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From: Commanding Officer, USS ANTIETAM (CG-54)
To: Director of Naval History (N09BH)

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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

1998

1. In accordance with reference (a), USS ANTIETAM (CG 54) Command History is enclosed.


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1. Organization

Mission: To conduct prompt and sustained combat operations at sea.

Organizational Structure ISIC:

Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group Five
RADM Daniel R. Bowler 01Jan-16Apr

Commander, Carrier Group Three
RADM Weiss 17Apr-17Jun
RADM Alfred G. Harms 17Jun-31Dec

Name of Commander: CAPT Christopher M. Moe
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 One (2 SH-60B) 11Apr-31Dec

2. Chronology

Movement Dates:	Inport San Diego, CA	01Jan-27Jan
	Underway in SOCAL	28Jan-30Jan
	Inport San Diego, CA	31Jan-02Feb
	Underway in SOCAL	03Feb-06Feb
	Inport San Diego, CA	07Feb-09Feb
	Underway in SOCAL to complete Tailored Ship Training Availability (TSTA II)	10Feb-13Feb
	Inport San Diego, CA	14Feb-01Mar
	Underway in SOCAL for Leaders at Sea	02Mar-06Mar
	Inport San Diego, CA for Engineering Certification	07Mar-10Mar
	Underway in SOCAL for Completion of Engineering Certification (ECERT)	11Mar-12Mar
	Inport San Diego, CA	13Mar-16Mar
	Underway in SOCAL	17Mar-20Mar
	Inport San Diego, CA	21Mar-22Mar
	Underway in SOCAL	23Mar-27Mar
	Inport San Diego, CA	28Mar-30Mar
	Underway in SOCAL	31Mar-03Apr
	Inport San Diego, CA	04Apr-07Apr
	Underway in SOCAL for Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ) and Tailored Ship Training Availability (TSTA III)	08Apr-10Apr
	Inport San Diego, CA	11Apr-13Apr

Underway in SOCAL for Final Evaluation Problem	14Apr-16Apr
Inport San Diego completed Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR)	17Apr-17May
Underway in SOCAL for Firing Exercise (FIREX II)	18May-22May
Inport San Diego, CA	23May-28Jun
Underway for Transit to Hawaii for RIMPAC 98	29Jun-06Jul
Inport Pearl Harbor, HI	07Jul-09Jul
Underway in MIDPAC for RIMPAC 98 and Joint Firing Exercise	10Jul-01Aug
Inport Pearl Harbor, HI	02Aug-05Aug
Underway in EASTPAC for Japanese Goodwill PASSEX	06Aug-13Aug
Inport San Diego, CA	14Aug-20Sep
Underway for Seal Beach, CA	21Sep-21Sep
Inport Seal Beach, CA for Ammo onload	22Sep-24Sep
Underway for San Diego, CA	25Sep-25Sep
Inport San Diego, CA for Prior Oversea Movement (POM)	26Sep-01Nov
Underway for sea trials	02Nov-04Nov
Inport San Diego, CA	05Nov-09Nov
Underway for deployment	10Nov-01Dec
Inport Singapore	02Dec-06Dec
Underway for Thailand	07Dec-07Dec
Inport Phuket, Thailand	08Dec-13Dec
Underway for Arabian Sea	14Dec-31Dec

Deployments:	Pacific/Indian Ocean/Arabian Sea/Arabian Gulf Deployment	10Nov-31Dec
Exercises and Operations:	Complete Training Unit Exercise (Comptuex 98-2-1)	11Apr-13Apr
	Firing Exercise (FIREX II)	18May-22May
	Rim of Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC 98)	10Jul-01Aug
	Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX)	22Jul-26Jul
	Passage Exercise with Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (PASSEX)	06Aug-13Aug
Change of Command:	None	
Major changes to organization, name, mission or function:	None	
New weapons systems or major equipment:	Transportable Radio Direction Finder System (TRDF)	
	125 Link 11 processor and data terminal set	
Major physical alterations:	None	
Logistic support:	Logistics Management Assessment (LMA)	04May-08May
Major command awards:	Four Mission Awards (1) Maritime Warfare Excellence. (2) Engineering/Survivability. (3) Command & Control Excellence. (4) Logistics Management Excel.	
Major command problems:	None	

Major units embarked or disembarked:

None

Major conferences:

None

Ship/station/area to which deployed:

Pacific/Indian Ocean

10Nov-31Dec

Changes in operational command:

Commander, Third Fleet

Commander, Task Group 30.6

Commander, Seventh Fleet

Commander, Task Group 70.6

Commander, Fifth Fleet

Commander, Task Group 50

Major accidents involving loss of life or equipment:

None

3. Narrative

1998 found ANTIETAM continuing the training cycle preparations for deployment. In January and February ANTIETAM was completing the Tailored Ship Training Assessment (TSTA II). The successful completion of all areas allowed us to support the Leaders At Sea program, providing a glimpse of shipboard life. In March, Engineering Certification was completed with all areas considered effective. In April, ANTIETAM completed the Tailored Ship Training Availability (TSTA III) resulting in the recommendation that the ship was ready for the Final Evaluation Problem (FEP). The Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ) was completed satisfactorily during this time. The following week FEP was completed satisfactorily in all areas except USW. In May, the Logistics Management Assessment (LMA) was graded overall satisfactory with Retail Operations scoring excellent. In Combat Systems Department, Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR) was in full swing, being completed in 2 weeks with excellent results. The month ended with the completion of Firing Exercise (FIREX II) receiving an "outstanding" for the final exercise grade. As well as completing a MK-46 Rextorp firing graded successful with placement "good". June began with preparations for Rim of Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC 98). July found ANTIETAM in Hawaii leading SAG Charlie of Blue team during the exercise. Also in July, ANTIETAM participated in a Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) which had ANTIETAM firing 3 SM II missiles. One was a DUD determined to be due to a bad missile, another evaluated as a successful hit, and another evaluated as a probable hit, but the target was destroyed by another missile just prior to intercept. On the transit to San Diego ANTIETAM served as OTC and conducted a very successful Goodwill PASSEX with the other San Diego ships and the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force ships which accompanied us back to San Diego in August. In September, our ammunition onload was completed at Seal Beach making us 100% deployable. In October we did a Prior Overseas Movement (POM) period in preparation for the November deployment. The end of 1998 saw ANTIETAM make port visits in Singapore and Phuket, Thailand prior to assuming duties in the Arabian Sea. During our port visit to Singapore, several community projects were accomplished, for which we received two letters of recognition for sacrifices and service from the Ambassador of the United States Department of State, Steven J. Green,