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Mission - ANTI-AIR WARFARE
ANTI-SURFACE WARFARE
ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE
STRIKE WARFARE

Equipped with the AN/SPY-1A phased array radar, the AEGIS Combat System, and the Mk 41 Vertical Launch System firing the SM-2 Blk II missile, ANTIETAM is the Navy's premier Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) platform. Combined with the four Large Screen Displays of the AEGIS Display System, a vast array of communications systems, automatic status boards, and seventeen NTDS consoles, all coordinated by the AEGIS Combat System, the Command and Control functions are second to none and are more than able to support any Battle Group Warfare Commander. Backing up this superb AAW capability, ANTIETAM is equipped with the AN/SQS-53A sonar, the state-of-the-art AN/SQR-19 Towed Array Sonar, and the LAMPS Mk III helicopter. This gives her an unmatched ability to perform both long and short range ASW. Two 5"/54 guns with the highly accurate Mk 86 Gun Fire Control System provide a powerful anti-surface warfare threat. Finally, the combination of the Harpoon and Tomahawk Weapons System complete the picture with the ability to take the fight to our "over-the-horizon" enemies. Truly a multi-warfare ship!

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Commander-in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Administrative

Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Commander, Naval Surface Group, Long Beach CA

Operational

Commander, Third Fleet

Commander, Task Group Three Zero Pt Eight, Three Zero Pt Six, and Three Zero Pt Four

Operational (deployed)

Commander, Seventh Fleet

Commander, Task Force Seven Zero, and Commander, Amphibious Task Force Seven Six Zero

Commander, Task Group Seven Zero Pt Two, Seven Zero Pt Four, Seven Zero Pt Six

CHRONOLOGY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
01 Jan - 05 Jan	Inport, Singapore
10 Jan	Wog Day. ANTIETAM crosses the equator at 085° 54' East
11 Jan - 14 Jan	Selex Week in the Indian Ocean
22 Jan - 23 Jan	Sea Siam Ex w/Royal Thai Navy
24 Jan - 26 Jan	Inport, Pattaya Beach, Thailand
30 Jan	Visit by Commander, Seventh Fleet, VADM Mauz, and Distinguished Visitors in South China Sea
31 Jan - 3 Feb	Inport, Hong Kong
04 Feb	EncounterEx vs USS MIDWAY
06 Feb - 07 Feb	Inport, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines
07 Feb - 21 Feb	TransitEx to Pearl Harbor via San Bernadino Straits
17 Feb	Safety Standown
21 Feb - 22 Feb	Inport, Pearl Harbor, HI (embark Tigers)
23 Feb - 02 Mar	Transit back to CONUS w/ Tigers
02 Mar	Arrive Long Beach, CA
02 Mar - 03 Apr	Post deployment standown
04 Apr	Weapons onload/offload, North Island NAS
05 Apr - 07 Apr	Training visit, San Diego, CA
7 April	Aviation Assist Visit/ Aviation Readiness Evaluation
12 Apr - 15 Apr	Enroute, San Francisco, CA
15 Apr - 17 Apr	Inport, San Francisco, CA
17 Apr - 21 Apr	SQQ-89 Team Trainer
24 Apr	CNO's Ship-Helicopter Safety Award
25 Apr	SRBOC Certification
04 May - 05 May	Supply Management Assessment
08 May - 12 May	Intermediate Engineering Readiness Assessment
15 May - 17 May	3M Inspection

19 May - 20 May	Tomahawk Material Recertification
22 May - 25 May	Command Inspection
22 May	CMS Inspection
26 May	Change of Command
01 Jun	Safety Standown
05 Jun - 16 Jun	READIEX 89-3A
26 Jun - 28 Jun	Nuclear Weapons Assist Team
29 Jun	Underway for "Bars to Stars" familiarization
30 Jun	End of 18 month Competitive cycle
06 Jul - 07 Jul	Scientists at Sea, SOAR Range
22 Jul	Dependant's Day Cruise
24 Jul - 26 Jul	Short Notice Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection
27 Jul	Weapons Onload, Seal Beach
28 Jul - 01 Aug	Transit to Seattle
01 Aug - 06 Aug	Inport, Seattle for SeaFair 89
07 Aug - 14 Aug	READIEX 89-3B and CNO Project OTL-58
14 Aug - 14 Sep	Predeployment Standown
28 Aug	Shipboard Explosive Safety Inspection
31 Aug	Visit by the Honorable Ambassador Burt and members of the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks delegation
01 Sept	Disbursing Audit by FAADCPAC
15 Sep	Weapons Onload, Seal Beach
17 Sep	Receive Battle 'E' award from ComNavSurfPac
15 Sep - 22 Oct	PACEX 89, AnnuaLEX 01G, Valiant Blitz 90
10 Oct	Visit by Commander, Seventh Fleet and ADM Higashiyama, Chief of Staff, Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force
22 Oct - 24 Oct	Inport, Busan, Korea
24 Oct - 08 Nov	Transit to Long Beach

09 Nov	Arrive, Long Beach, CA
10 Nov	ANTIETAM named as semi-finalist for Ney Memorial Award by SURFPAC
13 Nov - 17 Nov	Combat Systems Training Readiness
16 Nov - 17 Nov	Navy-wide Safety Standown
20 Nov - 22 Nov	Operational Propulsion Plant Examination
28 Nov - 30 Nov	Weapons Offload, NAS North Island and WpnSta Seal Beach
07 Dec	Ship's Christmas Party
09 Dec	Named as Runner-Up for Spokane Trophy for Excellence in Combat Systems by ComNavSurfPac
12 Dec	Safety Standown
14 Dec	Awards Ceremony
16 Dec	Children's Christmas Party
19 Dec	Winner, Long Beach Naval Station "Christmas Lights" contest
19 Dec - 31 Dec	Holiday Standown

10 Jan Wog Day.

Having been found worthy of admission into the Kingdom of Neptunis Rex, all of the slimy pollywogs endured the ancient rites of passage and became Trusty Shellbacks. ANTIETAM, in company with Battle Group Bravo, crossed the equator into the Southern Hemisphere in the Indian Ocean at longitude 085° 54' East.

22 Jan - 23 Jan Sea Siam-89

Sea Siam-89 was a Seventh Fleet scheduled exercise involving U.S. Navy Battlegroups in transit from the Indian Ocean to the South China Sea and the Royal Thai Naval and Air Forces. Conducted in the Gulf of Siam and central Thailand on 22-23 January, it provided an excellent opportunity to work with the Thais in all warfare areas: AAW, ASUW, and ASW. The professionalism and aggressive attitude of the Royal Thai Navy was demonstrated early on when CVW-9 aircraft and B-52 assets from Guam were intercepted in a mock war-at-sea strike against RTN/USN surface forces. Numerous joint ASW exercises against a Mini Mobile Target (MMT), formation steaming exercises, another air raid, and a blue-vs-orange surface action group engagement rounded out a full slate of events. The enthusiasm on the part of the Thai forces made this exercise an unqualified success. (See Tab A)

22 Feb - 02 Mar Tiger Cruise

Always a lot of fun for the crew and guests alike, ANTIETAM stopped in Pearl Harbor on 21 February for a two day port visit and to pick up Tigers, male relative guests that embark for a few days to get a real taste of at-sea life. Over 80 brothers, sons, and fathers got a real treat and participated in almost every aspect of ANTIETAM life, from steering the ship to General Quarters to standing the midwatch. The Tigers debarked when ANTIETAM arrived home from WestPac on March 2. (See Tab B)

07 Apr Aviation Assist visit/Aviation Readiness Evaluation

ANTIETAM successfully completed the annual ComNavSurfPac Aviation Assist Visit (AAV) on 7 April. This single-day inspection examined both portable and installed aircraft handling equipment, personnel training records and qualifications, and the aviation fuel system. Additionally examined are the flightdeck and Vertrep zone firefighting equipment. The assist team judged ANTIETAM's material and personnel readiness as meeting or exceeding all inspection criteria, thus obviating the requirement for the usual subsequent Aviation Readiness Evaluation.

24 Apr CNO Ship/Helicopter Safety Award

ANTIETAM and the team from HSL 43 Det 3 provided Battle Group Bravo with a highly effective, fully integrated LAMPS Mk III asset. Using the SH-60B for every conceivable mission, Det 3 logged in excess of 1200 landings and flew 1260 hours, all without a single safety incident. Air ambulance, ASW, NGFS air spotting, ASUW over-the-horizon targeting, Link 11 AutoCat, Aircraft Early Warning, and a never-before achieved LAMPS Mk III intercept of an unknown aircraft (later indentified as a Pakastani Atlantique MPA) were among the many jobs the LAMPS crew performed flawlessly. An outstanding effort allowed ANTIETAM to be the first cruiser to win this prestigious award. (See Tab C)

04 May - 05 May Supply Management Assessment

The Supply Management Assessment (SMA), conducted every 18 months by ComNavSurfPac, is a two day comprehensive assessment of the ship's logistic support system. It evaluates the condition, operation, administration, and accountability of the ship's Supply Department. Level of knowledge, inventory accuracy, record

keeping, crew support (ship' store, laundry, etc.), and food service were all examined and graded Excellent. This was the first step towards being selected as a finalist by SurfPac for the Ney Memorial Award for outstanding preparation and service of food in the ship's general mess. (See Tab D)

08 May - 12 May Intermediate Engineering Readiness Assessment

This is the ISIC's look at the propulsion plant operation and damage control equipment and usage. A detailed inspection of all training and PQS documentation was made as well as Repair locker inventories. Although no grade was given nor any drills held, it was the first look as a precursor for the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination in November.

22 May - 26 May Command Inspection/Change of Command

Prior to the change of command, ANTIETAM went through a rigorous command inspection by the ISIC, ComNavSurfGru Long Beach. This inspection looked at every administrative program the command had, from Secret material to Equal Opportunity. They also looked closely at the command's training plan and all PMS records. Everything was graded Excellent and ANTIETAM passed with flying colors. The inspection was followed by the relief of CAPT Philip J. Coady (RADM Selectee) by CAPT Lawrence E. Eddingfield on May 26. Guest speaker was RADM John Higginson, Commander, Naval Surface Group, Long Beach. CAPT Coady then reported to his new assignment in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations as Director of Politico-Military Policy and Current Plans (OP-61).

24 Jul - 27 Jul Short Notice Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection

The final step in retaining Nuclear Weapons certification was completed in late July with a short notice NTPI by ComNavSurfGru Long Beach and NucWepsTraGruPac. Evaluated overall as SATISFACTORY, the inspecting team looked at every aspect of nuclear weapons: command and control, technical operations, ship's security, Personnel Reliability Program administration, and nuclear safety. ANTIETAM was given a grade of OUTSTANDING in almost every inspection area. (See Tab E)

07 Aug - 14 Aug Readiex 89-3B and OTL-58

Preceded by six days of liberty in Seattle for SeaFair '89, Readix 89-3B was an exercise with Battle Group Romeo, commanded by Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group One in USS NEW JERSEY, and the continued attempt to set up Link 11 operations with the US Air Force's Southwest Air Defence Sector. Establishing an effective data link between the Air Force and the Navy had been a major goal of both services for several years. Much patience and hard work yielded highly successful results. Several days later, as part of the scenario buildup, ANTIETAM launched it's fifth Tomahawk cruise missile, this time a TLAM/C, as part of the CNO's project OTL-58. The launch and subsequent flight was a complete success, allowing scientists at OPTEVFOR to gather a lot of data for future weapons development. (See Tab F)

31 Aug Ambassador Burt Visit

The Honorable Ambassador Burt and numerous members of the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks delegation paid a visit to ANTIETAM with the goal of achieving a better understanding of the principles of nuclear arms verification. The tour of the forward Vertical Launch System and all aspects of the Tomahawk Weapons System, capped by a superb dinner in the wardroom, provided them with a much clearer picture of the complex Sea Launched Cruise Missile issue, and allowed Ambassador Burt and his team to better communicate the US Government's position to the Soviets in Geneva. (See Tab G)

15 Sep - 09 Nov PACEX 89

PACEX 89 was a collection of exercises designed by Seventh Fleet to determine the ability of US and allied naval forces to sustain high tempo combat operations for an extended period. Consisting of the largest assembly of ships and aircraft in the Pacific since WW II, three different carrier and two different battleship battle groups gathered off the west coast, steamed through the Gulf of Alaska and Pacific Ocean to Japan, and merged to conduct integrated Battle Force operations against "hostile" forces of the US and Japanese Air Force and Navy as exercise ANNUALEX 01G. ANTIETAM provided services as the Anti-Air Warfare Coordinator (AW) for her successive battle groups and as alternate AAWC for the entire Battle Force. Steaming into the Sea of Japan, ANTIETAM was also the AAWC for the Amphibious Task Force as they made their assault on the South Korean beach as exercise VALIANT BLITZ 90. Operational changes were:

15 Sep-22 Sep	CTG 30.8	BG Romeo
22 Sep-01 Oct	CTG 30.6	BG Foxtrot
01 Oct-15 Oct	CTG 70.6	BF Zulu
15 Oct-22 Oct	CTF 760	ARG Bravo
22 Oct-01 Nov	CTG 70.4	BG Charlie
01 Nov-09 Nov	CTG 30.4	BG Charlie

Particularly challenging were the aerial group photograph of all 49 ships steaming in formation, and a firepower demonstration for the Japanese Distinguished Visitors. The return voyage to Long Beach consisted mostly of fastening ones seat belt and hanging on as Typhoon Forrest made life most unpleasant with 22 ft seas, 50 kt winds, and rolls in excess of 40 degrees. (See Tab H)

17 Sep Battle Efficiency "E" award

Results of the Battle Efficiency and Warfare Excellence awards for the competitive cycle ending 30 June by ComNavSurfPac named ANTIETAM as the winner for all cruisers in SurfPac. Demonstrating an outstanding ability in all warfare areas, the "E" for excellence was awarded in ASW, Engineering, Gunnery, Missiles, Damage Control, and Electronic Warfare, and a large number of exercises covering every conceivable type of battle scenario was done and graded by an outside observer. Competing against all other cruisers in the areas of mission effectiveness, military smartness, safety, personnel and administration, upkeep and maintenance, and required inspections, ANTIETAM was judged superior in every respect and most deserving of this prestigious award. (See Tab I)

15 Nov - 17 Nov Safety Standown

Spurred by a series of unrelated safety accidents, the Chief of Naval Operations ordered a 48 hour Navy-wide stand down for all hands to review basic safety and operating procedures. Brought about by an embarrassingly large number of seemingly unrelated incidents, including ship collisions and aircraft crashes, everyone from the CNO to the newest recruit took 2 1/2 days to review safety procedures in areas such as the flight deck, small boats, navigation and ship handling, flammable liquids, ordnance handling, motorcycle and traffic safety, athletic safety, and drinking and driving. This was the third of four safety standowns conducted by the ship this year. (See Tab J)

20 Nov - 22 Nov Operational Propulsion Plant Examination

Conducted by CinCPacFlt's Propulsion Examining Board (PEB), it was an extensive and thorough look at how ANTIETAM operated the propulsion plant. Though the overwhelming emphasis was on correct casualty procedures and safe operation, an intensive look at the material condition of all engineering equipment and the ship's firefighting capability was also made. Declaring ANTIETAM to be "the best we've seen to date," the PEB gave Above Average or Excellent grades in every

category and the ship extended it's reputation for excellence to the Engineering Department. (See Tab K)