

UNIT Fighter Squadron FORTY THREE	REPORTING PERIOD FROM 1 JUL 57 TO 30 SEP 57
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PART I - ALL UNITS

1. UNIT (Name and/or designation. If different from previous period, give prior designation, date changed, and authorization. New units show date and place of commissioning.)	Fighter Squadron FORTY THREE
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2. COMMANDING OFFICER ILER, John R.	RANK CDR	RELIEVED (If command changed) (See Part VII)	DATE
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3. PERSONNEL ON BOARD (End of reporting period. Ships give ships company only, wings and groups give staffs only, air stations give station personnel only.)	NAVAL	AVIATORS	AIR PILOTS	OTHER	TOTAL
	OFFICER	18		2	20
	ENLISTED			112	112

4. MISSION OR FUNCTION (If changed and/or specially assigned during period. Include dates and authority.)

No Change.

5. GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION (Air stations omit; ships see Part II. Wings and groups should not record location of squadrons. Ship-based units give name of ship only. Note dates only when part of record period is involved.)

LOCATION	PERIOD
NAS Jacksonville, Florida	1 JUL 57 - 20 AUG 57
NAS Oceana, Virginia	20 AUG 57 - 22 AUG 57
NAS Jacksonville, Florida	22 AUG 57 - 30 SEP 57

6. OFFICIAL OR OTHER RECOGNITION OF UNIT ACCOMPLISHMENT (Include citations, commendations, and individual decorations and awards. Records may be fleet-wide or apply only to the unit itself, such as landing interval, speed of engine changes, rate of ammo expenditure, periods without accidents, etc., or events believed to be "firsts". Give date awarded, received or accomplished. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

7. NEXT UPPER COMMAND ECHELON (Give dates only if changed during this or from previous period.)

a. ADMINISTRATIVE	ASSIGNED	d. OPERATIONAL	ASSIGNED
COMCAGFOUR		COMCAGFOUR	
COMFAIRJAX	10 JUN	COMFAIRJAX	10 JUN

8. PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL AND JOINT EXERCISES OR MANEUVERS (Limit to those of a major nature as opposed to exercises normally a part of routine training. Identify by name and give a brief summary of own participation.)

PERIODS	EXERCISE	BRIEF SUMMARY
25-26 JUL 57	JOINT AIR DEFENSE SECTOR EXERCISE	Participated as a ready squadron and engaged in several intercepts.
20-22 AUG 57	INTEX 2-57	Shifted base to NAS Oceana and participated in INTEX 2-57 as part of the "enemy" forces flying high altitude strikes against a carrier task group off the Virginia coast. All missions were successfully completed although a front remained over the task group during the entire period forcing all flights to 41,000 feet or above to overcome the VFR only restriction.

9. PARTICIPATION IN OPERATIONAL TESTS (Generally those concerned with tactics or equipment. Identify by official designation or by descriptive title; state responsible command, dates, areas, and brief of participation and results. Make reference to covering reports and orders when they exist.)

	TEST	PERIOD	COMMAND AND AREA	REPORT AND ORDERS
a.				
b.				
c.				

DESCRIPTIONS:

10. TRAINING (General statement of type conducted; indicate whether of special type or for special purpose as opposed to routine. Training units will omit and fill in PART V.)

Routine advanced flight and ground training was conducted to increase combat readiness. FAM and basic training was conducted as new pilots were received into the squadron.

PART - II SHIPS

1. GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION (Daily location not required. Note dates of departure and return to U.S. ports and general operating area in between as; Mediterranean, Hawaiian area, WestPac, etc. If conducting daily operations from U.S. port, state period and name of port.)

LOCATION	PERIOD

2. AIR UNITS ON BOARD OR TENDED (Omit component squadrons and detachments when the Air Group is on board)

UNIT	PERIOD	UNIT	PERIOD
a.		d.	
b.		e.	
c.		f.	

3. MILES STEAMED	4. FUEL CONSUMED - SHIPS FUEL (gals)	AVIATION FUEL (gals)

5.6. CARRIER LANDINGS AND CATAPULT LAUNCHINGS (Highest even thousand from original commissioning and date made; may include breakdown as: since conversion, on present tour, day, night, etc.)

CARRIER LANDINGS	CATAPULT LAUNCHINGS

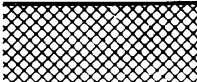
PART - III AIR WINGS AND GROUPS

SUBORDINATE UNITS	PERIOD	SUBORDINATE UNITS	PERIOD

PART - IV SQUADRONS

1. TYPE A/C ASSIGNED	NUMBER ON HAND	DATE RECD. (If first of type)
F9F-8 COUGAR	14	--

2. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS (For pilots on board, use end of month figures; for flights, use NAVAL A/C FLIGHT CLASSIFICATION)

MONTH	PILOTS ON BOARD	HOURS FLOWN	FLIGHTS			
			TRAINING	SERVICE	COMBAT	TOTAL
July	17	300.1	192	8	0	200
August	16	318.6	215	14	0	229
September	18	371.6	278	5	0	283
	TOTAL	1290.3	685	27	0	712

PART - V TRAINING UNITS

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION	NO. COMPLETING	
	OFFICER	ENLISTED

PART - VI AIR STATIONS

1. UNITS ON BOARD (Those physically present, except transients; not to be confused with Home Port assignment. Do not repeat units held over from previous period unless they departed in this period. For composite units such as Carrier Air Groups, record only the parent group.)

UNITS ON BOARD	ARRIVE	DEPART

2. COMMAND AND ACTIVITIES ON BOARD	ARRIVE	DEPART


3. SUPPORTED FACILITIES (As OLF and ALF; record only when a change occurs)	PERIOD

PART - VII SUPPLEMENT (Use additional 8" x 10 1/2" sheets)

OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (For which no provision is made above, such as conversion, overhaul, modification, disasters, difficulties with equipment, and the like. Rather than repeat voluminous reports when such have been made, identify them by reference. Copies of documents may be appended.)

ADDITIONAL PAGES AND APPENDED DOCUMENTS:

The Commanding Officer, John R. ILLER was promoted to the rank of Commander effective 1 August 1957.

COMMANDING OFFICER  John R. ILLER	RANK CDR	DATE FORWARDED 15 October 1957
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UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET
AIR FORCE

FIGHTER SQUADRON FORTY THREE

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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*If we have not sent
forms, perhaps we
should do it now.*

From: Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron FORTY THREE
To: Chief of Naval Operations, Aviation History Unit, OP-05A5G

Subj: Aviation Historical Summary

*Forms
mailed
3/7/58*

Ref: (a) OPNAV INST 5750.8

1. In accordance with reference (a) the Aviation Historical Summary is submitted herewith. Due to the non-availability of report form OPNAV FORM 5750-2 (6-57), a letter report follows:

- a. Reporting period; 1 OCT 57 to 31 DEC 57
- b. Commanding Officer; John R. ILER
- c. Rank; Commander
- d. Personnel on board; Officer, 20 Aviators, 3 Non-Aviators
Enlisted Men, 110
- e. Mission; no change
- f. Geographic location; NAS, Jacksonville, Florida during period
1 OCT 57 to 31 DEC 57
- g. Next upper command echelon; Administrative, COMFAIRJAX
Operational, COMFAIRJAX
- h. Training; Routine advanced flight and ground training was conducted to increase readiness. Familiarization and basic training was conducted as new aviators were received into the squadron. All aviators were sent to the F8U Crusader Maintenance Course and also received training in the F8U Operational and Procedures Trainers. Enlisted Personnel were also sent to maintenance schools for instruction on the F8U.
- i. Type aircraft assigned and number on hand; F9F-8 Cougar, 14.
- j. Operational statistics;

<u>Month</u>	<u>Pilots On Board</u>	<u>Hrs. Flown</u>	<u>Training</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Combat</u>	<u>Total</u>
OCT	19	405.4	314	8	0	322
NOV	20	296.4	211	0	0	211
DEC	20	173.2	114	2	0	116

John R. Iler
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Copy to:
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NAS Cecil Field, Florida	2-1-58 - 3-31-58

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COMCVGONE	2-15-58	COMCVGONE	2-15-58

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In preparation for the receipt of F8U-1 Crusaders all pilots completed preliminary ground training and 11 pilots flew 6 FAM hops each with VF-174.

