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From: Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron 14
To: Director of Naval History (Op-09BH)
Subj: SUBMISSION OF 1988 COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV 5750-1) (U)
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

- Encl: (1) Biography of Commanding Officer (CDR P. B. STRICKLAND) (U)
- (2) Photo of Squadron Aircraft (U)
- (3) Officer's & Enlisted Roster (U)
- (4) Press Release(Tailhook Article) (U)
- (5) Family Grams (U)

1. (U) Command Composition and Organization.

a. (U) Fighter Squadron FOURTEEN, nicknamed the TOPHATTERS, is part of Commander, Carrier Air Wing THREE and 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.

2. (C) Chronology:

- 12 JAN: Night Fighter Tactics Lectures and Sorties launched
- 21 - 25 JAN: CV Independent Steaming Exercise; 3 aircraft detachment embarked aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67)
- 01 - 06 FEB: CVW-3 Missilex - NAS Roosevelt Roads, P. R.
- 19 FEB - 11 MAR: CVW-3 Weapons/Tactics DET, NAS Fallon, NV.
- 02 - 25 MAR: CQ Operations aboard USS JFK (CV-67)
- 01 APR: Missile shoot, deployed USS JFK (CV-67)
- 14 APR: NATOPS Unit Eval
- 19 APR - 15 MAY: Advanced Phase Workups aboard USS JFK (CV-67)
- 25 APR: Missile Shoot, Deployed USS JFK (CV-67)
- 30 APR - 03 MAY: Inport, FT. Lauderdale, FL.
- 19 - 20 MAY: Conventional Weapons Training Proficiency Inspection (CWTPI)
- 08 - 21 JUN: Battle Group Phase workup aboard USS JFK (CV-67)
- 14 JUN: Missile shoot, deployed USS JFK (CV-67)
- 21 JUL: A/C 100 suffers class B damage due to internal engine failure.
- 02 AUG: Deployed aboard USS JFK (CV-67) for Mediterranean cruise.
- 02 - 14 AUG: TRANSLANT
- 16 AUG: Turnover with USS EISENHOWER (CV-69)
- 19 - 20 AUG: National Week with USS FORRESTAL (CV-69), Med ops

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21 - 26 AUG: Inport Naples, Italy
 30 AUG - 04 SEP: Inport Alexandria, Egypt
 05 - 10 SEP: Operation Seawind
 13 - 21 SEP: Inport Toulon, France
 21 - 28 SEP: Display Determination
 01 - 10 OCT: Display Determination
 11 - 17 OCT: Inport Antalya, Turkey
 21 - 24 OCT: Inport Tunis, Tunisia
 24 - 26 OCT: Tunisian PASSEX
 28 OCT - 04 NOV: Inport Palma, Spain
 07 - 11 NOV: Augusta Bay Anchorage
 14 - 18 NOV: Inport Naples, Italy
 21 NOV: A/C 105 lands 30 ft right, striking three aircraft parked on deck causing class Bravo damage.
 22 NOV: FOCH PASSEX
 23 - 19 NOV: Inport Marseilles, France
 01 - 10 DEC: African Eagle
 13 DEC: DASIX
 15 - 20 DEC: Inport Palma, Spain
 16 DEC: Change of Command
 23 DEC - 01 JAN 89: Inport Cannes, France

3. (U) Narrative:

a. (U) 1988 began with the squadron conducting innovative night fighter tactics lectures and sorties, with the intent of expanding the ability to counter threats across entire Air-to-Air Warfare (AAW) spectrum.

b. (C) Successfully fired twelve of twelve missiles during a February missile shoot at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, P.R. The shoot consisted of two Phoenix, two Sparrow, and eight Sidewinder missiles.

c. (U) Squadron deployed to NAS Fallon, NV for CVW-3 weapons/tactics detachment.

d. (U) Carrier Qualification onboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) on 25 March. Two pilots day qualified.

e. (C) On 01 April, fired a Sparrow missile in area W-72 resulting in a direct hit.

f. (U) Embarked in USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) from 19 April to 15 May for advanced phase workups.

g. (C) On 25 April successfully fired one Sparrow and one sidewinder missile in area W-72. Sorties launched from USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67).

h. (U) Deployed from 08 - 21 June onboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) for Battle Group Phase workups.

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i. (C) On 14 June successfully fired one sparrow missile in area W-72. Sortie launched from USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67).

j. (C) On 21 July aircraft 100, BUNO 162701, had an explosive failure in the left engine during a flight demonstration practice, resulting in airframe damage and engine bay fire. Aircraft recovered safely at NAS Oceana.

k. (U) Embarked on major Mediterranean deployment on 02 August with Fourteen crews (14 pilots, 15 RIOs) fully trained and qualified for high tempo operations.

l. (C) After TRANSLANT, Inchop, and turnover with USS EISENHOWER (CV-69), squadron participated in "National Week" with USS Forrestal (CV-59). Originally scheduled to be a week long operation, National Week was reduced to 2 days of flying off the coast of Libya.

m. (C) The squadron participated in Operation Seawind from 05-10 September with the Egyptian Air Force. Low level and Air Combat missions were flown against Egyptian F-16's, Mirage III's, and MIG 21's. VF-14 hosted Egyptian pilots onboard the JFK, giving aircrew an opportunity to discuss tactics used and seen by the Egyptians. Other missions flown included Joint Air Defense (JADS), Combat Air Patrol(CAP), and Strike Escort.

n. (C) Participated in "Display Determination" from 21 September to 10 October. Much of the combined exercise was flown over Turkey. The missions were primarily low levels and ACM against Turkish F-4's, F-5's, F-16's and F-104's. The ACM was professionally run, and the Turks proved to be aggressive, challenging opponents.

o. (C) After three days inport at Tunis, Tunisia, the squadron participated in the "Tunisian Passex", flying ACM, Air Intercept Control(AIC), CAP, and strike support missions. ACM was against aggressively flown Tunisian F-5's.

p. (U) The JFK was anchored in Augusta Bay, from November 7 - 11. The squadron used this time to conduct Aircrew training lectures.

q. (C) On 21 November, aircraft 105 landed 30 feet right during day CV recovery, and the right wingtip struck radome of other aircraft on flight deck. 105 diverted safely to Hyeres, France. Weather at time of mishap was 2000 ft scattered, visibility 4 NM in blowing spray, 51 kt winds, seas 7 ft. waves with 17 ft swells.

r. (C) Participated in "Foch Passex" on 22 November. Flew 8 ACM missions against F-8's from the French carrier "Foch".

s. (C) Squadron participated in "African Eagle" on 01 - 10 December off the coast of Morocco. Missions included Integrated Air Defense (IADs), CAP, Strike, ACM, Basic Fighter Manuevers (BFM), AIC, and Tarps escort. DACT was

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flown against USAF F-16's and Moroccan F-1's, and F-5's. During IADS, the AWG-9 radar performed superbly in the overland environment. During this exercise the airwing frequently operated in EMCON.

t. (U) On 16 December, CDR Peter B. Strickland relieved CDR Daniel M. Chopp as Commanding Officer. The ceremony took place onboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67), inport Palma, Mallorca.

4. (U) Statistics and Supportive Documents.

a. (U) Flight Hours.

- (1) (C) Total Hours Flown: 4091.2
 - (a) 2940.6/72.5%
 - (b) Night: 1150.6/27.5%
 - (c) Primary Missions: 3968.5/97.0%
- (2) (C) Total Sorties Ashore: 844
 - (a) Day: 615
 - (b) Night: 229
- (3) (C) Total Embarked Hours: 2638
 - (a) Day: 1853.4/ 45.3% Embarked/ 70.3% Total
 - (b) Night: 784.6/ 19.2% Embarked/ 29.7% Total
- (4) (C) Total Sorties Embarked: 1348
 - (a) Day: 856
 - (b) Night: 492
- (5) (C) Utilization Rate Per Month/Average for Year.

(a) JAN: 21.5	MAY: 26.1	SEP: 50.8
FEB: 33.6	JUN: 35.9	OCT: 39.8
MAR: 29.6	JUL: 27.9	NOV: 24.6
APR: 27.0	AUG: 37.8	DEC: 49.1

 - (b) Average: 33.6

b. (U) Shipboard Landings.

- (1) (C) Total Carrier Arrested Landings: 1500

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- (a) Day: 965/64%
- (b) Night: 535/36%
- (2) (U) Carrier Landing Grades.
 - (a) Day Grades/Boarding Rate: 3.231/92.6%
 - (b) Night Grades/Boarding Rate: 3.15/85.5%
 - (c) Overall Grade/Boarding Rate: 3.20/89.8%
- c. (U) Achievements in Aviation Safety.
 - (1) Date of last Alpha Flight/Flight Related Mishap: 03 January 1987
 - (2) Flight Hours since last Alpha Flight/Flight Related Mishap: 7667
 - (3) Alpha Flight/Flight Related Mishaps: 0
 - (4) Bravo Flight/Flight Related Mishaps: 2
 - (5) Alpha Ground Mishaps: 0
 - (6) Hazard Reports Submitted: 2
 - (7) NATOPS Changes Submitted: 11
 - (8) Accidental Fatalities/Injuries:
 - ALFA, LIMA, UNIFORM: 0
 - BRAVO: 0
 - CHARLIE: 0
 - (9) Number of QDR'S Submitted: 1
 - (10) Number Safety Related Articles Submitted/Published: 2/1
 - (11) Number of Flight Violations: 0
 - (12) Number of Explosive Ordnance Mishaps Submitted: 9
 - (13) Number of PROS of the Week: 2
 - (14) Number of Safety Standdowns/Reviews Conducted: 10
 - (15) Safety Survey by Outside Organization: 0
 - (16) Special Awards Received: 0

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(17) Other Safety Related Items:

Hazardous Material Reports - 10
TECH Pub Deficiency Reports - 3
Engineering Investigation Requests - 10
FOD Free Days: 206 Days

d. (C) Missile Firing by BUNO.

AIRCRAFT	TYPE MISSILE	RESULT/REMARKS
162701	AIM-54A	Direct Hit
162691	AIM-54A	3 ft. Miss
159449	AIM-7F	7 ft. Miss
160897	AIM-7F	Direct Hit
159018	AIM-7F	6.8 ft. Miss
161145	AIM-7F	Near Miss
161145	AIM-7M	Direct Hit
162700	AIM-9H	Direct Hit
160897	AIM-9H	Direct Hit
162691	AIM-9H	Direct Hit
162701	AIM-9H	Direct Hit
159449	AIM-9H	Direct Hit
159463	AIM-9H	Direct Hit
160897	AIM-9H	Direct Hit
160897	AIM-9H	Direct Hit
161145	AIM-9H	Direct Hit

e. (C) Ordnance Expenditure 1986.

MONTH	TYPE ORDNANCE	AMOUNT
JAN	20mmTP	1801 rounds
FEB	20mmTP	1738 rounds
	RR144 (Chaff)	354 rounds
MAR	20mmTP	8306 rounds
	RR129 (Chaff)	893 rounds
	RR144 (Chaff)	680 rounds
APR	20mmTP	3137 rounds
	RR129 (Chaff)	142 rounds
MAY	20mmTP	423 rounds
	RR-129 (Chaff)	62 rounds
JUN	20mmTP	861 rounds
	RR-129 (Chaff)	87 rounds
JUL	20mmTP	2420 rounds
AUG	20mmTP	3899 rounds
	MJU/8 (Flares)	51 rounds
	RR-129 (Chaff)	265 rounds
SEP	20mmHEI	241 rounds
	20mmTP	2304 rounds
	MJU/8 (Flares)	18 rounds

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	RR-129 (Chaff)	21 rounds
OCT	RR-129 (Chaff)	101 rounds
NOV	20mmTP	3795 rounds
	MJU/8 (Flares)	60 rounds
	RR-129 (Chaff)	133 rounds
DEC	20mmTP	1271 rounds
	RR-129 (Chaff)	177 rounds

f. (C) Captive Carry (Hours).

MONTH	AIM-54	AIM-7	AIM-9
JAN	18.5	21.3	1.5
FEB	16.8	14.2	105.7
MAR	2.0	55.5	49.9
APR	1.3	130.2	1.4
MAY		194.0	194.0
JUN		268.9	269.5
JUL	20.5	130.2	140.7
AUG	98.7	307.7	312.2
SEP		587.6	586.0
OCT		490.2	480.4
NOV	8.8	240.9	238.6
DEC		146.4	150.4
TOTAL	166.6	2587.0	2530.3

g. (U) Total Number of FOD Occurrences:

(1) 2 FOD

(2) FOD Rate: 0.5 per 1000 flight hours

h. (U) Combat Readiness Inspections and Exercises.

(1) Inspection Results.

(a) ORE - N/A

(b) Command Inspection - CFW-1 ADMAT - N/A

(c) Corrosion Control

1 CFW-1 Precruise - 9 MAY - GOOD

2 CFW-1 MID-Cruise - 27 OCT - SAT

(d) CWTPI - N/A

(e) NTPI - N/A

(f) IWSR - SAT

(g) MRCI - N/A

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(h) CNAL Maint Advisory Team - N/A

(i) Command NATOPS Evaluation:

- 1 Boldface: 4.0
- 2 Closed Book: 3.98
- 3 Open Book: 4.0

5. (U) Enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded for supporting documents.


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