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Encl: (1) Chronology of Major Operations, January-December 1984

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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CHRONOLOGY OF OPERATIONS, USS CLEVELAND 1984

27 DEC 83 - 02 JAN 84 Moored to a buoy, Hong Kong harbor.

03 JAN Underway for Sasebo, Japan.

05 - 11 JAN Participated in Exercise VALIANT USHER '84, an amphibious exercise off the coast of Pohang, Korea. USS CLEVELAND and the Amphibious Ready Group of Amphibious Squadron Seven practiced amphibious landings during cold weather conditions. ARG ONE of PHIBRON SEVEN included USS PELELIU (LHA-5), USS FORT FISHER (LSD-40), and USS SAN BERNARDINO (LST 1189).

12 JAN Arrived Sasebo, Japan for upkeep.

23 JAN Underway for Pusan, Korea.

24 - 25 JAN Inport Pusan, Korea for two days liberty

26 JAN Left Pusan, pulled into Pohang, Korea, to backload Marines.

27 JAN Backload completed. Underway for Subic Bay, RP.

01 FEB Arrived Subic Bay, RP. Moored at Cubi PT, Boton Pier.

05 FEB Underway for Guam

10 FEB Inport Guam

11 FEB Underway for Pearl Harbor, HI

12 - 17 FEB Conducted Maintenance and Material Training (MTT) PHASE II while underway, in preparation for the upcoming Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE)

15 FEB Inchopt THIRDFLT. Enter total High Frequency communications environment.

Enclosure (1)

21 -28 FEB Arrived Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Offloaded Marines of Foxtrot Company and Bravo Battery of Battalion Landing Team 2/3. COMNAVSURFPAC visited ship.

26 FEB Embarked Tigers, invited guests of crewmen, for the transit to San Diego, CA.

26 FEB Conducted Amphibious Training Readiness Evaluation, where the ship's readiness for amphibious training was briefly evaluated.

28 FEB Underway for San Diego, CA. While enroute, ship conducted Operational Propulsion Plant Readiness Examination (OPPRE).

06 MAR Returned to San Diego from deployment.

9 - 11 APR Ship got underway for two days of training in preparation for Amphibious Refresher Training (AMPHIBREFTRA).

16 - 20 APR Underway for Amphibious Refresher Training (AMPHIBREFTRA). The ship conducted well deck and boat deck operations, launching various types of landing craft while being evaluated by PHIBREFTRA Observers.

20 APR USS CLEVELAND experienced a casualty in the hydraulic system controlling the opening and closing of the stern gate while at anchor off Silver Strand beach, Coronado, CA. While manning up the Sea and Anchor Detail in preparations for getting underway, high winds and large swells resulted in the breaking of the starboard stern gate arm. The ship proceeded into port, mooring starboard side to Pier 5 at 1400. At this time the prospective Executive Officer, LCDR Jeffrey Day, arrived onboard.

25 APR LCDR Jeffrey Day, prospective Executive Officer, was frocked to rank of Commander by CAPT B. E. Bacon, Commanding Officer.

25 APR Underway for MOGAS and ammunition offload. Underway 0800, moored La Playa Pier 0918 and commenced pumping of MOGAS. Underway at 1700 for Seal Beach, CA for ammunition offload.

26 APR Moored Seal Beach, CA at 0815. Commenced ammunition offload.

27 APR Returned to San Diego, CA for PRAV following successful completion of ammo offload.

22 MAY Commander, Amphibious Group Eastern Pacific visited the ship.

01 JUN - 06 AUG Ship was in a Pierside Restricted Availability (PRAV), during which repairs and renovation were effected shipwide. The stern gate was removed, repaired, and reinstalled, various spaces had deckwork renovation. Renovation was also performed on the ship's engines and boiler fronts. Major space habitability renovation began. The following are major items of interest: Installed new dryers and 3 new presses in the ship's laundry. Installed automatic deep fat fryer extinguishing system (range guard) in flag galley, bake shop, EDF galley and CPO galley. Resurfaced the flight deck. Overhauled the pumps and motors in anchor windlass. Painted ship's sides, catwalks, weather decks and main mast. Flame sprayed well deck overhead and resurfaced well deck. Overhauled all CHT tanks. Installed new bake shop ovens, new deep fat fryers in EDF Galley and CPO mess, and new vegetable peeler in vegetable preparation room and two new steam pressure ovens in the EDF Galley. Prepared, painted and overhauled all magazines, plats, and special weapons stowage spaces.

01 AUG Conducted a fast cruise, for the purpose of training new watchstanders and reestablishing communications and readiness check-off procedures.

03 AUG Conducted a second fast cruise to test main equipments for seaworthiness.

07 - 09 AUG Underway in Southern California Operating Area (SOCAL OPAREA) for Training and Readiness Evaluation (TRE) in preparation for interim Refresher Training.

3 SEP Stern Gate reinstalled.

4 - 7 SEP Underway for training in preparation for Amphibious Refresher Training (REFTRA).

8 - 16 SEP Inport San Diego. Commenced renovation of second set of crew heads.

24 - 28 SEP Underway SOCAL for Refresher Training, Week ONE.

26 SEP Ship experienced collision with USS SHASTA (AE 33) while conducting Underway Replenishment operations. Port side was damaged, with small punctures in hull well above the water line, and approximately 20 feet of the starboard catwalk damaged beyond repair. The ship was judged capable of continuing operations following an inspection by the Commanding Officer, Fleet Training Group.

29 - 30 SEP Inport San Diego. Shipyard workers sanded, primed, painted and patched hull damage, removed damaged portions of port catwalk, in preparation for future repairs.

01 - 05 OCT Underway SOCAL for Refresher Training, Week TWO. Ship passed REFTRA with a grade of SATISFACTORY in all areas except Major Conflagration.

06 - 15 OCT Inport San Diego.

16 OCT Commence MTT Phase II.

17 OCT Underway SOCAL for at-sea portion of MTT Phase II.

30 OCT Underway for Seal Beach.

31 OCT Moored to NWS SEAL BEACH to onload ammo. Onloading and downloading continued throughout the day.

2 NOV Onloading complete. Underway for San Diego. Ship conducted welldock operations while underway. Moored by the early afternoon.

22 NOV Discovered malfunction in jacking gear. Suspected sabotage to port main engine reduction gear. NIS Investigation initiated.

23 NOV - 31 DEC Remained pierside San Diego while repairs to the port main engine reduction gears were in progress. Prepared, painted and renovated all 38 Marine Troop spaces. Overhauled three pallet conveyors. Overhauled the pumps and motors associated with the B and A crane. Established a fully functional sail locker.