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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY USS CURTS (FFG-38), YEAR 1983

Encl: (1) Commissioning Booklet

1983

1. USS CURTS (FFG-38) was built by TODD Pacific Shipyard Los Angeles Division in San Pedro, CA., and was delivered to the Navy on 2 SEP 1983. CURTS was commissioned 8 OCT 1983 at Long Beach Naval Station, Long Beach, CA. Enclosure (1) provides details of the commissioning ceremony.

2. Commander James R. Tinsley, III was the Commanding Officer throughout 1983. USS CURTS (FFG-38) was assigned to Destroyer Squadron Nine, U.S. Pacific Fleet, homeported Long Beach, CA. The primary warfare mission is anti-submarine warfare.

3. During the first three months of commissioned service, CURTS successfully completed the following evolutions:

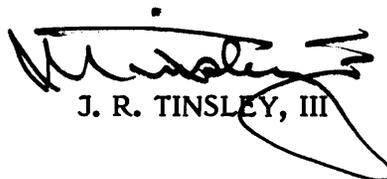
Crew Certification 12-13 OCT 83

Light Off Examination 25-26 OCT 83

Shakedown Referresher Training 28 NOV to 16 DEC 83

CURTS got underway for the first time as a commissioned vessel 27 OCT 83 followed by a port visit to San Diego, CA. During an underway period from 8 NOV through 10 NOV 83 the first LAMPS MK III Helicopter operations were conducted, ammunition was unloaded at Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station, and the 76 MM Gun was fired for the first time.

4. USS CURTS (FFG-38) began her commissioned career with a crew ready for the challenges and problems of a new Naval combatant.


J. R. TINSLEY, III