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From: Commanding Officer, USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY, JAN 1988 - DEC 1988

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

- Encl: (1) Command Compositon and Organization
- (2) Chronology
- (3) Narrative
- (4) Supporting Documents (TABs A & D Confidential)

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1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

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COMMAND COMPOSITON AND ORGANIZATION

MISSION: To operate with aircraft carrier battle groups in extreme threat environments, providing primary anti-air protection for the Fleet. To detect, classify and track hundreds of potential targets simultaneously in the air, on the surface and under the sea. To destroy hostile targets using a variety of weapons: surface-to-air and surface-to-surface missiles, ship- and air-launched torpedoes and deck guns, rapid-fire close-in-weapons, and electronic jammers and decoys.

ISIC: Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group TWELVE

COMMANDING OFFICER: CAPT Joseph Majette Browne II, USN,

From January 1984 to August 1986, Captain Browne was assigned to the Naval Military Personnel Command, where he served as Head, Surface Commander Assignment Branch and Deputy Director, Surface Warfare Officer Assignment Division. Captain Browne is married to the former Nancy Thurston of Athens, Georgia.

DUTY STATION: Naval Station, Mayport, Florida

AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED: HSL 42, DET 3 is the ship's Air Department with two SH-60B LAMPS MARK III assigned, Proud Warrior (PW) 433 and PW 434.

1988 CHRONOLOGY

16 JAN - SM2 BLK III Testing

18-22 JAN - Weapons Offload, Charleston, SC

25-29 JAN - Final Contract Trials

16 FEB - 14 MAR - Refresher Training, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

17-20 MAR - SM2 BLK III Firings

31 MAR - 1 APR - OPPE

11-12 APR - Weapons Offload, Charleston, SC

22 APR - 30 JUN - PSA

19-20 JUL - Weapons Onload, Charleston, VA

24-25 JUL - SM2 BLK III Firings

1-5 AUG - TAV/NWAI

15-19 AUG - TTQT

22 AUG - 12 OCT - Teamwork '88; New AAW tactic - "Silent Spear" -
developed

22-24 SEPT - SHAREM

17 OCT - 4 NOV - Combat System Readiness Review, Phases I and II

24 OCT - Supply Management Inspection

3 NOV - Guest Cruise

7 NOV - 22 NOV - FLEETEX 1-89B

1 DEC - POM

7-9 DEC - Weapons On-Load, Charleston, SC

30 DEC - Deploy, MED 1-89

Enclosure (2)

NARRATIVE

I. Final Contract Trials (FCT)

A. Objective: To present the Combat System/Weapon System to the INSURV Board to identify deficiencies in material readiness, design, and training.

B. Contents: All aspects of the Combat/Weapons Systems were presented to INSURV via the maintenance program and detection, track and engagement scenerios.

C. Lessons Learned

1. Mode of operation of close-in-weapon system should be modified to better counter-act the threat. Key design deficiencies in power distribution were identified and will be corrected via engineering changes.

D. Evaluation

1. A successful assessment of the material condition, readiness and training of LEYTE GULF's combat/weapon system.

II. SM2 BLK III - See Enclosure (4), TAB (A)

III. OPPE - See Enclosure (4), TAB (B)

IV. SMI - See Enclosure (4), TAB (C)

V. New AAW Tactic, "Silent Spear" - See Enclosure (4), TAB (D)

VI. Awards Received - In addition to battle excellence awards in every warfare category, LEYTE GULF won the Atlantic Fleet Ship Safety Award, the Navy's Captain Edward F. Ney Memorial Award for excellence in food service, and the Merit Award from the Chief of Information for top Familygram in the Navy.

VII. HSL 42, Det 3 Yearly Flight Totals:

	Total Hrs	Day/Night	Total Landings	Rast Day/Night
July	42.1	27.5/14.6	119	21/32
Aug	37.9	23.0/14.9	29	3/1
Sep	186.4	133.9/52.5	96	13/11

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Oct	18.7	17.7/1.0	5	0/0
Nov	102.7	66.7/36.0	48	2/2
Dec	7.2	3.4/3.8	16	4/0

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

TAB (A) - SM2 Block III Test results message (C)

TAB (B) - OPPE results message (U)

TAB (C) - SMI results (U)

TAB (D) - "Silent Spear" explanation message (C)

TAB (E) - Ship's Familygrams (U)

Enclosure (4)