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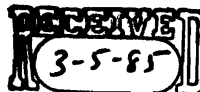
Encl: (1) 1984 Command History (U)
(2) 1984 Operation Summary
(3) Narrative (U)
(4) 1984 Squadron Officer Losses and Gains

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded.

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1984 COMMAND HISTORY (U)

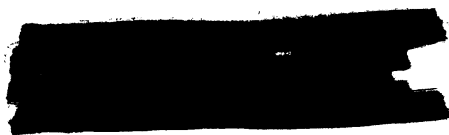
1. (C) Schedule of Events

01-22 JAN	Bagel Station - Off coast of Beirut, Lebanon
23-25 JAN	Transit to Naples, Italy
26-31 JAN	Inport Naples, Italy
01-21 FEB	Bagel Station Operations
22-24 FEB	NAMFI Range, Crete
23 FEB	Misslex: One AIM-9H
25-28 FEB	Eastern Med Operations
28 FEB	SINKEX
01-21 MAR	Bagel Station
22 MAR-09 APR	Eagle Look
10-14 APR	Transit to Naples, Italy
15-18 APR	Inport Naples, Italy
19-21 APR	Med Transit
21 APR	Rota, Spain (No liberty)
22 APR-02 MAY	Transit to Norfolk
30 APR	Fly Off
03-30 MAY	Stand Down NAS Oceana
31 MAY-08 JUN	Boston, MA Detachment
09-30 JUN	Aircrew Training, NAS Oceana
29 JUN	Change of Command (CDR K.E. Shean relieves CDR J.W. Combs)
01-08 JUL	FCLP at NALF Fentress
09 JUL	Fly On
10-24 JUL	Caribbean Operations

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25-27 JUL	Inport Cartagena, Colombia
28-31 JUL	Transit to Norfolk
30 JUL	Fly Off
01-05 AUG	Stand Down NAS Oceana
06-07 AUG	Aircrew Training, NAS Oceana
08 AUG	Missilex, VACAPES: Three AIM-7E-4 and three AIM-9H
09-14 AUG	Aircrew Training, NAS Oceana
15-20 AUG	Sopwith Camel, NAS Cecil Field
21-26 AUG	Aircrew Training, NAS Oceana
27 AUG-7 SEP	Yorktown Shock Test
03-13 SEP	CNO Project 547, NAS Cecil Field
09-15 SEP	Constant Peg
11 SEP-19 OCT	Topgun
25 SEP	No Notice Missilex, VACAPES: One AIM-7E-4 and one AIM-9H
26 SEP-05 OCT	Aircrew Training, NAS Oceana
06-12 OCT	CNO Project 547, NS Roosevelt Roads
09-12 OCT	F-16 DACT Detachment
12-18 OCT	Aircrew Training, NAS Oceana
19 OCT-09 NOV	FFARP
10-16 NOV	Comtuex 1-85, NS Roosevelt Roads
12 NOV	Missilex, AFWTF: Two AIM-7E-4 and two AIM-9H
16-18 NOV	ACM Detachment, NAS Dallas
19 NOV-25 NOV	Aircrew Training, NAS Oceana
26-27 NOV	CNO Project 124, NAS Pensacola
28 NOV-07 DEC	Aircrew Training, NAS Oceana

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04-07 DEC SEABAT 1-85
08-10 DEC CARQUALS, USS America
11-13 DEC CNO Project 124, NAS Pensacola
11-14 DEC CNO Project 849, NAS Patuxtent River
15-31 DEC Aircrew Training, NAS Oceana
19 DEC No-Notice Missilax, VACAPES: One AIM-7E-4

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1984 OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS D/N</u>	<u>TRAPS D/N</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>
JAN	397.5	283.3/114.2	124/50	176
FEB	557.2	339.4/217.8	144/88	234
MAR	374.9	253.5/121.4	117/74	191
APR	314.7	240.8/73.9	108/47	155
MAY	112.7	107.6/5.1	2/0	69
JUN	336.7	287.3/49.4	31/0	223
JUL	359.1	247.6/111.5	105/65	203
AUG	174.5	161.6/12.9	0/0	117
SEP	302.2	272.2/30.0	0/0	196
OCT	276.9	253.5/23.4	0/0	250
NOV	325.2	292.3/32.9	0/0	232
<u>DEC</u>	<u>230.7</u>	<u>184.4/46.3</u>	<u>24/15</u>	<u>139</u>
Total	3762.3	2923.5/838.8	655/339	2185

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NARRATIVE (U)

1. (C) The beginning of 1984 found the "Red Rippers" embarked in USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) continuing its operations off the coast of Beirut, Lebanon. With increasing hostilities ashore and the threat of kamikaze aircraft attacking the battle group, flight operations and alerts were stepped up.
2. (C) After 50 consecutive days at sea, and only 7 days in port in the last 120 days, the USS John F. Kennedy turned westward and headed for Naples, Italy. While in port the squadron enjoyed four days of well deserved liberty. Upon leaving Naples, Italy, on 31 January, Fighter Squadron ELEVEN celebrated its 57th birthday onboard the USS John F. Kennedy with a dining in. Rear Admiral Box, COMCARGRU TWO, was the guest speaker. Transit back to Bagel station followed with continued CAP and TARPS escort missions.
3. (C) On February 22nd the ship transited to the NAMFI Range, off the island of Crete. A two day missile exercise was conducted on 23 and 24 February with the "Red Rippers" expending one AIM-9H. After leaving the NAMFI Range, the ship steamed east to participate in SINKEX on 28 February in the eastern Mediterranean. The "Red Rippers" were able to requalify in air-to-ground gunnery by conducting numerous strafing runs on an abandoned ship anchored at sea.
4. (C) The first three weeks of March were spent back on Bagel station conducting dual carrier operations with the USS Independence. During this time the "Red Rippers" completed an impressive 99.6% of scheduled sorties. On 22 March the ship transited south, approximately 100 miles off the coast of Egypt, to participate in Operation Eagle Look. During Eagle Look the "Red Rippers" provided fighter CAP in support of the Air Force AWACS. During the month of March it was announced that Fighter Squadron ELEVEN had been named the recipient of the COMNAVAIRLANT Battle "E" and the CNO Safety "S" for 1983. All the hard work in the months prior had finally paid off. With six months of cruise behind us, the USS John F. Kennedy began its final transit to Naples, Italy, on 10 April for a turnover with the USS Saratoga. This final four day port visit was the first indication the squadron was on its way home and the cruise was almost over.
5. (C) After a one day, no liberty stop in Rota, Spain, the ship outchopped on 22 April and steamed across the Atlantic for Norfolk, VA. The squadron flew off the ship on 30 April completing a unprecedented 736 consecutive embarked sorties. The ship docked pierside on 2 May.
6. (C) During the month of May the squadron stood down at NAS Oceana, allowing the men to spend time with their families after being separated for 7 months. A post cruise corrosion audit was conducted in mid June by Commander, Fighter Wing ONE. Even with the oldest F-14A Tomcats in the fleet, Fighter Squadron ELEVEN received a grade of outstanding. On 31 May two "Red Ripper" aircraft again flew aboard the USS John F. Kennedy and headed for Boston, MA to participate in the annual Tall Ships Festival. Carrier operations were conducted for several distinguished guests of the USS John F.

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Kennedy, including Senator Edward Kennedy and family, and other members of Congress. While in port the "Red Rippers" provided the public with several static displays of the F-14A Tomcat and tours of the ship.

7. (C) Aircrew training continued in June with ground training at NAS Oceana and flight operations in W-72A. The "Red Rippers" flew numerous sorties consisting of AIC, ACM, air-to-air guns and low levels. The squadron held its 53rd Change of Command on 29 June, as CDR Keith E. Shean assumed command from CDR John W. Combs. On 1 July, field carrier landing practice began in preparation for returning to USS John F. Kennedy.

8. (C) The squadron once again embarked in USS John F. Kennedy on 9 July and headed for the Caribbean to conduct operations off the coast of Panama. Flying included DACT with A-7 Corsairs and air-to-ground gunnery during RESCAP scenarios. CAP missions were flown because of possible Cuban Mig flights. A three day port visit to Cartagena, Colombia ensued on 25 July. Leaving Cartagena on 27 July, the ship returned to Norfolk, VA via the Windward Passage. On 30 July, all ten VF-11 Tomcats flew off to NAS Oceana. The Rippers stood down until 5 August.

9. (C) August and September saw the squadron participating in several detachments and exercises. A major missile test was conducted in VACAPES on 8 August as the "Red Rippers" successfully expended three AIM-7E-4 and three AIM-9H in various profiles. Sopwith Camel out of NAS Cecil Field was provided for the USS John F. Kennedy shock test from 15 to 20 August. The "Red Rippers" participated in USS Yorktown shock test conducted from 27 August to 7 September. On 3 September numerous missile profiles were flown against the USS Yorktown out of NAS Cecil Field as part of CNO Project 574. The squadron detached seven aircraft to Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, on 9 September where aircrews were exposed to intense ACM training in conjunction with the U.S. Air Force. Concurrently, two aircrews detached to NAS Miramar, CA for Topgun. The month of September concluded with a highly successful no-notice missile shoot on the 25th. Both AIM-7E-4 and AIM-9H missiles were fired flawlessly, exemplifying the professionalism in both the Integrated Weapons Teams and Aviation Ordnance Branches of the Maintenance Department.

10. (C) Early October saw one squadron aircraft return to NS Roosevelt Roads, PR, for more services with USS Yorktown. The "Red Rippers" were the first east coast Fighter Squadron to host an F-16 DACT detachment at NAS Oceana. Several 1v1, 1v2 and 2v2 ACM flights were conducted between 9-12 October. The Fleet Fighter Aircrews Readiness Program (FFARP) began on 19 October for six weeks of intensive ACM training with the adversaries of VF-43. Eight officers obtained E's for their superior achievements in ACM. Immediately following FFARP, the squadron departed NAS Oceana for NS Roosevelt Roads to participate in COMTUEX 1-85. In addition to providing Orange Air Support to the Fleet, the "Red Rippers" conducted air-to-air gunnery and expended four missiles (two AIM-7E-4 and two AIM-9H) in the AFWTF Range. On 16 November the squadron departed Roosevelt Roads with two aircraft returning by way of NAS Dallas, TX where they participated in two days of DACT with F-4 Phantoms.

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11. (C) CNO Project 124 was conducted on 26-27 November and 11-13 December. Squadron aircraft provided services for testing of the third Aegis Radar platform on the new Ticonderoga Class destroyer, the USS Vincennes. The "Red Rippers" brushed up on their EW training by participating in SEABAT 1-85 from 4 to 7 December. During the last two months of the year, the Rippers continued intra-squadron training in areas of section tactics, ACM and low levels. On 8 December six aircrews completed carrier qualifications onboard the USS America where each crew received at least two day traps and two night traps. The "Red Rippers" became the first fleet squadron to fly the SPN-46 during CNO Project 849, which commenced on 11 December. The year ended with a no-notice missile shoot on 19 December, in which the squadron expended one AIM-7E-4 in the VACAPES operating area.

12. (C) 1984 continued to be an outstanding year for Fighter Squadron ELEVEN (VF-11), both at sea and ashore. VF-11 flew over 3700 hours and logged 994 carrier arrested landings with only five months at sea; and compiled an impressive 12,150 hours mishap free since February 1982. The "Red Rippers" are looking forward to the challenges in the year ahead as the squadron leaves Carrier Air Wing THREE and the USS John F. Kennedy and reports to Carrier Air Wing SIX onboard the USS Forrestal.

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1984 SQUADRON OFFICER LOSSES AND GAINS

28 JAN 84	LT [REDACTED]	Reported For Duty
29 JAN 84	LCDR [REDACTED]	Transferred
01 FEB 84	LT [REDACTED]	Transferred
01 FEB 84	LT [REDACTED]	Transferred
08 MAR 84	LT [REDACTED]	Reported For Duty
08 MAR 84	LT [REDACTED]	Reported For Duty
12 MAR 84	LCDR [REDACTED]	Reported For Duty
07 MAY 84	LTJG [REDACTED]	Reported For Duty
07 MAY 84	LTJG [REDACTED]	Reported For Duty
07 MAY 84	ENS [REDACTED]	Reported For Duty
30 MAY 84	LT [REDACTED]	Transferred
31 MAY 84	LT [REDACTED]	Transferred
08 JUN 84	LT [REDACTED]	Transferred
14 JUN 84	LT [REDACTED]	Transferred
25 JUN 84	CDR [REDACTED]	Reported For Duty
28 JUN 84	LCDR [REDACTED]	Transferred
29 JUN 84	CDR John COMBS	Transferred
06 JUL 84	LT [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Transferred
09 JUL 84	LTJG [REDACTED]	Transferred
09 JUL 84	LCDR [REDACTED]	Transferred
02 AUG 84	LT [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Reported For Duty
08 JUL 84	LT [REDACTED]	Reported For Duty
20 SEP 84	LCDR [REDACTED]	Reported For Duty
30 OCT 84	LCDR [REDACTED]	Transferred
18 NOV 84	LT [REDACTED]	Reported For Duty