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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through
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Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWO

Command History - 1977

1. Command Organization. COMMANDER Richard E. WYMAN, USN, /1310 assumed command of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWO on 27 May 1976. CDR WYMAN was relieved by COMMANDER Wilton D. BRADSHAW, USN, /1310 on board USS INDEPENDENCE while anchored in Naples Bay, Naples, Italy on 6 July 1977. CDR BRADSHAW became the twenty-first Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWO.

2. Summary of Operations. Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWO conducted carrier qualifications aboard USS INDEPENDENCE from 10 January to 12 January in preparation for Caribex '77'. Caribex '77' lasted from 18 January to 11 February with the DIAMONDBACKS participating in air intercepts, bombing, and simulated alpha strikes on the Vieques Target Complex.

Throughout February and March, Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWO conducted extensive air combat maneuvering training in addition to several missile shoots in preparation for their upcoming Mediterranean Cruise.

The squadron embarked aboard USS INDEPENDENCE March thirty-first and relieved the USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT in Rota, Spain on 12 April. The thirteenth of April found the USS INDEPENDENCE, with the DIAMONDBACKS ABOARD, entering the Mediterranean for a six month deployment.

April eighteenth through the twentieth was the first of two Endurexes in which 52 hours of continuous flight operations occurred.

While participating in Exercise "Dawn Patrol", from 15 to 16 April, the DIAMONDBACKS flew CAP missions and AIC in support of CAG SEVEN training strikes into Turkey. During this exercise, Lieutenants' Dennis O'MALLEY and Brian HURST were lost in a night carrier landing accident.

On June 16, the squadron participated in a Missilex in which three AIM-7 Sparrow Missiles were fired. This was followed by another Endurex which lasted from the nineteenth to the twenty-first of June.

National Week XXIII, 16 - 22 August, followed a war-at-sea scenario with the DIAMONDBACKS providing long range CAP and close air support for the Sixth Fleet and Task Force Sixty.

Three squadron aircraft and approximately 30 personnel arrived from stateside on the ninth of September following a

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successful swing wing evolution.

The squadron was a participant in "Display Determination" September twenty-second through the twenty-ninth. The DIAMONDBACKS provided CAP service for the carrier task group and convoy from the Straits of Gibraltar to the eastern Mediterranean where the air wing aboard USS SARATOGA took over escort duties.

The USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62) was relieved by the USS AMERICA (CV-66) in Rota, Spain on the ninth of October and began the transatlantic the following day arriving at Pier 12 in Norfolk on 21 October.

On Five November, the DIAMONDBACKS sent two crews to the Naval Fighter Weapons School, NAS Miramar, San Diego, California. The crews were Lieutenants' [REDACTED] USN, [REDACTED] /1315, [REDACTED] USN, [REDACTED] /1320, [REDACTED] USN, [REDACTED] /1310, and Lieutenant (junior grade) [REDACTED] USN, [REDACTED] /1320. Both crews gained a high degree of training in air combat maneuvering, electronic counter measures, weapons delivery, and culminated their deployment to TOPGUN with a Sparrow missile shoot.

The squadron was again involved in a highly successful missile shoot on 13 December. Two Sidewinders and one Sparrow were expended, all of which guided successfully.

The DIAMONDBACKS ended the year with a three day ACM evolution fighting the F-15 Eagles of the Twenty-seventh Tactical Fighter Squadron from Langley Air Force Base.