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Subj: USS BENFOLD (DDG 65) COMMAND HISTORY FOR CY 1999

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- Encl: (1) Battle Efficiency Nomination
- (2) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
- (3) Commanding Officer Photograph

1. Command Composition and Organization

Mission: *To be ready to win the next war at sea. We will be ready to conduct prompt and sustained combat operations at sea, executing assigned tasks correctly, safely, and decisively in support of our national policy objective.*

Immediate Senior Command: Captain Arnold, Destroyer Squadron SEVEN.

Commanding Officer: Commander Thomas H. Copeman

Permanent Duty Station: San Diego, California

2. Chronology.

January 1, 1999 - January 12, 1999

January 21, 1999

February 3, 1999

Holiday Stand-down
Change of Command
Ammo On load-Naval
Air Station, North
Island

February 19, 1999 - March 12, 1999

Composite Task
Unit Exercise 99

April 6, 1999

Transit to Naval
Weapons Station,
Seal Beach, CA

April 7, 1999 - April 8, 1999

Ammo On load-Naval
Weapons Station,
Seal Beach, CA

April 9, 1999

Transit- en route San
Diego, CA

April 30, 1999

Family Day Cruise

May 6, 1999- May 17, 1999

FLEETEX 99

May 18, 1999 - June 17, 1999

Pre-Overseas Movement Stand-
down

June 18, 1999

Deployed CONBATGRU
99/Commenced JTFEX
enroute

June 30, 1999

Finex JTFX

July 3, 1999

In chop COMSEVENTHFLT

July 11, 1999 - July 15, 1999

Port Visit Chinhae,
Korea

July 16, 1999 - July 22, 1999

Underway

July 23, 1999 - July 28, 1999	Port Visit Pattaya Beach, Thailand
July 31, 1999 - August 4, 1999	Port Visit, Singapore
August 10, 1999 - November 08, 1999	In chop FIFTH F Fleet/Conducted Maritime Interdiction Operations
August 31, 1999 - September 03, 1999	Port Visit Bahrain
September 04, 1999 - September 17, 1999	Maritime Interdiction Operations
September 17, 1999-September 20, 1999	Port Visit, Jebel Ali, U.A.E
September 21, 1999 - September 26, 1999	Maritime Interdiction Operations
September 27, 1999 - September 30, 1999	Port Visit Abu Dhabi, U.A.E
September 31, 1999 - October 17, 1999	Maritime Interdiction Operations
October 19, 1999 - October 21, 1999	Port Visit, Kuwait City, Kuwait
October 22, 1999 - October 27, 1999	Maritime Interdiction Operations
October 28, 1999 - November 1, 1999	Port Visit, Dubai, U.A.E.
November 08, 1999	Outchop FIFTH Fleet
November 17, 1999-November 21, 1999	Port Visit Bunbury, Australia
November 25, 1999 - November 29, 1999	Port Visit, Melbourne, Australia
December 07, 1999	Out chop SEVENTH Fleet
December 10, 1999 - December 12, 1999	Ammo offload Pearl Harbor, HI
December 17, 1999	Return to Homeport

3. Biography of current commanding officer - Commander Thomas H Copeman III.

Commander Copeman graduated from Creighton University in May 1981 with a BS in Biology. He was commissioned on April 2, 1982 from Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI. Following Basic SWOS he reported to USS LEFTWICH (DD 984) and served 30 months as Electrical Officer and Main Propulsion Assistant. CDR Copeman then served 24 months as a gas turbine examiner for the CINCPACFLT Propulsion Examining Board. After graduating from SWOS Department Head course he was assigned as commissioning Engineer Officer in USS PHILIPPINE SEA (CG 58) where he served for 44 months. His most recent sea duty was Executive Officer in USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG 57). He assumed command of BENFOLD on January 21, 1999.

CDR Copeman's shore assignments were as a student at United States Army Command and General Staff Course at Fort Leavenworth Kansas followed by a tour as an action officer in the Special Technical Operations cell at USSTRATCOM, Offutt AFB, NE. He received a MS in Administration from Central Michigan University while in Leavenworth. Following his XO tour he was assigned to the Chief of Naval Operations staff as a requirements officer in the Theater Air Warfare branch (N865) of the Surface Warfare Division (N86).

CDR Copeman has been awarded the Joint Meritorious Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1 gold star), Navy Commendation Medal (1 gold star), Navy Achievement Medal, as well as various unit citations and campaign awards. He is married to the former [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. They have two children, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and reside in San Diego, CA.



T. H. COPEMAN