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Encl: (1) Commanding Officer's Picture and Biography
(2) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(3) Ships Photograph

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are provided for additional background.

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1. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION.

a. USS THACH is a flight III Oliver Hazard Perry Class Guided Missile Frigate designed to provide anti-submarine and medium range anti-air defense to a battle group, amphibious or merchant convoy. THACH is part of Destroyer Squadron Thirty Three, Commanded by Captain R. S. Watkins. The ship is homeported in San Diego, CA and is commanded by Commander Keith T. Moore. Throughout the year THACH embarked various LAMPS MKIII (SH60B) anti-submarine warfare helicopters from HSL 43.

2. NARRATIVE.

JANUARY 1989 - MARCH 1989: During the Months of January, February, and March THACH continued a five month DryDocked Selected Restricted Availability where she was upgraded with the AN/SQQ-89(V)2 anti-submarine suite and where her displacement was increased to 4100 tons. THACH also completed a ISIC Light Off Assessment. Ensign Gordon Middleton reported on board in January and Lieutenant Craig W. Schmidt reported on board in February.

APRIL 1989: THACH completed Sea Trials after a five month DSRA and set sail for an ammunition on load in Concord, California and a port visit in San Francisco, California and a training availability in Treasure Island, California.

MAY 1989: During the month of May, THACH completed a port visit in San Francisco, California and a training availability in Treasure Island. Upon return to San Diego, California, THACH completed a Training Readiness Examination and a COMDESRON TWENTY ONE Command Inspection. Ensign Gordon Thiesz reported on board.

JUNE 1989: THACH completed a two week Interim Refresher Training period.

JULY 1989: NTR

AUGUST 1989: THACH enjoyed a port visit to the annual Seattle Sea Fair in Seattle, Washington. THACH completed a Mobile Training Team Phase II inspection. LT Peter Morford reported on board.

SEPTEMBER 1989: During the month of September, THACH completed a Intermediate Maintenance Availability. During the week of 25 - 29 September THACH completed MEF-EX 89-8 in preparation for her upcoming MEF deployment in December.

OCTOBER 1989: THACH completed a Mobile Training Team Phase III engineering inspection.

NOVEMBER 1989: In November THACH went through a Propulsion Examining Board Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.

DECEMBER 1989: During the beginning of December THACH completed a Pre Overseas Movement and on 15 December left San Diego on a six month Middle East Force Deployment.

3. CHRONOLOGY.

JANUARY 1989

- Drydocked Southwest Marine Shipyard, San Diego, CA
- Ensign Gordon Middleton reports on board

FEBRUARY 1989

- Drydocked Southwest Marine Shipyard, San Diego, CA

MARCH 1989

- Drydocked Southwest Marine Shipyard, San Diego, CA
- Lieutenant Craig W. Schmidt reports on board
- ISIC Light Off Assessment

APRIL 1989

- Sea Trials SOCAL OPAREA
- Enroute Concord, California for ammunition on load

MAY 1989

- Port Visit San Francisco CA
- Training Readiness Availability Treasure Island, California
- Ensign Gordon Thiesz reports on board
- Training Readiness Examination
- COMDESRON TWENTY ONE Command Inspection

JUNE 1989

- Interim Refresher Training

JULY 1989

- NTR

AUGUST 1989

- Port Visit Seattle, Washington for Seattle Sea Fair
- Mobile Training Team Phase II

SEPTEMBER 1989

- Intermediate Maintenance Availability
- MEFEX 89-8
- LT Peter Morford reports on board

OCTOBER 1989

- Mobile Training Team Phase III

NOVEMBER 1989

- Operation Propulsion Plant Examination

DECEMBER 1989

- Pre Overseas Movement
- Embarked HSL 46 DET 6
- TRANSITEX 89-6, Middle East Force deployment
- SM-1 missile exercise BARSTUR, Hawaii
- OPCON C7F