



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS AUSTIN (LPD-4)  
FPO NEW YORK 09501

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From: Commanding Officer, USS AUSTIN (LPD-4)  
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-09B9)

Subj: Command History; 1 January - 31 December 1978 Supplement

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.121B of 20 May 71

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Encl: (1) AUSTIN's Command History Supplement

1. In accordance with reference (a), AUSTIN's 1978 Command History Supplement is forwarded as enclosure (1).

  
C. L. FRIES

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## Chronology of Outstanding Events

| <u>Date</u>     | <u>Event</u>                         |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 01 Jan - 16 Feb | ROH                                  |
| 16 Feb - - - -  | ROH completed/Transit to Norfolk, VA |
| 17 Feb - 17 Mar | RAV Norfolk, VA                      |
| 17 Mar - 26 Mar | Inport Norfolk                       |
| 26 Mar - 02 Apr | Transit to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba      |
| 02 Apr - 20 Apr | Reftra Gitmo                         |
| 20 Apr - 25 Apr | Transit to Norfolk, VA               |
| 25 Apr - 08 May | Inport Norfolk                       |
| 08 May - 12 May | AMCM Underway Training               |
| 12 May - 15 May | Inport Norfolk                       |
| 15 May - 22 May | Exercise Solid Shield 78             |
| 22 May - 15 Jun | Inport Norfolk                       |
| 15 Jun - 22 Jun | AMPHIBIOUS REFTRA                    |
| 22 Jun - 14 Jul | IMAV Norfolk, VA                     |
| 14 Jul - 17 Jul | Inport Norfolk                       |
| 17 Jul - 21 Jul | ISE Vacapes OPAREA                   |
| 21 Jul - 25 Jul | Inport Norfolk                       |
| 25 Jul - 29 Jul | MTT Vacapes OPAREA                   |
| 29 Jul - 06 Aug | Inport Little Creek, VA              |
| 02 Aug - - - -  | NWAI                                 |
| 06 Aug - 11 Aug | OPPE                                 |
| 11 Aug - 22 Aug | Inport Norfolk                       |
| 22 Aug - 31 Oct | Exercise Northern Wedding            |
| 31 Oct - 26 Nov | Inport Norfolk                       |
| 26 Nov - 07 Dec | MARG Work Up Vacapes OPAREA          |
| 07 Dec - 31 Dec | Inport Norfolk                       |

## Basic Narrative

### a. Command Organization and Relations

(1) Captain Robert B. ROGERS, USN, 13 April 1977 to 4 August 1978. Captain Charles L. FRIES, USN, 4 August 1978 Present.

(2) Homeport: 1 January 1978 - 31 December 1978 - Norfolk, VA

(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 391 Enlisted Men  
On Board: 26 Officers 389 Enlisted Men

b. Operations

(1) Deployment: 22 August - 31 October in Operation Bold Guard/Northern Wedding (Northern Europe)

(2) Inport Periods:

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Baltimore, MD           | 01 Jan - 16 Feb |
| Norfolk, VA             | 16 Feb - 22 Mar |
| Norfolk, VA             | 25 Apr - 08 May |
| Norfolk, VA             | 12 May - 15 May |
| Norfolk, VA             | 22 May - 22 Jun |
| Norfolk, VA             | 22 Jun - 11 Jul |
| Norfolk, VA             | 21 Jul - 25 Jul |
| Little Creek, VA        | 29 Jul - 06 Aug |
| Norfolk, VA             | 11 Aug - 22 Aug |
| Fredrikstad, Norway     | 19 Sep - 21 Sep |
| Aalborg, Denmark        | 27 Sep - 01 Oct |
| Oslo, Norway            | 02 Oct - 04 Oct |
| Plymouth, England, UK   | 07 Oct - 11 Oct |
| Portsmouth, England, UK | 12 Oct - 17 Oct |
| Norfolk, VA             | 31 Oct - 26 Nov |
| Norfolk, VA             | 07 Dec - 31 Dec |

(3) Significant Deployment Events.

(a) Two formal dinners were conducted on board AUSTIN by the American Ambassador to Norway, Mr. LERNER during visit to Fredrikstad and Oslo Norway.

(4) Special Topics.

(a) AUSTIN completed ROH this year, with major overhaul of her engineering plant and all major deck and electronics equipments.

(b) A change of Command was held on 4 August 1978. Captain R. B. ROGERS, USN was relieved by Captain C. L. FRIES.

c. Documentary Annex

(1) Roster of officers and assigned billets as of 31 December 1978.

CAPT Charles L. FRIES  
CDR John M. CURREY  
LCDR [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]

Commanding Officer  
Executive Officer  
Operations Officer  
First Lieutenant

LT [REDACTED], SC  
LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED], DC  
LT [REDACTED], MC  
LT [REDACTED]  
LST LT [REDACTED], USMC  
LTJG [REDACTED]  
LTJG [REDACTED]

LTJG [REDACTED]  
LTJG [REDACTED]  
LTJG [REDACTED], SC  
LTJG [REDACTED]  
LTJG [REDACTED]  
LTJG [REDACTED]  
ENS [REDACTED], SC  
ENS [REDACTED]  
ENS [REDACTED]  
CWO2 [REDACTED]  
CWO2 [REDACTED]  
CWO2 [REDACTED]

Supply Officer  
Chief Engineer  
Air Officer  
Dental Officer  
Medical Officer  
Communications Officer  
Personnel Officer  
Combat Cargo Officer  
Gunnery Officer  
Aviation Fuels and Handling  
Officer  
CIC Officer  
Navigation Officer  
Sales Officer  
Second Division Officer  
Main Propulsion Assistant  
Auxiliary Officer  
Disbursing Officer  
First Division Officer  
M Division Officer  
Damage Control Assistant  
Electrical Officer  
Electronics Maintenance Officer

Allowance - 24 & 1 Combat Cargo (USMC)  
On Board - 25 & 1 Combat Cargo (USMC)