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ANNUAL HISTORY OF FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO
01 January 1976 to 31 December 1976

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1. BASIC HISTORY

(1) SUMMARY OF CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS
1976

01 JAN - 05 JAN	Type Training - Miramar, CA
06 JAN - 29 JAN	Refresher Training - USS ENTERPRISE
30 JAN - 17 FEB	Type Training - Miramar, CA
18 FEB - 26 FEB	Carrier Qualifications - USS ENTERPRISE
27 FEB - 01 MAR	In port, San Diego, CA
02 MAR - 12 MAR	Carrier Qualifications - FLEETEX 76
13 MAR - 26 APR	Type Training - Miramar, CA Missile Shoot (1 Apr & 2 Apr)
27 APR - 19 MAY	Deployed aboard USS ENTERPRISE, WEPTRAEX Missile Shoot (14 May)
20 MAY - 07 JUN	Type Training - Miramar, CA
08 JUN - 30 JUN	Deployed aboard USS ENTERPRISE, ORE Missile Shoot (16 Jun)
01 JUL - 10 JUL	Aircraft at North Island, Administrative Grounding
11 JUL - 29 JUL	Type Training - Miramar, CA
30 JUL	Depart Alameda aboard USS ENTERPRISE for WESTPAC Deployment
30 JUL - 04 AUG	Transit to Hawaii
05 AUG	In port, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
06 AUG - 09 AUG	Hawaiian Area Operations
10 AUG - 12 AUG	In port, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
13 AUG - 15 AUG	Hawaiian Area Operations SPTAREX Missile Shoot (14 Aug), Missile Shoot (15 Aug)
16 AUG	In port, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
17 AUG - 05 SEP	Transit to Subic Bay, R.P. INCHOP 7th Fleet (25 Aug), Bear overflight (25 Aug), INCHOPEX (1-5 SEP)
06 SEP - 24 SEP	In port, Cubi Point, R.P. Anchored in bay due to heavy weather (14 & 15 Sep), DACM with USAF F4F (20 & 21 Sep)
25 SEP - 28 OCT	Transit to and operations in Australian waters, DACM with Royal Australian Air Force Mirage III (8 & 9 Oct), KANGAROO II (12- 25 Oct)
29 OCT - 05 NOV	In port, Hobart, Tasmania
05 NOV - 21 NOV	Transit to Subic Bay, R.P. Missile Shoot COMPEX (20 Nov)
22 NOV - 27 NOV	In port, Subic, R. P.
28 NOV	Transit to Hong Kong
29 NOV - 03 DEC	In port, Hong Kong
04 DEC	Transit to Subic Bay, R.P.
05 DEC - 14 DEC	In port, Cubi Point, R.P.
15 DEC - 28 DEC	South China Sea Operations MULTIPLEX 1-77 (16 - 21 Dec) Aircraft 213 lost at sea (19 Dec)
29 DEC - 31 DEC	In port, Cubi Point, R.P.

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(2) PRE-DEPLOYMENT OPERATIONS

FLIGHT HOUR SUMMARY:

		<u>DAY</u>	<u>NIGHT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Miramar	01 JAN - 29 JAN	79,8	65,7	145,5
USS ENTERPRISE	06 JAN - 29 JAN	21,3	18,8	40,1
Miramar	30 JAN - 17 FEB	108,3	70,7	179,0
USS ENTERPRISE	18 FEB - 12 MAR	184,9	107,6	292,5
Miramar	13 MAR - 26 APR	222,4	105,7	328,1
USS ENTERPRISE	27 APR - 19 MAY	199,9	106,4	306,3
Miramar	20 MAY - 07 JUN	84,6	40,6	125,2
USS ENTERPRISE	08 JUN - 30 JUN	157,0	68,3	225,3
Miramar	01 JUL - 29 JUL	63,3	8,7	72,0

During the period 1 January through 29 July Fighter Squadron TWO was heavily involved in predeployment preparations. During this period the major areas of emphasis were air combat maneuvering, air intercept training, missile exercises and carrier qualifications. The training program was well under way by January 1976 with a gunnery deployment to El Centro, an Air Wing deployment to Fallon and a DACM adversary program with Navy Fighter Weapons School completed in 1975.

In February carrier qualifications aboard the USS ENTERPRISE began. The Bounty Hunters had five nugget crews to qualify and acquaint with shipboard operations, a marked contrast to the previous cruise when only second tour aircrews were assigned to Fighter Squadron TWO. All aircrews qualified, new and old alike, and by March cyclic operations began.

Although carrier qualifications received major emphasis tactics did not take a back seat in Fighting TWO. Four missile firing exercises were completed during this period. ACM was scheduled daily when ashore until aircraft restrictions (while engine problems were being explored) prevented it. The squadron then turned to realistic intercept training flying high speed, low altitude, multi-plane intercepts over the desert.

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The last week in June found the F-14A administratively grounded while two accident investigations were conducted. As a result Fighter Squadron TWO craned its aircraft off the USS ENTERPRISE on 30 June 76 at NAS North Island. After two weeks, complicated and extensive inspection criteria were announced. With the help of a highly dedicated and professional maintenance department Fighting TWO's men and machines were ready for deployment to WESTPAC on time and the Bounty Hunters departed Alameda aboard USS ENTERPRISE on 30 July 1976.

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C. SPECIAL TOPICS

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS - 1976

1. Fighter Squadron TWO was awarded the NAVAIRPAC Annual Aviation Safety Award for fiscal year 1976.
2. Fighter Squadron TWO was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation Award for operations Eagle Pull and Frequent Wind in April 1975.
3. Fighter Squadron TWO was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for operation Frequent Wind 29, 30, April 1975.
4. In October the squadron set a new record for monthly flight hours for FITRON TWO with 446.9 hours flown.
5. In November 1976 the Personnel Management Department was disbanded and the squadron returned to the conventional organization with a Personnel Officer in the Administrative Department.
6. On 27 December 1976 the squadron set a new record for daily flight hours for FITRON TWO with 40.1 hours flown.

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