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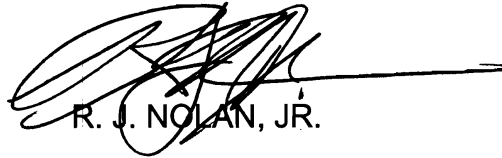
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NARRATIVE 2001

In January 2001, USS CHOSIN completed a holiday leave stand down after returning from several visits to San Diego for COMTUEX and the 50th Anniversary CHOSIN Few Reunion. After the stand down she once again steamed eastward back to the Southern California operational areas for FLEETEX. Upon completion of FLEETEX, she moored in to San Diego on February 1st to participate in Force Protection Exercises. The next day CHOSIN and the CONSTELLATION Battle Group departed San Diego for JTFEX, the final training exercise for the battle group before deployment. Upon completion of JTFEX, CHOSIN steamed home to Pearl Harbor to make final preparations for deployment. On the 20th of February, CHOSIN moored at NAVMAG Lualualei for ammo onload and from February 21 to March 21 the crew enjoyed a well deserved POM stand down after a busy Interdeployment Training Cycle.

After numerous hours of training and preparation, deployment day has finally arrived. On March 22, 2001 the Mighty Wardragon and her crew departed Pearl Harbor and headed west on her WESTPAC/Arabian Gulf Deployment along with the CONSTELLATION Battle Group. CHOSIN's first port visit on this deployment was Melbourne, Australia. CHOSIN arrived on April 6th and stayed until the 10th. The crew enjoyed much of the Australian hospitality and culture. In return, CHOSIN hosted a reception on her flight deck for American and Australian dignitaries and general ship visits for the public. After transiting the Great Australian Bight, CHOSIN arrived in Fremantle, Australia on the 16th of April for a three day port visit before heading across the Indian Ocean and into the Arabian Gulf. During CHOSIN's visit to Australia, she hosted approximately 6000 visitors during general ship visits.

As CHOSIN headed across the Indian Ocean, she made a brief stop in the British Indian Ocean Territory Diego Garcia. Divers inspected and removed a hawser that parted off an Australian tugboat in Fremantle and had wrapped around the starboard shaft. Once the hawser was cleared, CHOSIN proceeded to the Arabian Gulf to participate in Operation Southern Watch and to enforce United Nations sanctions against Iraq. CHOSIN conducted operations in the Arabian Gulf from April 29 to August 6 with brief port visits in Manama, Bahrain and Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates. During the entire tour of duty in the Gulf, CHOSIN was the Air Defense Commander for the CONSTELLATION Battlegroup responsible for protecting and controlling the air space around the battlegroup. She was also the Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) Commander for the battlegroup. During the four months on station, the battlegroup's MIO forces combined for a total of 390 queries, 146 boardings and 28 divers. For the month of July alone, they prevented an estimated 25,000 metric tons of illegal oil from leaving the Gulf.

CHOSIN departed the Arabian Gulf on August 6th along with the rest of the CONSTELLATION Battlegroup. She headed west across the Indian Ocean to Phuket, Thailand for much needed rest and relaxation. CHOSIN anchored in Phuket Bay on August 11 and departed August 16. She then proceeded to Dili, East Timor to support the U.S. Support Group East Timor's mission to assist East Timor's continuing transition toward self-reliance. CHOSIN volunteers cleaned up, painted and refurbished Balide High School in Dili. Additionally, several sailors assisted U.S. Seabees from NMCB 5 in a civic action project at a halfway house for tuberculosis patients. On her last day, CHOSIN hosted ship tours and a steel beach picnic on the flight deck for several school children and for the corps of international volunteers working in East Timor. CHOSIN got underway August 22 enroute Darwin, Australia, for another visit to the great continent. She arrived on August 24 and departed August 30. After leaving Darwin, CHOSIN proceeded across the Southern Pacific towards Pago Pago, American Samoa. She arrived on September 7, took on fuel for the trip home and embarked family members

participating in the Tiger Cruise. On September 10, CHOSIN departed Pago Pago for the final leg of her trip halfway around the world and back to the Hawaiian Islands. CHOSIN and her crew finally arrived on September 14 to a bittersweet homecoming due to the events that happened on September 11. The festive celebration planned for CHOSIN's return was reduced to a simple meet, greet and leave occasion. Regardless, the crew was happy to return to Pearl Harbor after being away for six months.

Upon her return to Pearl Harbor, CHOSIN commenced a month long POM leave and stand down period. The crew returned on October 15 and CHOSIN proceeded to NAVMAG Lualualei to offload all ammunition. The rest of the month, the crew prepared CHOSIN for drydocking by defueling and dewatering most of her tanks. CHOSIN was relocated to Drydock 4 in Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and began an Extended Docking Selected Restricted Availability (EDSRA). On November 9, 2001, CAPT Peter R. Daspit was relieved of command of CHOSIN by CAPT Richard J. Nolan Jr. The change of command ceremony was held at Parche Memorial on the U.S. Naval Submarine Base Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On December 14, the crew had another opportunity to spend some more quality time with friends and loved ones with a month long Holiday upkeep and stand down.

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS CHOSIN (CG-65), homeported in Pearl Harbor, HI, was commanded by Captain Peter R. Daspit from 7 July 2000 until his relief on 9 November 2001 by Captain Richard J. Nolan. CAPT Nolan's last assignment was as the Director of the Command Training Department at Surface Warfare School Command in Newport, RI. CHOSIN's Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC) was Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group ONE (CCDG-1) until December 1, 2001 when CHOSIN was reassigned to Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group Five (CCDG-5).

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 |

2001 CHRONOLOGY

JANUARY

01-15 Holiday Stand down
22-31 FLEETEX – Southern California

FEBRUARY

01 Inport San Diego
02-11 JTFEX - Southern California
18-19 Inport Pearl Harbor
20 Onload NAVMAG Lualualei
21- March 21 POM

MARCH

22 WESTPAC/Arabian Gulf Deployment

APRIL

06-10 Port visit - Melbourne, Australia
16-19 Port visit – Fremantle, Australia
19-29 Indian Ocean enroute to Arabian Gulf
29-30 Arabian Gulf Ops

MAY

01-31 Arabian Gulf Ops

JUNE

01-30 Arabian Gulf Ops

JULY

01-31 Arabian Gulf Ops

AUGUST

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| 01-06 | Arabian Gulf Ops |
| 11-16 | Port Visit – Phuket, Thailand |
| 20-22 | Dili, East Timor |
| 24-30 | Darwin, Australia |

SEPTEMBER

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| 07-10 | Pago Pago, American Samoa |
| 14 | Return to Homeport |
| 15-30 | POM |

OCTOBER

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| 01-15 | POM |
| 15-16 | Ammo Offload, Lualualei |
| 17-31 | Upkeep/ Defueling |

NOVEMBER

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| 07 | Dry docking/ Begin EDSRA |
| 09 | Change of Command |

DECEMBER

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| 01-31 | EDSRA |
| 14-31 | Holiday Stand down |
| 15-31 | Holiday Upkeep |

PRESS RELEASES



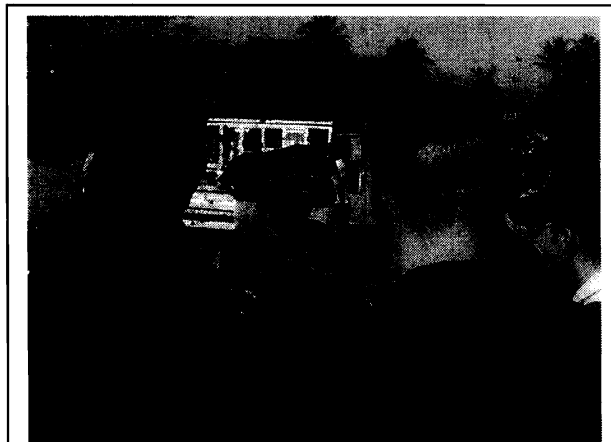
USS CHOSIN LENDS A HAND IN EAST TIMOR

LTJG Mark Aragon, CHOSIN Public Affairs

Dili, East Timor – On August 22, 2001, sailors aboard the United States warship USS CHOSIN (CG-65) arrived in Dili, East Timor to assist the United States Support Group East Timor (USGET) with humanitarian and civic action assistance projects. The sailors worked to clean up, paint and refurbish Balide High School in Dili. Balide High School is one of ninety other high schools in the East Timor district with an attendance of approximately 1000 students.

The project is the latest of USGET's efforts designed to further U.S. community relations and to improve social conditions and the quality of life for the people of East Timor. Approximately 50 CHOSIN sailors boarded a landing craft that also offloaded supplies and material from CHOSIN to the beach.

As the sailors arrived at the boat landing, COL Charles Cooke USMC, Commanding Officer U.S. Support Group East Timor eagerly greeted them and thanked them for their support. When asked about what he thought about CHOSIN's support for the people of East Timor, OS3 Paul Chase from Fort Lauderdale, FL said, "These people are trying to rebuild their lives, I am really looking forward to helping out." After a short safety brief, the group boarded the buses and proceeded on to the Balide High School project site. Upon arrival, the Wardragons unloaded supplies and material then



COL Charles Cooke, USMC Commanding Officer US Support Group East Timor, greets volunteers from the USS CHOSIN at the boat landing.

promptly commenced work on painting the school buildings. OSSN Adam Peterson from Nashville, TN remarked, "The buildings look really run down and they are going to require a lot of work." However, at the end of the day, two of the buildings were painted inside and out and installation of the insect screens and security wiring was started. A new group of CHOSIN volunteers will return to the project site the next day to continue work.



HTFN Douglas Coons and QMSN James Montgomery get busy painting one of the two buildings being worked on at the Balide High School in Dili, East Timor.

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CHOSIN SAILORS VOLUNTEER SKILLS TO HUMANITARIAN PROJECT IN EAST TIMOR

LTJG Mark Aragon, USS CHOSIN Public Affairs

August 23, 2001 - Three sailors from the United States warship USS CHOSIN (CG-65) use their skills in carpentry and masonry to assist in a United States Support Group East Timor's (USGET) humanitarian and civic action project at the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation. The Ryder-Cheshire Foundation was originally a halfway house for tuberculosis patients and a home for the elderly. Presently, in addition to tuberculosis patients, most of their residents are those who require repeat treatments and physical therapy that cannot be accommodated in Dili Hospital due to the lack of facilities. The staff is composed of ten East Timorese and five Australian volunteers.

LT Deke Egger, OSC (SW) Kurt Cutkelvin and OSSN Adam Stacey along with Australian volunteers from the Force Logistics Squadron and the U.S. Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5 from Fort Hueneme, CA constructed a concrete kitchen extension



LT Deke Egger, OSSN Adam Stacey and OSC (SW) Kurt Cutkelvin use their carpentry and masonry skills to assist in building a concrete extension with an awning at the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation, Dili, East Timor.

with an awning where residents wash dishes and do their laundry. "This is such a wonderful gift to the residents because prior to the concrete floor, they did their dishes and laundry on the dirt which eventually turned to mud", remarked Ann Mills, an Australian staff volunteer. In addition to the extension, the international crew of volunteers used the excess cement to construct concrete platforms for the water tank and water pump, as well as build an access ramp to the recreation room in order for residents in wheelchairs to have easy access to it. The three CHOSIN volunteers will work on the project for the duration of the port visit.



Australian volunteers from Force Logistics Squadron, Seabees from NMCB 5 and CHOSIN volunteers hard at work at the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation project site.

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USS CHOSIN (CG-65) RETURNS HOME FROM DEPLOYMENT

LTJG Mark Aragon, CHOSIN Public Affairs

SEP 14, 2001 – The guided missile cruiser USS CHOSIN (CG-65) returned to Pearl Harbor after a long journey halfway across the world to the Western Pacific and the Arabian Gulf.

The mighty "Wardragon" and her crew departed Pearl Harbor on March 22, 2001 joining the Constellation Battlegroup on their way to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch and enforcing United Nations sanctions against Iraq. CHOSIN was the Air Defense Commander for the battlegroup as well as Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) Commander. As Air Defense Commander, CHOSIN was in charge of protecting and controlling the air space around the battlegroup. Additionally, during the four months on station, the Constellation Battlegroup's MIO forces combined for a total of 390 queries, 146 boardings and 28 divers. For the month of July alone, MIO forces prevented an estimated 25,000 metric tons of illegal oil from leaving the Gulf.

After departing the Arabian Gulf, CHOSIN participated in humanitarian and civic assistance projects in East Timor. Volunteer sailors painted and refurbished a local high school and did masonry and carpentry work at a halfway house for tuberculosis patients. CHOSIN also hosted ship tours and a steel beach picnic on her flight deck for several local school children and for the corps of international volunteers working in East Timor.

CHOSIN traveled over 44,000 miles and hosted over 6000 visitors during general ship visits. The crew of the "Wardragon" visited nine ports during this deployment including Australia, Thailand, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and American Samoa. The USS CHOSIN (CG-65) is commanded by CAPT Peter R. Daspit.