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ATTACK SQUADRON TWENTY-TWO
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96601

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18 January 1977

From: Commanding Officer, Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP 05 D2)

Subj: Command History; submission of

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12B

Encl: (1) Officers Roster
(2) Calendar Year 1976 Flight Data

1. In accordance with reference (a), the command history is submitted for the period 1 January 1976 to 1 January 1977.

2. (c) Chronology

1 January 1976	NAS Lemoore, CA
27 February 1976	CDR A. M. DUNDON relieves CDR J. F. CALVERT
16 March 1976	Conventional Technical Proficiency Inspection (CTPI)
19-30 April 1976	Air Wing Training, Fallon, Nevada
22 July - 14 August 1976	Refresher Training aboard USS CORAL SEA (CV-43)
10 September 1976	Bruce Carrier Memorial Maintenance Award
1-15 October 1976	Cyclic Operations aboard CV-43
8-23 November 1976	Weapons Training Exercise
29 November - 10 December	Operational Readiness Exercise

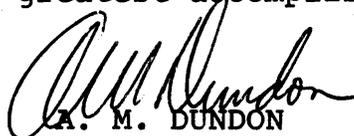
3. (c) The New Year of 1976 found the Fighting Redcocks of Attack Squadron TWENTY-TWO at home at NAS Lemoore, California. And to complete the record, the end of 1976 found them in Lemoore as well. With VA-22's home away from home, USS CORAL SEA (CV-43), in an extended drydock program, the Fighting Redcocks were busy on the home front preparing for a 1977 cruise.

On 27 February CDR Alan M. DUNDON relieved CDR John F. CALVERT as Commanding Officer of the squadron. CDR Lee B. CARGILL assumed the position of Executive Officer. Two weeks later the squadron faced, and passed with high marks, the year's first major test, the Conventional Technical Proficiency Inspection (CTPI). The knowledge gained from this test was soon put to use when Air Wing 15 met at Fallon, Nevada 19-30 April. During this time numerous airwing strikes and missions were flown, many of which carried live ordnance.

With the CORAL SEA out of drydock in May, the first at-sea period for the squadron came in July (26 July - 14 August). This period of Refresher Training emphasized safety drills and aircraft operations. The following month on 10 September, the squadron was awarded the first annual LTJG Bruce Carrier Memorial Award for maintenance excellence. This annual award, presented by COMNAVAIRPAÇ, recognizes expertise in all areas of maintenance. RADM MCKENZIE, Commander Light Attack Wing Pacific, presented the award to CDR DUNDON and the squadron in ceremonies aboard the air station.

The squadron was back out on the ship 1-15 October for cyclic operations. This two week period allowed both the squadron and the air wing to work up to continuous daily cyclic operations. The following month 8-23 November the Redcocks were aboard CV-43 for the Weapons Training Exercise. This was the first time during the training cycle that the squadron had flown from the ship carrying live ordnance. After a short break for Thanksgiving the Fighting Redcocks were aboard again for the Operational Readiness Exercise. All hands performed beautifully as the squadron emerged with a very high grade.

Perhaps the greatest accomplishment of the year came on 13 April when VA-22 reached an accident free year. That record has continued on to the present day--a matter which reflects well on the men in maintenance who fix the airplanes and the pilots who fly them. In this day of sophisticated jet aircraft an accident free year is our greatest accomplishment.


A. M. DUNDON

OFFICERS ON BOARD DURING 1976

CDR A. M. DUNDON
CDR L. B. CARGILL

LCDR [REDACTED]
LCDR [REDACTED]
LCDR [REDACTED]
LCDR [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]
CWO3 [REDACTED]

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TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS	DAY	3482.1
	NIGHT	1619.5
TOTAL SORTIES FLOWN	DAY	1581
	NIGHT	984
TOTAL ARRESTED LANDINGS	DAY	517
	NIGHT	299
AVERAGE LANDINGS/PILOT	DAY	25.85
	NIGHT	14.95

USS CORAL SEA CENTURIONS:

CDR A1 DUNDON (400)

LCDR [REDACTED] (200)

LT [REDACTED] (100)

Enclosure (2)