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1. In accordance with reference (a) the command history of USS ELROD (FFG 55) for 1994 is forwarded. The attached enclosures highlight the year experienced by ELROD's officers and crew.

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS ELROD (FFG 55) is an Oliver Hazard Perry class guided-missile frigate. She has proven herself capable of many missions other than the originally designated duties of Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) and Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) defense of convoys. ELROD's primary missions are ASW, AAW, and Anti-Surface Warfare (ASUW).

ELROD is armed with Mk 46 anti-submarine torpedoes, Harpoon surface-to-surface cruise missiles, SM-1 surface-to-air missiles, a Mk 75 automatic, rapid fire 76mm cannon, and a MK 15 Mod 11 Block 1 fully automatic 20mm Vulcan Phalanx Close In Weapons System (CIWS). Sensor and control systems include the AN/SQR-19 Tactical Towed Array Sonar System (TACTAS), the Mk 96 Fire Control System, AN/SLQ-32 Electronic Warfare Suite, AN/SPS-49 Air Search Radar, An/SPS-55 Surface Search Radar, AN/SQS-56 Sonar, AN/SQQ-28 Sonobouy Processor, the SH-60B Helicopter, and various communication systems.

USS ELROD is homeported in Charleston, South Carolina, and is under the command of Commander H.L. Broughton, II, USN. ELROD's immediate senior in command is Commander, Destroyer Squadron FOUR, and for operations is assigned to the DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER Battle Group (CCDG-8/CDS-32).

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY FOR 1994

01 JAN - 12 JAN UPKEEP, CHARLESTON, SC
13 JAN - 16 JAN U/W ENROUTE ROOSEVELT ROADS NAVAL
STATION, ROOSEVELT ROADS, PR
16 JAN BSF ROOSEVELT ROADS NS, PR
16 JAN IN-CHOP JTG 401D FOR COUNTER-NARCOTIC
OPERATIONS, CARIBBEAN
16 JAN - 27 JAN U/W EASTERN CARIBBEAN IN SUPPORT OF JTG
401D
27 JAN BSF ROOSEVELT ROADS NS, PR
27 JAN - 28 JAN U/W ENROUTE ANTIGUA
28 JAN - 31 JAN PVST ANTIGUA
31 JAN - 05 FEB U/W EASTERN CARIBBEAN ISO JTG 401D
05 FEB BSF ROOSEVELT ROADS NS, PR
05 FEB - 15 FEB U/W EASTERN CARIBBEAN ISO JTG 401D
15 FEB BSF ROOSEVELT ROADS NS, PR
15 FEB - 21 FEB U/W EASTERN CARIBBEAN ISO JTG 401D
21 FEB - 24 FEB PVST ST LUCIA
24 FEB - 02 MAR U/W EASTERN CARIBBEAN ISO JTG 401D
02 MAR BSF ROOSEVELT ROADS NS, PR
02 MAR OUT-CHOP JTG 401D
02 MAR - 04 MAR U/W WESTERN ATLANTIC ENROUTE PORT
CANAVERAL, FL
04 MAR - 07 MAR PVST PORT CANAVERAL, FL
07 MAR - 09 MAR U/W WESTERN ATLANTIC ENROUTE CHARLESTON,
SC
09 MAR - 29 MAR IMAV INPT CHASN SC
30 MAR U/W CHASN OP AREA FOR INSURV PREPS
31 MAR - 03 APR INPT CHASN INSURV PREPS
04 APR INPT CHASN INSURV
05 APR U/W CHASN OP AREA INSURV
06 APR - 08 APR INPT CHASN INSURV
09 APR - 12 APR INPT CHASN UPKP
13 APR - 15 APR U/W WESTERN ATLANTIC ENROUTE HAITI
15 APR - 22 APR U/W HAITIAN OP AREA ISO "OPERATION
SUPPORT DEMOCRACY"
22 APR BSF GTMO
22 APR - 07 MAY U/W HAITIAN OP AREA ISO "OPERATION
SUPPORT DEMOCRACY"
07 MAY - 08 MAY U/W WESTERN ATLANTIC ENROUTE MAYPORT, FL
08 MAY INPT MAYPORT NS, MAYPORT, FL
08 MAY - 09 MAY U/W WESTERN ATLANTIC ENROUTE CHASN, SC
09 MAY - 10 MAY INPT CHASN, SC UPKP
11 MAY - 12 MAY INPT NWS CHASN AMMO OFF-LOAD
12 MAY - 13 MAY INPT CHASN, SC UPKP
13 MAY - 28 JUL INPT DEYTENS SHIPYARD, SHIPYARD CREEK,
CHARLESTON, SC FOR DSRA
28 JUL - 18 NOV DRYDOCK, DEYTENS SHIPYARD, SHIPYARD
CREEK, CHARLESTON, SC FOR DSRA
18 NOV - 19 DEC INPT DEYTENS SHIPYARD, SHIPYARD CREEK,
CHARLESTON, SC FOR DSRA
19 DEC INPT CHASN, SC AMMO ON-LOAD
20 DEC - 21 DEC INPT CHASN, SC FAST CRUISE

21 DEC
22 DEC - 31 DEC

U/W CHASN OP AREA SEA TRIALS
INPT CHASN, SC DSRA

NARRATIVE SUMMARY FOR 1994

ELROD started 1994 in a post deployment leave and upkeep stand-down. The brief respite was soon replaced with preparations for a two-month deployment to the Caribbean in support of Counter-Narcotic operations. A single plane helicopter detachment from HSL-44 embarked on January 12, and the ship departed Charleston on the 13th. Three days later, ELROD stopped in Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for fuel and to in-chop into CTG 401D, the Navy, Coast Guard, Customs, and DEA anti-drug smuggling team.

ELROD supported the nation's anti-drug effort by querying all north-bound traffic in the ship's Caribbean patrol area, and boarding those that the JTG deemed suspicious.

The long patrols were broken up by periodic BSF stops in Rosie Roads for fuel and food, and by two port visits. The first port visit was to Antigua, where the crew enjoyed the local hospitality. Naval Facility Antigua welcomed the ELROD team to their "Superbowl Sunday" parties, and to watch the game with them.

The second port visit was in St. Lucia, where the ELROD team had the opportunity to help the citizens celebrate the country's 15th Independence Day. An honor guard from ELROD represented the United States in the Independence Day parade, and a formal diplomatic reception was held on ELROD's flight deck that evening.

Enroute to Charleston, ELROD stopped in Port Canaveral, FL to embark riders from Engineering Training Group (ETG). The

three-day port visit enabled visits to the adjoining Space Center and other central-Florida attractions.

ELROD returned to Charleston in mid-March, and immediately began an IMAV (Intermediate Maintenance Availability) with SIMA Charleston. Routine repairs and upkeep merged with INSURV preparations as ELROD was groomed from stem to stern. Those preparations paid off when ELROD received a 'GOOD.'

April and May saw the ELROD joining a host of other ships in the Caribbean as part of OPERATION SUPPORT DEMOCRACY.

Returning from the Caribbean the ELROD visited Mayport, FL briefly, then continued on to Charleston where she turned her full attention to the shipyard period starting with an ammo off-load. ELROD then 'deadsticked' to Deytens Shipyard in Shipyard Creek, just downstream the Cooper river from Charleston Naval Base. Work proceeded at a furious pace, merely shifting emphasis when ELROD was placed into drydock in late July and continued even after ELROD was taken out of drydock in November.

Along the way, ELROD picked up her 5th Blakeley Cup for winning Surface Warfare Training Week.

ELROD picked up the pace even further in November during Combat Systems Testing and preparations for the Light Off Exam signalling the approaching end of the overhaul period.

After passing LOE in early December, the ELROD had a chance to catch her breath with a pair of Christmas parties, one for the adults, and one for the families onboard ELROD, complete with a visit from Santa.

The grueling pace continued though, with an ammo on-load,

Fast Cruise, and Sea Trials immediately following. Unfortunately storms off the coast prevented completion of Sea Trials.

Just before the Holiday leave period started, some of ELROD's sailors were given an early Christmas present. An awards ceremony was held for people receiving awards in the last couple of months, include 2 surprise CAPs.

ELROD finished 1994 in the holiday leave period waiting to tie up a few final loose ends in her DSRA.