. VEZINA | NCM |
| LCDR Douglas W. BARRON | NCM |
| LTJG James E. SANDERS | NCM |
| LTJG Thomas SAUCIER | 2nd Air Medal, NCM |
| LTJG Melvin B. FULLER | Air Medal, NCM |
| LTJG Carl E. DINWIDDIE | NCM |
| LTJG Thomas THOMPSON | NCM |

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Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO Combat Sorties

Rolling Thunder - North Vietnam

| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. A-4C</u> | <u>Target</u> | <u>Damage Assessment</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 5 Dec 1967 | 2 | 15 Trucks | Unknown |
| 5 Dec 1967 | 2 | 1 Bridge | Destroyed |
| 5 Dec 1967 | 2 | 3 Trucks | 3 Damaged |
| 5 Dec 1967 | 4 | 3 Barges | 1 Damaged |
| 5 Dec 1967 | 2 | 4 Trucks | 1 Burning |
| 5 Dec 1967 | 2 | 4 Barges | 2 Damaged |
| 5 Dec 1967 | 2 | 1 Storage area | No damage assessment |
| 5 Dec 1967 | 2 | Bunkers | No damage assessment |
| 6 Dec 1967 | 2 | SAM site | Site ceased emitting |
| 7 Dec 1967 | 2 | 1 Barge | High damage |
| 8 Dec 1967 | 2 | 1 SAM site | Site ceased emitting |
| 11 Dec 1967 | 2 | Artillery emplacement | No damage assessment |
| 11 Dec 1967 | 4 | Song Ma Wip | All ordnance on target |
| 11 Dec 1967 | 2 | 2 Barges | 1 lightly damaged |
| 11 Dec 1967 | 2 | Coastal defense site | No damage assessment |
| 12 Dec 1967 | 2 | Artillery site | No damage assessment |
| 13 Dec 1967 | 2 | 1 Truck/ 1 Pier | Pier damaged |
| 13 Dec 1967 | 2 | Radar site | No damage assessment |
| 13 Dec 1967 | 2 | 2 SAM sites | 2 Probable hits |
| 14 Dec 1967 | 4 | 2 SAM sites | No damage assessment |
| 14 Dec 1967 | 3 | Train | 1 Secondary explosion |
| 15 Dec 1967 | 2 | Nui Long Lou Caves | High Damage |
| 15 Dec 1967 | 4 | 4 SAM sites | No damage assessment |
| 15 Dec 1967 | 2 | 2 Barges | 1 damaged |
| 15 Dec 1967 | 2 | Railway Bridge | No damage assessment due to darkness |
| 16 Dec 1967 | 4 | Kienan Electric Sub Station | Moderate damage |
| 16 Dec 1967 | 2 | 3 SAM sites | No damage assessment |
| 16 Dec 1967 | 2 | Transshipment point | No damage assessment |
| 16 Dec 1967 | 2 | 6 Barges | 1 sunk |
| 16 Dec 1967 | 2 | 1 SAM site | No damage assessment |
| 17 Dec 1967 | 3 | 1 Bridge | 2 Hits |
| 17 Dec 1967 | 2 | 2 SAM sites | 2 Probable hits |
| 17 Dec 1967 | 2 | Cua Lo Wip | Ordnance on target |
| 17 Dec 1967 | 2 | Transshipment point | Ordnance on target |
| 17 Dec 1967 | 2 | Hai Duong Bridge | No damage assessment |
| 17 Dec 1967 | 2 | CHOKE Point | No damage assessment |
| 17 Dec 1967 | 2 | Hai Duong Bridge | 1 Secondary explosion |
| 18 Dec 1967 | 2 | Hoang Xa Bridge | High damage |
| 18 Dec 1967 | 3 | 2 SAM sites | High damage |
| 18 Dec 1967 | 4 | Me Xa Bridge | Approaches cratered |
| 18 Dec 1967 | 2 | Radar site | No damage assessment |
| 18 Dec 1967 | 2 | Coastal Defense site | Several secondary expl. |
| 19 Dec 1967 | 4 | Nui Long Lau | High damage |
| 19 Dec 1967 | 2 | 1 SAM site | site hit |

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. A-4C</u> | <u>Target</u> | <u>Damage Assessment</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 19 Dec 1967 | 4 | Hai Duong Bridge | Ordnance on target |
| 19 Dec 1967 | 3 | 3 SAM sites | No damage assessment |
| 19 Dec 1967 | 2 | 30 Barges | 1 sunk |
| 19 Dec 1967 | 2 | 20 Trucks | No damage assessment |
| 20 Dec 1967 | 2 | Unknown No. of Trucks | No damage assessment |
| 22 Dec 1967 | 2 | Transshipment point | No damage assessment |
| 23 Dec 1967 | 4 | 3 Bridges | 2 damaged |
| 23 Dec 1967 | 2 | 20 Barges | 8-10 sunk and damaged |
| 23 Dec 1967 | 1 | 1 Barge | No damage assessment |
| 23 Dec 1967 | 1 | Kim Nac Bridge | Cratered approaches |
| 23 Dec 1967 | 2 | Barges | No damage assessment |
| 23 Dec 1967 | 2 | Trucks | No damage assessment |
| 23 Dec 1967 | 2 | Transshipment point | No damage assessment |
| 24 Dec 1967 | 2 | Highway Route 1A | No damage assessment |
| 24 Dec 1967 | 2 | AAA site/wharfe | Missed target |
| 24 Dec 1967 | 2 | Transshipment point | light damage |
| 26 Dec 1967 | 2 | Transshipment point | No damage assessment |
| 26 Dec 1967 | 2 | Barge | Missed target |
| 26 Dec 1967 | 2 | Transshipment point | No damage assessment |
| 26 Dec 1967 | 2 | 3 Trucks | 2 damaged |
| 27 Dec 1967 | 2 | 1 Barge | No damage assessment |
| 27 Dec 1967 | 2 | 1 Coastal Defense site | No damage assessment |
| 27 Dec 1967 | 2 | 1 Radar site | No damage assessment |
| 27 Dec 1967 | 2 | Bridge | Missed target |

Steel Tiger - Laos

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|------------|---|---------------------|------------------------|
| 3 Dec 1967 | 3 | Truck Park | No damage assessment |
| 3 Dec 1967 | 2 | Truck Park | 1 secondary explosion |
| 3 Dec 1967 | 1 | Bridge | No damage assessment |
| 3 Dec 1967 | 2 | Truck Park | Ordnance on target |
| 3 Dec 1967 | 2 | Truck Park | Ordnance on target |
| 3 Dec 1967 | 2 | Truck Park | Ordnance on target |
| 3 Dec 1967 | 3 | River Ford | Cratered |
| 4 Dec 1967 | 2 | Storage Area | 1 secondary explosion |
| 4 Dec 1967 | 4 | Truck Park | 2 secondary explosions |
| 4 Dec 1967 | 2 | Highway crossing | Ordnance on target |
| 4 Dec 1967 | 4 | Vulnerable Highway | Ordnance on target |
| 4 Dec 1967 | 2 | Storage area | No damage assessment |
| 4 Dec 1967 | 2 | AAA site | Ordnance on target |
| 4 Dec 1967 | 2 | River Ford | Ordnance on target |
| 5 Dec 1967 | 4 | 37 mm Site | 1 secondary explosion |
| 4 Dec 1967 | 2 | Troop concentration | Ordnance on target |
| 4 Dec 1967 | 2 | Troop concentration | Ordnance on target |
| 6 Dec 1967 | 2 | Truck Park | Ordnance on target |
| 6 Dec 1967 | 3 | Truck Park/AAA site | Ordnance on target |
| 6 Dec 1967 | 2 | Truck Park | Ordnance on target |
| 7 Dec 1967 | 4 | Storage area | Ordnance on target |

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. A-4C</u> | <u>Target</u> | <u>Damage Assessment</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 9 Dec 1967 | 4 | 3 Trucks | Ordnance on target |
| 9 Dec 1967 | 3 | Truck Park | 1 Truck destroyed |
| 11 Dec 1967 | 2 | 3 Trucks | 1 Damaged/1 Destroyed |
| 11 Dec 1967 | 4 | Truck Park | No damage assessment |
| 12 Dec 1967 | 2 | Truck Park | No damage assessment |
| 12 Dec 1967 | 2 | Bridge | Bridge destroyed |
| 13 Dec 1967 | 2 | Choke point | No damage assessment |
| 14 Dec 1967 | 2 | Truck Park | No damage assessment |

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