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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC 20)

1976 COMMAND HISTORY

Chronology of Significant Events

Jan 1 In-port upkeep, NORVA.

Jan 12 Conducted CINCLANTFLT Propulsion Examination Board, received satisfactory grade.

Jan 20 Underway for Pier 12 to load missiles.

Jan 22 Underway for CARIBEX 2-76.

Jan 29 Anchor Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Jan 30 Conduct underway exercises, anchor Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Commander D.U. McCULLOUGH relieved as Executive Officer by Commander A.S. MILLER.

Jan 31 Underway for Opposed Sortie.

Feb 3 Rear Admiral PALMER, COMPHIBGRU TWO, and Brigadier General SHULTER, Commanding General, 4th MAB, embarked.

Feb 5 Conducted highly successful missile firing.

Feb 6 Major General SHULTER, Commanding General, 4th MAB, promoted to present rank on board. Anchor St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, for port visit.

Feb 9 Admiral, Royal Netherlands Navy, arrives and departs.

Feb 10 Major General SPANJER, Commanding General, 2nd Marine Air Wing, arrives and departs.

Feb 11 The Honorable Gary M. PENISTEN, Asst. SECNAV (Financial Management) arrives and departs.

Feb 12 Lieutenant General JASKILKA, Asst. Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Honorable Donald RUMSFELD, SECDEF, Vice Admiral SHANAHAN, COMSECONDFLT, Rear Admiral HOLCOMB, Military Asst. to SECDEF, Rear Admiral REPLOGLE, Atlantic Fleet Inspector General, arrive and depart.

Feb 17 Burial-at-sea of Chief Petty Officer Elmer WOODRUFF, USN, Ret.

Feb 18: Vice Admiral SHANAHAN, COMSECONDFLT, arrives.

Feb 20 Vice Admiral SHANAHAN, COMSECONDFLT, departs.  
Moor Pier 7, NORVA.

March 18 Underway for Pier 12, NORVA, moor.

March 19 Underway for Pier 7, NORVA, moor.

March 30 Vice Admiral SHANAHAN, COMSECONDFLT, breaks flag  
in MOUNT WHITNEY. Staff, COMSECONDFLT, embarks  
in MOUNT WHITNEY.

April 1 Vice Admiral ADAMSON, Commander Naval Surface  
Forces Atlantic Fleet, arrives and departs.

April 2 Dr. James BABCOCK, and Captain RUNYON, USN,  
members of the staff of the Director, Telecom-  
munications and Command and Control Systems,  
Office of the SECDEF, arrive and depart.

April 5 Admiral HOLLOWAY, Chief of Naval Operations,  
arrives and departs.

April 7 Visit by 155 members of the Canadian Forces  
Command and Staff College.

April 15 Dependent's Fast Cruise.

May 6 Underway for Exercise SOLID SHIELD 76 as a unit  
of JTF 122.

May 8 Complete Communications Exercise ALOUD CHARLIE.

May 19 Brigadier General ATKINSON, USAF, Asst. Deputy  
Director for Operations, Office of the Joint  
Chiefs of Staff, arrives and departs.

May 21 Arrive NORVA, moor Pier 7.

June 7 Underway for sea as a unit of Task Force 200.

June 12 Anchor Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Captain L.H. BIBBY,  
USN, relieved as Commanding Officer by Captain  
R.M. BURRET, USN.

June 13 Underway for OPAREA.

June 16 Arrive San Juan, Puerto Rico, for port visit.

June 18 Underway for sea.

June 21 Vice Admiral SHANAHAN, COMSECONDFLT, hauls down his flag in USS MOUNT WHITNEY.

June 25 Arrive Port Everglades, Florida, for port visit. Rear Admiral PALMER, COMPHIBGRU TWO, hauls down his flag.

June 29 Underway for sea.

July 2 Rendezvous with International Naval Review Task Force 200, station #2 of column #1.

July 3 Commence ceremonial entry into New York City,

July 4 200th Birthday of United States. Vice Admiral SHANAHAN, COMSECONDFLT, Vice President Nelson ROCKEFELLER, Donald RUMSFELD, SECDEF, Secretary of State Henry KISSINGER, arrive and depart. Render 21 gun salute to United States of America. Render 19 gun salute to the Senior Reviewing Official, Vice President Nelson ROCKEFELLER.

July 5 Vice Admiral SHANAHAN, COMSECONDFLT, breaks his flag in MOUNT WHITNEY. CNO hosts luncheon aboard for 50 Chiefs of Naval services.

July 7 Underway for NORVA.

July 8 Arrive NORVA, moor Pier 7.

Aug 6 Vice Admiral SHANAHAN, COMSECONDFLT, hauls down his flag, Rear Admiral PALMER, COMPHIBGRU TWO, breaks flag in MOUNT WHITNEY.

Aug 21 Vice Admiral SHANAHAN, COMSECONDFLT, breaks his flag in MOUNT WHITNEY.

Sept 3 Underway for extended operations in the North Atlantic and Exercises TEAMWORK 76 and BONDED ITEM.

Sept 17 Major General HERMANSEN, Norwegian Air Force, Commander Southern Norway Air Forces, and Major General HODNETTE, USAF, Air Deputy, Allied Forces Northern Europe, arrive and depart.

Sept 18 Major General SCHWENK, USMC, Director for Operations, U.S. European Command, and Dr. LABERGE, Asst. Secretary General for Defense Support of NATO, arrive and depart.

Sept 19 His Excellency the Secretary General of NATO, Joseph LUNS, and the Ambassadors of Norway, Denmark, Ireland, United Kingdom, and Netherlands, and General WILSON, Commandant of the Marine Corps, arrive and depart.

Sept 20 Rear Admiral REPLOGLE, Inspector General Atlantic Command, arrives and departs.

Sept 21 His Majesty King OLAV V, King of Norway, arrives and departs.

Sept 22 His Excellency J.J. HOLST, Deputy Minister of Defense of Norway, and LGEN TUFTE-JOHNSEN, Commander of Norwegian Forces, arrive and depart.

Sept 23 General Sir John SHARPE, Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces Northern Europe, arrives and departs.

Sept 28 Arrive Amsterdam, Netherlands, for port visit.

Oct 1 Underway for Portsmouth, England.

Oct 2 Arrive Portsmouth for port visit. Render 21 gun salute.

Oct 9 Underway for Exercise BONDED ITEM.

Oct 13 Navy Birthday. The Honorable Robert ELLSWORTH, Deputy SECDEF, arrives and cuts cake in birthday ceremonies on mess decks.

Oct 14 The Honorable Robert ELLSWORTH, Deputy SECDEF, departs.

Oct 15 General Sir John SHARPE, Commander Allied Forces Northern Europe, arrives and departs.

Oct 18 Arrive Hamburg, Germany, for port visit.

Oct 22 Rear Admiral PALMER, COMPHIBGRU TWO, hauls down his flag.

Oct 27 Vice Admiral SHANAHAN, COMSECONDFLT, breaks his flag in MOUNT WHITNEY. Arrive Dublin, Ireland, for port visit. First U.S. ship in six years to visit Dublin.

Oct 28 Underway for NORVA.

Nov 6 Conduct Operational Plant Propulsion Examination (OPPE) enroute CONUS. Weather prevents completion.

Nov 9 Arrive NORVA, moor Pier 7.

Nov 16 Underway to complete OPPE. Receive satisfactory grade. Return NORVA.

Dec 18 Christmas party held on board for dependent children.

Dec 28 Vice Admiral SHANAHAN, COMSECONDFLT, hauls down flag. Commanding Officer, MOUNT WHITNEY, breaks Commissioning Pennant.

Dec 31 Moored. port side, Pier 7 NORVA.