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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (40) comprise the 2000 calendar year history of USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54).

D. P. ROANE, JR.

USS CURTIS WILBUR COMMAND HISTORY 2000

COMMAND ORGANIZATION

1. Immediate Superior in Command:

Commander, Destroyer Squadron FIFTEEN

01 January – 31 December

CAPT J. W. Stevenson, Jr.

2. Commanding Officer, USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54)

01 January – 19 September

CDR E. J. Quinn

19 September – 31 December

CDR D. P. Roane, Jr.

3. Executive Officer

01 January – 14 January

LCDR C. F. Williams

14 January – 31 December

LCDR J. T. Griffin

4. Command Master Chief

01 January – 31 December

CMDMC(SW/FMF) J. R. Campa

DAILY CHRONOLOGY 2000

01JAN00-09JAN00 **IPT** HOLIDAY LV/UPKEEP YOKOSUKA, JA 10JAN00-11JAN00 **IPT** ATRCD USW TRAINING, YOKOSUKA, JA 11JAN00 **IPT FAST CRUISE** 12JAN00 ANC AMMO ONLOAD YOKOSUKA, JA 13JAN00-14JAN00 **IPT SHAREM TRAINING** U/W ENR CHINHAE, ROK W/FFG48, EAST CHINA 15JAN00-16JAN00 17JAN00-19JAN00 **IPT** NSFS TRAINING CHINHAE, ROK U/W **SHAREM 132, YELLOW SEA** 20JAN-28JAN **IPT** HOT WASH-UP CHINHAE, ROK 29JAN00 U/W 30JAN00 ENR OKINAWA, JA **IPT** COMDESRON 15 EMBARKS, OKINAWA, JA 31JAN00 U/W 01FEB00 PHILIPPINE SEA U/W MISSILEX 00-1, OKINAWA OPAREA 02FEB00 03FEB00 **IPT** COMDESRON 15 DISEMBARKS, OKINAWA, JA U/W 04FEB00-07FEB00 **ENR SAIPAN IPT** 08FEB-13FEB SAIPAN, CNMI 14FEB00-18FEB00 U/W ENR FARALLON DE MEDINILLA, LTT-E U/W 15FEB NSFS FIREX I QUALIFICATION, FARALLON DE MEDINILLA U/W 16FEB00-18FEB00 ENR YOKOSUKA, JA 19FEB00-29FEB00 **IPT** UPK YOKOSUKA, JA 01MAR00-03MAR00 U/W ENR POHANG, ROK **IPT** POHANG, ROK 04MAR00-05MAR00 06MAR00-08MAR00 U/W CSOFEX 00-1 09MAR00 **IPT** HOT WASH-UP POHANG 09MAR00-10MAR00 **IPT COMDESRON 15 EMBARKS** U/W ENR YOKOSUKA, JA 10MAR00 U/W TRANSIT SHIMONOSEKI STRAIT 11MAR00-12MAR00 **IPT** UPK YOKOSUKA, JA 13MAR00-21MAR00 ANC AMMO OFFLOAD, YOKOSUKA, JA 22MAR00 23MAR00-26MAR00 **IPT** UPK YOKOSUKA, JA FUEL OFFLOAD, YOKOSUKA, JA **IPT** 27MAR00 **IPT** DSRA, YOKOSUKA, JA 28MAR00-31MAY00 **IPT SEMI-ANNUAL PRT** 25APR00-28APR00 11MAY00 **IPT** UNDOCKING CONFERENCE 01JUN00 U/W SEA TRIALS PHILIPPINE SEA 02JUN00-04JUN00 **IPT** UPK YOKOSUKA, JA 05JUN00-06JUN00 **IPT** AMMO ONLOAD, YOKOSUKA, JA 07JUN00 U/W PHILIPPINE SEA, SESEF RANGE AND TACAN CERT **IPT** UPK YOKOSUKA, JA 08JUN00-19JUN00 09JUN00-12JUN00 **IPT COMDESRON 15 EMBARKS** U/W UNDERWAY TRAINING, PHILIPPINE SEA 20JUN00-22JUN00 **IPT** YOKOSUKA, JA 23JUN00-25JUN00 U/W ENR HONG KONG, MIDSHIPMAN CRUISE 26JUN00-30JUN00 **HONG KONG** 01JUL00-05JUL00 ANC U/W ENR YOKOSUKA, JA 06JUL00 U/W TYPHOON KAL-TEK AVOIDANCE 07JUL00-10JUL00 U/W TRANSIT SAN BERNADINO STRAIGHT 08JUL00 11JUL00-13JUL00 **IPT** UPK YOKOSUKA, JA 14JUL00 **IPT** LTT-E, YOKOSUKA, JA U/W PHILIPPINE SEA 15JUL00 16JUL00-19JUL00 **IPT** UPK & LTT-E, YOKOSUKA, JA

20JUL00-21JUL00 U/W CART II

22JUL00-23JUL00 IPT UPK YOKOSUKA, JA

24JUL00-25JUL00 U/W CART II/ PATRAMID III PHILIPPINE SEA 26JUL00 IPT CART II OUTBRIEF YOKOSUKA, JA

27JUL00-29JUL00 U/W ENR OKINAWA

30JUL00-31JUL00 IPT BSF & PRESAIL CONFERENCE (SHAREM 134) OKINAWA

01AUG00-09AUG00 U/W SHAREM 134/TORPEDO FIRING EX WITH JMSDF

10AUG00 IPT HOT WASH-UP, OKINAWA

11AUG00-12AUG00 U/W LTT-C/D/E PHILIPPINE SEA, PCO (CDR ROANE) EMBARKS

13AUG00-27AUG00 IPT UPK YOKOSUKA, JA

16AUG00 IPT PATRAMID III ENDS, DISEMBARK MIDN

17AUG00-29AUG00 IPT UPK YOKOSUKA, JA 30AUG00-03SEP00 IPT TSTA I, YOKOSUKA, JA 04SEP00-18SEP00 IPT UPK YOKOSUKA, JA

11SEP00 IPT PCO ARRIVES

19SEP00 IPT CDR E.J. QUINN RELIEVED BY CDR D.P. ROANE, JR,

YOKOSUKA, JA

19SEP00-25SEP00 IPT YOKOSUKA, JA

26SEP00-01OCT00 IPT COMDESRON 15 EMBARKS

27SEP00-29SEP00 IPT SEMI-ANNUAL PRT 02OCT00-06OCT00 U/W LTT PHILIPPINE SEA

04OCT00 U/W COMDESRON 15/6TH CAB VISIT

07OCT00-09OCT00 IPT YOKOSUKA, JA

10OCT00-13OCT00 U/W TSTA II, PHILIPPINE SEA

14OCT00-16OCT00 IPT YOKOSUKA, JA 17OCT00-23OCT00 U/W PHILIPPINE SEA

24OCT00-28OCT00 U/W FOAL EAGLE 2000 WITH ROKN

29OCT00-02NOV00 U/W YELLOW SEA 02NOV00 ANC FUKUOKA, JA

03NOV00 U/W TYPHOON SORTIE FROM FUKUOKA 04NOV00 IPT BSF/BSP SASEBO, JA/ENR YOKOSUKA, JA

05NOV00-27NOV00 IPT YOKOSUKA, JA

28NOV00-01DEC00 U/W UNDERWAY DEMONSTRATION (U/D),

PHILIPPINE SEA

02DEC00-03DEC00 IPT YOKOSUKA, JA

04DEC00-07DEC00 U/W TSTA III/FEP, PHILIPPINE SEA

08DEC00-14DEC00 IPT UPK, YOKOSUKA, JA

15DEC00 IPT INSURV

16DEC00-31DEC00 IPT HOLIDAY UPK, YOKOSUKA, JA

NARRATIVE HISTORY 2000

USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54) began 2000 in a holiday leave and upkeep period. The first underway of the year began on 20 January when CURTIS WILBUR got underway, en route Chinhae, R.O.K., to participate in SHAREM 132. SHAREM, a bilateral exercise conducted in the Sea of Japan with Republic of Korea surface ships and diesel submarines, tested anti-submarine warfare search tactics and sensor performance. After a Hot Wash-Up conference in Chinhae, R.O.K., CURTIS WILBUR returned to Okinawa, Japan on 28 January for pre-deployment conferences and training.

On 01 February, CURTIS WILBUR got underway for Missile Firing Exercise 00-1 in the Philippine Sea. Captain Stevenson, Commander, Destroyer Squadron Fifteen, embarked to observe CURTIS WILBUR as the Air Warfare Commander and range safety officer. The successful completion of these two exercises was celebrated during a five-day port visit to Saipan. From Saipan, CURTIS WILBUR completed the Naval Surface Fire Support Firing Exercise I Qualification (NSFS FIREX I), at the Farallon de Medinilla range before returning to Yokosuka. CURTIS WILBUR scored a 98 percent.

CURTIS WILBUR got underway from Yokosuka on 01 March to participate in Counter Special Operations Forces Exercise (CSOFEX) 00-1. During CSOFEX, CURTIS WILBUR served as Maritime Air Support Operations Center (MASOC), maintaining continuous data link connectivity to achieve and maintain battlespace dominance. The culmination of CURTIS WILBUR's Air Warfare efforts was the highly-successful completion of the first-ever, over-water, live-firing of Hellfire missiles by United States Sixth Cavalry Apache helicopters against a remotely-controlled surface target. After a hot wash-up in Pohang, Korea, COMDESRON FIFTEEN embarked and returned with CURTIS WILBUR to Yokosuka.

On 28 March, CURTIS WILBUR commenced DSRA, marking the first ever dry-docking of an AEGIS guided missile destroyer in Yokosuka, Japan. DSRA was completed on 31 May.

CURTIS WILBUR got underway on 01 June for sea trials in the Philippine Sea, then returned to Yokosuka to embark midshipmen for a cruise to Hong Kong. CURTIS WILBUR returned to Yokosuka for upkeep and LTT-E in preparation for a new training cycle. CART II, evaluated by COMAFLOATRAGRU WESTPAC, began on 20 July.

On 01 August, CURTIS WILBUR participated in SHAREM 134 and a torpedo firing exercise with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF). After a hot wash-up in Okinawa, CURTIS WILBUR returned to Yokosuka with the perspective commanding officer, CDR Roane.

On 19 September CDR D.P. Roane, Jr. relieved CDR E.J. Quinn in a ceremony held onboard CURTIS WILBUR in Yokosuka. CURTIS WILBUR conducted the semi-annual PRT from 27 September to 29 September.

CDR Roane spent two weeks inport before taking CURTIS WILBUR for his first underway as commanding officer on 02 October, in preparation for TSTA II. TSTA II began on 10 October and concluded on 13 October. CURTIS WILBUR returned to Yokosuka for the weekend before heading back out to the Philippine Sea. On 24 October, CURTIS WILBUR got underway for Exercise FOAL EAGLE 2000. FOAL EAGLE, a bilateral, joint exercise with the Republic of Korea, involved multiple warfare areas: air, land and sea.

Upon completion of FOAL EAGLE, CURTIS WILBUR anchored in Fukuoka, Japan for a three-day port visit. On 03 November, a typhoon was heading towards the anchorage area forcing the ship to get underway after only one day in port. This caused CURTIS WILBUR to conduct an emergency sortie. CURTIS WILBUR evaded the typhoon and joined the KITTY HAWK Battle Group off the coast of Korea for two days before heading to Sasebo, Japan to pick up several CURTIS WILBUR sailors left behind in Fukuoka.

CURTIS WILBUR arrived in Yokosuka, Japan on 05 November. During this time, CURTIS WILBUR conducted Supply Management Inspection (SMI). On 28 November, CURTIS WILBUR got underway for Underway Demonstration, an engineering qualification period, in which CURTIS WILBUR earned it's seventh straight red "E." CURTIS WILBUR returned to Yokosuka for the weekend. On 04 December, CURTIS WILBUR got underway for TSTA III and Final Evaluation Period (FEP). FEP consisted of a three-day extended battle scenario.

CURTIS WILBUR wrapped up the year 2000 and the training cycle with a holiday leave and upkeep period starting after a one-day INSURV evaluation on 15 December.

COMMAND AWARDS

Maritime Warfare Excellence (5th consecutive)

Engineering/Survivability (7th consecutive)

Logistics Management (4th consecutive)

Pacific Fleet Fuel Conservation Incentive Award

TYCOM Surface Ship Safety Award

CNO Surface Ship Safety Award

Command Retention (2nd consecutive)

Wellness Green "H"

Junior Officer Shiphandling Award (LTJG