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From: Commanding Officer, USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64)  
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard,  
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

- Encl:
- (1) USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) Fact Sheet
  - (2) CAPT J. M. Langknecht's Photo
  - (3) USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) Plan of the Day of 5 Apr 91
  - (4) Aegis Excellence Award of 16 May 91
  - (5) COMCRUDESGRU TWELVE 201155Z May 91
  - (6) COMNAVSURFLANT ltr 3700 Ser N81/082 of 21 May 91
  - (7) HSL FOUR EIGHT Mayport FL 061530Z Jan 92
  - (8) (C) NAVSHIPWPNSYSENGSTA Port Hueneme CA 290411Z  
May 91 [IN CLASS FILE]
  - (9) USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) Commissioning Week Schedule
  - (10) USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) Commissioning Protocol
  - (11) USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
  - (12) USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) 261540Z Jun 91
  - (13) (C) COMFLETRAGRU Guantanamo Bay CU 100022Z Aug 91 [IN CLASS FILE]
  - (14) (C) NAVSHIPWPNSYSENGSTA Port Hueneme CA 140206Z  
Nov 91 [IN CLASS FILE]
  - (15) (C) NWACC FO Roosevelt Roads RQ 272255Z Sep 91 [IN CLASS FILE]
  - (16) (C) NWACC FO Roosevelt Roads RQ 281935Z Sep 91 [IN CLASS FILE]
  - (17) (C) USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) 030145Z Oct 91 [IN CLASS FILE]
  - (18) (C) USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) 052133Z Oct 91 [IN CLASS FILE]
  - (19) USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) 310235Z Oct 91 [IN CLASS FILE]
  - (20) COMDESRON TWELVE 311840Z Oct 91
  - (21) CO CRUDESGRU TWELVE 011534Z Nov 91
  - (22) COMNAVSURFLANT Norfolk VA 020532Z Nov 91
  - (23) USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) 202100Z Nov 91
  - (24) USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) Fellow Plank Owner Welcome  
Aboard Pamphlet
  - (25) USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) Logo
  - (26) USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) Shield/Crest/Motto
  - (27) Photo of USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) (Front View)
  - (28) Photo of USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) (Aft View)
  - (29) USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) Commissioning Book

1. COMMAND ORGANIZATION:

A. COMMANDING OFFICER:

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CAPTAIN JOHN M. LANGKNECHT SERVED AS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE FROM 05 APRIL 1991 THROUGH 04 JUN 1991. HE ASSUMED DUTIES AS COMMANDING OFFICER ON 05 JUN 1991 AND SERVED AS SUCH FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.

B. COMMANDER VICTOR GUILLORY SERVED AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER THROUGHOUT 1991. THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL SERVED AS DEPARTMENT HEADS: CDR [REDACTED] - SUPPLY OFFICER, LCDR [REDACTED] - ENGINEERING OFFICER, LCDR [REDACTED] - OPERATIONS OFFICER, LT [REDACTED] - COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER, AND LT [REDACTED] - WEAPONS OFFICER. LCDR [REDACTED], SERVED AS AIR DETACHMENT OIC DURING THE FOLLOWING DATES; 910617-910627, 910711-910805, 910903-911009.

IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN COMMAND - RADM JOHN REDD, COMCRUDESGRU TWELVE

C. MISSION: "TO BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT PROMPT, SUSTAINED COMBAT OPERATIONS AT SEA" IN SUPPORT OF NAVY OR MULTISERVICE TASKING.

## 2. CHRONOLOGY.

5 APR - GETTYSBURG IS TRANSFERRED TO NAVAL CUSTODY AND PLACED "IN SERVICE SPECIAL". CAPTAIN JOHN M. LANGKNECHT, PCO GETTYSBURG, IS DESIGNATED OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

THE PRECOMMISSIONING CREW MOVES ABOARD AND ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE CONTROL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SHIP.

05 APR-05 JUN - POST DELIVERY AVAILABILITY.

16-17 APR - CREW CERTIFICATION PHASE II.

17 APR-01 MAY - TOMAHAWK MATERIAL CERTIFICATION.

19 APR - HARPOON MATERIAL CERTIFICATION

15-16 MAY LIGHT OFF EXAMINATION (LOE).

21 MAY - COMPLETED AVIATION READINESS EVALUATION (AAV).

03-05 JUN - CREW CERTIFICATION PHASE III.

05 JUN - GETTYSBURG PLACED IN COMMISSION (WITHOUT CEREMONY).

05 JUN - UNDERWAY ENROUTE YORKTOWN.

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10 JUN - ARRIVE YORKTOWN.

10-11 JUN -ONLOAD AMMUNITION.

11 JUN - UNDERWAY ENROUTE NORFOLK.

11 JUN - ARRIVE NORFOLK.

16 JUN - EMBARK HSL -48 DETACHMENT 7.

17 JUN - UNDERWAY ENROUTE PHILADELPHIA.

17 JUN - HELO FLY ABOARD

18 JUN - ARRIVE PHILADELPHIA.

22 JUN - HELD FORMAL COMMISSIONING CEREMONY.

24 JUN - UNDERWAY ENROUTE MAYPORT, FL.

26 JUN - ARRIVE MAYPORT.

- DISEMBARKED HSL 48 DETACHMENT 7

10 JUL - EMBARK HSL-48 DETACHMENT 7.

11 JUL - UNDERWAY ENROUTE GUANTANAMO BAY CUBA.

14 JUL - ARRIVE GUANTANAMO BAY CUBA.

15 JUL-02 AUG REFRESHER TRAINING- LIMITED TEAM TRAINING.

02 AUG - UNDERWAY ENROUTE MAYPORT.

05 AUG - ARRIVE MAYPORT.

06-30 AUG - COMBAT SYSTEMS SEA QUALIFICATION TRIALS (CSSQT)  
INPORT PHASE.

03 SEP - ENROUTE AUTECH.

03 SEP-04 OCT - CSSQT (AT SEA PHASE)

16 SEP - ARRIVE ROOSEVELT ROADS PR.

17 SEP - UNDERWAY ROOSEVELT ROADS OPERATIONS AREA.

21 SEP - ARRIVE ST. THOMAS U.S.V.I.

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24 SEP - UNDERWAY ENROUTE ROOSEVELT ROADS.  
24 SEP - ARRIVE ROOSEVELT ROADS, PUERTO RICO.  
24 SEP - UNDERWAY ROOSEVELT ROADS OPERATIONS AREA.  
03 OCT - ARRIVE ROOSEVELT ROADS, PUERTO RICO.  
06 OCT - UNDERWAY ENROUTE MAYPORT  
09 OCT - ARRIVE MAYPORT.  
09 OCT - DISEMBARKED HSL 48 DETACHMENT 7  
23 OCT - UNDERWAY JACKSONVILLE OPERATIONS AREA.  
25 OCT - ARRIVE MAYPORT  
29-30 OCT - UNDERWAY JACKSONVILLE OPERATIONS AREA (OPPE)  
31 OCT - 11 NOV - INPORT MAYPORT  
05 NOV - AMMUNITION OFFLOAD  
12-15 NOV - UNDERWAY JACKSONVILLE OPERATIONS AREA (FINAL CONTRACT TRIAL REHEARSALS)  
15-18 NOV INPORT MAYPORT  
18-22 NOV UNDERWAY JACKSONVILLE OPERATIONS AREA (FINAL CONTRACT TRIAL)  
22 NOV - 31 DEC - INPORT MAYPORT  
02-20 DEC - PRE POST SHAKEDOWN AVAILABILITY

3. NARRATIVE:

USS GETTYSBURG (CG-64) was built by Bath Iron Works at Bath, Maine. Enclosure (1) lists the ships specifications. The Navy accepted custody of GETTYSBURG (CG-64) on 5 APR 91. Captain John M. Langknecht, Prospective Commanding Officer, was designated Officer in Charge, (photograph encl(2)). Also on this date the precommissioning crew moved aboard, established a formal watch, and assumed responsibilities for security, damage control and ship's maintenance. Enclosure (3) is a Plan of the Day for the first day of USS GETTYSBURG's service. The ship was moored at

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Bath Iron Works Shipyard in Bath, Maine. The time period from 5 April 91 to 5 June 91 was the Post Delivery Availability. During this time the crew concentrated on learning to operate the ships systems and completing the necessary requirements for the crew certification. Bath Iron Works continued work on the ship, putting the finishing touches on it and correcting any discrepancies found by the crew. During this entire period the crew worked closely with the shipyard with the goal of sailing away in the highest state of readiness. The shipyard was very impressed by the extra effort and cooperation exhibited by the crew. For this reason the Aegis Excellence award was presented by RADM Hood, Aegis Program Manager, to the entire crew on May 16, 1991 (enclosure (4)).

On 15 and 16 May GETTYSBURG completed its first LOE successfully. The entire crew worked together to prepare for the main space fire drills, duty inport emergency team drills, operator exams and in preparing GETTYSBURG's damage control equipment for the exam. All of the hard work paid off when GETTYSBURG passed and received a grade of "above average" in material readiness. Enclosure (5) is a congratulatory message from Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Twelve. Once the exam was completed GETTYSBURG was certified to operate its engineering plant for underway operations.

On 21 May 91 GETTYSBURG conducted an Aviation Assist Visit. Enclosure (6) states that the aviation readiness was outstanding and it was therefore upgraded to an Aviation Readiness Evaluation. This qualified GETTYSBURG to conduct flight operations with helicopters from the flight deck. Enclosure (7) is GETTYSBURG's input to the annual ship-helicopter safety awards program and is a summary of helo operations for the year of 1991.

During the period from 17-30 April 1991 GETTYSBURG underwent the Tomahawk Material Certification inspection. The results of that inspection are found in enclosure (8).

On 3-5 JUN 91 the command passed the final hurdle necessary to commence underway operations COMDESRON TWELVE under Tycom Auspices conducted Crew Certification Phase III. This inspection determined that GETTYSBURG's crew had the necessary qualifications to safely operate and navigate the ship. On the evening of 5 June after having been placed in commission without ceremony, USS GETTYSBURG set sail with its destination Yorktown, Va., for weapons onload.

On 10 JUN 91 after completing ammunition onload, GETTYSBURG set sail for Norfolk, VA where final preparations for the

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commissioning ceremony and the inport portion of the Underway Replenishment CSSQT were completed. In Norfolk GETTYSBURG embarked HSL-48 DETACHMENT 7 for the commissioning ceremony in order for the air detachment to participate in the commissioning ceremony.

On 18 June 91 GETTYSBURG arrived at Philadelphia and commenced final preparations and rehearsals for the commissioning ceremony. Enclosure (9) is a copy of the commissioning protocol, a guide for the commissioning committee, and enclosure (10) is a schedule of events for commissioning week in Philadelphia. On 22 June 91 the commissioning ceremony was held with many crew member's family and friends in attendance. The audience exceeded 8,000. GETTYSBURG hosted approximately 18,000 guests for tours over the weekend. Enclosure (11) is a sample tour book for the occasion. The evening of the 22nd the crew enjoyed the commissioning banquet and ball.

On 24 June 1991 GETTYSBURG was underway for homeport, Mayport, Fl. On the transit to Mayport, GETTYSBURG conducted the underway replenishment portion of Combat Systems Ship's Qualification Trials (CSSQT). Enclosure (12) is a message which summarizes the events involved. The ship arrived 26 June to an enthusiastic welcome arranged by the GETTYSBURG wives.

After two short weeks of preparations for Limited Team Training GETTYSBURG set sail on 11 July, enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. After the three weeks of intense damage control, engineering and seamanship training GETTYSBURG successfully completed all tests and drills and set sail for Mayport on 2 August. Enclosure (13) is the End of Training Report for USS GETTYSBURG and gives an overview of the training conducted and the performance of the crew.

GETTYSBURG arrived in homeport on 5 August and began inport preparations for the Combat System Ships Qualification Trials (CSSQT). The objectives of CSSQT were to demonstrate the capability of ship's force to maintain and employ the combat system and associated support equipment, equipment to provide instruction and familiarization of ship's force in the maintenance and operation of the installed systems and equipment, to verify, through actual demonstration, the operational performance of the applicable installed systems. The trials further provided team training scenarios to achieve the battle group level of readiness required to begin final predeployment preparations. Enclosures (14) is the CSSQT Final Situation Report. Enclosures (15) and (16) are the preliminary analysis of CSSQT firing tests. Enclosure (17) is a report on the guided

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missile firing. Enclosure (18) is a report on the ASW weapons systems performance.

On 6 October GETTYSBURG was underway again enroute Mayport conducting an Engineering Readiness Assessment Enroute. Upon arrival on 9 October the crew began preparations for the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE). Preparations included ensuring that all engineering equipment was in proper working order and that all personnel were qualified in it's operation. Enclosure (19) is the final results of the exam. Enclosures (20) (21) and (22) are congratulatory messages on GETTYSBURG's outstanding performance.

With OPPE completed, the next hurdle was Final Contract Trials (FCT). GETTYSBURG got underway on 12-15 November in order to rehearse the complex schedule required to demonstrate the operation of all of GETTYSBURG's many systems. On 18-22 November the Board on Inspection and Survey embarked to conduct the inspection. GETTYSBURG performed superbly and returned to port on 22 November to prepare for the Pre Post Shakedown Availability (PSA) from 2-20 December. This period of time was used to begin the PSA work prior to transit to Bath Iron Works (BIW) at Portland, Me. Many BIW workers were transported to Mayport, Fl. for this purpose.

Throughout the year of 1991 GETTYSBURG gave each crewmember the chance to tour the town of Gettysburg, Pa. and while there, they did community service work by refurbishing Little Round Top in the GETTYSBURG National Military Park. For their work in Gettysburg, Pa. the USS GETTYSBURG was selected as runner up in the 1991 TAKE PRIDE IN PENNSYLVANIA AWARDS PROGRAM. Enclosure (23) is a message referring to this honor.

Enclosure (24) is a Welcome Aboard book that was sent to all of the precommissioning crew. Enclosure (25) is the ship's seal and enclosure (26) is the explanation of the symbols in the ship's seal. Enclosures (27) and (28) are photographs of USS GETTYSBURG. Enclosure (29) is the GETTYSBURG's Commissioning book.

  
J. M. LANGKNECHT

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