



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64)  
FPO AA 34091-1184

*Rev 05/4/95*

DECLASSIFIED

5750  
Ser CG64/C002  
12 Apr 95

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - UNCLASSIFIED UPON REMOVAL OF ENCLOSURES (1 - 59)

From: Commanding Officer, USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64)  
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard,  
Washington DC, 20375-0571

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

1994

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

- Encl:
- (1) 101427Z NOV 94 CNSL - CRUISER ISIC REALIGNMENT (U)
  - (2) 251717Z AUG 94 SUPSHIP JACKSONVILLE FL - SRA FINAL COMPLETION REPORT (U)
  - (3) 012014Z APR 94 USS GETTYSBURG - SRA 1-94 SITREP TEN (U)
  - (4) 192140Z APR 94 USS GETTYSBURG - AVIATION FACILITY INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION STATUS ABOARD USS GETTYSBURG (U)
  - (5) USS GETTYSBURG SEA TRIALS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (U)
  - (6) 290412Z APR 94 NAVSURFWARCENDIV PORT HUENEME CA - USS GETTYSBURG TOMAHAWK CERT INSPECTION REPORT (C)
  - (7) 271810Z MAY 94 PEOCOMPANDUAV WASHINGTON DC - USS GETTYSBURG BLOCK III TOMAHAWK MATERIAL CERTIFICATION (U)
  - (8) USS GETTYSBURG CART II TIMELINE (U)
  - (9) CART II NAVIGATION TRACKS (U)
  - (10) BALTOPS 94 NEWSLETTER (U)
  - (11) 221650Z JUL 94 COMCARGRU TWO - BALTOPS 94 WRAP-UP (C)
  - (12) 280910Z JUN 94 USS GETTYSBURG - PORT VISIT GDYNIA, POLAND (U)
  - (13) 082137Z JUL 94 USS GETTYSBURG - PORT DIRECTORY UPDATE FOR AMSTERDAM NETHERLANDS (U)
  - (14) 302214Z JUN 94 USS GETTYSBURG - PORT DIRECTORY UPDATE FOR OSLO NORWAY (U)
  - (15) PORT DIRECTORY UPDATE FOR STOCKHOLM SWEDEN (U)
  - (16) 120114Z JUL 94 COMDESRON FOURTEEN - PERFORMANCE IN BALTOPS 94 (U)
  - (17) MEFEX 1-95 OPERATIONAL AREA JOTS PRINTOUT (C)
  - (18) 232111Z AUG 94 CTG TWO SEVEN PT ELEVEN - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS MEFEX 1-95 (C)
  - (19) 121233Z SEP 94 COMDESRON TWO ZERO - MEFEX 1-95 SUPPORT (U)
  - (20) 211632Z OCT 94 COMNAVSURFLANT - LMA RESULTS (U)

NOT  
RETAINED

Classified by OPNAVINST 5510.1H  
Declassify on OADR

DECLASSIFIED BY: CNO (N09N2)  
OPNAVINST 5513.16 SERIES  
DATE: 14 Nov 2005

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

- (21) 191545Z OCT 94 COMSECONDFLT - READINESS FOR DEPLOYMENT (U)
- (22) 071925Z NOV 94 CINCLANTFLT - MEF 1-95 DEPLOYMENT (C)
- (23) 111220Z AUG 94 COMSECONDFLT - MEF 1-95 TRANSIT (C)
- (24) 221510Z JUL 94 CINCLANTFLT - PORT VISIT SOUTH AFRICA (C)
- (25) 050857Z NOV 94 USS GETTYSBURG - SHELLBACK INITIATION (U)
- (26) NAVIGATION BRIEF SIMONSTOWN, SOUTH AFRICA (U)
- (27) NAVIGATION BRIEF CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA (U)
- (28) VARIOUS NEWSPAPER ARTICLES - PORT VISIT SOUTH AFRICA (U)
- (29) 141712Z NOV 94 AMCONSUL CAPETOWN - SOUTH AFRICA VISIT (C)
- (30) 202101Z NOV 94 USS GETTYSBURG - PORT VISIT SOUTH AFRICA (C)
- (31) 221510Z NOV 94 USDAO PRETORIA SF - PORT VISIT CAPETOWN (U)
- (32) 221800Z NOV 94 CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON - BRAVO ZULU S.F. (U)
- (33) 131028Z DEC 94 AMEMBASSY NAIROBI - LETTER OF APPRECIATION (U)
- (34) 021102Z DEC 94 USS GETTYSBURG - PORT VISIT MOMBASA KENYA (U)
- (35) 300900Z NOV 94 USS GETTYSBURG - ACHILLE LAURO SITREP 1 (U)
- (36) 011755Z DEC 94 USS GETTYSBURG - ACHILLE LAURO IIR (C)
- (37) 301756Z NOV 94 USS GETTYSBURG - ACHILLE LAURO SITREP 3 (U)
- (38) 302100Z NOV 94 USS GETTYSBURG - ACHILLE LAURO SITREP 4 (U)
- (39) 301718Z NOV 94 USS GETTYSBURG - ACHILLE LAURO SITREP 2 (U)
- (40) 010142Z DEC 94 USS GETTYSBURG - ACHILLE LAURO SITREP 1 (U)
- (41) 010521Z DEC 94 USS GETTYSBURG - ACHILLE LAURO SITREP 2 (U)
- (42) 011040Z DEC 94 USS GETTYSBURG - ACHILLE LAURO SITREP 3 (U)
- (43) 012314Z DEC 94 USS GETTYSBURG - ACHILLE LAURO SITREP 4 (U)
- (44) 042000Z DEC 94 USS GETTYSBURG - ACHILLE LAURO SITREP 5 (C)
- (45) 020012Z DEC 94 USS GETTYSBURG - ACHILLE LAURO PASSENGERS EMBARKED LIST (U)
- (46) 031100Z DEC 94 USS GETTYSBURG - ACHILLE LAURO PASSENGERS EMBARKED LIST WITH ADDRESS (U)
- (47) CHARTLET MARKING ACHILLE LAURO R & A (U)
- (48) 061620Z DEC 94 COMCARGRU TWO - WELL DONE FOR R & A (U)
- (49) 071330Z DEC 94 USDAO PRETORIA SF - BZ ACHILLE LAURO (U)
- (50) 061700Z DEC 94 CINCOSOUTH - PERSONAL FOR, BZ (U)
- (51) 050655Z DEC 94 USLO DJIBOUTI - BZ RELIEF OPERATION (U)
- (52) 050442Z DEC 94 USLO DJIBOUTI - RELIEF OPERATION (U)
- (53) 041138Z DEC 94 AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI - BZ ACHILLE LAURO (U)
- (54) 040930Z DEC 94 MRCC ROME - BZ ACHILLE LAURO (U)
- (55) 040703Z DEC 94 COMUSNAVCENT - BZ AMEMBASSY ROME (U)
- (56) 22 DEC 94 LETTER U.S. SENATE BOB GRAHAM - BZ ACHILLE LAURO (U)
- (57) 261826Z JUL 94 ATG CSTG DET MAYPORT - TSTA II (U)
- (58) ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOS - ACHILLE LAURO (U)
- (59) 011023Z DEC 94 COMUSNAVCENT - DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE DJIBOUTI (C)

NOT  
RETAINED

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

1. (U) The following ship's history is hereby forwarded in accordance with the requirements set forth in reference (a).

2. (U) COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION.

A. (U) Mission: To "be prepared to conduct prompt, sustained combat operations at sea" in support of Navy or multiservice tasking. This mission encompasses four major warfare areas; anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, and strike (land attack) warfare.

B. (U) Organizational Structure: Attached to Second Fleet under Commander Carrier Group Two until transferred to Commander Cruiser Destroyer Squadron Twelve on 01 Dec 94 enclosure (1). GETTYSBURG is stationed at Naval Station Mayport, Florida.

C. (U) Commanding Officer: Captain Peter R. Smith served as the Commanding Officer throughout the year of 1994.

D. (U) Lieutenant Commander A. R. Trotter served as Executive Officer until relieved by Lieutenant Commander M. D. Robinson on 18 Mar 1994. The following personnel served as department heads: LCDR [REDACTED], Supply Officer until relieved by LCDR [REDACTED]; LCDR [REDACTED], Operations Officer; LCDR [REDACTED], Engineer Officer; LCDR [REDACTED], Combat Systems Officer until relieved by LCDR [REDACTED]; LCDR [REDACTED] Weapons Officer until relieved by LT [REDACTED].

3. (U) CHRONOLOGY.

01-17 JAN	INPORT MAYPORT
18 JAN	LSAIL CHARLESTON, SC
19 JAN	ARR CHARLESTON, SC
19-21 JAN	AMMO OFFLOAD
21 JAN	LSAIL CHARLESTON, SC
22 JAN	ARRIVE MAYPORT
24 JAN - 26 MAR	SRA
03-04 FEB	FLIGHT DECK TAV
07-11 FEB	TAV/AAV
09-13 MAR	NFMT VISIT
23 MAR	SAT INSPECTION
11 MAR	ADMIRAL HURKMAN ONBOARD
10-14 MAR	GETTYSBURG, PA TRIP
14-15 MAR	ARE/CERT
14-25 MAR	CS MATL CONDITION REVIEW
21-25 MAR	PATGLANT TRNG/ASSIST
21-25 MAR	AVCERT/ARE
23-24 MAR	OHSAT
28-31 MAR	HULL CLEANING
25 MAR	DOCK TRIALS

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

DECLASSIFIED

28 MAR	FAST CRUISE
29-30 MAR	SEA TRIALS
31 MAR - 11 APR	INPT MAYPORT
06-15 APR	TMHK BLK III MATERIAL CERTIFICATION
12-15 APR	CART II
16-17 APR	INPORT MAYPORT
18 APR	LSAIL CHARLESTON, SC
19 APR	ARR CHARLESTON
19 APR	TACAN CERT
19-21 APR	AMMO ONLOAD
21 APR	LSAIL MAYPORT
22 APR	ARR MAYPORT
21 APR	SLAMEX 25-94 PHASE I (IUT)
21-23 APR	WEEK ONE WORKUPS
25-29 APR	TSTA I (CSTG)
28 APR	SLAMEX 26-94 PHASE II (CCG2)
02-13 MAY	TSTA I (FTG)
16-22 MAY	IMAV
16-20 MAY	SEMI ANNUAL PRT
17-20 MAY	LMA ASSIST
23 MAY- 16 JUL	ASGN: TG 024.12
23-27 MAY	TSTA II (ENG)
23 MAY - 05 JUN	ENR BALTOPS
26-27 MAY	BSF HALIFAX
06-07 JUN	PVST KIEL, GE
09-12 JUN	PVST STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN
13-18 JUN	BALTIC SEA BALTOPS 94
18-22 JUN	PVST GDYNIA, POLAND
23-29 JUN	PVST OSLO, NORWAY
01-06 JUL	PVST AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS
06-16 JUL	ENR MAYPORT
16 JUL	ARR MAYPORT
16 JUL	ASGN: TG 021.1
16-17 JUL	INPORT MAYPORT
18-22 JUL	PMT VISIT
18-25 JUL	GAS TURBINE READINESS REVIEW
25-29 JUL	TSTA II INPORT
25 JUL	EMBARK MIDSHIPMEN
01-05 AUG	TSTA II INPORT
08-12 AUG	TSTA II CSOSS PHASE II UNDERWAY
15-19 AUG	TSTA III JAXOA
17 AUG	ASWEX JAXOA
19 AUG	DEPENDENT CRUISE
20-22 AUG	INPT MAYPORT
23-25 AUG	CSA JAXOA
27-28 AUG	ENR YORKTOWN
29-31 AUG	AMMO ONLOAD YORKTOWN
31 AUG - 02 SEP	ENR MAYPORT

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

07-12 SEP	MEFEX CPOA
12-19 SEP	FLEETEX W/ IKE BG CPOA
19 SEP	INPT MAYPORT
20 SEP	PRE-DEPLOYMENT BRIEF
20-23 SEP	LMA
22 SEP	HARPOON REQUAL
22 SEP - 06 OCT	FIRST POM LEAVE PERIOD
24-25 SEP	INPT MAYPORT
25 SEP - 20 OCT	IMAV (423 POM)
26 SEP	TYCOMEX
26-30 SEP	CSRR PHASE I/ASRR
26 SEP - 07 OCT	CSRR PHASE II
03-07 OCT	SEMI ANNUAL PRT
06-20 OCT	SECOND POM LEAVE PERIOD
17 OCT	HELO ONLOAD
21 OCT	DEPLOY MEF 1-95
21 OCT	INCHOP TG 24.9
21 OCT - 08 NOV	ENR SOUTH AFRICA
30 OCT	SHELLBACK INITIATION
08 NOV	INCHOP CINCUSNAVEUR
08-10 NOV	PORT VISIT, SIMONSTOWN, SOUTH AFRICA
10-14 NOV	PORT VISIT, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA
14-22 NOV	ENR KENYA
22-26 NOV	PORT VISIT, MOMBASA, KENYA
26 NOV	ENR ARABIAN GULF
29 NOV	INCHOP TF 151.3
29 NOV - 03 DEC	ENROUTE ARABIAN GULF
30 NOV - 01 DEC	RESCUE AND ASSISTANCE, ACHILLE LAURO
02-04 DEC	ENR DJIBOUTI
04 DEC	PASSENGER TRANSFER, DJIBOUTI
04-08 DEC	ENR ARABIAN GULF
07 DEC	TRANSIT STRAITS OF HORMUZ
08 DEC	RELIEVE USS LEYTE GULF
08-14 DEC	NORTH ARABIAN GULF OPS
15-17 DEC	PORT VISIT BAHRAIN
17-22 DEC	CENTRAL ARABIAN GULF OPS
22-26 DEC	PORT VISIT BAHRAIN
26-31 DEC	NORTH ARABIAN GULF OPS

4. (U) NARRATIVE:

(U) GETTYSBURG entered the new year inport Mayport having returned from Counter Drug Operations in the Caribbean Seas in Dec '93. On the 10th of January all crew members returned as Christmas leave period concluded.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

(U) On the 18th of January GETTYSBURG sailed for Naval Weapons Station Charleston, South Carolina for a pre-SRA weapons offload. Upon completion of weapons offload on 21 January, GETTYSBURG returned to Mayport.

(U) GETTYSBURG commenced her first Ship Repair Availability (SRA-1) on the 24th of January. For the remainder of January through the 26st of March, GETTYSBURG remained inport, Mayport.

(U) Availability was completed on 01 April, 7 days prior to CNO end date (enclosure (2)). A total of 355 jobs were completed with 22 bilateral modifications (enclosure (3)). During SRA-1, GETTYSBURG continued it's fine tradition of maintaining relationship with the city of Gettysburg, PA. Dozens of GETTYSBURG's sailors visited the battle fields and conducted community relations projects from 10-14 March. During this time GETTYSBURG also conducted AVCERT/ARE in Mayport from 14-15 March. The final certification was granted as listed in enclosure (4).

(U) On the 25th of March, GETTYSBURG conducted Dock Trials followed by a Fast Cruise on the 28th and a successful Sea Trials from the 29-30th of March. Equipment testing was conducted in accordance with Sea Trials Schedule of Events (enclosure (5)). With all the final adjustments made, GETTYSBURG was ready to continue her mission. Starting in early April, GETTYSBURG commenced its workups and training cycle in preparation for BALTOPS '94 and a deployment in October.

(U) Early in April, GETTYSBURG conducted certification inspections for Tomahawk BLK III. From 05-12 April, GETTYSBURG, with inspection teams from PHD NSW and FTSC/LANT Det Mayport, successfully completed it's certification process. The final Tomahawk Material Certification inspection report is provided in enclosure (6) and USS GETTYSBURG Block III Tomahawk Material Certification message is enclosure (7).

(U) From 12-15th of April, GETTYSBURG underwent a rigorous training assist during CART II. Shipwide inspection of administrative and material condition was conducted as a part of self assessment review. In addition, numerous Engineering, Combat Systems, and Navigation/Seamanship training and drill were conducted both inport and underway (enclosure (8)). Enclosure (9) is a copy of tracks taken during CART II for drills on Low Visibility, Loss of Gyro and Swept Channel exercises.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

(U) GETTYSBURG remained inport (16-17 April), after receiving valuable training during CART II. GETTYSBURG got underway for a late sail on the 18th of April for Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, South Carolina for a post SRA weapons onload. GETTYSBURG returned to Mayport on the 22nd of April.

(U) From 21 April to 13 May, GETTYSBURG conducted numerous in port and at sea training evolutions and workups with TSTA I (CSTG), TSTA I (FTG), and TSTA II (ENG) as well as a LMA assist. GETTYSBURG's Semi-Annual PRT was administered from 16-20 May.

(U) GETTYSBURG set sail on the 23rd of May to participate in Baltic Operations '94 (BALTOPS). This US sponsored multi-national exercise was the largest in its 22 year history; joined by a total of 44 surface craft and observers from 15 nations. The exercise was divided into three phases. Phase I was a "non-lethal exercise at sea, learning from each other and how to operate together..." (enclosure (10)). Phase II "...to promote interoperability, mutual cooperation and understanding among all participants" (enclosure (10)). Phase III "...consisted of a series of port visits which also demonstrated U.S. interest in the Baltic region" (enclosure (10)).

(U) For the transit to BALTOPS, GETTYSBURG was joined by USS OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (FFG 7) and USS HAYLER (DD 997). On the 26th of May, GETTYSBURG, along with HAYLER and OLIVER HAZARD PERRY, entered Halifax, Nova Scotia in a heavy fog for a brief stop and refueling. On the 28th of May, all three ships got underway on a transit across the Northern Atlantic Ocean to the Baltic Seas. The transit was extremely rough, with heavy sea and high winds and eventually with the drifting icebergs being reported, GETTYSBURG and the other ships in company was diverted from its original track to avoid heavy weather and drifting icebergs.

(U) GETTYSBURG sailed across the Atlantic, through the English Channel and boarded two Danish pilots for the transit through the Skagerrat and Kattegat. GETTYSBURG arrived in Kiel, Germany for a BALTOPS pre-sail conference and port visit from 06 - 07 Jun. After a brief stay, GETTYSBURG was underway for Phase I of BALTOPS and a follow-on port visit in Stockholm, Sweden. From 09-12 June, GETTYSBURG enjoyed an opportunity to show US interest in the Baltic region by hoisting several luncheons and banquets as well as enjoying the sightseeing while on liberty.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

(U) Phase I commenced in Kiel, Germany (06-07 June) with pre-sail conference. The ship participants are as follows:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>SHIP</u>
BELGIUM	BNS WANDELAAR (F 912)
DENMARK	HDMS VAEDDEREN (F 359)
	HDMS OLFERT FISCHER (F 355)
FINLAND	FNS HAMEENMAA (M 02)
GERMANY	FGS LUTGENS (F 185)
	FGS WALCHENSEE (A 1424)
	FGS RHIEN (A 58)
	FGS WERRA (A 68)
	COM 5 FPB SQN
	U-16/U-18
LITHUANIA	LNS AUKSTAITIS (F 12)
NETHERLAND	HNLMS PIETER FLORISZ (F 826)
	HNLMS KORTENAER (F 807)
	HNLMS TJERK HIDDES (F 830)
	HNLMS ZUIDERKRUIS (A 832)
	HNLMS ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN (F 816)
	HNLMS ZWAARDVIS (S 806)
NORWAY	COM 24 FPB SQUAD
	HNOMS TEIST (P 991)
	HNOMS FALK (P 995)
	HNOMS SKARV (P 990)
	HNOMS RAPP (P 981)
	HNOMS SNAR (P 982)
POLAND	ORP KASRUP (F 240)
	ORP PIAST (A 282)
RUSSIA	RNS NEUSTRASHIMY (F 712)
SWEDEN	HMS VISBORG (M 03)
	HMS GOTEBOG (K 12)
	HMS SMYGE (STEALTH)
UNITED STATES	USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64)
	USS HAYLER (DD 997)
	USS OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (FFG 7)

OBSERVERS:

ESTONIA	- 5
IRELAND	- 1
LATVIA	- 3
RUSSIA	- 1
UNITED KINGDOM	- 1



Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

Phase II included intense warfare training as listed:

<u>WARFARE AREA</u>	<u># OF EVENTS</u>	<u># HRS OF TRAINING</u>
ASW	14	58
AAW	12	19.5
ASUW	4	16
GUNEX	6	15.5
NAVCOMEX	2	7.5
EWEX	2	4.5
TACEX	1	20

(U) From 13-17 June, following the port visit to Stockholm, GETTYSBURG conducted various exercises as listed in support of Baltops Phase II in enclosure (13). Upon conclusion of at-sea exercises GETTYSBURG continued Phase III with port visits to Gdynia, Poland (18-22 June), Oslo, Norway (23-29 June) and finally to Amsterdam, Netherlands (01-06 July). All port visit briefs are included in enclosures (12 - 15). On the 6th of July GETTYSBURG concluded all phases of BALTOPS '94 receiving outstanding performance reports, enclosure (16), and set sail for Mayport, Florida.

(U) Phase I and II were conducted in Bornholm Island Opareas with Phase I exercises conducted in the following areas:

- SEAL DEMONSTRATIONS
- INTERACTIVE FLIGHT OPS
- BASIC GUNNERY
- SHIP DEMONSTRATIONS
- MEDICAL EXCHANGES
- PERSONNEL EXCHANGE PROGRAM
- SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

(U) GETTYSBURG arrived in Mayport, Florida on the 16th of July and immediately went to work continuing pre-deployment work ups. In late July, GETTYSBURG kicked off several training assists beginning with TSTA II followed by TSTA III, and CSOSS phase II (enclosure (57)). All the training lead to Combat Systems Assessment (CSA) held between 23 to 25 Aug. Just prior to the CSA, GETTYSBURG showed off its capabilities and enjoyed a get together with friends and family members during the annual Dependents Cruise held on the 19th of Aug at Jax Opareas. Upon completion of CSA, GETTYSBURG was underway for Yorktown, Virginia (27-31 Aug) for predeployment weapons onload. GETTYSBURG returned to Mayport on 02 Sep.

(U) After a week in Mayport, GETTYSBURG once again was underway for the Cherry Point Oparea for MEFEX followed by FLEETEX with the Eisenhower Battle Group (enclosure (17)). From 07-18 September, GETTYSBURG along with USS HALYBURTON (FFG 40) conducted

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

various exercises and training in a rigorous tactical and strategic battle group operations in preparation for MEF 1-95 deployment. MEFEX was comprised of the following exercises:

- Detect-to-engage scenarios
- ASUW Gunnery scenarios utilizing sled and septar services.
- Submarine familiarization and active ASW tracking exercises.
- Coordinated ASW and simulated close in shipboard attacks against simulated diesel threat
- Boarding team training
- Minefield training
- Live scenario-exercises designed to exercise individual ships battle orders, Sledgehammer procedures, CENTCOM ROE, and reporting procedures.
- Misslex
- Electronic Warfare training
- Lamps Littoral Warfare training
- Quickdraw
- Pacfires
- TRAPACS
- FOTC training

Enclosure (18) provides a detailed schedule of events for MEFEX 1-95.

(U) During MEFEX, GETTYSBURG successfully employed standard missiles (SM2) against High Altitude/High Speed (AQM) and Low Altitude/High Speed (BQM) simulated ASCM threats, executing a flawless Misslex, as described in enclosure (19). Upon completion of all exercises, GETTYSBURG returned to Mayport on the 19th of September.

(U) On the 20th of September, GETTYSBURG conducted a Logistics Management Assessment (LMA). LMA results are detailed in enclosure (20) with followings grades assigned:

General Stores	96.1%
Food Service	93.9%
Retail Operations	99.5%
Planned Maintenance System	94.3%
Maintenance Data System	99.2%

These were noted as being the highest LMA grades ever achieved in Mayport!

(U) After a very busy week of LMA, GETTYSBURG commenced first POM leave period from 22 Sep - 06 Oct. The second POM leave period was from 06 - 20 Oct with a Semi-Annual PRT conducted between 03-07

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

Oct. On the 17th of October, GETTYSBURG embarked HSL-48 Det-3, stationed out of Mayport, with one SH-60B.

(U) After ten months of outstanding training and preparation, GETTYSBURG was declared ready for deployment as noted in a report from COMSECONDFLT (enclosure (21)) and the MEF 1-95 executive summary from CINCLANTFLT ((enclosure (22))). GETTYSBURG set sail on the 21st of October for a six month deployment (MEF 1-95) to the Arabian Gulf. GETTYSBURG was joined by USS HALYBURTON (FFG 40), stationed in Charleston, SC for the deployment to the Gulf, on the 22nd of October.

(U) GETTYSBURG deployed with C-2/M-2 or better in all mission areas and with the following capabilities:

Combat Systems

- Two 5 inch gun mounts
- CIWS
- LINK 11
- SQS 56
- vertical launching system
- NTDS
- LINK 14 RCV ONLY
- SQR 19 (V) 1

Communications

- FM VINSON
- SINGLE DAMA
- KY-58
- SRN-25
- JOTS-II
- WRN-6
- R1051
- OTCIXS
- SSR-1 (FC COMPLETED)
- KG-84C
- ANDVT
- LRI
- INMARSAT

Cryptologic

- DATA DEMOD (M-8000)
- TRIB PREGROOM
- COMBAT CRYPTOLOGIC SUPPORT SYSTEM (CCSS)
- TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM (TACINTEL)
- LOCAL MONITORING SYSTEM (LMS)
- PORTABLE RDF (MD-103)
- SCALABLE TRANSPORTABLE INTEL COMM SYSTEM (STICS)

EW

- SLQ-32 (V)3
- SLQ-49
- SRBOC MK 36 MOD 12
- ULQ-16 (V)2

(U) GETTYSBURG's first stop enroute to the Arabian Gulf took her from Mayport, Florida to Africa's Cape of Good Hope and into historic visits to Simonstown and Cape Town South Africa. CINCLANTFLT's approval of port visit to Cape Town, South Africa and MEF 1-95 transit information to South Africa is included in enclosures (23 and 24).

(U) Prior to arrival in South Africa, GETTYSBURG conducted the traditional "Crossing the Line" ceremony where all "slimy

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

Pollywogs" were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Deep and welcomed to King Neptune's Kingdom. Early on the morning of the 30th of October, more than 300 Pollywogs persevered the initiation and became Trusty Shellbacks, enclosure (25).

(U) On the 8th of November, GETTYSBURG exchanged a twenty-one gun salute with a South African Navy shore battery off Simonstown, South Africa. Enclosure (26 and 27), is the Special Sea and Anchor detail navigation brief for visit to Simonstown from 08-10 Nov and visit to Cape Town from 10-14 Nov.

(U) For the first time in 27 years GETTYSBURG along with HALYBURTON became the first two ships to enter a South African harbor since USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT's visit in February, 1967.

(U) GETTYSBURG's mission was simple and was clearly stated in CAPT P. R. Smith's statement to the South African press. "We are delighted to be here to show support for the newly elected democratic government of South Africa...The United States strongly supports the goals and efforts of the new government and this visit is one way to express that support." Various newspaper articles depicting the historic visit to South Africa are included in enclosure (28).

(U) On the 10th of Nov. the U.S. Ambassador to South Africa hosted a reception aboard GETTYSBURG for leading South African political figures. On the 11th of Nov. GETTYSBURG hosted a reception for South African Naval and other military contacts (enclosure (29)). In addition to all the formal meetings, all hands enjoyed one of the most memorable stays in South Africa with numerous tours and exceptional hospitality. As stated in USDAO Pretoria message "The visits signified not only the commencement of new ties between two Navies, but underscored the efforts of the entire U.S. mission in South Africa", enclosure (30). The mission was a complete success and numerous congratulatory message were received, enclosure (31). A complete post port brief message is included as enclosure (32).

(U) On the 14th of November, GETTYSBURG got underway to conduct a first ever PASSEX with the South African Navy during the transit from Capetown to Mombasa, Kenya. From 14-16 November, various shiphandling training, Divtacs, Communications drills, Light Line transfers and personnel exchange were conducted with SAN KOBIE COETSEE, SAN DRAKENSBURG, SAN JAN SMOTS, and SAN MARIA VAN REIBEK. Throughout this period GETTYSBURG hosted 11 officer, 1 Chief Petty Officer and 10 ratings from the South African Navy for an orientation cruise while enroute Durban, South Africa, where they debarked via South African helicopters.

DECLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

(U) After completing the successful mission to South Africa, GETTYSBURG transited to and entered Mombasa, Kenya on the 22nd of November. During the visit to Mombasa, GETTYSBURG's sailors took time out to give humanitarian aid to the children and staff of the Greater Providence of Kenya Anglican Cathedral. GETTYSBURG also enjoyed a once in a lifetime experience of African safaris to the Tsavo East and West National Parks as well as to the Mt. Kilimanjaro, (enclosures (33 and 34)). On the 26th of Nov, GETTYSBURG, along with HALYBURTON, departed Mombasa, Kenya enroute to the Arabian Gulf.

(U) On 30 November, GETTYSBURG and HALYBURTON were diverted to proceed at "best speed" to posit 08 00'N / 052 20'E to assist a vessel in distress. The vessel in distress was the Italian cruise liner "ACHILLE LAURO, which had caught fire and was burning" with 980 passengers aboard. The following is a time line of the rescue and assistance of "ACHILLE LAURO":

-At 300737Z GETTYSBURG and HALYBURTON diverted by COMUSNAVCENT to proceed directly at best speed to assist passenger vessel "ACHILLE LAURO" enclosure (35). GETTYSBURG was approximately 350 NM away when the signal to render assistance was received. GETTYSBURG's embarked helicopter was launched about 170 NM from the "ACHILLE LAURO" providing food, clothing, and medical supplies to the Panamanian flagged tanker "HAWAIIAN KING" which had taken aboard the majority of the passengers and crew who had abandoned the ACHILLE LAURO. (enclosure (36, 37 and 38)).

-At 301100Z a USN P-3C Maritime Patrol Aircraft C/S MN 804, checked in with GETTYSBURG. The P-3C then proceeded on to ACHILLE LAURO posit. GETTYSBURG received a TELEX via INMARSAT from Rescue Coordination Center Southern Norway: "Vessels on fire, crew and passengers evacuated into life boats and life rafts. Total number of persons 980, 4 vessels on scene making rescue - "HAWAIIAN KING", "BARDU", "TREASURE ISLAND", and "LEIRA" making rescue of evacuated people. 1 confirmed dead", (enclosure (39))

-At 010100Z GETTYSBURG personnel observed fires burning on the bow, midships, and stern areas of the "ACHILLE LAURO" (enclosure (36)).

-At 010500Z GETTYSBURG arrived on station and began conducting passenger transfers from "HAWAIIAN KING" (enclosure (36)).

-By 010800Z Using GETTYSBURG's RHIB and the Captain's GIG, 164 passengers were transferred from "HAWAIIAN KING" to GETTYSBURG (enclosure (36)).

-From 010800 to 011430Z all passengers are transferred to various on scene ships, (enclosures 40 and 43)). In all, GETTYSBURG boats transferred over 800 passengers throughout the course of the day to

DECLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

various rescue vessels on scene. The passengers were split by nationality with some heading south to Mombasa and others, mostly European, going on north bound ships to Djibouti; Djibouti where they were to be returned to their homes via their contracted commercial air.

-GETTYSBURG was ordered to remain on station near "ACHILLE LAURO" until turn over of on scene surveillance duties to salvage tug "SOLANO" (enclosure (43)).

-Ship status of personnel enclosure (43):

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u># of passengers</u>
GETTYSBURG	DJIBOUTI	165
HALYBURTON	DJIBOUTI	43
CHEVRON PURTH	MOMBASA	136 PLUS 1 CORPSE
CHIOS/SHIELS	MOMBASA	117
LUCY/MISS LACY	MOMBASA	100
LIMA	DJIBOUTI	50
BARDU	DJIBOUTI	69
HAWAIIAN KING	MOMBASA	140
IRAN SARBAZ	DJIBOUTI	40

-GETTYSBURG turned over ACHILLE LAURO watch to salvage tug "Solano" at 012030Z, (enclosure (43)). GETTYSBURG then proceeded to Djibouti (enclosure (59)).

-GETTYSBURG arrived Djibouti, Pier 2 at 040600Z. Survivors and ambulances debarked from accommodation ladder directly to awaiting buses on pier. GETTYSBURG departed Djibouti at 041400Z, (enclosures (44 and 58)).

(U) Enclosures (45) and (46) list all survivors of "ACHILLE LAURO" that were embarked on GETTYSBURG. Enclosure (47) is a copy of chart marking the location of "ACHILLE LAURO" during the rescue operation. She sank at that approximate location on 2 December.

(U) "GETTYSBURG crewmembers donated significant amounts of personal items such as blankets, clothing, and toiletries that were vital for the health and comfort to the survivors. Additionally, each crew member made it a personal mission to ensure all the guests were completely comfortable, had a bunk to sleep in, knew their way about the ship, and made to feel as one of the crew during the three days they were aboard. Three entire berthing compartments were voluntarily evacuated by the ship's company who willingly "hot bunked" or slept in other areas so the passengers could be accommodated and rested after their ordeal."

DECLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

(U) As a result GETTYSBURG made friends with the "world" and became a symbol of America's forward presence and professionalism. GETTYSBURG captured the headlines of every major newspaper and every major television news program around the world. Subsequently, GETTYSBURG received dozens of personal letters as well as congratulatory and thank you messages governments and individuals from around the world, (enclosures (48) through (56), (58)).

(U) GETTYSBURG departed Djibouti on the 4th of December and immediately conducted refueling at sea with FS SOMME in the Indian Ocean. GETTYSBURG transited the Strait of Hormuz on the 7th of December during which GETTYSBURG, in accordance with COMUSNAVCENT OPOD 1000 asserted the rights of freedom of navigation and challenged the Iranian claim to a straight line baseline assertion of territorial waters vice the normal internationally recognized 12NM limit which conforms to the coastal outline of a nation. GETTYSBURG executed the Iranian Straight Baseline Assertion Routes (ISBARS) and Straits of Hormuz Alternate Routing System (SOHARS) without any challenge from Iranians.

(U) On the 8th of Dec, GETTYSBURG arrived in the North Arabian Gulf and relieved USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55) and began duties conducting Maritime Interception Operations while at the same time performing duties as the Tomahawk ready strike platform in the North Arabian Gulf working under the operational and tactical control of Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command.

(U) GETTYSBURG remained on station in the North Arabian Gulf, only twenty miles off the coast of Iraq and Iran, conducting Maritime Interception Operations and performing duties as the ready strike platform. On the very first day on station, GETTYSBURG queried and boarded the merchant vessel "AJMER" suspected of carrying cargo in violation of United Nations Sanction against Iraq. Subsequently, the merchant vessel was found to be in violation of UN sanctions and on the 14th of December GETTYSBURG departed the area while escorting the merchant vessel to a holding area near Bahrain Bell for further investigation and processing. From 15-17 Dec, GETTYSBURG was anchored in Sitrah Anchorage in Bahrain to onload Navy Mast Mounted Sight and conduct NAVCENT INCHOP brief. GETTYSBURG returned to the North Arabian Gulf on the 18 Dec to continue MIO/TLAM Ready Strike missions until the 21st of December.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

(U) On the 21st of December, GETTYSBURG escorted another UN sanctions violator, Merchant Vessel "Gulf Splendor", to the holding area before entering Bahrain at Sitrah Anchorage, to commence a Christmas port visit. From 22-26 December, GETTYSBURG remained at anchor and on the 26th set sail again for the North Arabian Gulf to close out the year continuing the Maritime Interdiction Operation mission and performing duties as the Tomahawk Ready Strike platform.



PETER R. SMITH

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED