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COMMAND HISTORY - 1975 SUPPLEMENT

I. CHRONOLOGY OF OUTSTANDING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
01 JAN	REPORTED TO NEWLY ESTABLISHED TYPE COMMANDER, COMMANDER U.S. NAVAL SURFACE FORCE, ATLANTIC FLEET
01 JAN - 05 JAN	HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD NORFOLK
06 JAN - 12 JAN	UPKEEP NORFOLK
02 JAN - 12 JAN	TAV PERIOD WITH FMAG NORVA
13 JAN - 14 JAN	UNDERWAY MATERIAL INSPECTION (UMI)
15 JAN - 17 JAN	INSURV INSPECTION, NORFOLK
18 JAN - 24 JAN	UPKEEP NORFOLK
18 JAN - 24 FEB	TAV PERIOD WITH FMAG NORVA
25 JAN - 24 FEB	PREPARE FOR OVERSEAS MOVEMENT (POM), NORFOLK
25 FEB - 07 MAR	TRANSIT TO WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN, AS A UNIT OF MARG 1-75, VIA MOREHEAD CITY. UNITS EMBARKED: "I" CO 3/8; 2ND PLT CO "D" 2ND AMTRAC BN; "C" BTRY 1ST BN 10TH MAR; DET H&S CO 3/8; 1 LCM-8; 14 LVT's.
08 MAR	CHOP TO COMMANDER SIXTH FLEET
08 MAR - 10 MAR	VISIT ROTA, SPAIN. TURNOVER WITH OUT- CHOPPING MARG UNITS.
11 MAR	ENROUTE CARBONERAS, SPAIN
12 MAR - 13 MAR	TURNAWAY AMPHIBIOUS LANDING EXERCISE AT CARBONERAS. CO AUSTIN OTC.
14 MAR - 20 MAR	UPKEEP VALENCIA, SPAIN.
21 MAR - 24 MAR	TRANSIT TO BRINDISI, ITALY, VIA AUGUSTA BAY, SICILY, TO ONLOAD CARGO

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25 MAR - 31 MAR	TRAINING ANCHORAGE/AMPHIBIOUS OPS, BRINDISI, ITALY.
01 APR	TRANSIT TO BARI, ITALY
02 APR - 16 APR	UPKEEP BARI, ITALY
17 APR	TRANSIT TO TARANTO, ITALY
18 APR	TRAINING ANCHORAGE, TARANTO
19 APR - 26 APR	EXERCISE SARDINIA 75 ENROUTE TO AND AT PORTO SCUDO, SARDINIA
27 APR - 29 APR	PHIBLEX 10-75 AT TRAINING ANCHORAGE, PORTO SCUDO
30 APR - 01 MAY	TRANSIT TO ST. RAPHAEL, FRANCE
02 MAY - 06 MAY	VIST ST. RAPHAEL, FRANCE
07 MAY - 11 MAY	TRAINING ANCHORAGE, ST. RAPHAEL
12 MAY	TRANSIT TO SAN REMO, ITALY
13 MAY - 26 MAY	VISIT SAN REMO, ITALY
27 MAY - 28 MAY	TRANSIT TO NAPLES, ITALY
29 MAY - 09 JUN	TAV PERIOD NAPLES WITH USS PIEDMONT
06 JUN - 19 JUL	PARTICIPATED IN MIDTRAMED I, MIDSHIPMAN TRAINING PROGRAM
10 JUN - 11 JUN	TRANSIT TO CARBONERAS, SPAIN
12 JUN - 13 JUN	AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS, CARBONERAS
14 JUN - 16 JUN	TRANSIT TO TARANTO, ITALY, VIA AUGUSTA BAY, SICILY, TO ONLOAD CARGO.
17 JUN - 29 JUN	EXERCISE DAWN PATROL 75/PHIBLEX 12-75 AT TARANTO AND ENROUTE/AT PORTO SCUDO, SARDINIA.
30 JUN	TRANSIT TO BARCELONA, SPAIN.

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01 JUL - 16 JUL	UPKEEP BARCELONA, SPAIN
05 JUL - 05 SEP	PARTICIPATED IN MIDTRAMED II/III MIDSHIPMAN TRAINING PROGRAMS
17 JUL - 19 JUL	TRANSIT TO BRINDISI, ITALY
20 JUL - 25 JUL	TRAINING ANCHORAGE, BRINDISI
26 JUL - 28 JUL	TRANSIT TO MALAGA, SPAIN
29 JUL - 01 AUG	VISIT MALAGA, SPAIN
02 AUG	TRANSIT TO ROTA, SPAIN
03 AUG - 08 AUG	INPORT ROTA FOR TURNOVER TO INCHOPPING MARG UNITS AND DESNAIL OPERATIONS.
09 AUG	CHOP TO CINCLANTFLT
09 AUG - 20 AUG	TRANSIT TO NORFOLK VIA MOREHEAD CITY TO OFFLOAD EMBARKED MARINE UNITS.
21 AUG - 17 SEP	LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD, LITTLE CREEK
18 SEP - 21 SEP	LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD, NORFOLK
18 SEP - 17 OCT	TAV WITH USS VULCAN
22 SEP - 28 SEP	UPKEEP NORFOLK
29 SEP - 03 OCT	HUMAN RESOURCES AVAILABILITY, NORFOLK
21 SEP - 04 OCT	HOSTED RESERVE UNIT LPD-505 FOR ACDUTRA PERIOD
24 SEP	HOSTED TOUR FOR STUDENTS OF NAVAL WAR COLLEGE STAFF COURSE
26 SEP	HOSTED TOUR FOR 40 WEST GERMAN OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF "GERMAN FOUNDATION FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION".
04 OCT - 30 OCT	UPKEEP/INPORT, NORFOLK
11 OCT - 25 OCT	HOSTED RESERVE UNIT LPD-815 FOR ACDUTRA PERIOD

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14 OCT - 17 OCT	UNDERWENT TRAINING READINESS EVALUATION PHASE OF INTERIM AMPHIBIOUS REFRESHER TRAINING.
31 OCT - 07 DEC	RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY, NORFOLK AND CONCURRENT TAV WITH FMAG NORVA
05 DEC - 07 DEC	HOSTED RESERVE UNIT LPD-203 FOR WEEKEND ACDUTRA
07 DEC - 10 DEC	HOSTED YOUTH GROUP CRUISE FOR 15 CADETS OF NEW MEXICO NJROTC UNIT
08 DEC - 12 DEC	PROVIDED UNDERWAY SERVICES TO COMOPTEVFOR IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT O/V 125 AT LYNNHAVEN ANCHORAGE
13 DEC - 31 DEC	CONTINUED RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY NORFOLK AND CONCURRENT TAV WITH FMAG NORVA
17 DEC - 31 DEC	HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD, NORFOLK

II. Basic Narrative

A. Command Organization and Relations

1. Captain Joseph G. KAMRAD, USN
17 December 1974 - 16 January 1976
2. Home Port: Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia
3. Mission: "To transport and land troops and their essential equipment and supplies by means of embarked landing craft or amphibious vehicles augmented by helicopter lift."

4. Allowance	25 Officers	413 Enlisted Men
On Board	23 Officers	385 Enlisted Men

B. Operations

1. Deployment:
MARG 1-75 25 February - 21 August

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2. Inport Periods:

Norfolk, Virginia	01 JAN - 12 JAN
Norfolk, Virginia	15 JAN - 24 FEB
Rota, Spain	08 MAR - 10 MAR
Valencia, Spain	14 MAR - 20 MAR
Bari, Italy	02 APR - 16 APR
St. Raphael, France	02 MAY - 06 MAY
San Remo, Italy	13 MAY - 26 MAY
Naples, Italy	29 MAY - 09 JUN
Barcelona, Spain	01 JUL - 16 JUL
Malaga, Spain	29 JUL - 02 AUG
Rota, Spain	03 AUG - 08 AUG
Little Creek, Virginia	21 AUG - 17 SEP
Norfolk, Virginia	18 SEP - 07 DEC
Norfolk, Virginia	13 DEC - 31 DEC

3. Significant Deployment Events - Noted in Section I of Chronology.

4. Special Topics

A. Flight time: 1071 landings during various amphibious operations including the following:

48 TOUCH & GO'S
70 SHUT DOWNS
85 REFUELS
688 PAX
134 ASAP MISSIONS
8 MEDIVACS
39 VERTREPS

B. Ammo Expenditure: 305 rounds of 3"/50 caliber.

C. Troops carried - Mediterranean Amphibious Ready Group 1-75 16 officers and 367 enlisted of BLT 3/8

D. Number of unreprs - 4 vertical replenishments, 3 underway replenishments, and 6 underway refuelings.

E. Development of tactics - continued the development of the underway launch of tank landing vehicles, conducting twelve underway launches during the year.

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F. Ship's Store: During 1975 AUSTIN's Ship's Store and Soda Fountain provided approximately \$25,000.00 profit for use by AUSTIN's Welfare and Recreation Fund. This fund is used to provide recreational facilities and activities for AUSTIN's crew.

III. Documentary Annexes

A. Roster of officers and assigned billets as of December 1975.

CAPT Joseph G. KAMRAD	Commanding Officer
CDR William L. CLEGG	Executive Officer
LTJG [REDACTED]	Disbursing/Food Service Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	Communications Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	Assistant Supply Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	A Division Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]	Engineer Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	3RD Division Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]	Operations Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	2ND Division Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Supply Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	1ST Division Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Air Officer
CWO [REDACTED]	Damage Control Assistant
ENS [REDACTED]	B Division Officer
CAPT [REDACTED]	Combat Cargo Officer
LT [REDACTED]	NAV/PERS Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	Nuclear Weapons Officer
LT [REDACTED]	First Lieutenant
LCDR [REDACTED]	Dental Officer
CWO [REDACTED]	Main Propulsion Assistant
ENS [REDACTED]	CIC Officer
CWO [REDACTED]	Electronics Maintenance Officer

Allowance - 24 & 1 Combat Cargo (Marine)

On Board - 22 & 1 Combat Cargo (Marine)

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