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(2) Chronology (C)
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(5) Welcome Aboard Brochure
(6) 1992 WESTPAC Cruise Book

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted.


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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. **MISSION:** USS FORT MCHENRY's mission is to transport United States Marines with their combat equipment to designated areas around the world and to launch and support assault landing craft (primarily Air Cushion Landing Craft--(LCAC)) and helicopters during amphibious operations against a hostile shore.

FORT MCHENRY accomplishes her mission through use of a well deck and flight deck. After leaving the ship, helicopters and landing craft are directed towards the shore by the ship's Combat Information Center.

2. **ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE:** COMNAVSURFPAC
COMPHIBGRU THREE
COMPHIBRON SEVEN
USS FORT MCHENRY

3. **COMMANDING OFFICER:** Commander Thomas J. Anderson

4. **HOMEPORT:** San Diego, California

Enclosure (1)

CHRONOLOGY

03 Jan	Fast Cruise
06 Jan	Depart San Diego on WESTPAC/ Arabian Gulf Deployment
06 - 15 Jan	ENR Pearl Harbor HI
16 Jan	IPT Pearl Harbor HI
17 Jan - 02 Feb	ENR Subic Bay, R. P.
01 Feb	Valiant Usher 92-3
02 - 06 Feb	IPT Subic Bay, R. P.
07 Feb - 20 Feb	ENR Arabian Gulf
18 Feb	Turnover with Saipan ARG
21 Feb - 24 Mar	Operation Desert Storm
21 - 26 Feb	PHIBLEX - Ras-Al-Ghar
23 Feb - 27 Feb	Nautical Mantis 92
01 - 11 Mar	Eager Mace Exercise (Kuwait)
13 - 23 Mar	IPT Bahrain
23 Mar - 01 Apr	ENR Mombasa, Kenya
02 - 06 Apr	IPT Mombasa, Kenya
07 Apr - 21 Apr	ENR Freemantle, Australia
22 Apr - 26 Apr	IPT Freemantle, Australia
27 Apr - 06 May	ENR Lumut, Malaysia
07 May - 10 May	RAV Lumut, Malaysia
11 May - 16 May	ENR Sattahip, Thailand
17 May - 25 May	Cobra Gold-92
26 May - 29 May	IPT Pattaya Beach, Thailand
30 May - 04 Jun	ENR Subic Bay, R.P.

Enclosure (2)

04 Jun - 06 Jun	Underway off coast of R.P.
07 Jun - 08 Jun	ENR Hong Kong
09 Jun - 12 Jun	IPT Hong Kong
13 Jun - 27 Jun	ENR Pearl Harbor, HI
27 Jun	Visit Pearl Harbor, HI
28 Jun - 07 Jul	ENR San Diego, CA
08 Jul - 02 Aug	Post-deployment stand down
03 Aug - 23 Aug	Pre-INSURV
24 Aug - 28 Aug	INSURV
08 - 11 Sep	3-M/SMA
21 Sep - 31 Dec	DPMA National Steel and Shipbuilding, San Diego CA
07 Dec	LCDR W. V. Scardina relieves XO LCDR S. J. Tangredi

BASIC HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

USS FORT MCHENRY entered 1992 moored to pier 10 Naval Station, San Diego CA. Significant events of 1992 included:

- 06 Jan FORT MCHENRY departs San Diego for six month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf.
- 16-17 Jan FORT MCHENRY visited Pearl Harbor, HI before departing for the Western Pacific.
- 02-06 Feb FORT MCHENRY made its final port visit to Subic Bay.
- 18 Feb FORT MCHENRY and other ships in the ARG including OKINAWA (flagship), DURHAM, DULUTH, TUSCALOOSA turned over with the USS SAIPAN's ARG.
- 01-11 Mar FORT MCHENRY participated in Eager Mace exercise.
- 07-21 Apr Transit through the Indian Ocean. Numerous General Quarters, Communications, and ECC drills were held. One underway replenishment was conducted with USNS PECOS. Ship crossed the equator on 11 April and held the appropriate ceremony.
- 22-26 Apr FORT MCHENRY conducted general visiting during her visit to Freemantle, Australia. In four days of visiting, approximately 4000 Australians were given tours of the ship.
- 27 Apr - 06 May During this period FORT MCHENRY transited the Sunda Straits, Straits of Malacca, and the Straits of Singapore. During the Sunda Straits transit, a wreath laying ceremony was conducted in honor of the men of the USS HOUSTON and HMAS PERTH sunk in 1942.
- 07-10 May FORT MCHENRY's availability was conducted by the Lumut dockyard in Lumut, Malaysia. This availability was primarily to determine the yard's capabilities and assess its future potential in the wake of the Subic Bay closure. FORT MCHENRY conducted the availability and assessed the dockyard's potential for future service to the U. S. Fleet.
- 17-19 May Operation COBRA GOLD-92. Due to political and civil unrest in Thailand, which caused the withdrawal of Thai participants, Cobra Gold-92 was terminated prematurely.

Enclosure (3)

- 26-29 May FORT MCHENRY anchored off of Pattaya Beach along with the other ships of the ARG.
- 08 Jul - FORT MCHENRY crew members enjoyed a post-deployment
02 Aug stand down.
- 20 Aug FORT MCHENRY conducted a tour for the members of the Combined Electronics Board, Washington, DC.
- 21 Sep - FORT MCHENRY has its first major yard period since
31 Dec commissioning. During this time, NASSCO unions struck causing a four week delay in completing the overhaul.
- 07 Dec LCDR William V. Scardina relieved LCDR Samuel J. Tangredi as Executive Officer.

SPECIAL TOPICS FOR 1992

Command Organization:

Commanding Officer: CDR T. J. Anderson
Executive Officer: LCDR S. J. Tangredi (01 Jan - 07 Dec)
LCDR W. V. Scardina (07 Dec - 31 Dec)

Significant Statistical Data:

Engine Hours: 1A - 9,247
1B - 9,241
2A - 8,235
2B - 9,000

Generator Hours: NR 1 SSDG - 10,007
NR 2 SSDG - 10,120
NR 3 SSDG - 9,978
NR 4 SSDG - 11,628

Miles Steamed: 33,507

Ammo Expended: 6 rounds of M64 Grenade
7 rounds of Location Marker Mk58 Mod 1
2 rounds of 5.125 Chaff Cartridge
370 rounds of 12 Ga. Shotgun
807 rounds of 7.62mm M-14
605 rounds of 25mm Cartridge
3581 rounds of 20mm CIWS Cartridge
2350 rounds of .50 cal. Cartridge
4655 rounds of .45 cal. Cartridge

Enclosure (4)