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Encl: (1) Command History
(2) Officers' Roster
(3) Biography and Photograph of CDR L. F. NORTON

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.


L. F. NORTON

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COMMAND HISTORY 1975

1. Command Organization: CDR P. W. PARCELLS, USN, [REDACTED], assumed command of Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWO on 8 November 1973. CDR PARCELLS was relieved by CDR L. F. NORTON, USN, [REDACTED], in ceremonies held at Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia on 19 February 1975. CDR NORTON became the nineteenth Commanding Officer of VF-102.

2. Summary of Operations:

a. USS INDEPENDENCE, with Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWO embarked, was relieved by USS AMERICA at Rota, Spain, on 6 January. Leaving Rota the same day, the six month deployment ended when USS INDEPENDENCE tied up at Pier Twelve in Norfolk on 19 January.

b. From 20 January to 5 March the squadron conducted shore based operations and training at NAS Oceana, Virginia. Embarked once more in USS INDEPENDENCE, VF-102 participated in OPERATION LANTREDEX 2-75 from 6 March to 23 March conducting operations in the Caribbean, including a missile firing exercise near Puerto Rico.

c. Between 20 April and 25 May, Lieutenants Gregory MORGAN and Simeon AUSTIN participated in TOPGUN training at NAS Miramar, California, including dissimilar air combat maneuvering, electronic warfare, a highly successful missile shoot and participation in a simulated Alpha Strike.

d. On 8 May the squadron participated in training operations at NAS Fallon, Nevada. As a unit of Carrier Air Wing SEVEN, VF-102 conducted day/night bombing, extensive air combat maneuvering missions and electronic counter measures missions utilizing the EA-6B of VAQ-132 and Fallon's ECM range. The squadron returned to NAS Oceana on 25 May.

e. From 8 August to 19 August VF-102 conducted field carrier landing practice in preparation for carrier qualifications and Refresher Training aboard USS INDEPENDENCE. Type Training I began on 20 August, ending 16 September at Mayport, Florida. Type Training II and the Operational Readiness Evaluation were conducted from 20 September to 3 October.

f. The Preparation for Overseas Movement was from 3 October to 15 October. On 15 October the squadron deployed aboard USS INDEPENDENCE, which relieved USS AMERICA at Rota, Spain on 25 October. This was followed by operations in the North Atlantic including a French PASSEX on 3 November. Operation Magic Sword on 5 November included air-to-air refueling with British Victor Tankers, and culminated on 10 November with Operation Ocean Safari, a combined NATO exercise with over sixty-five allied ships participating. During this period VF-102 conducted crossdeck operations with HMS ARK ROYAL and won the CVW-7 Golden Tailhook for the best landing grades during this operating period.

g. The squadron's first port-of-call was Portsmouth, England, from 22 November to 28 November. On 29 November USS INDEPENDENCE proceeded to the Mediterranean, where operations conducted until 14 December included

a missile firing exercise at the NAMFI range near Crete on 11 December. A port visit to Catania, Italy extended from 14 December to 18 December.

h. Following a four day operating period USS INDEPENDENCE anchored at Naples, Italy on 22 December and remained there throughout the rest of the year.

3. Special Topics:

a. Statistics:

1975 Flight Hours:	JAN 31.5	JUL 260.3
	FEB 116.5	AUG 244.0
	MAR 339.5	SEP 490.7
	APR 306.3	OCT 138.1
	MAY 382.6	NOV 202.1
	JUN 212.7	DEC 354.7

Total 1975 Flight Time	3079
Total 1975 Embarked Flight Time	1653
Total 1975 Embarked Sorties	1062
Total 1975 Day Carrier Landings	728
Type Aircraft Assigned	F-4J
Number of Aircraft Assigned	12

1975 Mediterranean Deployment Data:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>OPERATING DAYS</u>	<u>HOURS/SORTIES</u>	<u>DAY/NIGHT CARRIER ARRESTED LANDINGS</u>
JAN	4	24/24	13/0
OCT	6	138/89	72/21
NOV	12	200/118	96/21
DEC	14	355/213	129/80