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From: Commanding Officer, USS CARR (FFG 52)
To: Chief of Naval Operations (N09BH)

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Encl: (1) Welcome Aboard USS CARR (FFG 52)
(2) Commanding Officer Biography and Photo

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 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 a 76 mm gun, two 25 mm guns, 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 surface surveillance and attack capability as well as over-the-horizon submarine localization and attack.
- d. Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC): COMMANDER, Destroyer Squadron TWO, CAPT Gregory S. Cruze.
- e. Commanding Officer: CDR Anthony W. Swain, USN, 009251-40
- f. Permanent Duty Station: Norfolk, Virginia (Naval Station Norfolk).

2. Chronology.

Date	Event
2003-01-01	Inport Norfolk Naval Base Norfolk, VA (NOB) Pier 14 Berth 5 Conducted Holiday Leave Stand-down Period. (Second Period)
2003-01-02	Underway to Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, VA Ammunition Onload
2003-01-03	Ammunition Onload Underway to Naval Base Norfolk, VA (Pier 14 Berth 5)
2003-01-07	Underway Enroute Puerto Rican OPAREA for COMPTUEX
2003-01-08	Helicopter Workups (HIFR)
2003-01-11	MIO Exercise (MIO-EX) with USS STUMP
2003-01-12	UNREP VERTREP with USNS BIGHORN CIWS PACFIRE
2003-01-13	SAMSLEX
2003-01-14	USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Assumed Tactical Command
2003-01-15	PACFIRE
2003-01-16	TACTAS Operations COMCARGRU FOUR Visit
2003-01-17	UNREP with USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT
2003-01-18	76mm PACFIRE VBSS Exercise
2003-01-19	76mm and CIWS PACFIRE TDU Exercise
2003-01-20	MIO-EX with Motor Vessel (M/V) CAMEL QUEEN
2003-01-22	UNREP with USNS BIGHORN Torpedo Exercise (TORPEX) with M/V AQUEAR (SSRNM)
2003-01-23	MIO-EX with M/V GOBI
2003-01-24	25mm PACFIRE
2003-01-25	MIO-EX with M/V GOBI
2003-01-26	RHIB Transfer with USS NICHOLAS BSR Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
2003-01-27	CIWS PACFIRE
2003-01-29	MIO-EX with M/V CAMEL QUEEN
2003-01-31	UNREP VERTREP with USNS BIGHORN
2003-02-01	Burial at Sea
2003-02-04	UNREP with USNS SUPPLY
2003-02-05	Commenced Transit to the Mediterranean Sea
2003-02-07	UNREP/VERTREP with USNS SUPPLY Inchop C6F
2003-02-11	UNREP VERTREP with USNS SUPPLY
2003-02-12	Straits of Gibraltar Transit
2003-02-15	Inport Gibraltar, UK

2003-02-17	Governor of Gibraltar Visit
2003-02-18	Underway Enroute Suez Canal
2003-02-22	UNREP/VERTREP with USNS KANAWHA USS OSCAR AUSTIN CO Visit Inchop C5F
2003-02-23	Suez Canal Transit
2003-02-24	Entered the Red Sea
2003-02-25	Small Arms PACFIRE
2003-02-26	FAM-FIRE
2003-02-27	Bab El Mandeb (BAM) Transit (South) UNREP with USNS GUADALUPE CTF 150 Assumes TACON Swim Call
2003-02-28	BAM Transit (North) BAM Transit (South)
2003-03-01	VERTREP with USNS SIRRUS Transit Gulf of Aden Enroute Persian Gulf
2003-03-06	UNREP with RFA BRAMBLELEAF Straits of Hormuz (STROH) Transit E-6 Exam
2003-03-07	Entered the Persian Gulf
2003-03-10	Bushehr Gate Guard Duties
2003-03-13	E-5 Exam
2003-03-17	Shotgun Duties for USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN
2003-03-19	Operation Iraqi Freedom Begins
2003-03-20	E-4 Exam
2003-03-21	UNREP VERTREP with USNS RAINIER
2003-03-25	UNREP with USS RAINIER
2003-03-27	CTF 151 Assumes TACON
2003-03-29	VBSS Boarding Conducted on M/V JAYA
2003-03-30	UNREP with RFA BRAMBLELEAF STROH Transit (South)
2003-03-31	VBSS Boarding Conducted on M/V AJ MOUSTPHA CO Visits USS TORTUGA
2003-04-01	STROH Escort
2003-04-02	VBSS Boarding Conducted on M/V WARM SEAS BERBER
2003-04-04	UNREP with USNS KANAWHA
2003-04-05	25mm PACFIRE
2003-04-08	Doctor and Dentist from USS TORTUGA Visit USS CARR
2003-04-09	UNREP/VERTREP with USNS KANAWHA
2003-04-10	Transit BAM Commence Red Sea Transit
2003-04-12	.50 cal FAM-FIRE
2003-04-14	Suez Canal Transit Inchop C6F
2003-04-15	UNREP with USNS JOHN S LENTHALL

2003-04-17	LIO-EX with USNS MOUNT BAKER
2003-04-20	UNREP VERTREP with USNS ARCTIC
2003-04-21	Commenced transit to Valetta, Malta
2003-04-23	Inport Valetta, Malta
2003-04-27	Underway en route Eastern Mediterranean
2003-04-29	UNREP with USNS JOHN S. LENTHALL
2003-05-03	Shotgun Duties for USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT
2003-05-04	UNREP / VERTREP with USNS BIGHORN
2003-05-08	VERTREP with USNS SPICA
2003-05-10	UNREP with USNS ARCTIC
2003-05-11	TORPEX
2003-05-12	Port Visit Soudha Bay, Crete
2003-05-16	Underway en route Norfolk, VA
2003-05-17	ASW Exercise
2003-05-18	UNREP / VERTREP with USNS KANAWHA
2003-05-21	Straits of Gibraltar Transit
2003-05-22	UNREP with USNS ARCTIC
2003-05-22	Safety Stand-down
2003-05-25	INCHOP C2F
2003-05-28	UNREP with USNS BIGHORN
2003-05-29	Return To Home Port (RTHP) Inport Norfolk, VA
2003-05-30	Commenced Post Deployment Stand-down (POM)
2003-06-11	FMAV Conference
2003-06-16	POM Turnover Day
2003-06-30	Completed POM
2003-07-02	Smart Search (SS03) Initial Planning Conference
2003-07-07	FMAV Starts
2003-07-27	SMA Starts
2003-08-05	ATG Planning Conference
2003-08-08	Finished FMAV
2003-08-11	FAST CRUISE
2003-08-12	Group sail VACAPES
2003-08-18	Port Visit Newport, RI
2003-08-21	Underway Enroute VACAPES
2003-08-22	Arrived NOB
2003-08-28	Commander Theodore Roosevelt Strike Group (CTRSG) Professional Development Seminar
2003-09-04	E-6 Exam
2003-09-08	Underway Enroute NWS Yorktown for AMMO Offload
2003-09-08	Inport NWS Yorktown
2003-09-10	Underway Enroute VACAPES SNIPE Visit with COMDESRON TWO
2003-09-11	E-5 Exam
2003-09-12	COMPTUEX (C2X) 150 ENTSTRKGRU

2003-09-18	E-4 Exam
2003-09-21	Embarked HSL-46 Det 3 For Smart Search 03 (SS03)
2003-09-27	CASEX UNREP with USNS JOHN S. LENTHALL
2003-09-29	COMEX SS03
2003-10-01	UNREP with USNS JOHN S. LENTHALL FINEX C2X
2003-10-03	FINEX SS03 UNREP with USNS KANAWHA
2003-10-04	Arrive NOB
2003-10-07	Pre-Aviation Technical Assist (PATA)
2003-10-13	SCBA Install Starts AFFF Modification Install Starts Reverse Osmosis (RO) Install Starts HP Air Modification Install Starts Uninterrupted Power Supply Install Starts 1B Gas Turbine Engine Install Starts
2003-10-14	Hull Cleaning MK13 GMLS Removal
2003-10-15	IRRI-NEURS Install
2003-10-20	Windows Compatible Travel Pay System Install
2003-10-24	SAR Certification
2003-10-27	Command PRT 2M Certification
2003-11-04	Underway VACAPES
2003-11-07	Port Visit Miami, FL
2003-11-12	Underway VACAPES
2003-11-14	Arrive NOB
2003-11-15	SLAD Install Starts
2003-11-21	Command Christmas Party
2003-12-15	1 st Holiday Leave Period Starts CHT Cleaning
2003-12-29	FAST CRUISE 2 ND Holiday Leave Period Starts

3. Narrative

Throughout 2003, USS CARR (FFG52) continued its strong tradition of excellence through superior operational and material readiness. CARR began 2003 in port Naval Base Norfolk, VA at Pier 14 Berth 5. The crew was nearing the end of the holiday stand-down period, and was making final preparations to get underway on the 2nd of January. On the morning of the 2nd, CARR got underway and sailed to Naval Weapons Station Yorktown. CARR spent the remainder of the day and the following day unloading SM-1 missiles, Harpoon missiles, and ammunition for the upcoming COMPTUEX. On the 3rd of January CARR sailed downriver to NOB Norfolk where she moored back at Pier 14 Berth 5.

On the 7th of January, CARR sailed to participate in the TRSTRKGRU C2X through February 4th. On 05 February, CARR surge deployed to the Mediterranean. From February to May, CARR epitomized, "*Courage, Will, & Determination.*" While attached to the 5th Fleet AOR, CARR provided Armed Air Surveillance (SHOTGUN) for the USS CONSTELLATION, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN, and USS KITTY HAWK Air Craft Carriers. CARR supported CV/CVN operations in the Arabian Gulf. CARR conducted twelve armed escort missions. These escorts included USNS and merchant vessels through the Strait of Hormuz, Arabian Gulf, Strait of Bab el Mandeb, Red Sea, Suez Canal, and Gulf of Suez. CARR was the Bushehr Gate Guard, monitoring all traffic in and out of the Iranian port and ensured all merchant vessels transited along specified routes. In addition, CARR conducted three boardings in the southern Arabian Gulf in support of Maritime Interception Operations (MIO) and Leadership Interception Operations.

Superior operational and material readiness enabled CARR to be underway 131 days out of 142 deployment days, operate in both 5th and 6th Fleet AORs, conduct 16 choke point transits, twenty-five Underway Replenishments, and 500 helicopter flight hours, while transiting over 52,500 nautical miles.

CARR's Liberty Ports during the Surge Deployment included Gibraltar, UK from 15 to 18 February; Valetta, Malta from 23 to 27 April; and Souda Bay, Crete from 12 to 17 May.

Upon CARR's Return to Homeport on 29 May, the crew started Post Deployment Stand down from 30 May to 30 June. CARR's FMAV was 07JUL03 to 08AUG03.

On 12 August, CARR participated in a THEODORE ROOSEVELT STRIKE Group Sail in the Vacapes Oparea, concluding with a port visit to Newport, RI from 18 to 21 August.

Upon returning to Naval Station Norfolk on 22 August, CARR began preparing for the ENTSTRKGRU COMPTUEX (C2X). The C2X from 12 September to 01 October enabled CARR to demonstrate the ship's operational prowess. The C2X included a CAS Exercise on 27 September. Additionally, CARR embarked HSL-46 Det 3 on 21 September, and following Week One Work Ups, participated in SS03 from 29 September to 03 October. CARR was able to conduct three Underway Replenishments with the USNS JOHN LENTHALL and USNS KANAWHA.

On 04 October, CARR returned to Naval Station Norfolk.

On 13 October, CARR started an unprecedented, pier-side FMAV highlighting the following installs: 1) Halon System Modification, 2) AFFF installation, 3) Reverse Osmosis Desalination installation (RO Units), 4) Slewing Arm Davit (SLAD) installation, 5) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) installation and HP Air Modification, and 6) the Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) installation. These installs will enable CARR to operate more efficiently and effectively, and maintain the highest state of readiness.

On 14 October, CARR removed its MK13 System, known throughout the Fleet as, “the One-Armed Bandit.” Shortly thereafter, CARR removed her STIR FC Radar.

On 04 November CARR got underway to enjoy an 5-day port visit to Miami, FL from 07 to 12 November. Upon return to home on 14 November, CARR concluded November with her Annual Command Christmas Party on 21 November.

From 15 December 2003 to 12 January 2004 CARR conducted its Christmas Holiday Leave Period.

4. Supporting Documents. See Enclosures (1) and (2).

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