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1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (20) are submitted.

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CROMMELIN COMMAND HISTORY

COMMAND COMPOSITION and ORGANIZATION

a. MISSION: The USS CROMMELIN'S mission is to provide air, surface, and undersea protection for underway replenishment groups, convoys, amphibious forces, and other military and merchant shipping. In recent years, many ships of the FFG-7 class (including the USS CROMMELIN) have been specifically tasked with providing escort and monitor services to U.S. and Allied-flagged merchant shipping in the Arabian Gulf.

b. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

1. Immediate senior command: Commander, Destroyer Squadron Three One
2. Units under operational/administrative control: NONE.

c. NAME OF COMMANDER: Andrew G. Sevald, Commander, U.S. Navy.

d. PERMANENT DUTY STATION: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

e. TYPE AND NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED: During Fleet Exercise 95-1B (02-24 February) in which the USS CROMMELIN participated as the opposition force, one SH-60B ("Easy Rider 50") was embarked. Easy Rider 50 is from HSL-37 Detachment One stationed at Barbers Point, Hawaii.

CHRONOLOGY

January 1995

- 06 - Executive Officer Turnover (LCDR David C. Wilson relieved by LCDR Robert L. Long)
- 09 - Intermediate Maintenance Availability (520).
- 09-24 - Combat Systems C4I Alterations.
- 20 - Visit by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff: General Shalikashvili.
- Visit by Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet: Admiral Zlatoper.
- Visit by Commander, Naval Surface Force, Middle Pacific: Rear Admiral Holder
- 23-31 - Intermediate Engineering Readiness Assessment
- 31 - Underway for ammunitions on-load.

February 1995

- 02 - Ammunitions on-load / Easy Rider 50 Fly-on (Light Airborne Multi-Purpose Helicopter from HSL-37, Detachment 3 Barbers Point, Hawaii).
- 02-09 - Underway (Transit to Eastern Pacific).
- 09-13 - Inport San Francisco.
- 13-17 - Fleet Exercise 95-1B. USS CROMMELIN serves as the opposition force for the LINCOLN Carrier Battle Group and the New Orleans Amphibious Readiness Group in their preparations to deploy.
- Marine Expeditionary Force Exercise 95-2. USS CROMMELIN serves as the opposition force for Commodore Greene's "Little Beavers" of Destroyer Squadron Two Three in their preparations to deploy.
- 18-24 - Enroute Pearl Harbor.
- 24 - Easy Rider 50 Fly-off/ Inport Pearl Harbor.

March 1995

- 01 - Inport Pearl Harbor.
- 06 - Commence Docking Selected Restricted Availability-5 / Commence "Schools of the Ship" USS CROMMELIN utilizes barge & ashore classrooms for Divisional Training while the ship undergoes major repairs.

April 1995

- 04 - Enter Drydock / Commence Selective Restricted Availability Phase II.
- 08 - Annual Easter Potluck Picnic.
- 28 - Commenced Hurricane Exercise 1995.

May 1995

- 05 - Concluded Hurricane Exercise 1995.
- 22 - Undock.
- 26 - Change-of-Command Ceremony (CDR Richard W. Hunt relieved by CDR Andrew G. Sevald).

June 1995

- 07-08 - Light Off Assessment for the engineering plant.
- 14-15 - Continue Light Off Assessment.

July 1995

- 03, 05-07 - LATR (3M/Logistics Management Assessment).
 - SRTT.
- 05 - Dock Trials.
- 06 - Sea Trials.
- 06-07 - AADIC.
 - Aviation Readiness Evaluation.
- 10-17 - Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (Phase II).
- 13-17 - Underway for Degaussing Range and Navigation Series Test

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- 24-27 - Tailored Ship's Training Availability (Phase I) (Inport).
- 26 - Dental Readiness Examination
- 28-31 - Friends and Family Cruise to Kona, Hawaii.

August 1995

- 01-03 - Tailored Ship's Training Availability (Phase I) (Inport).
- 03-04 - Tailored Ship's Training Availability (Phase I) (Underway).
- 07-11 - Tailored Ship's Training Availability (Phase I) (Underway).
- 14-18 - Tailored Ship's Training Availability (Phase I) (Underway).
- 14-18 - Carl Vinson Task Group's Surface Warfare Commanders Conference (San Diego, CA).
- 15-16 - Prospective-Commanding Officer Submarine Service/Hollywood Operations. USS CROMMELIN acts as opposition force for a submarine's Prospective Commanding Officer. Overall objective of the exercise was to provide submarine prospective commanding officers an opportunity to exercise tactical training through engagement of surface and air Undersea Warfare forces in a freeplay firing exercise.
- 21-25 - Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification Training (Inport).
- 28-29 - Tailored Ship's Training Availability (Phase II) (Inport).
- 30-31 - Tailored Ship's Training Availability (Phase II) (Underway).

September 1995

- 01 - Parade of Ships. USS CROMMELIN participates in Honolulu's parade of numerous United States and Allied warships in commemoration of the end of World War II. President Bill Clinton onboard the USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) presides over the parade.
- 01-04 - Honolulu Visit Ship. USS CROMMELIN is the only warship to moor pierside at the world-famous Aloha Tower Marketplace in Honolulu. USS CROMMELIN was open for tours to hundreds of tourists and locals.
- 05-08 - Tailored Ship's Training Availability (Phase II) (Underway).
- 11-14 - Tailored Ship's Training Availability (Phase II) (Underway).
- 18-22 - Carl Vinson Task Group Air Warfare Commanders Conference. (San Diego, CA).
- 19-22 - Intermediate Engineering Readiness Assessment (Underway).
- 22 - Medical Readiness Examination.
- 25-29 - Underway for Independent Steaming Exercises.

October 1995

- 04-22 - Inport Upkeep.
- 23-27 - Underway to make preparations for the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination and Tailored Ship's Training Availability (Phase III).
- 30 - Tailored Ship's Training Availability (Phase III) (Underway). Phase III is the Final Evaluation Phase.

November 1995

- 03 - Concluded Tailored Ship's Training Availability (Phase III) (Underway).
- 06-10 - Logistics Management Assessment (Inport).
- 17-22 - Underway for Operational Propulsion Plant Examination preparations.
- 22-30 - Inport.

- 28-30 - Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification.
- 30 - Underway for Operational Propulsion Plant Examination preparations.

December 1995

- 04-06 - Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.
- 11-22 - SIS Calibrations.
- 21-03 January - First Holiday Leave Period.

NARRATIVE

1995 was a very eventful year. It included extensive maintenance and workups for CROMMELIN's deployment in May 1996 as a part of the CARL VINSON Carrier Battle Group, as well as a myriad of inspections and certifications in preparation for deployment.

The first half of 1995 included visits by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Shalikashvili and Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Admiral Zlatoper. CROMMELIN provided vital opposition forces during ABRAHAM LINCOLN Carrier Battle Group and Destroyer Squadron 23 pre-deployment work-ups in the Southern California Operating Areas.

CROMMELIN entered a two month major maintenance availability in March and finally emerged with a successful Light Off Assessment in June. There was a lot of hard work put in by the crew to ensure CROMMELIN came out of the yards as soon as possible, and she finally got underway for sea trials on 6 Jul 95.

A whirlwind training and inspection cycle then ensued. The Tactical Training Strategy was completed from Command Assessment of Readiness and Training to the Final Evaluation Period from 10 Jul - 03 Nov.

During this period CROMMELIN participated in Prospective Commanding Officers Submarine Service (PCOSS) Hollywood Operations. CROMMELIN matched wits with the best officers in the U.S. Submarine Service in live firing exercises - and won virtually every time. The Underwater Combat Systems Suite performed flawlessly, as did every member of the sonar crew. Certainly the high point of 1995.