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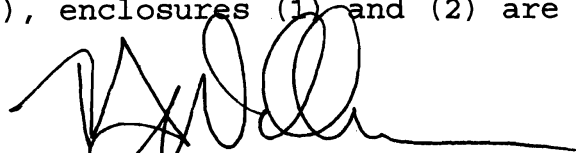
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(2) Monthly Command History

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### Command Composition and Mission

Commanding Officer: CDR Thomas D. Williams, IV  
Executive Officer: LCDR Julian E. Topping

#### Engineering Department

Chief Engineer: LT [REDACTED]  
Auxiliaries Officer: LT [REDACTED]  
Damage Control Assistant: LTJG [REDACTED]  
Main Propulsion Assistant: CWO3 [REDACTED]

#### Operations Department

Operations Officer: LT [REDACTED]  
CIC Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]  
Communications Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]  
First Lieutenant: LT [REDACTED]

#### Combat Systems Department

Combat Systems Officer: LT [REDACTED]  
Ordnance Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]  
ASW Officer: LT [REDACTED]  
Electronic Readiness Officer: CWO4 [REDACTED]

#### Supply Department

Supply Officer: LT [REDACTED]  
Disbursing Officer: ENS [REDACTED]

#### Navadmin Department

Assistant Navigator: LTJG [REDACTED]

#### Air Department

Officer In Charge: LT [REDACTED]  
Air Maintenance Officer: LT [REDACTED]  
Air Operations Officer: LT [REDACTED]  
Pilots: LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]

USS CARR is a Guided Missile Frigate assigned to Destroyer Squadron FOUR, homeported in Charleston, South Carolina. Her embarked Air Detachment consists of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Four Four (HSL-44) Detachment 4, based at NAS Mayport, Florida. Aircraft consist of two LAMPS SH-60B Seahawk helicopters.

The mission of The FFG is to escort and protect convoys, underway replenishment groups, amphibious landing groups, and carrier battle groups, utilizing highly capable ASW, ASUW, and AAW sensor and weapon suites.

## JANUARY 1994

Chronology:	01-11 January	Inport Charleston
	12-25 January	Deploy to Med/Red Sea, Translant Transit
	26 January	Transit Straits of Gibraltar
	27-31 January	Mediterranean Transit

**Narrative:**

The New Year began with CARR in a POM/leave period as deployment day approached. New Year's Day was on a Saturday, and the ship was at holiday routine. The following day was also holiday routine, as was Sunday. On Monday, the 3rd, USS TAYLOR (FFG 50), located across the pier from CARR, experienced a fire. ENS [REDACTED], CARR's Damage Control Assistant, and 15 members of the duty section quickly responded as R&A Team. JP5 fuel was unloaded on the 4th, and LCDR [REDACTED] successfully completed his Engineering Officer of the Watch (EOOW) board. The Command Senior Chief attended an Ombudsman meeting on the 5th. Engineers conducted hot and cold checks on the 6th. Planning Board for Training (PB4T) was held on the 6th, and a new crewmember, DS1 [REDACTED], checked aboard.

██████████ Captain's Mast was held on the 7th. The ship was visited by a Med Communications Assist Team. The Commanding Officer (CO) had a meeting with the CO of HSL 44 and the new OIC of HSL 44 Det 4, LT ██████████. Also on the 7th, a commander's conference was held along with a Hail and Farewell for Commander, Destroyer Squadron FOUR (CDS-4), Commodore Gnerlich. The weekend of the 8th and 9th was quiet with nothing out of the ordinary to report.

Small Arms training was conducted on Monday, the 10th. The LAMPS support equipment arrived on the 10th, and onload commenced. Ensign [REDACTED] reported for duty on the 10th and was assigned as the Electronics Readiness Officer (ERO). With only one day until deployment, underway preparations were nearing completion on the 11th. HSL 44 Det 4 personnel embarked on the 11th. The SH-60B helicopters were scheduled to fly aboard on the morning of the 12th. LCDR [REDACTED] and EMCM(SW) [REDACTED] departed the ship on the 11th.

CARR departed for JTG 94-1 Deployment as part of USS SARATOGA (CV 60) Joint Task Group at 1000 on the 12th. Weather was rainy and foggy, requiring the ship to set low-visibility detail on the way out. A 76mm/CIWS PACfire was conducted at 1400, and the two helos, Magnum 440 and 452, flew on immediately following the pacfire. CARR also conducted a Burial at Sea Ceremony.

The 13th began a busy schedule of exercises for the CONUS/MED transit. CARR was conducting Week One Work Ups (WOWU) with the helo detachment. A Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure (VBSS) exercise was completed with USS VICKSBURG (CG 69). Briefs were held for UNREP and GUNEX. Heavy seas were experienced on the 14th, and would be standard fare for most of the transit. The 14th was designated an electrical safety check amnesty day for the crew to get their personal electronic gear checked. CARR received CDS-24 Medical Officer via helo PAX transfer on the

15th. A VERTREP for sonobuoys was conducted on the 15th, and a DTE and ASW choke point transit were completed.

The ship celebrated Martin Luther King's birthday on the 16th, holding a ceremony on the messdecks for the occasion. Protestant Divine Services were held on the 16th as well. A general quarters (GQ) drill was conducted as the ASW choke point transit exercise continued. The time zone changed to +3P on the 17th. CARR participated in DIVTACS with USS PHILIPPINE SEA (CG 58) and USS TAYLOR (FFG 50) and leapfrogs with USS MONONGAHELA (AO 178). A set of Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises (BECCES) was also conducted on the 17th. CARR refueled from USS MOUNT BAKER (AE 34) under difficult conditions on the 18th. Heavy seas unseated the probe four times and finally snapped the rig, fortunately causing no damage or injuries. A Safety Stand Down was held on the 19th, with a Safety Team from SARATOGA assisting. The Wardroom received a Med Threat Brief. Exercises conducted were a AAW EX and an EOD Unexploded Ordnance Drill/GQ.

Navy-wide Chief Petty Officer (CPO) advancement examinations were administered on the 20th, and Indoctrination Division began for new crewmembers. The CO conducted a zone inspection of 1st Division spaces. The ship completed a .50 Cal gun shoot and an ASMD/Low Slow Flyer exercise. I-Division wrapped up on the 21st and the EOD Unexploded Ordnance Drill was completed.

CDS-24, Commodore Van Saun, visited the ship on the 21st. His itinerary included lunch onboard, an Officer and CPO call, and a quick tour of the ship. Also on the 21st, CARR received some ammunition via VERTREP from MT BAKER. A RAS was conducted on the 22nd with MONONGAHELA, and a GQ was held later in the day. RADM Wright had lunch onboard on the 23rd, after which he spoke to the Officers and CPOs. During the Admiral's visit, a very informative ROE brief was given to the Wardroom by a staff JAG Corps Officer.

CARR participated in a French Navy/USN PASSEX on the 24th and 25th. The two-day event was broken into two phases, an ASUW ENCOUNTEREX and an ASW Opposed RAS. During the Opposed RAS portion, CARR refueled from the French oiler FS SOMME (A 631). The 26th was Sixth Fleet turnover day for SARATOGA and AMERICA battlegroup. CARR turned over with USS SIMPSON (FFG 56). Following turnover, a GQ was held for repair locker training. DCTT and EOWW training was held on the 27th, as was a navigation brief for the Straits of Sicily transit. CARR had her first LOGREP for the deployment on the 28th, receiving 27 lifts of supplies via VERTREP from USNS SATURN. A GQ and an ASWEX with USS BOSTON (SSN 703) were conducted, and the Straits of Sicily transit began. An UNREP brief and a GQ were conducted on the 29th. A late afternoon UNREP with USNS JOHN LENTHALL turned into a marathon affair due to winds across the deck at 50+ knots and seas of 16-18 feet. Alongside time was five and a half hours, 40 shot lines were used, the rig unseated three times, the hose broke, and a course change was conducted before refueling was complete. The CO commented that he could not recall worse weather and sea conditions during a RAS in his 19 years in the Navy.

The following day was holiday routine for the crew; everyone

needed a rest after the UNREP ordeal the night before. On the final day of January, clocks were advanced to -2B, another I-Division commenced, and a GQ/MSFD was conducted as CARR made her way across the Mediterranean enroute Port Said and the Suez Canal.

## FEBRUARY 1994

Chronology:      01 February    Underway, Western Mediterranean Sea  
                  02 February    Anchored, Port Said, Egypt  
                  03 February    Southbound transit, Suez Canal  
                  04-10 February   MIO, Northern Red Sea  
                  11-13 February   Port Visit, Hurghada, Egypt  
                  14-18 February   MIO, Northern Red Sea  
                  18-21 February   Transit enroute Eritrea  
                  22-24 February   Port Visit, Masawa, Eritrea  
                  25-27 February   Transit enroute Northern Red Sea  
                  28 February    MIO, Northern Red Sea

### Narrative:

February began with CARR in the Western Med, enroute Port Said and the Suez Canal. A navigation brief for the Suez Canal transit was held on the 1st. Small boat ops and aft steering drills were conducted as well. The CO conducted a zone inspection of S-1 spaces on the 2nd, and he completed his spot checks.

The ship moored, Port Said, Egypt on the 2nd, waiting for the southbound Suez Canal transit to begin. The transit began shortly after midnight on the 3rd, and lasted all day. CARR completed the transit of the Gulf of Suez on the 4th, entering the North Red Sea and rendezvousing with USS JOHN HANCOCK (DD 981) for Maritime Interception Operations (MIO) turnover/inbriefs. The CO had lunch on board JOHN HANCOCK with their CO, CDR Bloxum, and CTG 152.1, Commodore Edwards. CARR conducted her first boarding jointly with JOHN HANCOCK'S boarding team.

CARR began solo boardings on the 5th (two were conducted). The ship received Coast Guard LEDET 8-B to assist with boardings. Also on the 5th, an UNREP/VERTREP was completed with USNS LEROY GRUMMAN (TAO 195). Modified holiday routine was observed on the 6th as boarding ops continued, and a small Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) was transferred to CARR from LEROY GRUMMAN. Ten CARR sailors went on a tour of Sharek El Sheik on the 7th. A GQ/MSFD was conducted on the 7th.

The 8th was a busy boarding day for Team CARR. An evening UNREP brief was held and BECCES were conducted. A VERTREP was completed with LEROY GRUMMAN and a set of BECCES were conducted on the 9th. CARR conducted an early morning UNREP on the 10th with LEROY GRUMMAN.

CARR headed into Hurghada, Egypt and anchored in the harbor on the 11th, commencing the ship's much anticipated first port visit since departing Charleston 12 January. The French ship DROGOU (F 783) anchored nearby for a short time on the 12th, and her CO called on CARR, staying for lunch. The 12th was a half work day for the crew. A combined ship's party was held with USS UNDERWOOD (FFG 36) and LEROY GRUMMAN on the 13th at the Sinbad Hotel.

MAGNUM 440 was launched and recovered inport Hurghada on the 13th in support of VBSS. CARR was underway from Hurghada on the

14th, heading back into the NRS to re-commence MIO. RM3 [REDACTED] reenlisted onboard on the 14th with LT [REDACTED] administering the oath. The 15th was a busy day for the ship with boardings all day, and a RAS and BECCES in the evening. Also on the 15th, a planning meeting for the Eritrea port visit was held in the wardroom.

Commodore Edwards, CTG 152.1, visited CARR on the 16th and had lunch onboard in the wardroom. He stated he was very pleased with Team CARR's performance in support of North Red Sea MIO. The engineers conducted a BECCES set on the 16th. On the 17th, MAGNUM 452 and a small support crew were crossdecked to UNDERWOOD to support boarding operations while CARR was in Eritrea. BECCES were again conducted on the evening of the 17th. CARR conducted a VERTREP/RAS with LEROY GRUMMAN on the 18th, topping off before making the transit south to Eritrea.

A host of meetings and training were accomplished on the 19th while enroute Eritrea, including Command Assessment Team meeting, PB4T, GQ, BECCES, and a CIWS/M-60/.50 Cal PACFIRE. A zone inspection of CS-2 spaces was conducted by the CO, and clocks were advanced to -3C that evening. Holiday Routine was observed on the 20th and pizza night was sponsored by the First Class Petty Officers Association.

Monday, the 21st, a ship-wide field day was held in order to clean the ship prior to entering port the next morning. A navigation brief was held for entering port Massawa, Eritrea, and LTJG [REDACTED] successfully completed his Officer of The Deck (underway) qualification board. The Professional Development Board (PDB) also met, and a set of BECCES were run throughout the day on the 21st.

CARR sailed into Massawa, Eritrea on the 22nd, and once moored, was visited by the U.S. Ambassador to Eritrea, the Governor of Semhar Province, the Mayor of Massawa, and the Commander of the Eritrean Navy. That evening, a reception for CARR's Officers, Chiefs, and First Class Petty Officers was hosted by the Eritrean Navy.

The 23rd was extremely busy for the crew with events scheduled all day. The morning began with CARR's volunteer workers heading out to commence work on the three Community Relations Projects (COMREL); a local school, the city power plant, and an ice production facility. CARR's soccer team was invited to play a match against the Eritrean National Team, which they barely lost 2-1 before hundreds of Eritrean fans. Prior to the match, the Eritreans presented CARR's soccer team with a ceramic statue of a chicken, the Eritrean national bird.

As COMREL work was in full swing, a luncheon was hosted onboard for a group of Eritrean dignitaries. Following the luncheon, CARR's CO presented six pallets of HANDCLASP material, consisting of medicine, hygienic products, clothing, and books, to the Mayor of Massawa. As darkness approached, Ambassador Houdek and CDR Williams toured the COMREL sites to evaluate the work. That evening, the ship hosted a reception on the flight deck for Eritrean dignitaries and U.S. Embassy personnel. Approximately 150 guests were in attendance with the guest of honor being the Vice President of Eritrea.

Final work was completed on the COMREL sites the morning of the 24th. The Eritreans set up a bus tour to the capital of Eritrea, Asmara, and a snorkeling trip to a nearby reef for ship's personnel. Tours of the ship were given all day on the 24th, with approximately 600 people visiting the ship. CARR's Damage Control division arranged a fire fighting demonstration on the pier for Eritrean Navy personnel. The final organized event of the port visit was a joint U.S./Eritrean Navy beach party.

CARR was underway from Eritrea on the morning of the 25th. Modified navigation detail was set until 1730 that evening as the ship sailed close to the coast. The 26th was Safety Awareness Day, and a CIWS PACFIRE, GQ, and BECCES were held. Another CIWS PACFIRE was conducted on the 27th, along with Planning Board for Training meeting and Catholic Lay Services. LTJG [REDACTED] became CARR's newest Surface Warfare Officer after passing his qualification board on the 27th.

February came to an end with the ship back on station in the Northern Red Sea, ready for more boardings on the 28th. A news team from KOTV, Tulsa, Oklahoma arrived onboard on the 28th to report on U.S. Navy operations in the Northern Red Sea and on Paul Henry Carr, the ship's namesake, who was a native Oklahoman. A set of BECCES that evening closed out the month, with February having been a very eventful and productive month for CARR and her crew.



### March 1994

Chronology:           01-03 March           MIO, Northern Red Sea  
                      04-05 March           Port Visit, Hurghada, Egypt  
                      06-14 March           MIO, Northern Red Sea  
                      15-17 March           Port Visit, Hurghada, Egypt  
                      18-29 March           MIO, Northern Red Sea  
                      30-31 March           Port Visit, Hurghada, Egypt

### Narrative:

March began with CARR on station in the Northern Red Sea, conducting Maritime Interception Operations(MIO). A news team from KOTV, Tulsa, Oklahoma was onboard researching a story about operations in the Northern Red Sea, and Oklahomans onboard the ships involved. The news team was especially interested in CARR because of the ship's namesake, Paul Henry Carr, a native of Oklahoma.

E-4 advancement exams were administered the morning of the 1st. Ten personnel went on a tour of Sharm El Sheikh on the 2nd, while the ship continued boarding operations. CS-4 Division underwent CO's personnel inspection/zone inspection and CO's call on the 2nd. A set of BECCES was also completed on the 2nd. E-5 advancement exams were administered on the morning of the 3rd. Another group of 10 CARR sailors went ashore for the Sharm El Sheikh tour, and Commodore Edwards joined one of CARR's boarding teams on a VBSS assignment, staying for lunch afterward.

CARR was anchored in Hurghada on the 4th. Mail was received from USNS HENRY J. KAISER (TAO 187), and 4 new crewmembers checked onboard. The morning of the 5th was taken up by PB4T, a navigation brief for departing Hurghada, and officer training in the wardroom. Following liberty call, a ship's party was held at the Sinbad Hotel. GSEC(SW) [REDACTED] and MR2 [REDACTED] departed the ship on the 5th, bound for home. On the 6th, an early morning flight quarters was held to supply a helicopter for VBSS support. The ship got underway from Hurghada shortly after flight quarters. That evening, the CO attended a dinner onboard USS JOHN HANCOCK (DD 981) to bid farewell to Commodore Edwards.

LTJG [REDACTED] earned his OOD underway qualification on the 7th. Another Sharm El Sheikh tour was also conducted on the 7th, and the ship conducted man-overboard drills and engineering evolution training. E-6 exams were administered on the 8th. CTG 152.1 turnover occurred on the 8th, with Commodore Innes assuming duties from Commodore Edwards. A Sharm El Sheikh tour for 10 more CARR sailors took place on the 9th. In the afternoon, CARR conducted a RAS/CONREP with HENRY J. KAISER.

PB4T was held on the 10th. The CO conducted a zone inspection of Nav/Admin Division's spaces, and BECCES/GQ/MSFD were all completed on the 10th. I-Division began for newly arrived crewmembers on the 11th. On the 12th, GSMC(SW) [REDACTED] and EMC(SW) [REDACTED] successfully completed their Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) boards, attaining a significant career milestone. A RAS brief was conducted on the 12th, as was a set of BECCES. That evening, pizza night was held on the messdecks,

with the officers sponsoring the event. A RAS was conducted with HENRY J. KAISER on the 13th.

The 14th was spent in the training box completing numerous evolutions. A GQ/MSFD was completed in the morning, followed by a CIWS/76mm PACFIRE and 76mm TDT/.50 CAL shoot. ASW training was held using a Mini-Mobile Target (MMT), and a set of BECCES were completed. A navigation brief for anchoring, Hurghada was also held on the 14th. CARR anchored inport, Hurghada on the 15th. Quartermasters received meteorological training given by the Meteorological Detachment from the HENRY J. KAISER. A day-long, ship-wide safety standdown took place on the 16th. E-2 Division had a CO's zone inspection on the 17th. PB4T was held in the morning, and a navigation brief for leaving Hurghada was held afterward. Officer training was conducted on heat stress.

CARR was underway from Hurghada the morning of the 18th, proceeding directly to the training box for a PHOTO-EX with USS UNDERWOOD, USNS HENRY J. KAISER, AND FS DROGOU. On the 19th, CARR was the sole ship conducting boarding operations. Three teams were utilized, two from CARR and one from JOHN HANCOCK, to efficiently clear the queue of all vessels. An UNREP/VERTREP with HENRY J. KAISER was conducted on the 20th. Following the UNREP, CARR proceeded to anchor in order to effect repairs to a leaking line shaft bearing seal. While at anchor, the First Class Association sponsored a steel beach picnic on the forecastle.

Commodore Innes, COMCOGARDRON 44, visited the ship on the 21st. Captain's Mast was conducted on the 23rd, and a training GQ was also completed. On the 24th, the CO conducted a zone inspection of E-3 Division spaces. Following the zone inspection, a 76MM/CIWS PACFIRE and GQ/MSFD were accomplished. Later in the evening, the engineers ran a BECCE set and some ASW training was conducted using an MMT. Another GQ/MSFD and BECCE set were completed on the 25th. A RAS brief and officer training on IMAV issues were held in the wardroom on the 26th. Supply Department sponsored a root beer float party on the messdecks later that evening.

The 27th began with an UNREP/CONREP with HENRY J. KAISER. CARR was then assigned to escort the merchant vessel SKYMAN through the Straits of Tiran up to Aqaba, Jordan. After transiting the straits and proceeding a short way up the Gulf of Aqaba, CARR was ordered to turn around and re-transit the straits with SKYMAN and return to the Northern Red Sea.

CARR reached a significant milestone on the 28th when her VBSS Blue Team conducted the ship's 100th boarding since checking on station in the Northern Red Sea. A Sharm El Sheikh tour was conducted on the 29th, with UNDERWOOD the host ship. A navigation brief was held for entering/leaving Hurghada for the last time, and the eighteen-foot RHIB was transferred to HENRY J KAISER.

During the inbound transit to Hurghada on the 29th, CARR rendezvoused with HENRY J. KAISER and received an emergency leave case via RHIB for further transfer to Hurghada. CARR anchored in Hurghada at 0930 on the 30th for her final port visit in the Red Sea. The Sailor of the Quarter/Junior Sailor of the Quarter board was held on the 31st. OI Division had their CO's zone

inspection and personnel inspection. Also on the 31st, CARR assisted in an emergency MEDEVAC of a crewmember from USS GRASP (ARS 51). The ship departed Hurghada on the evening of the 31st, heading out for her final few days of boarding ops and turnover with USS TAYLOR (FFG 50).

### April 1994

Chronology:      01-02 April    Turnover with USS TAYLOR (FFG 50)  
                    03 April    Detached from CTG 152.1/Transit Gulf  
                                    of Suez  
                    04 April    Transit Suez Canal  
                    05 April    Enroute Haifa, Israel  
                    06-16 April   Port Visit/IMAV Haifa, Israel  
                    17-18 April   Enroute Rhodes, Greece  
                    19-21 April   Port Visit Rhodes, Greece  
                    22-28 April   Operations EMED/CMED, ETG Visit  
                    29-30 April   Port Visit Port Mahon, Spain

### Narrative:

CARR began the month of April in the Northern Red Sea conducting turnover with USS TAYLOR (FFG 50). The ship's boarding teams conducted joint boardings with TAYLOR's boarding teams, and both ships conducted a 76mm gun shoot. CARR had the distinction of querying the 20,000 motor vessel in the Northern Red Sea on the 1st. Turnover continued on the 2nd with two more joint boardings, several briefings, and a CIWS shoot on a TDU. A CO's call with CTG 152.1 was held onboard USS JOHN HANCOCK (DD 981), and a RAS/CONREP was completed with USNS HENRY J KAISER (TAO 187). Also on the 2nd, a navigation brief was held for the Gulf of Suez transit.

CARR was officially detached from CTG 152.1 on the 3rd, and immediately commenced the Gulf of Suez transit, anchoring that evening in Port Suez. Pizza night was sponsored by the Air Department on the 3rd. The Suez Canal transit began early on the morning of the 4th, with CARR as the lead ship in the northbound convoy. EM2(SW) [REDACTED] was reenlisted by EMC(SW) [REDACTED] on the O-2 level during the transit, and a frocking ceremony was held for RMCS(SW) [REDACTED]. The canal transit was completed without incident on the 4th. A full power run was conducted on the 5th, followed by a GQ/MSFD. A navigation brief for entering Haifa, Israel was held in the wardroom.

The ship arrived at the approaches to Haifa on the 6th. Due to non-availability of pilots and a dense fog which descended on the area, CARR was forced to anchor out and wait. The fog lifted and a pilot was available, allowing the ship to enter port on the 7th and begin the mid-deployment IMAV with USS YELLOWSTONE (AD 41). The CO made calls on local officials on the 8th, and the IMAV arrival conference was held on YELLOWSTONE.

On the 9th, OC Division had CO's zone inspection/personnel inspection and CO's call. LTJG [REDACTED] successfully completed his qualification as Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer (SWSCO). A Hail and Farewell was held for LT [REDACTED], LTJG [REDACTED], and ENS [REDACTED]. The ship was at Holiday Routine on the 10th, and CWO3 [REDACTED] checked onboard, assuming duties as ERO. Chaplain's Call was held on the 11th, and an Israeli Navy Commander visited the ship. STG1(SW) [REDACTED] successfully completed his ESWS qualification on the 11th. CIT Training was held on the 12th, and ESWS boards were successfully completed by HM1(SW) [REDACTED].

and RM1(SW) [REDACTED]. Officer training on the 12th consisted of a tour of USS TRENTON (LPD 14). Israeli Memorial Day began at sundown on the 12th.

The 13th was Israeli Independence Day. The CO of YELLOWSTONE visited the ship, and a Command Duty Officer (CDO)/OOD board was conducted for LT [REDACTED]. On the 14th, a tour of the Israeli Naval Base in Haifa was set up for CARR personnel. PB4T and a CTT meeting were held in the morning. CS-3 Division had CO's zone inspection/personnel inspection and CO's call on the 14th.

A command softball tournament/picnic was held on the 15th at a local kibbutz. A group of CARR sailors visited a local children's hospital to spread some cheer to some sick children. Also on the 15th, GSMC(SW) [REDACTED] reported onboard and ESWS boards were successfully completed by RMCS(SW) [REDACTED] and ENC(SW) [REDACTED]. The IMAV with YELLOWSTONE was completed on the 16th, which was also the final day of the ship's Haifa port visit. An EOOW Board was conducted for MM2 [REDACTED] and GSE1 [REDACTED], and a SWO Board was conducted for LTJG [REDACTED], all of whom were successful in achieving their qualifications.

CARR was underway from Haifa at 0400 on the 17th, enroute to Rhodes, Greece. BECCES/GQ/MSFD and a navigation brief were conducted the 17th. The ship arrived in Rhodes the morning of the 18th. Calls on local officials were made by CO/XO of CARR and USS PHILIPPINE SEA (CG 58). A ship-wide electrical safety zone inspection was conducted on the 19th in preparation for an upcoming ETG visit. The ship took on fuel on the 20th, via trucks on the pier. PB4T was held in the morning, and a tour group departed for Lindos. The CO conducted a zone inspection/personnel inspection/CO's call for S-3 Division. Officer training on Dynamic Impact '94 was conducted in the afternoon. A return calls/VIP Dinner for local officials was hosted in the wardroom the evening of the 21st.

The ship departed Rhodes on the 22nd, and shortly thereafter, rendezvoused with USNS CONCORD (T-AFS 5) for a VERTREP of stores. On the 23rd, BECCES/MSFD were conducted along with Engineering Department training in preparation for the ETG visit. CARR arrived in the vicinity of Augusta Bay, Sicily, on the 24th to pick up ETG riders via helo from NAS Sigonella. The ETG visit continued on the 25th with two BECCE sets, two MSFDs and engineering program reviews. The ETG visit was completed on the 26th, and the ship commenced the transit to her next port visit, Port Mahon, Spain.

Holiday routine was observed on the 27th in honor of former President Richard Nixon, who passed away the previous week. The first of a series of Navy Rights and Responsibilities workshops began on the 28th. The CO conducted a zone inspection/personnel inspection/CO's call for the Air Department. A navigation brief was held for entering Port Mahon, and was followed by Officer training on Dynamic Impact '94. An Executive Steering Committee Meeting was held, as was a department head meeting. Also on the 28th, man overboard drills/small boat ops/junior officer shiphandling exercises were conducted.

CARR arrived in Port Mahon, Spain, on the 29th for a five

day port visit, anchoring in the harbor. The CO made calls on the Mayor of Mahon, Spanish Army Officer, Commander Naval Base Port Mahon, and the Governor's Office. While there, the ship was responsible for cleaning and restoring the U.S. Navy Cemetery that is located in Port Mahon. A team from the ship went to the cemetery on the 29th to inspect it and get an idea on maintenance requirements. Work on the cemetery commenced on the 30th. April ended with CARR anchored in Port Mahon conducting maintenance on the U.S. Navy Cemetery located there.

### May 1994

Chronology:           01-03 May   Port Visit Port Mahon, Spain  
                      04 May   Underway from Port Mahon, Spain  
                      05-18 May   Exercise Dynamic Impact 1994  
                      19 May   Enroute Marseille, France  
                      20-26 May   Port Visit Marseille, France  
                      27-29 May   Underway from Marseille, France,  
                                  enroute Rota, Spain  
                      30-31 May   Port Visit Rota, Spain

### Narrative:

The month of May began with CARR continuing a port visit in beautiful Port Mahon, Spain. Restoration of the U.S. Navy Cemetery continued on the 1st, and a navigation brief was held for moving from anchorage to a pierside berth to accommodate the changeout of the starboard rapid securing device (RSD). The ship completed the move pierside on the 2nd, flying Magnum 440 off for shorebasing in Port Mahon. A reception was hosted onboard for the Naval Station Commander, President of the Counsel Insular, and a Spanish Army Colonel. The CO also hosted a press conference for local media in the wardroom. Also on the 2nd, the ship was opened for general visiting. The RSD changeout began on the 3rd, and the cemetery clean-up effort concluded. Ship's officers were invited to a luncheon at the Spanish Army Officer's Club that afternoon. CARR's basketball team played a tournament against the Spanish Navy. ESWS boards were successfully completed by PN3(SW) [REDACTED] and SH2(SW) [REDACTED].

CARR departed Port Mahon the morning of the 4th, beginning the transit to Palma to join the Dynamic Impact '94 presail conference. Magnum 440 rejoined the ship as she departed. GSE2 Jones successfully completed an EOOW board. Phase 1 of DI-94 began on the 5th with CARR participating in an FPB Attack exercise, 2 CASEX's, a SURFEX and an ADEX. An UNREP/Pre-Fire Brief was held in the wardroom. The CO held CO's call for the First Class Petty Officers. CDS-24, Commodore Van Saun, visited the ship on the 6th, remaining onboard through DIVTACS and the UNREP with USS MONONGAHELA (AO 178). A Quality Management Board (QMB) on personnel issues and a Process Action Team (PAT) on laundry issues were held on the 6th. On the 7th, Navy Rights and Responsibilities Workshop (NR&R) was held on the messdecks. That evening, a pizza/bingo night was held for the crew. CARR was detached from TF 502 on the 7th to proceed through the Straits of Gibraltar. Holiday routine was observed on the 8th as the ship was enroute rendezvous with CTF 442 in the Atlantic. Westbound transit of the Straits was made on the 9th. Another NR&R Workshop was completed on the 9th.

Two more CARR sailors, DCC(SW) [REDACTED] and ETC(SW) [REDACTED], achieved their ESWS qualifications on the 10th. An UNREP/navigation brief was held in the wardroom, followed by Officer's training on 3M. CARR conducted an UNREP with SPS MARQUIS DE LA ENSENADA (A 11) on the 11th. PB4T and XOI were held on the 12th as DI-94 continued in full swing. FC1(SW)

██████ achieved his ESWs qualification on the 13th. An UNREP brief was conducted on the 13th. CARR completed a RAS/VERTREP with USNS SIRIUS (T-AFS 8) on the 14th. On the 15th, LT ██████ attended an ops meeting and the CO attended a luncheon onboard SPS PRINCIPE DE ASTURIAS (R 11).

NR&R Workshop was held again on the 16th, and EN3(SW) ██████ and MM2(SW) ██████ successfully completed their ESWs boards. ENC(SW) ██████ qualified as an EOOW on the 17th. CARR rendezvoused with USS MONONGAHELA, USS VICKSBURG (CG 69) and USS ARTHUR W. RADFORD (DD 978) on the 18th and conducted a RAS/VERTREP with MONONGAHELA. DI-94 was completed, and CARR was detached to proceed to Marseille, France for a port visit. An ESWs board was convened, and successfully passed by GMG1(SW) ██████ and FC2(SW) ██████.

On the 19th, NR&R Workshop was conducted on the messdecks, and PAT/QMB meetings were held. A ship-wide field day was completed in preparation for pulling into Marseille.

The ship arrived in Marseille on the 20th. A Navy League Reception was held out in town. The CO made required calls during the day, and attended dinner with RADM Aymar Petyst, Commander French Navy Marseille. PERA MSA visit commenced on the 20th. A ship tour for 100 members of the FEU was given on the 21st, and a VIP/Return Calls Luncheon was held in the wardroom. Holiday routine was observed, and PERA ship-checks continued on the 22nd. Also on the 22nd, General Pacha, USA (RET), and 29 other WWII veterans toured the ship. They were part of the 103RD Infantry Division which landed in Marseille and liberated Alsace during WWII.

A NR&R workshop was conducted on the 23rd. The ship was open for tours on the 23rd, and approximately 100 people were guided through CARR. NR&R workshops continued on the 24th. OS2 ██████ was reenlisted by LT ██████ on the 24th in CIC, and a ship tour was given to 60 local Marseille school children.

Four midshipmen, two first class and two second class, arrived onboard on the 25th for summer training. Professional Development Board, LDO/CWO Board for BTC(SW) ██████ and OSC(SW) ██████, and ESWs Board for OS1(SW) ██████/OS2(SW) ██████ were all held on the 25th. A luncheon was held in the wardroom for AMCONSUL Marseille Ms. Ann Korky and Mr. Moretti on the 26th. CARR was underway from Marseille on the 27th.

An awards ceremony was held on the flight deck on the 28th. I-Division commenced for new CARR crewmembers. Junior officer/midshipmen shiphandling drills were conducted on the 28th as well. I-Division continued on the 29th, and an ESWs board was convened for SH1(SW) ██████ and DK1(SW) ██████. A navigation brief for the Straits of Gibraltar transit/entering Rota was held on the 29th, as was the First Annual Navy/Marine Corps Relief Officer Auction.

CARR became involved in a SAR mission when word was received over bridge to bridge radio that two fishing vessels had collided. CARR was first on the scene, and the R&A team was quickly dispatched to render assistance. Damage was not as severe as originally reported, and the situation was soon in control. CARR turned over responsibility to SPS BALEARES, who



arrived on scene shortly after CARR.

CARR arrived inport Rota, Spain on the 30th. A giant Hail and Farewell, bidding adieu to LTJG [REDACTED], LT [REDACTED], LT [REDACTED], LT [REDACTED] and LCDR [REDACTED], was planned and executed that evening at the TexMex Restaurant in Rota. A command picnic and softball tournament were held on the 31st. A navigation brief for departing Rota was also held. The ship refueled from a barge on the 31st.

May was a busy month for CARR with Dynamic Impact taking up the first two weeks, but valuable training in all areas was accomplished, and many good port visits followed. The month came to an end with CARR looking forward to the final port visit of the deployment in Lisbon, Portugal.

### June 1994

Chronology:

01 June	Underway from Rota, Spain
02-04 June	Port visit Lisbon, Portugal/Henry the Navigator Celebration
05 June	Underway for Parade of Ships
06-10 June	Exercise SWORDFISH '94
11 June	Turnover with USS BARRY (DDG 52)
12-23 June	Translant
24 June	Arrive Charleston, South Carolina

### Narrative:

Carr's final month of JTG 94-1 deployment began with the ship getting underway from Rota, Spain on 01 June 1994. A navigation brief was held that afternoon for entering port Lisbon, Portugal. PB4T and CO's NJP were also conducted. The ship arrived in Lisbon on the 2nd to participate in the Henry the Navigator Celebration. The CO and LT [REDACTED] attended a Henry the Navigator/Swordfish pre-sail conference. A group of CARR sailors went on a bus tour of Lisbon, and a reception was hosted onboard the NRP VASCO DE GAMA (F 330). The CO was busy on the 3rd, making official calls on the Portuguese Naval Commander, Portuguese Navy Chief of Staff, and Minister of Defense, and attending a formal dinner that evening. Also on the 3rd, participants in the "Ceremony of the Discoveries" attended a rehearsal, and ESWS boards were successfully completed by IC2 [REDACTED] and OS2 [REDACTED].

The "Ceremony of the Discoveries" took place on the 4th, and receptions were held onboard HS ARIS, ENS NASAR (F956), and SAS DRAKENSBURG (A301). CARR was visit ship on the 4th, giving over 700 people tours of the ship throughout the day.

CARR was underway on the 5th, along with 26 other ships, for the Parade of Ships in the Tejo River. After passing the reviewing stand, CARR continued out of Lisbon in company with other ships who would be participating in exercise SWORDFISH '94. The SWORDFISH participants anchored off Sesimbra, Portugal for six hours, then got underway and headed south to a new anchorage. On the 6th, SWORDFISH participants again anchored, this time off Portimao, Portugal. While at anchor, holiday routine was put down for the crew. SWORDFISH briefings were held on NRP VASCO DE GAMA (F 330) and NRP ALVARES CABRAL (F 331). A small liberty party (25 crewmembers) was able to go ashore for the day. On the ship, a flight deck cookout and bingo night were conducted. CO's NJP was also conducted on the 6th.

The ship was underway from the anchorage early on the 7th, commencing SWORDFISH '94. An UNREP was conducted, under very poor visibility conditions due to fog, with NRP BERRIO (A 5210). A wide range of SWORDFISH exercises were completed on the 8th, and a SINKEK gunnery brief was held. The SINKEK was held on the 9th, during which an old hulk was towed out to the exercise area for all SWORDFISH participants to take live gunnery practice on. CARR had an emergency MEDEVAC of a crewmember via helicopter to Naval Station Rota, Spain on the 9th. CARR completed another

UNREP with NRP BERRIO on the 10th and following this the ship was detached from SWORDFISH '94 and proceeded enroute rendezvous with USS BARRY (DDG 52) for turnover. CARR rendezvoused with BARRY on the 11th and conducted turnover, thereafter proceeding enroute rendezvous with the SARATOGA battlegroup.

SARABATGRU and GWBATGRU met on the 12th for turnover. CARR conducted a ship-wide safety standdown on the 12th. Following turnover, SARABATGRU commenced the transit home. On the 13th a DCTT brief was held, followed by Inport Emergency Team (IET) training. An UNREP brief was conducted, and a RAS with MONONGAHELA in the afternoon. CW03 [REDACTED] successfully completed an OOD (underway) board. More IET drills were held on the 14th. Navy Return and Reunion brief team, LCDR [REDACTED] and Mr. Tom Reise, arrived for several days of lectures. The battlegroup PHOTO-EX was completed on the 15th. CARR conducted a VERTREP with MONONGAHELA and a HUMEVAC exercise with USS CINCINNATI (SSN 693). LT [REDACTED] successfully completed his SWSCO qualification.

CDS-24, Commodore Van Saun, visited on the 16th, participating in an awards ceremony and luncheon while onboard. ESWS boards were held for FC2(SW) [REDACTED] IC3(SW) [REDACTED] and DS1(SW) [REDACTED]. Return and reunion briefs continued throughout the day. BECCES and leapfrogs were conducted the evening of the 16th.

A RAS was conducted with MONONGAHELA on the 17th, and was followed by DIVTACs. CCDG-12, RADM Wright visited the ship on the 18th, staying for an awards ceremony and luncheon. A CDOPS ROE Brief was given in the wardroom by staff JAG officer. Also on the 18th, man overboard drills were conducted and LTJG [REDACTED] had his Combat Information Center Watch Officer (CICWO) board. Another awards ceremony was held on the 19th. The ceremony was followed by a ship-wide customs inspection, UNREP Brief, and an EOOW Board for DC1 [REDACTED]. A chaplain was onboard on the 19th, and Protestant Divine Services and a chaplain's call were conducted.

A RAS was conducted with MONONGAHELA on the 20th, along with a navigation brief and Menu Review Board. PN3(SW) [REDACTED] was reenlisted by LTJG [REDACTED] on the 20th.

CARR arrived at Bermuda and anchored on the 21st in order to onload Tiger Cruise participants and offload Early Birds. Also coming aboard in Bermuda was the prospective XO, LCDR Julian Tanning. After all personnel transfers were complete, the ship got underway with the SARATOGA Battle Group and commenced the final transit/Tiger Cruise to home port Charleston. Carrier Airwing Seventeen performed an outstanding air show for the Tigers on the 22nd, and the ships in the group demonstrated their armament as well. Following the demonstrations, CARR was detached to proceed to Charleston along with USS TAYLOR (FFG 50) and USS MOUNT BAKER (AE 34). A steel beach Picnic was held on the flight deck for the Tigers and crew. On the 23rd, UNREP, navigation, and pre-fire briefs were held in the wardroom. The UNREP with MOUNT BAKER took place the afternoon of the 23rd and was followed by a CIWS/50 Cal shoot. Pizza night was held that evening as "Channel Fever" reached its peak.

CARR triumphantly returned from her five and one-half month

deployment on June 24th. The ship was moored by 1015 on pier "Papa," and hundreds of family members were soon onboard and reunited with their sailors. Post-deployment leave and standdown commenced immediately upon liberty call. The 25th and 26th were quiet weekend duty days for the crew. Leave and standdown continued through the end of the month with the only noteworthy events being refueling on the 28th, another RSD changeout on the 30th, and completion of PXO/XO turnover.

July 1994

Chronology:           01-24 July    Inport Charleston, South Carolina  
                      25-27 July    Enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba  
                      28       July    Inport Guantanamo Bay, Cuba  
                      29       July    INCHOP JTF 4  
                      30-31 July    Underway Southern Caribbean

Narrative:

CARR began the month in her home port of Charleston, SC, continuing the leave and upkeep period following her return home from the JTG 94-1 Deployment. For the 4th of July, CARR was at full dress ship and the duty section celebrated the holiday by having a cookout on the flight deck. On the 6th, divers worked on cleaning and inspecting the hull and ropeyarn was held for all hands to attend to uniform matters. Also, the IMAV arrival conference was held between SIMA Charleston and the CO, XO, and department heads to discuss the numerous jobs to be completed in the coming weeks.

The 7th was a very busy day for all hands as the two leave sections conducted turnover. The Work Definition Conference for the FY95 ESRA was held with the CO, XO, department heads, and 3MC in attendance.

The 8th was the first full day for the IMAV with SIMA Charleston. LT [REDACTED] detached from the ship. On the 9th, several Naval Reservists reported onboard for weekend duty. CARR was also host to 77 visitors during Visit Ship. On Sunday the 10th CARR again was designated Visit Ship. On the 11th contractors commenced installing the terrazo decks in the officer's head and in the galleys; these were among the many IMAV jobs completed to improve the living and working conditions aboard ship.

On the 15th a pre-Counter Narcotics Operations brief was held in the wardroom. Also on the 15th, ENS [REDACTED], CARR's new Disbursing Officer, checked onboard. On Sunday the 17th the ship observed holiday routine and Protestant Divine Services were held. The 18th and 19th were marked by the continuation of the IMAV and the second leave period.

The arrival of Wednesday the 20th meant the end of the second leave period and the return of all crewmembers. CARR also received a new start air compressor for the #4 SSDG. On the 21st LT [REDACTED] detached from CARR. LT [REDACTED] detached on the 22nd for duty in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On Saturday the 23rd, four midshipmen, two first class and two second class, arrived for their four-week summer cruise.

CARR began final preparations to get underway on the 24th. The ship shifted to ship's power, steering checks were conducted and several Air Department personnel arrived with the LAMPS cargo. Before getting underway on the 25th, LTJG [REDACTED] detached from CARR. CARR also hosted families of crewmembers for breakfast before getting underway. Upon getting underway and clearing Charleston Harbor, drills were held for general quarters, man overboard, and abandon ship to get crewmembers back

in the mode of being underway.

The 26th and 27th were underway enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Arriving at Guantanamo Bay on the 28th, CARR pulled in briefly to fill fuel tanks and have a mid-day picnic on the pier. The ship got underway in the afternoon and headed south to rendezvous with the USS UNDERWOOD (FFG 36). The 29th brought Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment 8F from UNDERWOOD to CARR and the Operations Officer from UNDERWOOD gave a brief on what to expect during the upcoming operations. On the 30th CARR arrived on station off the coast of northern Venezuela and commenced its detection and monitoring mission in support of Counter-Narcotic Operations.

August 1994

Chronology:

01 -	CDOPS CARIB
02 - 04	Enroute Panama Canal
05	Transit Panama Canal
06 - 08	Enroute OPAREA EASTPAC
09 - 11	CDOPS EASTPAC
12	BSF Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala
13 - 18	CDOPS EASTPAC
19	BSF Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala
20 - 23	CDOPS EASTPAC
24 - 25	Enroute Rodman, Panama
26	Inport Rodman, Panama
27	Transit Panama Canal
28 - 29	Enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
30	BSF Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
31	Enroute Charleston, South Carolina

Narrative:

The month of August 1994 began with CARR conducting Counter-Narcotic Operations in the Southern Caribbean Sea, on station off the northern coast of Venezuela. On the 2nd CARR left that area and began the transit to the Panama Canal and also conducted BECCes and a MSFD. On Wednesday the 3rd, ropeyarn was observed and CARR's embarked helicopter, Magnum 440, conducted a visual identification of two fishing vessels. On the 4th the navigation brief was held for the southbound Panama Canal transit. Also on the 4th interview boards were held for CARR's three Seaman to Admiral candidates: MM2(SW) [REDACTED], OS2(SW) [REDACTED] and FC2(SW) [REDACTED].

On Friday the 5th CARR began her transit of the Panama Canal at 1700 EDT arriving at Naval Station Rodman, Panama at 0200 EDT on the 6th. Later on the morning of the 6th, CARR refueled and got underway enroute for her designated operating area in the Eastern Pacific.

On the 8th DCTT held a MSFD. On the 9th CARR arrived on station off the coast of Guatemala. The 10th saw the CPO Mess hold a PDB for several junior sailors. On Thursday the 11th, the navigation brief for entering Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala was held as well as another MSFD. On the 12th CARR entered Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala to refuel, onload stores, and receive mail. On the 13th and 14th CARR continued Counter-Narcotics Operations and conducted a steel beach picnic on the 14th. On Monday the 15th an ESWS Board was held for MAC(AW) [REDACTED] and SK1 [REDACTED] and another MSFD was held. On the 16th a zone inspection for Deck Division was held, Nav/Admin Department had an awards ceremony and man overboard drills were conducted.

The 18th saw CARR close Puerto Quetzal for transferring three emergency leave cases and to pick up an Independent Duty Corpsman replacement for HM1(SW) [REDACTED]. Sunday the 21st was holiday routine and a steel beach picnic was held. A MSFD was held on the 22nd. On the 23rd CARR began the transit south enroute to Rodman, Panama and the Panama Canal.

CARR arrived at Rodman on the 26th, refueled and unloaded

stores. The 27th saw CARR transit the Panama Canal for the second time of the underway period and return to the Caribbean Sea bound for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Arriving in Guantanamo Bay on the 30th, CARR refueled and got back underway heading for Charleston. A few hours after leaving Guantanamo Bay a makeshift raft was recovered with no people on it.



### September 1994

Chronology:

01	Enroute Charleston, South Carolina
02	Arrive Charleston, South Carolina
03 - 12	Inport Charleston, South Carolina
13 - 15	ASWEX Cherry Point OPAREA
16	BSF Charleston, South Carolina
17 - 19	JTFEX 1-95 EASTLANT
20	Arrive Charleston, South Carolina
21 - 31	Inport Charleston, South Carolina

### Narrative:

The month of September began with CARR enroute homeport to Charleston, SC, returning from six weeks of Counter-Narcotics Operations in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific. With the ship's arrival on Friday the 2nd, technical representatives came onboard to troubleshoot a casualty with the SQS-56 sonar while the duty section enjoyed pizza purchased by Morale, Welfare, and Recreation. The Labor Day holiday was marked by holiday routine and the arrival of three new Seaman Recruits: Bennett, Solomon and Barnuevo.

On the 6th, CARR assumed pier SOPA responsibilities and conducted refueling to top-off fuel tanks. On Wednesday the 8th the Logistics Management Assessment Assist began and that evening the CO and XO held a question and answer period with the CARR Wives Club.

Preparations for the upcoming underway period continued until the 13th when CARR got underway for an ASWEX with the USS SAN JUAN and USS JACK WILLIAMS. On the 14th CARR conducted submarine familiarization training with the USS SAN JUAN. On the morning of Friday the 16th, CARR returned to Charleston for a BSF, getting underway again in the late afternoon. On the 17th, CARR began participation in the JTFEX 1-95. On Sunday the 18th, CARR continued participation in JTFEX 1-95 and conducted a steel beach picnic. Late on Monday the 19th, CARR completed her participation in JTFEX and began the return trip home to Charleston, South Carolina. CARR returned to home port on the 20th at 1900 EDT.

On the 22nd divers came alongside and found a broken bracket on the forward part of the masker belt and also installed a cofferdam over the E-3 eductor discharge so that the firemain actuation valve could be replaced. CARR held visit ship on the 24th and 25th. Also on the 25th Catholic Divine Services were held by Father [REDACTED], CDS-4 chaplain.

On Friday the 30th the CPO Mess held a Sailor and Junior Sailor of the Quarter board, and the engineers repaired the RHIB and then lowered and tested it.

October 1994

Chronology:

01 - 15	Inport Charleston, South Carolina
16 - 18	Enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
19	BSF Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
20 - 27	CDOPS PROA
28	BSF Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
29 - 31	CDOPS PROA

Narrative:

The beginning of October found CARR inport Charleston preparing for a mid-month departure for the Caribbean Sea in support of Counter-Narcotics Operations. The XO spent October 3rd in Norfolk, VA visiting the detailers of several crewmembers. The ship observed roperyarn on the 5th, which also saw new crewmember ENFN [REDACTED] check aboard. On the 6th the wardroom voted on new collateral duties for the officers. Designated Visit Ship for the weekend of the 8th-9th, CARR played host on Saturday to 60 veterans and family members from the World War II ship USS HAMBLETON.

Columbus Day followed on the 10th, for which the ship observed holiday routine. Also on the 10th, a team of six CARR engineers led by the Engineer Officer, LT [REDACTED], departed for Mayport, FL to begin a four-day FFG-7 engineering casualty control trainer course.

Friday the 14th marked the CARR children's Halloween party. Highlighted by superb attendance and creative decorating throughout the ship, the party was a resounding success. CARR found itself visit ship again on the 15th and was greeted by 90 former crewmembers of naval ships LST 102 and LST 589. Also on the 15th, CARR embarked both the majority of helicopter detachment FOUR from HSL FOUR FOUR out of Mayport FL, as well as Coast Guard LEDET 50A from Portsmouth, VA.

On the bright Sunday morning of the 16th CARR got underway enroute the Caribbean for counter-drug operations. During the outbound sea and anchor detail down the Cooper River, CARR was evaluated for its annual navigation check-ride and received an overall score of excellent. After clearing the sea buoy, CARR embarked the remainder of helo detachment and recovered MAGNUM 440. Kicking off required WOWU, a smash and crash drill as well as a helo safety brief were conducted.

WOWU continued on the 17th. MAGNUM 440 flew one bag in the morning and an administrative general quarters was held in the afternoon in order to realign and re-organize CARR's four repair lockers.

The morning of the 19th found CARR arriving in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for a BSF. While refueling, a two-man fly-away team was embarked from SIMA GITMO for assistance in troubleshooting and repairing #2 SSDG jacket water cooler, and FCC(SW) [REDACTED] was diagnosed with a broken hand and left behind in Guantanamo Bay for surgery. Shortly after lunch CARR was back underway enroute its POUNCER ONE station for Counter-Narcotics Operations.

CARR inchooped to DIRJIATF EAST on the morning of the 20th. The majority of that afternoon was spent at general quarters conducting CARR's first attempt at vertical entry procedures for a main space

fire.

The embarked Coast Guard LEDET saw action for the first time on the 21st as a northbound cement carrier was boarded and inspected with negative results. The evening was highlighted by pizza/ice cream night hosted by the CPO mess.

The first rehearsal for an upcoming burial at sea was conducted on the afternoon of the 22nd, which also saw the SIMA GITMO fly-away team debark. Sunday the 23rd followed with an actual helicopter in-flight refueling (HIFR), a smash and crash drill, and an afternoon steel beach picnic. The day ended with CARR's first nighttime boarding, once again with negative results.

October 25th marked the fiftieth anniversary of the death of CARR's namesake, Gunners Mate Third Class Paul Henry Carr, who fought valiantly as an after gun mount captain on board the destroyer escort SAMUEL B ROBERTS during the famous Battle of Leyte Gulf. In commemoration of this solemn and special day, CARR held an all-hands memorial service on the flight deck at sunset, which included remarks by the CO and a twenty-one gun salute. In addition, CARR's house flag bearing the ship's seal was flown the entire day.

The 27th saw CARR re-positioned to the Lesser Antilles OPAREA. That afternoon a burial at sea was conducted in memory of former naval officer LCDR Frederic Volbrecht. After several days of heavy water consumption coupled by numerous inexplicable water losses, on the evening of the 27th CARR dropped below the 50% fresh water mark for the first time of 1994.

CARR visited Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico on the morning of the 28th for another brief stop for fuel as well as to onload some much-needed stores. CARR cruised out of Roosevelt Roads late that same afternoon and finished the busy day with another pizza night.

Another boarding was conducted on the 29th, again with negative results. That same day saw CARR recovering an H-3 helicopter bearing vital repair parts for the downed MAGNUM 440. The crew enjoyed holiday routine on Sunday the 30th, and in place of a steel beach picnic that afternoon the Supply Department put on an impressive appreciation dinner for the top Combined Federal Campaign donors. The dinner was prepared and served by members of both the wardroom and first class association whose services were auctioned off to the crew as part of the CFC drive.

Halloween was highlighted by completion of successful repairs to MAGNUM 440. A satisfactory functional check flight followed, and CARR closed out October continuing to patrol the Caribbean.

November 1994

Chronology:

01 - 04	CDOPS PROA
05	BSF Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
06 - 08	Enroute Charleston, South Carolina
09 - 30	Inport Charleston, South Carolina

Narrative:

Counter-drug operations in the Puerto Rican OPAREA continued as CARR entered the month of November. On the 2nd, CARR intercepted and investigated the adrift sail boat, La Playa, which was searched for contraband with negative results. The next day the ship conducted a MSFD focusing on vertical entry for Repair II. Also on the 3rd, CARR's embarked Magnum 440 picked up CADS and mail from Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, PR. The following day saw CARR conducting operations in the vicinity of St. Martin and Antigua.

The 5th of the month was a particularly busy one for CARR. The morning began with the ship entering Naval Station Roosevelt Roads for refueling. Following the BSF, CARR departed Roosevelt Roads in the afternoon and was officially detached from DIRJIATF 4. Later that evening, the engineers' BECCES set was interrupted by an emergency flight quarters, which was prompted by a generator failure on Magnum 440. The helicopter was safely recovered without incident.

On Sunday the 6th, LTJG [REDACTED] successfully passed his Surface Warfare Officer qualification oral board. With CARR now enroute Charleston, the crew enjoyed a steel beach picnic during the afternoon.

The crew was exercised at GQ for msfd on the morning of the 7th. Later that evening, the engineers conducted another set of BECCES and LTJG [REDACTED] attained his CICWO qualification.

The next day LT [REDACTED] and GSMC(SW) [REDACTED] were qualified as EOOW, while both DS2 [REDACTED] and OS1 [REDACTED] successfully passed their ESWS qualification board. Much of the 8th was also spent at flight quarters conducting RLQs for HSL 40.

On Wednesday the 9th, CARR returned to its homeport in Charleston, arriving at the naval station shortly before noon. Later in the day, FTSCLANT began the installation of shipalt FFG7-301K to #1 air conditioning plant, which will convert the plant's refrigerant from R-12 to environmentally safe HFC-134A. An extensive IMAV with SIMA Charleston was kicked off on the 10th, and the crew enjoyed the Veteran's Day holiday weekend during the 11th, 12th, and 13th.

A Marine Sanitation Assist (MSA) visit commenced on the 14th, as did the official ship checks conducted by various contractors in preparation for the upcoming SRA. The Commanding Officer re-enlisted SK2 Bowie at the base sports bar on the 15th. On the following day the crew observed ropeyarn, while the ship was required to set tropical storm condition III due to threatening weather.

The 17th and 18th found CARR continuing the IMAV as well as finishing final preparations for the upcoming Logistics Maintenance Assessment (LMA). Following rave reviews by the inspectors, the MSA was completed and debriefed on the morning of the 18th. Later that evening, many of the officers and crew enjoyed the ship's annual Fall

Dinner Dance, held this year at The Oaks Country Club in Monck's Corner.

On Saturday the 19th, CARR was visited by eight children from Jenkins' Orphanage, while FTSCLANT completed the shipalt to #1 air conditioning plant. Although officially holiday routine, most of the Supply and Engineering Department personnel spent Sunday the 20th completing final preparations for the next day's LMA.

The NAVSURFLANT LMA team arrived on the morning of the 21st. Following a quick in-brief, the inspection commenced with PMS board review, RAR calculation, and a galley inspection walk-through. Also on the 21st, divers worked over the side conducting a hull, screw, and APU inspection. The LMA continued on the 22nd, and on the 23rd the inspection was completed and de-briefed. While the 3-M side received exceptional scores and high praise, the supply side will require re-inspection due to some administrative discrepancies in the galley. Following a post-LMA CO's call, the crew was dismissed on the afternoon of the 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Monday the 28th found CARR continuing the IMAV and beginning preparations for getting underway in early December. On the morning of the 29th, the CO was visited by a Swedish Naval attache who was in town laying the groundwork for an upcoming Swedish naval ship visit to Charleston in January, for which CARR will serve as host ship. The final day of the month was marked by the beginning of engineering hot and cold checks, as the ship began to wrap up the IMAV and prepare for the upcoming underway operations with USS AMERICA (CV 66).

December 1994

Chronology:                    01 - 04    Inport Charleston, South Carolina  
                                 05 - 15    Underway CHOA/VCOA/JAXOA  
                                 16 - 31    Inport Charleston, South Carolina

Narrative:

CARR began the final month of 1994 making preparations for getting underway in support of USS AMERICA (CV-66) TSTA III workups. With the IMAV nearing completion, the engineers finished hot and cold checks on Friday the 2nd. Later in the afternoon, dozens of boys and girls came aboard to enjoy CARR's annual Children's Christmas Party, highlighted this year by an appearance from Santa Claus (as played by MS1(SW) [REDACTED]).

CARR got underway on the morning of the 5th, proceeding down the Cooper River out to the Charleston OPAREA enroute a rendezvous with USS AMERICA. On the 7th CARR met up with the carrier and quickly assumed duties as plane guard for AMERICA's flight operations, and on the following day CARR conducted dry HIFRs with AMERICA's helicopters.

On Saturday the 10th, CARR conducted its first RAS in nearly six months with the USNS BIG HORN (TAO-198). That afternoon, an ASWEX was conducted between CARR, AMERICA's aircraft, and the USS PITTSBURGH (SSN-720). The ASWEX continued into the morning of the 11th, and following its completion CARR received the "holy helo" from the AMERICA carrying a Catholic and Protestant chaplain, both aboard to conduct Sunday divine services.

ASW exercises continued on the 12th with a free-play between CARR, AMERICA, and PITTSBURGH. Later that afternoon, the crew was exercised at GQ for a MSFD. Additionally on the 12th, both I-Division and Petty Officer Indoctrination courses commenced.

As CARR continued its plane guard duties with AMERICA, another MSFD was held on the morning of the 13th. Immediately following the drill, the Commanding Officer re-enlisted PC2(SW) [REDACTED] in the lower level of auxiliary machinery room two. An awards ceremony was held that afternoon, highlighted by the presentation of Navy Achievement Medals and the announcement of the Command Appointed Promotion (CAP) selectees.

Foul weather in the JAXOA marked the days of the 14th and 15th. On the morning of the 15th, a dry-hookup unrep with AMERICA had to be cancelled for safety reasons due to tempestuous seas, while the actual RAS with the BIG HORN later that night was made all the more exciting by heavy winds and high swells.

Following the unrep with BIG HORN, CARR headed north towards Charleston and conducted NIXIE exercises. Early on the morning of the 16th, CARR was detached from AMERICA to proceed home to Charleston, arriving at the naval station shortly after noon. Upon arrival, the ship commenced the first holiday leave and standown period.

The majority of Saturday the 17th was spent stringing Christmas lights around the ship. As designated visit ship for the weekend, CARR gave tours to four civilians on Saturday but received no visitors on Sunday.

With nearly half the crew on leave, the week of 19-23 December was a relatively quiet one. Divers arrived on Monday the 19th for calibration of the ship's Controllable Pitch Propeller (CPP) system, and ammunition was offloaded and transferred to the USS ELROD (FFG 55). On the 22nd, the CO paid an official visit to CDS-4. An SH-60B engine was offloaded and returned to HSL FOUR FOUR on the afternoon of Friday the 23rd.

Holiday routine was observed for Christmas Eve and Christmas, with Sunday's duty section enjoying a special Christmas feast complete with egg nog. Monday the 26th was also holiday routine, and Tuesday the 27th was spent getting the ship clean for Wednesday's turnover with the next leave section.

The entire crew was back onboard on the 28th, and following the turnover an awards ceremony and Captain's Call were held on the flight deck. Immediately following the ceremony, the second leave and standown period commenced.

The 29th and 30th were quiet and uneventful. On Saturday the 31st, the crew celebrated the passing of an extremely busy and rewarding year, poised to make 1995 every bit as successful as 1994.