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(2) Commanding Officer's Biography  
(3) Commanding Officer's Official Photograph  
(4) CROMMELIN Official Photograph  
(5) Change of Command Announcement

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted for calendar year 1986.

  
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USS CROMMELIN (FFG-37) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1986

01 JAN - 07 JAN INPORT LONG BEACH, CA.

08 JAN - 10 JAN UNDERWAY, SOCAL OPS.

10 JAN MOOR, NAVAL STATION LONG BEACH, CA.

11 JAN - 21 JAN UPKEEP PERIOD, LONG BEACH, CA.

16 JAN UNDERWAY TO BREAST OUT USS CURTS (FFG-38).

16 JAN MOOR, NAVAL STATION LONG BEACH, CA.

17 JAN COAST GUARD MARITIME LAW BRIEF PRESENTED TO WARDROOM BY LTJG HOOVER, LTJG, USGC.

22 JAN - 24 JAN UNDERWAY, TRANSIT TO MAZATLAN, MEXICO.

21 JAN HSL-43, DET 1 EMBARKED, SH-60B HELICOPTER (OCEAN LORD 20) FLY ON.

21 JAN CONDUCTED 76MM GUN PACFIRE AND ENGINEERING ECONOMY TRIAL (OBSERVED BY CDR D.W. PRATHER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, USS CROMMELIN).

24 JAN MOOR, MAZATLAN, MEXICO. LUNCHEON HELD ONBOARD FOR LOCAL DIGNITARIES. PROJECT HANDCLASP VOLUNTEERS VISIT LOCAL ORPHANAGE/DELIVER HANDCLASP SUPPLIES.

25 JAN - 27 JAN INPORT, MAZATLAN MEXICO.

27 JAN - 02 FEB UNDERWAY, TRANSIT TO LONG BEACH, CA. COMPLETED TASKING FROM COMTHIRDFLT TO CONDUCT CLASSIFIED SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS OF SOVIET AGI.

28 JAN CONDUCTED MK 75 76MM GUN SHOOT AGAINST TARGET SLED.

02 FEB MOOR, NAVAL STATION LONG BEACH, CA.

03 FEB - 09 FEB UPKEEP, LONG BEACH, CA.

04 FEB COMMENCED TYPE COMMANDER'S ANNUAL 3M INPECTION, PAATPAC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIST VISIT, ENVIRONMENTAL PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE UNIT (EMPU) ASSIST VISIT, CMS ASSIST VISIT.

05 FEB COMMENCED CMS SEMINAR, NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE, SAN DIEGO, CA.

06 FEB COMPLETED PAATPAC ASSIST VISIT WITH EVALUATION

ENCLOSURE (1)

OF OUTSTANDING. COMMANDER ASW WING PACIFIC STAFF AND HSL-41 STAFF CONDUCTED TRAINING VISIT ON BOARD.

07 FEB COMPLETED 3M INSPECTION WITH 97.4% ACCOMPLISHMENT RATE EVALUATION.

10 FEB - 13 FEB COMMENCED SENIOR OFFICER SHIPBOARD MATERIAL READINESS COURSE (SOSMRC) SCHOOL SHIP TRAINING. FIVE PROSPECTIVE FFG-7 COMMANDING OFFICERS AND COURSE COORDINATOR REPORT ON BOARD.

11 FEB UNDERWAY, SOCIAL OPERATING AREA WITH NAVY LEAUGE GUESTS AND SOSMRC PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OFFICERS EMBARKED. CONDUCTED FOUR HOUR FULL POWER TRIAL.

13 FEB MOOR, NAVAL STATION LONG BEACH

14 FEB - 18 FEB INPORT LONG BEACH, CA.

18 FEB ATTENDEDD PRE-SELECTED RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY (SRA) CONFERENCE CONDUCTED BY SOUTH WEST MARINE REPRESENTATIVES.

19 FEB UNDERWAY FOR SEAL BEACH NAVAL WEAPONS STATION, SEAL BEACH CA. CONDUCTED PRE-SRA AMMUNITION OFFLOAD. MOOR, NAVAL STATION LONG BEACH, CA.

19 FEB - 23 FEB INPORT, LONG BEACH CA.

21 FEB UNDERWAY/MOOR NAVAL STATION LONG BEACH, CA, PIER 15, PORT SIDE TO. ATTENDED ARRIVAL CONFERENCE AT SOUTH WEST MARINE. ATTENDED ARRIVAL CONFERENCE ON BOARD USS PRAIRE (AD 15)

24 FEB - 16 JUN INPORT LONG BEACH, CA FOR SELECTED RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY (SRA).

03 MAR COMMENCED FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT ASSIST TEAM VISIT (NAVY FOOD SERVICE SYSTEMS OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C.) AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PHYSICAL SECURITY (LEPS) ASSIST VISIT.

04 MAR CONDUCTED SRA PROGRESS MEETING WITH SOUTH WEST MARINE REPRESENTATIVES.

06 MAR COMPLETED LEPS ASSIST VISIT.

13 MAR CONDUCTED IMAV PROGRESS MEETING WITH USS PRAIRE (AD 15) REPRESENTATIVES.

14 MAR COMPLETED FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT ASSIST TEAM

VISIT.

27 MAR CONDUCTED IMAV PROGRESS MEETING WITH USS PRAIRE (AD 15) REPRESENTATIVES.

01 APR CONDUCTED SRA PROGRESS MEETING WITH SOUTH WEST MARINE REPRESENTATIVES.

03 APR ATTENDED IMAV PROGRESS MEETING ON USS PRAIRE (AD 15).

09 APR CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS ANNOUNCES (CNO WASHINGTON DC 092028 APR 86) CROMMELIN, WITH HSL-43 DET 1, AS WINNER OF THE 1986 LAMPS MK III SAFETY AWARD FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE IN COMBINED SURFACE AND LAMPS HELICOPTER OPERATIONS. RECEIVED A "WELL DONE" MESSAGE FROM CAPT WATKINS, COMDESRON SEVENTEEN AND RADM NYQUIST, COMCRUDESGRU THREE.

10 APR ATTENDED IMAV PROGRESS MEETING ON USS PRAIRE (AD 15).

11 APR GSM1 ROBERT GUDGE AWARDED COMCRUDESGRU THREE SAILOR OF THE QUARTER FOR THE PERIOD 1 JAN-31 MAR 1986.

17 APR ATTENDED IMAV PROGRESS MEETING ON USS PRAIRE (AD 15).

22 APR ATTENDED IMAV PROGRESS MEETING ON USS PRAIRE (AD 15).

12 MAY COMMENCED NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND (NAVSEACENPAC) MEASURE INVENTORY ASSIST VISIT.

19 MAY COMPLETED MEASURE INVENTORY ASSIST VISIT.

22 MAY COMMENCED SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INSPECTION (SMI).

23 MAY COMPLETED SMI WITH AN OVERALL EVALUATION OF OUTSTANDING.

14 MAY OFFICIAL VISIT BY VICE ADMIRAL CARLSON, CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL. VADM CARLSON TOURED THE SHIP AND ADDRESSED THE CREW.

16 JUN COMPLETED SELECTED RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY (SRA). LCDR R.E. ORCUTT, JR. RELIEVED LCDR D.W. PRATHER AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, USS CROMMELIN (FFG-37). UNDERWAY FOR POST SRA SEA TRIALS, SOCAL OPERATING AREA. MOORED,

NAVAL STATION LONG BEACH, CA.

17 JUN - 22 JUN INPORT, LONG BEACH, CA.

18 JUN ATTENDED HARPOON WEAPON SYSTEM TEAM TRAINER, FLEET COMBAT TRAINING CENTER, PACIFIC (SAN DIEGO, CA).

20 JUN OFFICIAL VISIT BY CAPT. WATKINS, COMDESRON SEVENTEEN. COMMODORE WATKINS CONDUCTED A MESSING AND BERTHING INSPECTION AND AN AWARDS CEREMONY.

23 JUN UNDERWAY FOR SEAL BEACH NAVAL WEAPONS STATION, SEAL BEACH CA. CONDUCTED AMMUNITION ONLOAD. UNDERWAY FOR LONG BEACH, CA. MOOR, NAVAL STATION LONG BEACH, CA.

24 JUN - 26 JUN INPORT, LONG BEACH CA

25 JUN HSL-43, DET 11 EMBARKED FOR TRANSIT TO KETCHIKAN, ALASKA.

27 JUN - 03 JUL UNDERWAY, TRANSIT TO KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

28 JUN SH-60B HELICOPTER (OCEAN LORD 31) FLY ON.

01 JUL ASSIGNED TO COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE GROUP, LONG BEACH, CA. AND COMMANDER, SURFACE SQUADRON ONE, LONG BEACH CA.

03 JUL MOORED, KETCHIKAN ALASKA

04 JUL - 06 JUL INPORT, KETCHIKAN ALASKA

05 JUL LUNCHEON HELD ONBOARD FOR LOCAL DIGNATARIES.

06 JUL - 08 JUL UNDERWAY, TRANSIT TO VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

08 JUL - 10 JUL ANCHORED, VONCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

10 JUL UNDERWAY/MOORED, BALLANTINE BERTH 1, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.HOSTED SHIP'S TOUR FOR HANDICAPPED AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN OF VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

10 JUL - 12 JUL INPORT, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

12 JUL - 18 JUL UNDERWAY, TRANSIT TO LONG BEACH, CA.

18 JUL OFFICIAL VISIT BY VICE ADMIRAL HUDSON, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY AND VICE ADMIRAL DAVIS, COMMANDER NAVAL SURFACE FORCE, U.S PACIFIC FLEET. VADM HUDSON AND VADM DAVIS ADDRESSED THE CREW.

19 JUL MOORED, NAVAL STATION LONG BEACH, CA.

20 JUL - 18 AUG INPORT, LONG BEACH, CA.

28 JUL ATTENDED ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE TEAM TRAINER, FLEET ASW TRAINING CENTER, PACIFIC (SAN DIEGO, CA).

05 AUG ATTENDED BATTLE GROUP DELTA STAFF TACTICAL TEAM TRAINER/TACTRAGRUPAC, SAN DIEGO, CA.

14 AUG ATTENDED ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE/ANTI SURFACE WARFARE TEAM TRAINER, FLEET ASW TRAINING CENTER PACIFIC (SAN DIEGO, CA.).

18 AUG - 22 AUG UNDERWAY, INDEPENDENT STEAMING, SOCIAL OPERATING AREAS.

21 AUG ATTENDED ANTI-AIR WARFARE TEAM TRAINER, FLEET COMBAT TRAINING CENTER, SAN DIEGO, CA.

22 AUG MOORED, LONG BEACH, CA.

23 AUG - 03 SEP INPORT, LONG BEACH, CA.

02 SEP HSL-43, DET 11 EMBARKED FOR NORPAC OPS.

03 SEP - 11 SEP UNDERWAY FOR NORPAC OPS WITH BATTLE GROUP DELTA. SH-60B HELICOPTER (OCEAN LORD 31) FLY ON.

11 SEP MOORED, SUGAR PIER, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

11 SEP - 15 SEPT INPORT, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

13 SEP ATTENDED MARCOT (JOINT US NAVY/CANADIAN NAVY) EXERCISE PRESAIL BRIEF ABOARD HMS DISCOVERY.

15 SEP - 23 SEP UNDERWAY, TRANSIT TO SEWARD ALASKA IN COMPANY WITH USS REID (FFG-30).

23 SEP MOORDED, OUTBOARD USS REID, SEWARD ALASKA.

23 SEP - 27 SEP INPORT SEWARD, ALASKA.

24 SEP CONDUCTED CHIEF PETTY OFFICER INITIATION AT AMERICAN LEGION POST FIVE, SEWARD, ALASKA.

27 SEP - 12 OCT UNDERWAY WITH BATTLEGROUP DELTA FOR JOINT EXERCISE WITH CANADIAN NAVY, MARCOT 2/86.

30 SEP COMDESRON SEVENTEEN ANNOUNCED CROMMELIN AS WINNER OF BATTLE EFFICIENCY "E" AND EVERY DEPARTMENTAL AND DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR THE COMPETITIVE PERIOD JAN 85-JUN 86.

12 OCT MOORED, LONG VIEW, WASHINGTON.

12 OCT - 16 OCT INPORT, LONG VIEW, WASHINGTON.

13 OCT LUNCHEON HELD ON BOARD FOR LOCAL DIGNITARIES.

16 OCT - 20 OCT UNDERWAY WITH BATTLEGROUP DELTA FOR TRANSIT TO LONG BEACH, CA.

16 OCT CONDUCTED BURIAL AT SEA CEREMONY FOR FOUR NAVAL VETERANS.

20 OCT MOORED, NAVAL STATION LONG BEACH, CA.

21 OCT - 04 NOV INPORT, LONG BEACH, CA.

27 OCT - 31 OCT ATTENDED COMBAT SYSTEMS OPERATIONAL TEAM TRAINER, FLEET COMBAT TRAINING CENTER, SAN DIEGO, CA.

30 OCT ATTENDED READIEX 87-1 PANNING CONFERENCE, FLEET ASW TRAINING CENTER, SAN DIEGO, CA.

31 OCT ATTENDED BATTLE FORCE ANTI-AIR WARFARE MEETING, FLEET COMBAT TRAINING CENTER, SAN DIEGO, CA.

02 NOV ATTENDED READIEX 87-1 PRESAIL CONFERENCES ON BOARD USS KITTY HAWK AND USS CONSTELLATION.

04 NOV - 24 NOV UNDERWAY FOR RENDEZVOUS WITH BATTLE GROUP DELTA FOR READIEX 87-1, HSL-43, DET 11 EMBARKED. SH-60B HELICOPTER (OCEAN LORD 31) FLY ON.

24 NOV CONDUCTED DEGAUSSING TRIALS AT DEGAUSSING RANGE, SAN DIEGO, CA.

24 NOV MOORED, LONG BEACH, CA.

24 NOV - 31 DEC HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD, LONG BEACH, CA.

08 DEC DEAD STICK MOVE TO PIER 9 TO CONDUCT AMMUNITION ONLOAD. CONDUCTED AMMUNITION ONLOAD. DEAD STICK MOVE TO PIER 16, NAVAL STATION, LONG BEACH, CA.

18 DEC

ATTENDED DRY-DOCKING CONFERENCE ON BOARD AFDM  
STEADFAST, SAN DIEGO, CA.

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

MISSION:  
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U.S.S. CROMMELIN (FFG-37) IS THE THIRTY-FIRST SHIP OF THE OLIVER HAZARD PERRY CLASS OF GUIDED MISSILE FRIGATES. CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED FOR OVER 50 SHIPS, THIS IS THE NAVY'S NEWEST CLASS OF DESTROYER TYPE SHIP.

CROMMELIN'S MISSION IS TO PROVIDE ANTI-AIR, ANTI-SUBMARINE AND ANTI-SURFACE PROTECTION FOR UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT GROUPS, CONVOYS, AMPHIBIOUS FORCES AND OTHER MILITARY AND MERCHANT SHIPPING. IN ORDER TO ENSURE A HOMOGENEOUS CLASS OF CAPABLE, YET RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE SHIPS, MANY INNOVATIVE CONCEPTS WERE INCORPORATED INTO HER DESIGN. THESE INNOVATIONS INCLUDE MODULAR CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES, THE UTILIZATION OF NUMEROUS LABOR SAVING DEVICES, AUTOMATIC CONTROL AND MONITORING SYSTEMS AND SHORE BASED MAINTENANCE SUPPORT. THE SHIP BOASTS SOME OF THE MOST COMFORTABLE LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS EVER PROVIDED FOR THE CREW OF A NAVAL COMBATANT SHIP. HABITABILITY IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE ATTRACTIVE LIVING COMPLEXES (EACH WITH ITS OWN LOUNGE), DRESSING, SLEEPING AND SANITARY AREAS.

SUCCESS IN THE WARFARE ENVIRONMENT OF THE 1980'S AND BEYOND WILL REQUIRE THOROUGH EVALUATION, RAPID DECISION MAKING, AND ALMOST INSTANTANEOUS RESPONSE TO ANY POSTULATED THREAT. THE SYSTEMS ABOARD CROMMELIN HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO MEET THESE DEMANDING AND DYNAMIC PREREQUISITES AND TO DO SO WITH MINIMUM HUMAN INTERFACE. HER WEAPONS INCLUDE SURFACE TO SURFACE AND SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES, A 76mm GUN, A CLOSE IN WEAPON SYSTEM, AND ANTI-SUBMARINE TORPEDOES. THE NEW LAMPS MARK III VIDEO

DATA LINK SYSTEM BRINGS STATE-OF-THE-ART COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY TO THE ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE ARENA AS WELL AS INTEGRATING SENSORS AND WEAPONS TO PROVIDE A TOTAL OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE WEAPONS SYSTEM.

IN ADDITION, COMPUTERS CONTROL AND MONITOR THE GAS TURBINE ENGINES (SAME ENGINES AS INSTALLED IN THE DC-10) AND ELECTRICAL GENERATORS. DIGITAL ELECTRONIC LOGIC CIRCUITS AND REMOTELY OPERATED VALVES ARE MONITORED IN A CENTRAL CONTROL STATION WHICH CAN INITIATE ENGINE START AND ATTAIN A "READY TO GO" STATUS IN LESS THAN TEN MINUTES AS COMPARED TO EIGHT OR MORE HOURS FOR CONVENTIONAL STEAM POWER. BUT THE REAL HEART OF THE SHIP IS HER CREW. HIGH TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS DEMAND SKILLED TECHNICIANS AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP. THE CONCEPT OF "MINIMUM MANNING" MEANS, SIMPLY, THAT WITH PROFESSIONAL SAILORS CROMMELIN CAN MEET THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN NAVAL WARFARE WITH APPROXIMATELY HALF THE CREW FOUND ON OLDER SHIPS OF COMPARABLE SIZE AND CAPABILITY. THE FINEST GUIDED MISSILE FRIGATE IN THE WORLD PROUDLY LIVES UP TO HER MOTTO, "DUTY WELL DONE".

IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN COMMAND: COMMANDER, SURFACE SQUADRON ONE  
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COMMANDING OFFICER: COMMANDER THOMAS C.J. MCGINLAY  
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HOME PORT: LONG BEACH, CA.  
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AIRCRAFT EMBARKED: LAMPS MK III SH-60B HELICOPTER FROM HSL-43 (OCEAN-  
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LORD 20 AND 31).

SIGNIFICANT STATISTICAL DATA. AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES:  
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MK 75 76 MM GUN

BL&F

144 ROUNDS

CHAFF	7W69	5 ROUNDS
CIWS	20MM	746 ROUNDS
SMALL ARMS	.50 CAL LINKED	300 ROUNDS
	.45 CAL	1545 ROUNDS
	12GA SHOTGUN	75 ROUNDS
	M-14 (7.62)	460 ROUNDS
	M-14 BLANKS (7.62)	56 ROUNDS
SMOKE FLOATS	MK 58	14 ROUNDS
	MK 25	11 ROUNDS

UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT/AT SEA EVOLUTIONS:

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UNREP:	30
TOW/BE TOWED	1 (WITH USS COOK FF-1083)
MAJOR VERTREP	6

LAMPS MK III STATISTICS:

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-- INCLUSIVE DATES LAMPS DETACHMENT EMBARKED: 21 JANUARY-2 FEBRUARY, 25 JUNE-19 JULY, 2 SEPTEMBER-20 OCTOBER, 4-24 NOVEMBER.

-- DAYS WITH LAMPS DETACHMENT EMBARKED: 107/8

-- DAYS EMBARKED DETACHMENT OPERATED AIRCRAFT: 74/1

-- TOTAL NUMBER OF FLIGHTS BY EMBARKED DETACHMENT: 96/5

-- TOTAL DAY FLIGHT HOURS BY EMBARKED DETACHMENT: 215/8

-- TOTAL NIGHT FLIGHT HOURS BY EMBARKED DETACHMENT: 105/6

-- TOTAL SIMULATED INSTRUMENT HOURS BY EMBARKED DETACHMENT: 26.2/0

-- TOTAL ACTUAL INSTRUMENT HOURS BY EMBARKED DETACHMENT: 25.6/3