



Ernest E. Tissot , RADM, USN (Ret.)
"Gene"

Date of Designation: 10 June 1948 NA#: J-1364

Dates of Active Duty: May 1945-May 1981

Total Flight Hours: 5,400

Carrier/Ship Landings: Fixed wing: 1,008

Approximate Flight Hours:

Jet: 2,800 Prop: 2,600 VF/VA: 4,380

VS: 10 VT: 1,010

Combat Tours:

Korea: Dec 1950-May 1951. VF-192 (F4U-4) USS Princeton (CV-37)
- 50 combat missions.

Vietnam: May-Dec 1965. CO VA-192 (A-4C) USS Bon Homme Richard (CVA-31)
- 149 combat missions.

Vietnam: May-Nov 1967. COMCVW-14 (F-4B, A-4C, A-6A) USS Constellation (CVA-64)
- 110 combat missions.

Aviation Commands:

CO, VA-192, December 1964 - December 1965.

COMCVW-14, February 1967 - February 1968.

CO, USS Enterprise (CVAN-65), December 1971 - April 1974.

Commander Fighter/AEW Wing Pacific Fleet, June 1976 - September 1977.

Commander Carrier Task Force 77, October 1977 - August 1979.

Combat Awards:

2 Silver Stars

5 Distinguished Flying Crosses

27 Air Medals

2 Legion of Merit with Combat "V"

4 Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V"



* Millie passed away on 11/10/03

Duty Assignment Chronology

- 6/45 Los Angeles - Enlistment in Navy V-5 program.
- 7/45-7-46 V-5 student at Occidental, Cal Tech, USC.
- 8/46 Livermore - Selective Flight Training (N-2S).
- 9/46-3/47 Ottumwa - Preflight.
- 4/47-6/48 Corpus Christi, Pensacola and Jacksonville - Flight Training. (N-2S, SNJ, PBY, SNB, F6F).
- 11/19/47 First carrier landing SNJ-5C.
- 8/48-12/48 San Diego - VRF-31, VF-314 (disestablished without receiving F8F-2 aircraft).
- 1/49-5/51 Alameda - VF-192 (F8F-1/2, F4U-4) Line Officer, Material Officer. Deployment in Boxer, combat deployment in Princeton.
- 7/51-7/53 Corpus Christi - ATU-1 flight instructor (F6F-5).
- 8/53-4/56 Cecil, Oceana - VF-33 (F9F-6, FJ-3) Ordnance Officer, Maintenance Officer. Deployment in Midway, deployment in Lake Champlain.
- 6/56-8/58 Stanford University, Mechanical Engineering BS with Great Distinction, Phi Beta Kappa (F2H-2).
- 9/58-8/60 Naval Postgraduate School, Aeronautical Engineering MS, First in Class (T-28, SNB).
- 9/60-11/60 Oceana - VA-43 A-4 RAG.
- 12/60-1/63 Oceana - CVG-8 Staff (A-4B/C, F4D-1, F8U-2, AD-6) Administrative Officer, Operations Officer. Two deployments in Forrestal.
- 2/63-5/63 Norfolk - Armed Forces Staff College.
- 7/63-10/63 Lemoore - VA-125 A-4 RAG.
- 11-63/12-65 Lemoore - VA-192 (A-4C) Executive Officer, Commanding Officer. Two deployments (one combat) in Bon Homme Richard.
- 1/66-8/66 San Diego - COMNAVAIRPAC VA Training Officer (T-28).
- 9/66-12/66 Miramar - CVW-12 RAG (F-4B, A-4C, A-6A, TA-3B, RA-5C).

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Duty Assignment Chronology continued

1/67-2/68 Miramar - CVW-14 CAG (F-4B, A-4C, A-6A)
Combat deployment in Constellation.

11/11/67 Final carrier landing F-4B.

3/68-3/69 Pentagon - OP-508 Tactical Aviation Plans
Officer.

4/69-9/69 Bainbridge - Nuclear Power Academic Training

10/69-3/70 Idaho Falls - Nuclear Power Prototype Training

5/70-4/71 San Diego - USS Thomason (LSD-28), Com-
manding Officer.

6/71-10/71 Washington DC - Admiral Rickover Charm
School.

12/71-4/74 Alameda - USS Enterprise (CVAN-65)
Commanding Officer.

5/74-5/76 Pentagon - OSD DDR&E Test and Evaluation
Deputy for Strategic and Support Systems.

6/76-9/77 Miramar - Commander Fighter/AEW Wing
(TA-4, F-14), Nellis - Joint Test Director
ACEVAL/AIMVAL.

11/77-8/79 Subic Bay - Commander Carrier Group Five/
Task Force Seventy Seven.

9/79-5/81 Hawaii - CINCPAC J-5 Director for Plans and
Policy.

5/81 Hawaii - Retired.

Summary of Significant Career Events

- (1) Accident free flying career, including 1,008 carrier landings flying 11 aircraft types from 15 carriers.
- (2) Third U.S. Naval Aviator to reach 1,000 carrier landings, flying F-4B on combat mission from USS *Constellation* (CV-64) on 31 October 1967. First to do so solely in the fleet (except for 12 landings in training command).
- (3) One combat tour in Korea, two combat tours in Vietnam for total of 309 missions.
- (4) Two deployments flying swept wing jets off straight deck carriers.
- (5) While COMFIT at NAS Miramar, serving as Joint Test Director for ACEVAL-AIMVAL operating out of Nellis AFB.

Most Significant Career Events

- (1) Marrying Mildred Ellen Patton of Oakland, California, in 1951. Millie and I have two sons, three grand-daughters and one grandson.