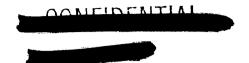
## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY FIGHTER SQUADRON FOURTEEN FLEET POST OFFICE **NEW YORK 09501**



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From:

Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN

To:

Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05D2)

Command History; submission of OPNAV report 5750-1

Ref:

(a) OPNAVINST 5750.1B

- Encl: (1) Command Organization
  - (2) Chronology of Events
  - (3) FITRON FOURTEEN Officer and Billets held 31 DEC 78
  - (4) FITRON FOURTEEN 1978 Flight Statistics
  - (5) 1978 Weapons Expended
  - (6) Admiral Joseph Clifton Award Nomination
  - (7) TOPHATTER 1978-1979 Mediterranean Cruise Report
  - (8) CNO Annual Safety Award
  - (9) Biography of Commander T. W. WRIGHT, Commanding Officer
  - (10) Biography of Commander J. J. DANTONE, Executive Officer

1. (U) In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (10) are submitted.

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#### COMMAND ORGANIZATION

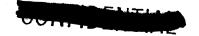
# 1. (U) Command Organization:

- a. Command organization opened in 1978 with CDR Francis J. DOUGHERTY commanding with CDR Timothy W. WRIGHT as Executive Officer. On 7 April, CDR DOUGHERTY was relieved by CDR WRIGHT and CDR Joseph J. DANTONE became Executive Officer of the TOPHATTERS as VF-14 prepared for Exercise Solid Shield and the June 28 Mediterranean Deployment.
- b. The basic mission of Fighting FOURTEEN has not changed. As stated in the VF-14 Watch and Information Sheet, the mission of Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN is to intercept and destroy enemy aircraft and anti-ship capable missiles in all weather conditions and to establish and maintain local air superiority.
- 2. (C) <u>Summary of Operations</u>: Calendar Year 1978 was another fine year much like 1977. The TOPHATTERS of Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN were embarked over 9 months involved in various exercises with Carrier Air Wing ONE. Significant events to be covered in detail in this history include: ORE 1978, Solid Shield, and Mediterranean deployment 78-79. During 1978 the TOPHATTERS flew 5444.7 hours with 2608 arrested landings and a sortic completion rate of 90 percent. TOPHATTER aircrews expended 4170 rounds of 20mm; eight AIM-7 Sparrows, two AIM-9L Sidewinders and one AIM-54 Phoenix during calendar year 1978. Three major air combat maneuvering exercises were held in 1978, two while deployed and one at NAS Oceana. A major missile firing exercise was conducted while deployed during BUZARDEX 1978 in the Mediterranean Sea. Primary emphasis of the deployment was on Carrier Operations with limited ACM and MAS training.

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### CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

1. (C) The squadron re-located numerous times prior to Mediterranean deployment 1978. The changes in location and significant events are summarized below.

1-5 JAN

Stationed ashore NAS Oceana

6-20 JAN

Embarked in USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67)

Refresher Training

21-29 JAN

Inport Norfolk, VA

30 JAN - 10 FEB

Type Training ONE

11-20 FEB

Ashore NAS Oceana

21 FEB - 10 MAR

Type Training TWO and THREE and Operational

Readiness Exercise. (ORE)

24 MAR- 8 MAY

Ashore NAS Oceana, Fleet Fighter Readiness

Program (FFRP), ACM vs. VF-43

7 APR

CDR Francis J. DOUGHERTY relieved by CDR

Timothy W. WRIGHT

8-26 MAY

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) Exercise Solid

Shield

27 MAY - 21 JUN

NAS Oceana POM

21-23 JUN

Embarked in USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67)

23-27 JUN

Inport Norfolk

28 JUN

Departed Norfolk

30 JUN - 8 JUL

Flight Operations SIXTH Fleet INCHOP

9-11 JUL

Inport Rota, COMCARGRU SIX onboard

12-16 JUL

Flight Operations

17-19 JUL

Inport Naples

20-28 JUL

Flight Operations

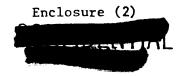
24-25 JUL

Open Ocean Missile Shoot (BUZZARDEX)

29 JUL

Anchorage

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30	JUL -	5	AUG	Flight	:	Operations,	N	ational	Week

6-11 AUG Inport Trieste, Italy

12-18 AUG . Flight Operations

16-18 AUG NAMFI Missile Shoot

19 AUG Flight Operations

21 AUG - 3 SEP Inport Naples

4-11 SEP Flight Operations

12-17 SEP Inport Alexandria, Egypt

18-22 SEP Flight Operations

23-26 SEP Inport Naples

27 SEP - 12 OCT Flight Operations, DISPLAY DETERMINATION

13-16 OCT Inport Taranto, Italy

17-23 OCT NAMFI Missile Shoot

24 OCT - 6 NOV Inport Palma De Majorca

7-12 NOV Flight Operations, OPERATION POOP DECK

13-21 NOV Inport Naples

22-26 NOV Flight Operations, EXERCISE LAFAYETTE

27 NOV - 3 DEC Inport Barcelona/DACT DET Zaragoza

4-8 DEC Flight Operations

6 DEC Missile Shoot, SALTO DE QUIRO, Sardinia

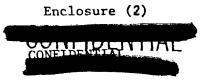
9-17 DEC 'Inport Valencia/DACT DET Zaragoza

18-20 DEC Flight Operations

21 DEC 78 - 7 JAN 79 Inport Naples/Sigonella DET

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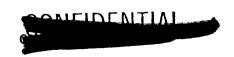


# 2. (U) Special Topics.

- a. (U) Notice should be made of October 1978. Fighting FOURTEEN logged 977.5 flight hours in 19 operating days for a new F-14 monthly flight hour record, out-flying the squadron's previous record by 250 hours and the previous F-14 record by 200 hours.
- b. (C) The TOPHATTERS lost an F-14A aircraft on 20 March 1978 aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY due to failure of the number four cross deck pendant (arresting cable). The aircrew was recovered uninjured and the squadron was absolved from accident responsibility.
- c. (U) Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN was the receipient of the 1978 Chief of Naval Operations Aviation Safety Award for excellence and accomplishments in aviation safety. This award was particularly significant since the majority of flight operations were sea-based.

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Enclosure (2)



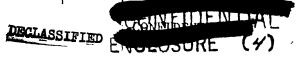
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# FITRON FOURTEEN 1978 FLIGHT STATISTICS

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Total for Year 78'	DEC	NOV	OCT	SEP	AUG	JUL	מטע	MAY	APR	MAR	FEB	JAN	
325.6	46.6	30.3	0	0	0	0	36.2	26.2	129.0	19.5	3.5	3.7	Day Hour; Ashore
73.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	18.4	17.4	10.0	5.1	0	22.9	Night Hours "
399.4	46.6	30.3	0	0	0	0	54.6	44.2	139.0	24.6	3.5	56.6	Total ashore
3577.0	172.0	294.9	690.9	379.8	362.5	551.0	61.0	459.1	25.6	272.9	204.7	102.6	Day Hrs Embk
1468.3	80.9	119.9	286.6	184.9	134.5	173.3	17.3	110.6	1.4	156.6	148.5	53.8	Night Hrs. Embk
5045.3	252.9	414.8	977.5	564.7	497.0	724.3	78.3	569.7	27.0	429.5	353.2	156.4	Total Embk
5444.7	299.5	445.1	977.5	564.7	497.0	724.3	132.9	613.9	166.0	454.1	356.7	213.0	Total Embk/ashore
1752	82	142	303	202	173 ·	263	48	230	14	130	98	67	Day traps
856	43	65	170	111	76	109	15	64	1	83	79	40	Night traps
2608	125	207	473	313	249	372	63	294	15	213	177	107	Total
2041/830 Yrly Sortie Total - 2871	99/52	181/57	374/ 127	231/ 91	209/ 75	288/ 111	35/19	255/67	11/1	168/90	28/96	62/44	Sortie Sched Embk D/N
274/67 341	34/0	24/0	0	0	0	0/0	30/14	19/19	127/7	15/2	3/0	22/25	Sortie Sched





# WEAPONS EXPENDED - 1978

AIM-54 Phoenix 1

AIM-7 Sparrow 8

AIM-9L Sidewinder 2

20mm Rounds 4150

Enclosure (5)

