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Subj: 1992 COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS CURTS (FFG 38)

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 Harpoon anti ship 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 Commander Task Force Seventy depending on tasking.

3. Narrative Chronology:

01 Jan: Moored in port Yokosuka, Japan.

02 Jan: Conducted an awards ceremony for the crew.

03 Jan: Change of Command ceremony: CDR Glenn H. Montgomery, USN relieved by CDR Peter F. Carr, USN. All hands reception held at Yokosuka Officers Club.

07 Jan: Commenced Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE) with Fleet Training Group (FTG) WESTPAC.

09 Jan: Performed TRE Battle problem and Engineering Casualty Control (ECC) Drills.

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12 Jan: Anchored near Northeast Breakwater, Yokosuka. Commenced Engineering Mobile Training Team (MTT) phase three. Performed intense training over 12 -15 January in engineering tasks, ECC drills, and Main Space Fire Drills.

15 Jan: Completed MTT Phase Three. Returned to port in Yokosuka.

16 Jan: Commenced Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ).

18 Jan: Completed CMTQ.

20 Jan: CURTS paused to remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

21 Jan: Underway to local operational area. Conducted training 21-23 January in preparation for Operational Propulsion Plant Exam (OPPE).

23 Jan: Returned to port.

28 Jan: Commenced OPPE. Underway (first night) for local operational area. Commenced underway material checks.

29 Jan: Successfully completed OPPE, placed on two year OPPE cycle. Returned to port victorious.

30 Jan: Refueled in port.

01 Feb: Underway en route Subic Bay, R.P. Conducted training in preparation for Interim Refresher Training (IREFTRA).

03 Feb: Conducted all hands, all day safety standdown.

05 Feb: Moored Alava pier, in port Subic Bay Naval Station.

08 Feb: Commenced IREFTRA with FTG WESTPAC. Underway to Philippine operational area for first day's exercises. Returned to port in evening.

09 Feb: Underway to continue IREFTRA. Returned to port in evening.

10 Feb: Underway to continue IREFTRA. Conducted Training Battle Problem. Returned to port in evening.

11 Feb: Underway to continue IREFTRA. Conducted a CIWS pacfire. Returned to port in evening.

12 Feb: Underway to continue IREFTRA. Returned to port in evening.

13 Feb: Refueled in port.

14 Feb: Underway to continue IREFTRA. Returned to port in evening.

15 Feb: Underway to continue IREFTRA. Returned to port in evening.

16 Feb: Underway to continue IREFTRA. Returned to port in evening.

17 Feb: Underway to continue IREFTRA. Conducted 76mm gun pacfire. Fired one practice SM-1 missile in exercise with USS RODNEY M. DAVIS. Conducted underway replenishment with USNS SPICA. Returned to port in evening.

18 Feb: Underway to continue IREFTRA. conducted Training Assessment, major conflagration drill. Returned to port in evening. Refueled in port.

19 Feb: Underway to continue IREFTRA. Conducted Antisubmarine Warfare exercises. Successfully Completed IREFTRA. Received praise from FTG WESTPAC Commodore Bugarin for noteworthy excellence in Aviation and Medical areas. USS CURTS is last ship to conduct IREFTRA in Subic Bay. Returned to port in evening.

20 Feb: Underway in early afternoon en route Yokosuka.

24 Feb: Returned to port, Yokosuka.

02 Mar: Underway en route Subic Bay.

06 Mar: Moored in port Subic Bay.

08 Mar: Underway en route Philippine local operational area. Completed missile and surface gunnery exercises. Returned to port in the evening.

09 Mar: Underway en route Surabaya, Indonesia, for exercise INDUSA 92-1 with USS MCCLUSKY and Indonesian naval units.

12 Mar: Crossed the equator. Cunducted a crossing the line ceremony.

13 Mar: Rendezvous with USS MCCLUSKY. MCCLUSKY assumed tactical command of CURTS. Moored in port Surabaya.

16 Mar: Underway for exercise INDUSA.

17 Mar: Conducted highline transfer and Naval Gunfire Support Exercise.

18 Mar: Moored pierside in Surabaya for refueling. Underway late afternoon en route Lumut, Malaysia.

19 Mar: Conducted Super Rapid Blooming Offboard Chaff (SRBOC) firing.

21 Mar: USS CURTS runs soft aground while entering port in Lumut, Malaysia.

24 Mar: Underway en route Singapore for voyage repairs to sonar dome.

26 Mar: Moored pierside, Sembawang Pier, Singapore.

27 Mar: Commenced temporary repairs to AN/SQS-56 sonar dome.

30 Mar: Refueled in port.

05 Apr: Change of command: CDR Peter F. Carr, USN relieved by CDR Anthony J. Kopacz, USN.

12 Apr: Underway en route Yokosuka.

17 Apr: Conducted CIWS and 76 mm gun firing.

19 Apr: Moored in port Yokosuka.

21 Apr: Refueled in port.

11 May: Underway en route local operational area.

13 May: Conducted Helicopter Practice Torpedo (REXTORP) drop and recovery.

15 May: Returned to port. Conducted an awards ceremony for the crew. Several crewmembers praised for contributions to the successful OPPE.

19 May: Refueled in port.

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03 Jun: Onloaded HSL-51 Detachment.

06 Jun: Underway en route Otaru, Hokaido, Japan.

07 Jun: Sailed in company of Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) ships JDS HATSUYUKI and JDS SAWAYUKI. Conducted cross deck landing qualifications (DLQs) and two practice REXTORP exercises, using both air and ship launches.

09 Jun: Moored pierside in Otaru. Refueled in port.

12 Jun: Underway en route Pusan, ROK.

15 Jun: Moored pier eight, Army Pier, Pusan, ROK. Refueled in port. Conducted a Main Space Fire drill.

18 Jun: Underway en route Hong Kong.

23 Jun: Moored pierside HMS Tamar, Hong Kong. Refueled in port.

26 Jun: Underway en route Yokosuka. Transited the Formosa Straits instead of the Luzon Straits to evade typhoon Bobbie.

29 Jun: Returned to Port, Yokosuka, Japan.

30 Jun: Underway to anchorage. Conducted ammunition off load prior to upcoming maintenance availability.

06 Jul: Commenced DSRA-4 maintenance availability.

07 Jul: Berth shift to dry dock 4, Naval Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka. Ship is dry docked. Major work accomplished while in dry dock: Replaced the AN\SQS-56 sonar dome and reversible pitch propeller blades.

17 Jul: Change of Command ceremony: CDR Anthony J. Kopacz, USN relieved by CDR Martin L. Moody, USN. Held reception on board for the crew and families.

24 Jul: USS CURTS hosted HMS NEWCASTLE during her visit to Yokosuka in company with HMS INVINCIBLE. Held a picnic and sports competition for both ships.

26 Jul: HMC(SW) Bubba Essary, Destroyer Squadron Fifteen Assistant Medical Officer, was married in the pilot house by LT Paul Roma, Destroyer Squadron Fifteen Chaplain.

28 Jul: Made final dock inspection and flooded dry dock 4.

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29 Jul: Shifted to berth nine, Yokosuka.

12 Aug: Conducted command wide sexual harassment seminar training.

17 Aug: Commenced Maintenance and Material Management (3M) inspection.

21 Aug: Successfully completed 3M inspection.

26 Aug: Conducted navigation standdown.

27 Aug: Conducted fast cruise.

28 Aug: VADM Bennett, Commander Naval Surface Forces, Pacific Fleet, visited CURTS.

29 Aug: Completed DSRA-4.

31 Aug: Underway to anchorage for mini ammunition onload. Underway to local operational area for sea trials.

01 Sep: Continued sea trials. Returned to port.

02 Sep: Underway to anchorage for full ammunition onload. Returned to port in evening.

11 Sep: Underway en route Inchon, ROK.

12 Sep: Made transit of Shimonoseki Strait.

14 Sep: Moored inner harbor, Inchon, after transiting the Han River and tidal locks.

15 Sep: CURTS sends representatives to the memorial ceremony for the 42nd anniversary of the landing at Inchon.

18 Sep: Underway en route White Beach, Okinawa, Japan.

19 Sep: Heavy weather on track to Okinawa caused diversion to Sasebo, Japan. Moored in early evening.

20 Sep: Underway en route Yokosuka.

22 Sep: Returned to port.

24 Sep: Underway en route Okinawa.

26 Sep: Moored Navy Pier, White Beach, Okinawa. Refueled in port. Underway late afternoon en route Singapore.

01 Oct: Moored Sembawang Pier, Singapore. Refueled in port.

02 Oct: Underway en route Freemantle, Western Australia for exercise Valiant Usher 93-1.

03 Oct: Crossed the Equator. Cleansed the ship of all slimy polliwogs.

04 Oct: Transited Sunda Straits.

08 Oct: Moored in Freemantle. Commanding Officer makes a call on the mayor of Freemantle.

09 Oct: Conducted ship tours for the people of Perth and Freemantle, 475 visitors in all.

10 Oct: Continued ship tours in afternoon: 550 visitors.

11 Oct: Welcomed 700 visitors from Australia.

13 Oct: Underway late in the afternoon. Commenced operation Valiant Usher.

17 Oct: Conducted underway replenishment with HMAS Westralia.

18 Oct: Conducted 76 mm gunnery exercise.

19 Oct: Moored in Freemantle.

22 Oct: Underway en route Singapore for a one night refueling stop.

26 Oct: Transited Sunda Straits.

27 Oct: Conducted ASW training while enroute Singapore.

28 Oct: Moored Sembawang Pier, Singapore. Refueled in port.

29 Oct: Underway en route Okinawa.

03 Nov: CURTS holds mock presidential election. H. Ross Perot declared victorious.

04 Nov: Moored Army Pier, White Beach, Okinawa. Refueled in port. Embarked HSL-51 (Detachment ONE) personnel with one SH-60B LAMPS helicopter. SONAR Division acoustic analysts take 1992 Surface Ship Acoustic Analysis Proficiency Program (SSAAPP) Examination. Later receive word that CURTS attained the HIGHEST AVERAGE IN THE PACIFIC FLEET on the exam!

06 Nov: Underway en route exercise ANNUALEX 04G.

07 Nov: Rendezvous with USS THACH. Commenced ANNUALEX.

08 Nov: Conducted Unrep with USNS WALTER S DIEHL.

09 Nov: Flooding in Air Conditioning Machinery Room causes a loss of 400 Hz static frequency converters (SFCs) one and two. Number three SFC was already out of commission. Ship is without 400 Hz power.

12 Nov: Conducted morning unrep with USNS WALTER S DIEHL.

13 Nov: Made repairs to number three SFC. Restored 400 hz power.

16 Nov: Completed ANNUALEX.

17 Nov: Returned to port. Commenced Combat Systems Operational Sequencing System (CSOSS) validation.

20 Nov: Completed CSOSS validation. Held awards ceremony for crew.

25 Nov: Underway en route Chinhae, ROK.

26 Nov: Transited Bungo Suido/Shimonoseki Straits. Served Thanksgiving Dinner to the crew.

27 Nov: Moored in port Chinhae. Refueled in port.

28 Nov: Commenced initial workup briefs for ASW Exercise (ASWEX) 93-1K while in port Chinhae.

29 Nov: Exchanged personnel with several ROK Navy ships. Underway for the exercise.

30 Nov: Conducted surface gunnery exercise.

02 Dec: Conducted unrep with ROKS CHONJI.

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03 Dec: Finished ASWEX 93-1K. Confirmed interoperability between the Navies of the US and Republic of Korea in this extensive bilateral exercise. Moored pier eight, Pusan ROK. Attended exercise hot washup and victory dinner in Chinhae.

07 Dec: Underway en route Philippine Sea for exercise ASWEX 93-1US.
08 Dec: Rendezvous with USS RODNEY M DAVIS for ASWEX.

10 Dec: Conducted unrep with USNS ANDREW J HIGGINS.

12 Dec: Finished ASWEX 93-1US.

13 Dec: Moored in port White Beach, Okinawa, Japan. Refueled in port. Underway in afternoon for Missile Exercise (MISSILEX 93-1).

15 Dec: Turned back toward Okinawa to make best speed to expedite the evacuation of a medical patient. Moored in port Okinawa. Refueled in port. Underway late afternoon en route Yokosuka.

16 Dec: Conducted Mk 46 Rextorp firing. Flew off HSL-51.

17 Dec: Anchored at ammo anchorage for ammunition offload. Moored pierside Yokosuka.

18 Dec: Commenced stores offload in preparation for Integrated Logistics Overhaul (ILO). Ship celebrated the Holidays at CURTS' Christmas Party at the Club Alliance.

29 Dec: Held DSRA-5 arrival conference.

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