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From: Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron 14

To: Director of Naval History (Op-09BH)

Subj: SUBMISSION OF 1987 COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV 5750-1) (U)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

(1) Biography of Commanding Officer (CDR D. M. CHOPP) (U) Encl:

(2) Photo of Squadron Aircraft (U)

(3) Officer's & Enlisted Roster (U)

(4) End of Cruise Release (U)

(5) Family Grams (U)

1. (U) Command Composition and Organization.

- (U) Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN, nicknamed the TOPHATTERS, is part of Commander, Carrier Air Wing THREE deployed aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67). VF-14 is home based at Naval Air Station, Oceana and has 12 F-14A TOMCATS assigned.
- b. (U) The mission of Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN is to intercept and destroy enemy aircraft and anti-ship cruise missiles in all weather conditions and to establish and maintain local air superiority.
- c. (U) Newer long range aircraft with long range air-to-surface as well as surface-to-surface missiles have continued to be a large concern for Battle Group Commanders. The F-14A TOMCAT with its multi-track radar and sophisticated ECCM capabilities plus the AWG-9/PHOENIX weapon system is the platform most capable to oppose these threats now and in the near future. Throughout 1987, VF-14 continued to train for such threats and to maximize the capabilities of the F-14.

2. (C) Chronology:

02- 30 APR:

01 - 02 JAN: Inport - Palma de Mallorca, Spain 03 - 05 JAN: Enroute port visit, Cannes, France 06 - 15 JAN: Inport - Cannes, France 16 - 28 JAN: MED OPS R 295 238 784

25 JAN: MISSILEX-AIM-9L

29 - 30 JAN: Inport - Malaga, Spain 01 - 05 FEB: MED OPS with USS NIMITZ (CVN-68)

06 - 11 FEB: Inport - Haifa, Israel

13 - 21 FEB: MED OPS with USS NIMITZ (CVN-68)

22 FEB: Outchop MED

23 FEB - 02 MAR: TRANSLANT, return NAS Oceana

Squadron Standdown, Post-Cruise Leave 03 MAR - 01 APR:

Turnaround Training







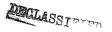
01 - 11 MAY:	MISSILEX, Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico 2 AEM-54A 2 AIM-7F/M 2 ATM-7F/M 5 ATM-9L/M
12 MAY - 13 JUL:	Turnaround Training
14 JUL - 07 AUG:	FFARP vs VF-43 Challengers
08 - 27 AUG:	Turnaround Training, Field Carrier Qualification
28 AUG - 16 SEP:	CV OPS, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67), in support of
	Boston, MA and Portland, ME detachment
19 - 26 SEP:	CONSTANT PEG, NAS Fallon
22 OCT:	Change of Command, CDR D.M. Chopp relieves CDR P.W.
	Bower as Commanding Officer, VF-14
26 OCT:	QUICK THRUST, Charleston OP area
07 - 08 NOV:	SAND EAGLE, NAS Pensacola
15 - 23 NOV:	CV/ISE OPS, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) VACAPS OP area
05 - 17 DEC:	CV/REFTRA, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67)

3. (U) Narrative VF-14:

- a. (U) Began 1987 enjoying their holiday inport period in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. The squadron completed several NATO exercises during their first 4 months in the MED, applying their ACM excellence against the U.S., Italian, French, and Turkish air forces.
- b. (U) On January 3, 1987, during night recovery operations while embarked onboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) in the central Mediterranean Sea, aircraft 106, BUNO 159431, drifted right on a long bolter. AC 106 impacted an A-6 spotted on the bow and crashed at sea. Fourteen to twenty foot seas and 35 knot winds hampered rescue efforts, but both aircrew were recovered with minor injuries. Class "C" damage was incurred by the A-6. No flight deck injuries were sustained and the small flight deck fire was extinguished.
- c. (U) Revisited Cannes, France onboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) prior to conducting joint operations with her replacement, USS NIMITZ (CVN-68).
- d. (U) Completed a flawless, no-notice ATM-7F (Sparrow) missile shoot. This missile culminated the IWSR exercise for the USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67).
- e. (U) Earned an Outstanding during the Mid-cruise corrosion/material audit. This is especially significant because VF-14 flys some of the oldest Tomcats in the inventory.
- f. (U) During the hostage crisis in Lebanon, the TOPHATTERS and the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) rejoined the USS NIMITZ (CVN-68) in the Eastern Mediterranean. After a show of force with a 2 Carrier Battle Group presence, the KENNEDY departed the MED to arrive in Norfolk on March 3rd, two weeks after her original scheduled arrival date.
- g. (U) Worked multi-mission sorties to maximize limited flight time (reduced tempo of OPS per airwing directive to conserve OPTAR).



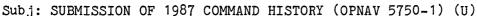




- h. (U) Received the FOD awareness award for the cruise.
- i. (C) Performed several gunnery banner tows from USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67). These events required careful planning between the ship and airwing team, as well as Fighter Wing ONE certifying officials.
- j. (U) Attained several distinctive aviation milestones; CDR Dan Chopp recorded his 1000th Carrier Arrested Landing, as well as his 2500th F-14 flight hour. CDR Phil Bower surpassed the 3000 hour total flight time plateau. LCDR recorded his 400th KENNEDY trap and his 2000th Tomcat flight hour. Also, LCDR and LT recorded their 1500th F-14 Tomcat flight hour.
- k. (U) Placed second in the Airwing "Tophook Competition" with a 3.43 squadron hook score for the cruise.
- 1. (C) Forwarded several innovative recommendations in reply to a request by the Naval Fighter Weapons School, NAS Miramar, San Diego, CA.
- m. (C) Successfully fired eleven for eleven missiles during a May 1987 missile shoot at Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. The shoot consisted of 2 Phoenix, 4 Sparrow, and 5 Sidewider missiles.
- n. (U) Placed first during the Fighter Derby portion of the Annual Fighter Fling, compiling the best kill ratio of all east coast F-14 squadrons against a 2 vs 6 scenario with the VF-43 "Challengers."
- o. (U) Was recognized by COMFITWING ONE for having 12 UP jets and zero NORS during turnaround training.
- p. (U) Embarked for CV operations onboard the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) in support of Boston, MA and Portland, Maine detachment 28 AUG 16 SEP 88.
- q. (C) Engaged in advanced ACM training against Air Force F -4's and F-5's as part of CONSTANT PEG, NAS Fallon.
- r. (C) Participated in the Orange Air exercise QUICK THRUST in October at the Charleston OP area.
- s. (C) Portrayed Third World fighters and used Soviet tactics against the U.S. Air Force as a part of the SAND EAGLE exercise at NAS Pensacola and Eglin AFB, Florida.
- t. (C) Completed highly successful Carrier Qualification detachments in November and December. Fighter support helped the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY successfully complete the air intercept/ground control training aspects of REFTRA.
- u. (U) Hosted Five Star Production Company during November CQ detachment as the ABC TV movie "SUPERCARRIER" was being filmed.
 - v. (U) Flew over 3550 accident free hours for the calendar year 1987.



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- 4. (U) Statistics and Supportive Documents (CALENDAR YEAR 1987)
 - a. (U) Flight Hours.
 - (1) (C) Total Hours Flown: 3576.0
 - (a) Day: 2895.4/80.90%
 - (b) Night: 680.6/19.10%
 - (c) Primary Missions: 3518.1/98.3%
 - (d) Sorties Completion Rate: 2128 scheduled / 2046 flown: 96.1%
 - (2) (C) Total Hours Ashore: 2470.5
 - (a) Day: 2071.2/83.8%
 - (b) Night: 399.3/16.2%
 - (3) (C) Total Embarked Hours: 1105.5
 - (a) Day: 745.0/67.3% 20.7% total
 - (b) Night: 360.5/32.7% 10.0% total
 - (4) (C) Total Sorties Ashore: 1546
 - (a) Day: 1315/85%
 - (b) Night: 231/15%
 - (5) (C) Total Sorties Embarked: 612
 - (a) Day: 385/63%
 - (b) Night: 227/37%
 - b. (U) Shipboard Landings.
 - (1) (C) Total Carrier Arrested Landings: 947
 - (a) Day: 622/67.5%
 - (b) Night: 325/32.5%
 - (2) (U) Carrier Landing Grades.
 - (a) Day Grades/Boarding Rate: 3.220/90.91%
 - (b) Night Grades/Boarding Rate: 3.314/90.38%
 - (c) Overall Grade/Boarding Rate: 3.252/90.73%





- c. (U) Achievements in Aviation Safety.
 - Date of last Alpha Flight/Flight Related Mishap: 03 January 1987
 - (2) Flight Hours since last Alpha Flight/Flight Related Mishap: 3,556.0
 - (3) Alpha Flight/Flight Related Mishaps: 1
 - (4) Bravo Flight/Flight Related Mishaps: 1
 - (5) Alpha Ground Mishaps: 0
 - (6) Hazard Reports Submitted:
 - (7) NATOPS Changes Submitted: 8
 - (8) Accidential Fatalities/Injuries:

ALFA, LIMA, UNIFORM: 0

BRAVO: 0

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- (9) Number of QDR'S Submitted: 7
- (10) Number Safety Related Articles Submitted/Published: 1/1
- (11) Number of Flight Violations: 0
- (12) Number of Explosive Ordnance Mishaps Submitted: 0
- (13) Number of PROS of the Week: 0
- (14) Number of Safety Standdowns/Reviews Conducted: 10
- (15) Safety Survey by Outside Organization: 0
- (16) Special Awards Received: 1
- (17) Other Safety Related Items: Hazardous Material Reports - 8 TECH Pub Deficiency Reports - 9 Engineering Investigation Requests - 9 FOD Free Days: 184 Days (last FOD 01 July 87)
- (C) Missile Firing by BUNO.

AIRCRAFT	TYPE MISSILE	RESULT/REMARKS
159014	AIM-9L	Direct Hit
162691	ATM-9L	Lethal Miss
162691	AEM-54A	Lethal Miss
162701	ATM-9L	Direct Hit
162691	AIM-7M	Lethal Miss
159453	AEM-54A	Lethal Miss
159433	ATM-9M	Direct Hit
159453	AIM-7F	Lethal Miss
161145	ATM-9M	Lethal Miss
162701	ATM-9L	Direct Hit
162701	ATM-7F	Lethal Miss
159463	ATM-7F	Miss
159463	ATM-7F	Lethal Miss
161145	AIM-7F	Miss

(C) Ordnance Expenditure 1987

	Number Allocated	Number Fired
20mm TP	N/A	15,949
20mm HEI	N/A	1,227





- f. (U) Total Number of FOD Occurrences:
 - (1) 1 FOD
 - (2) FOD Rate: 0.28 per 1000 flight hours
- (U) Combat Readiness Inspections and Exercises.
 - (1) Inspection Results.
 - (a) ORE N/A
 - (b) Command Inspection CFW-1 ADMAT: SAT
 - (c) Corrosion Control
 - 1 CFW-1 Post cruise SAT/EXCELLENT 2 CFW-1 Turnaround- N/A
 - (d) CWTPI N/A
 - (e) NTPI N/A
 - (f) IWSR SAT
 - (g) MRCI N/A
 - (h) CNAL Maint Advisory Team: SAT/24 April 87
 - (i) Command NATOPS Evaluation:
 - Boldface: 3.8

 - 2 Closed Book: 3.3 3 Open Book: 4.0 4 Comments: EXCELL Comments: EXCELLENT, No Discrepencies
- 5. (U) Enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded for supporting documents.

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OFFICER BILLET SUMMARY

NAME	RANK	BILLET
CHOPP, DANIEL M. STRICKLAND, PETER B.	CDR CDR	Commanding Officer Executive Officer
	LCDR LCDR LCDR LCDR LCDR LCDR LCDR LCDR	MAINT Material Control Personnel Officer Asst Maintenance Officer Safety Officer Operations Officer Maintenance Officer Administration Officer
	LT L	Schedules Officer RIO Training Officer Asst Operations Officer AV/WPS Division Officer Asst Safety Officer Aircraft Division Officer Maintenance Control Pilot Training Officer Legal Officer/PAO First Lieutenant Officer LSO/NATOPS Training Officer Quality Control Officer Airframes Branch Officer Line Division Officer PR Branch Officer IWT Branch Officer
	LTJG LTJG LTJG LTJG LTJG LTJG	Power Plants Branch Officer AE Branch Officer Coffee Mess Officer Material Officer Asst Operations Officer Educational Services
	ENS	Tactical Intelligence
	CWO2	Ordnance Officer

Enclosure (3)



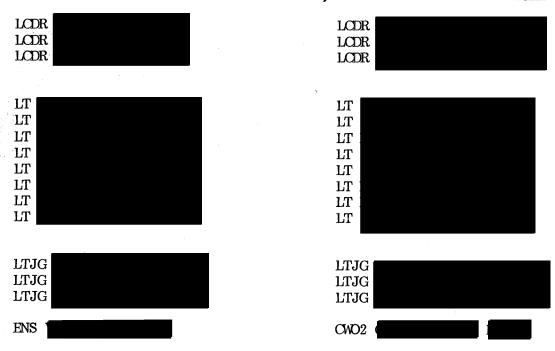


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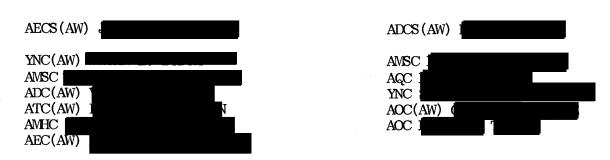
COR DANIEL M. CHOPP, USN -- COMMANDING OFFICER

COR PETER B. STRICKLAND, USN -- EXECUTIVE OFFICER



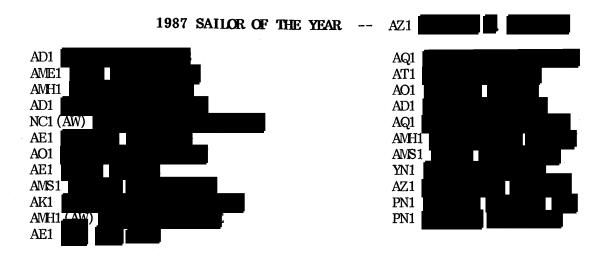
MASTER/SENIOR/CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

AVOM CARL C. PAYNE JR. - COMMAND MASTER CHIEF AFOM 1 - MAINTENANCE MASTER CHIEF

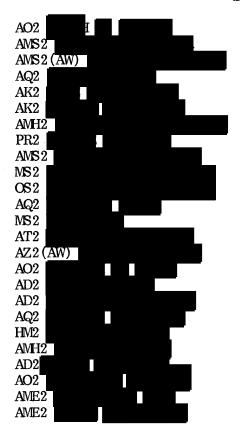


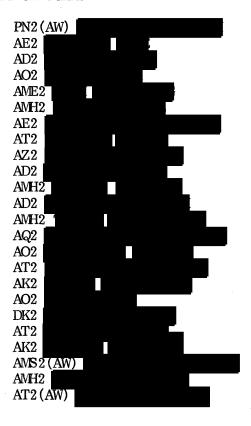


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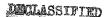


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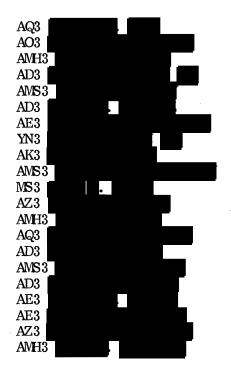






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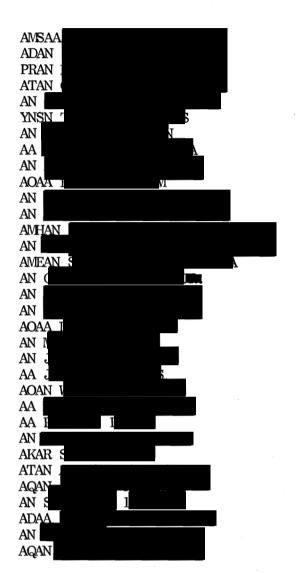


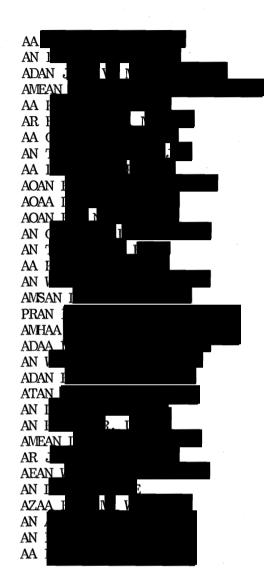
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NON-RATED PERSONNEL









END OF CRUISE RELEASE

In the wake of hurricane Charley, the VF-14 TOPHATTERS of CVW-3 and the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) departed Norfolk/Virginia Beach on August 18, 1986, for a 6 month Mediterranean cruise. After the crossing of the Atlantic, the Kennedy dropped anchor in Rota, Spain and conducted a three day turnover with her predecessor the USS AMERICA (CV-66).

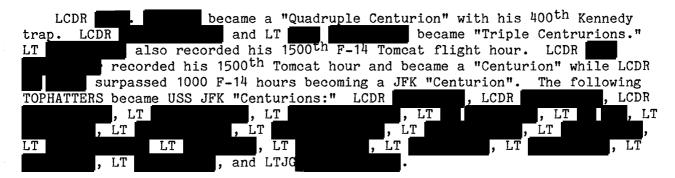
After conducting some routine operations and a port call in Benidorm, Spain, and Toulon, France the TOPHATTERS participated in the highly successful NATO exercise "Display Determinations 86." VF-14 flew a number ACM sorties versus French F-8's and Super Entendards, (from their aircraft carrier Foch) Italian F-104's and Turkish F-4's, F-5's and F-104's. Throughout this exercise VF-14 entertained officers from the Italian and French Navies. The TOPHATTER Aircrew were able to brief and debrief the foreign officers on tactics used on missions involving their respective countries.

Sandwiched between visits to Haifa, Israel, and Trieste, Italy was the exercise "Seawind." This exercise was predominantly low level strike escorts over Egypt.

A few more days of normal operations and a quick stop in Naples, Italy preceded "Operation Poopdeck." This exercise pitted VF-14 and CVW-3 against the Air Forces of Spain and the United States. The Spanish flew F-18's and Mirage F-1's while the United States Air Force opposed with F-16's and F-15's. Morocco was next in the exercise "African Eagle." The Moroccans flew Mirage F-1's, F-4's, F-5's and were aided by Air Force F-15's. The flying, which was predominatly ACM, proved invaluable for all participants in this November exercise.

Cannes, France was the Thanksgiving port of call! During December the TOPHATTERS conducted routine Mediterranean operations, visiting Naples, Italy and then Palma de Mallorca, Spain for the Holidays.

Throughout the cruise a number of TOPHATTER aircrew attained various aviation milestones. CDR Dan Chopp, the Executive Officer, recorded his 1000th Career Arrested Landing, a feat achieved by only a select few. CDR Chopp also became a "Quadruple Centurion with his 400th USS JOHN F. KENNEDY "trap" while recording his 2500th F-14 Tomcat hour. CDR Phil Bower, the Commanding Officer, surpassed the 3000 hour total flight time plateau as well as becoming a "Centurion" with 100 JFK arrestments.





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VF-14 faired extremely well in the "Tophook Competition" for the first line period. The TOPHATTERS placed second in the Airwing with a 3.43 squadron hook score. LT finished among the top ten individuals of CVW-3 with a score of 3.62.

Maintenance wise the TOPHATTERS continue to own some very impressive records. VF-14 has recorded over 600 consecutive FOD free days, a feat equalled by few. The TOPHATTERS also earned an Oustanding on the recent Mid-cruise Corrosion/material Audit. This is especially significant because VF-14 flys some of the oldest Tomcats in the inventory.

VF-14 maintained the highest state of readiness throughout the cruise. The TOPHATTERS were always poised to operate near and below the "Line of Death."

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