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Subj: 1991 COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS CURTS (FFG 38) 1991

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

1. In accordance with reference (a), the Command History of USS CURTS (FFG 38) is hereby submitted.

2. Command composition and organization:

a. Command Mission: USS CURTS is a Guided Missile Frigate of the Oliver Hazard Perry Class and was designed to protect open ocean convoys. She fulfills a Protection of Shipping (POS) mission as an Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) combatant for carrier battle groups, amphibious expeditionary forces, underway replenishment groups, and merchant convoys. To aid her in her mission, she possesses the AN/SQQ-89(V)2 antisubmarine warfare suite, two SH60B LAMPS Mark III helicopters, Mk-46 ship and air launched torpedoes, Mark 92 fire control system with Standard SM-1 surface to air missiles and the Otto Melara 76mm gun, and the Vulcan Phalanx 20mm Close in Weapon System.

b. Organizational Structure: Administratively, CURTS reports to Destroyer Squadron FIFTEEN. Operationally, CURTS reports to Commander Task Force Seventy-Five, or Task Force Seventy depending on tasking.

3. Narrative Chronology:

01JAN: MOORED INPORT MINA SULMAN, BAHRAIN. USS CURTS SHIFTED OPERATIONAL CONTROL TO CTF 151 (COMIDEASTFOR) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION DESERT SHIELD.

02JAN: UNDERWAY FOR NORTHERN PERSIAN GULF OPERATIONS AREA, IN COMPANY WITH HMS GLOUCESTER, HMS CARDIFF, USS NICHOLAS, FS JEAN D'VIENNE, AND ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL FORCES. ALL UNITS PRACTICING COMBAT SEARCH AND RESCUE DURING OPERATION CANDID HAMMER. EMBARKED WARRIOR 3 AND WARRIOR 4 (US ARMY AH58D AHIP) ONBOARD FROM 4TH SQDN 17TH CAVALRY. TACTICAL CONTROL SHIFTED TO CTU 151.3.1 (COMDESRON THIRTY FIVE), CSAR SAG CDR EMBARKED IN USS LEFTWICH (DD-984).

05JAN: PERFORMED RAS(F) UNREP WITH HMAS SUCCESS.

07JAN: OPERATED NORTH OF FARSI ISLAND IN COMPANY WITH USS MISSOURI

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09JAN: LONEWOLF 43 SIGHTED MINE AT 0930C. SHIP WENT TO GENERAL QUARTERS. EOD TEAM FROM USS MISSOURI DETONATED MINE AT 1445C. USS CURTS CREDITED WITH FIRST 'KILL'.

11JAN: PERFORMED RAS(F) UNREP WITH USS MISSOURI. DETACHED FROM USS MISSOURI. PERFORMED NIGHT RAS(S,FFV) VERTREP WITH USS SACRAMENTO.

12JAN: ARRIVED INPORT MINA SULMAN, BAHRAIN. EMBARKED FIVE MAN FIRE TEAM FROM SEAL TEAM ONE.

12-14JAN: INPORT BAHRAIN. MAST MOUNTED SIGHT INSTALLED. VARIOUS REPAIR ITEMS COMPLETED WITH ASSISTANCE FROM SHIP REPAIR UNIT BAHRAIN.

15JAN: EMBARKED ADDITIONAL MEDICAL TRAUMA PERSONNEL. DEPARTED BAHRAIN FOR AREA EAST OF FARSI ISLAND. COMMANDING OFFICER DESIGNATED AS ALTERNATE CSAR SAG COORDINATOR (HARBORMASTER).

16JAN: ASSIGNED AS SHOTGUN TO USS LEFTWICH. EMBARKED COMDESRON FIFTEEN MEDICAL OFFICER. LONEWOLF 43 SIGHTED MINE AT 0820C, GENERAL QUARTERS SOUNDED AT 0821C. EOD TEAM FROM KUWAITI NAVY BARGE SAWAHIL PERFORMED DEMOLITION AT 1040C.

17JAN: SET GENERAL QUARTERS AT 0115C FOR COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATION DESERT STORM AND SETTING OF DEFCON ONE IN NAVCENT AOR. OBSERVED NUMEROUS TOMAHAWK (TLAM) FIRINGS COMMENCING AT 0130C AND CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE DAY. LEFTWICH DETECTED A MINE AT 1000C, LONEWOLF 43 ASSISTED IN LOCALIZATION AND DESTRUCTION.

18-19JAN: PATROLLING NORTHERN PERSIAN GULF AS PART OF THE COMBAT SEARCH AND RESCUE SURFACE ACTION GROUP.

20JAN: PERFORMED RAS(F) UNREP ALONGSIDE USNS HASSAYAMPA IN COMPANY WITH USS LEFTWICH, USS RANGER, USS MARVIN SHIELDS, ITS LIBECCIO, AND HMS GLOUCESTER. PROCEEDED NORTH TO RELIEVE USS NICHOLAS IN THE DURRAH OIL FIELD AS KUWAITI NAVY ESCORT.

21JAN: PATROLLED THE DURRAH OIL FIELD IN COMPANY WITH KUWAITI NAVY SHIPS SAWAHIL, AL SANBOUK, AND ISTIGAL. CONTROLLED SSC WITH LONEWOLF 41 (EMBARKED USS PAUL F. FOSTER) AND LYNX 401 (EMBARKED HMS GLOUCESTER). CURTS IS THE MOST NORTHERNMOST COALITION NAVAL UNIT.

22JAN: RELIEVED BY USS NICHOLAS AS KUWAITI NAVAL ESCORT AND COMMENCED PATROL OF BOX H30 TO THE SOUTHEAST OF THE DURRAH OIL FIELD. AT 0745C LONEWOLF 43 RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM JAZIRAT UMM AL MARADIM ISLAND. NO DAMAGE WAS INFLICTED AND LONEWOLF CONTINUED HER MISSION. CURTS EMBARKED MAJOR IBRAHIM FROM THE KUWAITI NAVY AND CHIEF INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST MILLER USN FROM

CENTAF AND CTG168 STAFF.

23JAN: TRANSITTED SOUTH TO THE REPLENISHMENT AREA AND CONDUCTED RAS(F,S) WITH USS NIAGARA FALLS. CURTS TRANSITTED NORTHWARD TO TAKE STATION IN PATROL AREA GH30 IMMEDIATELY TO THE EAST OF THE HUT OIL FIELD. LONEWOLF 43, WARRIOR 3, AND WARRIOR 4 CONDUCTED NIGHTTIME SSC AND SANITIZATION OF THE SURROUNDING OIL FIELDS.

24JAN: GENERAL QUARTERS SOUNDED AT 0110C DUE TO UNIDENTIFIED SURFACE CONTACT RAPIDLY APPROACHING CURTS. AFTER SEVERAL TENSE MINUTES, CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED AND THE CONTACT WAS IDENTIFIED AS A ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL PATROL BOAT OPERATING IN THE VICINITY OF THE HUT OIL FIELD. AT 1030C WHILE CONDUCTING SSC, LONEWOLF 43 AND LYNX 305 (EMBARKED HMS GLOUCESTER) WERE DIRECTED TO INVESTIGATE TWO CRITICAL CONTACTS OF INTEREST NEAR JAZIRAT QARUH ISLAND. CONTACTS DETERMINED TO BE HOSTILE AND STRAFED BY SUCAP ASSETS FROM ATKRON 65 (EMBARKED USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT). BATTLE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT BY LONEWOLF 43 REVEALED THAT ONE CONTACT WAS DESTROYED AND THE OTHER LISTING. CURTS WAS DIRECTED BY CTG 151.3 TO CLOSE THE STRICKEN VESSEL AND ATTEMPT TO RECOVER PRISONERS AND INTELLIGENCE MATERIAL. AT 1217 SET GENERAL QUARTERS. LONEWOLF 43 DISCOVERED A MINE 1000 YARDS OFF OF THE STARBOARD BOW AND SANK IT WITH GUNFIRE. CURTS DISPATCHED HER MOTOR WHALE BOAT WITH SEAL TEAM AND VISIT, BOARDING, SEARCH, AND SEIZURE TEAM MEMBERS EMBARKED. FOLLOWING BRIDGE TEAM OBSERVATIONS OF ENEMY SAILORS ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTS TO PREVENT CAPTURE, LONEWOLF 43 STRAFED THE CONTACT TO FORCE SURRENDER. ALL IRAQIS THEN ABANDONED SHIP. TEAM MEMBERS BOARDED AND SEIZED THE IRAQI PATROL CRAFT (HULL NUMBER P4027) MAKING THIS THE FIRST WAR PRIZE OF THE CONFLICT. ONE LIFEBOAT CAME ALONGSIDE CURTS AND 11 IRAQI PRISONERS OF WAR SURRENDERED. THE BOARDING PARTY MANEUVERED THE MOTOR WHALE BOAT TO RESCUE AND CAPTURE THE REMAINING IRAQI SURVIVORS. THE BOARDING PARTY RETURNED TO CURTS WITH 11 POWS AND 2 ENEMY KIA. FOLLOWING REPORTS OF ENEMY GUNFIRE ON QARUH ISLAND, WARRIORS 3 AND 4 STRAFED THE ISLAND. WARRIORS ENGAGED SEVERAL BUNKERS AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN EMPLACEMENTS WITH ROCKETS AND .50 CALIBER MINI GUNS. AN ALERT BRIDGE TEAM SPOTTED TWO ADDITIONAL MINES AT 1504C, ONE OF WHICH WAS LOST AND THE OTHER SUNK BY LONEWOLF 43. ONE OF THE IRAQI PATROL BOATS SUNK AFTER HITTING A MINE WHILE CURTS SANK THE SECOND WITH HER 76MM GUN MOUNT. AT 1508C THE WARRIORS SPOTTED IRAQI SOLDIERS ON QARUH WAVING WHITE FLAGS IN SURRENDER. A COMPOSITE SEAL PLATOON FROM ELEMENTS EMBARKED ON USS CURTS, USS LEFTWICH, AND USS NICHOLAS AND LIFTED BY SPEARGUNS 611 AND 613 (EMBARKED USS LEFTWICH) DEPLOYED TO QARUH AND TOOK CONTROL OF 29 PRISONERS OF WAR FROM THE WARRIOR PILOTS. THE UNITED STATES AND FREE KUWAIT FLAGS WERE RAISED ON JAZIRAT QARUH ISLAND BY SEAL ENSIGN JOHN PUGH AT 1707C 24JAN -- THE LIBERATION OF OCCUPIED KUWAIT HAD BEGUN. ALL IRAQI PRISONERS WERE RETURNED TO USS CURTS FOR TEMPORARY HOLDING. THROUGHOUT THE ACTION THERE WERE SEVERAL INSTANCES OF POSSIBLE HOSTILE INBOUND AIRCRAFT, FOR WHICH THE SHIP TOOK APPROPRIATE DEFENSIVE MEASURES. POSTWAR ANALYSIS REVEALED 24 JANUARY WAS THE BUSIEST DAY OF THE WAR FOR IRAQI AIR COMBAT FORCES. CURTS TOTAL FOR THE DAY WAS 51 IRAQI

PRISONERS CAPTURED, FOUR MINES SIGHTED, TWO MINES SUNK, ONE MINELAYER SUNK, ONE ISLAND CAPTURED, AND A WEALTH OF INTELLIGENCE MATERIAL RECOVERED.

25JAN: AT 0812, GENERAL QUARTERS WAS SOUNDED FOR INBOUND UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT. AFTER ILLUMINATION WITH FIRE CONTROL RADAR, THE AIRCRAFT WAS IDENTIFIED AS FRIENDLY AND THE SHIP SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS. ALL ENEMY PRISONERS OF WAR WERE REMOVED BY HELO FOR TRANSFER TO AN APPROPRIATE FACILITY.

27JAN: THE SHIP PROCEEDED FOR A MORNING RAS(F,S) WITH USNS HASSAYAMPA.

28JAN: LONEWOLF 43 SPOTTED A FLOATING MINE WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DESTROYED BY EMBARKED EOD PERSONNEL. DOD MEDIA POOL PERSONNEL EMBARKED. WENT TO GENERAL QUARTERS FOR AN UNIDENTIFIED INBOUND AIRCRAFT WHICH LATER PROVED TO BE FRIENDLY. CURTS ASSUMED CONTROL OF KUWAITI NAVAL UNITS UNTIL RELIEVED BY NICHOLAS.

29JAN: CURTS ASSIGNED AS AAW SCREENING UNIT FOR USS OKINAWA DURING OPERATION DESERT STING, THE MARADIM ISLAND ASSAULT OPERATION. UNITS IN COMPANY INCLUDE USS OKINAWA, USS MOBILE BAY, AND USS CARON.

30JAN: CURTS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE "BATTLE OF BUBIYAN ISLAND" BY SERVICING ELEVEN DIFFERENT HELICOPTERS IN TWENTY-FIVE SEPARATE FLIGHT EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN SUPPORT OF ASUW OPERATIONS IN THE NORTHERN PERSIAN GULF. AIRCRAFT SERVICED INCLUDED SH-60B'S, LYNX'S, AH-58D'S, AND SH-3G'S.

31JAN: CURTS AGAIN BECAME THE TEMPORARY HOLDING FACILITY FOR 35 ADDITIONAL ENEMY PRISONERS OF WAR LOCATED BY LONEWOLF 43 AND RESCUED FROM THE WATER BY SPEARGUN 610 AND SPEARGUN 611. ALL EPWS TRANSFERRED TO SHORE HOLDING FACILITIES.

02FEB: DETACHED BY HARBORMASTER TO RENDEZVOUS WITH USS MISSOURI.

03FEB: EMBARKED LONEWOLF 42 (FROM USS JARRET). MISSOURI ASSUMED TACTICAL CONTROL OF CURTS. ASSIGNED AS AAW SHOTGUN WHILE MISSOURI IS ON STATION OFF OF RAS AL KHAFJI SAUDI ARABIA FOR NGFS TASKING. CURTS ASSUMED TACTICAL CONTROL OF THE HMS ABDUL AZIZ AND THE HMS TABUK (BOTH ARE ROYAL SAUDI NAVAL MISSILE CORVETTES). AT 2130C CURTS WAS RELIEVED BY USS NICHOLAS.

04FEB: RENDEZVOUSED WITH NAG CLF GROUP SOUTHWEST OF FARSI ISLAND. CONDUCTED RAS(F) UNREP WITH USNS PONCHATOULA. CONDUCTED RAS(FFV,S) VERTREP WITH USS NIAGARA FALLS. WARRIOR 901 TRANSFERRED TO BAHRAIN FOR MAINTENANCE. UPON COMPLETION OF REPLENISHMENT, TRANSITTED TO DURRAH OIL FIELD TO RELIEVE USS LEFTWICH OF KUWAITI MOTHER SHIP TASKING.

05FEB: RELIEVED AS KUN MOTHER SHIP BY USS MOBILE BAY. COMMENCED

SOUTHWARD TRANSIT.

06FEB: USS WISCONSIN ASSUMED TACTICAL CONTROL OF CURTS. CURTS ASSIGNED AS SHOTGUN AND ESCORT. TRANSIT CONDUCTED TO RAS AL KHAFJI FIRE SUPPORT AREA FOR WISCONSIN / MISSOURI TURNOVER. TACCON SHIFTED TO MISSOURI. ESCORTED MISSOURI OUT OF FSA AREA AND DETACHED AT 2400C.

07FEB: CONDUCTED NORTHWARD TRANSIT TO GH31. MINE SIGHTED BY AFTER LOOKOUT 450 YARDS OFF STARBOARD QUARTER AT 1055C. LONEWOLF 42 VECTORED TO INSERT SEAL/EOD DEMOLITION TEAM. MINE DESTROYED AT 1137C. SECOND MINE ORIGINALLY REPORTED BY VENOM 505 RELOCATED BY LONEWOLF 42 AT 1345C AND DESTROYED BY SEAL/EOD DEMOLITION TEAM AT 1412C. TWO CORPSES (ASSUMED IRAQI) SIGHTED FLOATING IN WATER WERE RECOVERED ONBOARD AND TRANSFERRED VIA OCEAN LORD 27 FFT MORGUE AT JUBAIL, SAUDI ARABIA.

09FEB: CONDUCTED RAS(S,FFV) VERTREP WITH USS NIAGARA FALLS FOLLOWED BY RAS(F) UNREP WITH USNS HASSAYAMPA.

10FEB: ASSIGNED AS AAW SHOTGUN TO USS MISSOURI. CONDUCTING OIL FIELD TRANSIT TO RAS AL KHAFJI FSA AREA.

11-12FEB: ASSIGNED AS AAW SHOTGUN FOR USS MISSOURI DURING NGFS PERIOD IN RAS AL KHAFJI FSA AREA.

13FEB: INPORT MINA SULMAN FOR LUBE OIL PURIFIER AND MAST MOUNTED SIGHT REPAIRS. MAINTENANCE ASSIST PROVIDED BY USS JASON, SRU BAHRAIN, NAVSEA, AND MCDONNELL DOUGLAS REPRESENTATIVES. 100 CREWMEMBERS ENJOYED AN EVENING OF LIBERTY ONBOARD THE CUNARD PRINCESS. EPW INTERROGATION TEAM DEBARKED.

14FEB: DEPARTED BAHRAIN TO JOIN TASK GROUP 151.11. COMMENCED NORTHWARD TRANSIT TO OP-AREA SOUTH OF FAYALAKA ISLAND.

15FEB: EMBARKED LONEWOLF 42 (FROM USS JARRETT). RECEIVED WORD FROM CINCPACFLT THAT <u>CURTS HAD WON THE ARLEIGH BURKE FLEET TROPHY</u> FOR FY-90 AS THE MOST IMPROVED COMMAND IN THE ENTIRE PACIFIC FLEET.

17FEB: CONDUCTED RAS(F) UNREP WITH USNS PASSUMPSIC. CONDUCTED (89 PALLET) RAS(S,FFV) CONREP WITH USS NIAGARA FALLS.

18FEB: OPERATING NORTH OF DURRAH AND WEST OF SIRUS OIL FIELDS WITH CTF 151. USS TRIPOLI AND USS PRINCETON STRUCK BY MINES. SET GENERAL QUARTERS UNTIL CLEAR OF THE MINE DANGER AREA. ALL NON-CRITICAL PERSONNEL KEPT ABOVE THE WATERLINE MDA.

21FEB: CONDUCTED RAS(F) UNREP WITH USS MISSOURI.

22FEB: CONDUCTED RAS(F) UNREP WITH USNS PASSUMPSIC. LONEWOLF 42 RETURNED TO USS JARRETT. CONDUCTED RAS(S) CONREP WITH USS KALAMAZOO.

23FEB: ESCORTED USS MISSOURI THROUGH SWEPT CHANNEL FROM H32 OPAREA TO POINT ECHO IN VICINITY OF AL AMAHDI SEA TERMINAL FSA AREA FOR CONDUCT OF NGFS ON FAYLAKAH ISLAND AND KUWAITI COASTLINE. DETACHED AT POINT ECHO AND RETURNED TO H32.

24FEB: FROM 0001C TO 0359C HEARD CONTINUOUS B-52 STRIKES ON KUWAITI COASTLINE. GROUND OFFENSIVE COMMENCED 0400C. CONTINUED PATROL OF H32 OPAREA AS MCM FORCE AAW SHOTGUN. SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS AT 1947C FOR UNIDENTIFIED INBOUND AIRCRAFT. AIRCRAFT IDENTIFIED AS FRIENDLY EA-6B PROWLER.

26FEB: SET CONDITION 2A STEAMING FOR ENTRY INTO MINESWEPT CHANNEL AREAS WEST OF H32 OPAREA.

26-28FEB: CONTINUALLY PATROLLED SWEPT CHANNEL 'EF' LEADING TO ASH SHUIABAH PORT. STEAMED UP AND DOWN 1000 YARD WIDE UNMARKED CHANNEL AT CONDITION 2A.

28FEB: CEASE FIRE ORDER RECEIVED FROM CINCCENT. EXITED SWEPT CHANNEL AND COMMENCED TRANSIT TO BAHRAIN.

01MAR: ARRIVED INPORT BAHRAIN. COMMENCED TURNOVER WITH USS MCINERNEY, SEAL-EOD-ARMY DET OFFLOAD, AND TAV WITH USS JASON.

05MAR: CURTS VISITED BY VADM ARTHUR (COMUSNAVCENT).

07MAR: DEPARTED BAHRAIN ENROUTE MINA JEBEL ALI.

08MAR: INPORT MINA JEBEL ALI UAE ALONGSIDE USS MCKEE (FIRST TIME ALONGSIDE A SUBMARINE TENDER! FIRST TIME A SURFACE SHIP HAS BEEN ALONGSIDE USS MCKEE). ONLOADED 20 MK46 TORPEDOES.

09MAR: DEPARTED MINA JEBEL ALI. RENDEZVOUSED WITH USS MIDWAY.

10MAR: COMMENCED OUTBOUND TRANSIT OF THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ IN COMPANY WITH USS MIDWAY, USS MOBILE BAY, USS HALEAKALA, USS FLINT, USS MOUNT HOOD, USNS HASSAYAMPA, USS KISKA, USS OLDENDORF, AND USS FIFE. BATTLE GROUP ALFA HAS BEEN REFORMED!

11MAR: COMMENCED RETURN TRANSIT TO YOKOSUKA. CURTS ASSIGNED AS PLANEGUARD/RESCUE DESTROYER.

13MAR: OUTCHOPPED FROM NAVCENT AND OPCON SHIFTED TO CTF-70. COMPLETED RAS(F) UNREP WITH USNS HASSAYAMPA.

15MAR: COMPLETED RAS(F) UNREP WITH USNS HASSAYAMPA. COMPLETED SIMULATED RAS(A) CONREP WITH USS MOUNT HOOD.

18MAR: VISITED BY COMMO PARKER, CDS-15.

19MAR: CONDUCTED TRANSIT OF STRAIT OF MALACCA

20MAR: CROSSED THE EQUATOR. CLEANSED THE SHIP OF SLIMEY WOGS.

21MAR: COMPLETED RAS(F) UNREP AND HIGHLINE PASSENGER TRANSFER WITH USS MIDWAY.

22MAR: COMPLETED RAS(F) UNREP WITH USNS HASSAYAMPA.

24MAR: ANCHORED AT PHATTAYA BEACH, THAILAND FOR FOUR DAYS OF LIBERTY.

28MAR: DEPARTED PHATTAYA ICW BATTLEGROUP ALPHA.

31MAR: COMMENCED ASW EXERCISE IN COMPANY WITH USS FIFE, USS OLDENDORF, USS MOBILE BAY, USS LOUISVILLE, AND HS-12.

01APR: CONTINUED AWSEX. ENCOUNTERED HEAVY SEAS (STATE SIX) AND GALE FORCE WINDS -- RECOVERED TACTAS AND SECURED ASWEX.

02APR: ARRIVED IN HONG KONG BC, MOORED TO BUOY RN04.

04APR: MOVED FROM BUOY TO NORTH ARM OF HMS TAMAR.

06APR: DEPARTED HONG KONG.

08APR: ARRIVED IN SUBIC BAY RP. MOORED STBD SIDE TO RIVERA PIER 16-17. COMMENCED MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY WITH SRF SUBIC.

12APR: DEPARTED SUBIC BAY. COMMENCED ASWEX WITH BG ALFA AND USS LOUISVILLE; EXERCISES INCLUDED PORT BREAK-OUT, CHOKEPOINTEX, AND TRANSITEX.

15APR: VISITED BY RADM L. F. BULL, DEPUTY CINCPACFLT WHO PRESENTED AWARDS AND PRAISED THE CREW FOR THEIR HEROIC EFFORTS. COMPLETED RAS(F) UNREP WITH USNS WALTER S DIEHL. FINAL UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT OF DEPLOYMENT! CONDUCTED PASS IN REVIEW WITH BG ALFA.

17APR: RECEIVED WARM WELCOME FROM UNITS OF JMSDF OUTSIDE URAGA SUIDO. ARRIVED YOKOSUKA! REUNITED WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY AFTER SEVEN MONTHS. MOORED PIER NINE.

18APR-19MAY: CONDUCTED POST DEPLOYMENT LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD.

22APR: COMMENCED RESURFACE OF FLIGHT DECK.

26APR: CHANGED OUT 1B GAS TURBINE ENGINE WITH SRF YOKOSUKA ASSIST.

14MAY: SIX CREWMEMBERS RECEIVED NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS FOR ACTIONS TAKEN DURING OPERATION DESERT STORM FROM VICE PRESIDENT DAN QUAYLE ONBOARD USS MIDWAY.

15MAY: DEPARTED YOKOSUKA IN COMPANY WITH USS THACH FOR TRANSIT TO

SHIMODA, JAPAN TO REPRESENT THE NAVY AT THE SHIMODA BLACK SHIP FESTIVAL.

16MAY: SORTIED FROM SHIMODA TO YOKOSUKA WITH USS THACH TO AVOID IMPENDING TYPHOON. ARRIVED YOKOSUKA LATE EVENING.

21MAY: COMMENCED ONE WEEK OF SRA-3 SHIP CHECKS.

22MAY: COMMENCED SUPPLY MOBILE TRAINING TEAM (SMTT).

24MAY: CURTS VISITED BY RADM PAUL TOBIN (COMMANDER NAVAL SURFACE GROUP WESTERN PACIFIC). RADM TOBIN, REPRESENTING CINCPACFLT, PRESENTED THE ARLEIGH BURKE FLEET TROPHY, AN AWARD WHICH IS AWARDED ANNUALLY TO THE UNIT WHICH DEMONSTRATES TO GREATEST IMPROVEMENT IN BATTLE READINESS WITHIN THE PACIFIC FLEET. RADM TOBIN ALSO PRESENTED SEVERAL PERSONAL DECORATIONS TO CREWMEMBERS.

26MAY: SRF YOKOSUKA CONDUCTED HULL CLEANING. SMTT COMPLETE.

29MAY: COMMANDING OFFICER ASSUMES CTG 75.1. DEPARTED YOKOSUKA FOR EXERCISE SEA SIAM WITH TACTICAL CONTROL OF USS RODNEY M DAVIS. AAW DETECT-TO-ENGAGE SEQUENCE CONDUCTED WITH STRIKE ASSETS FROM CVW-5.

31MAY: EXERCISE SEA SIAM CANCELLED BY COMSEVENTH FLEET. CONDUCTED SWING SHIP. RETURNED TO YOKOSUKA. MOORED OUTBOARD USS OLDENDORF. COMMANDING OFFICER RELINQUISHES CTG 75.1.

01-06JUN: INPORT YOKOSUKA FOR SSDG MAINTENANCE.

07JUN: COMMANDING OFFICER ASSUMES CTG 75.2. DEPARTED YOKOSUKA WITH TACTICAL CONTROL OF USS RODNEY M DAVIS. CONDUCTED GENERAL QUARTERS DRILLS (DAMAGE CONTROL, AAW DETECT-TO-ENGAGE) AND MIDSHIPMEN TRAINING.

08-10JUN: CONDUCTED TYPE TRAINING ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, R. P.

11JUN: CONDUCTED LONG RANGE GUNNERY EXERCISE ASU-8-SF VERSUS SEPTAR/ITT IN RPD-25 OPAREA OFF LINGAYEN GULF AND PORO POINT. CIWS SHOOT ATTEMPTED HOWEVER FLECOMPRON FIVE AIRCRAFT WAS UNABLE TO DEPLOY TDU. SATISFACTORY TRACKING RUNS CONDUCTED.

12JUN: TACAN CERTIFICATION RUN ABORTED DUE TO EQUIPMENT FAILURE. MOORED INPORT CAMAYAN WHARF, NAVMAG SUBIC BAY, FOR AMMO ONLOAD. AT 0900H, WHILE COMING ALONGSIDE PIER, MOUNT PINATUBO VENTED SENDING A GIANT ASH CLOUD SKYWARD. CURTS DIRECTED TO SORTIE BY CTF-75 UNDER TACTICAL CONTROL OF USS ARKANSAS. ARKANSAS, CURTS, AND RODNEY M DAVIS PROCEEDED SOUTHWARD TO AVOID ASH FALLOUT. AT 1500H CURTS DIRECTED TO PROCEED TO ALAVA EXTENSION PIER, SUBIC BAY. MOORED ALAVA PIER AT 1620H.

13JUN: BERTH SHIFTED TO CAMAYAN WHARF FOR AMMO ONLOAD. MT PINATUBO VENTED A SECOND TIME CAUSING A MOMENTARY CESSATION OF THE

ONLOAD. FOUR HARPOONS AND ONE MK-46 REXTORP ONLOADED. FOLLOWING LOAD, CONDUCTED BERTH SHIFT TO BRAVO PIER, SHIP REPAIR FACILITY SUBIC BAY. MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY BEGAN WITH SRF SUBIC.

14-15JUN: DURING THE LATE AFTERNOON MOUNT PINATUBO COMMENCED APPROXIMATELY THIRTY HOURS OF CONTINUAL ERUPTIONS. OVER ONE FOOT OF ASH AND VOLCANIC DEBRIS FALLOUT COLLECTED ON SHIP. CLEAN-UP TEAMS CONDUCTED TOPSIDE WASHDOWN AND DEBRIS REMOVAL AROUND THE CLOCK. TYPHOON YUNYA WAS PASSING NORTHEAST AT THE SAME TIME CAUSING 40 KT WINDS WHICH WERE SANDBLASTING THE SHIP.

16JUN: CLEANUP EFFORT CONTINUED. NUMEROUS SRF BUILDINGS COLLAPSED. ELECTRICITY AND WATER SERVICES LOST ASHORE. COMMENCED **OPERATION FIERY VIGIL** -- THE EVACUATION OF ALL DEPENDENTS AND NON-ESSENTIAL U. S. PERSONNEL FROM CLARK AFB. SORTIED FROM SUBIC TO CEBU RP WITH 298 EVACUEES. TACTICAL CONTROL SHIFTED TO CTG SEVEN ZERO PT SIX (BATTLE GROUP FOXTROT).

18JUN: ANCHORED OFF MACTAN ISLAND, CEBU CITY RP. EVACUEES OFFLOADED TO LCU FROM SBU-ONE FOR FURTHER TRANSFER TO AIRHEAD. DEPARTED CEBU FOR SUBIC.

19JUN: CONDUCTED UNREP (RAS F) FROM USNS HASSAYAMPA. MOORED BRAVO PIER, SUBIC BAY.

20JUN: EMBARKED 249 EVACUEES. DEPARTED SUBIC AT 0330H. MAIN REDUCTION GEAR CASUALTY SUFFERED 90 NM FROM CEBU. INVESTIGATION REVEALED WIPED NR 7 BEARING (PORT HIGH SPEED PINION). TRAVELED TO CEBU WITH APU'S DEPLOYED. ENGINEERS WORKED TO REPAIR MRG. FISHING NET DISCOVERED WRAPPED AROUND SCREW.

21JUN: ANCHORED IN VICINITY OF MACTAN ISLAND AT 2130H.

22JUN: OCEANLORD 32 (EMBARKED USS INGRAHAM) DELIVERED PART FOR MRG. INDIAN 616 (EMBARKED USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN) DELIVERS DIVERS FOR FISHING NET REMOVAL. ENGINEERS SUCCESSFULLY REPAIRED MRG. ALL EVACUEES DEBARKED TO LCU FOR FURTHER TRANSFER TO AIRHEAD. WEIGHED ANCHOR AND PROCEEDED TOWARDS SUBIC BAY.

24JUN: ARRIVED INPORT SUBIC BAY DURING EARLY MORNING. MOORED TO ALAVA PIER AND REFUELED. UNDERWAY FOR YOKOSUKA.

25JUN: CONDUCTED BURIAL AT SEA OF REMAINS PROVIDED WHILE IN SUBIC.

29JUN-20JUL: INPORT YOKOSUKA, BERTHED AT PIER TWO. CONDUCTED RAV 8/9 WITH SRF.

08JUL: COMPLETED SUCCESSFUL MEDICAL READINESS EVALUATION.

10JUL: COMPLETED SUCCESSFUL DENTAL READINESS EVALUATION. DEBARKED TWO MIDSHIPMEN FROM PHASE ONE WESTPACTRAMID.

11JUL: EMBARKED TWO JAPANESE SELF DEFENSE FORCE CADETS AND ONE JMSDF ESCORT OFFICER FOR EXCHANGE TRAINING CRUISE.

15JUL: AVIATION READINESS EVALUATION SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED.

18-19JUL: LAMPS ORDNANCE HANDLING TRAINING CONDUCTED BY FTG WESTPAC.

20JUL: COMPLETED RAV 8/9. UNDERWAY FOR SEA TRIALS. BERTHED AT PIER NINE UPON COMPLETION. EMBARKED SEVENTEEN MIDSHIPMEN (U.S. AND JAPANESE) AND TWO ESCORT OFFICERS UNDER THE USN-JMSDF FOREXTRAMID PROGRAM.

21JUL: DEPARTED YOKOSUKA ENROUTE KURE, JAPAN. RENDEZVOUSED WITH JDS HARUYUKI AND JDS ISOYUKI. PASS IN REVIEW CONDUCTED TO HONOR USS MIDWAY. TRANSITEX CONDUCTED WITH JMSDF SHIPS.

22JUL: CONDUCTED ASW EXERCISE WITH JMSDF UNITS AND USS PASADENA.

23JUL: ARRIVED INPORT KURE. DEBARKED FOREXTRAMID PROGRAM MIDSHIPMEN.

24JUL: 102 CREWMEMBERS TOURED HIROSHIMA CITY, KIRIN BEER FACTORY, AND MIYAJIMA ISLAND.

25JUL: DEPARTED KURE.

27JUL: ARRIVED YOKOSUKA. BERTHED OUTBOARD USS THACH AT PIER TWO.

30JUL: COMMENCED COMBAT SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT

01AUG: UNDERWAY FOR COMBAT SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT

02AUG: RETURNED TO YOKOSUKA, BERTHED STARBOARD SIDE TO HARBOR MASTER PIER. COMPLETED CSA.

09AUG: UNDERWAY FOR BRIEF PERIOD TO CONDUCT AAW DETECT TO ENGAGE SEQUENCE. RETURNED TO STARBOARD SIDE OF HARBORMASTER PIER. EMBARKED HSL FOUR SEVEN DET ONE SABREHAWK'S 60 AND 73. EMBARKED SIX US MIDSHIPMEN FOR WESTPACTRAMID PHASE THREE.

10AUG: UNDERWAY TO PLANEGUARD FOR USS MIDWAY DURING CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS WITH USS MIDWAY. MIDWAY DEPARTED YOKOSUKA TO RETURN TO CONUS AFTER 18 YEARS IN THE OVERSEAS FAMILY RESIDENCY PROGRAM.

12AUG: RETURNED TO YOKOSUKA FOLLOWING PLANEGUARD TURNOVER WITH USS BUNKER HILL. BERTHED STARBOARD SIDE TO HARBORMASTER PIER.

14AUG: COMMENCED GAS TURBINE MOBILE TEAM TRAINING PHASE ONE, DEPARTED YOKOSUKA.

18AUG: ARRIVED IN SASEBO JAPAN ONE DAY EARLY IN ORDER TO AVOID

TYPHOON. MOORED PORT SIDE TO INDIA BASIN. COMMENCED LIMITED MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY WITH SRF DET SASEBO.

24AUG: DEPARTED SASEBO. RENDEZVOUSED WITH JDS SAWAGIRI, JDS MATSUYUKI, JDS ASAGIRI, JDS YAMAGIRI, JDS CHIKUGO, JDS MIKUMA, JDS MOCHISIO, JDS SAGAMI, USS PASADENA, USNS TENACIOUS, AND VARIOUS MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT TO COMMENCE ASWEX 91-4JA.

27AUG: COMPLETED ASWEX 91-4JA ONE DAY EARLY IN ANTICIPATION OF APPROACHING TYPHOON. STEAMED INTO THE YELLOW SEA TO AVOID STORM TRACK.

29AUG: ARRIVED INPORT PUSAN, KOREA.

02SEP: DEPARTED PUSAN. TRANSITED THROUGH SHIMONO-SEKI STRAIT AND THE INLAND SEA.

03SEP: TRANSITED THROUGH THE BUNGO-SUIDO STRAITS. CONDUCTED ENGINEERING CASUALTY CONTROL DRILLS AND AN EXERCISE TORPEDO FIRING (REXTORP) AGAINST A MK-38 MINI MOBILE TARGET.

04-23SEP: INPORT YOKOSUKA. MOORED STARBOARD SIDE TO HARBORMASTER PIER. CONDUCTED MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY WITH SRF YOKOSUKA. HELD AWARDS/ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY.

09SEP: COMMENCED AN/SQQ-89(V)2 PHASE ONE MOBILE TEAM TRAINING.

11SEP: DEBARKED ALL MIDSHIPMEN. USS RODNEY M DAVIS MOORED OUTBOARD CURTS STARBOARD SIDE.

13SEP: CONDUCTED SAFETY STAND-DOWN. COMPLETED AN/SQQ-89(V)2 TEAM TRAINER.

17SEP: INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE SURVEY CONDUCTED.

18SEP: POSTAL INSPECTION CONDUCTED WITH A GRADE OF OUTSTANDING.

23SEP: UNDERWAY FOR ISE IN LOCAL OPAREAS.

25SEP: CONDUCTED PRE-SRA AMMUNITION OFFLOAD. RETURNED PIERSIDE (BERTH 10) AFTERWARDS.

28SEP: UNDERWAY FOR '38 SPECIAL DEPENDENT'S CRUISE -- STEAMED UP TOKYO WAN TOWARDS TOKYO AND THEN RETURNED TO YOKOSUKA.

29SEP: USS INDEPENDENCE DAY OPEN HOUSE AT FLEET ACTIVITIES, YOKOSUKA. CURTS HAD 11,379 VISITORS TOUR THE SHIP (SINGLE-FILE) DURING VISITING HOURS -- A NEW YOKOSUKA RECORD FOR A COMBATANT.

30SEP: COMMENCED SRA 3. SEVERAL MAJOR SHIPALTS WERE COMMENCED INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF AN/SWG-1A HARPOON WEAPON SYSTEM AND JOTS II.

1-31OCT: SRA-3 CONTINUED WATERBORNE IN DRYDOCK FIVE.
15OCT: DESERT STORM AWARDS CEREMONY HELD ONBOARD. VADM D. M. BENNETT, COMNAVSURFPAC, PRESENTED THE SILVER STAR MEDAL FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY TO CDR MONTGOMERY (CO). NAVY COMMENDATION MEDALS WITH COMBAT "V" WERE PRESENTED TO LT G. L. MURDOCK AND GMC (SW) J. S. WILES. MR1 (SW) BRYANT RECEIVED THE NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS INCLUDED VADM BENNETT, VADM ARTHUR (COMSEVENTHFLT), RADM MARCH (COMSTRIKEFORSEVENTHFLT), AND CAPT ROBBINS (COMDESRON 15) PLUS AREA COMMANDING OFFICERS.

23OCT: CURTS WAS NOMINATED BY COMDESRON FIFTEEN FOR THE CINCPACFLT GOLDEN ANCHOR AWARD FOR HAVING AN ALL HANDS COMMITMENT TO RETAINING QUALITY SAILORS, AND FOR IMPROVING ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH.

11NOV: RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM COMSEVENTHFLT THAT LT B. T. SMITH, FORMER OPERATIONS OFFICER, HAD BEEN AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH COMBAT V FOR HEROIC PERFORMANCE AS TACTICAL ACTION OFFICER DURING THE ACTION OFF QARUH ISLAND ON 24 JAN 91.

19NOV: CHANGED OUT 1A GAS TURBINE ENGINE -- AN ORIGINAL SINCE COMMISSIONING IN 1983. 1A GTE COMPLETED 13,707 HOURS OF SERVICE AND 2,127 STARTS.

19-22NOV: COMNAVSURFGRUWESTPAC HELD THE SUPPLY MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT. RECEIVED AN OVERALL GRADE OF SATISFACTORY WITH EXCELLENT RATINGS IN ALL FUNCTIONAL AREAS.

21NOV: COMPLETION OF SRA WAS DELAYED UNTIL 14 DEC 91 DUE TO DELAYS IN DIESEL REPAIRS AND A NECESSARY REPAIR TO THE SONAR DOME.

24NOV: NOMINATED BY COMNAVSURFGRUWESTPAC FOR NEY FOOD SERVICE AWARD.

28 NOV: HOSTED MANY SHIPMATES AND FAMILY MEMBERS ONBOARD FOR A TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING FEAST.

29NOV91: INSTALLED COFFERDAM TO ENCLOSE THE SONAR DOME TO ALLOW AN UNDERWATER PATCH.

07DEC: OBSERVED COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR.

08DEC: SONAR DOME REPAIR COMPLETED.

09DEC: CONDUCTED FAST CRUISE AND SRA EQUIPMENT TESTING.

11DEC: UNDERWAY FOR AMMO ONLOAD AND SEA TRIALS IN LOCAL OPERATING AREAS. UNABLE TO COMPLETE STANDARD MISSILE ONLOAD DUE TO LAUNCHER CASUALTY. CONDUCTED TRAINING ANCHORAGE OFF NORTHEAST BREAKWATER DUE TO GALE FORCE WINDS.

12DEC: NOMINATED BY COMNAVSURFPAC FOR THE NEY FOOD SERVICE AWARD.

13DEC: RETURNED TO PORT.

14DEC: CONDUCTED MOCK GAS TURBINE MOBILE TRAINING TEAM EQUIPMENT HOT AND COLD CHECKS.

16DEC: COMMENCED GAS TURBINE MOBILE TRAINING TEAM PHASE II.

17-20DEC: UNDERWAY FOR STANDARD MISSILE ONLOAD AND GAS TURBINE MTT PHASE II IN LOCAL OPERATING AREA. REMAINED AT ANCHORAGE OVERNIGHT ON 17DEC DUE TO FOUL WEATHER AND EXTREMELY LOW VISIBILITY. CONDUCTED NUMEROUS ENGINEERING AND DAMAGE CONTROL DRILLS.

25DEC: HELD CHRISTMAS MEAL ONBOARD.

30DEC: SPENT THE DAY UNDERWAY FOR PCO FAMILIARIZATION, DECK LANDING QUALIFICATIONS WITH HELLFIRE 01 FROM HSL-51, AND MAIN SPACE FIRE DRILL.

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