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for operational period 1 January -- 31 December 1993

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COMMAND HISTORY 1 JANUARY -- 31 DECEMBER 1993

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

I. Mission of USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)

The CVN mission is to provide sea-based tactical air power to protect America's right to freedom of the seas as well as defense of United States sovereignty. In the actual realization of the "From the Sea ..." doctrine, IKE is capable of projecting tactical air power over sea and land. In concert with her contiguous Battle Group, which would be tailor made and trained to meet any general or specific tasking, IKE is fully capable to accomplish the Navy part of a Joint-Service or Allied mission in one or more of the following six arenas:

- (a) Joint Littoral Warfare
- (b) Joint Strike
- (c) Joint Surveillance
- (d) Joint SEW/Intelligence
- (e) Strategic Deterrence
- (f) Strategic Sealift/Protection

Considerable overlap is provided in each mission area to cover multiple contingencies with economic deployment of available resources.

II. Background

Named after the 34th President of the United States, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) is the third nuclear-powered aircraft carrier ever built, and the second of the NIMITZ class. Originally named EISENHOWER on February 21, 1970, and classified as a CVAN (for attack), the ship was renamed DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER on May 25, 1970. After commissioning the ship was redesignated a multi-mission capable platform, and the attack identifier was dropped.

The keel of the ship, as Hull 599, was laid by Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company on August 15, 1970, and was authenticated by the late President's grandson, D. David Eisenhower II. Five years later, Mrs. Mamie Doud Eisenhower, widow of President Eisenhower and the ship's sponsor, christened her during launching ceremonies on October 11, 1975.

USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) was commissioned October 18, 1977, at Pier 12, Naval Station, Norfolk, VA.

III. Organization Structure

a. Immediate Senior in Command is Commander EISENHOWER Battle Group.

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE, CONT.

b. The Operational Commander embarked is Commander, Eisenhower Battle Group, also known as Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group EIGHT. RADM H. W. Gehman, USN, assumed the duties as CCDG-8 and COMIKEBATGRU from RADM Philip A. Dur, USN, in June 1993. RADM Gehman's biography is attached.

c. The Commanding Officer is CAPT A. M. Gemmill, USN, whose biography is attached. He assumed command 20 March 1993 from CAPT W. V. Cross.

d. The Executive Officer is CAPT D. R. Roulstone, USN, whose biography is attached. He relieved CAPT D. Architzel in September 1993.

e. The Heads of Departments as of December 31, 1993, were:

AIMD	CDR Kevin Ritter
Air	CDR Mark Checchio
Communications	LT Eddie Nikolas
Deck	LCDR William Lee
Dental	CDR Joseph Vogt, DC
Engineering	CDR Dudley Berthold
Executive	LCDR Christopher Fitzgerald
Legal	LCDR David Bailey, JAGC
Marine Detachment	CAPT James Theuer, USMC
Medical	CAPT David Yacavone, MC
Navigation	CDR Charlton McNees
Operations	CDR Leo Enwright
QA/Ship's Maintenance	LCDR Roy Chesson
Reactor	CDR Leo Quilici
Religious Ministries	CDR John Dux, CHC
Safety	CDR Stewart Schreckengast
Supply	CDR Alan Thompson, SC
Training	LT Forrest Eddy
Weapons	CDR Carl Gull

f. Squadrons embarked were those of Carrier Air Wing THREE and included:

VF 32	VFA 37	VFA 105	VA 75
VS 22	VAW 126	HS 7	

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS 1 January 1993 -- 31 December 1993

1 Jan	- Inport, Norfolk, VA
6 Jan	- DSRA Norfolk Naval Shipyard
20 Mar	- USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER Change of Command
28 Apr	- Undocking

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS, CONT.

- 4-6 Oct - Post Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam (PORSE), Norfolk Naval Shipyard
- 12 Nov - Inport, Norfolk, VA (Pier 11N)
- 2-3 Dec - Dock Trials, Inport, Norfolk, VA
- 6-9 Dec - Underway Sea Trials, VACAPES
- 9 Dec - Inport, Norfolk, VA
- 10 Dec - Transit VACAPES
- 11-13 Dec - Flight Test PAX River (A-6/T-45), VACAPES
- 13 Dec - Fuel Onload, USS MERRIMACK (AO 179)
- 13-18 Dec - Cooperative Engagement Capability Testing, VACAPES
- 14-19 Dec - CVW-3 Carrier Qualifications
- 19 Dec - Close In Weapons System PACFIRE, VACAPES
- 20 Dec - Inport Norfolk, VA
- 21-31 Dec - Inport, Christmas Leave Period, Norfolk, VA

STATISTICS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY DEPARTMENT

I. AIRCRAFT INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE

- Completely reworked 238 items of support equipment and six 6K forklifts (35,000 manhours planned and expended).
- Installed new shock mounts on shop eleven vans suspended from overhead in hangar bay one. Shock mounts will prevent damage to sensitive equipment inside vans.
- Individual Material Readiness List received 1,493 new assets and transferred 903.
- Calibration lab increased its capability by 987 items, reducing naval aviation depot calibration requirements.
- Refurbished more than 1,000 joiner doors.

II. AIR

Due to time spent in Drydocking Selected Restricted Availability (DSRA), the following figures and percentages applying to aircraft operations were achieved during the month of December.

- 66 incident-free rotary wing landings.
- 539 incident-free aircraft launches.
- 606 incident-free aircraft recoveries.
- 100% catapult and arresting gear availability.
- 975 aircraft flight deck moves with zero reportable crunches.
- 217,913 gallons of aviation fuel pumped to 297 aircraft.
- 100% aviation fuel systems availability.
- 1 replenishment-at-sea operation transferring 306K with zero spills.
- Completed 536 DSRA work packages.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

- Completed two CMS inventories, 240 local CMS transactions and 123 DCMS reportable transactions without incident or insecurity.
- Communications Department was awarded the COMNAVAIRLANT Green "C" for overall communications excellence.
- CMS 1 became the new manual governing CMS policies and procedures replacing CMS 4L and CSP 1.
- Training visit conducted by CMS A&A team which characterized the CMS account as being in excellent.
- Implemented the message distribution utility (MDU) shipwide, shifting most departments from paper messages to diskette saving thousands of dollars in consumable costs.
- Refurbished over 50 shipboard antenna systems, significantly enhancing departmental operations readiness.
- Rehabilitated 23 departmental spaces.

COMMUNICATIONS, CONT.

- During DSRA-92, the department flawlessly processed well over 100,000 incoming/outgoing messages via PC-to-PC transfer between the ship and shipyard communications center.
- Test operated all communications equipment and implemented a fully operational communications plan in support of sea trials and training/fleet carrier qualifications.

IV. DECK

- Conducted all UNREP evolutions without injury to personnel or damage to equipment.
- Overhauled four, 50-ft. utility boats; four, 40-ft. personnel boats; and two, 26-ft. MWBs during the DSRA.
- Overhauled two fueling at-sea delivery stations and three fueling at-sea receiving stations.
- Overhauled the aft fantail and aft mezzanine, and completely replaced the non-skid.
- Completed CART and TSTA I.
- Received more than 30,000 gallons of JP-5 from USS Merrimack in December.
- Shifted berths in Norfolk Naval Shipyard from drydock to Pier 5 28APR93 and from Norfolk Naval Shipyard to Naval Station Norfolk Pier 11N 12NOV93.

V. DENTAL

- Provided 4,792 Annual Dental Examinations.
- Recorded 9,272 patient visits.
- Fabricated and delivered:
 - 28 Bridges
 - 84 Crowns
 - 32 Dentures
- Extracted 1,408 teeth.
- Filled 3,488 cavities
- Completed 56 root canals.
- Yearly Average of Dental Readiness was 84 percent.
- Retiled and repainted 16 spaces, including fan rooms, AFFF #3, living and office spaces and connecting thoroughfares.

VI. ENGINEERING

- In September, CDR Dudley Berthold relieved CDR Eugene DuCom as IKE's Chief Engineer.
- Ballasted ship and drydocked on 6 Jan 93 at Norfolk Naval Shipyard for a Drydocking Selected Restricted Availability (DSRA-92). Ship undocked 21 Apr 93.

ENGINEERING, CONT.

- Renovated all five CHT tanks with glass reinforced piping, new washdown nozzles and aeration nozzles, installed a new metritape tank level indicating system and repaired existing TLI system.
- Replaced approximately 710 linear feet of CHT piping, including waste and soil drain lines, tank suction and discharge piping and discharge main piping, including complete replacement of all laundry discharge piping from the laundry discharge pump outlet to the valve connecting this line into the CHT discharge main.
- Replaced 900 square feet of shell plating -- 650 square feet of port quarter and 250 square feet of fo'c'sle due to heavy weather damage during previous deployment in the North Atlantic.
- Installed halon vent dampers in all five halon systems and removed halon system from auxiliary boiler room with the removal of the auxiliary boiler from the ship.
- Replaced 20 watertight doors and hatches and overhauled an additional 128 fittings.
- Converted all AFFF systems to balanced foam proportioning systems, which included the removal of the four low capacity systems.
- Norfolk Naval Shipyard opened, cleaned and inspected 111 tanks/voids. Earl Industries opened, cleaned and preserved 127 tanks/voids. Ship's force opened, cleaned and inspected 182 tanks/voids for a total of 420 tanks/voids inspected during the DSRA.
- Renovated 35 of 43 divisional spaces.
- Conducted class "B" overhaul on #2 and #4 CHT pumps.
- Overhauled eight CHT comminutor motors.
- Received a grade of "average" for post-overhaul reactor safeguards examination, which included two firefighting scenarios and a damage control material condition inspection.
- Completed more than 10,000 plumbing related trouble calls.
- Repaired the capastic coating and electrodes for cathodic protection.
- Replaced the MK 19 Gyro Compass and performed a complete alignment of the own ship's heading system including all synchro signal amplifiers and compass repeaters.
- Completed extensive repairs to the portable ship's control units.
- Repaired indicator systems for the portable ship's control units.
- Replaced the inverters for the Dimension 2000 Telephone Exchange.

ENGINEERING, CONT.

- Completely rewired the crew's library and the crew's lounge, which allowed the installation of new computer and TV stands.
- Completely rehabilitated the fire pump mimic panel in DC Central.
- Replaced all waterline security lights on the ship.
- Rewired and rehabed the captain's gig and all of the ship's small boats.
- Replaced and rewired 60 flight deck fire fighting floodlights.
- Replaced one cable on AFT DIV door.
- Replaced two cables on FWD DIV door.
- Overhauled Number 4 and Number 16 Motor Driven Fire Pumps.
- Groomed and repaired all 12 stanchions.
- U/W repairs to steering transfer valves.
- Assisted in SHIPALT of NR 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 cargo conveyors.
- Overhauled NR2 chill water pump.
- Replaced bilge suction valve in AFT Air Conditioning & Refrigeration.
- Painted fwd AC&R machinery room.
- Replaced aft thaw box condensor.
- Conducted pressure test on NR 1 & 2 O2N2 production plants.
- Assisted in the replacement of ship's laundry and dry cleaning plants, aft crew scullery machine and CPO dishwashing machine.
- Tested and set catapult main steam relief valves.
- Removed ventilation exhaust motors for repairs.
- Assisted NNSY with steam accumulator water level alarm settings.
- Fabricated antenna mounting arm for LSO platform.
- Manufactured and installed more than 1,800 lighting brackets for supply storerooms in support of the Supply Management Inspection.
- Fabricated and installed foundations for No. 1 distilling unit.
- Installed more than 75 grounding straps and safety nets for aircraft elevators.
- Manufactured 35 waterline security light brackets.
- Installed 45 Vidmar cabinets in supply storerooms.
- Performed level "A" base metal repairs to the catapults.
- Manufactured more than 50 "T" wrenches for Supply Dept.
- Fabricated 16 desiccant trays in support of reboiler dry lay up.
- Fabricated and installed 5 mounting brackets for the installation of new printing machines.
- Installed dewatering valves for Weapons Dept.
- Replaced salinity cell in #1 Main Machinery Room.
- Repaired cofferdams around #1 main condensate pump.

ENGINEERING, CONT.

- Manufactured and installed personnel ladders in weapons elevators.
- Replaced six personnel safety barriers in weapons elevators.
- Replaced 150-foot section of deck grating in catwalks.
- Installed two sterilizing machines in Medical.
- Fabricated and installed control point watch station desk for Reactor Dept.
- Installed two deck drains in signal bridge.
- Motor rewind jobs included three vent motors and one arresting gear motor.
- Motor recondition jobs included five vent motors, a lube oil purifier motor, distillate water pump motor, #2 CHT motor, and electronic equipment cooling pump.
- Engraved more than 2,500 signs or placards, provided over 1,500 name tags for ship's company.
- Repaired 93 safes, several of which are for secret material.
- Installed/rekeyed more than 200 doorknobs and provided keys.
- 800 equipment validations completed.
- Completed more than 60 jobs in the manufacture of various repair parts and materials.
- Performed emergent rebuilding/machining repairs to various motors and pump shafts and endbells.

VII. EXECUTIVE AND TRAINING

Command Career Counselors:

- Processed 123 SRB request chits
- \$1,524,965.90 total SRB awarded
- Reenlistments: First term 188, second term 53 and career 96 for a total of 337, which is an average of four years per person, equaling 1,348 years of continuous Navy service.
- Percentage of reenlistments of those eligible:
 - First 43%
 - Second 75%
 - Career 65%
- 582 people completed Career Information Training Course (CITC)

Educational Services:

- CLEP Exams 00
- SATs 00
- GREs 00
- GED 05
- PACE None due to extensive overhaul period in Norfolk Naval Shipyard.
- National Apprenticeship Programs
 - 84 enrolled
 - 08 completed

MEDICAL, CONT.

- Completed:
 - 23,353 laboratory tests
 - 5,942 immunizations
 - 9,151 outpatient visits
 - 57 inpatients
 - 8,784 prescriptions filled
 - 609 referrals to hospitals
 - 1,527 audiograms
 - 1,71 X-rays
 - 954 glasses manufactured
 - 2,019 physical exams

X. NAVIGATION

- On 3 August 1993 CDR C. J. McNees relieved CDR J. W. White as Navigator. Conducted navigation/shiphandling training for YP training det. 12-15 Apr. and 8-10 Sept. Completed an extensive DSRA in NNSY. Conducted fast cruise, dock trials and sea trials. Conducted intial TSTA 1 at-sea training period which included Fleet CQ and FAS evolution with USS MERRIMACK.
- Completed:
 - 13 days at-sea
 - FAS with USS MERRIMACK
 - Operations in the Virginia Capes and Cherry Point Operations Areas.

XI. OPERATIONS

- Conducted successful sea trials to include:
 1. Fuel certification
 2. Navigation certification
 3. Precision aircraft landing system (PALS) certification
 4. Flight deck certification
- Conducted FAS with USS MERRIMACK.
- Conducted first CEC underway test period.
- Conducted tailored ship's training availability (TSTA) One.
- Conducted FRS carrier qualifications, which included 330 day traps and 202 night traps.

XIII. RELIGIOUS MINISTRIES

The Chaplains and staff of the Religious Ministries Department provided outstanding support to the crew and their families. Significant accomplishments include:

- Conducted a memorial service for Airman Recruit William Robert Kollar at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Chapel.
- Conducted a memorial service for Torpedoman's Mate Second Class Jonathan Stewart Hamor at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Chapel.
- Conducted a memorial service for Machinist Mate Third Class Kerry Duane Herrin in the ship's chapel.
- Coordinated the work of 22 IKE sailors in providing a Fun Day for the IKE Adopt-a-School Partner, Jacox Elementary.
- Coordinated the work of 13 IKE sailors in a community service project at the Regional Group Home of Virginia Beach in conjunction with the United Way of South Hampton Roads Day of Caring 1993.
- Coordinated the work of 10 IKE sailors in a community service project at the Regional Group Home of Chesapeake.
- Conducted a memorial service for Airman Apprentice Matthew Alan Scott on the forecastle.

EXECUTIVE AND TRAINING, CONT.

- ASSET testing 03
- Administered over 2,000 Navy-wide advancement exams.
- Assisted 32 IKE personnel in the proper submission of Limited Duty Officer (LDO) and Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) packages.
- Assisted personnel in other officer accession programs including EEAP, ECP and BOOST (five total applicants).

Public Affairs Office:

- While underway, broadcasted 44 hours of programming on two television channels and three radio stations.
- Published a daily newspaper while underway, weekly while inport CONUS.
- Submitted 350 Fleet Home Town News forms for release to subjects' home town newspapers.

VIII. LEGAL

- Summary Courts-Martial	68
- Special Courts-Martial	23
- General Courts-Martial	1
- Article 32 Investigations	3
- Non-Judicial Punishments	220
- Administrative Separations	214
- JAGMAN Investigations	6
- Powers of Attorney & Wills	700+
- Claims for lost/damaged personal property	25

IX. MEDICAL

- A complete overhaul of all medical spaces, including modifications for "Women at Sea."
- Equipment upgrades included:
 1. ACA blood chemistries analyzer
 2. Coulter blood cell counter
 3. Laboratory reagent refrigerators
 4. Two AMSCO large capacity sterilizers
 5. Stokes litters and Neil Robertson stretchers
- Installed 12 computer work stations for SNAP Automated Medical System (SAMS)
- Achieved COMNAVAIRLANT Medical Readiness Inspection with findings of C-1 fully ready.
- Awarded COMNAVAIRLANT Blue "M" for best Medical Department in Airlant.
- CAPT Yacavone relieved CDR Hiland as Senior Medical Officer.

XIV. SAFETY

Monthly, the Safety Department published the IKE Gotcha plus daily safety POD notes and periodic submissions of articles for publication. Six articles were accepted by the Naval Safety Center in January. A three hour Familiarization and Indoctrination safety course is conducted for all newly reporting IKE personnel.

Highlights include the following training cycles completed:

- FOD, back injuries, electrical safety.
- Laser, tag-out, vertical package conveyor, and extreme cold weather safety.
- Home and holiday safety.
- HAZMAT storage and departmental petty officer reps
- Afloat Safety Petty Officer Course A-493-2099 aboard IKE for 35 sailors, 5-8 Jul.
- Lead, mercury, recreational safety.
- Slips, trips and falls.
- Safety standdown for holiday driving safety. Posters and static displays on the quarterdeck 1 Jul.
- Fires, gas-free engineering, respirator and painting, 8 and 27 Jul.
- Sight conservation, HAZMAT and injuries, 10 and 24 Aug.
- HAZMAT, working over the side/aloft, and flooding, 7 and 14 Sep.
- Painted for a local charity home during a Day of Caring, 9 Sep.
- Certified driver improvement program instructor.
- HAZMAT inventory, radiation, elevators and conveyors, 12 and 19 Oct.
- Winter driving, fires, and hearing conservation, 17 and 29 Nov.
- Medical Readiness Inspection by TYCOM, 24 and 25 Nov.
- Annual training plan, HICS, coffin lockers, CSMP, UNREP, DCPO training, FOD, and stowage for sea, 8 and 13 Dec.
- Motor vehicle display on the brow, 19-31 December.

XV. SUPPLY

IKE's Supply Department was awarded the COMNAVAIRLANT Blue "E" for the third consecutive year during CY 93. Finalist for the Edward F. Ney Food Service Excellence Award competition for the third consecutive year. Received a COMNAVAIRLANT Supply Management Assessment earning 10 outstanding and 2 excellent adjective grades qualifying for a fourth consecutive Blue "E".

- Significantly upgraded food service spaces during DSRA, including replacement of 28 ovens, 12 reach-in refrigerators, six bulk ice machines, and four salad bars.

SUPPLY, CONT.

- In addition, all galley decks were replaced with quarry tile, and the aft scullery was completely renovated including installation of three new dishwashing machines, garbage grinders, stainless steel counters and a new quarry tile deck.
- During DSRA, completed a \$7 million replacement of IKE's laundry including all washers, dryers, dry cleaning machines and presses.
- Implemented the Navy Aviation Logistics Command Information System (NALCOMIS) Phase II repairables management system and the NALCOMIS Phase III squadron maintenance system.
- Rehabilitated over 80 storerooms during DSRA. Storerooms were repainted, lighting was upgraded and storage aids were upgraded.

XVI. 3-M QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Ship's Material Maintenance Management and Quality Assurance Team was vital to the success and capability of IKE to meet all of her commitments during CY-93.

- Organizational Material Management Systems (OMMS) installed by NAVMASSO on 12-16 Jul.
- Completed OMMS FAS training on board for 268 work center supervisors, chief petty officers and officers, 12 Jul to 13 Aug.
- COMNAVAIRLANT 3M inspection team conducted a 3-M IEM assist visit 26-30 Jul.
- Completed COMNAVAIRLANT Quality Assurance Audit 2-6 Aug.
- Completed CSMP validation and training.
- Installed two semi-annual force revisions (SFR).
- Processed a total of 313 feedback reports (51 category A and 262 category B).
- Conducted 54 "I" Division training classes on basic 3M for approximately 1,600 personnel.
- Qualified a total of 816 personnel in 3M PQS.
- Processed a total of 298 QA packages.
- Conducted 32 training classes in QA procedures and requirements.
- Qualified a total of two QASs, 12 QCIs, 10 CSQCIs and one CMPO.
- Processed three departures from specifications for ship repairs.
- Cleared 15 existing departures from specifications for ship repairs.
- Qualified 398 personnel as Basic OMMS users.

XVII. WEAPONS

- Completed Torpedo Readiness Assist Training (TRAT).
- Completed an ordnance handling and assistance team visit (OHSAT).
- Out of DSRA. Rehabed 630 pieces of aviation weapons support equipment.
- 30 electrical forklifts
- 32 air-rail hoists
- 96 conventional magazines
- 10 weapons elevators
- 15 departmental spaces
- Accomplished a minor ammo onload of 87 lifts

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY OF EMBARKED U.S. MARINE DETACHMENT

I. PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Commanding Officer

1 Jan - 16 Jun..... Captain James W. Raymond
17 Jun - 31 Dec..... Captain James R. Theuer

Executive Officer

1 Jan - 28 Feb..... Captain Thomas A. Banus II
Billet subsequently left vacant until disestablished 28 May 93.

Detachment First Sergeant

1 Jan - 2 May 1stSgt Richard C. Beauchamp, Jr.
3 May - 27 May..... GYSGT Russell H. Williams
Billet disestablished 28 May 93.

Detachment Gunnery Sergeant

28 May - 31 Dec..... GYSGT Russell H. William

Average Monthly Strength:

	Officer	Enlisted
Jan	2	57
Feb	2	44
Mar	1	42
Apr	1	37
May	1	26
Jun	1	22
Jul	1	21
Aug	1	23
Sep	1	25
Oct	1	26
Nov	1	28
Dec	1	25

MARDET, CONT.

II. A NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE MARDET EVENTS

Underwent restructuring during 1993. On 18 Feb. 93, the nuclear weapon security mission was terminated by higher headquarters in response to the SALT II Treaty and changes to the world political environment following the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Initially, the Commandant of the Marine Corps (POS-30) approved a restructured MARDET on CV/CVNs of 2 officers and 46 enlisted personnel.

In March, further guidance directed deactivation of MARDETs, and Marine Detachment, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER conducted preparations to deactivate in late May. Security functions were turned over to Navy Master-at-Arms and gunners mates; all weapons and ammunition were offloaded to MCSF Battalion; and all Marine Corps property and equipment returned to MCFS battalion for redistribution.

In May, CMC (POS-30) directed retention of MARDETs at a further reduced manning of 1 officer and 25 enlisted.

During General Quarters the detachment reduced to two from four the number of gun crews manned, the remaining two being returned to the Navy for manning; and provided eight stretcher bearers, vice sixteen or more. Ceremonial functions continued, with numerous color guard details for command, subordinate units, and local civic organizations, but more elaborate ceremonies became impractical for a lack of personnel. The detachment provided an honor guard at the ship's National POW/MIA Day commemoration.

During the DSRA the detachment conducted off-ship training including three field exercises at MCB Quantico, a field firing exercise at Ft. A. P. Hill, three range firing days at Dam Neck, patrolling as well as shipboard close quarters battle training at Ft. Story, land navigation at NWS Yorktown, and monthly conditioning marches, two of which included professional military education at Chancellorsville and Yorktown National Battlefields.

III: LEGAL ACTION AND NJP: 2

IV. LOGISTICS/SUPPLY

Another aspect of the reduction in manning has been the loss of the department armorer 2111. The detachment now has no organic ability to inspect and repair its weapons, and must rely on proximate commands for assistance. Weapons readiness has suf-

MARDET, CONT.

ferred as a result. The supply NCO billet has been unfilled since June 1993. The detachment's Navy and Marine Corps operating budgets have been significantly reduced over the course of the year.

Despite the manning reduction, the detachment retained the Marine detachment spaces aboard DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER. Two satellite spaces, not integral to the detachment were returned to the ship for other uses.