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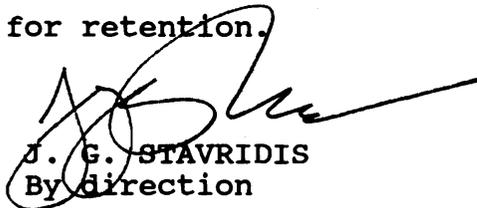
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Subj: **COMMAND HISTORY FOR FY 1990**

Encl: (1) USS ANTIETAM Command History for 1990

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for retention.


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By direction

COMMAND HISTORY
OF
USS ANTIETAM (CG-54)
1990

1. Command Composition and Organization:

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 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 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 threat. Finally, the combination of the Tomahawk and Harpoon Weapons System complete the picture with the ability to take the fight to our "over-the-horizon" enemies.

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

Commander, Task Force One Five Zero

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

As of 31 December 1990:

Commanding Officer
CAPT Lawrence E. Eddingfield

Executive Officer
CDR James G. Stavridis

Engineering Officer
LCDR Ben Goslin

Supply Officer
LCDR Stephen Heldreth

Combat Systems Officer
LCDR Robert Shafer

Weapons Officer
LT Kevin Eyer

Operations Officer
LT James Cole

Homeport: Long Beach, CA

**Aircraft assigned during
the course of the year:**

HSL 45 Det 1

Officer-in-charge: LCDR Patrick Smith

Aircraft: Lonewolf 45, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55

Commanding Officer

Executive Officer

Operations Divisions	Combat Systems Divisions	Engineering Divisions	Supply Divisions	Nav/Admin Divisions
OC	CA	A	S-1	NX
OD	CE	E	S-2	
OE	CG	R	S-3	
OI	CM	MP	S-4	
	CS			
	CT			

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

OC Division: Communications - LTJG Tim Charlesworth

OD Division: Deck - LTJG Tony Encinies

OE Division: Electronic Warfare/Crypto - CW02 Robert Bradley

**OI Division: Combat Information - LT Scott St. Pierre
ENS Kyle Klukas**

COMBAT SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

CA Division: Anti-Submarine Warfare - ENS Scott Magruder

CE Division: Electronic Repair/Radars - LT Thomas May
ENS Joe Mariano

CG Division: Gunnery/Harpoon - ENS Don Harder

CM Division: SPY-1A Radar/Fire Control/Display - LT Mike Gannon
LT Matt Horan
ENS Robert West

CS Division: Systems Test/IC Systems - LTJG Del Weihert

CT Division: Tomahawk/VLS - LT Greg Contaoi

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

A Division: Auxiliaries - ENS Stephen Locke

E Division: Electrical - CW02 Joe Pytlak

R Division: Repair/Damage Control - LT John Zollo
LT(jg) Chris Lopez

MP Division: Main Propulsion - ENS Louis Ramos

Repair Officer: LT(jg) Don Lesh

Safety Officer: LT Bob Sawin

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

S-1 Division: Stores - LCDR Stephen Heldreth

S-2 Division: Food Service - LCDR Stephen Heldreth

S-3 Division: Ship's Service - ENS Phil Stephens

S-4 Division: Disbursing - ENS Phil Stephens

NAVIGATION/ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

NX Division: Administration - LT Mark Wenzel
LT(jg) James Hunsaker

2. CHRONOLOGY:

DATE	EVENT
08 JAN-06 MAR	SRA Long Beach
08 JAN	AWARDED "BEST OF THE BEST" Midshipman Cruise Commendation by COMNAVSURFPAC
20 MAR	SVTT/LAMPS DROP TORPEX - Direct Hit
22 MAR	NGFS FIREX - scored outstanding, 105%
09-23 APR	READIEX 90-1A - AAWC
27 APR - 10 MAY	RIMPAC 90-1 - AAWC
09-10 MAY	Mobile Sea Range - AAWC for Battle Force X-Ray
14 MAY	CMTQT - passed
15-18 MAY	Conducted tactical evaluation of Silent Spear and SPY-1A satellite vulnerability
16-17 MAY	Combat Systems Assessment - passes
20 JUNE - 20 DEC	Deployed to Indian Ocean and Western Pacific and Persian Gulf as AAWC
01-03 JUL	Battle Group Evaluation - evaluated outstanding in AAW
03-04 JUL	INPT Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
13 JUL	Received COMNAVSURFGRU Long Beach Surface Ship Safety Award for period 01 JAN - 30 Jun 90
19 JUL	Received TOP Honors for PACFLT and Second Place Navy wide in NEY Competition
19-22 JUL	INPT Subic Bay, PI
31 JUL	WOG Day
02 AUG	Directed to proceed at best speed to Arabian Gulf following Iraqi invasion of Kuwait

07 AUG	First NON-MEF Deployer to enter the Arabian Gulf
09 AUG - 01 NOV	Operation Desert Shield - Served as AAWC, FTC, EWC, EMCAP Coordinator, while assigned to COMIDEASTFOR Maritime Interception Force. Conducted over 150 Maritime Interceptions in the Arabian Gulf in support of United Nations Security Council Resolutions
09 AUG - 01 NOV	Controlled 2,500 Sorties, Conducted over 1,550 intercepts while on station as an AAW Picket in the Northern Persian Gulf Over 4,000 Hours of Air Control
17 AUG	Hosted BGEN Glossen, Deputy Commander, Task Force Middle East
21 AUG	Accidental electrical shock death of EM3 Daniel M. Jones, USN
26 AUG	Hosted RADM Fogarty, Commander, Middle East Force
01-02 SEP	INPT Sitrah, Bahrain
06 SEP	Hosted VADM Mauz, Commander, US Naval Forces Central Command
17-19 SEP	INPT Dubai, UAE
26 SEP	Hosted VADM Mauz, Commander, US Naval Forces Central Command; LTGEN Horner, Commander USAF Central Command; LTGEN Olsen, Deputy Commander, USAF Central Command; RADM Wright, Commander, Liaison Group, Riyadh
31 SEP	Published in the Naval Institute's PROCEEDINGS, "Aegis in the Third World."
03-06 OCT	INPT Abu Dhabi, UAE
17-19 OCT	INPT Mina Sulman, Bahrain
28-29 OCT	INPT Mina Sulman, Bahrain
11-14 NOV	INPT Singapore
08 NOV	Advanced to Second Round of FY 91 NEY Competition

15 NOV	Received COMNAVSURFGRU LB Golden Anchor Award
15 NOV	Contributed \$23,340 to Combined Federal Campaign
19-23 NOV	INPT Hong Kong
26-28 NOV	INPT Subic Bay, PI
28-29 NOV	Completed Supply Management Assesment
12 DEC	INPT Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
12-20 DEC	Transit back to CONUS w/ Tigers
20 DEC	Returned from six month deployment

3. Narrative:

22 March Naval Gunfire Support

Predeployment exercises included Naval Gunfire Support Qualification. ANTIETAM's score on the NGFS range was an exceptional 105.1 percent. With the exception of one excellent grade, all NGFS mission areas were rated outstanding.

09-23 April Readiex 90

ANTIETAM, operating with units of Battle Group Delta, simulated a hostile saturation attack from units of the Soviet Naval Air Arm. As AAWC ANTIETAM coordinated the defensive posture of the Battle Group from Air Force B-52G's. Working with E-3B Sentries (AWAC's), ANTIETAM proved the Battle Group Defense in Depth Concept as it successfully defended against the concentrated attacks of the B-52's.

27 April - 10 May Rimpac 90

For Rimpac 90 ANTIETAM assumed responsibility as AAWC for Battle Force XRAY, a joint carrier strike and amphibious assault force composed of both American and Japanese warships. After an opposed amphibious assault, ANTIETAM directed the conduct of a live firing air-to-air and surface-to-air missile exercise at the Mobile Sea Range in the Hawaiian Opea on 10 May 1990. Three American and two Japanese ships were then assigned by ANTIETAM to engage five inbound drones.

14 May CMTQT

Immediately following RIMPAC, ANTIETAM successfully completed a combined Tomahawk and Harpoon Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification, an inspection noted for its complexity and difficulty. CMTQT judges the ship's ability to safely and effectively employ cruise missiles in a tactical environment. Specifically, the strike warfare capabilities were examined utilizing scenarios with conventional and nuclear Tomahawk Land Attack Cruise Missiles. CMTQT tests the coordination of the entire surface watch team effect long and short range missiles engagements.

16-17 May Combat Systems Assessment

CSA is a comprehensive review of the entire Combat Systems maintenance, equipment, readiness, and personnel training. ANTIETAM's professionalism and ability impressed the Assessment Team. Material condition and readiness were rated as outstanding.

01-03 July Battle Group Evaluation

During Battle Group Evaluation prior to WESTPAC 90, ANTIETAM was the only Battle Group Delta ship to exercise the employment of surface-to-surface missiles, executing short notice tasking using targeting information provided by fixed wing aircraft from Carrier Air Wing Fourteen. The attack was launched while ANTIETAM was performing duties as Anti-air Warfare Commander against an active air threat. The attack, combined with strike warfare missions in conjunction with CVW-14, was evaluated as successful, leaving a major enemy surface combatant disabled.

03-04 July Inport Pearl Harbor

Anti-etam put into Pearl Harbor for a final goodbye to the United States prior to deploying out to the Western Pacific. As a liberty port, the crew enjoyed two days and nights in Honolulu including fourth of July festivities.

12-13 July *Damage Control Stand-Up*

In order to prepare ANTIETAM's crew for her role in the Gulf, a self training plan was instituted utilizing a Damage Control Training Team (DCTT). The DCTT consisted of the Executive Officer, Chief Engineer, Damage Control Assistant, and hand picked E-6, E-7, E-8s. Specific days were set aside to formally instruct the members of the crew on all aspects of damage control. As the crews rotated through the individual stations, they were given the opportunity to practice operation of shipboard damage control equipment.

19-22 July *Inport Subic Bay, PI*

Anietam moored in the working port of Subic Bay, PI with the rest of Battle Group Delta in order to utilize her maintenance facilities and resupply her stores. The two day maintenance availability allowed for any required final repairs.

31 July *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 the company of Battle Group Delta, crossed the equator into the Southern Hemisphere in the Indian Ocean at longitude 084 degrees 34 minutes East.

07 Aug - 04 Nov *OPERATION DESERT SHIELD*

While on patrol in support of Operation Desert Shield, ANTIETAM continued to excel in all warfare areas. ANTIETAM was the first non-Middle East Force deployer to reach the Arabian Gulf in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. During her three month deployment in the Arabian Gulf, ANTIETAM built an effective AAW defense in depth of the U.S. and multi-national naval forces in the Arabian Gulf. Data link operations with USAF and Royal Saudi Air Force AWACS provided information to ships in the Arabian Gulf, United Arab Emence, Oman, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

ANTIETAM directed the combat air coverage of the Gulf. Initially, 24 hour coverage was provided using U.S. Navy F-14's and F/A-18's flying from the USS INDEPENDENCE. As the build up continued, USAF F-15's provided the majority of the around the clock coverage for the ships. During this time ANTIETAM's air intercept controllers conducted over 2,500 sorties of airborne fighters.

As well, ANTIETAM supported the United Nations Interdiction Operations. While patrolling the Arabian Gulf, ANTIETAM intercepted and interrogated over 150 foreign merchant vessels in support of United Nations Resolutions.

01-02 September *Inport Bahrain*

One of the most critical of our port visits, this stop in Bahrain allowed key ANTIETAM personel to meet with members of the Commander Middle East Force's staff prior to assuming responsibilities as Gulf Wiskey for the newly formed Operation Desert Shield. More importantly, after receiving orders to the Arabian Gulf without being able to stop in Diego Garcia, ANTIETAM remained at sea for over 40 days. The stop in Bahrain allowed for resupply of basic food stuffs and fresh fruits and vegetables.

17-19 September *Inport Dubai, United Arab Emence*

The liberty port of Dubai proved incredible for gold shopping at the SUK (local market). Definitely some of the highest quality and lowest prices of gold to be found anywhere.

03-06 October *Inport Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emerece*

While in the liberty port Abu Dhabi, ANTIETAM was visited by the American Ambassador to the United Arab Emerece, Mr. Walker. Members of the wardroom were also invited to the ambassador's for dinner. Members of the crew enjoyed relaxing at the many western hotels situated on the waters of the Gulf.

17-19 October *Inport Bahrain*

This short visit back to Bahrain allowed the operations personel the opportunity to prepare for the turn over of Gulf Wiskey to the USS BUNKER HILL. ANTIETAM was also able to de-energize defensive systems for the first time since entering the Gulf. A great deal of maintenance was performed during this port visit.

28-29 October *Inport Bahrain*

Officially labeled a "working" port visit, ANTIETAM's crew and officers successfully completed painting the entire superstructure of the ship at a fraction of the cost a shipyard would have charged. The men worked long and hard to ensure that when finished the superstructure looked outstanding.

6 November *Safety Stand-Up*

In order to better prepare and protect our sailors, ANTIETAM reserved specific days for the review of safety and operating procedures. These training days, coordinated by ANTIETAM's Safety Officer, allowed for the review of procedures in the areas of flight deck, small boat, navigation, ship handling, flammable liquids, ordnance handling, motorcycle and traffic safety, athletic safety, and drinking and driving.

11-14 November *Inport Singapore*

The first stop for Battle Group Delta after leaving the Arabian Gulf, Singapore proved to be an outstanding liberty port. Since prices were relatively expensive compared to the upcoming Hong Kong port visit, most crewmen simply enjoyed the wide variety of food (ranging from fine restaurants to Hawker Stalls) and the slower pace of operations after leaving the Arabian Gulf.

19-23 November *Inport Hong Kong*

One of the worlds exciting cities, Hong Kong lived up to her reputation during this port visit by ANTIETAM. Tours of the city and the surrounding provinces were organized for the crew. Crewmen even had the opportunity to travel on a day trip up into China. Many crewmen took advantage of the lower prices and completed their Christmas shopping.

**26-28 November *Supply Management Assessment*
*Inport Subic Bay, PI***

The Supply Management Assessment, 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, and food service were all examined. ANTIETAM turned in a Blue "E" performance during our SMA of 26-28 November 1990. Grades of excellent were awarded in all functional areas: Level of knowledge; Sustainability; Accountability; and Crew support. This is 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.

12-20 Dec

*Tiger Cruise
Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii*

Always a lot of fun for the crew and guests alike, ANTIETAM stopped in Pearl Harbor on 11 December for a two day port visit and to pick up Tigers, male relative guests that embark for a few days to get a taste of life at sea. Over 80 brothers, sons, fathers, and friends got a real taste of 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 December 20.