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for operational period 1 January - 31 December 1994

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COMMAND HISTORY
1 JANUARY -- 31 DECEMBER 1994

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

I. Mission of USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)

The CVN mission is to provide sea-based tactical air power to protect America's right to freedom of the seas as well as defense of United States sovereignty. In the actual realization of the "Forward ... From the Sea" doctrine, IKE is capable of projecting tactical air power over sea and land. In concert with her contiguous Battle Group, which would be tailor made and trained to meet any general or specific tasking, IKE is fully capable to accomplish the Navy part of a Joint-Service or Allied mission in one or more of the following six arenas:

- (a) Joint Littoral Warfare
- (b) Joint Strike
- (c) Joint Surveillance
- (d) Joint SEW/Intelligence
- (e) Strategic Deterrence
- (f) Strategic Sealift/Protection

Considerable overlap is provided in each mission area to cover multiple contingencies with economic deployment of available resources.

II. Background

Named after the 34th President of the United States, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) is the third nuclear-powered aircraft carrier ever built, and the second of the NIMITZ class. Originally named EISENHOWER on February 21, 1970, and classified as a CVAN (for attack), the ship was renamed DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER on May 25, 1970. After commissioning the ship was redesignated a multi-mission capable platform, and the attack identifier was dropped.

The keel of the ship, as Hull 599, was laid by Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company on August 15, 1970, and was authenticated by the late President's grandson, D. David Eisenhower II. Five years later, Mrs. Mamie Doud Eisenhower, widow of President Eisenhower and the ship's sponsor, christened her during launching ceremonies on October 11, 1975.

USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) was commissioned October 18, 1977, at Pier 12, Naval Station, Norfolk, VA.

III. Organization Structure

a. Immediate Senior in Command is Commander, EISENHOWER Battle Group.

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE, CONT.

b. The Operational Commander embarked is Commander, Eisenhower Battle Group, also known as Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group EIGHT. RADM Daniel J. Murphy Jr., USN, assumed the duties as CCDG-8 and COMIKEBATGRU from RADM H. W. Gehman, USN, in July 1994. RADM Murphy's biography is attached.

c. The Commanding Officer is CAPT A. M. Gemmill, USN, whose biography is attached. He assumed command 20 March 1993.

d. The Executive Officer is CAPT D. R. Roulstone, USN, whose biography is attached.

e. The Heads of Departments as of December 31, 1994, were:

AIMD	CDR	
Air	CDR	
Communications	LT	
Deck	LCDR	
Dental	CDR	, DC
Engineering	CDR	
Executive	LCDR	
Legal	LCDR	, JAGC
Marine Detachment	CAPT	, USMC
Medical	CAPT	David Yacavone, MC
Navigation	CDR	
Operations	CAPT	
QA/Ship's Maintenance	LCDR	
Reactor	CDR	
Religious Ministries	CAPT	Edward Erpelding, CHC
Safety	CDR	
Supply	CDR	, SC
Training	LT	
Weapons	CDR	

f. Squadrons embarked were those of Carrier Air Wing THREE and included:

VF 32	VFA 37	VFA 105	VA 75	VQ-6 DET "C"
VS 22	VAW 126	HS 7	VAQ-130	

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

1 January 1994 -- 31 December 1994

1 JAN	Inport, Norfolk, Va.
10 - 15 JAN	TSTA I Inport
18 JAN - 4 FEB	Underway Sea trials; JAXOA AND KWOA, Training Wing CQ,
8 - 16 FEB	TSTA II Inport and Underway
12 - 22 FEB	Underway, VACAPES
10 MAR	LT [REDACTED] reports on board; the Navy's first woman permanently assigned to a combatant
15 - 30 MAR	Underway, JAXOA, CEC Testing
24 - 28 MAR	Inport, Ft. Lauderdale
29 - 30 MAR	Tiger Cruise
18 - 22 APR	TSTA III/Combat Systems Assessment
19 - 29 APR	Underway, VACAPES; CSA, CEC, FEP
23 APR	CIWS PACFIRE
24 APR	CIWS TDU Shoot
28 APR	CIWS PACFIRE/TDU Shoot
19 MAY - 1 JUL	Underway, PROA; COMPTUEX/ITA, CEC/TMD Testing
26 MAY	NSSMS Missile-EX
1 - 4 JUN	Inport, Ponce, Puerto Rico
17 JUN - 1 JUL	Cooperative Engagement Capability Testing
20 JUN	CEC Missile-EX
30 JUN - 1 JUL	TMD Testing
18 JUL - 27 JUL	Underway, VACAPES, Training Wing CQ
8 - 9 AUG	CEC/TMD Testing
8 - 19 AUG	Underway, VACAPES
17 - 18 AUG	TMD-EX
8 - 12 SEP	Underway, VACAPES; JTF-EX 95-1
14 - 24 SEP	Underway, Operation Support/Uphold Democracy for Haiti with 10th Mountain Division, U.S. Army
20 OCT	Underway from Norfolk, VA; Six Month Deployment
30 OCT	Transit Strait of Gibraltar
5 NOV	Turnover with USS GEORGE WASHINGTON
6 NOV	Transit Suez Canal
12 NOV	Transit Strait of Hormuz, Commence Operations in the Arabian Gulf
15 NOV - 5 DEC	Operation Southern Watch, MIO Operations
20 - 22 NOV	Inport, Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates
6 DEC	Depart Arabian Gulf, Transit Strait of Hormuz
13 DEC	Transit Suez Canal, Commence Sixth Fleet Operations
15 - 31 DEC	Operations Deny Flight, Provide Promise, and Sharp Guard
21 - 27 DEC	Inport, Cannes, France

STATISTICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Public Affairs

UNDERWAY & INPORT VISITORS:

USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER hosted more visitors than any other aircraft carrier in the Navy in 1994. High interest issues such as the integration of women, the installation and testing of Cooperative Engagement Capability (CEC), the embarkation of the Army's 10th Mountain Division, and participation in Operation Uphold Democracy stimulated extraordinary public focus on IKE. Of the 1,600 underway embarks COMNAVAIRLANT coordinated for Atlantic Fleet Carriers, 900 were hosted by IKE. While inport, IKE hosted over 40,000 visitors - over half of the combined total of inport visits to all Atlantic Fleet Carriers.

Distinguished visitors included every member of IKE's operational and administrative chains of command, educators, business leaders, state and federal government officials, and world leaders from several nations -- including several members of the United States Congress and Senate, the Secretary of Defense, and the President of the United States.

OFFICIAL VISITS COORDINATED BY PUBLIC AFFAIRS INCLUDED:

11JAN94	Armed Forces Staff College, Advanced Course
12JAN94	Joint Aviation Commanders Group
14JAN94	RADM A. R. Clemens, Deputy CINCLANTFLT
17JAN94	Martin Luther King Day Open House: 477 visitors
19JAN94	U.S. Rep. Scott McInnis of Colorado
27JAN94	Mr. Gregory Schulte, Nuclear Planning, NATO Staff
04FEB94	ADM Francois Deramond, French Atlantic Command
06FEB94	Johns Hopkins University, Adv Military Studies
07FEB94	ADM Henry M. Mauz, Jr. CINCLANTFLT
09FEB94	120 Principals of Tidewater area public schools
11FEB94	Dr. Patricia Hanen, Special Asst. to ASN (MR&A)
15FEB94	VADM William J. Flanagan Jr., COMSECONDFLT
17FEB94	Joey Nevseta, Make-A-Wish Foundation
18FEB94	Naval War and Command College Students
19FEB94	U.S. Rep. George Darden of Georgia
24FEB94	Ambassador Juan Cassiers of Belgium
02MAR94	Philadelphia Public School Teachers
03MAR94	Ms. Sherri Goodman, Deputy UNDERSECDEF
03MAR94	Ms. Cheryl Kandaras, Deputy ASN (I&E)
18MAR94	Miami University of Ohio, International Studies
19MAR94	Indiana Community Leaders
20MAR94	15 Flag and General Officers of Capstone
25MAR94	Broward County Navy Days reception for 500 guests
26-27MAR94	Ft Lauderdale Open House: 13,297 visitors
28-30MAR94	Tiger Cruise for 500 guests of the crew

05APR94	56 Teachers of Ala., Miss. and West Fla.
07APR94	Pakistani Joint Service Staff College students
13APR94	ADM Leite Arnaldo, Chairman JCS, Brazil
14APR94	Armed Forces Staff College, Electronic Warfare
16APR94	Military Ministries Advanced Council
21APR94	VADM Nico W. G. Buis, CINC Royal Netherlands Navy
22APR94	U.S. Rep. Robert Dornan of California
23APR94	Harvard Center for Advanced International Studies
24APR94	U.S. Rep. Romano Mazzoli of Kentucky
24APR94	U.S. Rep. Bill Barrett of Nebraska
25APR94	Mrs. Margaret Dalton and 15 Congressional spouses
26APR94	MGEN Richard E. Davis, USA, JCS Staff
05MAY94	18 Members of the Mitre Board of Trustees
07MAY94	50 attendees, Fleet Air Service Squadron Reunion
07MAY94	Rector of Heidelberg Germany University and party
10MAY94	Armed Forces Staff College, Advanced Course
11MAY94	Commodore Boerth, Australian Chaplain Corps
12MAY94	130 students of Virginia Beach Public Schools
17MAY94	Naval Aviation Supply Office Foreign Officers
18MAY94	14 National Defense University Fellows
18MAY94	BGEN Lange, Danish Army
18MAY94	Russian & Ukranian Defense Nuclear Agency Reps.
19MAY94	VADM Robert Dunn, USN, Ret.
01-04JUN94	Tours at anchor in Ponce, PR: 840 visitors
05JUN94	15 Flag and General Officers of Capstone
06JUN94	Hon. Pedro Rossello, Governor of Puerto Rico
07JUN94	12 Representatives of the U.S.V.I. Legislature
17JUN94	LTGEN Michael Ryan, USAF, Asst. to the CJCS
18JUN94	Mr. Paul Schneider, CEC Program Executive
18JUN94	Mr. David Altwegg, CEC Program Executive
24JUN94	Hon. Richard Danzig, Under Secretary of the Navy
24JUN94	RADM John Hood, PMS-400, CEC Program
25JUN94	Hon. William Perry, Secretary of Defense
25JUN94	ADM Henry Mauz, CINCLANTFLT
29JUN94	Ms. Jackie Davis, Dir. Foreign Policy Analysis
05JUL94	Swedish Foreign Policy Group
07JUL94	Mr. Fritz Wittman, German Parliament (HASC)
07JUL94	Joint Public Affairs Advanced Course
08JUL94	100 Members, Int'l Organization of Women Pilots
09JUL94	Dependent's Cruise for 5,147 guests of the crew
09JUL94	Former U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh of Virginia
14JUL94	CIA-NSA, Defense Industries Analysis Course
15JUL94	ADM Carlisle Trost, USN, Ret. and ADM Henry Mauz
15JUL94	Ambassador Manadou M. Seck, Amb of Senegal
16JUL94	250 Southern Legislative Conference Spouses
19JUL94	Lugar Excellence in Public Service members
21JUL94	RADM Jones Stanley, USNR, REDCOM SIX
30JUL94	Newport News Methodist Church members
01AUG94	Iowa Methodist Youth Group members
03AUG94	Ocean Lakes Elementary Summer Project students
04AUG94	Mr. Larry Lynn, DOD Acquisition and Technology
04AUG94	National Defense University faculty members

04AUG94 ETCM(SW) John Hagan, USN, MCPON
 05AUG94 North Carolina 4-H Group members
 06AUG94 Virginia Masonic Lodge #272 members
 08AUG94 Defense Scientific Study Group
 09AUG94 RADM Philip Coady, USN, Dir. Surface Warfare
 10AUG94 RADM Lewis Felton, Dir. COMSPAWARSYSCOM, PD-70
 12AUG94 Vicki Van Meter, 12-year-old trans-atlantic pilot
 16AUG94 BGEN Gerd Meyer, CINC German Armed Forces, Canada
 24AUG94 National Air Intel Center employees
 24AUG94 VADM Ioannis Stagas, CNO Greek Navy
 25AUG94 Naval Air Systems Command employees
 27AUG94 Boy Scouts, Troop 1196
 01SEP94 Armed Forces Staff College students
 05SEP94 Labor Day Open House: 1090 visitors
 07SEP94 Defense Orientation Conference Association
 13SEP94 GEN Gordon Sullivan, Chief of Staff of the Army
 13SEP94 ADM Paul David Miller, USN, CINCUSACOM
 13SEP94 VADM Richard Allen, COMNAVAIRLANT
 14SEP94 ADM Henry Mauz, USN, CINCLANTFLT
 14SEP94 Hon. William Perry, Secretary of Defense
 16SEP94 Hon. Togo West Jr., Secretary of the Army
 01OCT94 USS Leary Reunion Group attendees
 06OCT94 President Bill Clinton, Commander in Chief
 20OCT94 ADM William J. Flanagan Jr., CINCLANTFLT
 20OCT94 Defense Advisory Committee (DACOWITS)
 14NOV94 VADM Scott Redd, USN, COMUSNAVCENTCOM
 18NOV94 LGEN John Jumper, USAF, CJTF-Southwest Asia
 23NOV94 ADM Jeremy Boorda, USN, CNO
 25NOV94 CJTF-Southwest Asia Officers
 26NOV94 RADM James Prout III, USN, Deputy CJTF-SWA
 28NOV94 U.S. Ambassador and 19 Diplomats to Kuwait
 02DEC94 CJTF-Southwest Asia Officers
 03DEC94 U.S. Ambassador and Business Leaders of Kuwait
 14DEC94 VADM Joseph Prueher, USN, COMSIXTHFLT
 19DEC94 ADM Leighton Smith, USN, CINCUSNAVEUR
 22DEC94 Reception for 300 guests in Cannes, France
 23-27DEC94 Tours at anchor in Cannes, France: 2600 visitors

MEDIA COVERAGE:

IKE hosted over 300 media visits in 1994. The Navy's decision to integrate women on combatant vessels produced relentless media interest that continued throughout the year. CHINFO, CINCLANTFLT, and COMNAVAIRLANT public affairs offices took requests and maintained lengthy waiting lists for media from virtually every market and every media format in the United States. IKE's participation in Operation Uphold Democracy and President Clinton's visit also created significant international media coverage.

MEDIA VISITS INCLUDED THESE MAJOR NEWS ORGANIZATIONS:

ABC Joan Lunden Special	CNN Atlanta	CBS Evening News
ABC World News Tonight	BBC London	CBS 48 Hours
ABC Good Morning America	NPR Washington	CBS This Morning
NBC Nightly News	NBC Today Show	CNN News For Kids
PBS Newton's Apple	AT&T Bell Labs	NBS Navy News
Associated Press	Reuters	States News Service
NEWSWEEK Magazine	TIME Magazine	U.S. News & World Report
The New York Times	LA Times	Washington Post
Washington Times	London Times	St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Dallas Morning News	Miami Herald	St. Petersburg Times
Virginian Pilot	FL Sun Times	Newport News Daily Press
Navy Times	Army Times	Air Force Times
Defense Week	Aviation Week	Aerospace Daily
Federal Computer Week	Inside Defense	ALL HANDS Magazine

*Other news reporting on USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER appeared regularly on TV affiliates and in regional newspapers throughout the U.S. and Europe.

Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department

AIMD provided a wide variety of specialized services to DOD and NATO activities. The implementation of the Battle Force Intermediate Maintenance Activity (BFIMA) concept made AIMD an invaluable source of repair talent for every ship in the battle group, the embarked air wing and other IKE departments. Forty different types of repair actions were provided supporting surface ship operations and eighteen types of repair actions directly supported the U.S. Army 10th Mountain Division during Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti.

The men and women of AIMD achieved the lowest number of expeditious repairs (EXREPS) and off ship supply requisitions in the last three Atlantic Fleet COMPTUEX/ITA periods. Preparing for an extended deployment to the Red Sea, Arabian Gulf, Mediterranean Sea and Adriatic Sea, AIMD increased numerous repair capabilities and expanded others to maximize the depth of repair for Carrier Air Wing THREE and the IKE Battle Group. AIMD's highlights for 1994 included:

- Repairable items processed: 5,145
- Repairable items RFI: 3,583
- Average turn around time: 5.4 days
- Ready For Issue (RFI) rate: 69.6%
- Production efficiency: 96.0%
- Carrier Air Wing THREE during work-up period:
 - Average FMC: 90%
 - Average MC: 93%
- AIMD managed 7 different type engines and 2 types of Auxiliary Power Units (APU) processing 32 aircraft engines, made 18 engines ready for use, 2 APUs and replaced 26 F404GE-400

engine modules.

- Established and managed a combined AIMD/CVW-3 Air Refueling Stores (ARS) "Buddy Stores" team. Resulted in 80% improvement in refueling capabilities and corrected 55 of 56 ARS major discrepancies.

- Qualified four engine test cell operators in less than three months following an extended shipyard period when no qualified operators remained on board.

- Implemented the use of a Laser Particle counter (HIAC 8000) in Oil Analysis Lab eliminating the need for freon based solvents during evaluation of aircraft and support equipment hydraulic fluid.

- Rebuilt over 2000 high performance aircraft tire and wheel assemblies.

- Repaired 243 Hydraulic Components and manufactured 224 hoses/tube assemblies.

- Installed a new soap type parts washer reducing the use of PD-680 for cleaning greasy/oily components.

- Performed an operational evaluation of a new X-Ray film processor for fleet-wide incorporation.

- Implemented an Aviation Life Support System (ALSS) Satellite Production control and established ALSS pre-expended bins which resulted in a sustained refit rate of 96% with 2,202 items processed.

- Government Cost Savings Program documented 35 separate Depot level maintenance actions that saved over 1.1 million dollars while returning Navy assets to a ready for use condition.

- Identified and reported technical manual and technical program instruction discrepancies on F-14 Tactical Camera System which allowed NAVAIRTECH SERVAFAC to update technical information.

- Identified and modified three Power Control Units (A31U13290-3) to avoid overheating problem that plagued units. Modification accomplished in minimal time without diminishing bench support.

- Performed multiple Depot level repairs to the AN/USM-247(V) (VAST) Variant computer circuit cards by manufacturing components to substitute for obsolete parts no longer available through supply channels. Completed repairs in less than one week, restoring 100% station availability.

- Procured \$148,755 in identified support equipment shortages, providing 100% Avionics Systems coverage for Carrier Air Wing THREE.

- Excessed 31 items of GAE/TBI equipment no longer required, resulting in a streamlined equipment management program and providing critical assets to other fleet users.

- Achieved the best maintenance record in the Atlantic Fleet for maintaining the new A/S32A-35 Aircraft Crash and Salvage Crane. Only 35 unscheduled maintenance man hours were expended for over 550 operating hours.

- Sustained a continuous 100% accurate equipment inventory record for over 1450 items of Support Equipment while maintaining a 98% ready for use rate.

- Conducted over 450 courses of instruction and licensed over 3450 sailors on support/material handling equipment which resulted in a 67% reduction in support equipment misuse and abuse from the previous year.

- Utilized the Local Asset Management System (LAMS) in tandem with a locally developed database to track and maintain an Individual Material Readiness List (IMRL) inventory of 10,217 items valued at over 82 million dollars. Maintained a 100% support equipment resources management information system (SERMIS) IMRL inventory and allowed the identification/redistribution 3,924 items of excess IMRL, worth over 5 million dollars.

- Combined IMRL and tailored outfitting list (TOL) work centers to make management and maintenance of TOL items a parallel program to IMRL. This combination of subject matter experts for TOL and IMRL reduced the number of personnel required.

- Calibration Laboratory was consolidated from four IKE departments to improve efficiency in personnel management, space utilization and reduce overall cost. Sixteen people now do the job that 31 previously performed, calibrating over 13,000 items.

- Performed the first calibration of a 618AS100-1 Jet Engine Test Cell by an aircraft carrier calibration laboratory, expending only 34 man-hours compared to 128 hours required by civilian technicians.

- Improved capabilities by acquiring additional standards to perform numerous on-ship calibrations, calibrated six systems that are normally calibrated by DEPOT level activities. Saved 143 off-ship and on-site DEPOT level man-hours.

Air Department

1994 was another productive year for the Air Department. Among the numerous accomplishments were:

- 15,069 embarked fixed wing flight hours.
- 3,150 Carrier Air Wing Three embarked helicopter flight hours.
- 113 U.S. Army 10th Mountain Division embarked helicopter flight hours.
- 11,785 fixed wing landings.
- Carrier Air Wing Three had a total of 1,584 helicopter landings and 10th Mountain Division had 480.
- There were 11,785 catapult launches.
- 211 days underway with the air wing embarked 168 of those days.
- There were zero missed sorties.
- More than 15.7 million gallons of JP-5 taken aboard and one million gallons transferred to other ships during seven FAS evolutions.
- More than 14.1 million gallons pumped to 10,714 aircraft.
- 1,846 elevator runs were made with 29,387 aircraft moves

on the flight deck.

Communications Department

Communications Department enjoyed a number of successes while participating in; Predeployment Work-Ups, COMPTUEX, Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, Operations in CENTCOM ISO SOUTHERN WATCH/VIGILANT WARRIOR, and Mediterranean Operations ISO DENY FLIGHT/SOUTHERN WATCH/SHARP GUARD. Additionally, a myriad of new communications systems were effectively incorporated into the IKE's communications suite to include: SHF (Plain Old Telephone System (POTS), Stanford Telecommunications (STEL), Worldwide Military Command and Control System (WWMCCS), Joint Defense Intelligence Support Services (JDISS), Link Ops Intel Center Europe (LOCE), Tactical Environmental Support System (TESS III), Voice, Video, Fax and Data Terminal (VVFDT), Video Information Exchange System (VIXS), and Contingency Tactical Air Control System (CTAPS)), EHF, USQ-122, Harris Modem 5254C, AND NAVMACS II. Provided National level command and control for the following visitors: President Clinton, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Army, Chief of Naval Operations, Army Chief of Staff, CINCUSNAVEUR, COMNAVAIRLANT, COMSECONDFLT, COMSIXTHFLT, and COMUSNAVCENT. Following are highlights from the calendar year:

- Developed and implemented thirteen (13) specific communications plans covering Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea, and Arabian Gulf operations.
- Completely upgraded the Military Affiliated Radio System (MARS) Station including the incorporation of PC-to-PC MARSGRAMS.
- Streamlined message processing and distribution, shifting 90 percent of our shipboard subscribers from paper to diskette.
- Processed an average of 1,500 incoming/outgoing Naval messages daily to support over thirty shipboard subscribers and three embarked warfare commanders.
- Provided outstanding tactical command and control voice and data communications support to all shipboard subscribers and three embarked warfare commanders.
- Communications phase of Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART) graded as above average by COMAFLOATRAGRU Atlantic.
- Successfully completed COMNAVAIRLANT PMS Inspection on 18 February with a grade of SATISFACTORY.
- Conducted highly successful INSURV 28-30 March resulting in no major discrepancies.
- Participated in COMPTUEX 12-15 June receiving an overall grade of 98.1 percent.
- Conducted Comprehensive Communications Assessment (TYCOM-MEX) 3 August, receiving a grade of 93.3 percent; best grade in AIRLANT for the calendar year.
- Provided unique communications support for the 10TH Mountain Division in support of Operation Uphold Democracy, 10-24

September.

- Shifted Communications Plan to CENTCOM in support of Operation Southern Watch/Vigilant Warrior on 05 November.
- Shifted Communications Plan to Mediterranean in support of Operation Deny Flight/Provide Promise/Sharp Guard on 13 December.

Dental Department

Calendar year 1994 was a highly successful year for the Dental Department. The departmental manpower was increased and as a direct result, more comprehensive services were provided to the crew. Highlights Include:

- Dental Examinations Provided: 5,195
- Recorded Patient Visits: 10,924
- Bridges: 47
- Crowns: 157
- Dentures: 49
- Teeth Extracted: 1,446
- Patients Sedated: 103
- Dental Cleanings: 701
- Periodontal Procedures: 200
- Filled Cavities: 2,618
- Pulpectomies: 80
- Root Canals: 42
- Yearly Average of Dental Readiness was 82%
- Received a overall grade of SAT during Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV)
- Received 95.36 percent grade during COMNAVAIRLANT 3-M Inspection
- Received overall "Outstanding" during Force Dental Officer's (DRE) Administrative and QA Inspection

Engineering

Each division in the Engineering Depart completed numerous jobs in support of IKE and it's battle group. The highlights of the year include:

- Renovated 20 of 33 DC Division spaces.
- Received a SAT on Tailored Ship's Training Availability Phases I, II, III and IV.
- Received 70.4% on the Afloat Training Group's final evaluation problem and an AVERAGE on the Mobile Team Training pre-ORSE visit.
- Received an ABOVE AVERAGE on the Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination and a 96% on COMNAVAIRLANT 3-M Inspection and scored an outstanding on INSURV with no major discrepancies.
- Replaced over 50 feet of hangar bay sprinkling piping.
- Converted all IKE's portable P-250 MOD I pumps to MOD II

using ship's force only.

- Conducted a comprehensive detailed inventory of all CBR gear on board.

- Repaired over 45 escape hatches and scuttles and six Ellison doors in and around the main propulsion spaces in preparation for INSURV.

- Groomed all 12 CO2 flooding systems, all 37 CO2 Hosereel systems, and all 10 APC systems. Recharged over 50 CO2 portable extinguishers per month and replaced or repaired eight twelve-inch butterfly valves in the ship's main firemain system.

- Repaired the by-directional control valve and neutral interlock on #2 aircraft elevator.

- Overhauled several high pressure air VACCO reducers for catapults and arresting gear.

- Overhauled #2 R-22 cryogenic refrigeration compressor, #2A aircraft elevator main pump, and four KC-15 cryogenic pumps.

- Replaced the fifth and sixth stage seals on #8, 9 and 10 high pressure air compressors and the silver seals on seven catapult steam supply high pressure main steamvalves.

- Assisted the shipyard in the internal inspection of all four catapult accumulators by the Eddy Current method.

- Overhauled pump ends of four motor driven fire pumps, #1 and 2 main refrigeration compressors, and one steam whistle.

- Assisted the shipyard in the removal of both steam whistles.

- Assisted in the replacement of seven dishwashing machines.

- Completed over 150 individual repairs to ship's scullery machines, over 50 individual repairs to 15 ship's service conveyors and over 250 individual repairs of ship's laundry machines.

- Changed out #3 main refrigeration compressor.

- Replaced six HATCO heaters, nine garbage grinders, six bulk ice machines, four ice cream machines, nine soda machines, eight juice machines, two ice dispensers, three milk machines, two vegetable choppers, three meat slicers, six steamers, and three refrigerators.

- Repaired over 30 hot water piping leaks.

- Replaced over 100 ship's service steam and potable water valves.

- Completed over 75 individual repairs to ship's water heaters.

- Overhauled #1 air conditioning compressor, #1, 2, and 7 air conditioning chill water pumps, and #4 and 7 air conditioning salt water circulating pumps.

- Assisted in the installation of an electronic capacity control system on all eight air conditioning plants completing Machalt 363.

- Performed laser alignment on #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 22 motor driven fire pumps.

- Completed a battle group intermediate maintenance overhaul to USS ANZIO's #1 CHT pump.

- Replaced sixteen ventilation steam preheaters.

- Completed over 300 individual repairs to all twelve stanchion groups and aircraft elevator locks.
- Replaced seals on #2 and 3 aircraft elevator tailored assemblies.
- Assisted with Machalt CVN7715D to #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 cargo conveyors.
- Completed a battle group intermediate maintenance overhaul to USS KIDD's brine pump.
- Completed a battle group intermediate maintenance overhaul to USS KIDD's distillate/condensate pump.
- Assisted in the replacement of fifteen unit cooling coils.
- Rebuilt the condenser and compressor for aft thaw box.
- Completed battle group intermediate maintenance repairs to USS PLATTE's air conditioning units and refrigeration plants.
- Completed over 200 individual repairs to the spanwire winches, burtoning winches, capstans and sliding pad-eyes.
- Replaced broken cable on hangar bay aft divisional door.
- Assisted in the changeout of 29 cables for two hangar bay divisional doors and four aircraft elevator deck edge doors.
- Completed over 100 individual repairs to two hangar bay divisional doors and four aircraft elevator deck edge doors.
- Overhauled and groomed degaussing system, overhauled four aircraft elevator safety systems, hangar bay lighting system, IMC system removing shorts and grounds, 2SFCA motor generator set, dress ship lighting and power system, fantail floodlight system, and overhauled and tested 51 aircraft electrical starting systems.
- Completed an extensive alignment of the ship's heading system, wind indicating system, underwater log system, and dead reckoning tracking system.
- Replaced 1,000 bunk lights.
- Installed electric ship's whistles.
- Groomed ship's engine RPM indicator system.
- Installed Hydrogen Sulfide monitoring system for all comminutor spaces.
- Completed production of new IKE telephone book.
- Installed nine air flow meters in CHT ventilation exhaust system.
- Provided and operated custom public address set-ups for various dignitaries.
- Completed electrical rehab of the Admiral's Cabin, Flag Lounge, Flag Galley, Captain's Inport and At Sea Cabin, Strike Warfare Coordination Center, and Strike OPS Office.
- Installed interface between Dimension 2,000 and Hydra system.
- Completed extensive repairs of 4MC and all damage control JZ circuits.
- Restored Shaft Alley E Cell System.
- Performed numerous brazing and welding repairs to the ship's steam lines, firemain system, fresh water lines and drain

lines.

- Performed several Level "A" replacements of catapult steam elbows and valves.
- Replaced six feet of potable water piping in #2 MMR.
- Performed several replacements of Level "A" main steam valves throughout the propulsion plant.
- Performed numerous welding services throughout the propulsion plant including the replacement of 20 feet of 1/2 inch ship's service steam piping in preparation for ORSE.
- Supplied welding services for the 10th Mountain Division, including manufacturing of 17 M-60 mounts and 4 liferings, which had to pass weight testing of 10,000 pounds in support of Operation Uphold Democracy.
- Made emergent repairs to HP air lines for USS LEYTE GULF.
- Manufactured and installed bulkhead in Flag Admin.
- Blocked the light from coming back from the Balnap Pole.
- Cutoff old ship's whistle and mounted new one.
- Manufactured 37 feminine sanitary napkin holders.
- Effected braze repairs to 3,000 pound HP air line for USS

ANZIO.

- Completed piping repairs to 49 radar cooling water.
- Installed high pressure hydraulic operating valves for firemain remote operating board.
- Manufactured numerous backing rings for precision welding, fittings for hydraulic steering units, armored hatch bolts, spacers and bushings, utility boat rudder post shafts, haws pipe cover dogs, missile arming pins, range gripes for accom ladder and manufactured and repaired stantion miter box gear shafts.
- Remachined waterbrake choke-rings for catapults, arresting gear cable terminals, and catapult steam pistons.
- Performed emergent rebuilding/machining repairs to various motors, pumps, pump shafts, and endbells.
- Provided support to the Army's 10th Mountain Division during Operation Uphold Democracy by manufacturing spare parts and equipment including external drop tank bushings for Blackhawk helicopters; night vision sight mounts; grappling hooks and M-60 mount parts; pilot helmet gunsight shims; 50-cal. mounts for HumVees; and jacking screws and various other tools for helicopters.
- Completed the following for the USS KIDD: 10 Class B overhauls on various motors due to machinery room flooding in a three day period to support ship's underway schedule; motor rewind of Brine Pump Motor; and Class B overhaul on Distillate Pump Motor.
- Completed motor rewind on #1 CHT pump motor for USS ANZIO and the SSTG cooling fan of the USS Leyte Gulf.
- Completed rewinds on the folowing IKE motors: 18 on various ventillation motors; #10 HPAC; 2 auto stanchion motors; laundry ejector motor; 2 feed heater drain pump motors; tennant machine; and #3 emergency diesel generator (EDG) lube oil pump motor.

- Completed Class "B" overhaul on the following IKE motors: #1 CHT pump; 4 ventilation motors; 2 AC chill water motors; 1 incinerator motor; #14 fire pump motor; and 1 dirty water drain pump motor.
- In support of Operation Uphold Democracy, manufactured helicopter shorting probes.
- Manufactured 18 gun mounts and 35 tent stakes for 10th Mountain Division.
- Rebuilt 48 1 1/2 inch salt water reducing valves and 9 CHT pumps.
- Completed over 9,125 trouble calls.
- Replaced 10 gate valves and two 4 inch cunico valves.
- Hydroblasted over 10,000 feet of CHT piping.
- Remanufactured 25 plumb vent lines.
- Completed over 75 lock ring jobs.
- Replaced 15 commodes and 10 urinals.
- Pumped over 45,625,000 gallons of CHT.
- Screened over 12,000 jobs in the CSMP.
- Wrote the COH 95 instruction and organization charts.
- Created a database and tracking system for the battle group intermediate maintenance program for the deployment.
- Worked with Supply Department to get repairable items to and from IKE.
- THE BFIMA completed 98 maintenance jobs in support of ships deployed in the battle group to the Arabian Gulf and Mediterranean Sea.

Executive And Training

1994 was a year of transition for the Command Career Counselors. IKE also received BUPERS ACCESS capabilities while underway.

ESO transferred from the Training Department to Executive Department and established X-5 Division. Educational Services provided services to the crew and embarked staff in the Enlisted Advancement System, Navy Voluntary Education Programs, and Enlisted to Officer Accession Programs. Other highlights included:

- Was awarded certification as a fully-stocked, DANTES testing facility. A full range of testing services were offered for the crew, including College Level Entry Program (CLEP), Dantes Standardized Subject Test (DSST), Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), PRAXIS/National Teachers Examination (NTE), GED testing, Scholastic Aptitude Test, ACT, and others.
 - Tracked those personnel who had not received their high school diploma/GED equivalency, and tested those who were identified. Less than five Sailors aboard IKE without certification.
 - Offered PACE I and PACE II aboard IKE while deployed.
- Serving as a test platform, IKE is the first aircraft carrier to

offer both PACE programs to the crew. 250 Sailors were enrolled in PACE I and PACE II classes the first semester.

- Established an ESO Library, providing Rate Training Manuals and professional study materials for the crew.

Public Affairs Office:

- While underway, broadcasted 48 hours of programming on two television channels and two radio stations.
- Published a daily newspaper while underway, weekly while inport CONUS.
- Submitted over 5,000 Fleet Home Town News forms for release to Sailors' home town newspapers.

Legal Department

In 1994 Legal Department handled numerous cases. The following was compiled from divisional case files and automated data bases:

- Summary Courts-Martial	24
- Special Courts-Martial	17
- General Courts-Martial	01
- Article 32 Investigations	03
- Non-Judicial Punishments	496
- Administrative Separations	226
- JAGMAN Investigations	14
- Powers of Attorneys & Wills	850+
- Claims for lost/damaged personal property	35

Medical Department

During the Medical Readiness Assessment, the department was declared "ready for deployment" which rendered the battle group phase Medical Readiness Assessment unnecessary. Some of the highlights included:

- Acknowledged as the "highest rated medical department of all AIRLANT Carriers" by the Force Medical Officer in his written debrief of MRA for the Commanding Officer.
- Successfully completed the Radiation Health Program section of ORSE with an overall "above average."
- Completed all requirements for COMNAVAIRLANT Blue "M" competitive award for efficiency, scoring an overall 99.7 out of 100 points. Scored a perfect 35 on competitive exercises, a perfect 5 on TYCOM's evaluation and a perfect 30 on Command/IG inspection and FEP.
- Evaluated as excellent, scoring a perfect 100 during Tailored Ship's Training Availability III.
- Scored 97.5% during the COMNAVAIRLANT 3M Inspection.
- Completed Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) with only 6 minor discrepancies out of 62 medical spaces. Final score was Outstanding.

- Maintained a medical records readiness above 95 percentile for all records one month after check-in. Singled out by COMNAVAIRLANT Force Medical Officer as the best program among all AIRLANT carriers.

- Transitioned from flight operations medical support to landing force medical support for Operation Uphold Democracy, including the development of the medical department as a primary casualty receiving platform.

- The Medical Department has continued to provide outstanding medical care and preventative medicine support to a crew of over 5,000 during a very busy 211 days at sea.

- Completed:

- Sick call/acute care area visits	12,342
- Admitted to the hospital	129
- Medevaced off the ship at sea	34
- Minor procedures in the Emergency Room	11,862
- Ward admissions	193
- ICU admissions	5
- Inpatient MEDEVACS to fixed MTF	40
- Outpatient surgical procedures	48
- Inpatient surgical procedures	31
- Off ship consults	574
- Medical Response Team deployments	45
- X-ray exposures	1,844
- Lab tests performed	27,225
- Pharmacy prescriptions	16,685
- Immunizations	4,561
- PPD tests	2,341
- Birth month recall	1,836
- Inspections	3,844
- Periodic physicals	386
- Transfer/retirement physicals	55
- Flight physicals	166
- Radiation health physicals	183
- Release from active duty physicals	720
- Special programs physicals	34
- Pairs of eyeware were made on board	593
- Pairs of eyeware were ordered	1,289
- Audiograms	1,385
- Pulmonary tests performed	17
- EKGs	608
- PRT screenings	88

Navigation Department

IKE's Navigation Team ensured IKE was on scene to meet demanding, short notice operations in support of UPHOLD DEMOCRACY in Haiti, Operation SOUTHERN WATCH in the Arabian Gulf, and DENY FLIGHT in the Adriatic. In a three day period, IKE transitioned from flight operations in support of JTFEX 95-1 to loading a full Army Battalion including over 80 Army helicopters in support of operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY in Haiti. Navigation Department

personnel quickly planned the tracks, prepared all charts, and expertly navigated the ship in poorly charted restricted waters off Haiti in support of this operation. The pace continued with a high speed deployment transit from Norfolk through the Mediterranean and Red Seas to the Arabian Gulf then back again through the Suez Canal to the Adriatic Sea. Specific milestones:

- 56,569 miles underway
- 211 days deployed
- 36 underway replenishments
- 76 restricted water/tactical transits, including two Suez Canal transits
- Two foreign port visits, Jebel Ali, UAE and Cannes, France, and two port visits during fleet exercises to Port Everglades, Florida, and Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Operations Department

During 1994, IKE recorded an unsurpassed level of achievement in every operational category. Following an extended shipyard period involving a complete overhaul of all operational systems, IKE completed an abbreviated pre-deployment work-up cycle, spearheaded new combined forces initiatives during Operation Support Democracy, and obtained peak operational readiness for a six month Arabian Gulf/Mediterranean Sea deployment. Other highlights in the department included;

- Conducted flight operations in support of Operation Southern Watch.
- Conducted extensive maritime interdiction operations (MIO) in Northern Arabian Gulf.
- Conducted flight operations in support of Operation Deny Flight.
- Completed 17 competitive work-up exercises.
- Reached outstanding combat readiness during COMPTUEX.
- Coordinated multiple ASW exercises involving CVW-3, maritime patrol aircraft, IKEBATGRU surface and submarine assets.
- In midst of FLEETEX, executed on-load, transport and off-load of 10th Mountain Division in support of Operation Uphold Democracy.
- Participated in CEC missile integration, a CNO priority one project.
- Achieved highest grade ever achieved by an aircraft carrier during Combat Systems Assessment.
- Developed and implemented a new internal communications system called Hydra, which quickly became an indispensable resource for improving productivity and effectiveness.
- Top quality of life issue was installation of the sea-phone system.
- Complete configuration and testing of Contingency Theatre Processing System (CTAPS) computer system allowing IKE to become

the host asset for major joint exercises.

- Provided test bed for fielding of Joint Maritime Command Information System (JMCIS), marking the first integrated installation of an afloat unit.

- Tactical Environmental Support Center upgrade included AN/SMQ-11 Meteorological Satellite Receiver allowing state of the art environmental support.

- Carrier Air Traffic Control Center (CATCC) supported more than 9,000 flight operations, 3,500 Case III approaches.

- CATCC marked its seventeenth successive year with no air traffic control related incidents.

- Intelligence completed a highly successful Mine Readiness Certification Inspection.

- Supervised the installation of over 10 major C4I systems and upgrades.

- Established an Operations Department security clearance data base to track and monitor clearances.

- Produced theater recognition guides, an intelligence collection bill, threat charts, trend analysis work sheets, kneeboards and IIRs.

- Successfully completed NATO/CTSA inspection.

- Installed NTCS-A Intelligence Processing System, Naval Imagery Exploitation Workstation, Fleet Imagery Support Terminal, Joint Defense Intelligence Support System, and Photogrammetric Imagery Exploitation System.

- Tested and implemented Kleiglight reporting.

- Established direct connectivity between JMCIS and TACINTEL to allow information to be displayed in real time.

- Established direct connectivity with the National Security Agency for real time reporting, UHF secure theater net for the reporting and receiving of real time support, HF voice comms with Army Units ashore in support of JTGINTX, ZULU connectivity with NSGA Guam, and HF connectivity with, and provided information relay for EP-3E mission ISO Southern Watch.

- Passed COMNAVAIRLANT 3-M and SSO inspections.

- COMPTUEX graded TARPS exercise produced a grade of 98 percent on hot print production in under 11 minutes.

- Oversaw the installation of a digital photo lab work station, enabling digital transmission of imagery worldwide.

- Procured and installed state of the art technology one hour Noritsu mini lab for color film processing and printing.

- CVIC photo lab processed over 79,630 feet of aerial film. Main photo lab production was over 17,390 color prints with 769 rolls of film expended.

Religious Ministries

During the year, 90% of the department personnel either detached or reported for duty. On 1 January 1994, the current Command Chaplain, Captain Edward E. Erpelding, CHC, USN reported onboard. He relieved Commander [REDACTED], CHC, USN who detached in January, 1994. The senior protestant chaplain, Commander [REDACTED], CHC, USN detached just prior to the "Uphold Democracy" operation in Haiti on 12 September 1994. On 24 September, LT [REDACTED], CHC, USNR reported for duty. Chaplain [REDACTED] is the first woman chaplain in the Navy assigned to a combatant ship. Among the enlisted support staff, RPCS [REDACTED] detached in July 1994 and was relieved RPC [REDACTED] who reported on 22 August 1994. RP1 [REDACTED] reported TAD from the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT on 11 October 1994 to assist the department in meeting manning requirements for the FY94 Med Cruise. RPSN [REDACTED] reported on 17 June 1994 and RPSR [REDACTED] on 19 October 1994. RP2 [REDACTED] separated from active naval service in June 1994 and RP2 [REDACTED] transferred in July, 1994.

A number of new programs were initiated during the past year which enabled the Chaplains to increase their visibility and interaction with the crew. Among the more notable successes were:

- Workspace visitation program
- Weekly article for the IKE Five Star
- Redesignated RELMIN's FAM&I presentation to focus on Navy Core Values
- Provided spirituality and grief counseling in conjunction with CAAC programs
- Daily brig visitations
- Management and implementation of the Command Sailor-Phone Home phone service
- Coordination of the Adopt-a-School program with Jacox elementary school providing mentoring opportunities for crewmembers

Throughout the year, Religious Ministries coordinated a number of special worship services and community projects:

- COMNAVAIRLANT'S Easter Sunrise Service
- COMREL projects in Ponce, Puerto Rico, and Cannes, France
- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Program
- Christmas Musical Program, attended by over 250 IKE sailors and marines.
- First Nightwatch service held on New Year's Eve
- Developed a comprehensive joint team ministry team with Army Chaplains from the 10th Mountain Division for Operation Uphold Democracy.
- Certified and trained 4 new layreaders, increasing worship opportunities for crewmembers
- Established six new worship services; Pentecostal, Evangelical, Seventh Day Adventist, Church of Christ, Old Fashioned Hour and the Sunrise Service.

Additionally, 1,604 AMCROSS messages were processed by this department. When underway, between 200 and 250 personnel use the library daily. \$89,698.13 in Navy Marine Corps Relief loans were granted to 171 IKE crewmembers.

Safety Department

The Safety Department conducted monthly meetings of both the Safety Council and Safety Committee. Safety surveys were performed on every work space onboard the ship. Additionally, the locally generated Safety Bulletin, the "IKE GOTCHA", was published on a monthly basis highlighting potential hazards and focusing attention on safety concerns. A three hour Familiarization and Indoctrination class on safety awareness is presented to all newly reporting personnel. Highlights include the following:

- Safety Standdowns conducted on: 11 Jan 94, 11 Mar 94, 16 Mar 94, 28 Oct 94, 8 Dec 94 and 28 Dec 94.
- Navy Safety Center conducted a Safety survey on 5 and 6 Jan 94.

- INSURV inspection was conducted by the Board of Inspection and Survey from 28 - 31 Mar 94.
- A Medical Readiness Evaluation was held by TYCOM on 19 - 21 May 94.
- Holiday driving safety was emphasized with a wrecked motorcycle display prior to the New Year Holiday.
- The automobile crash simulator "The Convincer" was brought on board during the 16 Mar 94 Safety Standdown.
- More than 1,060 Hazard Abatement reports and 108 IKE Anymouse forms were tracked and expeditiously corrected.
- More than 24 respirator training classes were conducted, certifying approximately 700 IKE Sailors to work with approved respirators.
- A complete HAZMAT inventory was conducted of all departmental HAZMAT on 21 Dec 1994.
- Safety Programs Afloat Course (A-493-2099) was administered to 35 IKE Sailors by Safety Department personnel on 5 - 8 Jul 94.
- Maintained a certified laboratory for the analysis of bulk asbestos.
- Certified USS WASP's audio booth while underway during COMPTUEX.
- Initiated a command respirator program consisting of a single source respirator issue shop and a shipwide qualification process.

Supply Department

Supply Department highlights include:

- Received a COMNAVAIRLANT Supply Management Assessment earning 12 outstanding and two excellent adjective grades, qualifying for the awarding of a Blue "E."
- Selected as CINCLANTFLT finalist in the Captain Edward F. Ney food service excellence award competition.
- Achieved record high levels in aviation supply support during both COMPTUEX and the deployment. Average off-ship NMCS/PMCS count was 2.3 during COMPTUEX and 3.0 during CENTCOM portion of the current deployment.
- A DFAS surprise on-site audit found IKE's disbursing office operating smoothly, and assigned an overall grade of outstanding.
- During deployment work-ups, hosted numerous distinguished visitors including the President, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations and numerous other DOD officials, business leaders and flag level officers.
- The wardroom staff catered Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group 8 and Carrier Air Wing 3 change of commands, as well as numerous other "hangar bay receptions."
- Provided hotel services, and material handling services for over two thousand Army troops of the Tenth Mountain Division during Operation Uphold Democracy.

3-M Quality Assurance

3-M Quality Assurance highlights included:

- COMNAVAIRLANT conducted a 3-M Assist Visit.
- Atlantic Fleet Board of Inspection and Survey conducted an Underway Material Inspection and the program was found fit for further service.
- Passed the COMNAVAIRLANT quality assurance audit.
- Received a final grade of 83% on COMNAVAIRLANT's 3-M Inspection.

Weapons Department

During 1994 Weapons Department transitioned from the benign environment of the shipyard to a forward deployed combat ready national asset. Some of the department's specific accomplishments included:

- Explosive Safety Inspection/Magazine Sprinkler Safety Inspection
- Onloaded 1,079 lifts of ordnance from USS SURIBACHI
- INSURV
- Pierside ammo onload of 67 lifts
- Mobile Ordnance Training Team
- Mine Readiness Certification Inspection
- Pierside ammo onload of 87 lifts
- Pierside ammo onload of 48 lifts
- 3M Inspection - 92%
- Onloaded 352 lifts from USS DETROIT
- Pierside onload of 276 lifts
- Onloaded 187 lifts from USS DETROIT (VERTREP COMPLEX-100%)
- Operation Uphold Democracy
- Onloaded 132 pallets of Army ammo
- Departed for six month deployment
- Administered CFC drive
- Onloaded 67 lifts from USS GEORGE WASHINGTON
- Operation Southern Watch and MIO
- Onloaded 45 lifts from USS DETROIT
- Completed all five EOD COMPLEXS

Marine Detachment

Captain [REDACTED] relieved Captain [REDACTED] as Commanding Officer 14 Jul 94. Gunnery Sergeant [REDACTED] assumed his duties 26 September 1994, after Gunnery Sergeant [REDACTED] detached 1 August 1994.

During 1994, the MarDet consisted of one officer and 29 enlisted Marines.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY: Command, Operations, and Training

The minimal manning of 1 Officer and 25 Enlisted posed a challenge to the Detachment's ability to conduct effective unit training and maintain the shipboard security mission. With the removal of Special Weapons from ship, the Detachment focused outward.

Beginning in July, the Detachment began training extensively for contingency operations, gaining proficiency in Fast Roping and Repelling, in preparation for possible Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS) operations. The Detachment worked closely with Foxtrot platoon of SEAL team eight in August, which was to pay great dividends once deployed to the Northern Arabian Gulf.

On 09 Sept 94 the ship received tasking to support the Army's 10th Mountain Division by transporting them to Haiti as part of Operation Uphold Democracy. The Detachment was tasked to provide a security force for the Combat Search And Rescue element.

The ship deployed to the Arabian Gulf in October and immediately began planning and rehearsing for Maritime Interdiction Operations in concert with the battle group's SEAL platoon. The Detachment participated in several full profile shipboardings utilizing helicopter rope suspension training, and training received at the Maritime Tactics Course.

The Detachment also provided airborne marksmen for the battle group's daily helicopter patrols. On 01 Dec 94, 3 teams of five Marines, each accompanied by a SEAL communicator, boarded three merchant vessels believed to be violating United Nations Sanctions against Iraq. When it had been determined that they were sanction violators, the ships were diverted to Bahrain and the boarding teams returned to IKE on 06 Dec 94.

On the night of 02 Dec 94, eight Marines and a SEAL squad boarded two Iraqi ships suspected of violating sanctions. The two ships were found to be "clean" and were subsequently released.

Throughout the course of the year the Detachment maintained proficiency in shipboard functions to include Damage Control, Emergency Escape Breathing Devices, Emergency Egress, and General Quarters duties. The Detachment also maintained a very high shipboard security posture.