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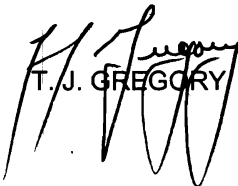
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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS CHOSIN (CG-65), homeported in Pearl Harbor, HI, is commanded by Captain Thomas J. Gregory. CHOSIN's Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC) is Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group ONE (CCDG-1) Rear Admiral David T. Hart, who relieved Rear Admiral Thomas W. LaFleur in November. LCDR Patrick Rabun was relieved as Executive Officer by LCDR Frank Hughlett in August. Due to a medical condition that prevented further shipboard duty, CHOSIN's Supply Officer, LCDR [REDACTED] was relieved as Supply Officer by LCDR [REDACTED] in February. LCDR [REDACTED] served as interim Supply Officer until the arrival of LCDR [REDACTED] who assumed duties as Supply Officer in June.

Total Billets authorized:

Paygrade	Billets authorized
<u>Officers:</u>	26
<u>Enlisted:</u>	
E-9	3
E-8	5
E-7	21
E-6	47
E-5	85
E-4	101
E-3	<u>80</u>
Total	342

NARRATIVE 1999

In January, USS CHOSIN continued preparations for deployment as Air Warfare Commander for the USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64) Battle Group by hosting the Air Warfare Commander's Conference and Battle Group Tactical Data Link Air Warfare Team Trainer in San Diego, Ca. With deployment on the horizon, and in order to encourage participation in the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist program, the command began the first in a series of Enlisted Surface Warfare stand-downs to encourage participation and to establish completion goals for the crew.

In February, Battle Group Team Trainers for deployment continued with the Cryptologic and Intelligence Team Trainers as well as the Advanced Multi-TADIL Trainer. CHOSIN was chosen as the test site for a Y2K Fast Cruise that served as a precursor to a battle group wide Y2K test to begin later in the month. During the test, the ship's clocks were rolled ahead to 01JAN00 and the ship fought a simulated combat scenario. The test was a complete success and was followed by the battle group test that began as CHOSIN joined the battle group in the Southern California Operations Area for the start of the Comprehensive Tactical Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX 9901).

Following COMPTUEX and successful battle group Y2K testing, CHOSIN returned to Pearl Harbor in late March. During the month of April, CHOSIN hosted a one-day Family and Friends Dependents Cruise. Following a successful Vandal Exercise and Torpedo firing exercise, CHOSIN made a four-day port visit to San Francisco, Ca.

May found CHOSIN underway again for San Diego to participate in Fleet Exercise (FLEETEX) 99-1. Following FLEETEX, CHOSIN returned to Pearl Harbor to begin Preparations for Overseas Movement (POM) Leave in preparation for getting underway for the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf Deployment.

CHOSIN got underway 19 June for deployment, participating in Joint Tactical Fleet Exercise (JTFX) which was conducted in the Hawaiian Operations Area. Commander Third Fleet, Vice Admiral McGinn, made a visit to the ship and made presentations to CHOSIN's Sailors of the Quarter. With the conclusion of FLEETEX, CHOSIN and the rest of the CONSTELLATION Battle Group began the transit west.

CHOSIN and the CONSTELLATION Battle Group arrived in the Korean Operations Area in July during a time of increased tension between North and South Korea following a skirmish between the two countries that resulted in the sinking of a North Korean patrol boat. CHOSIN participated in joint training with South Korean naval units and participated in a cross deck program that allowed South Korean Officers to spend time on board and view underway battle group operations. After a five-day port visit in Pusan, South Korea, CHOSIN and the CONSTELLATION got underway to participate in joint exercises with AEGIS destroyers of the Japanese Maritime Self-defense Force. These exercises were followed by CHOSIN making a four-day port visit to Yokosuka, JA.

In August, CHOSIN and the CONSTELLATION Battle Group continued the westerly transit making port visits in Singapore and Phuket, Thailand. Following a transit of the Straits of Hormuz on 28 August, CHOSIN was visited by Commander, Fifth Fleet, Vice Admiral Charles W. Moore. The crew of CHOSIN demonstrated great diversity in the Arabian Gulf by performing duties as Air Defense Commander while simultaneously acting as Maritime Interception Operations On-scene Commander. CHOSIN spent 42 days on MIO patrol, and was the first CONSTELLATION Battle Group ship to conduct a night non-compliant boarding of a United Nation's sanction violator in the Arabian Gulf.

CHOSIN departed the Arabian Gulf on 05 November and began the return transit to Pearl Harbor. Enroute to Pearl Harbor, CHOSIN made port visits to Albany, Melbourne and Sydney, Australia. CHOSIN arrived Pago Pago, American Samoa 10 December to take on fuel and embark 25 friends and relatives for a "Tiger Cruise" to finish the remainder of the transit to Pearl Harbor.

During CHOSIN's six-month deployment, the crew of the "War Dragon" traveled over 44,000 miles, and visited ten ports in seven different countries. CHOSIN Sailors contributed over 640 man-days

NARRATIVE 1999 (Cont'd)

to Community Relations projects during their port visits and the ship hosted over 6000 visitors during general ship visits. The crew also participated in several cross-deck opportunities with the naval units of other nations. Two Officers and three Petty Officers cross-decked to units of the Jordanian Navy. One Officer cross-decked to a Korean ship and one Petty Officer cross-decked to a Japanese AEGIS Destroyer. Over all, close to 100 days were spent on cross decks to other units during the deployment. The crew also met great success in the way of personal warfare qualifications with 98% of E-5 and above Sailors eligible earning their Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) qualification and ten Officers, Chiefs and Petty Officers earned their Engineering Officer of the Watch (EOOW) qualification. The ship also earned to right to fly the Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) blue banner for 100% of Officers eligible earning their Surface Warfare qualification.

CHOSIN returned to Pearl Harbor, HI, 17 December and finished 1999 with the crew beginning a Holiday Leave and Post-Deployment stand down.

1999 CHRONOLOGY

JANUARY

- 1-11 Holiday/Leave Upkeep Period
- 19 Battle Group System Integration Team (BGSIT) Brief
- 25-27 CONSTELLATION Battle Group Air Warfare Commander's Conference
- 27-29 CONSTELLATION Battle Group Tactical Data LINK Air Warfare Team Trainer
- 27 Enlisted Surface Warfare Stand Down
- 29 Small Arms Qualifications

FEBRUARY

- 2-5 Y2K Fast Cruise
- 8-10 CONSTELLATION Battle Group Cryptologic/Intelligence Team Trainer
- 8-10 CONSTELLATION Battle Group Advanced Multi-TADIL Trainer
- 9 M-14 Qualifications
- 12 Underway San Diego
- 16-17 ANTHRAX Shots
- 18 Inport San Diego
- 19-10 MAR COMPTUEX 99-1
- 27-04 MAR Y2K Testing with CONSTELLATION Battle Group

MARCH

- 2 E-4 Advancement Exams
- 3 ANTHRAX Shots
- 4 E-5 Advancement Exams
- 9 E-6 Advancement Exams
- 11 Ammunition Off-load, NAS North Island
- 11 Inport San Diego, CA
- 18 Enroute Pearl Harbor, HI
- 19 ANTHRAX Shots
- 24 Inport Pearl Harbor, HI

APRIL

5-9 Command Indoctrination
12-13 Weapons on load NAVMAG Lualualei
15 Semi-Annual PRT
15 Small Arms Qualifications
17 Dependents/Family Day Cruise
19 Enroute San Francisco, CA
20 VANDALEX/TORPEX
27-30 Port visit San Francisco, CA

MAY

01 Underway enroute San Diego, CA
03 Inport San Diego, CA
03-06 Force Protection Exercise
06-13 FLEETEX 99-1
10 Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group One (CCDG-1) RADM LeFleur visit
13 Enroute Pearl Harbor, HI
17 Shotgun qualifications
19 Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
20 Ammunition Onload, NAVMAG Lualualei
20 Preparations for Overseas Movement (POM) Leave Period 1

JUNE

04 End POM Leave Period 1
04 Start POM Leave Period 2
17 End POM Leave Period 2
19 Underway WESTPAC 99
21-22 Petty Officer Third Class INDOC
22-29 JTFEX 99-1
27 COMTHIRDFLT, VADM McGinn visit

JULY

01 Safety Stand Down
11 Inport Pusan, South Korea
16 Depart Pusan, South Korea
23 Inport Yokosuka, JA
27 Depart Yokosuka, JA
27-31 Command Indoctrination
30 Visit by CCDG-1, RADM LeFleur

AUGUST

02 COMSEVENTHFLT TLAMEX
06 OTH-T ENCOUNTEREX
08 Heat Stress Training
10 Inport Singapore
14 Depart Singapore
17 Inport Phuket, Thailand
20 Depart Phuket, Thailand
23 Expendable Mobile Acoustic Training Target (EMATT)/TRACKEX
26 In-chop 5th Fleet
27 Retard clocks one hour
28 Straits of Hormuz transit
29 COMFIFTHFLT, VADM Moore Visit

SEPTEMBER

08 Inport Jebel Ali, UAE
12 Depart Jebel Ali, UAE
14 E-5 Advancement Exams
16 E-6 Advancement Exams
17 Inport Jebel Ali, UAE
18-24OCT Maritime Interception Operations On-Scene Commander for Northern Arabian Gulf
20 Depart Jebel Ali, UAE

SEPTEMBER (Cont'd)

20-14OCT Maritime Interception On-scene Commander Northern Arabian Gulf
25 ANTHRAX Shots
27 ANTHRAX Shots
29 CCDG-1, RADM LeFleur visit

OCTOBER

14 Inport Bahrain
18 Depart Bahrain
20 ANTHRAX Shots
24 Inport Jebel Ali, UAE
29 Late Advancement Exams
30 Depart Jebel Ali, UAE
30-04NOV Maritime Interception On-scene Commander Northern Arabian Gulf

NOVEMBER

01-03 Command Indoctrination
05 Straits of Hormuz transit
08 Safety Stand Down
11 Crossing the Line Ceremony and Shellback Initiation
12 CCDG-1 RADM Hart visit
18 Inport Albany, Australia
22 Depart Albany, Australia
23 ANTHRAX Shots
24 ANTHRAX Shots
25 Inport Melbourne, Australia
27 VIP Reception co-hosted with U.S. Consul General
29 Depart Melbourne, Australia

DECEMBER

01 Inport Sydney, Australia
05 Depart Sydney, Australia

06-14 Shipwide Suicide Awareness Seminars
09 Petty Officer Indoctrination
10 Navy College Program Briefs
10 Return/Reunion Briefs
10 Petty Officer Indoctrination
10 Inport PAGO PAGO, American Samoa
10 Embark Tiger Cruise participants
11 Depart Pago Pago, American Samoa
17 Completed WESTPAC 99. Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
17 Begin Holiday Leave and Stand down Period 1
30 End Holiday Leave and Stand down Period 1
30 Begin Holiday Leave and Stand down Period 2