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New Year's Day 1971 found Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN in-port Athens, Greece. The Navy's oldest Fighter Squadron had been deployed to the Mediterranean aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CVA-67) a month early to meet the contingencies of the Jordanian crisis which had again threatened the peace and stability of the Middle East.

Assigned to the squadron was the normal complement of twelve F4B "Phantom II" aircraft. Commander James W. AUSTIN, the forty-seventh Commanding Officer of the "TOPHATTERS", was in command. Aboard the squadron were a total of 31 officers and 241 enlisted men.

With the end of the Jordanian crisis, Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN and the KENNEDY returned to a more routine training schedule at sea. On 7 January KENNEDY left Athens to conduct six days of flight operations in the Eastern Mediterranean. KENNEDY anchored in St. Paul's Bay, Malta from 13 January to 15 January then moved around the island to anchor in-port, Valetta, Malta on 16 January.

On 23 January KENNEDY was again at sea conducting air operations. Anchorage was made in Barcelona, Spain, our last Mediterranean port for this deployment.

Upon leaving Barcelona on 8 February the Air Wing began an intensive period of air operations in the Western Mediterranean. Included was National Week VIII, which was conducted from 10 February to 15 February.

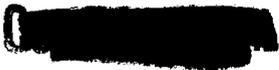
On 18 February KENNEDY transited the Straits of Gibraltar to end her Mediterranean deployment, and headed North to conduct air operations in the Irish Sea from 19 February to 21 February. At the conclusion of these exercises KENNEDY commenced her transit of the Atlantic Ocean to return to her home port of Norfolk, Virginia.

On 28 February, Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN flew off KENNEDY and landed at NAS Oceana, her home base of operations. KENNEDY passed through Chesapeake Bay the following day and was moored at Pier 12, Norfolk Naval Base. At this time the remainder of Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN completed their transition to spaces in Hangar 200, and barracks at NAS Oceana.



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From 1 March to 31 March, a post-deployment stand-down was in effect, with 49% of the personnel on authorized leave. Beginning at this time was a change over in personnel and the start of a new training cycle to prepare for the next deployment. On 13 April Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN returned aboard KENNEDY for three brief at-sea periods, 13 April to 21 April, 26 April to 30 April, and 3 May to 9 May. During this time the squadron participated in Operation Exotic Dancer IV, a joint-service exercise off the Atlantic Coast of the United States.

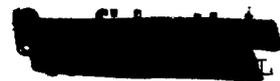
At the end of this exercise the "TOPHATTERS" returned to NAS Oceana to initiate an intensive training cycle in preparation for the upcoming Operational Readiness Evaluation (ORE). On 13 May, CDR Thomas L. CURRY reported aboard from VF-33 as Executive Officer.

In addition, three detachments of aircraft, aircrews and support personnel were deployed to fulfill various squadron commitments, both training and operational. DET 14 deployed four aircraft and eight aircrew to NAS Key West along with 35 ground support personnel from 13 May to 6 June on a rotational basis in support of the "HOT PAD" commitment there. LT Larry PINKSTON and LTJG Robert KELLY flew to NAS Miramar, California in F4B BUNO 151433 for "TOP GUN" School on 25 June for a period of one month.

On 5 July four aircraft and eight aircrewmembers deployed to Tyndall AFB, Panama City, Florida for Operation College Dart, in which Navy F4's conduct Air Combat Maneuvering (ACM) exercises with Air Force F-106 aircraft. These crew returned on 11 July following a very successful week of intensive training.

During this shore-based period intensive training was conducted at NAS Oceana in the multi-mission F4. Although primarily designed as an interceptor, the Phantom II has proven a formidable weapon when employed as a fighter or in a ground-support mission. To this end much attention was given to Conventional Weapons (CW) tactics and ACM in the Oceana operating area.

On 26 August Fighting FOURTEEN returned aboard KENNEDY to conduct preparations for the at-sea portion of the scheduled Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE). Operations were conducted off the VACAPES from 25 August to 2 September at which time KENNEDY returned to Pier 12, NORVA for six days time.



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On 9 September KENNEDY returned to sea and conducted operations off the VACAPES on the 9th and 10th of September, then steamed South to the Jacksonville operating area for the 11th and 12th of September. On 13 September KENNEDY was moored at Naval Station Mayport, Jacksonville, Florida, then returned to sea to operate off the VACAPES from 14 September to 17 September. After spending the weekend in-port at Pier 12, NORVA, KENNEDY returned to sea on 21 September to conduct the ORE off the VACAPES and in the Jacksonville Operating area. On 22 September KENNEDY staged a SINKEX, or sinking exercise against a surface target, in this case the ex-USS ROBERTS. The "TOPHATTERS", employing the air-to-air, radar-guided sparrow III missile in a novel air-to-surface role, scored the first hit made by the Air Wing against the target.

On 28 September Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN participated in an air demonstration for the NATO Military Committee in which squadron aircraft successfully fired both air-to-ground rockets and Sidewinder heat-seeking air-to-air missiles. Following this demonstration squadron aircraft returned to NAS Oceana in advance of the remainder of the squadron which returned the following day after KENNEDY was moored at Pier 12, NORVA.

From 29 September to 2 November the "TOPHATTERS" were based ashore at NAS Oceana, at which time modifications were made to equip the squadron aircraft with new electronic countermeasures (ECM) equipment.

On 5 October CDR Thomas L. CURRY relieved CDR James W. AUSTIN as Commanding Officer of Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN, thereby becoming the forty-eighth in an illustrious line of predecessors unequalled in the ranks of Naval Aviation. Guest speaker at the ceremony was RADM L. A. SNEAD, Project Manager of the F-14/Phoenix System.

Flight operations were continued during this shore period, mainly in preparation for the at-sea period. Commencing 2 November, KENNEDY travelled North to Narraganset Bay to give an air power demonstration for students at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island on 4 November, and for dignitaries of various NATO countries on 5 November. Following the demonstrations KENNEDY steamed South to the Roosevelt Roads operating area where a 3 day Integrated air-to-air warfare exercise (RIMEX) was conducted. Using live ordnance against air-launched drones, Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN compiled an impressive record by flying 61 sorties for a scheduled 57 sorties. Included in this exercise was a 72 hour ENDUREX, or endurance exercise, where flight operations were staged continuously around the clock.

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Returning to Pier 12 NORVA on 18 November aboard KENNEDY, Fighting FOURTEEN enjoyed her last stay in CONUS prior to departing for the Mediterranean Sea. On 1 December KENNEDY left Pier 12 to begin her transit across the Atlantic Ocean.

On the night of 3 December 1971, CDR Theodore KUJAWSKI, Executive Officer of the "TOPHATTERS" and his RIO, LT Richard MARSDEN, intercepted two Russian BEAR aircraft that overflew KENNEDY on their way from Cuba to the USSR.

On 9 December, KENNEDY anchored in the harbor at Rota, Spain, relieving the USS AMERICA which was returning home following her five-month deployment. On the following day KENNEDY passed through the Straits of Gibraltar to become part of the Sixth Fleet and the central element of Task Force 60.2.

From 17 December to 26 December saw KENNEDY in-port Naples, Italy, her first scheduled liberty port. Returning to sea on 27 December for a brief three day at-sea period in the Western Mediterranean, KENNEDY dropped anchor off Barcelona, Spain on 30 December where she remained through the end of calendar year 1971.

At this time Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN had a complement of 32 officers and 213 enlisted men. There were twenty reenlistments during the year, four of which were first-term. Fifty four personnel were advanced, seventeen of which were from controlled E-3 exams. As a result of Captain's Mast's seventeen personnel were awarded non-judicial punishment. There were two Summary Courts Martials and one Special Court Martial.

Operational statistics reflecting the impressive record compiled by the "TOPHATTERS" are included in enclosures (1) through (10). Significant is the fact that all squadron operations were conducted throughout the year without a single accident.

Claiming it's fifty-second year of continuous naval service, Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN reflects upon it's part with pride and in anticipation toward it's future.

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

01 JAN - 06 JAN 71	Inport, Athens, Greece
06 JAN - 14 JAN 71	Operations, Eastern Mediterranean
14 JAN - 15 JAN 71	Anchor St. Paul's Bay, Malta
16 JAN - 22 JAN 71	Inport, Valetta, Malta
23 JAN - 29 JAN 71	Operations, Western Mediterranean
30 JAN - 07 FEB 71	Inport, Barcelona, Spain
08 FEB - 17 FEB 71	Operations, Western Mediterranean
	National Week VIII (10 FEB - 14 FEB 71)
18 FEB	Transit Straits of Gibraltar
19 FEB - 21 FEB 71	Operations, Irish Sea
22 FEB - 28 FEB 71	Transit to CONUS
28 FEB 71	KENNEDY arrive Norfolk, Virginia
01 MAR - 12 APR 71	Stand-down, Operations NAS Oceana
13 APR 71	Fly-on to KENNEDY
13 APR - 21 APR 71	Operations, VACAPES
22 APR - 25 APR 71	Moored, Pier 12, Norfolk, Virginia
26 APR - 29 APR 71	Operations, VACAPES
30 APR - 02 MAY 71	Moored, Pier 12, Norfolk, Virginia
03 MAY - 09 MAY 71	Operations, VACAPES
09 MAY - 24 JUL 71	Based ashore, NAS Oceana
12 MAY 71	CDR Thomas L. CURRY reported aboard as Executive Officer

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS (CONT'D)

13 MAY - 06 JUN 71	Deployed DET-14 to NAS Keywest for HOT PAD Commitment
25 JUN - 24 JUL 71	F4B BUNO 151433, Pilot LT Larry PINKSTON, RIO LTJG Robert KELLY to TOP GUN School NAS Miramar
05 JUL - 11 JUL 71	Crews to Tyndall AFB for COLLEGE DART
24 JUL - 29 JUL 71	Operations, VACAPES, aboard KENNEDY
30 JUL - 25 AUG 71	Based ashore at NAS Oceana
26 AUG 71	Aboard KENNEDY, Pier 12 Norfolk, Virginia
27 AUG - 02 SEP 71	Operations, VACAPES
03 SEP - 08 SEP 71	Moored, Pier 12 Norfolk, Virginia
09 SEP - 10 SEP 71	Operations, VACAPES
11 SEP - 12 SEP 71	Moored, Pier 12 Norfolk, Virginia
13 SEP 71	Moored at Naval Station, Mayport
14 SEP - 17 SEP 71	Operations, VACAPES
18 SEP - 20 SEP 71	Moored, Pier 12 Norfolk, Virginia
21 SEP - 22 SEP 71	Operations, VACAPES
23 SEP - 24 SEP 71	Operations, Jacksonville operating area
25 SEP - 28 SEP 71	Operations, VACAPES
29 SEP - 01 NOV 71	Based ashore at NAS Oceana
05 OCT 71	CDR Thomas L. CURRY relieves CDR James W. AUSTIN as Commanding Officer of VF-14

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS (CONT'D)

02 NOV - 09 NOV 71	Operations, Atlantic Coast
10 NOV - 15 NOV 71	Operations, Caribbean Sea RIMEX (10 NOV - 12 NOV) ENDUREX (11 NOV 71) SINKEX (EX-USS ROBERTS) (14 NOV 71)
16 NOV - 17 NOV 71	Transit to VACAPES
18 NOV 71	Operations VACAPES
19 NOV - 30 NOV 71	Moored, Pier 12 Norfolk, Virginia
01 DEC - 09 DEC 71	Transit to Mediterranean Sea
09 DEC 71	Anchored, Rota, Spain, Relieved USS AMERICA
10 DEC 71	Transit Straits of Gibraltar, Enter Mediterranean
11 DEC - 17 DEC 71	Operations, Western Mediterranean
18 DEC - 26 DEC 71	Inport, Naples, Italy
27 DEC - 29 DEC 71	Operations, Western Mediterranean
30 DEC - 31 DEC 71	Inport, Barcelona, Spain

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FIGHTER SQUADRON FOURTEEN STATISTICS - JAN 1971
THRU 31 DEC 1971

FLIGHT TIME	3247.9
NIGHT TIME	757.2
INSTRUMENT TIME	544.7
AVERAGE HRS/PILOT	231.9
TOTAL FIELD LDGS D/N	728/189
AVERAGE NIGHT HRS/PILOT	54.1
AVERAGE DAY FIELD LDGS/PILOT	52.0
AVERAGE NIGHT LDGS/PILOT	13.5
AVERAGE DAY CARRIER LDGS/PILOT	70.4
AVERAGE NIGHT CARRIER LDGS/PILOT	28.4

MEDITERRANEAN DEPLOYMENTS
1 JAN - 28 FEB 71, 2 DEC - 31 DEC 71

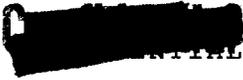
TOTAL INTERCEPTS	693
AVERAGE INTERCEPTS/CREW	49.5
ACM ENGAGEMENTS	55
AVERAGE ACM ENGAGEMENTS/CREW	3.9
AVERAGE CONVENTIONAL ORD SORTIES/ CREW	2.0
IFR PLUGS D/N	301/121
IFR PLUGS/AVERAGE PILOT D/N	22.0/8.6

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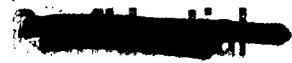


FIGHTER SQUADRON FOURTEEN 1971 HOURS/LANDINGS
PER PILOT

NAME	TOTAL HOURS	DAY HOURS	NIGHT HOURS	TOTAL LDGS	FIELD LDGS		CARRIER LDGS	
					D	N	D	N
CDR CURRY	134.3	106.3	28.0	113	41	11	43	18
CDR KUJAWSKI	246.3	188.5	57.0	152	33	16	73	30
LCDR LINEBERGER	248.6	196.2	52.4	168	52	14	69	33
LCDR ALLEN	127.5	103.3	24.2	68	13	7	34	14
CAPT TUKEY (USAF)	119.7	85.3	34.4	85	28	9	33	15
LT CLIME	73.1	57.0	16.1	48	5	0	31	12
LT DENARDO	244.5	197.3	47.2	176	67	13	66	30
LT PINKSTON	189.0	152.8	36.2	144	58	8	58	20
LT GRACIE	36.4	26.0	10.4	25	13	7	3	2
LT IKE	258.9	198.9	59.6	170	50	12	76	32
LT DAUGHTRY	16.2	13.2	3.0	10	0	0	8	2
LT BURNS	213.3	174.5	38.8	159	52	8	76	23
LT GURICK	263.9	207.4	56.5	25	82	13	65	32
LT FORBES	251.6	192.3	59.3	180	63	18	70	29
LT PARLETTE	25.7	16.3	9.4	16	1	0	9	6

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FIGHTER SQUADRON FOURTEEN 1971 HOURS/LANDINGS PER RIO

NAME	TOTAL HOURS	DAY HOURS	NIGHT HOURS	TOTAL LDGS	FIELD LDGS		CARRIER LDGS	
					D	N	D	N
LT MARSDEN	251.9	182.1	69.8	127	0	0	79	45
LT KRASNIEWSKI	23.6	20.6	3.0	14	0	0	12	2
LT POPEK	21.4	14.4	7.0	13	0	0	7	6
LTJG POULOS	265.6	192.8	72.8	164	0	0	68	38
LTJG KELLY	208.7	166.8	41.9	158	0	0	74	22
LTJG NOIA	282.6	220.7	61.9	209	0	0	88	39
LTJG LYLE	250.3	192.8	57.5	169	0	0	102	32
LTJG KENNEDY	96.6	66.0	30.6	62	0	0	30	21
LTJG LINDNER	30.8	18.5	12.3	20	0	0	10	7
LTJG CHOPP	46.6	41.5	5.1	31	0	0	21	4
LTJG SHEPHERD	59.2	45.7	13.5	40	0	0	21	8
LTJG SOSHUK	51.1	33.7	17.4	34	0	0	18	8
LTJG BRICKER	38.3	28.9	9.4	28	0	0	18	7

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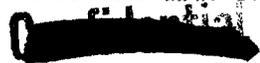


FIGHTER SQUADRON FOURTEEN MONTHLY LANDINGS

MONTH	ARRESTED		FIELD		FCLP	
	TOTAL	D/N	TOTAL	D/N	TOTAL	D/N
JAN	205	144/61	0	0/0	0	0/0
FEB	119	81/38	12	12/0	0	0/0
MAR	4	4/0	113	112/1	0	0/0
APR	235	171/64	62	34/28	84	0/84
MAY	79	56/23	119	106/13	1	1/0
JUN	0	0/0	151	146/5	6	5/1
JUL	140	119/21	191	130/61	339	9/330
AUG	58	43/15	151	92/59	213	6/207
SEP	261	176/85	20	13/7	0	0/0
OCT	0	0/0	84	70/14	105	105/0
NOV	159	103/56	14	13/1	0	0/0
DEC	122	88/34	0	0/0	0	0/0
TOTAL	1382	985/397	917	728/189	748	126/622

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FIGHTER SQUADRON FOURTEEN 1971 ORDNANCE EXPENDITURES

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
1. Practice Bomb, MK-76	309
2. Practice Bomb, MK-106	60
3. Practice Bomb Invert MK-82	20
4. MK-82 LDGP Bomb	79
5. 2.75" FFAR Rocket	123
6. 5" FFAR Zuni Rocket	243
7. MK-45 Para Flare	42
8. MK 904E2 Fuze	79
9. MK-2 Impulse Cartridge	489
10. MK-4 Signal CTG	389
11. Sparrows fired	16
12. Sidewinders fired	24

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FIGHTER SQUADRON FOURTEEN OFFICERS AND BILLETS HELD
31 DEC 1971

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>
CDR CURRY	COMMANDING OFFICER
CDR KUJAWSKI	EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LCDR LINEBERGER	MAINTENANCE OFFICER
LCDR ALLEN	OPERATIONS OFFICER
LCDR SHARER	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CAPT TUKEY (USAF)	ASS'T OPERATIONS OFFICER
LT MARSDEN	TRAINING OFFICER
LT CLIME	SAFETY OFFICER
LT DENARDO	WEAPONS TRAINING OFFICER
LT PINKSTON	AIRCRAFT DIVISION OFFICER
LT KRASNIEWSKI	QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICER
LT POPEK	AVIONICS BRANCH OFFICER
LT GRACIE	FIRST LIEUTENANT
LT IKE	FLIGHT OFFICER
LT DAUGHTRY	ASS'T ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
LT BURNS	PERSONNEL OFFICER
LT GURICK	LANDING SIGNAL OFFICER
LT FORBES	LINE DIVISION OFFICER
LT COLLINS	ASS'T MAINTENANCE OFFICER
LTJG POULOS	AVIATION EQUIPMENT BR OFFICER
LTJG KELLY	AIRFRAMES BRANCH OFFICER
LTJG NOIA	COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
LTJG LYLE	LEGAL OFFICER
LTJG KENNEDY	ELECTRICAL BRANCH OFFICER
LTJG LINDNER	ELECTRICAL/INST BRANCH OFFICER
LTJG CHOPP	ENLISTED TRAINING OFFICER
LTJG SHEPHERD	POWERPLANTS BRANCH OFFICER
LTJG SOSHUK	PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER
LTJG BRICKER	ASS'T LINE DIVISION OFFICER
ENS MCGILL	AIR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
CWO2 MANGO	MAINTENANCE CONTROL OFFICER
WO1 SWARTZ	ARMAMENT BRANCH OFFICER

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