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Command Operations Report

This report is **required** by commands listed in **SNDL Parts 1 & 2** and all operational **Task Forces, Groups and Units** temporarily established to meet operational requirements.

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1. Command Data (Boxes will expand as information is typed)

Name of your Command or Organization: USS BAINBRIDGE (DDG 96)

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: 23153

Name and Rank of Commander/Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge:

Last: Rongers **First:** Sean **M.I.:** P **Rank:** CDR

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2014-11-07

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: Multi-mission AEGIS Guided Missile Destroyer. BAINBRIDGE can operate offensively or defensively in a high-density, multi-threat environment, independently or as a member of a battle group, surface action group, amphibious task group, or underway replenishment group. Primary missions include Air Warfare, Surface

2. Commander's Assessment

USS BAINBRIDGE had an extremely successful year. The ship began 2015 in the middle of a rigorous workup cycle and both TYPE Commander and Board of Inspections and Survey Material Inspections. The crew performed phenomenally throughout all evolutions and prepared BAINBRIDGE to meet all operational requirements.

BAINBRIDGE completed final preparations for deployment and departed on the third of May. The crew was focused, driven, and ready for the challenge. Throughout the deployment, the crew maintained peak operational readiness and demonstrated incredible flexibility in carrying out our mission as we made multiple schedule adjustments to accommodate the ever changing world and mission. BAINBRIDGE continually proved to be an exceptionally valuable asset to AFRICOM, providing much-needed surveillance, intelligence, and reconnaissance in theater.

BAINBRIDGE performed a pivotal role in several key moments in our global security efforts and performed exceptionally through each challenge during this high-paced year. Keeping performance up while maintaining an incident-free deployment, we have continuously delivered excellent products and results. Always living up to our motto of COMPETENCE, DEDICATION, DISCIPLINE!

3. Chronology

01 JAN - 11 JAN	CMAV
12 JAN - 19 JAN	UNDERWAY, PREPS FOR READ-E7
20 JAN - 21 JAN	RE-7, RAS WITH LEROY GRUMMAN
21 JAN - 27 JAN	PREPS FOR INSURV IN PORT NORFOLK
27 JAN - 30 JAN	UNDERWAY, INSURV
31 JAN - 19 FEB	VITAL EQUIPMENT ONLOADS FOR DEPLOYMENT
20 FEB - 08 MAR	UNDERWAY, TFEX, MISSILE LAUNCH CONDUCTED
09 MAR - 15 MAR	SCANEAGLE CERTIFICATION
16 MAR - 20 MAR	AMMO ONLOAD IN PORT YORKTOWN, VA
21 MAR - 26 APR	PRE-DEPLOYMENT STAND DOWN
27 APR - 28 APR	FAST CRUISE
29 APR	UNDERWAY, PRE-DEPLOYMENT CHECKS
30 APR - 03 MAY	IN PORT NORFOLK, FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY
03 MAY - 08 MAY	UNDERWAY, TRANSLANT; DEPLOYMENT COMMENCED
08 MAY	OUTCHOP FLEET FORCE, INCHOP C6F
08 MAY - 10 MAY	TRANSIT TO PORT VISIT PONTA DELGADA, POR
10 MAY - 13 MAY	IN PORT PONTA DELGADA
13 MAY - 15 MAY	TRANSIT PONTA DELGADA TO STROG
15 MAY	STROG TRANSIT
15 MAY - 17 MAY	STROG TO PHOENIX EXPRESS OPERATION AREA

17 MAY - 19 MAY	OPERATION PHOENIX EXPRESS
19 MAY - 20 MAY	PHOENIX EXPRESS OP AREA TO AUGUSTA BAY, IT
20 MAY - 21 MAY	IN PORT AUGUSTA BAY, IT
21 MAY - 22 MAY	AUGUSTA BAY TO RAS WITH USNS JOHN LENTHALL
22 MAY	RAS WITH USNS JOHN LENTHALL
22 MAY - 25 MAY	TRANSIT FROM RAS TO STATION IVO NORTHERN AFRICA
25 MAY - 27 MAY	TRANSIT TO AUGUSTA BAY
27 MAY	IVO AUGUSTA BAY, BOAT OPS FOR PART PICKUP
27 MAY - 28 MAY	TRANSIT TO STATION IVO NORTHERN AFRICA
28 MAY - 01 JUN	ON STATION IVO NORTHERN AFRICA
01 JUN - 02 JUN	TRANSIT TO RAS WITH USNS JOHN LENTHALL
02 JUN	RAS WITH USNS JOHN LENTHALL
02 JUN - 03 JUN	TRANSIT FROM RAS TO STATION IVO NORTHERN AFRICA
03 JUN - 12 JUN	ON STATION IVO NORTHERN AFRICA
12 JUN - 13 JUN	TRANSIT FROM STATION TO RAS WITH USNS JOHN LENTHALL
13 JUN	RAS WITH USNS JOHN LENTHAL
13 JUN - 14 JUN	TRANSIT FROM RAS TO STATION IVO NORTHERN AFRICA
14 JUN - 22 JUN	ON STATION IVO NORTHERN AFRICA
22 JUN	TRANSIT FROM STATION TO SOUDA BAY, CRETE (GREECE)
22 JUN - 26 JUN	IN PORT SOUDA BAY
26 JUN - 27 JUN	TRANSIT FROM SOUDA BAY TO RAS WITH USNS JOHN LENTHALL AND STATION IVO NORTHERN AFRICA
27 JUN	TRANSIT FROM STATION TO TO SUEZ CANAL
28 JUN	SUEZ TRANSIT
28 JUN - 30 JUN	TRANSIT SUEZ TO BAB-EL-MANDEB THROUGH RED SEA
01 JUL	BAB-EL-MANDEB TRANSIT
02 JUL	TRANSIT GULF OF ADEN
03 JUL	RAS WITH USNS CARL BRASHEAR
04 JUL	TRANSIT GULF OF ADEN
05 JUL - 18 JUL	ON STATION IVO EASTERN AFRICA
13 JUL - 31 AUG	READ-E1
19 JUL	RAS USNS PATUXENT
20 JUL - 01 AUG	ON STATION IVO EASTERN AFRICA
02 AUG	RAS WITH USNS PATUXENT
03 AUG - 08 AUG	ON STATION IVO EASTERN AFRICA
08 AUG - 11 AUG	TRANSIT FROM STATION TO PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS
12 AUG - 22 AUG	PORT VISIT PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS
22 AUG - 26 AUG	TRANSIT TO RAS IVO GULF OF ADEN
27 AUG	RAS WITH USNS JOHN ERICSSON
28 AUG	TRANSIT GULF OF ADEN TO BAB-EL-MANDEB;

29 AUG	RHIB RUN FOR PARTS, DJIBOUTI; DECK LANDING QUALIFICATIONS WITH USS FORREST SHERMAN BAM TRANSIT, RAS WITH USNS JOSHUA HUMPHREYS
30 AUG - 02 SEP 02 SEP	TRANSIT THROUGH RED SEA FIRST TRANSIT THROUGH NEW NORTHBOUND SECTION OF SUEZ CANAL BY US WARSHIP
03 SEP	RAS WITH USNS LEROY GRUMMAN
03 SEP - 04 SEP 05 SEP - 21 OCT	TRANSIT FROM SUEZ TO STATION IVO NORTHERN AFRICA ON STATION IVO NORTHERN AFRICA WITH RAS ON 11, 19, 28 SEPTEMBER; 6, 17 OCTOBER WITH USNS LEROY GRUMMAN
22 OCT	TRANSIT FROM STATION IVO NORTHERN AFRICA TO GAETA, IT
23 OCT - 29 OCT 29 OCT	PORT VISIT GAETA, IT TRANSIT FROM GAETA, IT TO STATION IVO NORTHERN AFRICA
30 OCT - 16 NOV	ON STATION IVO NORTHERN AFRICA WITH RAS ON 3, 9, AND 16 NOVEMBER WITH USNS LEROY GRUMMAN
19 NOV	STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR TRANSIT
20 NOV	PORT VISIT ROTA, SPAIN
21 NOV	TRANSIT FROM ROTA TO FUNCHAL
23 NOV	BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL IN FUNCHAL, PORTUGAL
24 NOV - 02 DEC	TRANSATLANTIC VOYAGE
27 NOV	OUTCHOP C6F, INCHOP FLEET FORCES
02 DEC	RETURN TO HOME PORT NORFOLK
02 DEC - 31 DEC	CMAV AND POST-DEPLOYMENT STAND DOWN

Narrative

In January 2015, BAINBRIDGE continued and completed all basic phase certifications and advanced phase certifications. Intertwined within these certifications, BAINBRIDGE underwent a series of Type Commander and INSURV material inspections with successful performances during both and included becoming the first DDG to achieve a perfect material demonstration for Air Defense and Undersea Warfare. BAINBRIDGE completed the month with a successful replenishment at sea with USNS Leroy Grumman.

In February, BAINBRIDGE received the final installations of equipment for deployment; this included ammunition, ScanEagle components, and SLQ-32 updates. BAINBRIDGE finished the month completed advanced phase, force protection, and the underway certifications during Task Force Exercise conducted with ships and staff from the Canadian Navy. This exercise included a successful SM-2 missile live fire.

In March, BAINBRIDGE shifted focus to certifying our ScanEagle detachment. This concluded the full scope of certifications the ship needed prior to the 2015 deployment. BAINBRIDGE concluded the month by completing a short port visit to Naval Weapons Station Yorktown to complete deployment ammunition onload.

On 3 May, BAINBRIDGE departed on a seven month deployment to support the global war on terrorism. During the Atlantic crossing, BAINBRIDGE stopped in Ponta Delgada, Portugal. During this visit BAINBRIDGE conducted a series of community relations projects and hosted a reception for local leadership reaffirming beneficial diplomatic relationships with one of the United States' oldest allies.

Also in May, BAINBRIDGE conducted a Eastward transit through the Straits of Gibraltar and then joined the ongoing SIXTH Fleet Exercise PHOENIX EXPRESS 15 where BAINBRIDGE provided a training platform and subject matter expertise to Sailors from Morocco and Tunisia supporting Theater Security Cooperation in the region and improving interoperability between Northern African nations for maritime security operations. BAINBRIDGE completed the month with a short visit to Augusta Bay, Italy and a RAS with USNS John Lenthall.

In June, USS BAINBRIDGE conducted routine patrolling operations in the Central Mediterranean, a port visit to Souda Bay, Crete and completed the month conducting a Southern transit through the Suez Canal, the Red Sea and the Bab-el-Mandeb.

In July, BAINBRIDGE performed a RAS with the USNS Carl Brasher on 3 July and then started routine presence operations off the eastern coast of Africa, supporting AFRICOM theater operations. BAINBRIDGE also commenced the TYCOM directed Readiness Assessment READ-E1 (Ship manning, training and equipment self assessment).

August started with BAINBRIDGE transiting to Port Louis, Mauritius for a voyage maintenance availability. Throughout this period, the BAINBRIDGE crew conducted much need repairs and revitalized the ship's exterior. Additionally, BAINBRIDGE was able to conduct several

community relations projects, and experience the local culture. The highlight of this stop was BAINBRIDGE hosting a luncheon for the President of Mauritius and the US Ambassador to Mauritius and Seychelles.

BAINBRIDGE finished August again on patrol off the Eastern coast of Africa and then transited north through the Red Sea and to the southern entrance of the Suez Canal.

BAINBRIDGE, on 2 September, became the first US Navy ship to execute a transit through the new Northbound section of the Suez Canal. Upon completion of the transit BAINBRIDGE spent the remainder of September on patrol in the Central Mediterranean, remaining there until the end of October when BAINBRIDGE visited Gaeta, Italy.

BAINBRIDGE finished October and started November back on patrol in the Central Mediterranean Sea before commencing a homebound transit. BAINBRIDGE completed a short port visit to Rota, Spain and a brief stop for fuel in Funchal, Portugal prior to chopping to CTF 80.

BAINBRIDGE made her return to homeport on 2 December, completing a successful seven month deployment. The remainder of 2015 consisted of post-deployment stand down, the beginning of a continuous maintenance availability and the offload of ScanEagle detachment and equipment.

4. Photographs

CDR Rongers, CO, Portrait



CDR Murray, XO, Portrait

