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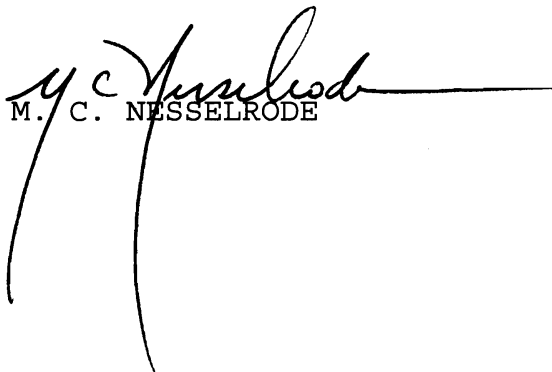
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1. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS ANZIO (CG 68) is a Ticonderoga-Class guided missile cruiser equipped with the AEGIS Weapons System. Designed as an Anti-Air Warfare combatant, ANZIO's other warfare capabilities include Anti-Surface, Anti-Submarine, Strike, and Command and Control. This multi-faceted capability strengthens a battle group's effectiveness, defense, and survivability. ANZIO's homeport is Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia. CAPTAIN Mark C. Nesselrode is the Commanding Officer. ANZIO is assigned to Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group Eight, Rear Admiral R. J. Cosgriff. ANZIO's crew is comprised of 37 Officers, 30 Chief Petty Officers, and 337 Enlisted Sailors, with 3 Females and 401 Males onboard.

2. HISTORY OF KEY EVENTS 2001

Start Date	Subject
Jan 1 - 14	Holiday Leave and Upkeep
Jan 16	Fast Cruise
Jan 16 - 18	Underway, CO's Time (VCOA) DLQ's - HCS 4 Damage Control Training Team IMPASS Testing
Jan 22	Safety Survey
Jan 22	SM2/CHAFF Onload
Jan 22 - 24	EC Link Management/AD Training (Mayport, Fl)
Jan 22 - 27	OHSAT VISIT
Jan 25 - 26	MSI SHIP HANDLING SEMINAR
Jan 26 - 28	CEC Program Load
Jan 9 - Mar 5	Underway CEC Technical Evaluation (PROA/VACAPES)
Feb 5	Port Visit - Mayport (CEC Pre-Briefs)
Feb 17	DC OLYMPICS
Feb 21 - 25	Port Visit - ST. Thomas U.S.V.I.
Feb 26	AT/FP Stand Down
Mar 6 - 11	Gas Turbine Readiness Review (FTSCLANT)
Mar 7	Incline Exp - Inbrief
Mar 8	PCO Lunch with CO
Mar 8	Thermal Imaging Survey
Mar 12 - 14	MRG Inspection (FTSCLANT)
Mar 12 - 24	ICAS 4.11 UPGRADE
Mar 14	Dome Dive
Mar 16	Incline Experiment
Mar 21 - 23	POLO HAT Exercise
Mar 26 - 27	Ammo Onload - Norfolk, Va
Mar 28 - 31	Underway, CO's Time - INSURV Practice (VCOA)
Apr 2 - 4	Ammo Onload - Norfolk, Va
Apr 2 - 7	LMA Assist
Apr 5 - 6	Old Dominion University - NROTC Visit
Apr 5	Inport Refueling
Apr 9 - 14	INSURV
Apr 10 - 11	UMI U/W

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Apr 17 - May 12 Underway - CEC Operational Evaluation (PROA/VCOA)
 Apr 23 - May 5 HUREX-01
 May 2 May 8 Port Visit - Norfolk
 May 8 - 11 CEC Operational Evaluation Phase II & FINEX
 May 14 Ammo Onload - Norfolk, Va
 May 14 - 19 Hull Cleaning
 May 21 - Jul 6 Underway - Baltic Operations 2001
 Jun 1 - 5 Port Visit - Gdynia, Poland (BALTOPS Pre-Sail
 Conference)
 Jun 2 - 15 Baltic Operations 2001
 Jun 15 - 18 Port Visit - Kiel, Germany (BALTOPS Debrief)
 Jun 15 Exercise Clean Hunter Air Space Brief
 Jun 19 - 21 Exercise Clean Hunter NATO/PFP Air Defense Exercise
 Jun 29 - Jul 3 Port Visit - Halifax, NS
 Jun 29 - Jul 6 PCO - Visit/Ride
 Jul 15 - 20 Supply Management Inspection
 Jul 22 - 24 Operational Risk Management Assist Visit
 Jul 26 SLAMEX
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 CMS Inspection
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Disbursing Inspection
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Postal Inspection
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Boiler Inspection/Boiler Integrity and Strength
 Assessment
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Sonar Dome Radiography Inspection
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Underwater Hull Inspection
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 CART I
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Field Calibration Activity Assessment
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Test Equipment Calibration Readiness Assessment
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 NAVOSH/EP Assessment
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Quality Assurance Assessment
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 SEMAT I - IV
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Welfare and Recreation Fund Assessment
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 AT-FP Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Shipboard Crane Improvement Program Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Cableway Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 CMEO External Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Dental Readiness Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Environmental Health Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Force Career Counselor Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Force Chaplain Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 HAZMAT Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Info Assurance Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Integrated Financial Analysis Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Legal Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Medical Readiness Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 NAVOSH/Industrial Hygiene Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Safety Center Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Food Service Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 NCTSA-Communications Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Ordnance Handling Safety Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Personnel-Admin Training Group Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Weapons and Cargo Elevator Groom Assist Visit
 Jul 28 - Aug 3 Supply Management Assist Visit

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Jul 28 - Aug 3	Search and Rescue Assist Visit
Jul 28 - Aug 3	UMIDS Support Group Assist Visit
Jul 30 - Aug 2	Ammo Offload - Yorktown
Aug 10	Change of Command
Aug 13 - Dec 31	DSRA
Aug 15	Transit to NORSHIPCO
Aug 15	Enter Dry Dock (NORSHIPCO)
Aug 16	Crew Move Off
Oct 11 - 13	CIC Team Trainer (Wallops Island)
Nov 12	Aegis Light Off
Nov 13	Crew Move Aboard
Nov 15	Space Turnover
Nov 19	Refuel
Dec 3 - 7	Light Off Assessment
Dec 7	Contractor Completion Date
Dec 9 - 12	CMS Advice and Assist Visit
Dec 9 - 14	PCMS Training Assist
Dec 12 - 14	Complete CEC Baseline 6 Phase I Install
Dec 16 - 31	Holiday Leave and Upkeep
Dec 28	PMS Stand Down

3. NARRATIVE

The year 2001 began with the Officers and crew of ANZIO enjoying the second half of the 2000 Holiday Leave and Upkeep period. During that period, the ship received upgrades to the AEGIS weapons system in preparation for further testing of Cooperative Engagement Capability (CEC) in the Spring.

ANZIO's crew greeted the New Year by going to sea to shake off the holidays. Before heading out for various exercises, ANZIO conducted two burials for Navy Veterans in the Virginia Capes Operations Area (VACAPES). The remains of Senior Chief Petty Officer, Eugene Kemble, and Petty Officer First Class Robert Owen were committed to the sea. ANZIO moved south to rendezvous with other Navy Ships for CEC Technical Evaluation (TECH EVAL) in the North Puerto Rico Operating Area, (NPROA).

CEC TECHEVAL consisted of a series of developmental and interoperability tests intended to demonstrate the readiness of CEC to enter the operational phase of development. TECHEVAL was conducted 5 February through 3 March 2001. ANZIO's acted as a CEC Cooperating Unit contributing tactical information to a composite air picture via the CEC Data Distribution System. Other test participants were USS JOHN F KENNEDY, USS WASP, USS VICKSBURG, USS HUE CITY, USS CAPE ST GEORGE, USS THE SULLIVANS and USS CARNEY. Additional test participants included CEC equipped E-2C and P-3 aircraft, as well as CEC land-based test sites at Wallops Island, Virginia, Naval Surface Warfare Central Detachment Dam Neck, Virginia, and Crown Mountain, ST. Thomas, USVI.

ANZIO stopped for a brief port visit in ST Thomas, USVI, where the Navy League hosted a reception for the Officers and Chief Petty Officers. This provided the first opportunity to test the new Second Fleet Force Protection Requirements in a foreign port.

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ANZIO returned to Norfolk to make final preparations for an assessment by the Board of Inspection and Survey, Atlantic. ANZIO's plan of action was carried out flawlessly, as ANZIO completed the inspection with the praise of the Board. It was said that ANZIO's material condition was among the best on the waterfront.

ANZIO conducted an inclining experiment to establish new stability curves in preparation for upcoming shipyard ballasting modifications. Mid-March, ANZIO steamed toward the Northern Puerto Rico Operational Areas to participate in CEC Operation Evaluation. En route, three more Navy Veterans were laid to rest in a Burial at Sea Ceremony. These Sailors were Chief Petty Officer William A. Broan, Petty Officer Second Class Arthur F. May, and Petty Officer Second Class Edward Ceyrouss, SR.

One of the goals of CEC OPEVAL was to successfully fire a weapon at an unmanned air drone using CEC. This was jeopardized when it was discovered that 3 out of 4 telemetry SM2 missiles failed preliminary testing. This forced ANZIO and other ships in company to make an unexpected port visit to Roosevelt Roads, PR for the offload and repair of the remaining missiles. ANZIO's crew was victorious during every demonstration. After the success of OPEVAL, ANZIO further conducted several air defense exercises against drones fired from Wallops Island, VA. ANZIO returned to homeport for some much needed maintenance and preservation time, as well as time with families before heading across the Atlantic for the next mission.

ANZIO was selected to participate in BALTOPS 2001, Partnership for Peace, along with USS CAPE ST GEORGE (CG 71). BALTOPS is a multi-national exercise displaying every warfare area - Surface, Subsurface, Air, Special Forces, in addition to promoting goodwill among participating nations.

After an eight-day transit, ANZIO passed through the English Channel and refueled at sea with RFA OAKLEAF and RFA FORT VICTORIA. The first port visit during BALTOPS-01 was Gdynia, Poland. Commanding Officers from ships representing Poland, Germany, Netherlands, Russia, Denmark, England, Sweden, Finland, and France met 2 June at the kick-off conference. For ten days, ANZIO conducted exercises with the navies and air forces of the Baltic region. The qualitative and quantitative training value cannot be overstated. The following exercises were conducted; 23 ASW, 6 AAW, 1 SAR, 6 SUW, 3 C2W, 21 CCC drills, 15 MOB, 6 FSO, 4 NCO, 22 engineering, and 14 damage control exercises. In addition, ANZIO qualified 26 ESWs candidates, 5 SWO candidates, 5 EOOW's, 4 CICWO's, and 2 underway OOD's. Ships were able to cross-deck Officers and Sailors to other ships. This was a unique opportunity for US Sailors to experience life in other Navies. ANZIO concluded BALTOPS-01 in Kiel, Germany where ANZIO hosted a grand reception to conclude BALTOPS-01. ANZIO was fortunate to be in port during their Kiel Week, much like Norfolk's yearly Harborfest. The crew took advantage of several sightseeing tours including a trip to Berlin funded by MWR.

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On 18 June, ANZIO and CAPE ST. GEORGE began their journey across the Atlantic. ANZIO seized the opportunity to participate in Exercise Clean Hunter, an air defense exercise hosted by Great Britain. The exercise provided both ships an excellent opportunity to flex air defense capabilities in live NATO air defense battle problems.

ANZIO met the end of the voyage with a port visit to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada between 29 June and 3 July. It was the last liberty port before returning to Norfolk on 6 July.

During July and August, the Officers and crew prepared for the upcoming Change of Command and ANZIO's shipyard availability by taking care of such large tasks as removing both CIWS mounts, the SLQ-32 antennas, and the 5-inch gun shields as well as offloading the RHIB and GIG.

At 1000 on 10 August 2001, Captain William F. Barns' command pennant was hauled down and Captain Mark C. Nesselrode took command. Rear Admiral John W. Townes, III was the keynote speaker. In addition to numerous ANZIO Beachhead Veterans and friends and family, noted guests attending the ceremony included ADM (Ret) J. Paul Reason, RADM J.B Foley, RADM M. Chanik, RADM Paul J. Ryan, and RADM (Ret) R.A.K. Taylor.

One week after taking command, ANZIO transited to Metro Machine shipyard for a five-month Dry-Docked Selective Availability. It was the first time ANZIO had been in dry dock since commissioning. The 12-hour evolution was conducted professionally and without incident. Major work items performed were:

- CEC install and upgrade
- Underwater hull inspection
- Sea chest inspection
- SDRW radiographic evaluation
- SDRW replacement
- Propulsion shafting
- Prairie air tubing
- CPP hydraulic system flush
- CPP hub replacement
- CRP OD box repair
- Combustion air intake preservation
- UPS battery replacement
- Exhaust bliss cap replacement
- Moisture separator filter assembly
- SGS/AC upgrade
- Potable water TLI system inspection
- Oily waste drain TLI system inspection
- JP-5 fuel TLI system inspection
- FWD F/O storage TLI system inspection
- MID F/O storage TLI system inspection
- AFT F/O storage TLI system inspection
- Pre-trigger blanking
- TIP install

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SQS-53C transducer element replacement
SQS-53C transducer insulation test
Degaussing system repair
Ship stores reefer/freezer door repair
Waste head boiler #3 exhaust duct repair
Waster sleeve replacement
Main L/O cooler NO. 2 sea valve repair
Distilling plant sea valve repair
A/C plant sea valve repair
NO.2 prairie air cooler sea valve repair
Distilling plant feedwater repair
LPAD accomplish
Rudder post bearings replacement
Starboard boat davit repair
Traverse cable replacement
RAST take down sheave assembly replacement
CHT tank cleaning
Cathodic protection repair
Galley hot food well replacement
Galley deep fry replacement
Serving line griddle replacement
Scullery dishwasher replacement
Wardroom pantry replacement
Galley oven replacement
Reefer upgrade
Lead ballast installation

Other jobs included alterations to the aft mast to support the CEC ship alterations. ANZIO received 2 depot level overhauled CIWS mounts, Ring Laser Gyro (RLGN) installation, ATWCS installation upgrade, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) installation, NULKA installation, SHF SATCOM installation with a waveguide for the SHF, replacement of CEC SUN workstations, and EHF installations.

The events of 11 September brought new challenges to ANZIO - further frustration at being in the shipyard and questions on how to protect the ship against an unseen enemy. ANZIO responded to the terrorist attacks by collaborating with USS NASSAU and USS AUSTIN to establish extra security measures in and around the Metro Machine facility. These measures included additional armed personnel in highly visible locations as well as Navy, Coast Guard, police RHIB and armed foot patrols. Barricades blocked the approaches to the Metro Machine gate. SUPSHIP, Metro Machine personnel, NORSHIPCO personnel, and ship's force created a solid partnership to protect the ships and assets in the shipyard.

Anxious to return to sea, ANZIO began taking back the ship in early November. ANZIO started by lighting off systems, firemain, LP and HP air, chill water, and sea-water service systems. ANZIO diligently trained for Light Off Assessment (LOA), a required inspection for ships that are not underway for 180 days. LOA examines a ship's ability to run an engine room and fight a main space fire. Once again, ANZIO overcame adversity passed LOA. ANZIO was not without its challenges.

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The lead ballast install left the ship with a 1.31 degree starboard list at full load. Calculations suggest that an excess of as little as 6 tons in the starboard bilge pockets could have accounted for the list. Nevertheless, ANZIO completed LOA with huge success and accomplished compartment close out, the berthing barge turnover, dock trials, and a fast cruise within the first week of December. CEC Block 6 engineering programs load was in progress at the end of the year. The crew worked 1123 man-days. Contractors worked just over 20,000 man-days. ANZIO started Holiday Leave period in mid-December, preparing for a rigorous and challenging New Year.

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