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Encl: (1) THACH Command History, Calendar Year 1985
(2) THACH Statistical Data
(3) Command Organization

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted. Enclosures (2) through (3) are provided for additional background.

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COMMAND HISTORY

USS THACH (FFG 43)

CALENDAR YEAR 1985

COMMANDING OFFICER'S NARRATIVE:

1985 was THACH's first fully operational year as a part of Third Fleet. Starting the year in a Post-Shakedown Availability (PSA), THACH successfully completed CINCPACFLT's propulsion examining board light-off exam, certifying the engineering plant on 8 February. THACH completed Post-Shakedown Availability and moved from Todd Shipyard to Naval Station Long Beach, California on 29 March. During the Post-Shakedown Availability, THACH had the AN/SQQ-28 Acoustic Processor System, Recovery Assist Securing and Traversing System (RAST) and fin stabilizers installed, thus completing the LAMPS MK III Weapons System Integration. The following months emphasized crew training and shipboard inspections that included successful completion of the Training Readiness Evaluation, Refresher Training, and Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.

AS THACH progressed through the training cycle, a change in both administrative commander and in homeport took place. Moving from Long Beach to San Diego on 19 July 1985, THACH was assigned from Surface Squadron ONE to Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-ONE. Serving in Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-ONE, THACH was assigned to the USS NEW JERSEY Battleship Battle Group and participated in Battle Group inport training during December 85 in preparation for her first Western Pacific deployment. The following timeline provides more detailed information concerning events which occurred during 1985.

Enclosure (1)

1985 TIMELINE

7-11 JAN ENGINEERING MOBILE TEAM TRAINER, PHASE II.

11 JAN SPILLED APPROXIMATELY 100 GAL OF OILY WASTE DUE TO DRAIN TANK GAGE BEING TURNED OFF-OIL CONTAINED IN SKIRT AROUND SHIP. TODD SHIPYARD DISPOSAL UNIT CLEANED UP.

12 JAN CREW MOVED FROM TODD TRAILER COMPLEX BACK ABOARD THACH.

23 JAN HAD BRIEF ON SAN DIEGO FOR OUR DEPENDENTS.

29 JAN LOADED JP-5 FOR THE FIRST TIME (6,000 GALS).

1 FEB STARTED "READY AND ABLE" INTER DIVISIONAL COMPETITION PROGRAM.

7-8 FEB CINCPACFLT PROPULSION EXAMINING BOARD LIGHT-OFF EXAMINATION SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED.

14 FEB AVIATION ASSIST VISIT (AAV) COMPLETED-UPGRADED TO SUCCESSFUL AVIATION READINESS EVALUATION (ARE).

19-23 FEB COMBAT SYSTEMS/SYSTEMS INTEGRATION TESTING CERTIFIED SQO-28 ACOUSTIC PROCESSOR, HELICOPTER OPERATIONS AND SINGLE AUDIO SYSTEM (SAS).

25 FEB QMSN DREWS SELECTED FOR BOOST (1ST THACH MAN TO BE SO HONORED).

27 FEB POSTAL ASSIST VISIT.

8 MAR MS1 VIADO RETIRED WITH 20 YEARS SERVICE. FIRST MAN TO RETIRE FROM USS THACH.

11-12 MAR COMBAT SYSTEMS MOBILE TEAM TRAINER.

13-14 MAR DOCK TRIALS.

14 MAR OVERNIGHT CRUISE.

15 MAR COMPLETED BALLAST WORK.

17 MAR INCLINING EXPERIMENT.
THACH'S ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF COMMISSIONING.

19-21 MAR (U/W) SEA TRIALS.

21 MAR THACH'S FIRST RAST LANDING WITH SH-60B HELICOPTER.

24 MAR EMI SURVEY CONDUCTED ABOARD.

26 MAR FUELED THE SHIP

29 MAR COMPLETED POST-SHAKEDOWN AVAILABILITY - MOVED TO NAVSTA LONG BEACH.

30 MAR HELD PSA COMPLETION PICNIC FOR CREWMEMBERS, FAMILIES, AND TODD WORKERS.

1 APR (U/W) ENROUTE SAN DIEGO/MOORED SAN DIEGO DEPERMING FACILITY.

1-3 APR INPORT SAN DIEGO

2-3 APR DEPERMING-RAN DEGAUSSING RANGE.

4 APR (U/W) ENROUTE LONG BEACH/MOORED LONG BEACH.

5-21 APR INPORT LONG BEACH.

5 APR HELD DC STAND-DOWN

8-12 APR LAMPS MK III MTTU WITH TRAINING VAN IN HANGER.

15-19 APR COMNAVSURFPAC 3-M ASSIST VISIT.

19 APR AWARDS CEREMONY - EMI KELLY NAMED SAILOR OF THE QUARTER. E-2 DIVISION WON R AND A COMPETITION FOR FIRST QUARTER. CELEBRATED ADMIRALS THACH'S BIRTHDAY.

22 APR (U/W) ENROUTE SEAL BEACH/MOORED SEAL BEACH-AMMO ONLOAD.

22 APR (U/W) ENROUTE LONG BEACH/MOORED LONG BEACH.

22-28 APR INPORT LONG BEACH.

23-26 APR RAVIR TEAM TRAINER ABOARD.

24-26 APR COLLIMATED RADARS.

29-30 APR (U/W) SOCAL OPS (TACTICAL MANEUVERING DRILL, DECK LANDING QUALS, GUNNERY EX, HAD UNREP WITH USNS KAWISHIWI)

1-2 MAY INPORT LONG BEACH.

2 MAY RMI HAYNES SELECTED FOR EEAP (1ST MAN ABOARD).

6-10 MAY ENGINEERING MOBILE TEAM TRAINER (PHASE I).

8 MAY HELD COURSE ABOARD ON WRITING MORE EFFECTIVELY (APPROX 55 PEOPLE ATTENDED).

11 MAY PRE-TRAINING READINESS EVALUATION.

13 MAY HELD FIRST QUALIFICATION BOARD FOR CIC WATCH OFFICERS.

14-16 MAY (U/W) ISE SOCAL.
SPENT EVENING ANCHORED OFF AVALON, ON SANTA CATALINA ISLAND.

15 MAY BURIAL AT SEA FOR TWO DECEASED NAVAL SERVICEMEN.

19 MAY EMBARKED ONE 1/C AND FIVE 3/C MIDSHIPMEN FOR SUMMER TRAINING.

21-23 MAY (U/W) ENROUTE SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. EMBARKED 164 PASSENGERS AT CONCORD FOR THE TRANSIT UP THE SHIP CANAL.

23-27 MAY INPORT SACRAMENTO - PORT VISIT.
VIP LUNCHEON IN WARDROOM ON 24 MAY.
HAD TOTAL OF 6,200 VISITORS COME ABOARD.

28-29 MAY (U/W) ENROUTE SOCAL.

30-31 MAY PARTICIPATED IN READIEX 85-5.

30 MAY-10 JUN KERNAL USHER 85-3. AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE. HAD FIRST CHAPLAIN SERVICES AT SEA USING "HOLY HELO" FROM USS OKINAWA. 1ST VERTREP 4 JUN FROM USS MARS. HAD BOARDING EXERCISE WITH USS DOWN.

10-13 JUN INPORT SAN DIEGO.
VISITED BY CAPT CLARY COMDESRON 21, OUR NEW ISIC

13 JUN TRAINING READINESS EVALUATION. AT ANCHOR IN SAN DIEGO, THEN GOT UNDERWAY ENROUTE LONG BEACH.

14-16 INPORT LONG BEACH

14 JUN TRANSFERRED BMCM BLAIR. 1ST COMMAND MASTER CHIEF ABOARD.

17-21 JUN ENGINEERING MOBILE TEAM TRAINER PHASE II - (U/W) SOCAL.

22 JUN DEPENDENTS CRUISE. HAD 240 GUESTS.

23-30 JUN INPORT LONG BEACH.
 24-28 JUN COMNAVSURFPAC 3-M INSPECTION.
 24-28 JUN LAMPS MK III MTTU PHASE II.
 24-28 JUN MK 92 FCS/CIWS WHITE NOISE SURVEY.
 24-28 JUN MISSILE MAGAZINE CORROSION INSPECTION.
 25 JUN SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION ONLOAD.
 1-8 JUL INPORT LONG BEACH.
 2 JUL COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS ASSESSMENT BY COMDESRON TWO ONE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED.
 9-10 JUL U/W FOR OPERATIONAL PROPULSION PLANT EXAMINATION FROM CINCPACFLT PROPULSION EXAMINING BOARD.
 12-16 JUN INPORT LONG BEACH.
 14 JUL EMBARK FIRST AND THIRD CLASS MIDSHIPMEN FOR SUMMER TRAINING.
 15 JUL CHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDER FROM COMSURFRON ONE TO COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON TWENTY-ONE.
 16 JUL SC-2 DIVISION WON R&A COMPETITION FOR 2ND QUARTER.
 17-18 JUL (U/W) INDEPENDENT STEAMING IN SOCAL OP AREAS.
 19 JUL CHANGED HOMEPORT TO SAN DIEGO.
 19-21 JUL INPORT SAN DIEGO. EMBARKED HSL-43, DET 4 HELICOPTER DETACHMENT.
 22-26 JUL (U/W) SOCAL OP AREAS FOR REFRESHER TRAINING BY FLEET TRAINING GROUP.
 27-28 JUL INPORT SAN DIEGO.
 29 JUL-2 AUG (U/W) SOCAL OP AREAS FOR REFRESHER TRAINING.
 30 JUL LAUNCHED EXERCISE SM-1 MISSILE AGAINST TARGET DRONE.
 31 JUL ANTI-SUBMARINE OPERATIONS WITH HMAS ONSLOW (SUBMARINE).

2 AUG SURFACE GUNNERY EXERCISE AGAINST TARGET SLED, CLOSE-IN WEAPON SYSTEM (CIWS) GUNNERY EXERCISE AGAINST AIR TARGET. AIRCRAFT DROPPED TOW WIRE ON US!

3-4 AUG INPORT SAN DIEGO.

5-8 AUG (U/W) SOCAL OF OP AREAS FOR REFRESHER TRAINING.

7 AUG DID FIRST TOWING EXERCISE (WITH TUG PACTOW).

8 AUG MAJOR CONFLAGRATION DRILL.

9 AUG SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED REFRESHER TRAINING (ONE DAY EARLY!).

9-19 AUG INPORT SAN DIEGO.

10 AUG LAMPS ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE TESTING.

14 AUG COMCRUDESGRU ONE RADM R. A. K. TAYLOR VISITS SHIP.

15 AUG STATE CONGRESSMAN BARR FROM ARIZONA VISITS SHIP.

19-20 AUG (U/W) INDEPENDENT STEAMING EXERCISES IN SOCAL OP AREAS.

21-31 AUG INPORT SAN DIEGO.

21 AUG COMDESRON 21 CHANGE OF COMMAND CAPT CLARY RELIEVED BY CAPT DOLL

22 AUG THACH'S FIRST ENLISTED SURFACE WARFARE SPECIALIST BOARD. QUALIFIERS RMC BULLINGER, GMGC PEEBLES, EMC PERENIA, QMC HODELL AND GMM1 TURNER. (ETC BOWERS QUALIFIED BUT HAD TO WAIT FOR MINIMUM TIME REQUIREMENT).

24 AUG SHIPS PARTY.

26 AUG STARTED INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY (IMAV I) WITH SIMA SAN DIEGO.

28 AUG COMMANDER, DESTROYER TWENTY-ONE VISITS SHIP.

3 SEP AVCM HUIE, PACFLT MASTER CHIEF VISITS SHIP.

3-30 SEP IMAV I WITH SIMA SAN DIEGO. SNAP II INSTALLED.

3-6 SEP NAVY FOOD MANAGEMENT TEAM VISIT.

9-13 SEP RAVIR TEAM TRAINER.
 17 SEP PROCKING CEREMONY FOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS SELECTED.
 17 SEP COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON TWENTY-ONE DAMAGE CONTROL ASSESSMENT.
 25 SEP SAN DIEGO ORIENTATION BRIEF FOR FAMILIES (AT FSC SAN DIEGO).
 30 SEP-4 OCT LAMPS MK III MTTU PHASE II ABOARD.
 1-4 OCT COMNAVSURFPAC DIESEL INSPECTION.
 3 OCT COMMANDER, CRUISER-DESTROYER SQUADRON ONE AND COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON TWENTY-ONE OBSERVES LAMPS MK III MTTU.
 7-11 OCT COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS TEST (CSRT).
 10 OCT (U/W) SOCIAL OP AREAS WHILE CONDUCTING CSRT.
 11-14 OCT INPORT SAN DIEGO.
 15-18 OCT (U/W) INDEPENDENT STEAMING IN SOCIAL OP AREAS.
 15 OCT UNREP WITH USNS KAWISHIWI.
 16 OCT DK1 MCFARLAND NAMED SAILOR OF THE QUARTER (SENIOR), QM3 BUTKUS NAMED SAILOR OF THE QUARTER (JUNIOR).
 18 OCT AMMUNITION ONLOAD NORTH ISLAND.
 19-20 OCT INPORT SAN DIEGO.
 21-24 OCT (U/W) INDEPENDENT STEAMING IN SOCIAL OP AREAS. ANCHORED OFF AVALON FOR LIBERTY ON 22 OCT.
 25 OCT-3 NOV INPORT SAN DIEGO.
 25 OCT-1 NOV COMDESRON TWENTY-ONE BREAKS FLAG IN AND STAFF MOVES ABOARD TO WORK FROM TACTAS SPACES.
 28 OCT COMMANDER, CRUISER DESTROYER GROUP ONE SECURITY ASSIST VISIT.
 4-8 NOV UNDERWAY SOCIAL OP AREAS.
 4-6 NOV FIRST MARINE RECON COMPANY ONBOARD TO CONDUCT BEACH INSERTION EXERCISES. (LIVES IN PORT HELO HANGAR). SHIP LAUNCHES THEIR 4 RUBBER BOATS SEVERAL TIMES.

7 NOV FORACS AND SSRNM AT WILSON COVE.

8-15 NOV INPORT SAN DIEGO.

12 NOV LCDR KYSAR-PROSPECTIVE EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS FOR DUTY.

16-17 NOV VISIT SHIP AT BROADWAY PIER SAN DIEGO. HAD TOTAL OF 1998 VISITORS ABOARD.

18-21 NOV (U/W) ENROUTE VALLEJO, CA.

19 NOV CONDUCTED FULL POWER TRIAL.

21-24 NOV PORT VISIT VELLEJO, CA. TOOK 30 GUESTS UP-BAY FROM PT. MOLATE TO VALLEJO. HAD 600 VISITORS OVER A RAINY WEEKEND ONCE THERE.

25-26 NOV (U/W) ENROUTE SAN DIEGO.

27-30 NOV INPORT SAN DIEGO.

2-3 DEC SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INSPECTION (PASSED!).

2-5 DEC COMNAVSURFPAC MK 75, 76MM GUN INSPECTION.

2-5 DEC BATTLE SHIP SURFACE ACTION GROUP ASUW/ASW TRAINER.

4-5 DEC WATERFRONT CORRECTION ACTION PROGRAM (WCAP).

6 DEC PERSONNEL INSPECTION OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

9-10 DEC (U/W) ISE SOCIAL.

9-20 DEC LAMPS MK III ELECTRONIC WARFARE TEAM TRAINER.

10-31 DEC INPORT SAN DIEGO.

12-13 DEC COMMAND INSPECTION BY DESTROYER SQUADRON TWENTY-ONE.

16 DEC HELD 2ND ANNUAL THACH CHRISTMAS PARTY AT CPO CLUB, NAVSTA 32ND ST.

16-20 ASW PHASE II TEAM TRAINING.

21 DEC HAD CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY ON MESS DECKS.

23-31 DEC CHRISTMAS LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD.

RETENTION STATISTICS FOR 1985:

REENLISTMENTS: 18

ADVANCEMENTS:	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>
	83	5

DISCHARGE: 14

RETIREMENTS: 2

AMMUNITION EXPENDED:

	<u>ROUNDS</u>
12 GAUGE SHOT GUN	480
7.62MM (M-14)	1251
7.62MM (M-60)	1000
.45 CALIBER BALL	2575
50 CALIBER	2650
40MM HE-PD (GRENADES)	4
20MM (CIWS)	1700
76MM BL & P	161
76MM HE-IR	69
76MM HE-PD	36
GRENADES, HAND	6
SM-1 GUIDED MISSILE (EXERCISE)	1
MK 46 TORPEDOS (EXERCISE)	2

SHIPS EVOLUTIONS:

UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENTS	7
HELICOPTER LAUNCHES/RECOVERIES	1166
GAS TURBINE OPERATING HOURS	GTE #A: 803
	GTE #B: 689

GALLONS OF FUEL OIL CONSUMED (F-76) 526,518

COMMAND ORGANIZATION

COMMANDING OFFICER: CDR DALE H. MOSES

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: CDR LEE W. CHAMPAGNE (1 JAN - 14 NOV)
LCDR BILLY D. KYSAR (15 NOV - PRESENT)

SHIP CONTROL DEPARTMENT

SHIP CONTROL DEPARTMENT HEAD: LCDR JOSEPH HACK III
SHIP CONTROL (SC-1) DIVISION OFFICER: QMC MICHAEL D. HODELL
COMMUNICATIONS (SC-2) DIVISION OFFICER: RMC DARRELL C. BULLINGER
DECK (SC-3) DIVISION OFFICER/FIRST LIEUTENANT: BMCS ROBERT E. DUTCHER

COMBAT SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD: LCDR JOSEPH CELANO
COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER OFFICER/CS-1 DIVISION OFFICER: LT ROBERT MCGRATH
ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE OFFICER/CS-2 DIVISION OFFICER: LT ERIC LANTTO (1 JAN-14 DEC)
LT ELDRIDGE HORD (15 DEC-
PRESENT)
ORDNANCE OFFICER/CS-3 DIVISION OFFICER: LTJG JUAN RENTA (1 JAN - 17 AUG)
ENS STEPHEN GATTIS (18 AUG - PRESENT)
ELECTRONIC READINESS OFFICER/CS-4 DIVISION OFFICER: LTJG WILLIAM F. CONOSCENTI

SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

SUPPORT OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD: LT JOHN R. MESSMAN
S-1 DIVISION OFFICER: SKC CESAR S. GREGORIO
DISBURSING OFFICER/S-2/S-3 DIVISION OFFICER: LTJG MILANTE F. LAZO
S-4 DIVISION OFFICER: EMC(SW) FLORANTE B. PERENIA

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

ENGINEERING OFFICER/DEPARTMENT HEAD: LCDR RICHARD T. HOLDCROFT
MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT/E-1 DIVISION OFFICER: LT ROBERT E. COIL
DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT/E-2 DIVISION OFFICER: LTJG BRIAN L. FAULHABER

Enclosure (3)