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USS DENVER (LPD 9)

COMMAND HISTORY

1981

The new year began with DENVER being nominated by COMNAVSURFPAC to receive the Interim Manual Voice Switching System (IMVSS). This system consists of the TSEC/KY-75 and ancillary equipments. The KY-75 is primarily designed to encrypt USB voice transmissions in the high frequency range and when combined with the fleet secure voice system already installed, replaces the cumbersome steam valve system (KG 13).

In the area of engineering, DENVER successfully completed MTT during the month of January.

In February, installation of the IMVSS commenced with the assistance of NAVELEXSYSENGCEN Vallejo.

Underway in SOCAL, DENVER successfully completed the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE). Upon returning to home port, DENVER commenced preparation for Refresher Training and for the 3-M inspection.

DENVER's streak of successful training exercises continued in March as all work center received a grade of at least "good" in all areas of Refresher Training.

On March 17th Capt. Vincent E. Cooke was relieved by Capt. Robert W. Peacher as Commanding Officer of USS DENVER.

The ship commenced Amphibious Refresher Training with the Combat Information Center recording an overall score of "excellent" while training three different watch sections. DENVER's Helo Transit controller satisfactorily controlled helicopters from ship to landing zones during this exercise.

In April an INSURV inspection was held followed by a 3-M inspection.

During the latter part of April and early May, DENVER participated in the amphibious exercise "Kernal Usher" resulting in the overhaul of two deballasting compressors.

Preparation for deployment was the major project for the month of May.

On June 24th, DENVER commenced her Western Pacific deployment with stops to include: Pearl Harbor; Okinawa; Subic Bay, Mombasa; Diego Garcia; Learmouth, N.W. Cape; Perth, Sydney; Shoalwater Bay; and Hong Kong.

Upon arrival at Pearl Harbor in July, DENVER unloaded Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines. The Marines were an integral part of the ship's complement for the ensuing months of the deployment to include the amphibious exercises Bell Volcano (July), Valiant Usher (September) and Kangaroo '81 (October). Much of the successful completion of these amphibious exercises was attributed to the Operations department.

An SRF availability at Subic Bay was completed in August.

On August 29th, while in the Indian Ocean, DENVER crossed the equator at the 78th meridian and participated in crossing the line initiations.

While in transit in the Indian Ocean in September, the ship sustained casualties to main feed pumps, requiring the plant to steam with condensate and feed cross-connected. This was done successfully.

DENVER unloaded stores at Diego Garcia in September. For almost 12 continuous hours, a 140-hand working party loaded sodas and food stuffs.

DENVER participated in an Australian-sponsored, combined forces exercise, Kangaroo '81, during the period of 23-31 October. DENVER provided extensive communications support for embarked beach landing teams 2/3 as part of the AIF. In addition to normal U. S. broadcast requirements and CUDIX special termination, DENVER was also required to copy the Allied Blue Surface broadcast originated by Australian Naval Communications station at Darwin for real time receipt of exercise command and control messages. Approximately 150 messages were received daily from this source during the nine-day exercise. At H-hour, DENVER had 4 HF, 13 UHF AND 6 VHF circuits activated, ranging from a low power beach boat operations circuit to the U.S. High Command network.

While travelling from Hong Kong to Pearl Harbor during the period 30 November-15 December, heavy seas were experienced from 1-3 December. DENVER sustained damage to the motor whale boat davit; one 50-foot dual yoke whip antenna; and the loss of the H frame and lower platform of the port accommodation ladder. During the tropical storm, DENVER was called upon to transfer eight 55-gallon drums of lubricating oil to USS SCHENECTADY (LST 1185) to correct a casualty. This evolution was done via Manila highline under hazardous conditions and was carried out without incident.

Shortly after the highline evolution, DENVER was directed through the storm to participate in a Search and Rescue mission on the east coast of Luzon, Republic of the Philippines. DENVER, aided by a U.S. Air Force SAR aircraft, searched the area around the stricken South Korean vessel "Crystal Star" in search of survivors. DENVER recovered two air-dropped life boats and the body of one male Korean merchant sailor.

DENVER arrived at Pearl Harbor on December 15th and offloaded Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines.

Homeward bound December 16th, DENVER conducted its TIGER Cruise. The Tigers found things to do, like assisting in food service and general cleaning. Others enjoyed touring the ship and listening to fascinating stories by DENVER crewmembers. Many of the Tigers were just as excited as the crew in returning to San Diego.

On December 23rd DENVER ended her '81 Western Pacific deployment and reunited family and friends separated for the last six months.

The remainder of December was used for leave and upkeep.

The overall statistics of the '81 WESTPAC resulted in DENVER receiving Departmental Excellence Awards in Air, Amphibious Assault, Gunnery and Electronics Warfare.

The total cost of repairs and consumables during the deployment was \$1,043,857.41.