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From: Commanding Officer, USS ANTIETAM (CG 54)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Naval
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Subj: ANTIETAM COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1991.

Encl: (1) USS Antietam Command History for 1991

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for retention.

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M.E. Kosnik
By Direction

Command History
for
USS Antietam (CG 54)
1991

1. Command Composition and Organization:

Mission - ANTI-AIR Warfare
- ANTI-SURFACE Warfare
- ANTI-SUBMARINE Warfare
- STRIKE Warfare

Equipped with the AN/SPY-1A phased array radar, the AEGIS Combat System, and the MK 41 Vertical Launch System firing the SM-2 Blk II missile, Antietam is the Navy's Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) platform. Combined with the four large screen displays of the AEGIS Display System, a vast array of communication systems, automatic status boards, and seventeen NTDS consoles, all coordinated by the AEGIS Combat System, the Command and Control functions are second to none in supporting a Battle Group Warfare Commander. Backing up this AAW capability, Antietam is equipped with the AN/SQS-53A sonar, AN/SQR-19 Towed array sonar, and the LAMPS Mk III helicopter. This gives her unmatched ability to perform both long and short range ASW prosecutions. Two 5" 54 cal Mk 45 guns guided by the Mk 86 Gun Fire Control System provide a powerful anti-surface threat. Finally the combination of the Tomahawk and Harpoon Weapon Systems complete the ASUW suite with the ability to engage targets "over the horizon."

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Administrative

Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet
Commander, Naval Surface Group, Long Beach CA

Operational

Commander, Third Fleet
Commander, Task Group Eleven Point One

As of 31 December 1991

Commanding Officer
Captain Robert J. Natter

Executive Officer
LCDR Mark Kosnik

Operations Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]

Engineering Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]

Supply Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]

Combat Systems Officer
LT [REDACTED]

Weapons Officer
LT [REDACTED]

Homeport: Long Beach, CA

Aircraft Assigned during 1991:

Commanding Officer

Executive Officer

Operations Department Divisions : OC, OD, OE, OI
Combat Systems Department Divisions : CA, CE, CG, CM, CS, CT
Engineering Department Divisions: EA, EE, MP, ER,
Supply Department Divisions: S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4
Navigation/ Administration Department: NX

Operations Department

OC Division: Communications - LTJG [REDACTED]
OD Division: Deck - LTJG [REDACTED]
OE Division: EWO/Crypto - CW02 [REDACTED]
OI Division: CIC - LT [REDACTED], ENS [REDACTED]

Combat Systems Department

CA Division: ASW - LTJG [REDACTED]
CE Division: Electronic Repair - LT [REDACTED]
CG Division: Gunnery/Harpoon - LTJG [REDACTED]
CM Division: SPY-1A/Fire Control - LTJG [REDACTED]
CS Division: Sytems Test - LTJG [REDACTED]
CT Division: Tomahawk/VLS - LTJG [REDACTED]

Engineering Department

EA Division: Auxiliaries - LTJG [REDACTED]
EE Division: Electrical - CW02 [REDACTED]
ER Division: Repair/DC - LT [REDACTED]
MP Division: Main Propulsion - LTJG [REDACTED]

Supply Department

S-1 Division: Stores - LCDR [REDACTED]
S-2 Division: Food Service - LTJG [REDACTED]
S-3 Division: Ship's Service - ENS [REDACTED]
S-4 Division: Disbursing Officer - ENS [REDACTED]

Navigation/Administration Department

NX Division: Administration - LT [REDACTED]

2. CHRONOLOGY:

DATES	EVENT
05-08 JAN 91	SESI - Successfully completed. No major or repeat discrepancies noted.
10-13 FEB 91	NWAT - Successfully completed.
12 FEB	ARE - Successfully completed. Ship rated "Top 1 % of PACFLT Air capable ships."
21 FEB 91	MISSILEX - Evaluated target KILL with score of 94 % assigned.
23 FEB 91	Awarded COMNAVSURFPAC AAW, ELW and ASUW Awards for cycle ending 31 Dec 90. First ship ever to win three major Type Commander Awards in same cycle.
25 FEB-01 MAR 91	Completed 3M Assist Visit with grade of 92.3 % assigned. Type Commander in unprecedented action upgraded to full inspection because of outstanding grade.
12-13 MAR 91	NWAI - Successfully completed. 10 of 12 areas rated OUTSTANDING.
23 MAR 91	Named winner of SPOKANE Trophy for TOP Combat System Readiness for cycle.
25 MAR-31 MAY 91	Drydock SRA. Over 643 essential jobs completed.
22 APR 91	Named COMNAVSURFGRU Long Beach nominee for "OLD CROW EW AWARD" for Electronic Warfare Excellence.
22-24 APR 91	Completed Radar NAV CIC Training with score of 96.4 % assigned.
22-26 APR 91	Successfully completed Harpoon Team Training.
10 MAY 91	Named Winner of RADM THOMPSON AWARD for Public Affairs Excellence.
07 JUN 91	Conducted Post-SRA Fast Cruise.
11-13 JUN 91	LOA - Successfully completed with 3 of 4 Areas rated ABOVE AVERAGE.

19-20 JUN 91 Post SRA Sea Trials.

29 JUN 91 CAPT Robert J. Natter relieved CAPT Larry E. Eddingfield as Commanding Officer.

03 JUL 91 Aviation Assist Visit upgraded to full certification; a first for PACFLT RAST equipped ship.

18-30 JUL 91 Served as AAWC and Link Coordinator for MISSORI Battle Group during Pacific Northwest Operations.

31 JUL 91 Conducted Guest Cruise for 76 civilians from Indian Island WA to Seattle.

31 JUL-05 AUG 91 Seattle SEFAIR.

06-08 AUG 91 Embarked COMDESRON SEVEN for transit from Seattle to San Francisco.

06-08 AUG 91 Successfully completed CMTQT. Inspection Team calls CMTQT visit "Best in past 5 years."

08-16 AUG 91 Port visit San Francisco. Over 200 crewmen complete CIC Team, DC, and LCPO Training.

09 AUG 91 Conducted Dependent and Guest Cruise for 61 guests from NAS Alameda to Pier 27 San Francisco.

12-16 AUG 91 Successfully completed CSOSS Phase I.

14 AUG 91 Hosted 40 Midshipmen from U.C. Berkely for tour of the ship.

22 AUG 91 PMS Assist Visit conducted in MAR, upgraded by COMNAVSURFPAC to Inspection with grade of 92.3 %.

26-30 AUG 91 Successfully Completed MTT Phase II. Despite not having benefit of Phase I visit, 3 of 5 Areas rated good, 2 areas satisfactory.

26-30 AUG 91 FAAWC Training successfully completed.

31 AUG 91 Republican Congressman Carlos J. MOORHEAD and 20 guests hosted for tour of the ship.

03 SEP 91 Conducted Burial at Sea of casket and remains of SK1 Paul Viviano.

03-06 SEP 91 Successfully completed CSOSS Phase II Training.

09 SEP 91 Safety Survey - 12 man team from NAVSAFECEN Norfolk VA find ANTIETAM "in excellent material condition with 105 fewer safety discrepancies than the AEGIS class average."

09-16 SEP 91 Embarked COMDESRON SEVEN and Staff for week long ACAT.

11 SEP 91 Conducted UNREP with USNS NAVASOTA T-AO 106. ANTIETAM acted as "last customer" in that fabled ship's 36 year career.

17 SEP 91 NGFS FIREX II - Assigned overall grade of OUTSTANDING, with final score of 99.9 %.

18 SEP 91 TOW-BE TOWED - Successfully completed with assigned grade of 99 %.

18 SEP 91 Named Navy-wide Runner-up for CNO LAMPS MK III Safety Award.

19 SEP 91 ACAT MISSILEX - Successful engagement of BQM Target. Assigned grade of 100 %.

23-24 SEP 91 TRE - Evaluated ready for training in all mission areas. An unprecedented low number of discrepancies found, 30 total vs 116 avg for Long beach ships. CNSGLB rates ANTIETAM TRE best in Group over past two years.

26 SEP 91 DRE - Successfully completed with SATISFACTORY. Inspector commented Inspector commenting: "Can't run a better Program."

30 SEP-04 OCT 91 CSA - Evaluated as overall ABOVE AVERAGE, with 5 mission areas assessed as ABOVE AVERAGE. CSA Team Leader rates ANTIETAM CSA as "best yet for PACFLT AEGIS Cruiser.

02 OCT 91 Hosted VADM KOHN, COMNAVAIRPAC, for lunch and tour.

07 - 11 OCT 91 Successfully completed CSOSS Phase III.

08 OCT 91 Served as test ship for CNO project OUTLAW BANDIT in SOCAL OPAREAS.

15 - 18 OCT 91 Successfully completed MTT Phase III, with 4 areas rated GOOD, 1 area satisfactory.

21 OCT-08 NOV 91 Successfully completed REFTRA. Ship rated Satisfactory in all mission areas completing successfully an unprecedented 94 % of all STR's during the three week REFTRA.

29 OCT Successfully completed High Speed Surface Gunnery Exercise with grade of 98 %.

31 OCT Successfully completed Missile Firing with grade of 100 %. During exercise served as AAWC for six ship SAG in which seven missiles fired.

01 NOV Successfully completed SVTT Firing with a grade of 100 % assigned.

04 NOV Successfully completed Tow - Be Towed and Moor to a Buoy with grades of 98 % and 95 % respectively.

16 NOV Hosted 1086 visitors for tours in conjunction with Navsta Long Beach Visit Ship and Naval Reserve "BOSS" Appreciation Day.

22 NOV Completed annual CFC Drive collecting over \$15,548 with 100 % participation.

26 NOV Environmental Health Assist Visit upgraded to full Environmental Health Survey based on OUTSTANDING condition of all programs. Final Survey grade of 93.8 assigned.

29 NOV Nominated by COMNAVSURFGRU Long Beach for the 1992 Ney Memorial Award.

03 - 04 DEC OPPE - Successfully completed with 5 of 5 areas rated SATISFACTORY. Senior Examiner comments include "ANTIETAM is by far one of the best ships observed in some time by this team. The ship was ready for the exam and presented itself in a most professional

manner."

- 07 DEC Hosted 140 Navy League members onboard for tours and a ceremony in memory of the 50th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack.
- 09 - 13 DEC Successfully completed Naval Gunfire Support Team Training with a grade of 93.5 % assigned.
- 10 DEC Medical Department found to be C1 during Medical Readiness Exam (MRE) with no Major Discrepancies noted and only one Minor Discrepancy found.
- 10 - 12 DEC Hosted Congressman Ike Skelton, ranking member of the House Arms Services Committee for ship's visit and underway observation period.
- 10 - 20 DEC Successfully completed CSRT.
- 14 DEC Hosted Children's Christmas Party onboard, complete with Santa Claus, clown, gifts and refreshments for ANTIETAM Families.
- 16 - 19 DEC Successfully completed Command Inspection. COMNAVSURFGRU Long Beach calls ANTIETAM "Overall the BEST ship inspected this year and 'Heads and Shoulders above any ship I've seen thus far."
- 17 DEC Successfully completed annual CMS Inspection with zero discrepancies. Inspector calls ANTIETAM's CMS account "the best inspected this year."
- 23 DEC-17 JAN 92 Completed "R" Availability, including a major refurbishment of the Galley, Messdecks, Scullery, and Wardroom Pantry.

3. Narrative:

10-13 FEB 91 Nuclear Weapons Assist Team

Antietam successfully completed a Nuclear Weapons Assist Team visit in preparation for her upcoming Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection.

23 FEB 91 Battle Efficiency Award

Results of the Battle Efficiency and Warfare Excellence awards for the competitive cycle ending 31 DEC 90 by COMNAVSURFPAC named Antietam as the winner for all cruisers in SURFPAC. Specific awards included Excellence in Anti-Air Warfare, Anti-surface Warfare, Electronic Warfare, and the Battle "E." Competing against all other SURFPAC cruisers in the areas of mission effectiveness, military smartness, safety, personnel and administration, upkeep and maintenance, and required inspections, Antietam was judged superior in every respect.

12-13 MAR 91 Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection

Antietam was rated OUTSTANDING in ten of twelve mission areas for successful completion of the Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection.

25 MAR - 31 MAY 91 Dry Dock Selected Restricted Availability

Antietam completed her first dry-dock period at Long Beach Naval Shipyard with the completion of over 643 repairs and upgrades.

11-13 JUN 91 Light Off Assessment

Following an intense shipyard period, the engineering department successfully completed a Light Off Assessment with three of four mission areas rated as Above Average.

03 JUL 91 Aviation Assist Visit/Aviation Readiness Evaluation

Antietam successfully completed the annual COMNAVSURFPAC Aviation Assist Visit. This single day inspection examined both portable and installed aircraft handling equipment, personnel training records and qualifications, and the aviation fuel system. Additionally examined are flightdeck and Vertrep zone firefighting equipment. The assist team judged Antietam's material and personnel readiness as meeting or exceeding all inspection criteria, thus waiving the requirement for the usual Aviation Readiness Evaluation.

06-08 AUG 91 Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification

Antietam was certified capable to employ Tomahawk cruise missiles following review by CMTQT. Inspectors termed the inspection the "Best in the past five years!"

26-30 AUG 91 Mobile Training Team Phase II

In preparation for the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination, the MTT team reviewed engineering practices and procedures concluding with 3 areas rated good and 2 areas satisfactory.

23-24 SEP 91 Training Readiness Evaluation

Antietam completed its second Training Readiness Evaluation with an unprecedented low number of discrepancies, 30 total. Fleet Training Group declared Antietam ready for training after only 2 days of review.

26 SEP 91 Dental Readiness Evaluation

A comprehensive review of the dental program onboard Antietam, inspectors determined that the shipboard program set the standard for excellence.

30 SEP-04 OCT 91 Combat Systems Assessment

CSA is a review of the entire Combat Systems maintenance, readiness, equipment, training, and personnel. Antietam's professionalism and ability impressed the assessment team resulting in 5 mission areas being evaluated as above average.

03-04 DEC 91 Operational Propulsion Plant Examination

Conducted by CINPACFLT's Propulsion Examining Board (PEB), OPPE was an extensive and thorough look at Antietam's propulsion plant. Though the overwhelming emphasis was on correct casualty procedures and safe operation, an intensive look at the material condition of all engineering equipment was also made. The inspection was successfully completed with all 5 mission areas rated as satisfactory (highest grade available).

16-19 DEC 91 Command Inspection

Antietam went through a rigorous command inspection by the ISIC, COMNAVSURFGRU Long Beach. This inspection looked at every administrative program that the command had, from secret material to equal opportunity. Additionally, PMS and command training was reviewed. The inspection concluded with inspectors comments, "Head and shoulders above any ship I've seen thus far!"