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Encl: (1) USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) Command History for 1993
(2) Biography of Commanding Officer
(3) Change of Command brochure
(4) Set of three (3) Familygrams for calendar year 1993
(5) 1993 Tiger Cruise brochure

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded for your files.


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**USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)
Command History 1993**

Enclosure (1)

1993

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. 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. ABRAHAM LINCOLN also serves as a command and control platform, able to direct and support full battle group operations. Wherever it goes, ABRAHAM LINCOLN serves as a symbol of U.S. resolve to provide a sea-based deterrent to threats of national interest.

b. Organization Structure. During calendar year 1993, ABRAHAM LINCOLN was homeported in Alameda, California. Captain James O. Ellis, Jr. served as Commanding Officer until 9 September 1993, when he was relieved by Captain Richard J. Nibe. At the beginning of 1993 the Executive Officer was Captain John T. Morris; he was relieved by Commander Gregory R. Peairs on 15 December 1993. On 1 January 1993, AFCM (AW) George H. Watson served as Command Master Chief; he was subsequently relieved by ABCM (AW) James A. Shipman. The ship operated under the following chain of command as of 31 December 1993:

Commander in Chief
Secretary of Defense
Secretary of the Navy
Chief of Naval Operations
CINCPACFLT
COMNAVAIRPAC
COMCARGRU THREE

President Bill Clinton
The Honorable Les Aspin
The Honorable John Dalton
ADM Frank B. Kelso
ADM Robert J. Kelley
VADM Robert J. Spane
RADM Joseph J. Dantone, Jr.

Department heads serving aboard ABRAHAM LINCOLN as of 31 December 1993 were as follows:

Air Officer
AIMD Officer
Administrative Officer
Command Chaplain
Communications Officer
Combat Systems Officer
Dental Officer
Engineer Officer
First Lieutenant
Legal Officer
CO, Marine Detachment
Navigator
Senior Medical Officer
Operations Officer
Reactor Officer
Safety Officer
Supply Officer
Training Officer
3-M Officer
Weapons Officer

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LCDR [REDACTED]
Capt (USMC) [REDACTED]
CAPT [REDACTED]
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2. Chronological Listing of Significant Events

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Event</u>
1-12 JAN	Inport Alameda, CA
4-5 JAN 93	Ship-wide Safety Survey conducted by the Naval Safety Center
6 JAN 93	"Back in the Saddle" Safety Standdown
11 JAN 93	Merged Weapons Elevator Maintenance Division with Weapons Support Equipment Division
13 JAN 93	NAVSEA Pre-deployment Electrical Power Survey (PEPSI)
13-29 JAN 93	Underway in SOCAL OPAREA
13 JAN - 12 FEB 93	COMPUTEX 93-9A/ITA
15 JAN 93	Training for 30 personnel on .50 cal machine gun in preparation for WESTPAC '93
15 JAN 93	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service
18 JAN 93	Inaugurated first ever Navy Super High Frequency (SHF) Personal Computer transmission system
25-28 JAN 93	Mine Warfare Readiness Certification Inspection (MRCI) assist visit
30-31 JAN 93	Inport San Diego, CA
FEB 93	ABRAHAM LINCOLN logs her 30,000th arrested landing
FEB 93	Celebrated Black History Month
FEB 93	COMNAVAIRPAC Dental Readiness Inspection; rated as #1 Dental Department of all Pacific Fleet carriers
1-12 FEB 93	Underway in SOCAL OPAREA
1-4 FEB 93	COMNAVAIRPAC (ITA) Weapons Assessment
10 FEB 93	COMNAVAIRPAC/COMCARGRU ONE Comprehensive Communications Assessment Exercise. Scored first-ever 100%
12 FEB 93	Activated first Navy direct at sea connectivity to Navy Communications Message Processing and

Routing System (NAVCOMPARS) at 600 bits per second with Communications Area Master Station, Honolulu

13-28 FEB 93 Inport Alameda, CA

13 FEB 93 Abraham Lincoln Birthday Party/Ball at the Oakland Convention Center

16 FEB 93 Pre-Deployment Combat System Review (PCSR)

17 FEB 93 Ammunition on/offload at NAS Alameda

22-26 FEB 93 Shipboard Explosives Safety Inspection; 3-M Inspection

22-25 FEB 93 Command Inspection

22 FEB 93 Environmental Health Survey conducted by Oakland Naval Hospital on Food Service and Retail Operations Divisions. Received highest grade possible.

MAR 93 Conducted qualification training for 80 MAA personnel on the .45 cal pistol and 12 gage shotgun, 20 boat officers on the M14 rifle

MAR 93 Recertified 33 ship's magazine sprinkler systems with zero discrepancies discovered

MAR 93 Completely consolidated all ship calibration facilities under AIMD IM-3 Division; installed METCAL Surface Mount Technology into micro-miniature repair; first afloat AIMD to support F/A-18's with the 91C Operational Flight Program (OFFP).

1 MAR 93 Ship began offering Islamic and Quaker religious services.

4 MAR 93 Mine Warfare Readiness Certification Inspection (MRCI)

1-9 MAR 93 Underway in SOCAL OPAREA

9 MAR 93 First Navy activation of Battle Group Information Exchange System (BGIXS)

2-28 MAR 93 FLEETEX 93-2A/B/C

10-15 MAR 93 Inport San Diego, CA

15-28 MAR 93 Underway in SOCAL OPAREA

25-28 MAR 93 Supply Management Assessment conducted by COMNAVAIRPAC. Received eight outstanding and five excellent functional area grades

27 MAR 93 Alameda "FOD Walkdown" volunteers clean up trash along Atlantic Blvd. and Webster St.

29 MAR - 11 MAY 93 Inport Alameda, CA

30 MAR 93 Ammunition on/offload at NAS Alameda

1 APR 93 Post Office transfers from Administration Department to Supply Department.

11 APR 93 Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service on flight deck

13 APR 93 Volunteers assist at the Alameda Food Bank

17 APR 93 Volunteers assist with Alameda Special Olympics

26 APR 93 Volunteers paint pews at the Open Door Mission

27 APR 93 HTFA [REDACTED] returns from approximately 75 days of unauthorized absence, claiming the reason that the went UA was ABRAHAM LINCOLN's violation of numerous environmental laws. His claims receive national news media attention. The resulting investigation reveals no substantiation of his allegations. Member is subsequently court-martialed for his UA and other charges and is separated from the Navy.

MAY 93 Brig inspected by CINCPACFLT, rated the best brig afloat in the Pacific Fleet

11 MAY 93 New HAZMAT trailer arrives from COMNAVAIRPAC to receive, control, and store hazardous material for issue and reutilization

12-17 MAY 93 Underway in SOCAL OPAREA; FRS CQ/CVW Refresher

16 MAY 93 Burial at Sea (deceased: SM1 Ronald Blue)

18 MAY - 14 JUN 93 Inport Alameda, CA

18 MAY 93 Ship hosts dinner for 60 members of Oakland Chamber of Commerce "Leadership Oakland" Committee

19 MAY 93 Pre-Deployment Family workshop for spouses at DOD Housing Facility in Novato

20 MAY 93 RADM Natter (Asst. Chief of Naval Personnel for

Distribution) visits ship for presentation to crew on SITE-TV

1-14 JUN 93 Trained 30 ship's company personnel on the .50 cal machine gun for upcoming WESTPAC '93 mine watches

26 MAY 93 Pre-Deployment Family Workshop for spouses held in Alameda

JUN 93 AIMD established Elastomeric Bearing repair capability with the addition of locally fabricated tools

1 JUN 93 Second HAZMAT trailer arrives and is put in place

2 JUN 93 Pre-Deployment Family Workshop for children held in Alameda

8 JUN 93 The Oakland City Council issues a resolution honoring the officers, crewmembers, and families of ABRAHAM LINCOLN for distinguished service to Bay Area communities

10 JUN 93 Ship hosts luncheon and awards ceremony for the Lincoln Scholars from Manzanita Elementary School (the ship's adopted school)

15 JUN 93 Departure for WESTPAC '93

16 JUN 93 Fueling at sea with USNS TIPPICANOE (receive)

15-28 JUN 93 Enroute to Hong Kong

22 JUN 93 Fueling at sea with USS PRINCETON (CG-59) and USS INGRAHAM (FFG-61) (deliver)

25 JUN 93 Crossed the International Dateline; this date is skipped for ABRAHAM LINCOLN

26 JUN 93 Fueling at sea with USS PRINCETON (CG-59) (deliver)

27 JUN 93 Ammunition on/offload with USS MOUNT HOOD (AE 29)

27 JUN 93 Safety Standdown

28 JUN 93 First major Underway Replenishment (UNREP) for stores during deployment. Receive 184 pallets of provisions and general stores from USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS 4)

29 JUN 93 RADM Bennett (CTF-70) visits ship

JUL 93 AIMD established plastic welding capabilities for the repair of A-6E Bombardier radar scope hoods and initiated first time support of AAS-38A Laser Transceiver Sets; COMNAVAIRPAC Aviation Maintenance Management Team inspectors judge the powerplant shop as "the best jet shop seen ashore or afloat"

1 JUL 93 VADM Wright (COMSEVENTHFLT) visits ship

2 JUL 93 Fueling at sea with USNS ANDREW J. HIGGINS (TAO-190) (receive)

5-9 JUL 93 Inport Hong Kong, anchored in Victoria Harbor; bar code system on ID cards used for the first time overseas to track numbers of sailors leaving ship

6 JUL 93 Conduct "Sunset Review" and host a reception for 450 foreign and American dignitaries while inport Hong Kong

6-8 JUL 93 Project Handclasp efforts in Hong Kong: painted/cleaned Mother's Choice Home for unwed mothers, the Hong Kong Sea School, and Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children; delivered medical & hygienic supplies to Hang Fook Camp Young Adult Drug Rehab Center

10-15 JUL 93 South China Sea transit

11 JUL 93 Tether in NAVCENT; turnover with NIMITZ Battle Group

11 JUL 93 First successful activation of Joint Deployable Intelligence Support System (JDISS) from and aircraft carrier to Commander Joint Task Force, Southwest Asia in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

11 JUL 93 Fueling a sea with USNS PECOS (TAO-197) (receive)

13 JUL 93 Ammunition on/offload with USS MOUNT HOOD (AE 29)

14 JUL 93 Indonesian distinguished visitors embark

15-17 JUL 93 Malacca Straits transit

16 JUL 93 Malaysian distinguished visitors embark

18-23 JUL 93 Indian Ocean transit

18 JUL 93 Provide via vertical replenishment 17 pallets of chill and dry provisions to USS PRINCETON (CG 59) and USS INGRAHAM (FFG 61)

18 JUL 93 Fueling at sea with USS PRINCETON (CG-59) (deliver)

19 JUL 93 CBR Drill

20 JUL 93 F-14 from squadron VF-213 crashes on flight deck while ship underway in Indian Ocean. Aircraft skids across flight deck, with majority of plane ending up in the water. Crash is fatal to the pilot; the Radar Intercept Officer is rescued with relatively minor injuries. Damage to the ship is minimal.

22 JUL 93 Inchop CENTCOM

23-24 JUL 93 Transit North Arabian Sea

23 JUL 93 Fueling at sea with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL (TAO-193) (receive)

24 JUL 93 Transit Straits of Hormuz

24-26 JUL 93 North Arabian Gulf transit

26 JUL 93 Anchored Bahrain Bell

26 JUL - 13 AUG 93 North Arabian Gulf Operations/Operation Southern Watch

AUG 93 Resurfaced over 8,000 square feet on the flight deck during Arabian Gulf operations

3 AUG 93 Fueling at sea with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL (TAO-193) (receive)

4 AUG 93 Underway replenishment with USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS 4)

8 AUG 93 Fueling at sea with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL (TAO-193) (receive)

9 AUG 93 MGEN George B. Harrison (CJTF-SWA) visits ship

11 AUG 93 Prince Saud bin Naif of Saudi Arabia visits ship

14-19 AUG 93 Inport Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates

20 AUG - 9 SEP 93 North Arabian Gulf Operations/Operation Southern Watch

25 AUG 93 Fueling at sea (receive) and underway replenishment with USS WILLAMETTE (AO-180)

30 AUG 93 Underway replenishment with USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS 4)

30 AUG 93 BGEN John B. Hall (Commander, 4404th Composite Wing) visits ship

4 SEP 93 MGEN William A. Studer (J-3, USCENTCOM) visits ship

6 SEP 93 Fueling at sea (receive) and underway replenishment with USS WILLAMETTE (AO-180)

8 SEP 93 Two A-6 aircraft from squadron VA-95 are lost after a mid-air collision over the Northern Arabian Gulf while returning to the ship from a routine patrol mission. All four crewmembers are rescued from the waters of the Gulf in good condition.

9 SEP 93 Change of Command held on ship's forecastle. CAPT Richard J. Nibe relieves CAPT James O. Ellis as Commanding Officer, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72). In the same ceremony, Captain James D. McArthur, Jr., relieves CAPT Daniel W. Gabriel as Commander, Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN.

10-15 SEP 93 Inport Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates

10 SEP 93 USO comedy show held on the pier while inport Jebel Ali

12 SEP 93 Project Handclasp: painted inside of the Asseef School for Handicapped Children

16 SEP - 7 OCT 93 North Arabian Gulf Operations/Operation Southern Watch

18 SEP 93 RADM Robert Moore (Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command) and RADM Vance Fry (Commander Naval Reserve Cargo Handling Battalions) visit ship

20 SEP 93 Fueling at sea (receive) and underway replenishment with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL (TAO-193)

20 SEP 93 Activated first fleet support broadcast via UHF Satellite to support Arabian Gulf, Red Sea, and Indian Ocean ships during two week outage at Communications Station, Guam

21 SEP 93 Safety Standdown

25 SEP 93 Safety Standdown

27 SEP 93 Underway replenishment with USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS 4)

28 SEP 93 Fueling at sea (receive) and underway replenishment with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL (TAO-193)

29 SEP 93 Coordinated and promulgated all communications plans and support for surge operations off Somalia

29 SEP 93 Ambassador Edward Gnehm (U.S. ambassador to Kuwait) plus 22 other U.S. embassy personnel and Kuwaiti guests visit ship

30 SEP 93 Ship's first-ever transmission of photos via SHF PC information terminal; photos transmitted to CONUS for use at Joint Chiefs of Staff briefing

30 SEP - 1 OCT 93 MGEN Ronald Spivey (CJTTF-SWA) visits ship

OCT 93 ABRAHAM LINCOLN logs her 40,000th arrested landing

4 OCT 93 Activated second 600 bits per second SHF NAVCOMPARS circuit to support USS AMERICA BG and USS NEW ORLEANS (LPH 11) and USS GUADALCANAL (LPH 7) ARG's off Somalia

4 OCT 93 Fueling at sea (receive) and underway replenishment with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL (TAO-193)

5 OCT 93 BGEN Saber al-Suwaidan (Commander, Kuwaiti air force) visits ship

6 OCT 93 Provided interface and coordination with Defense Communications Station, Landstuhl, Germany, for activation of SHF terminations aboard USS NEW ORLEANS (LPH 11) and USS GUADALCANAL (LPH 7)

8 OCT 93 Transit Straits of Hormuz

8 OCT 93 Fueling at sea with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL (TAO-193) (receive)

8-11 OCT 93 Transit to Mogadishu, Somalia

12 OCT - 3 NOV 93 Somalia Operations (Operation Continue Hope)

15-22 OCT 93 Marines from Marine Detachment go ashore in Somalia as security force

16 OCT 93 Fueling at sea (receive) and underway replenishment with USS WILLAMETTE (AO-180)

18 OCT 93 Underway replenishment with USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS 4)

19 OCT 93 BGEN Norman Williams (Commander, U.N. Logistics Support Command) visits ship

21 OCT 93 Complete largest UNREP of deployment while off the coast of Somalia. Exchanged 554 pallets of provisions, general stores, and retrograde with USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS 4)

22 OCT 93 Cross Equator

24 OCT 93 LTGEN Cevik Bir (Turkish General, commander of U.N. forces in Somalia) visits ship

26 OCT 93 Underway replenishment with USS MOUNT HOOD (AE 29)

26 OCT 93 MGEN Montgomery (Commander, U.S. forces in Somalia) visits ship

27 OCT 93 Fueling at sea (receive) and underway replenishment with USS WILLAMETTE (AO-180)

27 OCT 93 MGEN Ernst (CJTF-Somalia) visits ship

28 OCT 93 Ammunition offload with USS MOUNT HOOD (AE 29)

31 OCT 93 Steel Beach picnic on flight deck. Served over 5,500 portions of BBQ ribs, chicken and steaks

31 OCT 93 BGEN Ikram ul Hassan and BGEN Saulat Abaas of the Pakistani army visit ship

NOV 93 Catapult #1 logs its 20,000th shot; Catapult #3 logs its 10,000th shot

1 NOV 93 Fueling at sea with USS INGRAHAM (FFG-61) (deliver)

2 NOV 93 Underway replenishment with USS MOUNT HOOD (AE 29)

2 NOV 93 BGEN Pace (Deputy CJTF-Somalia) visits ship

3 NOV 93 Vertical Replenishment COMPEX (MOB-S-8-SF) during last UNREP with WHITE PLAINS. Scored 100%

4 -11 NOV 93 Transit Indian Ocean to Perth, Australia

6 NOV 93 Fueling at sea with USS PRINCETON (CG-59) (deliver)

8 NOV 93 Ship is awarded Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

9 NOV 93 Fueling at sea with USS PRINCETON (CG-59) (deliver)

10 NOV 93 Marine Detachment and VMFA-314 celebrate the 218th Marine Corps Birthday with a cake cutting ceremony. Rear Admiral Joseph J. Dantone, Jr., Commander Carrier Group THREE, is guest of honor.

10 NOV 93 Underway replenishment with USNS MARS

12-16 NOV 93 Inport Perth, Australia

17-20 NOV 93 Transit from Perth to Lombok Straits

20 NOV 93 Transit Lombok Straits

21-22 NOV 93 Transit Celebes Sea

21 NOV 93 Cross the Equator; Crossing the Line ceremony held to convert all "pollywogs" to "shellbacks"

22 NOV 93 Transit Balabac and Surigao Straits

22 NOV 93 Tether out NAVCENT

25 NOV 93 Serve Thanksgiving meal underway

27 NOV 93 Ammunition offload with USS MOUNT HOOD (AE 29)

28 NOV 93 Inchop Third Fleet

28 NOV 93 Burial at Sea (deceased: PR1 [REDACTED])

29 NOV 93 Afloat Training Group (ATG) embarks to verify ship's ability to train effectively.

2 DEC 93 Recrossed the International Dateline; this date is repeated for ABRAHAM LINCOLN

2-3 DEC 93 Ammunition offload with USS MAUNA KEA (AE 22) (the 2nd 2 DEC through 3 DEC; two days only)

5-7 DEC 93 Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

7 DEC 93 Conduct Pearl Harbor Day "Sunset Review" and host reception for 500 guests (mainly Tigers). Lieutenant General Stackpole, Commander, Marine Forces Pacific (COMMARFORPAC) is senior guest for ceremony

8-14 DEC 93 Tiger Cruise while in transit from Pearl Harbor to Alameda

9 DEC 93 Fueling at sea with USS MOUNT HOOD (AE 29) (Tiger Cruise demo)

13 DEC 93 Driving Safety Standdown with California Highway Patrol officer

14 DEC 93 Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN fly-off

15 DEC 93 Return to Alameda from WESTPAC '93; VADM Spane (COMNAVAIRPAC) boarded ship during morning transit; homecoming reception for approximately 60 officers and VIP guests held in Wardroom 3

15-31 DEC 93 Inport Alameda, CA

3. Narrative

1 January 1993 found ABRAHAM LINCOLN in her homeport of Alameda, California, busily preparing for the ship's second major overseas deployment. Continuing these preparations, the carrier departed Alameda 13 January and spent two weeks underway in the Southern California Operating Area (SOCAL OPAREA) for training and carrier qualifications with the ship's air wing, Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN (CVW-11) before paying a port visit to San Diego 30-31 January.

After further steaming in the SOCAL OPAREA 1-12 February, ABRAHAM LINCOLN spent the period 13-28 February inport Alameda. Another underway period covering 2-28 March was briefly interrupted for a second 1993 port visit to San Diego 10-15 March. The entire underway schedule in March was devoted to FLEETEX in preparation for overseas deployment and included a unique exercise combining the ABRAHAM LINCOLN carrier battle group with an Amphibious Readiness Group.

The ship's pre-overseas movement period, designed to give crewmembers a chance to take leave before departure for deployment, began when the ship returned to Alameda once again at the end of March and lasted until the ship conducted more carrier qualifications and refresher training with CVW-11 12-17 May. Another period inport Alameda 18 May through 14 June was devoted to loading stores and making final preparations for the upcoming deployment.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, with Captain James O. Ellis in command, departed for WESTPAC '93 on 15 June 1993, leading an eight ship

Battle Group consisting of over 8,000 sailors and Marines from various homeports in the Pacific. The entire battle group was commanded by Rear Admiral Joseph J. Dantone, Commander Carrier Group THREE, embarked along with his staff in ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Following a short period of fly-on and carrier qualifications with CVW-11 off the coast of Southern California, ABRAHAM LINCOLN transited the Pacific and made a five-day port visit to Hong Kong in early July along with several other ships of the Battle Group. After a transit through the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea, the entire Battle Group entered the Arabian Gulf in late July. While in the Gulf, CVW-11 flew regular patrols over southern Iraq in support of Operation Southern Watch, the U.N. "no-fly" zone over Southern Iraq. ABRAHAM LINCOLN made two port visits to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates while in the Gulf: 14-19 August and 10-15 September. The other ships of the Battle Group made port visits to additional nations in the Arabian Gulf, including Oman, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, strengthening ties in a region of vital importance to U.S. interests.

Another significant event occurring while the ship operated in the Gulf was a unique Change of Command held on the ship's forecastle on 9 September. At this ceremony, Captain Richard J. Nibe relieved Captain Ellis as Commanding Officer of the ship. In the same ceremony, Captain James D. McArthur, Jr., relieved Captain Daniel W. Gabriel as Commander, Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN.

On the 7th of October, ABRAHAM LINCOLN was ordered to the coast of Somalia in support of United Nations efforts in that country and the associated U. S. humanitarian mission known as Operation Continue Hope. The ship made a high-speed transit through the Straits of Hormuz on 8 October and crossed the Indian Ocean over the next few days before arriving off the coast of Mogadishu on 12 October. Meanwhile, most of the other ships in the Battle Group remained in the Arabian Gulf to continue support of Operation Southern Watch.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN operated off the coast of Somalia until the 4th of November, when the ship headed east for a five-day port visit to Perth, Australia, in mid-November, along with USS PASADENA, USS FOX and USS WILLAMETTE. USS PRINCETON also made Western Australia port calls in Bunbury. At this same time, USS INGRAHAM visited Singapore and USS MOUNT HOOD visited Thailand. After this well-deserved rest from two months at sea, ABRAHAM LINCOLN steamed northeast to reunite with the Battle Group and pay a visit to Hawaii, arriving in Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 5th. There she stayed for three days, leaving on the 8th. While in Hawaii, the ship participated in several events commemorating Pearl Harbor Day and embarked over 700 friends and family members of the crew for a Tiger Cruise back to Alameda. The crew of the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72), led by the new Commanding Officer, Captain Richard J. Nibe, returned with the carrier to Alameda on 15 December.

A quick look at some of the ship's varied statistics illustrates the tremendous effort that goes into planning and executing an overseas deployment. During the deployment itself, Medical Department had to coordinate over 100 MEDEVAC's for patients, while AIMD processed over 2,300 oil samples in support of

aircraft and ships in the battle group. During the entire calendar year, Air Department - one of the ship's largest departments - completed over 13,000 launches and recoveries of aircraft, made 5,751 elevator runs, and issued 24,482,963 gallons of JP-5 fuel to aircraft. Although these figures are impressive, the statistics contributed by some of the smaller departments are just as remarkable. For instance, Legal Department drafted and executed over 300 wills and 1,200 powers of attorney for crewmembers during 1993, while Training Department processed over 3600 sets of TAD orders and implemented a new indoctrination program that instructed more than 1200 newly reported personnel in ships familiarization and specialized topics including sexual harassment, 3M, damage control, and health. Perhaps nothing earns the description of a carrier as a "floating city," however, as the statistics tallied by Dental Department, which performed 11,642 dental examinations, 5,717 x-rays, 3,044 cavity fillings, 2,011 teeth removals, 286 root canals, and 1,624 teeth cleanings in 1993!

The 80 aircraft of Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN (CVW-11) embarked aboard LINCOLN during WESTPAC '93 were commanded by Captain Gabriel and his relief, Captain McArthur. CVW-11, based at Naval Air Station Miramar, California, included nine aircraft squadrons from air stations all over the West Coast. The Navy squadrons were: Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron ONE THREE FIVE (VAQ 135), flying the Grumman EA-6B "Prowler" aircraft from their home base of NAS Whidbey Island, Washington; Attack Squadron NINE FIVE (VA 95) flying the Grumman A-6E "Intruder" aircraft also from Whidbey Island; Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron SIX (HS 6) flying the Sikorsky SH-60F and HH-60H "Seahawk" helicopter from NAS North Island, San Diego, California; Sea Control Squadron TWO NINE (VS 29), flying the Lockheed S-3B "Viking" aircraft also from NAS North Island; Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE ONE SEVEN (VAW 117), flying the Grumman E-2C Plus "Hawkeye" from their base at NAS Miramar, San Diego, California; also from NAS Miramar, Fighter Squadron TWO ONE THREE (VF 213), flying the Grumman F-14A "Tomcat"; Strike Fighter Squadron TWO TWO (VFA 22) and Strike Fighter Squadron NINE FOUR (VFA 94), flying the McDonnell Douglas F/A-18 "Hornet" aircraft, out of NAS Lemoore, California. Also flying the F/A-18 "Hornet", Marine Fighter Attack Squadron THREE ONE FOUR (VMFA 314), home based at MCAS El Toro, California. VMFA 314's deployment marked the first time in six years that a Marine Corps squadron had served for a full deployment aboard a West Coast aircraft carrier.

Also embarked in ABRAHAM LINCOLN was the staff of Destroyer Squadron TWO ONE (DESRON 21), commanded by Captain David M. Lee.

To summarize the other ships of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group, USS PRINCETON (CG 59) and USS INGRAHAM (FFG 61), were both based out of Long Beach, California; The cruiser USS FOX (CG 33) was based out of San Diego. USS WILLAMETTE (AO 180), was based out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; the ammunition ship USS MOUNT HOOD (AE 29), was homeported in Concord, California; the combat stores ship USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS 4) was based in Guam; and the attack submarine USS PASADENA (SSN 752) was homeported in San Diego.

PRINCETON, a Ticonderoga class cruiser with the AEGIS weapon system, performed Anti-Air Warfare Commander duties for the Battle

Group. In addition to a port visit in Hong Kong with ABRAHAM LINCOLN, PRINCETON was able to enjoy three port visits while in the Arabian Gulf, two in Jebel Ali, the third in Dubai. While ABRAHAM LINCOLN performed duties off the coast of Somalia, PRINCETON remained in the Gulf until 31 October, and rendezvoused with ABRAHAM LINCOLN in early November for shared port visits to Western Australia and Pearl Harbor. PRINCETON was commanded by Captain Gerard M. Farrell.

USS INGRAHAM, based out of Long Beach, California, conducted maritime intercept operations in the Gulf in support of sanctions against Iraq. She also participated in a number of exercises with nations around the Arabian Gulf. An Oliver Hazard Perry class frigate, INGRAHAM has two LAMPS MARK III helicopters embarked. INGRAHAM was commanded by Commander Bradley J. Kaplan.

USS FOX performed Anti-Air Warfare duties for the Battle Group while in the Gulf. FOX specifically controlled CVW-11 aircraft in support of Operation Southern Watch. Additionally, FOX conducted numerous bilateral exercises with Arabian Gulf nations during the deployment, thus helping to improve relations between the United States and its allies. FOX was commanded by Commander Robert E. McCabe III.

While in the Arabian Gulf, MOUNT HOOD conducted ammunition logistic services for the LINCOLN Battle Group and other Middle East Force ships in the Gulf. Led by a new Commanding Officer, Commander Carol A. Rengstorff, MOUNT HOOD also served off the coast of Mogadishu, where the ship provided critical logistic support for U.S. Naval forces in the area. These duties included numerous transits between Mombasa, Kenya and the Battle Group which was thus able to maintain a continuous presence in the coastal waters.

PASADENA made an invaluable contribution to the group's readiness and conducted numerous anti-submarine warfare exercises, including "Sharem 102," a U.S. exercise conducted in the Gulf of Oman. She also had a port visit to Stirling, Australia. PASADENA was commanded by Commander William Larson. Of special interest is the fact that the PASADENA was the first American submarine to visit the city of Wdam, located in Oman.

WHITE PLAINS provided critical logistic services to the ABRAHAM LINCOLN and her escorts during their tour in Arabian Gulf. This ship also made trips to and from the Arabian Gulf, bringing many supplies to Somalia in support of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group's efforts in that area as well. Commanded by Captain Robert E. Lang, WHITE PLAINS continued operations in the Indian Ocean after the departure of the remainder of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group.

WILLAMETTE was based out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. WILLAMETTE provided fuel replenishment and stores for the Battle Group. The oiler stayed with the Battle Group for the length of the deployment, and served as the "gas station" for the entire carrier task force. Commander Conrad B. Divis served as the Commanding Officer of WILLAMETTE.

4. Supporting Documents

Supporting documents are included as separate enclosures.