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To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05D2)

Subj: 1982 Command History; submission of OPNAV Report 5750-1

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.1B

- Encl:
- (1) FITRON FOURTEEN History
 - (2) 1982 Chronology of Events
 - (3) Biography of Commander Alex C. Rucker, Commanding Officer
 - (4) Biography of Commander Thomas J. Terrill, Executive Officer
 - (5) FITRON FOURTEEN Officers and Billets held 31 Dec 1982
 - (6) FITRON FOURTEEN Pilot/NFO flight time, January thru December 1982
 - (7) Weapons Expended - 1982

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted.

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1. (U) Command Organization

a. 1982 - The basic mission of the squadron has remained the same as stated on the VF-14 Watch and Information Sheet and that is "to intercept and destroy enemy aircraft and anti-ship cruise missiles in all weather conditions and to establish and maintain local air superiority". Historically, a fighter squadron is tasked with opposing enemy aircraft. However, with the threat of potent long range missiles in the enemy arsenal, the multi-track and ECM capabilities of the F-14A/AWG-9 Phoenix Weapons System have received added importance. Consequently, the Maritime Air Superiority role of the TOMCAT and its crew has received added emphasis. During 1982, VF-14 has continued to train for the varied array of enemy threats.

b. The Command organization has remained consistent during the calendar year. Enclosure (5) presents a command structure as it existed through 1982 and lists the officers who held squadron billets at the close of the calendar year. Enclosures (3) and (4) provide a brief biography of the present Commanding Officer and the Executive Officer.

2. (C) Summary of Operations

Calendar Year 1982 was an exciting and successful year for the TOPHATTERS. After a relaxing and well deserved holiday stand down, preparations for the June cruise resumed. On 20 January, the TOPHATTERS embarked in USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62) for refresher training. This marked the first time "Indy" had ever worked two squadrons of F-14 aircraft on her flight deck.

After nearly a month of flight operations, the TOPHATTERS returned to NAS Oceana on 24 February. There ensued a three week stand down which was used to further prepare the aircrews for the arduous carrier flight operations they would encounter during TYT II, III, and the ORE. Many hours were spent flying FCLP's, both day and night, and the maintenance department worked hard to prepare the aircraft for the grueling rigors ahead. The end result was an outstanding state of readiness of the aircrew and their planes during TYT II, III, and the ORE.

The TOPHATTERS embarked in the "Indy" on 17 March. After 16 days of flight operations, the TOPHATTERS arrived inport Ft. Lauderdale, FL for a well deserved port call from 3 to 6 April. "Indy" then set sail to continue the training with TYT III. The pace increased substantially in order to prepare the ship and Airwing team for the ORE, which ran from 15 to 18 April, as was evidenced by their receiving the grade of Low Outstanding for their performance in ORE.

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This was followed by the TOPHATTERS participation in the fleet defense exercise named "Mobile Sea Range". On 23 April, "Indy" arrived in port St. Thomas, V.I. and the TOPHATTERS made good their three day port call. For the next two weeks, the TOPHATTERS participated in the multi-service exercise "Ocean Venture 82". On 10 May, the TOPHATTERS returned to NAS Oceana for their four week pre-cruise stand down.

On 7 June the TOPHATTERS embarked in "Indy" and commenced a six and one half month deployment. "Indy" inchooped to the Mediterranean on 19 June and following a two day turnover with the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67), the TOPHATTERS began normal flight operations. From 24 to 28 June, the squadron participated in exercise "Daily Double", a multi-national exercise in which several ACM hops were flown against Italian fighters.

The majority of the Mediterranean deployment was spent in MODLOC, 70 miles off the coast of Beirut, Lebanon in support of U.S. Marine Peace-Keeping Forces ashore. The highlight of the cruise was "Indy's" four day port call to Athens, Greece from 24 to 28 October. After that, it was back to "Bage1 Station" until, on 6 December, Indy turned over Bage1 Station to USS NIMITZ (CV-68). After flying over 2,579 hours and 1331 sorties, the TOPHATTERS arrived in port Rota, Spain on 11 December 1982 for a one day stopover to pick up the dependents of Indy's crew and Airwing for a "Tiger Cruise." On 12 December, Indy was ready for the big run across the Atlantic to Norfolk. The transit took 10 days and despite rough weather, the TOPHATTER dependents really enjoyed the time spent with their Dads' and the opportunity to learn what his job was all about.

On 21 December, the TOPHATTER aircrews lead by Commander Ed Andrews, COMCARAIRWING SIX and Commander Alex C. Rucker, Commanding Officer of the TOPHATTERS, launched off Indy's flight deck one more time and flew into NAS Oceana in full formation to the anxiously waiting families and friends. The following morning, 22 December, Indy tied up alongside Pier 7, Norfolk Naval Base and the remaining officers and men of Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN enjoyed the type of homecoming men have always received upon return from a long deployment. After a muster on the morning of the 23rd, the TOPHATTERS joined their families and spent the remainder of the year enjoying the post-cruise stand down as well as a very memorable Christmas season.

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1982 Chronology of Events

JANUARY

01-19 JAN
20 JAN
29 JAN

Based Ashore NAS Oceana, VA
Embarked aboard USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62) for REFTRA
Intercepted Soviet Bear D TU-95, LT [REDACTED] & LT [REDACTED]
aircrew.

February

24 FEB

Return NAS Oceana

March

11 MAR
17 MAR
20-25 MAR

CDR A. RUCKER relived CDR J. HAWVER as Commanding Officer
Embarked aboard USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) for REFTRA.
SOPWITH CAMEL DET., NAS Cecil Field.

April

03-06 APR
07 APR

In port, FT. Lauderdale
Intercept Bear Delta. LCDR [REDACTED]/LT [REDACTED] &
LCDR [REDACTED]/LT [REDACTED] Crews.

09 APR
14 APR
15-18 APR
17 APR
19 APR
30 APR

AIM-7F Misslex: Two AIM-54 expended.
AIM-9G Misslex: Two AIM-7F, One AIM-9L expended.
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ORE Misslex: One AIM-7F, One AIM-9L expended.
Mobile Sea Range
B-52 Escort

May

01 MAY
03-06 MAY
10 MAY
12-14 MAY
18-20 MAY

B-52 Escort
Ocean Venture
Return to NAS Oceana.
Services CNO test.
Services CNO test.

June

04 JUN
07 JUN
08 JUN
09 JUN
09-19 JUN
17 JUN
19 JUN
21 JUN
24-28 JUN
29-30 JUN

CARQUAL - USS AMERICA (CV 66)
Five aircraft fly-on USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62)
Four aircraft fly-on USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62); cruise
commenced.
Three aircraft practice tanking with KC-135 for
translant.
Translant aboard USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62)
Three aircraft translant from NAS Oceana to NAS Rota.
INCHOP Sixth Fleet
Three aircraft trans-Med to NAS Sigonella.
Exercise Daily Double.
Inport Naples

July

01-08 JUL
09-10 JUL
11 JUL
12-31 JUL

Inport Naples.
North Central Med OPS
Pass-Ex with USS FORRESTAL (CV 59)
Modloc: Bagel Station

August

03-04 AUG
07 AUG
08-31 AUG

Inport Naples, IT.
Libyan FIR OPS
Modloc: Bagel Station

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1982 Chronology of Events

September

01-06 SEP Modloc: Bagel Station
 04 SEP Encounterex with USS FORRESTAL (CV 59)
 09-20 SEP Inport Naples, IT.
 20-21 SEP Display Determination '82
 22-30 SEP Modloc: Bagel Station

October

01-22 OCT Modloc: Bagel Station
 21 OCT Misslex: One AIM-9G expended
 22 OCT Encounterex with USS FORRESTAL (CV 59)
 24 OCT Libyan FIR Ops
 25-29 OCT In port Athens, Greece
 30-31 OCT Modloc: Bagel Station

November

01-30 NOV Modloc: Bagel Station

December

01-05 DEC Modloc: Bagel Station
 06-10 DEC Trans-Med
 07 DEC Libyan FIR OPS
 11 DEC Inport Rota, Spain
 12-22 DEC Translant
 15 DEC Translant F-14 from Rota to Oceana
 16 DEC Encounterex with USS AMERICA (CV 66)
 16 DEC Translant 2 F-14 from Rota to Norfolk
 21 DEC Fly-off aircraft, arrive NAS Oceana, VA
 22 DEC Debark USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62)
 25 DEC A Very Merry Christmas

OFFICER BILLET/DUTY ASSIGNMENTS AT THE END OF DECEMBER 1982

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CDR ALEXANDER C. RUCKER
CDR THOMAS J. TERRILL

COMMANDING OFFICER
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CDR [REDACTED]
CDR [REDACTED]

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
HUMAN RELATIONS OFFICER

LCDR [REDACTED]
LCDR [REDACTED]
LCDR [REDACTED]
LCDR [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
MAINTENANCE OFFICER
OPERATIONS OFFICER
PERSONNEL OFFICER
SAFETY OFFICER

LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
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ASST MAINTENANCE OFFICER
QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICER
ASSISTANT OPERATIONS OFFICER
AIRCRAFT DIVISION OFFICER
LANDING SIGNAL OFFICER
NATOPS/LSO
POWER PLANTS OFFICER
SCHEDULES/COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
AV/ARM DIVISION OFFICER
AME/PR BRANCH OFFICER
ORDNANCE OFFICER
AE BRANCH OFFICER
INTEGRATED WEAPONS TEAM OFFICER
MATERIAL CONTROL OFFICER
FIRST LIEUTENANT
AIRFRAMES/CORROSION CONTROL OFFICER
AIR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

LTJG [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]

MAINTENANCE CONTROL OFFICER
LEGAL OFFICER
LINE DIVISION OFFICER
PUBLIC AFFAIRS/ESO

ENS [REDACTED]

SUPPLY OFFICER

FITRON FOURTEEN Pilot/NFO Flight Time
(January - December 1982)

<u>MON.</u>	<u>PILOT</u>	<u>NFO</u>
JAN	279.1	279.1
FEB	446.2	475.2
MAR	302.7	302.7
APR	659.1	658.6
MAY	213.2	205.7
JUN	390.4	412.0
JUL	418.4	454.7
AUG	384.0	384.9
SEP	381.4	381.4
OCT	464.4	453.5
NOV	422.5	412.2
DEC	<u>163.8</u>	<u>142.7</u>
HRS.	TOTAL: 4,525.2	4,562.7

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WEAPONS EXPENDED - 1982

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<u>MONTH</u>	<u>MISSILE/ORD</u>	<u>AMOUNT EXPENDED</u>
JAN 82	NONE	NONE
FEB 82	NONE	NONE
MAR 82	20 MM TPT	1,791 rds
APR 82	20 MM TPT	1,200 rds
	MD 48 CHAFF	200 rds
	AIM 9L Sidewinder	2 missiles
	AIM 7F Sparrow	4 missiles
	AIM 54 Phoenix	2 missiles
MAY 82	MD 48 CHAFF	26 rds
	MK 46 Flares	26 rds
JUNE 82	20 MM TPT	1,200 rds
JULY 82	20 MM TPT	5,500 rds
AUG 82	NONE	NONE
SEPT 82	MD 48 CHAFF	153 rds
	MK 46 Flares	80 rds
OCT 82	MK 46 Flares	10 rds
	RR 129 CHAFF	50 rds
	MD 48 CHAFF	50 rds
	AIM.9G Sidewinder	1 missile
NOV 82	20 MM TPT	205 rds
	MK 48 Flares	38 rds
	MD 48 CHAFF	194 rds
	RR 129 CHAFF	194 rds
DEC 82	NONE	NONE

Enclosure (7)

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