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USS FOX CG-33
COMMAND HISTORY 1982

JANUARY

1-4 Jan Inport Naval Station San Diego, CA for Holiday leave and upkeep period.

4 Jan Commence POT&I.

5-7 Jan Underway SOCAL OPAREAS for POT&I sea trials.

8 Jan Inport Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, CA for pre-deployment weapons onload.

9 Jan Underway transit from Seal Beach to San Diego.

10-13 Jan Inport Naval Station San Diego, CA.

14-31 Jan Underway for READIEX 2-82 with units of TG 172.1 Battle Group "E" commanded by RADM A. S. MOREAU, COMCRUDESGRU THREE, embarked USS RANGER (CV-61). FOX is FAAWC for the Battle Group.

14-18 Jan Battle Group "E" participates in exercise "KERNEL EGRESS" in the SOCAL OPAREAS in conjunction with units of COMPHIBGRUEASTPAC.

19-15 Jan Battle Group "E" transits to MIDPAC OPAREAS.

26-31 Jan Continue READIEX 2-82 in MIDPAC OPAREAS.

26 Jan COMTHIRDFLT VADM W. A. LAWRENCE visits FOX. Expended 1 SM-1 (ER) at Barking Sands Missile Range.

30 Jan Expended 2 Terrier (BT) at Barking Sands Missile Range.

FEBRUARY

1 Feb Underway, MIDPAC OPAREAS. CINCPACFLT ADM WATKINS, visits FOX.

2-6 Feb Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

7-19 Feb Underway, continue READIEX 2-82.

7-11 Feb Transit to SOCAL OPAREAS.

13-16 Feb Mobile Sea Range phase of READIEX 2-82 in SOCAL OPAREAS.

15 Feb Expended 4 SM-1 (ER) at SOCAL MSR.

18 Feb Vandalex with USS ENGLAND (CG-22). Expended 1 SM-1 (ER).

20-21 Feb Inport Naval Station San Diego CA. Continue POT&I.

22-26 Feb Underway SOCAL OPAREAS conducting plane guard OPS with USS RANGER (CV-61).

27-28 Feb Inport Naval Station San Diego CA.

27 Feb FOX's Reserve Unit from Fargo, ND reports aboard for 2 weeks Active Duty Training.

MARCH

1-6 Mar Inport Naval Station San Diego, CA. Commence CSRT.

2 Mar COMTRAPAC RADM Johnson presents FOX with the First Annual FLTCOMBATRACENPAC EW Excellence Award.

4 Mar Underway for CSRT SOCAL OPAREAS.

5-31 Mar Inport Naval Station San Diego, CA.

5 Mar Conclude CSRT.

8-31 Mar Preparation for Overseas Movement. Leave and Upkeep period.

13 Mar Conducted "FOX Family Day" on board, featuring a fast cruise and dinner for dependents and guests.

22 Mar Ship's company Pre-deployment Dinner/Dance at the U.S. Naval Station 32nd St. CPO Mess for ship's company, spouses and quests.

29 Mar Commence RIMPAC 82 inport training.

APRIL

1-6 Apr Inport Naval Station San Diego, CA.

1 Apr RIMPAC fast cruise.

3 Apr Captain Donald R. Anderson, USN, relieves Captain Leslie N. Palmer, USN, as CO, USS FOX. Guest speaker is RADM A. S. MOREAU, COMCRUDESGRU THREE.

7 Apr Underway for overseas deployment. FOX is again assigned as FAAWC for Battle Group "E", TG 30.5, under command of RADM A. S. MOREAU, COMCRUDESGRU THREE, embarked in USS RANGER (CV-61).

7-25 Apr Battle Group "E" participates in RIMPAC 82 while transiting to Pearl Harbor and the MIDPAC OPAREAS, in conjunction with Naval units from Japan, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand.

23 Apr FOX notified she has won the following awards for the competitive cycle 1 Jul 80 - 31 Dec 81: PACFLT AAW, COMCRUDSGRU FIVE

Battle "E", Departmental Efficiency Awards in Engineering (3rd), ASW (3rd), Gunnery (4th), Missiles (4th), Operations (3rd), and EW (1st).

26-30 Apr Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
28 Apr 3 FOX Sailors reenlisted at Arizona Memorial by COMTHIRDLFT VADM LAWRENCE.

MAY

1-12 May Battle Group "E" underway, transit to WESTPAC.
3 May The Battle Group crosses the International Date Line.
5 May TG 30.5 INCHOPS to the 7th FLEET as TG 70.5.
8-11 May Participated in READEX 82 under command of CTG 70.10 COMCARGRU FIVE embarked on USS MIDWAY (CV-41).
10 May Expended 1 SM-1 (ER).
12 May Transit the San Bernardino Straits.
13-22 May Inport Naval Station Subic Bay RP for upkeep.
22 May Miss Black America, Pamela Jenks, and entourage visits FOX.
23-26 May Underway, transit South China Sea. FOX is in Tactical Control of USS BREWTON (FF-1086) and USS RATHBURNE (FF-1057) in the absence of CTG 70.5, who has steamed 5 days earlier for Singapore.
24 May FOX embarks 53 South Vietnamese refugees.
26 May FOX transfers aboard 81 refugees from USS BREWTON (FF-1086) total on board now 134.
27 May Anchored out Singapore BCC to disembark all refugees. BREWTON and RATHBURNE rejoin TG 70.5, enroute to Indian Ocean.
28-31 May Underway, enroute Diego Garcia, BIOT.
28 May Transit Straits of Malacca. FOX 16th birthday observed in ceremonies conducted on board.
31 May Conducted "Crossing the line" ceremonies.

JUNE

1-2 June Underway Indian Ocean transit to Diego Garcia, BIOT.
3-8 June Anchored out Diego Garcia, BIOT. SOPA is CO, USS AJAX (AR-6).

9-17 June Underway for MODLOC OPS with TG 70.5. FOX is once again FAAWC.

18-19 June Relieved as FAAWC by USS ENGLAND (CG-22). Transit to Karachi, Pakistan.

20-22 June Inport Karachi, Pakistan.

23-30 June Underway for MODLOC OPS with 70.5.

25-27 June TG 70.5 anchors out at Masirah, Oman. FOX remains underway as FAAWC/AAW Picket.

28-30 June TG 70.5 underway, conducting GONZOEX 82-3 with units of British, Australian, and New Zealand Navies.

JULY

1-3 July Underway continue GONZOEX 82-3 FOX remains FAAWC/AAW Picket.

4-6 July TG 70.5 anchors out at Masirah, Oman. FOX remains on AAW Picket Station.

5 July Celebrated Independence Day with a cookout on the fantail and volleyball tournament.

7 July Transit to RENDEZVOUS with TG 70.5.

8-9 July Transist to Gulf of Oman OPS. FOX remains on AAW Picket.

10-12 July Underway for BEACON Flash 82-8 OPS.

13-16 July BEACON Flash 82-8, AAW Picket.

17-19 July Battle Group "E" anchors out at Masirah, Oman. FOX remains on AAW Picket.

20-26 July Underway for Gulf of Oman, AAW Picket, RPS, MODLOC.

26-29 July Battle Group "E" gets underway for transit to south to Diego Garcia for "Weapons Week". FOX monitors speed of advance and commences southern transit paralleling main body track.

29-31 July Underway for Diego Garcia. Closing with main body and assuming station in accordance with daily intentions.

AUGUST

1-3 August Underway in transit to Diego Garcia.

4-5 August Battle Group "E" Weapons Week. Expended one SM-1 (ER) missile. Proceeded 240 NM S.W. of Diego Garcia to assist in SAR for

survivors of a downed EA-3B aircraft. Only one survivor rescued by RANGER helo.

6 August Inport Diego Garcia B.I.O.T, moored alongside USS AJAX (AR-6).

7 August USO show "Touring Acts" gives performance on FOX's flight deck for ships in the nest.

10 August Ship's picnic in Seabee Park.

14 August Tour of Coconut Plantation by some of FOX's crew.

21 August Ship's picnic at Cannon Point Park. FOX's boxers compete and do well in the Battle Group "E" smoker.

22 August FOX's basketball team was beaten in the semifinals of the Battle Group "E" Championship by THE USS AJAX (AR-6) and FOX's softball team was stopped in the third round of the BG "E" softball tournament by PSD team Diego Garcia.

23 August Battle Group "E" swim meeting . FOX places fifth and the USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS-3) wins overall.

24 August FOX's J. O. Slammers +2 win Battle Group "E" Volleyball Tournament against NAVCOMSTA Diego Garcia "C" Site team.

25 August Fast Cruise

26 August Move to POL pier to refuel alongside USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS-3); on completion moved to anchorage A-8.

27-31 August Underway for Fremantle, Australia with Battle Group "E".

SEPTEMBER

1 September Underway for Fremantle, Australia with Battle Group "E".

2 September Battle Group "E" photo.

4-12 September Inport HMAS Stirling, Australia.

6 September Reception held for officers of USS FOX and USS KISKA in Wardroom HMAS Stirling.

7 September CTG 70.5 Change of Command on board USS RANGER (CV-61). Reception for officers of HMAS Stirling held in FOX wardroom.

8 September Rockingham Shire President, Mr. Mays visits FOX for tour and luncheon.

9 September Miss Western Australia, Susan Bantoc, and entourage visit FOX for tour and luncheon.

10 September Chief's initiation held at Senior Enlisted Sailors Mess HMAS Stirling.

13 September Underway enroute Subic Bay, R.P. with Battle Group "E".

17 September Transit Lombok Straits leaving behind the Indian Ocean.

18 September Conducted "Crossing-the-Line" ceremonies.

19 September "Surf and Turf" cookout on the fantail.

23 September Inport Subic Bay R.P. moored alongside USS ENGLAND (CG-22).

28-30 September Underway enroute Pearl Harbor, HI, with units of Battle Group ECHO. FOX AAW Picket Ship.

OCTOBER

1 October Underway enroute Pearl Harbor, HI with units of Battle Group ECHO. FOX is AAW Picket Ship.

5 October Chop to COMTHIRDFLT.

8 October (First) Commanding Officer's Meritorious Mast held.

8 October (Second) Boxing smoker and cookout held on fantail.

11 October Inport Pearl Harbor, HI. FOX embarks 45 Tigers.

12 October Underway enroute San Diego, California with units of Battle Group ECHO. Commenced Tiger Cruise.

13 October California Highway Patrolman delivered by helo from RANGER for Driver Safety Lecture.

16 October Fleet Career Counselor NCCM (b) (6) visits FOX via helo from RANGER.

17 October Tiger Awards Ceremony held by Commanding Officer.

18 October Arrive San Diego, California. Complete Tiger Cruise. Complete WESTPAC 82 deployment.

28 October COMCRUDESGRU THREE, RADM BALDWIN, breaks his flag on board FOX.

NOVEMBER

1 November Inport San Diego, CA.

3 November SARP Review Conference held in wardroom.

4 November Memorial Service for BT3 Michael J. Reece, USN, Deceased, held on Flight Deck.

8 November Begin "S" Availability SIMA (until 17 December 1982).

9 November COMCRUDESGRU THREE, RADM BALDWIN, Hauls down his flag on board FOX. Conducted Fast Cruise, breasted out to place camels in board.

10 November CCTV Traffic Safety Lecture by Mr. Ernie Hammer, DMV State of California.

15-17 November Underway, local OPS and NGFS. NFGS requalification successful.

18 November Inport San Diego, CA.

22 November COMCRUDESGRU FIVE, RADM W. A. COCKELL, JR., breaks his flag on board FOX.

25 November Thanksgiving Day celebrated on board FOX with worship service and turkey dinner.

DECEMBER

1 December Inport San Diego, CA. Continuing "S" availability with SIMA.

3 December Safety Stand Down.

9 December FOX is 32nd St. Visit Ship. Conducted tour for 60 NJROTC students from Kansas.

10 December Ship's Christmas dinner/dance held at Town and Country Convention Center.

12 December Ship's Christmas party for dependent children celebrated with festivities on board.

16 December FOX is Ready Force Eastpac ship until 20 Dec.

17 December Completed "S" availability with SIMA.

20 December Commenced Holiday leave period, completed Ready Force Eastpac Ship. ISIC firefighting capability assessment conducted by COMCRUDESGRU FIVE.

24 December Christmas Eve Candle Light Service conducted in pilot house by LCDR (b) (6)

25 December Christmas Dinner served in EDF, presided over by Commanding Officer.