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ANNUAL HISTORY OF FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO
01 January 1977 to 31 December 1977

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1. BASIC HISTORY

B. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

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(1) SUMMARY OF CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS
1977

01 JAN - 15 JAN	In port Cubi Point, R. P.
16 JAN - 18 FEB	Indian Ocean Deployment - USS ENTERPRISE READEX-77 (16-21 JAN) MERLION III - Singapore A. F. (25 JAN) Enter Indian Ocean (28 JAN) CENTO EX - Iranian A. F. (10 FEB) IL-38 MAY Interception (15 FEB)
19 FEB - 23 FEB	In port Mombasa, Keyna
24 FEB - 12 MAR	Transit to Subic Bay, R. P. - USS ENTERPRISE Uganda Crisis (24-26 FEB)
13 MAR - 27 MAR	Transit to Alameda, USA - USS ENTERPRISE
28 MAR	Arrived NAS Alameda (End of Cruise)
29 MAR - 05 APR	Post Cruise Stand Down
06 APR - 05 AUG	Type Training NAS Miramar Aircraft 214 lost at NAS Miramar (28 JUN)
06 AUG - 16 AUG	ACM Det MCAS Yuma, AZ
17 AUG - 07 SEP	Type Training NAS Miramar
08 SEP - 18 SEP	REFTRA on board USS ENTERPRISE
19 SEP - 10 OCT	Type Training NAS Miramar
10 OCT - 14 OCT	Air-to-Air Gunnery Det El Centro
15 OCT - 20 OCT	CVW-14 (Air Wing) Operations - NAF FALLON, NV
21 OCT - 02 DEC	Type Training - NAS Miramar
03 DEC - 15 DEC	CARQUAL on board USS ENTERPRISE
16 DEC - 31 DEC	Type Training - NAS Miramar

(2) PRE-DEPLOYMENT OPERATIONS

FLIGHT HOUR SUMMARY:

		<u>DAY</u>	<u>NIGHT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Miramar	06 APR - 30 APR	<u>79.8</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>75.2</u>
Miramar	01 MAY - 31 MAY	175.7	0	157.7
Miramar	01 JUN - 30 JUN	131.9	33.2	165.1
Miramar	01 JUL - 31 JUL	125.3	10.5	135.8
Miramar	01 AUG - 31 AUG	135.6	26.6	162.2
Miramar	01 SEP - 30 SEP	71.1	53.0	124.1
USS ENTERPRISE		9.2	4.0	13.2
Miramar	01 OCT - 31 OCT	157.0	14.1	171.1
Miramar	01 NOV - 30 NOV	106.0	90.5	196.5
Miramar	01 DEC - 31 DEC	152.7	118.5	215.8

During the period 28 March through 2 December, 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 air to air gunnery. Some of the aircrews qualified for the battle "E" for their work with the AIM-7 Sparrow missile, AIM-9 Sidewinder missile, and air to air gunnery. While on deployment to MCAS Yuma, Arizona, during early August, VF-2 competed in an Air Combat Exercise in which 100 percent of the aircrews that participated in the exercise received the battle "E" for ACM.

In December carrier qualification aboard the USS ENTERPRISE began. Nine new nuggets began the qualification phase with VF-2 and all Bounty Hunters qualified new and old alike. The remainder of December found VF-2 planning ahead for the up coming WESTPAC cruise.

C. SPECIAL TOPICS

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS - 1977

1. Fighter Squadron TWO aircrews received a total of 47 battle "E" certificates over the months of August, September, October, and November 1977.
2. On 16 February 1977 Fighter Squadron TWO was the first squadron to intercept the Russian IL-38 "MAY" ASW aircraft while deployed in the Indian Ocean.