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Encl: (1) POST RAV LOA dated 19 May 1999
(2) Personal For Commanding Officer from Eckleberry DTG
252311ZMAY99
(3) Plastic Waste Processor (PWP) Installation DTG
040112ZFEB99
(4) Propulsion Plant Assessment Dated 24 September 1999
(5) Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification DTG
142240ZOCT99
(6) CDR M.W. Reedy Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(7) USS CARR (FFG 52) Change of Command Pamphlet
(8) CDR D.M. Morben Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(9) 3 1/2" Disk CONTAINING USS CARR (FFG 52) COMMAND HISTORY

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Command Short Title: USS CARR (FFG 52)

b. Unit Identification Code: 21233

c. Mission: USS CARR's mission as an Oliver Hazard Perry class frigate is to provide Anti-Air Warfare, Anti-Surface Warfare, and Undersea Warfare self-defense and local area protection to underway replenishment groups, amphibious groups, and other military shipping against air, surface, and subsurface threats. To accomplish her mission, CARR is armed with HARPOON surface-to-surface missiles, medium range surface-to-air missiles, tube-launched torpedoes, and a MK15 Close-In Weapons System (CIWS). The ship is equipped with a long-range 2D air search radar, a surface search radar, a MK92 Fire Control System (FCS), a Towed Array, and an Electronic Warfare suite that can detect and engage threats. The ship also has the capability to embark two LAMPS helicopters that provide long-range USW torpedo attack.

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d. Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC): Commander Destroyer, Squadron Two; Captain John R. Eckleberry.

e. Commanding Officer:
 CDR Michael W. Reedy, USN (1 Jan 99 - 18 Nov 99)
 CDR Darrel M. Morben, USN (18 Nov 99 - 31 Dec 99)

f. Permanent Duty Station: Norfolk, Virginia (Naval Station Norfolk)

2. Chronology.

Date	Event
1 Jan 99	Deployed to the Mediterranean Sea under Operational Control of Commander Sixth Fleet. Arrived Rota, Spain for port visit. In company with USS HAYLER (DD 997) and USS PLATTE (AOE 186).
1-2 Jan 99	Inport Rota, Spain.
2 Jan 99	Underway enroute Bermuda. OUTCHOP Commander Sixth Fleet. INCHOP Commander Second Fleet. CARR in company with USS HAYLER (DD 997) and USS PLATTE (AO 186). Officer in Tactical Command is USS HAYLER (DD 997).
4 Jan 99	Conducted UNREP with USS PLATTE (AO 186).
6 Jan 99	Cancelled Bermuda Port Visit. Returning to Naval Station Norfolk.
8 Jan 99	Conducted UNREP with USS MONONGAHELA (AO 178).
13 Jan 99	Arrived Naval Station Norfolk Pier 24 Berth 6.
13 Jan-17 Feb 99	Inport Naval Station Norfolk Pier 24 Berth 6. Post Deployment Leave and Stand down.
4 Feb 99	Completed installation of Plastic Waste Processor.
17 Feb 99	Underway enroute Naval Weapon Station Yorktown for Ammunition Offload.
17-19 Feb 99	Inport Naval Weapon Station Yorktown. Ammunition Offload.
19 Feb 99	Underway enroute Naval Station Norfolk.
19 Feb-12 Mar 99	Inport Naval Station Norfolk Pier 24 Berth 2.
12 Mar 99	Berthshift to Pier 7, Berth 2.
12-23 Mar 99	Inport Naval Station Norfolk Pier 7, Berth 2
23 Mar 99	Underway enroute Metro Machine Incorporated

	(Norfolk, Virginia).
23 Mar 99	Arrived Metro Machine Incorporated (Norfolk, Virginia). Commence Selective Restricted Availability (SRA).
23 Mar-27 May 99	Inport Metro Machine Incorporated (Norfolk, Virginia).
17-19 May 99	Light-Off Assessment (LOA) Conducted.
19 May 99	Successfully completed Light-Off Assessment (LOA).
27 May 99	Underway enroute Nauticus (Norfolk, Virginia).
27 May 99	Arrived Nauticus (Norfolk, Virginia).
27 May-3 Jun 99	Inport Nauticus (Norfolk, Virginia). Conducted tours for over 1000 Nauticus visitors.
3 Jun 99	Underway enroute Colonna's Shipyard (Norfolk, Virginia).
3 Jun-20 Jul 99	Placed in Drydock at Colonna's Shipyard (Norfolk, Virginia). Conducted Drydocking Availability (DRAV).
20 Jul 99	Ship removed from Drydock. Moored Pier 5 Colonna's Shipyard.
21 Jul 99	Underway enroute Naval Station Norfolk.
21 Jul 99	Arrived Naval Station Norfolk Pier 2 Berth 6.
21-26 Jul 99	Inport Naval Station Norfolk Pier 2 Berth 6.
26 Jul 99	Underway to Conduct Sea Trials - VACAPES OPAREA.
26-28 Jul 99	Underway VACAPES OPAREA.
28 Jul 99	Arrived Naval Station Norfolk Pier 2 Berth 6.
28 Jul-9 Aug 99	Inport Naval Station Norfolk Pier 2 Berth 6.
9 Aug 99	Underway enroute Naval Weapon Station Yorktown.
10 Aug 99	Arrived Naval Weapon Station Yorktown.
10-13 Aug 99	Inport Naval Weapon Station Yorktown. Ammunition Onload
13 Aug 99	Underway enroute Naval Station Norfolk.
13 Aug 99	Arrived Naval Station Norfolk Pier 20 Berth 1.
13 Aug-07 Sep 99	Inport Naval Station Norfolk Pier 20 Berth 1 outboard USS HAWES (FFG 53).
7 Sep 99	Underway for Group Sail enroute Jacksonville OPAREA and Andros Island (AUTEK Range).
9 Sep 99	Assisted stranded vessel, EXECUTIVE STRESS (fishing vessel out of fuel), and turned over to Coast Guard.
11 Sep 99	Conducted UNREP with USNS LARAMIE (AO 203).
12 Sep 99	Conducted USW Exercises in AUTEK OPAREA off Andros Island.
13 Sep 99	Detached from AUTEK Range early for Hurricane Floyd avoidance enroute Straits of Florida.
15 Sep 99	Proceeded West into Gulf of Mexico (Continue

	Hurricane Avoidance).
15 Sep 99	Joined USS STUMP (DD 978) and USS DEYO (DD 989). Officer in Tactical Command was COMDESRON TWO on board USS STUMP (DD 978).
16 Sep 99	Arrived Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida with USS STUMP (DD 978) and USS DEYO (DD 989). Senior Officer Present Afloat was COMDESRON TWO embarked on USS STUMP (DD 978).
16-18 Sep 99	Inport Naval Air Station Pensacola Pier B.
18 Sep 99	Underway from Naval Air Station Pensacola enroute Mayport Naval Base in Company with USS DEYO (DD 989) and USS STUMP (DD 978).
23 Sep 99	Arrived Mayport Naval Base Pier D1.
23-24 Sep 99	Inport Mayport Naval Base Pier D1.
24 Sep 99	Underway from Mayport Naval Base enroute Jacksonville OPAREA in company with USS DEYO (DD 989) and USS STUMP (DD 978). Officer in Tactical Command was COMDESRON TWO embarked on USS STUMP (DD 978).
25 Sep 99	Conducted Burial at Sea for MMC Charles T. Connolly, Sr., USCG, Vet, and BM2 Gerald D. Robbins, USN (Ret).
25 Sep 99	Conducted Engineering Qualification (EQUAL).
28 Sep 99	Arrived Naval Station Norfolk Pier 24 Berth 5.
28 Sep-20 Oct 99	Inport Naval Station Norfolk Pier 24 Berth 5.
30 Sep 99	CART II Completion.
12-15 Oct 99	Supply Management Assist (SMA).
13-14 Oct 99	Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ). Successfully Completed CMTQ.
20 Oct 99	Underway Naval Station Norfolk enroute New Providence Island (Nassau).
23 Oct 99	Inport New Providence Island (Nassau) Pier 28.
23-28 Oct 99	Inport Nassau.
28 Oct 99	Underway enroute AUTEK OPAREA.
28-30 Oct 99	Underway in AUTEK OPAREA. Conducted Undersea Warfare Exercises (USW).
30 Oct 99	Departed AUTEK Range enroute VACAPES OPAREA.
1 Nov 99	Arrived Naval Station Norfolk Pier 4 Berth 6.
1 Nov-2 Dec 99	Inport Naval Station Norfolk.
4 Nov 99	Berthshift to Pier 2 Berth 1.
18 Nov 99	CDR D. M. Morben relieved CDR M. W. Reedy as Commanding Officer USS CARR (FFG 52).
2 Dec 99	Underway enroute VACAPES OPAREA.
2 Dec 99	Embarked one SH-60B from HSL FORTY-SIX Detachment.
5 Dec 99	Conducted Burial at Sea for CSC William K.

	Hibner, OSCM(SW) Robert C. Johnson, and EM3 David L. Messmer.
6 Dec 99	Departed VACAPES OPAREA enroute Cherry Point OPAREA to participate in EISENHOWER Battle Group Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX 00-1).
7 Dec 99	Conducted UNREP with USNS LEROY GRUMMAN (AO 195).
10 Dec 99	Conducted Towing Exercise with USS PORTER (DDG 78).
13 Dec 99	Detached from JTFEX 00-1 enroute to VACAPES OPAREA in company with USS PORTER. Senior Officer Present Afloat was COMDESRON TWO embarked in USS PORTER (DDG 78).
14 Dec 99	Arrived Naval Station Norfolk Pier 24 Berth 6 outboard USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51).
14-31 Dec 99	Inport Naval Station Norfolk Pier 24 Berth 6.
15 Dec 99	Commenced "Holiday Leave Period" (Leave Period One).
15 Dec 99	Commenced Integrated Technology for the Twenty-First Century (IT-21) Install.
28 Dec 99	Command Leave Period Turnover Day. End Leave Period One. Commence Leave Period Two.
31 Dec 99	Inport Naval Station Norfolk Pier 24 Berth 6.

3. Narrative

USS CARR (FFG 52) began the new year completing a six month deployment to the Arabian Gulf and Mediterranean Sea. CARR participated in numerous exercises and operations during the deployment, most notably OPERATION DESERT FOX in November of 1998. The new year was spent entering Rota, Spain for an overnight port visit. On the 2nd of January, CARR was underway enroute Bermuda to embark numerous "Tigers" for the last leg home to Norfolk, Virginia. CARR left the Sixth Fleet Area of Operations on the 2nd of January with the USS HAYLER (DD 997) and USS PLATTE (AO 186).

After entering the Second Fleet Area of Operations, CARR began the ten day transit home with several gun firings and underway replenishment with USS PLATTE and USS MONONGAHELA (AO 178). During the transit, however, the Bermuda port visit was cancelled due to weather, and the ship proceeded directly to Norfolk, Virginia, arriving on the 13th of January 1999 for some much needed rest and relaxation.

Post deployment leave and stand down took place from the 13th of January to the 13th of February. During this period the

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officers and crew took advantage of the time off to reacquaint themselves with their families and friends. Even though the ship was in a stand down, the portion of the officers and crew not on leave continued normal upkeep of the ship as well as assisting in the installation of a Plastic Waste Processor on board CARR.

The 13th of February saw the end of the Post Deployment stand down, and on the 17th of February CARR was ready to begin her workups in preparation for her next Deployment in January of 2001. Her first stop was Naval Weapon Station Yorktown for a two day ammunition offload. After her short stop in Yorktown, CARR returned to Norfolk Naval Station on 19 February to begin the first of several repair periods prior to beginning her inter-deployment training cycle.

From 19 February to 23 March, CARR was inport Naval Station Norfolk in preparation for the first repair period at Metro Machine Incorporated in Norfolk, Virginia. CARR spent the next two months at Metro Machine undergoing extensive repair work on her engineering plant, topside equipment, and combat systems suite. To cap this repair period, CARR completed her major milestone of the new training cycle, Light-off Assessment (LOA), on the 19th of May.

After completion of CARR's first repair period on 27 May, the ship got underway enroute Nauticus Maritime Museum. CARR conducted tours for over 1000 Nauticus visitors. The short trip to Nauticus was just a brief rest, however, as CARR got underway on the 3rd of June for Colonna's Shipyard. CARR was in drydock until 20 July for additional repairs and overhaul work.

CARR completed her drydock period on 26 July and proceeded to the Virginia Capes Operating Area for Sea Trials. CARR would test all of her systems, concentrating on equipment that had been repaired and overhauled. After a successful two-day test of systems, CARR returned to Naval Station Norfolk on 28 July.

CARR was now ready to conduct normal underway operations. CARR began her next phase of operations with an ammunition onload in Yorktown, Virginia, from 10-13 August. After another brief inport period at Naval Station Norfolk, CARR got underway with the HARRY S. TRUMAN Battle Group for Group Sail from 07-28 September. CARR's first task was to complete Undersea Warfare Exercises on the Atlantic Undersea Testing and Evaluation Center (AUTEC) range off the coast of Andros Island. Prior to arriving at AUTEC, however, CARR transited to Jacksonville Operational Area for several Air Warfare and Surface Exercises. During this transit, CARR assisted a stranded fishing vessel named EXECUTIVE

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STRESS. CARR ensured the safety of the stranded vessel until the United States Coast Guard arrived.

CARR arrived in the AUTEK operating area on the 12th of September ready to begin tests. CARR's operations were cut short, however, as Hurricane Dennis quickly approached the Caribbean Islands. CARR proceeded west through the Windward Passage and then through the Strait of Florida in order to avoid the powerful hurricane. This unplanned trip into the Gulf of Mexico allowed CARR to pull into Pensacola, Florida.

On 15 September, CARR joined USS STUMP (DD 978), USS DEYO (DD 989), and COMDESRON TWO prior to proceeding into port. CARR entered Pensacola, Florida, on 16 September for three days of liberty while awaiting the hurricane's passage. CARR got underway on 18 September and returned to the Jacksonville Operating Area and then north to Mayport, Florida. During the transit, CARR found herself in the path of another developing tropical storm in the Gulf of Mexico.

After another rough transit, CARR pulled into Mayport Naval Base on 23 September. While not a liberty port, CARR took fuel and rode out the remainder of the hurricane which followed them from the Gulf of Mexico. On the 24th of September, CARR got underway in company with USS DEYO (DD 989) and USS STUMP (DD 978). COMDESRON TWO was the Officer in Tactical Command. During this underway period CARR successfully completed Engineering Qualification (E-QUAL). Additionally, CARR completed its' first burial-at-sea of the year, committing BM2 Gerald D. Robbins, USN, and MMC Charles T. Connolly, Sr., USCG, to the place they loved so much during their lives, the sea. The ceremony took place on a calm, cool morning off the coast of North Carolina.

The remainder of the transit to Naval Station Norfolk was uneventful, and on 28 September, CARR returned home. The next three weeks were spent preparing for the next underway as well as the completion of CART II on the 30th of September. The next underway had CARR return to the AUTEK range in the Bahamas to complete Undersea Warfare Qualifications.

On the 20th of October, CARR got underway for two more weeks of "fun in the sun." The ship's first stop was New Providence Island, Nassau, from 23 through 28 October. The ship then got underway enroute the AUTEK range. During this underway period CARR completed numerous undersea warfare exercises, including torpedo firings, sonar testing, a noise survey and several other exercises in preparation for deployment.

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CARR departed the Caribbean, arriving at Naval Station Norfolk on the 1st of November.

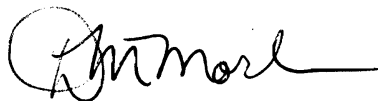
Over the next three weeks, CARR prepared for a change of command. The ship did not rest as it cleaned, updated documents and made preparation to transfer control of the ship's most important billet, the Commanding Officer. On 18 November, CDR D. M. Morben relieved CDR M. W. Reedy as Commanding Officer, USS CARR (FFG 52). The last part of November saw CARR ready for its' last underway of 1999. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER Battle Group's Joint Task Force Exercise (JTTFEX) 00-1.

CARR was ready to get underway on 1 December; however, a strong front passed through Virginia on the 30th of November and delayed the underway by one day. On the 2nd of December, CARR departed Norfolk bound for the Virginia Capes Operating Area (VCOA). In support of CARR's mission, one SH-60B from HSL FORTY-SIX embarked. For the next three days, CARR concentrated solely on qualifying the flight deck crew and the helicopter detachment for the upcoming JTTFEX. The qualification process went smoothly.

CARR completed her second burial-at-sea on the 5th of December, solemnly committing CSC William K. Hibner, OSCM(SW) Robert C. Johnson, and EM3 David L. Messmer, [REDACTED] to the deep off the coast of Virginia. On the 6th of December, CARR departed the VCOA and headed south to the Cherry Point Operating Area for the JTTFEX. Over the next week, CARR was heavily involved in the exercise: The week ended in a triumph for the "Blue Forces," and CARR headed home for the holidays, returning to Naval Station Norfolk on 13 December.

What began as a successful year for CARR ended successfully. The crew commenced a stand down period for the holidays on 15 December. Half the crew took the first half of the leave period. The second half of the leave commenced on 28 December. CARR ushered out the millennium quietly while at Pier 24 Berth 6, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.

4. Supporting Documents. See Enclosures (1) through (9).



D. M. MORBEN