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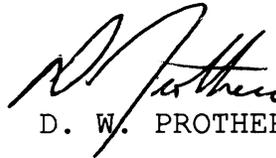
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1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted.


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USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20)
COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

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Commanding Officer: Captain David W. Prothero, USN
17 July 2001 - Present

Executive Officer: Commander Robert Sparrock, USN

Operations Officer: Lieutenant James S. Bond, USN

Chaplain: Commander Olric Wilkins, USN

Dental Officer: Commander Garry Schulte, USN

Medical Officer: Lieutenant Commander Donald
Shenenberger, USN

Command, Control,
Communications, Computers
and Intelligence (C4I)
Officer: Lieutenant Commander Bruce
Dickey, USN

Supply Officer: Lieutenant Commander Eric
Stump, USN

Engineering Officer: Lieutenant Commander Howard
Gubbs, USN

Administrative Officer: Lieutenant Robin Jones, USN

Combat Systems Officer: Lieutenant Carlos Sancho, USN

Navigator: Lieutenant Junior Grade
Christopher Lutgendorf, USN

First Lieutenant: Chief Warrant Officer Four
David Lankford, USN

Commander, Amphibious Group TWO is the Immediate Superior
in Command for USS MOUNT WHITNEY.

Mission: USS MOUNT WHITNEY serves as the
command ship for Commander, SECOND
FLEET. With advanced command,
control, communications, computers
and intelligence systems, USS MOUNT
WHITNEY serves as an exceptional
command platform in support of
COMSECONDFLT coordinated joint and
NATO exercises and real world
operations. USS MOUNT WHITNEY is
homeported in Norfolk, Virginia.

USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20)
CHRONOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1-8 JAN	Second Holiday Leave Period
10 JAN	Underway: Crew Training/Sea Trials
18-25 JAN	Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 02-1
12 JAN-8 FEB	Upkeep
29 JAN-1 FEB	Command Assessment of Readiness & Training (CART) II
9-23 FEB	Underway: Crew Training/Trans-Atlantic
24-27 FEB	Port Visit: Kiel, Germany
1-15 MAR	Operation Strong Resolve 2002
15-18 MAR	Port Visit: Gdynia, Poland
18-19 MAR	Underway: Crew Training
19-22 MAR	Port Visit: Copenhagen, Denmark
22-24 MAR	Underway: Crew Training
24-27 MAR	Port Visit: Rotterdam, The Netherlands
27-29 MAR	Underway: Crew Training
29 MAR-1 APR	Port Visit: Cobh, Ireland
1-3 APR	Underway: Crew Training
3-6 APR	Port Visit: Lisbon, Portugal
6-14 APR	Underway: Transit to Norfolk, Va.
15-28 APR	Upkeep

17-19 APR	Supply Management Assessment (SMA)
17-19 APR	Communications Readiness Certification (CRC) Inspection
29 APR-5 MAY	Underway: Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 02-2
6-7 MAY	Upkeep
7-8 MAY	Underway: Initial Assessment (IA)
9-28 MAY	Upkeep
29-31 MAY	Underway: Crew Training
1-3 JUN	Upkeep
4-5 JUN	Underway: Underway Demonstration (UD)
6-27 JUN	Upkeep
28 JUN-1 JUL	Underway: Crew Training
2-17 JUL	Upkeep
18-19 JUL	Underway: Crew Training
19-21 JUL	Upkeep
22-24 JUL	Underway: Final Evaluation Phase (FEP)
25 JUL	Upkeep
26 JUL	Underway: Family Day Cruise
27 JUL-4 AUG	Upkeep
5-23 AUG	Fleet Maintenance Availability
24-27 AUG	Upkeep

28-29	AUG	Underway: Sea Trials	
20	AUG-3	SEP	Upkeep
4-5	AUG	Underway: Crew Training	
6-17	SEP	Upkeep	
18	SEP	Underway: Crew Training	
19	SEP	Inport: Nauticus, Downtown Norfolk	
20	SEP	Underway: Crew Training	
21	SEP-28	OCT	Upkeep
24-27	SEP	Maintenance and Material Management (3M) Assist Visit	
29-30	OCT	Underway: Sea Trials	
31	OCT-11	NOV	Upkeep
12-13	NOV	Underway en route to Morehead City, N.C.	
13-14	NOV	Inport: Morehead City, N.C.; Combined Joint Task Force, Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) embarks	
14-23	NOV	Deployed, Trans-Atlantic (TRANSLANT) crossing	
24-26	NOV	Port Visit: Rota, Spain	
27	NOV-1	DEC	Underway: Deployment/Operation Enduring Freedom
1-4	DEC	Port Visit: Valleta, Malta	
4-31	DEC	Underway: Deployment/Operation Enduring Freedom	

USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20)
COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE

Calendar year 2002 was a busy one for USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20). After closing out 2001 with a shipyard availability period at NORSHIPCO Shipyard, the ship jumped into the new year with both feet. On February 9, MOUNT WHITNEY set sail for the North Atlantic region to participate in the highly successful Exercise "Strong Resolve 2002," one of the largest NATO exercises in recent memory. More than 30 ships from 13 NATO countries and 12 Partnership for Peace (PfP) nations participated in the exercise.

During the ship's two-month journey to the North Atlantic region, MOUNT WHITNEY Sailors got the opportunity to enjoy liberty in six different nations: Germany, Poland, Denmark, The Netherlands, Ireland, and Portugal.

In June, MOUNT WHITNEY's Engineering Department set the Atlantic Fleet standard for technical expertise and watchstanding proficiency as the ship achieved the highest scoring engineering certification in 2002. Inspectors from the Afloat Training Group (ATG) went over its systems with a fine-toothed comb and determined that the command ship met and exceeded the requirements for engineering readiness. The ship was the first in the Atlantic Fleet to perform the Initial Assessment (IA) underway, and passed each of the 28 evolutions of the Underway Demonstration (UD), for an overall score of Outstanding.

After a successful Final Evaluation Period (FEP) in July, MOUNT WHITNEY's crew received a well-deserved respite as the ship spent the majority of August in its Norfolk, Va., homeport. In September, the ship underwent a successful Maintenance and Material Management (3M) Assist Visit. Not long after the inspection, the ship's crew learned that MOUNT WHITNEY's operational tempo would soon increase to new heights.

MOUNT WHITNEY was scheduled to begin 2003 as it had ended 2001 - with a shipyard availability. However, when America upped the ante in the war on terrorism, the ship received the short-notice call to support a multi-service staff during a six-month deployment to the Horn of Africa region.

Prior to the deployment, COMMANDER, SECOND FLEET disembarked the ship in order for COMBINED TASK FORCE-HORN OF AFRICA (CJTF-HOA) to embark. MOUNT WHITNEY departed Norfolk on November 12 to participate in OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM and the ongoing global war on terrorism. On November 13, CJTF-HOA embarked the ship to support this deployment.