

4481 TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

4481 Tactical Fighter Squadron

STATIONS

Nellis AFB, NV, 15 Jul 1967-20 Jan 1968

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-111

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

F111 66-0017 The aircraft first flew on November 16, 1967, and was delivered to the USAF on November 28, 1967. It was modified to Harvest Reaper configuration and assigned to 4481st TFS, 4480th TFW. It crashed and was destroyed on March 30, 1968 during a Combat Lancer

mission. Its callsign was Hotrod 76. The crew, Major Sandy Marquardt and Capt Joe Hodges, successfully ejected and was recovered. The cause of the aircraft loss was believed to be foreign object (a tube of solidified sealant) which became lodged in the pitch/roll mixer assembly of the flight controls. This rendered the aircraft uncontrollable under certain conditions. The aircraft was on its 48th flight, having accumulated a total of 140.5 hours, when it crashed.

66-0018 The aircraft first flew on November 12, 1967, and was delivered to the USAF on November 28, 1967. It was converted to Harvest Reaper configuration and assigned to the 4481st TFS. It deployed to Takhli on March 15, 1968, and took part in Combat Lancer, flying its first combat mission on March 25, 1968. It's seen here in March 1972, with the NA tail code and the 428th TFS Buccaneers emblem on the left fuselage side. This aircraft still has the green camouflage underside applied to the Harvest Reaper jets. The aircraft was the 11th F-111A converted loan EF-111A.

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