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FITRON ELEVEN COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1982

1. BASIC HISTORY

a. Chronology of Events - 1982

01 JAN to 03 JAN	FCLP in preparation for cruise
04 JAN to 05 JAN	USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) Underway/Fly on, CQ
06 JAN to 14 JAN	TRANSLANT
15 JAN to 16 JAN	War at sea exercise with USS EISENHOWER (CVN 69)
17 JAN to 21 JAN	First liberty port, Malaga, Spain
22 JAN	Enroute Sardinia
23 JAN to 28 JAN	National week, an international war at sea exercise
29 JAN	Anchored at Augusta Bay, Sicily
30 JAN to 31 JAN	Cyclic Ops - Mediterranean Sea
1 FEB	Enroute Port Said Egypt
2 FEB	Anchored Port Said
3 FEB	Transit Suez Canal
4 FEB to 6 FEB	Red Sea Ops. Lost Aircraft 101 (Buno 159011) on 6 February. Aircrew (LT [REDACTED] and LT [REDACTED]) ejected safely
7 FEB to 10 FEB	Enroute Gonzo Station
11 FEB to 21 FEB	Turnover with USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64). Began Gonzo Station Operations
22 FEB to 23 FEB	Beacon FLASH I Exercise
24 FEB to 28 FEB	Gonzo Station Ops
1 MAR to 5 MAR	Enroute Diego Garcia
6 MAR	Crossed Equator
7 MAR	Enroute Diego Garcia
8 MAR to 9 MAR	Gonzo AAWASEX with USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)
10 MAR to 18 MAR	Enroute Perth Australia
11 MAR	Beer Day
19 MAR to 24 MAR	In port Perth, Australia
25 MAR to 28 MAR	Enroute Diego Garcia
29 MAR to 30 MAR	Gonzo AAWASEX with USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)
31 MAR to 1 APR	Maintenance stand-down
2 APR to 5 APR	Weapons week. VF-11 fired 3 AIM 7E, 2 AIM 9L All good kills.
6 APR to 7 APR	Transit to Arabian Sea
8 APR to 15 APR	East Arabian Sea Ops
16 APR to 19 APR	Gonzo Station Ops
20 APR to 21 APR	Beacon FLASH II
22 APR to 26 APR	Gonzo Station Ops
27 APR to 1 MAY	Enroute Mombasa, Kenya
2 MAY to 6 MAY	In port Mombasa, Kenya
7 MAY to 10 MAY	Enroute Gonzo Station
11 MAY to 17 MAY	Gonzo Station Operations
18 MAY to 19 MAY	Beacon FLASH III
20 MAY to 30 MAY	Gonzo Station Operations
31 MAY to 1 JUN	Enroute Red Sea after turnover with USS RANGER (CV 61)

Enclosure (1)

2 JUN to 4 JUN	Red Sea Ops
5 JUN	Transit Suez Canal
6 JUN to 18 JUN	Bagel Station 200NM West of Beirut
19 JUN to 20 JUN	Mediterranean Transit
21 JUN to 23 JUN	In port, Toulon, France
24 JUN to 27 JUN	Exercise Daily Double
28 JUN to 3 JUL	In port, Malaga, Spain
4 JUL to 13 JUL	Transit Atlantic Ocean
13 JUL	Flyoff to Naval Air Station Oceana
14 JUL	USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) arrives Pier 7, Naval Station Norfolk
15 JUL to 30 JUL	Stand-down from cruise
31 JUL to 17 AUG	Squadron training and FCLP
18 AUG to 23 AUG	Fleet Carrier Quals USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67)
24 AUG to 25 AUG	SEABAT and Squadron Training
26 AUG to 31 AUG	Squadron Training
1 SEP to 5 SEP	Aircrew Training
6 SEP to 12 SEP	Constant Peg, NELLIS AFB Nevada
13 SEP to 21 SEP	Aircrew Training and FCLP
22 SEP to 23 SEP	CQ
24 SEP to 27 SEP	Aircrew Training
27 SEP to 29 SEP	Missile Shoot. VF-11 fired 3 AIM 9H; 2 Kills, 1 guidance failure
30 SEP	Squadron detached to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads for Orange Air Support
1 OCT to 26 OCT	Orange Air Support
27 OCT	Fly off from Naval Station Roosevelt Roads. Squadron returns to Naval Air Station Oceana.
28 OCT to 29 OCT	FFARP academic training provided by VF-43
1 NOV to 23 NOV	Fleet Fighter ACM Readiness Program, adversary VF-43
5 NOV	Two aircrews leave for Naval Fighter Weapons School
24 NOV to 28 NOV	Holiday routine
30 NOV to 14 DEC	Aircrew Training, two aircrews return from Naval Fighter Weapons School, Naval Air Station Miramar. FFARP ends.
15 DEC to 31 DEC	Reduced operations due to holiday routine. Aircrew training continues

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TOTAL HRS.</u>	<u>HRS D/N</u>	<u>TOTAL TRAPS D/N</u>	<u>TOTAL SORTIES</u>
JAN	328.0	217.5/110.5	119/67	191
FEB	459.2	311.9/147.3	125/88	213
MAR	399.8	318.7/81.1	123/55	178
APR	400.7	286.0/114.7	138/61	199
MAY	468.2	336.3/131.9	138/78	216
JUN	260.4	210.3/50.1	104/31	135
JUL(Ship)	21.1	18.1/3.8	9/3	12
(Shore)	69.8	69.0/0.8	-	30
AUG	122.2	100.7/21.5	45/0	79
SEP	216.5	207.8/7.7	29/0	82
OCT	468.2	397.9/70.3	0/0	210
NOV	183.9	180.3/3.6	0/0	115
DEC	124.1	121.6/2.5	0/0	78

1982 found the Red Rippers on their first deployment embarked onboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67). Ten F-14A TOMCATS flown to USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) on January 4th and 5th. With all aircrews onboard we began our TRANSATLANTIC journey. During the passage we participated in WAR AT SEA EXERCISES with USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69). Aircrews conducted Air Combat Maneuvering, Combat Air Patrol, and Maritime Air Superiority Training, as well as maintaining alert 5 posture on non-flying days. On January 7th the first alert 5 was launched with the VF-11 TOMCAT getting airborne in 4 minutes and 30 seconds.

On January 17th the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) arrived at our first liberty port, Malaga, Spain. Five days later the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) weighed anchor and began Mediterranean operations. During this time VF-11 participated in Exercise National Week, a multiinternational exercise. Our main contributions were long range CAP missions utilizing Vector Logic concepts. During this period the squadron flew 46 sorties in 5 days and maintained a continual alert 5 and alert 15 commitment. This war at sea exercise ended on 28 January 1982, and the ship departed for the Suez Canal. On February 3rd the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) transitted the Suez Canal into the Red Sea. On February 6th, aircraft 101 (159011) was lost in the Red Sea leaving the squadron with nine aircraft. The aircrew, LT [REDACTED] and LT [REDACTED], ejected safely and were recovered within an hour of the accident. Once in the Red Sea/Indian Ocean area, the squadron was required to maintain alert 5 and alert 15 posture during daytime non-flying operations. The posture was downgraded to alert 15 at night except during times of increased threat postures.

On the 11 February USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) replaced USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) on Gonzo Station in the Indian Ocean. During the first line period VF-11 participated in Beacon FLASH I, a two day exercise. Working south towards Diego Garcia the ship crossed the Equator on March 6th, and the entire day was dedicated to the Shellback Ceremony. VF-11 personnel became honored members of this royal order. Arriving in the vicinity of Diego Garcia on 8 March, a two day Gonzo Exercise against USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) took place.

Defending Diego Garcia for 12 hours utilizing Vectgor Logic, the squadron received in-depth training in sustained outer air battle posture, as well as ECM, and FLEXDECK operations while in a multi-axis threat environment.

On March 11th, the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67), while enroute to Perth, Australia, celebrated Beer Day signifying 45 continuous days at sea. Arriving at Perth on 19 March, the squadron enjoyed six days of liberty ashore. Weighing anchor on the 24th of March, the ship steamed to Diego Garcia for another Gonzo exercise with the USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) on the 29th.

During the period 2-5 April, VF-11 successfully fired three (3) AIM 7E's and two (2) AIM 9L's. All five guided to kills. During the remainder of April, VF-11 continued Indian Ocean Ops consisting mainly of CAP, MAS, STRAFE and occasionally escort for the Soviet reconnaissance aircraft which routinely attempted overflights of USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67). Beacon FLASH II lasted for two days beginning on the 20th. Afterwards, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) set course south towards Mombasa, Kenya. Leaving Mombasa on May 7th, the ship returned to Gonzo Station for more Indian Ocean operations. On May 9th the Rippers received A/C 111 (159438) to replace A/C 101. On 18 May, the third

and final Beacon FLASH Exercise commenced for two days of intense ACM and strike escort training. Blue-water operations continued for the remainder of May. After turnover with USS RANGER (CV 61) on the 31st, the ship returned to the Red Sea and prepared for the Suez Canal Transit on the 5th of June. On 6 June 1982 Israel invaded Lebanon and liberty ports of Haifa, Israel and Izmir, Turkey were cancelled due to on-station requirements for USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67). For the next two weeks the ship maintained a posture of readiness off the coast of Lebanon. On 19 June USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) was relieved by USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) on Bagel Station, and arrived in Toulon, France on 21 June. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) put to sea on 24 June and commenced Exercise Daily Double. Working with both the French Navy and Italian Air Force, VF-11 participated in Low Levels, Air Strikes, ECM Training, and Maritime Air Superiority exercises. The final port call to Malaga, Spain began on 28 June. On 4 July, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) began the TRANSLANT back to the United States. On July 13th, all ten VF-11 TOMCATS flew off to Naval Air Station Oceana, and USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) tied up at Pier 7, Naval Station Norfolk. The Rippers stood down for the next 30 days. Flight Ops continued but at a reduced rate for the rest of July with regular squadron training resuming the first week of August. Ground training included Weapon Systems and Radar Theory, Section Tactics, ACM Flights, Fleet Carrier Landing Practice and Carrier Qualification Flights aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67). On 24 August the squadron polished its electronic countermeasure skills for two days in a SEABAT exercise. Squadron training continued throughout August.

Aircrew training continued in September with two major detachments highlighting the month. The squadron detached six aircraft to Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada on 6 September. Participating in an Aggressor ACM program for one week, aircrews were exposed to an intense training program in conjunction with the U. S. Air Force. Returning on 13 September, the squadron concentrated on Fleet Carrier Landing Practice and a CQ evolution from 22-24 September. The squadron fired three (3) AIM-9H missiles on 27 September with two sidewinders scoring kills and the third failing to guide. On September 30th, VF-11 detached eight aircraft to Puerto Rico for Orange Air Exercises with USS NIMITZ (CVN 70) and USS AMERICA (CV 66). Eighty-seven of ninety-one scheduled sorties were flown for a total of 391.4 hours. The squadron returned on October 27 and immediately began preparations for the Fleet Fighter ACM Readiness Program with VF-43. FFARP began on 1 November and on 5 November two aircraft departed for Naval Air Station Miramar for a TOPGUN detachment. The remainder of November was devoted to FFARP training. On 10 December the TOPGUN detachment returned and that same week FFARP training secured. VF-11 flew over 3,500 hours in 1982 with over 1,200 carrier landings. The command sailed over half the world in 1982 with a productive cruise onboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67). This effort paved the way for an even more challenging and successful year in 1983.

SQUADRON OFFICER LOSSES AND GAINS - 1982

08 JAN 82	LTJG	[REDACTED]	Transferred
25 MAR 82	CDR	[REDACTED]	Transferred
07 APR 82	LCDR	[REDACTED]	Reported for duty
13 APR 82	LCDR	[REDACTED]	Transferred
26 APR 82	LCDR	[REDACTED]	Reported for duty
19 JUL 82	LCDR	[REDACTED]	Transferred
21 JUL 82	ENS	[REDACTED]	Reported for duty
22 JUL 82	ENS	[REDACTED]	Reported for duty
26 JUL 82	LT	[REDACTED]	Transferred
30 JUL 82	LT	[REDACTED]	Transferred
30 AUG 82	LT	[REDACTED]	Retired
30 AUG 82	LT	[REDACTED]	Transferred
30 SEP 82	LT	[REDACTED]	Transferred
01 OCT 82	LT	[REDACTED]	Transferred
01 OCT 82	CWO3	[REDACTED]	Transferred
01 OCT 82	LCDR	[REDACTED]	Reported for duty
04 OCT 82	ENS	[REDACTED]	Reported for duty
22 OCT 82	CWO4	[REDACTED]	Transferred
29 OCT 82	LT	[REDACTED]	Transferred
29 OCT 82	CWO2	[REDACTED]	Reported for duty
30 OCT 82	LT	[REDACTED]	Transferred
04 NOV 82	LT	[REDACTED]	Reported for duty
05 NOV 82	LT	[REDACTED]	Reported for duty
05 NOV 82	LT	[REDACTED]	Reported for duty
05 NOV 82	LT	[REDACTED]	Reported for duty
20 DEC 82	LT	[REDACTED]	Transferred
27 DEC 82	LT	[REDACTED]	Transferred