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From: Commanding Officer, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-09BH)

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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E of 19 Jan 90

Encl: (1) USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) Command History for 1990
(2) LINCOLN Battle "E" package (U)

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**USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)
Command History 1991**

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Overview

USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) is the nation's fifth Nimitz-class aircraft carrier, and the newest in the U.S. arsenal. Built at a cost of over \$3 billion, LINCOLN is the largest U.S. warship ever constructed. Commissioned November 11, 1989, LINCOLN is the second ship of the line named for the sixteenth, and arguably, the greatest president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln.

LINCOLN is charged with supporting America's tactical air capability and maintaining open sea lanes. As it carries out this mission on the oceans of the world, LINCOLN brings a message of peace through strength. Captain James O. Ellis Jr. commands Lincoln and its officer and crew complement of over 2,600 persons.

In 1991, LINCOLN completed a high tempo of carrier operations, including the ship's maiden deployment. Prior to the ship's WESTPAC, LINCOLN performed carrier qualifications, refresher training, and intense damage control exercises designed to prepare the crew, air wing and battle group for a summer deployment to the Arabian Gulf region. LINCOLN, with Carrier Group THREE, Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN and Destroyer Squadron NINE embarked, departed May 28 along with a seven-ship battle group to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean.

During the WESTPAC, LINCOLN participated in the largest peacetime evacuation of military dependents ever after the eruption of Mount Pinatubo, Republic of the Philippines. Also, LINCOLN headlined national news over the summer as it maintained a strong military presence in the Persian Gulf, enforcing United Nations sanctions against Iraq in the aftermath of hostilities. It was the first carrier to spend an entire summer operating inside the Arabian Gulf. In addition, LINCOLN participated in multinational training opportunities with the navies and air forces of several Asian, Middle Eastern and European countries, including Malaysia, Thailand, Oman, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Britain and France.

The year culminated with LINCOLN's completion of WESTPAC on 25 Nov.

The outstanding performance of LINCOLN during its WESTPAC deployment, especially during operations inside the Arabian Gulf, demonstrated its willingness to stay faithful to its motto, "Shall Not Perish." LINCOLN enters 1992 confident of its ability to protect and defend America's vital interests at home and abroad. And that it will continue to be one of America's foremost warships and the fleet's leader.

1. Command Composition and Organizational Structure:

LINCOLN'S Mission:

To support and operate Naval tactical and support aircraft at sea, maintain open sea lanes for maritime traffic, project power both at sea and ashore, and provide a formidable strike option in response to national tasking. LINCOLN also serves as a command and control platform, able to direct and support full battle group operations.

Wherever it goes, LINCOLN serves as a symbol of U.S. resolve to provide a sea-based deterrent to threats of national interest.

Chief of Naval Operations -- ADM Frank B. Kelso

CINCPACFLT -- ADM. Robert Kelley

COMNAVAIRPAC -- VADM Rudy Kohn

COMCARGRU 3 -- RADM Timothy W. Wright

Commanding Officer, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN -- Captain James O. Ellis Jr.

Executive Officer, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN -- Captain Michael D. Malone

Command Master Chief -- AVCM James L. Withycombe

Department Heads:

Air Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
AIMD Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
Administration Officer	LCDR	[REDACTED]
Chaplain	CAPT	[REDACTED]
Communications Officer	LCDR	[REDACTED]
Combat Systems Officer	LCDR	[REDACTED]
Dental Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
Engineer Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
First Lieutenant	LCDR	[REDACTED]
Legal Officer	LCDR	[REDACTED]
CO, Marine Detachment	CAPT	[REDACTED]
Navigator	CDR	[REDACTED]
Senior Medical Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
Operations Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
Reactor Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
Safety Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
Supply Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
Training Officer	LCDR	[REDACTED]
Weapons Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]

Ship's complement:

Officers	172
Crew	2,379

2. Chronology

<u>Period</u>	<u>Event</u>
01 Jan - 10 Jan	Inport Alameda
11 Jan - 25 Jan	FRS CQ, ISE Socal
05 Jan - 19 Feb	Inport Alameda
20 Feb - 27 Feb	FRS CQ, ISE Socal Accumulated 7101 arrestments in a three week CQ period qualifying over 300 pilots.
28 Feb - 11 Mar	Inport Alameda
12 Mar - 14 Apr	CVW-11 CQ, REFTRA, ATA, Readiex Completed ATA with over 350 sorties in a two and a half day period
15 Apr - 28 Apr	Inport Alameda
29 Apr - 09 May	Readiex 91-2B, BGE Completed BGE with over 460 sorties in a three day period.
10 May - 11 May	Inport Alameda
11 May	Dependent's Day Cruise
12 May - 27 May	Inport Alameda
28 May	Underway Westpac 91
28 May - 16 Jun	Transit Westpac
11 Jun	Inchop SEVENTHFLT
17 Jun - 23 Jun	Fiery Vigil Led evacuation effort of US Air Force and Navy dependents from Subic Bay. Transported 4323 military and dependent evacuees from Subic to Cebu for further evacuation to Guam and the United States.
24 Jun - 31 Jun	Transit South China Sea
01 Jul - 04 Jul	PVST Singapore
05 Jul - 06 Jul	Transit Strait of Malacca

06 Jul - 07 Jul	Malaysian Passex Conducted low level training flights, air-to-air and air-to-ground training flights with Malaysian forces.
08 Jul - 12 Jul	Transit IO
11 Jul	Inchop CENTCOM
13 Jul	Transit SOH
13 Jul - 12 Aug	Ops Persian Gulf Provided CAP, ESM, and AEW sorties in support of CINCCENT tasking during postwar period of Operation Desert Storm.
13 Aug - 16 Aug	PVST Dubai
17 Aug - 14 Sep	Ops Persian Gulf
15 Sep - 20 Sep	PVST Dubai
21 Sep - 26 Sep	Ops Persian Gulf
27 Sep	Transit SOH
28 Sep - 03 Oct	Beacon Flash Conducted low level coordinated strikes, air-to-air and surface exercises with Royal Omani Air Force and Navy units.
04 Oct	Transit SOH
05 Oct - 11 Oct	PVST Dubai
12 Oct	Transit SOH
13 Oct - 21 Oct	Transit IO
15 Oct	Omani Passex Participated in joint exercise Al Hout 1/91 with war-at-sea and ASMDEX sorties.
17 Oct	Inchop SEVENTHFLT
21 Oct	Malaysian/Thai Passex Conducted low level training and dissimilar air combat training flights with Malaysian units; conducted E-2 linkex exercise with Thai units.

22 Oct	Transit Straits of Malacca
23 Oct - 25 Oct	Transit South China Sea
26 Oct - 29 Oct	PVST Subic Bay
30 Oct - 31 Oct	En route Hong Kong
01 Nov - 05 Nov	PVST Hong Kong
06 Nov - 24 Nov	Transit Norpac
08 Nov - 09 Nov	JMSDF Annualex 03G Participated in joint US/Japan maritime exercise with ASW, ASUW, and AAW training. Maintained continuous on- station ASW coverage for 50 hours.
13 Nov	Inchop THIRDFLT
25 Nov - 31 Dec	Inport Alameda