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COMMAND HISTORY

The year 1969 for Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN, the Navy's oldest active squadron, was marked by three significant accomplishments; the fiftieth anniversary of the squadron; an accident free calendar year; and a successful nine month deployment aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY, our nations newest aircraft carrier.

On 1 January 1969 the squadron was located at NAS Oceana, Virginia Beach, Virginia, with twelve F4B "Phantom II" aircraft assigned. Commander John B. BARNES, the forty fifth commanding officer of the TOPHATTERS, was in command. Squadron personnel were enjoying holiday leave with their families and friends during the stand-down period that followed our deployment to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico and our participation in the initial shake-down cruise of KENNEDY. The stand-down terminated in mid-January and preparations began for the squadrons forthcoming deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with Carrier Air Wing ONE aboard KENNEDY.

The squadron channeled its efforts into the preparation of aircrews, maintenance personnel and aircraft for nine months of carrier operations. in the Mediterranean.

Starting in January the aircrews undertook conventional weapons training, airborne intercept training, air combat maneuvering, and field mirror landing practice. These efforts were instrumental in increasing overall squadron readiness. Realistic training was possible during a two week deployment (3 March - 18 March) aboard KENNEDY as she operated off the eastern coast of Florida. This short deployment was the initial melding of KENNEDY and Air Wing ONE.

Following a short period at Oceana, the squadron boarded KENNEDY (3 April) and bade farewell to families and friends for the deployment with the Sixth Fleet.

KENNEDY, with embarked Carrier Air Wing ONE remained off of the southeastern coast of the United States from the fifth of April until the 14th of April. During this period, type training continued and the Air Wing along with KENNEDY successfully completed the Operational Readiness Inspection. With the inspection completed, KENNEDY undertook her maiden crossing of the Atlantic.

The nine months in the Mediterranean was highlighted by outstanding weather during the entire cruise. The weather conditions were instrumental in our aircrews compiling 3143 hours of flight during the deployment. Out of the 3143 hours flown, 728 hours were at night. Overall statistics for the cruise and a breakdown of each aircrewman's efforts are contained in enclosure (1). The squadron's activities during the entire cruise are depicted in enclosure (2).

The return of the aircrews and aircraft to NAS Oceana on 21 December, and the arrival of the remainder of the squadron personnel with KENNEDY on 22 December enabled all hands to enjoy the Christmas holidays in the United

States with their families.

Commander Kenneth B. STAFFORD assumed command of the squadron on 30 December 1969, thereby becoming the forty-sixth commanding officer of the squadron. Commander James W. AUSTIN reported aboard as Executive Officer.

The operational statistics for the entire year are impressive. Ordnance expenditures and total flight hours/sorties flown are shown in enclosures (3) and (4) respectively.

There were 235 enlisted personnel on board as of 1 January 1969. The average number of enlisted personnel on board during the year was 230. There were nine reenlistments during the year; four first, one second and four third reenlistments. There were forty nine honorable and one unsuitable discharges. As the result of Navy wide examinations, sixty four personnel were advanced. There were thirty four captain's masts held with punishment being awarded in only nineteen. Finally there were two administrative boards and one summary and two special courts-martial.

The year 1969 was indeed impressive for Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN. The command celebrated fifty years of continuous naval service, a distinction which no other squadron can claim. There were many highlights of the year which are too numerous to mention here. While aboard the KENNEDY, the TOPHATTERS were visited by many dignitaries and guests including the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Thomas H. MOORER.

The TOPHATTERS of Fighting FOURTEEN look with pride on their past and with determination on their future.

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FIGHTER SQUADRON FOURTEEN STATISTICS
MED CRUISE 5 APRIL THRU 21 DECEMBER 1969

FLIGHT TIME - - - - - 3,143
 NIGHT TIME - - - - - 728
 INST TIME - - - - - 632
 AVERAGE HRS/PILOT - - - - - 199
 AVERAGE NIGHT HRS/PILOT - - - - - 48
 AVERAGE LDGS/PILOT - - - - - 126
 AVERAGE NIGHT LDGS/PILOT - - - - - 33
 TOTAL INTERCEPTS - - - - - 2,723
 AVERAGE INTERCEPTS/CREW - - - - - 180
 ACM ENGAGEMENTS - - - - - 234
 AVERAGE ACM ENGAGEMENTS/CREW - - - - - 15
 AVERAGE CONVENTIONAL ORD SORTIES/CREW - - - - - 6
 CREWS FIRED MK-4 GUN POD - - - - - 10
 CREWS EXPENDING FLARES - - - - - 7
 BADGER/BEAR INTERCEPTS - - - - - 20/2
 AVERAGE ECM SORTIES/CREW (CHAFF) - - - - - 2
 IFR PLUGS D/N - - - - - 335/133
 AVERAGE IFR PLUGS/PILOT D/N - - - - - 23/9

| MONTH | AVE # PILOTS | SORTIES/PILOT | HRS/PILOT | DAY HRS. | NIGHT HRS. | DAY LDGS | NIGHT LDGS |
|--------|--------------|---------------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|------------|
| DEC | 14 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| NOV | 15 | 10 | 16 | 12 | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| OCT | 14 | 23 | 37 | 27 | 10 | 15 | 7 |
| SEP | 14 | 13 | 20 | 13 | 7 | 9 | 4 |
| AUG | 16 | 22 | 32 | 25.5 | 6.5 | 18 | 5 |
| JUL | 16 | 14 | 22 | 17 | 5 | 10 | 3 |
| JUN | 16 | 11 | 17 | 12.5 | 4.5 | 9 | 4 |
| MAY | 16 | 17 | 29 | 23 | 6 | 12 | 4 |
| APR | 16 | 13 | 21 | 16 | 5 | 10 | 3 |
| CRUISE | 15 | 126 | 199 | 151.0 | 48.0 | 93 | 33 |

199.0

126

Enclosure (1)

ACTUAL CRUISE HRS/LDGS PER PILOT

| NAME | TOTAL HRS | DAY HRS | NIGHT HRS | TOTAL LDGS | DAY LDGS | NIGHT LDGS | JEP LDGS |
|--------------|-----------|---------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| CDR BARNES | 223.4 | 171.7 | 51.7 | 141 | 107 | 34 | 175 |
| CDR STAFFORD | 213.5 | 164.5 | 49.0 | 129 | 96 | 33 | 145 |
| ██████████ | 205.7 | 152.0 | 53.7 | 127 | 94 | 33 | 169 |
| ██████████ | 195.5 | 141.4 | 54.1 | 118 | 84 | 34 | 155 |
| ██████████ | 121.0 | 94.0 | 27.0 | 78 | 59 | 19 | 106 |
| ██████████ | 202.7 | 156.4 | 46.3 | 128 | 95 | 33 | 160 |
| ██████████ | 25.0 | 19.7 | 5.3 | 16 | 13 | 3 | 16 |
| ██████████ | 196.5 | 145.8 | 50.7 | 125 | 92 | 33 | 158 |
| ██████████ | 205.7 | 158.9 | 46.8 | 120 | 88 | 32 | 154 |
| ██████████ | 197.4 | 149.1 | 48.3 | 120 | 88 | 32 | 149 |
| ██████████ | 187.3 | 138.6 | 48.7 | 115 | 82 | 33 | 131 |
| ██████████ | 184.2 | 143.6 | 40.6 | 109 | 82 | 27 | 123 |
| ██████████ | 145.6 | 109.8 | 35.8 | 93 | 70 | 23 | 93 |
| ██████████ | 199.9 | 147.1 | 52.8 | 125 | 90 | 35 | 139 |
| ██████████ | 17.0 | 17.0 | --- | 14 | 14 | 0 | 14 |

ACTUAL CRUISE HRS/LDGS P'R RIO

| NAME | TOTAL HRS | DAY HRS | NIGHT HRS | TOTAL LDGS | DAY LDGS | NIGHT LDGS | JFK LDGS |
|------|-----------|---------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| | 75.8 | 54.3 | 21.5 | 48 | 35 | 13 | 48 |
| | 209.4 | 165.0 | 44.4 | 124 | 95 | 29 | 164 |
| | 206.4 | 156.7 | 49.7 | 130 | 94 | 36 | 166 |
| | 201.5 | 149.8 | 51.7 | 117 | 88 | 29 | 141 |
| | 211.9 | 155.3 | 56.6 | 133 | 96 | 37 | 164 |
| | 200.2 | 149.7 | 50.5 | 129 | 94 | 35 | 167 |
| | 188.8 | 138.1 | 50.7 | 116 | 86 | 30 | 153 |
| | 200.5 | 151.6 | 48.9 | 123 | 87 | 36 | 133 |
| | 190.7 | 136.5 | 54.2 | 121 | 83 | 38 | 137 |
| | 252.7 | 199.5 | 53.2 | 154 | 121 | 33 | 175 |
| | 189.8 | 136.5 | 53.3 | 117 | 79 | 38 | 134 |
| | 191.3 | 140.5 | 40.8 | 114 | 88 | 26 | 131 |
| | 206.8 | 164.8 | 42.0 | 128 | 96 | 32 | 145 |
| | 150.5 | 108.8 | 41.7 | 70 | 53 | 17 | 70 |

Enclosure (1)

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1 Jan - 4 Mar | Stand-down and flight operations out of NAS Oceana |
| 5 Mar - 14 Apr | Type training and ORI aboard KENNEDY |
| 14 Apr - 21 Apr | KENNEDY transit to the Mediterranean |
| 22 Apr | Turnover in Rota, Spain with FORRESTAL |
| 23 Apr - 1 May | Operations in Eastern Mediterranean |
| 2 May - 11 May | In port, Valetta, Malta |
| 5 May | Two squadron aircraft led by CDR STAFFORD participate in fly-by of USEUCOM I change of command at Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany |
| 12 May - 26 May | Operations Mini National Week II (17-18 May) Quickdraw (20 May) National Week III (22-24 May) |
| 27 May - 3 Jun | In port, Genoa, Italy |
| 4 Jun - 10 Jun | Operations Exercise Transitex (4-6 June) 48 hours continuous flight operations (8-9 June) |
| 11 Jun - 20 Jun | In port, Naples, Italy |
| 14 Jun | Dependents Day Cruise, Air Wing Fire Power Demonstration led by VF-14 aircraft for dependents. |
| 21 Jun - 29 Jun | Operations Quickdraw 6-69 (23 June) 48 hours continuous flight operations (27-28 June) Quickdraw 7-69 (28 June) |
| 30 Jun - 2 Jul | In port, Tarranto, Italy |
| 3 Jul - 6 Jul | In port, Corfu, Greece |
| 7 Jul - 20 Jul | Operations Quickdraw (16 July) Mini National Week I (17-19 July) |
| 21 Jul - 30 Jul | In port, Naples, Italy |
| 31 Jul - 1 Aug | Operations |
| 2 Aug - 3 Aug | In port, Valetta, Malta |

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| 4 Aug - 15 Aug | Operations Phiblex 2-70 (6-12 August) |
| 16 Aug - 24 Aug | In port, Athens, Greece |
| 25 Aug - 31 Aug | Operations National Week IV (26-29 Aug) Air Wing Fire Power Demonstration led by VF-14 aircraft for Ambassador SHRIVER and French guests (31 August) |
| 1 Sep- 3 Sep | In port, Cannes, France |
| 4 Sep- 14 Sep | Operations |
| 15 Sep - 24 Sep | In port, Naples, Italy |
| 25 Sep - 3 Oct | Operations Diamond Blue (26-27 September) Quickdraw (2 October) |
| 4 Oct - 10 Oct | In port, Trieste, Italy |
| 11 Oct - 3 Nov | Operations Deep Furrow (17-24 October) |
| 4 Nov - 10 Nov | In port, Athens, Greece |
| 11 Nov - 14 Nov | Flight Operations |
| 15 Nov - 20 Nov | In port, Marsalox, Malta |
| 21 Nov - 24 Nov | Operations Quickdraw 11-69 (22 November) |
| 25 Nov - 3 Dec | In port, Barcelona, Spain |
| 4 Dec --11 Dec | Operations |
| 12 Dec | Turnover in Golfo di Palmas with FORRESTAL |
| 12 Dec - 22 Dec | Transit to CONUS |
| 21 Dec | Aircraft fly into NAS Oceana |
| 22 Dec | KENNEDY arrived in Norfolk, Virginia |
| 30 Dec | Change of Command, CDR K. B. STAFFORD relieved CDR J. B. BARNES |

FIGHTER SQUADRON FOURTEEN
1969 ORDNANCE EXPENDITURES

| | <u>NOMENCLATURE</u> | <u>QUANTITY</u> |
|-----|--|-----------------|
| 1. | Practice, Bomb MK 76 Mod 5 | 595 |
| 2. | Bomb, MK 81 Mod 1 LD (GP) | 25 |
| 3. | Bomb, MK 82 Mod 1 LD (GP) | 129 |
| 4. | 2.75" Rocket Motors | 782 |
| 5. | 2.75" Insert Heads | 782 |
| 6. | 5" Rocket Motors | 146 |
| 7. | 5" Inert Heads | 146 |
| 8. | 20MM inert ammunition for MK4 gun pod | 2195 rounds |
| 9. | MK 45 parachute flares | 80 |
| 10. | Fuze, M904E2 | 106 |
| 11. | Fuze, M990 | 48 |
| 12. | MK 1 Impulse Cartridge | 2 |
| 13. | MK 2 Impulse Cartridge | 201 |
| 14. | MK 4 Signal Cartridge | 595 |
| 15. | T 45 Adapter Booster | 106 |

Enclosure (3)

FLIGHT HOURS/SORTIES FLOWN DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1969

| | <u>DAY</u> | <u>NIGHT</u> |
|------------------|------------|--------------|
| Total Hours | 3984.7 | 1006.7 |
| Carrier Landings | 1600 | 598 |
| Field Landings | 531 | 791 |
| Sorties | 1932 | 658 |

Enclosure (4)