

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. Mission. CROMMELIN's mission is to conduct patrols in support of United States foreign and domestic policy.
2. Organizational Structure:
 - a. Immediate Superior in Command: Commander, Destroyer Squadron THIRTY-ONE.
 - b. Units under operational/administrative control: None.
3. Commanding Officer: Robert B. Stewart, Commander, United States Navy.
4. Permanent Duty Station: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
5. Type and Number of Aircraft Assigned: One SH-60B from Helicopter Light Squadron THIRTY-SEVEN was assigned for RIMPAC 2002 and 2002-2003 Counter Narcotics Deployment.

NARRATIVE

CROMMELIN completed a demanding year of maintenance, training, and exercises while maintaining readiness to answer the call. CROMMELIN started the year by transiting to Port Hueneme, CA for a Combat Systems Groom. She soon joined the ABRAHAM LINCOLN Strike Group, to participate in COMPTUEX. After the completion of COMPTUEX, CDR Robert B. Stewart relieved CDR Alan C. Westphal as Commanding Officer.

Following the Change of Command, CROMMELIN started her transit home to Pearl Harbor. Upon her return home, CROMMELIN offloaded her ammunition and entered a Maintenance Availability period and began INSURV preparations.

INSURV consumed the month of April. Once again, CROMMELIN showed the rest of the Pacific Fleet how to succeed. After successfully completing INSURV, CROMMELIN received upgrades to CDS and her torpedo magazine, while conducting C5RA and a 3M Assist Visit.

In the beginning of May, CROMMELIN made a brief stop at NAVMAG Pearl Harbor, HI to restock her ammunition. Within a short while, CROMMELIN was underway and participating in numerous exercises, including a VECTAC. With the close of May, the CROMMELIN crew took some time out of their busy schedule to have a Dependents' Cruise to Lahaina, Maui.

The month of July was spent underway in RIMPAC '02. CROMMELIN participated in numerous exercises, including a MISSILEX where she scored a "skin to skin" hit with an SM-1. CROMMELIN displayed her superior prowess when she unleashed her 76mm upon an old Knox Class Destroyer Escort during a SINKEX. CROMMELIN once again demonstrated her tactical proficiency during the freeplay portion of RIMPAC. On the 18th of July, CROMMELIN moored at Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI and RIMPAC came to a close. After RIMPAC, CROMMELIN began another yard period, as well as a POM leave period, in preparation for the upcoming deployment.

In September CROMMELIN received news of an earlier deployment date and began training immediately. While underway, CROMMELIN successfully fired her last SM-1 missile, during another SINKEX, delivering the fatal blow sending the target barge to the ocean floor.

Army DLQs began in early October. The major event of the month though, was the six month Counter-Narcotics Deployment. After a brief stop in San Diego, CA, Coast Guard Law Enforcement Det 409 embarked CROMMELIN, and they headed south to begin patrols.

November was a busy time for CROMMELIN. On the 23rd of November, CROMMELIN spotted a GO-FAST and initiated a chase. The USS JOHN L. HALL assisted in the pursuit while CROMMELIN recovered 79 bales of cocaine (approximately 1600lbs). The crew enjoyed the first liberty port of the deployment in Golfito, Costa Rica at the end of the month.

CROMMELIN's crew spent the first few days of December rescuing 157 people from Fishing Vessel DON IGNACIO F. Because CROMMELIN and LEDET 409 determined that she was not seaworthy, all personnel were promptly transferred to the CROMMELIN and returned them to Ecuador. After the rescue, CROMMELIN continued her counter-narcotics patrol. During a patrol, an air asset contacted CROMMELIN and reported a GO-FAST moored alongside another vessel. While investigating the report, CROMMELIN discovered the GO-FAST ablaze, adrift, and sinking. After recovering a few bales of cocaine from the area around the sunken GO-FAST, CROMMELIN pursued and captured the Fishing Vessel SANDRINA. The crew of SANDRINA was then escorted back to Panama. CROMMELIN eventually moored in Vasco Nunez de Balboa, Panama to celebrate the end of a successful year and the start of another.

January 2002

- 01-11 - Moored Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI
- 09 - Fast Cruise
- 11-18 - Underway, transiting from Pearl Harbor, HI to Port Hueneme, CA
- 18-24 - Moored Port Hueneme, CA
- 21-24 - CROMMELIN Combat Systems Groom at Port Hueneme, CA
- 24-25 - Transit from Port Hueneme, CA to Naval Base San Diego, CA
- 25-31 - Moored Naval Base San Diego, CA for Training Availability
- 28-31 - CROMMELIN Training Availability

February 2002

- 01 - CROMMELIN Training Availability
- 01-03 - Moored, San Diego, CA
- 04-06 - Underway with Abraham Lincoln Battle Group for COMPTUEX (OPFOR) in SOCAL operating area
- 07 - CROMMELIN Change of Command Ceremony; CDR R. Bruce Stewart relieved CDR Alan C. Westphal as Commanding Officer
- 07-15 - Underway, transiting from San Diego, CA to Pearl Harbor, HI
- 13-15 - PCOSS conducted
- 19 - 2M Certification conducted
- 22 - CSOSS Validation received
- 15-28 - Moored Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI
- 28 - Underway to Naval Magazine, Pearl Harbor, HI for Ammunition Offload

March 2002

- 01-31 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI
- 01-29 - FMAV
- 01 - IBADS Inspection conducted
- 04-05 - CMS A&A team visit
- 07 - EMI Safety Survey
- 20 - Birch Upgrade conducted on CROMMELIN LAN
- 27 - POLO HAT Exercise conducted
- 29 - ISMAT/ISMEP and INSURV Day One Rehearsal
- 30-31 - Upkeep

April 2002

- 01-16 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI
- 01-02 - Hull Cleaning and Upkeep conducted
- 03-04 - Type Training/INSURV Rehearsal
- 05 - NAVSSI Lite install
- 05-14 - Upkeep
- 15-19 - INSURV

- 16-19 - Underway, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI to Hawaiian OPAREA for INSURV
- 16 - UMI
- 19-30 - Moored Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI for FUSS MOD
- 21 - CDS Upgrade

May 2002

- 01-31 - Moored Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI
- 01-30 - FUSS MOD
- 01-24 - FMAV
- 06-17 - C5RA
- 23 - MITE
- 24 - 3M Assist Visit
- 25-31 - Inport, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI for Upkeep

June 2002

- 01-02 - Inport, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI for Upkeep
- 02 - Underway Pier B26 to Naval Magazine, Pearl Harbor, HI for Ammunition Onload
- 03-06 - Underway from Pearl Harbor Naval Magazine to conduct Type Training Exercises and WOWU in Hawaiian OPAREA
- 06 - PMRF SVTT and VECTAC exercises
- 07-13 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI for Upkeep
- 14 - Underway from Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI for Dependents' Cruise to Lahaina, Maui
- 14-16 - Port visit Lahaina, Maui
- 17 - Underway from Lahaina, Maui
- 17-18 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI for Upkeep
- 19-21 - Underway from Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI for Type Training in Hawaiian OPAREA
- 22 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI
- 22-27 - Inport, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI for Upkeep and RIMPAC Briefs and Conferences
- 28-30 - RIMPAC

July 2002

- 01-21 - RIMPAC
- 06 - MISSILEX and VANDALEX
- 07 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI
- 08 - Underway from Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI to Hawaiian OPAREA for RIMPAC
- 09 - SINKEX
- 11 - PHOTOEX
- 12-17 - Tactical Freeplay with RIMPAC Forces

- 18 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI
- 21 - RIMPAC Reception onboard USS TARAWA (LHA 1)
- 22-24 - Hull Cleaning
- 22-31 - FMAV
- 27-31 - First CROMMELIN POM Leave Period

August 2002

- 01-29 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI
- 01-16 - FMAV
- 01-11 - First CROMMELIN POM Leave Period
- 02 - Semiannual CROMMELIN CMS Inspection with ISIC
- 12-26 - Second CROMMELIN POM Leave Period
- 27-28 - Upkeep
- 28 - Fast Cruise
- 29 - Underway, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI to Naval Magazine, Pearl Harbor, HI
- 29-30 - Underway Naval Magazine, Pearl Harbor, HI to Hawaiian OPAREA for Type Training
- 30-31 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI

September 2002

- 01-08 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI for Upkeep
- 09-11 - Underway Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI to Hawaiian OPAREA for Type Training
- 12-16 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI for Upkeep
- 17-20 - Underway Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI to Hawaiian OPAREA for Type Training
- 19 - SINKEX
- 21-23 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI for Upkeep
- 24-26 - Underway Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI to Hawaiian OPAREA for Type Training
- 27-30 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI for Voyage Repairs

October 2002

- 01-15 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI for Voyage Repairs
- 16 - Underway Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI to Hawaiian OPAREA for Army DLQ's
- 17-21 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI
- 17 - Safety Stand Down
- 21 - Underway from Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI to start six month Counter Narcotics Deployment
- 22-27 - Transit to Naval Station San Diego, CA
- 28-29 - Moored, Naval Station San Diego, CA
- 29 - Coast Guard Law Enforcement Det 409 embarks

30-31 - Underway Naval Station San Diego, CA to transit to Puerto Quetzal, Costa Rica for BSF

November 2002

01-04 - Underway, transit to Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala for BSF
04 - Boarded S/V MUSTANG (US) searched and released
05 - Moored, Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala for BSF
05 - Chop to CUSNS/CTF40
05-10 - Underway Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala, Counter Narcotics Patrol
06 - Boarded M/V ALFONZO GREGORO CS, searched and released
11-13 - Moored, Vasco Nunez de Balboa, Panama
14-26 - Underway, Vasco Nunez de Balboa, Panama, Counter Narcotics Patrol
23 - GO-FAST spotted by lookout; CROMMELIN chased and JOHN L. HALL took pursuit; CROMMELIN recovered 79 bales of cocaine (1600lbs)
27-29 - Moored, Golfito, Costa Rica
30 - Underway, Golfito, Costa Rica, Counter Narcotics Patrol

December 2002

01-05 - Underway, counter narcotics patrol
03 - Boarded F/V DON IGNACIO F. posit 0831N 08713W, after spotting 157 people on deck
04 - 157 people were transferred from F/V DON IGNACIO F. to CROMMELIN; vessel was deemed unseaworthy; F/V DON IGNACIO F. was sunk
07 - Moored, Manta, Ecuador; Transferred 157 people from F/V DON IGNACIO F. to Ecuadorian Authorities
06-09 - Underway, Manta, Ecuador, Counter Narcotics Patrol
10 - Moored, Manta Ecuador
11 - Underway, Manta, Ecuador
11-13 - Anchored, Manta, Ecuador
14-30 - Underway, Manta, Ecuador, Counter Narcotics Patrol
18 - Boarded F/V SANDRINA posit 0404N 08800W, after air asset spotted GO FAST tied up alongside; As CROMMELIN approached, GO-FAST was adrift, ablaze, and sinking; LEDET boarded F/V SANDRINA and found no evidence on narcotics
19 - CROMMELIN searched GO-FAST's last known location and recovered 6 bales of cocaine; CROMMELIN relocated F/V SANDRINA and detained the 12 person crew
23 - Detainees transferred to Vasco Nunez de Balboa, Panama
31 - Moored, Vasco Nunez de Balboa, Panama