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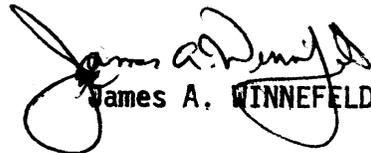
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Encl: (1) Command Organization and 1974 Highlights  
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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are forwarded.

  
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COMMAND HISTORY AND 1974 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Commanding Officers: Captain Daniel G. McCORMICK, III - 1 January to 5 April 1974, Captain James A. WINNEFELD - 5 April to 31 December 1974.
2. Homeport: Norfolk, Virginia.
3. Command Associations:
  - a. Administratively under the command of:
    - (1) Commander Amphibious Squadron EIGHT - 1 January to 31 December 1974.
4. Summary of Operations:
  - a. Deployments:
    - (1) TRENTON deployed to the Mediterranean on 9 May 1974 as a unit of the Mediterranean Amphibious Ready Group 1-74 and return to Norfolk on 31 October 1974.
  - b. Exercises:
    - (1) OPERATION GOOD FRIENDSHIP/DOUBLE EFFECT - 2 to 6 June. In company with U.S. and Turkish units as part of Task Group 438.1 conducted an opposed transit, underway replenishment, opposed amphibious assault and supported Marine forces ashore.
    - (2) SARDINIA/FLAMING LANCE 74 - 19 to 26 June conducted with U.S. and Italian forces. TRENTON conducted an opposed transit, underway replenishment, vertical replenishment, amphibious assault and supported Marine forces ashore from Augusta Bay, Sicily to Porto Scudo and Sardinia.
    - (3) PHIBLEX 1-75-5 to 15 July conducted at Gythion, Greece. TRENTON and other TF-61 units received valuable training in the underway launch phases of an amphibious assault and supporting Marines ashore.
    - (4) Training Anchorages were conducted at Brindisi, Italy, 10 to 22 August and 2 to 6 September; at Taranto, 11 to 14 September where TRENTON was visited by SECNAV and received the "Golden Snipe" award.
    - (5) PHIBLEX 4A-75 - Conducted from 9 to 14 October and was composed entirely of TF-61 units. This was TRENTONs last opportunity to demonstrate her effectiveness in the conduct of amphibious warfare during the deployment. This exercise was observed by COMSIXTHFLT.
5. Special Topics:
  - a. Cyprus Evacuation Operation - 15 to 30 July. The most significant event of the MARG 1-74 deployment for TRENTON was the evacuation of 286 non-combatants of 21 different nationalities from the island of Cyprus to Beirut, Lebanon.

b. CH53 Helo Crash - 19 July. On the evening of 19 July a CH53 Helicopter departed TRENTON enroute to INCHON following night landing training for pilots. Shortly after take-off from TRENTON, the helo crashed into the sea off the port bow. The quick response of TRENTON in this emergency resulted in the recovery of three of the seven persons embarked in the helo. Two of the three persons recovered survived, the other four persons were presumed lost at sea. TRENTON marked the crash datum and conducted SAR operations for approximately 10 hours until it was apparent no further recovery could be made.

c. Public Relations:

(1) Open House was conducted at:

- (a) Brindisi, Italy
- (b) Valencia, Spain
- (c) Norfolk, Virginia

(2) Male relatives of the crew were embarked on one occasion. On 30 October, 15 relatives were bussed to Morehead City, N.C. from Norfolk to join their fathers/Sons returning from the Mediterranean deployment for the overnight transit to Norfolk.

d. Statistics:

- (1) Salaries Expense: \$2,424,208.55
- (2) Operating Expenditures (less fuel): \$190,934.06.
- (3) Ship fuel burned: 3,602,142 Gallons ND
- (4) Helicopter landings since commissioning: 3547.

## SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

1-14 JAN: Inport Norfolk, VA. Under ADMIN Command of CPR 8.  
14 JAN: Underway with CPR 8 for Onslow Beach, N.C. for type training. Conducted several landings at ashore. 15-16 JAN. Conducted CARQUALS for Marines.  
16 JAN: Underway for Norfolk, VA (PM)  
17 JAN: Arrive Norfolk, VA (PM)  
28 JAN: Underway for LA-7 anchorage and interim refresher training. Conducted boat OPS at LA-7 28 and 29 JAN.  
29 JAN: Underway for Onslow Beach, N.C. (PM).  
30 JAN: Arrive Onslow Beach, N.C., conducted LVT OPS, Helo OPS.  
31 JAN: Underway for LA-7 anchorage (PM).  
1 FEB: Arrive LA-7, conducted final exercise landing. Transit to and arrive at South Annex, Norfolk, VA. (PM).  
12 FEB: Underway for Craney Island. Refuel Craney Island (PM).  
13 FEB: Underway for Little Creek. Arrive East Quay Wall, Little Creek (PM).  
5 APR: CAPT Daniel G. Mc CORMICK, III, USN, relieved as Commanding Officer by CAPT James A. WINNEFELD, USN.  
8 APR: Underway for Cacapes OPAREA. Conducted gunnery exercises, STBD shaft bearing overheated, scored shaft, shaft locked and ship headed for Norfolk.  
9 APR: Anchor at EX1. Commenced loading ammo and repair of shaft bearing.  
11 APR: Return to NOB pier #5.  
13 APR: Shaft bearing repaired.  
15 APR: Underway with CPR 8 and ships of MARG 2-74 for Onslow Beach and Tactest.  
16 APR: Arrive Onslow Beach, commence Tactest.  
19 APR: Complete Tactest and departed for Norfolk.  
20 APR: POM  
8 MAY: POM  
9 MAY: Underway for Morehead City, N.C. with CTU 44.2.2. (AM).  
10 MAY: Embarked BLT 1/8 (PM). Underway for transit to Rota, Spain.  
10-20 MAY: Transit to Rota, Spain with CTU 27.9.6.  
20 MAY: Arrive Rota, Spain (AM).  
20-23 MAY: Inport Rota, Spain. Turnover with outchopping units of CTF-61.  
23 MAY: Underway for Carboneras, Spain (AM).  
23-25 MAY: Training anchorage at Carboneras, Spain.  
25-31 MAY: Transit from Carboneras, Spain to Izmir, Turkey.  
31 MAY: Port visit Izmir, Turkey.  
2 JUN: Port visit Izmir, Turkey.  
2-5 JUN: Underway for opposed transit to Iskenerum, Turkey with TE-438.1.1 USS CORONADO, USS TRENTON, USS SAGINAW.  
3 JUN: UNREP with USS CANISTEO (AO-99).  
5-7 JUN: Operations GOOD FRIENDSHIP/DOUBLE EFFECT.  
7 JUN: Underway from Iskenerum, Turkey (AM).  
7-10 JUN: Transit to Naples, Italy.  
10-17 JUN: Port visit Naples, Italy.  
17 JUN: Underway for Augusta Bay, Sicily (AM).  
18 JUN: Arrived Augusta Bay, Sicily (AM)

18-19 JUN: At anchor Augusta Bay, Sicily.  
 19 JUN: Underway for Porto Scudo, Sardinia (PM) with TG-703.3.  
 20 JUN: UNREP with USS WACCAMAW (AO-109) and USS CONCORD (AFS-5).  
 21 JUN: Arrive Porto Scudo, Sardinia (AM) for operations FLAMING LANCE/SARDINIA 74.  
 21-26 JUN: Participated in operations FLAMING LANCE/EXERCISE SARDINA 74.  
 26 JUN: Underway for transit to Livorno, Italy (PM).  
 27 JUN: Arrive Livorno, Italy (AM).  
 27 JUN: Port visit Livorno, Italy.  
 2 JUL: Port visit Livorno, Italy.  
 2 JUL: Underway to RDVU with units of TF-61 for transit to Gythion, Greece.  
 5 JUL: Arrive Gythion, Greece AOA (AM).  
 5-15 JUL: Training anchorage Gythion, Greece.  
 15 JUL: Underway for holding area south of Crete (PM).  
 16 JUL: Arrived holding area south of Crete.  
 16-19 JUL: Steamed with other units of TF-61 in holding area.  
 19 JUL: 2149 - CH53 helo crashed in sea off port bow, 7 souls onboard. TRENTON's lifeboat recovered 3 crew members, 1 DOA. Maneuvering in vicinity of 134°40N 1022-17E continuing SAR efforts  
 20 JUL: Continued to maneuver in vicinity of crash site. No additional helo crew members located and presumed lost at sea.  
 20 JUL: Proceeding to MOD-LOC (AM) 134-°30N 130-00E.  
 21 JUL: Proceeding to 133-57N 1034-00E.  
 22-28 JUL: Steaming in Sea Echelon area south of Cyprus.  
 23 JUL: UNREP with USS MILWAUKEE (AOR-2).  
 24 JUL: Proceeded to Akrotiri Bay, Cyprus to receive evacuees from HMS HERMES. Received evacuees. Proceeded to sea echelon area south of Dikekelia, Cyprus to receive more evacuees. Received additional evacuees. 2100 departed sea echelon area for Beirut, Lebanon with a total of 286 evacuees.  
 25 JUL: Arrived Beirut, Lebanon. Debarked evacuees. (AM).  
 25 JUL: Underway to rejoin TF-61 to rejoin TF61 South of Cyprus. (PM).  
 26 JUL: Steaming in designated OPAREA south of Cyprus.  
 1 AUG: Detached from TF-61 to proceed independently to Brindisi, Italy. (PM)  
 1 AUG: Steaming in designated OPAREA south of Cyprus.  
 1-4 AUG: Enroute Brindisi, Italy.  
 4 AUG: Arrived Brindisi, Italy (AM).  
 4-10 AUG: Port visit, Brindisi, Italy.  
 10-22 AUG: Training anchorage Brindisi, Italy.  
 22 AUG: Underway for Palermo, Sicily (PM)  
 22-24 AUG: Transit from Brindisi, Italy to Palermo, Sicily.  
 24 AUG: Arrived Palermo, Sicily (AM).  
 24-30 AUG: Port visit Palermo, Sicily.  
 30 AUG: UNREP with USS WACCAMAW (AO-109).  
 1 SEP: Gunnery exercises in PM Enroute Brindisi, Italy.  
 2 SEP: Arrived Brindisi, Italy (PM)  
 2-7 SEP: Training anchorage Brindisi, Italy.  
 7-9 SEP: Port visit Brindisi, Italy.

9 SEP: Underway transit to Taranto, Italy training anchorage.  
 10 SEP: VERTREP stores from USS CONCORD (AFS-5) and USS SYLVANIA (AFS-2).  
 11 SEP: Arrived Taranto, Italy (AM) training anchorage.  
 14 SEP: Underway to RDVU with USS WACCAMAW (AO 109) enroute to Barcelona, Spain.  
 15 SEP: UNREP with USS WACCAMAW (AO-109).  
 14-18 SEP: Transit to Barcelona, Spain.  
 18 SEP: Arrived Barcelona, Spain (AM).  
 18-25 SEP: Port visit Barcelona, Spain.  
 25 SEP: Underway for Valencia, Spain (AM).  
 25 SEP: Arrive Valencia, Spain (PM).  
 25 SEP: Port visit Valencia, Spain.  
 1 OCT: Port visit Valencia, Spain.  
 1 OCT: Underway transit to Rota, Spain for steering gear repairs (AM).  
 2 OCT: Arrive Rota, Spain (PM). Commenced TAV with USS SIMON LAKE.  
 2-7 OCT: Port visit/TAV Rota, Spain.  
 7 OCT: Underway to RDVU with TF-61 at Carboneras, Spain.  
 7-9 OCT: Transit to Carboneras, Spain.  
 9 OCT: Arrived Carboneras, Spain training anchorage.  
 9-14 OCT: Training anchorage Carboneras, Spain.  
 14 OCT: Underway to Rota, Spain (PM).  
 15 OCT: Arrive Rota, Spain (PM).  
 15-20 OCT: Inport Rota, Spain for desnailing operations and turnover with inchopping MARG.  
 20 OCT: Underway transit from Rota, Spain to Morehead City, N.C. in accordance with COMSECONDFLT OPOB 10-74.  
 20-30 OCT: Atlantic transit with TG-21.1  
 30 OCT: Arrived Morehead City, N.C. Debarked BLT 1/8 (AM).  
 30 OCT: Underway for Norfolk, VA. (PM)  
 31 OCT: Arrived Norfolk, VA. Commenced post-deployment leave and liberty and upkeep period.  
 4 NOV: Continued leave and upkeep period in addition to making preparations for INSURV Inspection.  
 1 DEC: Continued leave and upkeep period in addition to making preparations for INSURV Inspection.  
 2-6 DEC: Underway for Cacapes OPAREA - Underway INSURV Inspection.  
 2 DEC: INSURV Inspection.  
 3 DEC: Arrived Norfolk, VA (PM).  
 7-20 DEC: Inport Norfolk, VA.  
 20 DEC: Chopped to operational control of COMPHIBGRU TWO as unit of CARIB 2-74 in stand-by status.  
 21-31 DEC: Inport Norfolk, VA.