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USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62)
1991 KEY CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
07 JAN 91	COMPLETED CHRISTMAS LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD
09 JAN 91	UNDERWAY FOR BATTLE GROUP BRAVO READINESS EXERCISE 91-1B
16 JAN 91	FIRST PACIFIC FLEET TEST FIRING OF TOMAHAWK ANTI-SHIP MISSILE PERFORMED AGAINST EX-USS COUCAL
23 JAN 91	ARRIVED SAN DIEGO, CA
01 FEB 91	COMMENCED PREPARATION FOR OVERSEAS MOVEMENT (POM)
01 MAR 91	UNDERWAY FOR POST-POM EVALUATION AND MAIDEN DEPLOYMENT TO THE ARABIAN GULF IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION DESERT STORM
06 MAR 91	COMPLETED POST-POM EVALUATION, COMMENCED WESTERN TRANSIT
24 MAR 91	ARRIVED SUBIC BAY, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
29 MAR 91	UNDERWAY FOR PHUKET, THAILAND
08 APR 91	TRANSITED STRAITS OF MALACCA
09 APR 91	ANCHORED PATONG HARBOR, PHUKET, THAILAND
14 APR 91	UNDERWAY FOR THE ARABIAN GULF
18 APR 91	ENTERED U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY
20 APR 91	TRANSITED STRAIT OF HORMUZ, ENTERED ARABIAN GULF
28 APR 91	TRANSITED STRAIT OF HORMUZ ENROUTE MUSCAT, OMAN
29 APR 91	ARRIVED MINA QABOOS, MUSCAT, OMAN
02 MAY 91	HOSTED RECEPTION FOR 13 AMBASSADORS AND NUMEROUS DIGNITARIES ONBOARD
04 MAY 91	UNDERWAY ENROUTE ARABIAN GULF
05 MAY 91	TRANSITED STRAIT OF HORMUZ, ENTERED ARABIAN GULF
24 MAY 91	ARRIVED DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FOR TENDER AVAILABILITY (TAV) WITH USS CAPE COD
29 MAY 91	UNDERWAY ENROUTE ARABIAN GULF

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30 MAY 91	TRANSITED STRAIT OF HORMUZ, ESCORTED USS CAPE COD OUT OF ARABIAN GULF
31 MAY 91	TRANSITED STRAIT OF HORMUZ, ENTERED ARABIAN GULF
14 JUN 91	ANCHORED BAHRAIN BELL ANCHORAGE
17 JUN 91	UNDERWAY FROM BAHRAIN BELL ANCHORAGE
02 JUL 91	ARRIVED JEBEL ALI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FOR TENDER AVAILABILITY WITH USS SAMUEL GOMPERS
07 JUL 91	UNDERWAY ENROUTE ARABIAN GULF
13 JUL 91	TRANSITED STRAIT OF HORMUZ FOR FINAL TIME ENROUTE PATTAYA BEACH, THAILAND
15 JUL 91	OUTCHOPPED USCENCOM AOR
22 JUL 91	CROSSED THE EQUATOR, PERFORMED "CROSSING THE LINE" CEREMONIES
24 JUL 91	ANCHORED PATTAYA BEACH, THAILAND
29 JUL 91	UNDERWAY ENROUTE HONG KONG, BRITISH CROWN COLONY
02 AUG 91	MOORED TO MOORING BUOY A51, VICTORIA HARBOR, HONG KONG, BRITISH CROWN COLONY
07 AUG 91	UNDERWAY ENROUTE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII
07 AUG 91	COLLIDED WITH USNS PONCHATOULA DURING UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT
18 AUG 91	ARRIVED PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII
20 AUG 91	UNDERWAY ENROUTE SAN DIEGO, CA
27 AUG 91	ARRIVED SAN DIEGO, CA, COMPLETING MAIDEN DEPLOYMENT. COMMENCED POST-DEPLOYMENT LEAVE AND UPKEEP
09 OCT 91	UNDERWAY ENROUTE FLEET WEEK, SAN FRANCISCO, CA
13 OCT 91	ARRIVED SAN FRANCISCO, CA FOR FLEET WEEK
18 OCT 91	UNDERWAY ENROUTE SAN DIEGO, CA
21 OCT 91	ARRIVED SAN DIEGO, CA
04 NOV 91	COMMENCED FIRST COMMAND INSPECTION BY COMMANDER, CRUISER-DESTROYER GROUP THREE
08 NOV 91	COMPLETED COMMAND INSPECTION

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
18 NOV 91	UNDERWAY ENROUTE CNO PROJECT 251 TOMAHAWK BLK III MISSILE FIRING
19 NOV 91	LAUNCHED TOMAHAWK BLK III TLAM AT LAND TARGET
20 NOV 91	ARRIVED SAN DIEGO, CA
23 NOV 91	CAPT WILLIAM J. KEATING, JR., USN, ASSUMES COMMAND OF USS CHANCELLORSVILLE, RELIEVING CAPT GORDON H. RHEINSTROM, CHANCELLORSVILLE'S COMMISSIONING COMMANDING OFFICER
14 DEC 91	RADM JAMES R. FITZGERALD, USN RELIEVES RADM PHILIP M. QUAST, USN AS COMMANDER, CRUISER-DESTROYER GROUP THREE IN CEREMONIES HELD ONBOARD CHANCELLORSVILLE AT BROADWAY PIER, SAN DIEGO, CA
14 DEC 91	SHIP'S CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD AT TOWN AND COUNTRY INN, SAN DIEGO, CA
15 DEC 91	PUBLIC GENERAL VISITING OF CHANCELLORSVILLE AT BROADWAY PIER, SAN DIEGO, CA
16 DEC 91	CHANCELLORSVILLE MOVES BACK TO NAVAL STATION, COMMENCES CHRISTMAS LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD

USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62)
1991 COMMAND NARRATIVE

The new year started with the completion of the Christmas leave and upkeep period and the start of the second Battle Group BRAVO READIEX, 91-1B. These exercises would prepare the Battle Group for specific operations within the Arabian Gulf, including ship boardings, simulated Strait of Hormuz transits, and small craft attacks. Following READIEX 91-1B, CHANCELLORSVILLE fired the first test shot of a Tomahawk Anti-Ship Missile in the Pacific Fleet, scoring a direct hit on the EX-USS COUCAL. The ship returned to San Diego on 23 January, and in February began a Preparation for Overseas Movement (POM) period in preparation for her maiden deployment. The crew was allowed leave and well-deserved time off to get their personal lives in order before separating from their loved ones for the six-month deployment.

On 1 March, on a stormy Southern California morning, the crew said goodbye to their families and manned the rails as CHANCELLORSVILLE set sail with Battle Group BRAVO for the Arabian Gulf. A five-day Post-POM evaluation was the first evolution for the Battle Group, to get the Battle Group back into an underway, vigilant mode of operations after over a month of inport time. On 6 March, the Battle Group headed westward for the Arabian Gulf.

Battle Group BRAVO, commanded by Rear Admiral P. M. Quast, Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE, would consist of USS NIMITZ (CVN 68), USS TEXAS (CGN 39), USS RENTZ (FFG 46), USS STEIN (FF 1065), USS HAROLD E. HOLT (FF 1074), USS CAMDEN (AOE 2), and CHANCELLORSVILLE, along with Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO ONE and Carrier Air Wing NINE embarked in NIMITZ.

Along the transit to the first port visit in Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, the Battle Group conducted exercises in all warfare areas. These exercises provided the Battle Group needed practice and expertise which would prepare them for the arduous conditions in the gulf.

The Battle Group entered Subic Bay on 24 March after three weeks of hectic underway operations. The crew hit the beach running, enjoying every minute of their liberty in this famous Western Pacific port. Along with the fun, a number of crewmembers participated in a community relations project, assisting the International Children's Advocate School for Deaf Children in Olongapo rebuild and refurbish their facilities. After five days in port, the group got underway again, enroute to the next series of ports.

After a Strait of Malacca transit, the ship anchored in Patong Harbor at Phuket, Thailand with USS RENTZ for a five day port visit in paradise on 8 April. Widely recognized as the best liberty port in the Pacific, the crew hit the beach and helped Phuket live up to its billing. Another community relations project was undertaken by the crew, this time at an orphanage in Phuket. Underway five days later, the group made its last transit before reaching the Arabian

Gulf, entering the U.S. Central Command Area of Operations on 18 April, and transited the Strait of Hormuz and entered the Arabian Gulf on 20 April to provide support in Operation DESERT STORM.

CHANCELLORSVILLE immediately encountered harsh conditions in the gulf, primarily the heat and the haze caused by blowing sands and oil well fires. The ship's equipment started to suffer from these conditions, and it took extraordinary efforts by the crew to keep the equipment at peak operating efficiency. The crew performed superbly in this regard, as CHANCELLORSVILLE ended up meeting every challenge confronting it with vigor and professionalism.

About a week later, the ship left the Arabian Gulf for her first port call in the region, mooring at Mina Qaboos in Muscat, Oman. This ancient seafaring nation has been extensively modernized over the last 20 years, and the crew found many amenities similar to the states. The old forts, oases, souks (shops) and traditional Arabian dress fascinated the crew and provided both an educational and culturally stimulating experience.

After five days in Muscat, CHANCELLORSVILLE got underway and entered the gulf again to continue operations with the rest of the battle group. Performing duties as Force Anti-Air Warfare Coordinator, the ship found herself escorting the carrier throughout the gulf, providing anti-air radar coverage over the entire gulf region. During this period of operations the ship also fired her weapons for the first time in the region, sinking a floating barrel which was considered a hazard to navigation. CHANCELLORSVILLE would do this later, also, sinking large numbers of barrels which could make the waters of the Arabian Gulf more hazardous than they already were.

On 24 May, the ship pulled into Dubai, United Arab Emirates, for a five-day Tender Availability with USS CAPE COD (AD 43). The ship received some much needed repair work which had been put off due to the tempo of operations, and the crew was able to experience this cosmopolitan city, the largest city in the gulf region, with a definite European influence as evidenced by the hotels and restaurants. Traditional Arabic life wasn't as pronounced as it was in Muscat, as the city was much more active throughout the day and night. The wardroom also enjoyed an evening of entertainment onboard the HMS EXETER (D89), learning firsthand the British sailors' love of their work.

Underway again on 29 May, the ship again joined the battle group for more operations in the gulf. The first order of business was to escort the CAPE COD out of the gulf on their trip home. On the way to the Strait of Hormuz, however, a CHANCELLORSVILLE helicopter discovered a fisherman distressed in his sinking boat. The ship made best speed to the mariner and rescued him, returning him to Dubai the next morning after escorting CAPE COD through the Strait of Hormuz.

On 14 June, the battle group anchored at the Bahrain Bell anchorage, about 20 miles off the coast of Bahrain. There, the ship spent three days relaxing from the high tempo of operations and preparing for the final stretch in the gulf.

After a couple more weeks of steaming throughout the gulf, the ship pulled into Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates for another Tender Availability, this time with USS SAMUEL GOMPERS (AD 37), and for her final port visit in the gulf. The ship got some last-minute repair work before the trip home, and the crew got some more liberty time in Dubai, as well as a Fourth of July party on the pier, complete with food, beverages, athletic events and entertainment.

After the five day TAV, the ship got underway for the transit home. The ship transited the Strait of Hormuz on 13 July and outchopped from the U.S. CENTCOM AOR on 15 July. CHANCELLORSVILLE was part of SAG TANGO, commanded by CDS-21 in USS STEIN, which was leading the battle group through the first part of the transit home. The remainder of the battle group joined the lead group near the tip of India, and all the ships steamed together through the Strait of Malacca and over the equator. At that time, "Crossing the Line" ceremonies came to a head, initiating the lowly Pollywogs into the realm of Neptunus Rex and the ancient order of the deep. After the festivities were over, the group made its way to Pattaya Beach, Thailand for the next liberty port.

A longtime favorite among sailors, Pattaya Beach combines modern hotels with old-world and third-world charm, and the sailors were welcomed with open arms. Many sailors made the trip to Bangkok to visit this ancient Asian capital, but no matter where the crews went, all had a terrific time. A community relations project at a local orphanage also contributed to CHANCELLORSVILLE's outstanding relations with other countries.

Pulling up anchor on 29 July, the group got underway for Hong Kong, and made an uneventful transit around Vietnam before pulling into Victoria Harbor on 2 August.

CHANCELLORSVILLE moored to mooring buoy A51, very close to Fenwick Pier, a British facility for the forces present and visiting navies. The crew had five days to enjoy this amazing city, so full of lights, skyscrapers, shops, restaurants, and people. It was difficult to not have a good time, since there was so much to do and see. The fourth day was not a good day for the duty section onboard, as a major power casualty caused a total loss of power for about 10 hours. Repairs were made, and power was restored late that night.

The group got underway on 7 August, without CAMDEN, which got underway three days earlier to make a weapons offload in Guam. Several ships had a short encounter with a Chinese patrol boat, then headed for the states. That night, after coming alongside USNS PONCHATOULA (T-AO 146) for refueling, a steering casualty

occurred onboard CHANCELLORSVILLE which caused her to veer towards and collide with PONCHATOUOLA. The collision ripped off the port hurricane bow, damaged the sonar dome, and bent the centerline anchor on CHANCELLORSVILLE, and caused extensive external damage on PONCHATOUOLA. However, luckily nobody was injured, and both ships were able to get underway and resume the transit east with the rest of the group.

Later that same week, as the battle group was altering her transit track southward to avoid several tropical storms and PONCHATOUOLA was forced to return to Guam for emergent repairs, a helicopter off the CAMDEN, which rejoined the group just a couple days earlier, crashed into the ocean without a trace with four sailors onboard. Memorial services were held the next day in honor of our lost shipmates.

Finally, on 18 August, the battle group reached Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. NIMITZ and TEXAS had already arrived and left in order to return home early. After two days in Hawaii, where part of the crew reunited with their families and departed on leave, and tigers were picked up for the trip home, the remainder of the battle group headed for San Diego.

The transit was uneventful, with the tigers learning firsthand about shipboard life and underway operations. Channel fever hit hard the last night, with all-night movies and pizza offered throughout the ship for the crewmembers who just couldn't sleep.

At last, HOME! 27 August was the day the entire crew had been waiting for for six months, and it was finally here. A sunny California day greeted CHANCELLORSVILLE as she reached Buoy "SD" at 0730 and moored at Pier 8 at 0900, greeted by a huge crowd of family and friends, many waving placards with messages for their favorite sailor. Reunions began as soon as the brow was in place, and continued throughout the morning. As the duty section settled in and other crewmembers took off on leave, the ship commenced its post-deployment leave and upkeep period for the next four weeks.

After the whole crew was back at the end of September after some well-deserved leave and relaxed operational tempo, the ship started in on a very busy schedule which would culminate in the change of command ceremony. First was the Fleet Week 1991, in San Francisco, which gave the crew a look at one of America's best cities. Before getting there, the ship attempted to qualify in Naval Gunfire Support, however weather and equipment casualties prevented the effort. At Fleet Week, numerous official events, including picnics, tours, and official luncheons and dinners, as well as everyone's personal favorite activities, made for an excellent time by all crewmembers. Six days in San Francisco ended too quickly, and the fleet left for home on 19 October. A thick fog bank delayed our entry back into San Diego for several hours on 21 October.

After our return, a Nuclear Weapons Assist Team visit and a Command Inspection commanded the crew's attention for the next couple weeks. The results of both evolutions were outstanding, and the crew was lauded for their efforts by the NWAT team and CCDG-3.

Following the Command Inspection, preparations began in earnest for the Change of Command ceremony. The crew put forth their best for this event, as they always do, but there was something special about this, as the first Commanding Officer of CHANCELLORSVILLE was at the end of his tour. The man who had led the crew through the tedious and vitally important duties of preparing a ship for duty in the fleet, in establishing all programs, in setting all traditions for years to come, CAPT Gordon H. Rheinstrom, was about to leave us. On 23 November 1991, on a terrifically sunny day at Pier 2, Naval Station, San Diego, California, CAPT William J. Keating, Jr. relieved CAPT Rheinstrom as Commanding Officer, USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62), in front of the crew and over 300 VIPs, friends and family in a memorable ceremony which will not soon be forgotten by all those who call CHANCELLORSVILLE "my ship".

Following CHANCELLORSVILLE's Change of Command, the crew turned right around and began to prepare for another Change of Command. RADM Quast, Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE, asked that CHANCELLORSVILLE provide the platform for his Change of Command on 14 December. The ship shifted berths to Broadway Pier in downtown San Diego on 13 December, made final preparations, and hosted COMCRUDESGRU THREE's Change of Command on the 14th, at which RADM Quast was relieved by RADM James Fitzgerald. VADM Jerry Unruh, Commander, Third Fleet, was guest speaker.

That evening, the ship held it's annual Christmas Party at the Town and Country Inn in Mission Valley. Most of the crew that wasn't on duty attended and had a terrific time, unwinding from the hectic schedule that they had gone through the past few weeks. The duty section wasn't left out, though. They were treated to entertainment and a catered dinner, also.

The next day, the ship was open to the public for general visiting, and well over 1,000 visitors toured the ship. On Monday, 16 December, the ship moved back to the Naval Station and began a three-week leave and upkeep period during which the crew was afforded some much-earned leave to enjoy the holidays with their families.