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From: Commanding Officer, USS ANTIETAM (CG 54)
To: Director of Naval History (N09BH), Naval Historical Center
Subj: COMMAND HISTORY SUBMISSION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1996
Ref: (a) OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5750.12F
Encl: (1) USS ANTIETAM (CG 54) Command Composition, Organization and Chronology for 1996
(2) USS ANTIETAM (CG 54) Command Narrative
(3) USS ANTIETAM (CG 54) Command History Secondary Documents Binder for calendar year 1996
(4) 3.5" diskette containing files of Command Narrative and Command Composition, Organization and Chronology in MS Word format

1. USS ANTIETAM proudly submits her command history for 1996 in accordance with Ref (a).

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W. E. DOUD

1. Command Composition and Organization

Mission: TO CONDUCT PROMPT AND SUSTAINED COMBAT OPERATIONS AT SEA

Organizational Structure (ISIC):

Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group Five, RADM T. F. Marfiak	01Jan-09May
Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group Five, RADM Peter A. C. Long	10May-31Dec

Name of Commander: CAPT William E. Doud, Jr., Commanding Officer 01Jan-31Dec

Permanent Duty Station: Naval Station, San Diego, CA 01Jan-31Dec

Type and Number of Aircraft Assigned:

Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Four Five, Detachment Four (2 SH-60B)	13May-27Jun
	08Aug-30Aug
	11Oct-31Dec

2. Chronology

Dates of movements:

Naval Station, San Diego, CA	01Jan-07Jan
SOCAL OPAREAS (TSTA II)	08Jan-12Jan
Naval Station, San Diego, CA	13Jan-15Jan
SOCAL OPAREAS (TSTA II)	16Jan-19Jan
Naval Station, San Diego, CA	20Jan-04Feb
SOCAL OPAREAS (Type Training)	05Feb-09Feb
Naval Station, San Diego, CA	10Feb-12Feb
SOCAL OPAREAS (OPPE)	13Feb-15Feb

Naval Station, San Diego, CA	16Feb-03Mar
SOCAL OPAREAS (TSTA III)	04Mar-09Mar
Naval Station, San Diego, CA	10Mar-25Mar
SOCAL OPAREAS (FEP)	26Mar-28Mar
Transit to San Francisco, CA	29Mar-30Mar
Pier 35, San Francisco, CA	31Mar-03Apr
Transit to San Diego, CA	04Apr-05Apr
Naval Station, San Diego, CA	06Apr-05May
BRAVO Pier, Naval Air Station, North Island, CA (Ammunition Onload) / SOCAL OPAREAS (Sea Trails)	06May
Naval Station, San Diego, CA	07May-12May
Transit to Pearl Harbor, HI	13May-19May
Naval Station, Pearl Harbor, HI	20May-22May
HAWAIIAN OPAREAS (RIMPAC 96)	23May-16Jun
Naval Station, Pearl Harbor, HI	17Jun-20Jun
Transit to San Diego, CA	21Jun-27Jun
Naval Station, San Diego, CA	28Jun-21Jul
SOCAL OPAREAS (Type Training)	22Jul-25Jul
Naval Station, San Diego, CA	26Jul-07Aug
SOCAL OPAREAS (JTFEX 96-2)	08Aug-19Aug
Transit to Mazatlan, MX	20Aug-22Aug
Anchored Mazatlan, MX	23Aug-26Aug
Transit to San Diego, CA	27Aug-30Aug

Naval Station, San Diego, CA	31Aug-02Sep
Transit to Seal Beach, CA	03Sep
Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, CA (Ammunition Onload)	04Sep-05Sep
Transit to San Diego, CA	06Sep
Naval Station, San Diego, CA	07Sep-07Oct
SOCAL OPAREAS (Sea Trials)	08Oct
Naval Station, San Diego, CA	09Oct-10Oct
Transit to Lualualei, HI	11Oct-15Oct
Naval Magazine, Lualualei, HI (Ammunition Onload)	16Oct
Transit to Hong Kong	17Oct-03Nov
Moored to buoy, Hong Kong	04Nov-07Nov
Transit to Singapore	08Nov-12Nov
Singapore	13Nov-16Nov
Transit to Gulf of Oman	17Nov-25Nov
Underway Gulf of Oman	26Nov-03Dec
Transit to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates	04Dec
Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates	05Dec-07Dec
Underway Arabian Gulf	08Dec-29Dec
Manama, Bahrain	30Dec-31Dec
Deployments:	Western Pacific / Indian Ocean / Arabian Gulf
	11Oct-31Dec

Exercises and Operations:	Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 96	23May-16Jun
	Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force PASSEX /	21Jun-27Jun
	Texas Thunder Exercise	23Jul-24Jul
	Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 96-2	08Aug-19Aug
	Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise (ASWEX) 97-1	October
	Operation Pony Express	November
	Operation Vigilent Sentinel	08Dec-29Dec
	Babylon Express Exercise	December
Change of Command:	None	
Major Changes to Organization, Name, Mission or Functions:	Air Warfare Commander	Periodically Aug, Oct-Dec
	Force Track Coordinator	Periodically Oct-Dec
	Surface Warfare Commander	Periodically Aug, Oct-Dec
	Helicopter Element Coordinator	Periodically Oct-Dec
	Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) Commander	Periodically Oct-Dec
	Composite Warfare Commander	Periodically Oct-Dec
	Launch Area Coordinator	Periodically Oct-Dec

New Weapons Systems or Major Equipment:	<u>Installed:</u>	
	LMS-11	December
	TIBS	December
	Tomahawk EHF MDU	August
	Tomahawk STU-III MDU	August
	Constant Tension Winch Rhib Davit	April
Major Physical Alterations:	None	
Logistic Support:	None	
Major Command Awards:	1st Marine Expeditionary Force TOP GUN for 1996	
	COMNAVSURFPAC "TOP FINANCIAL PERFORMER" (Runner-up)	
	COMNAVSURFPAC Safety Award	
	Red "E" for Engineering/ Survivability Excellence	
	Blue "E" for Logistics Management Excellence	
	Green "E" for Command and Control Excellence	
	Black "E" for Maritime Warfare Excellence	
Major Command Problems:	None	
Major Units Embarked or Disembarked:	Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group Five	20May-01Jun

Major Conferences: None

Ship/Stations/Area to which Deployed:	Southern California OPAREA	08-12 Jan	
		16-19 Jan	
		05-09 Feb	
		13-15 Feb	
		04-09 Mar	
		26-28 Mar	
		06 May	
		22-25 Jul	
		08-19 Aug	
		08 Oct	
		Hawaiian OPAREA	23May-16Jun
		Western Pacific	17Oct-16Nov

Changes in Operational Command:	Commander, Third Fleet	01Jan-22Oct
	CTG 015.4	
	CTG 30.4	
	Commander, Seventh Fleet	23Oct-24Nov
	CTG 70.4	
	Commander, Fifth Fleet	25Nov-31Dec
	CTF 58	
	CTF 57	
	CTF 50	

Major Accidents
Involving Loss of
Life or Equipment: None

3. Narrative:

13-15 FEB 96 Operation Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE)

ANTIETAM successfully completed her Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE). The Pacific Fleet Propulsion Examining Board (PEB) graded ANTIETAM as SATISFACTORY overall with a grade of GOOD in material. Twelve of twelve management programs were evaluated as satisfactory or better, with the Hearing Conservation and Marine Gas Turbine Engine Service Record programs graded EXCELLENT. The PEB team also remarked that the cleanliness, preservation, and stowage in ANTIETAM's engineering plant were excellent.

26-28 FEB 96 Final Evaluation Period (FEP)

During this final portion of the work-up cycle, ANTIETAM made several Combat Systems achievements. ANTIETAM accomplished her Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification. ANTIETAM's LAMPS MK III Helicopter also scored an EXCELLENT by successfully engaging an Expendable Mobile ASW Training Target (EMATT) with a MK 50 Exercise Torpedo (EXTORP).

ANTIETAM also successfully completed the Total Ship Survivability Exercise during the evaluation.

29 MAR-05 APR Transit/Visit to San Francisco, CA

This brief period provided the crew with a liberty port visit after the completion of FEP.

06 MAY Ammunition Onload, Bravo Pier, North Island
Naval Air Station, CA

The major onload at Bravo Pier was accomplished without incident and supplied ANTIETAM with the necessary ammunition for the following Rim of the Pacific Exercise 96.

13 MAY-27 JUN Rim of the Pacific Exercise 96 (RIMPAC 96)
and associated transits

This large-scale multi-national exercise included forces from nearly every allied Navy in the Pacific Ocean. As Surface Action Group (SAG) Commander for RIMPAC 96 Group 2, ANTIETAM led the force in concurrent air, surface, and

sub-surface engagements. ANTIETAM coordinated exercises involving surface ships, organic helicopters, and theater fixed-wing air assets. During the freeplay period, ANTIETAM expertly employed surface and air assets to detect and destroy the opposing force while effectively maintaining own force defense. ANTIETAM maintained air defense of the Battle Group while conducting coordinated Harpoon engagements of opposing surface contacts in conjunction with air-to-surface strikes from U.S. Air Force assets.

During the exercise, ANTIETAM's missile shooters distinguished themselves by achieving "three-for-three" in engagements against highly challenging targets representing real-world threats. Each element of the Aegis Combat System performed flawlessly throughout the engagements, from initial detection and tracking to weapons assignment and terminal guidance.

ANTIETAM's Surface Warfare team deftly employed the Harpoon Weapons System and scored a direct hit on the target barge in a designated time-on-target (DTOT), over-the-horizon (OTH) surface engagement. Targeting was provided via Tactical Data Link from a LAMPS MK III helicopter to ANTIETAM's Command and Decision System, directing the engagement that ensured simultaneous and direct hits from two surface firing platforms.

In the area of Under Sea Warfare, ANTIETAM's LAMPS MK III helicopter and another SH-60B helicopter under ANTIETAM tactical control successfully launched MK 46 Reusable Exercise Torpedoes (REXTORPs) against EMATTs.

23 JUL 96 FIREX II

The ANTIETAM Naval Surface Fire Support Team achieved an outstanding 95.2% during this exercise at San Clemente Island. This feat coupled with ANTIETAM's ability to put ordnance on target and answer the "Call for Fire" from Marine spotters ashore earned ANTIETAM recognition as one of 1st Marine Expeditionary Force's TOP GUNS for 1996.

08-19 AUG Joint Task Force Exercise 96-2 (JTFEX 96-2)

JTFEX included US Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard forces in a real-world large-scale naval and amphibious warfare scenario. ANTIETAM excelled as Alternate Air Warfare Commander and Alternate Surface Warfare Commander, reassuring the Battle Group Commander that the Alternate Warfare Commanders would, if activated, maintain the capabilities of the force. During the course of the exercise, ANTIETAM was frequently activated to provide air

defense for the USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) Battle Group that she would be accompanying in the upcoming deployment. ANTIETAM was also called upon to prosecute sub-surface contacts as well as conduct simulated Tomahawk Land Attack Missile (TLAM) strike missions and surface-to-surface Harpoon and gun engagements.

20-30 AUG Transit/Visit to Mazatlan, Mexico

After a fast-paced and highly successful JTFEX, the crew was rewarded with a five-day port visit in Mazatlan, Mexico.

04-05 SEP Ammunition Onload, Seal Beach, CA

ANTIETAM accomplished a nearly complete onload for deployment at Seal Beach. ANTIETAM's ordnance handling teams performed flawlessly during the evolution, accomplishing the onload in an expeditious and safety-oriented manner.

07 SEP-07 OCT Preparation for Overseas Movement (POM) Period, inport San Diego, CA

The POM period gave the ship the opportunity to complete outstanding corrective maintenance and allowed nearly the entire crew an opportunity for two weeks of leave prior to deployment.

11 OCT-31 DEC Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf Deployment

ANTIETAM departed Naval Station, San Diego on the morning of 11 October for her fifth deployment to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf. The deployment was her first with the KITTY HAWK Battle Group commanded by Rear Admiral Peter A. C. Long, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Five. Accompanying on the deployment were KITTY HAWK, USS REID (FFG 30), USS COWPENS (CG 63), USS RAINIER (AOE 7), and USS CUSHING (DD 985).

After completing the final deployment ammunition onload on 16 October at Naval Magazine, Lualualei, Hawaii, ANTIETAM participated in Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise (ASWEX) 97-1. In the exercise ANTIETAM performed duties as Deception Group Commander, leading half of the Battle Group forces in a sophisticated, real-world four day scenario against a U.S.

submarine opponent. The deception plan was flawlessly executed, allowing KITTY HAWK to transit the exercise area undetected by the submarine.

On the transit across the Pacific, ANTIETAM also participated in an exercise with a Republic of Korea (ROK) submarine. The exercise was a success for both forces.

ANTIETAM enjoyed five-day port visits in Hong Kong and Singapore before transiting the Indian Ocean to join Fifth Fleet in late November. In the Gulf of Oman, ANTIETAM excelled in Operation Pony Express, aimed at the collection of intelligence in support of national objectives. ANTIETAM received praise from all levels of the chain of command for her outstanding coordination and collection of information vital to national security. The project completed by ANTIETAM was the first ever of its kind to take place in the Fifth Fleet area of responsibility, and will be used as a model for concept of operations.

After completing Operation Pony Express, ANTIETAM transited the Strait of Hormuz and conducted a port visit to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates, before resuming operations in the Arabian Gulf.

During the Arabian Gulf deployment, ANTIETAM performed the duties as Alternate Composite Warfare Commander (CWC), Alternate Air Warfare Commander (AWC), Surface Warfare Commander (SUWC), Tomahawk Strike Coordinator (TSC) and Launch Area Coordinator (LAC), Maritime Interception Operations (MIO) Commander, Helicopter Element Coordinator (HEC), and Force Track Coordinator (FTC). All of these duties were conducted expertly and with no loss of continuity from primary to alternate commander. ANTIETAM performed many of these duties simultaneously and often with little notice. ANTIETAM was simultaneously active as CWC, AWC, SUWC, MIO, HEC, and FTC, supporting air operations for Operation Southern Watch, surface surveillance of the Arabian Gulf and MIO in support of United Nations resolutions.

ANTIETAM's deployment continued through the end of calendar year 1996, with ANTIETAM in port Manama, Bahrain 30-31 December. After completing the remainder of her deployment, ANTIETAM is projected to return to home port San Diego on 11 April 1997.