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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.

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F. J. DIEMER

Command Composition and Organization

Mission: To locate and destroy surface ships and submarines,
To conduct strike warfare, reconnaissance, mine-
planting, and special warfare operations.

Organizational Structure: Officers: 14
Enlisted: 124

Name of Commanding Officer: Ferdinand J. Diemer, Commander, USN

Permanent Duty Station: Groton, Connecticut

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF
USS HARTFORD (SSN 768)
for calendar year 2000

01 JAN 00 STANDDOWN

03 JAN 00 Weapon System Readiness Review & upkeep. CSS FOUR conducted evaluation with Captain M. Williams as the senior board member.

18 JAN 00 Groton, CT Pier 33 North

18 JAN 00 POMCERT, Sound trials, and Torpedo Exercise.

30 JAN 00 Arrived in Groton, CT pier 10 North.

19 FEB 00 Departed for Mediterranean Deployment.

23 FEB 00 Participated in IKEBATGRU TLAMEX 01-00.

02 MAR 00 Arrived in Gibraltar for a port visit. CO attended social calls with Commander British Forces Gibraltar and Governor of Gibraltar.

06 MAR 00 Departed Gibraltar with INCHOP team onboard. COMSUBGRU EIGHT team evaluated HARTFORD's readiness for Mediterranean Sea operations.

08 MAR 00 Participated in Caesar Sword 00-04.

09 MAR 00 Arrived in La Maddalena, Italy, for port visit.

12 MAR 00 Departed La Maddalena.

14 MAR 00 Participated in exercise SHARK HUNT. This is an annual exercise conducted by COMSUBGRU EIGHT to conduct coordinated operations with NATO allies. Embarked LCDR Marc Pennamem of French navy and OF-1 Gurillimo Monserat of Spanish navy for exercise. LTJG ██████████ embarked on FS AMYTHESTE and LTJG ██████████ embarked SP NARVAL for the exercise.

21 MAR 00 Arrived in Toulon, France for port visit. CO attended social calls with Mayor of Toulon and Commander French Submarine Force Mediterranean (COMSUBMAR).

27 MAR 00 Departed Toulon, France.

28 MAR 00 Participated in Sixth Fleet TLAM exercise Caesar Sword 00-06.

29 MAR 00 Transited through the Straits of Messina.

07 APR 00 Arrived in Haifa, Israel for a port visit. Commanding Officer made a call on Admiral Moran upon arrival. Gifts were exchanged.

10 APR 00 Departed Haifa, Israel. HARTFORD began IKE Battle Group Exercise Noble Suzanne, a multinational exercise conducted with the Israeli navy.

13 APR 00 Arrived in Haifa, Israel for a second port visit. Tours to surrounding areas provided the crew with an exceptional opportunity to experience the wealth of history present in Israel.

17 APR 00 Departed Haifa, Israel. Ship conducted its Mid-deployment OPEX.

19 MAY 00 Arrived in Souda Bay, Crete for a port visit. CO called upon the CO ITS GARIBALDI, and plaques were exchanged. Greek Naval Base Executive Officer visited boat immediately upon arrival with a gift.

20 MAY 00 Five Midshipmen from the United States Naval Academy arrived for Midshipmen Summer Cruise.

22 MAY 00 Departed Souda Bay, Crete. Began EXERCISE DYNAMIC MIX 2000, a multinational exercise organized by NATO in which task group forces were established to "protect Greece" against hostile forces. Participants included Turkey, Greece, Belgium, Netherlands, France, Italy, Spain, England, and the USA.

01 JUN 00 Arrived in Corfu, Greece for a port visit. HARTFORD moored alongside submarine tender USS EMORY S. LAND. Plaques and pictures were exchanged with many local authorities. Local artistic and cultural events, warm weather, and good hospitality were enjoyed by all.

04 JUN 00 Midshipmen departed.

05 JUN 00 Departed Corfu, Greece.

09 JUN 00 Arrived in Palma de Mallorca, Spain for a port visit. CO, XO, and two officers were hosted at a reception held by the Navy League. The League was extremely supportive of the HARTFORD, and provided an outstanding welcome.

15 JUN 00 Departed Palma de Mallorca. HARTFORD began exercise SHAREM-133/TACEVALEX, a joint Anti-Submarine Warfare exercise including both Spanish and American naval forces. The exercise provided all units involved with the opportunity to develop ASW proficiency and test various ASW weapons.

27 JUN 00 Arrived in La Maddalena, Italy for Mid-Deployment Upkeep. Preventative Maintenance and corrective maintenance to ship systems were completed with great success, further enhancing HARTFORD'S operational readiness.

08 JUL 00 Six Midshipmen from the United States Naval Academy arrived for Midshipmen Summer Cruise.

13 JUL 00 Departed La Maddalena, Italy.

14 JUL 00 Began exercise with Standard Naval Forces Mediterranean, an ASW exercise in which Greece, UK, Spain, Italy, Turkey, France, and USA participated. HARTFORD and FS AMYTHESTE were the submarine platforms for the STANAVFORMED exercise.

19 JUL 00 Completed STANAVFORMED exercise.

25 JUL 00 Conducted personnel transfer in Taranto, Italy, to receive Rear Admiral Munns (COMSUBGRU 8).

26 JUL 00 HARTFORD conducted transit through the Straits of Messina, en route to La Maddalena, Italy.

30 JUL 00 HARTFORD participated in submarine vs. submarine exercise.

31 JUL 00 Completed TRAILEX exercise.

02 AUG 00 Arrived in La Maddalena, Italy, for weapons offload.

04 AUG 00 Departed La Maddalena.

23 AUG 00 Conducted BSP in Bermuda in order to pick up the
NPEB in preparation for an Operational Reactor
Safeguards Examination.

23 AUG 00 ORSE began.

24 AUG 00 Ship completed ORSE. 30-day Post Deployment
Standdown period began.

25 SEP 00 Standdown ended. Ship resumed normal inport
operations and made preparations to get underway.

26 SEP 00 Ship operated in local OPAREA to conduct
qualifications and proficiency training.

29 SEP 00 Ship moored to Pier 32N at SUBBASE NLON, CT. Ship
began modernization period.

18 DEC 00 Ship operated in local OPAREA to conduct
subtraining, operational checks of newly installed
equipment, watchstander proficiency training, and
shipwide drills.

21 DEC 00 Ship returned to Pier 12N NLON CT. Christmas
standown period began.

03 JAN 01 Completed Christmas standown.

09 JAN 01 Ship deployed to AUTEK to shoot exercise ADCAP
torpedos and to conduct sub vs. sub exercises.

19 JAN 01 Ship returned to Pier 31N NLON CT.

Narrative

After Christmas stand down was complete, HARTFORD conducted a Weapon System Readiness Review (WSRR) and a short upkeep in Groton, CT. HARTFORD was underway in mid-January performing a Pre-Overseas Movement Certification (POMCERT) and sound monitoring for another ship (in conjunction with Submarine Engineering Operating (SEOC) conducted onboard HARTFORD). In mid-January, HARTFORD returned to Groton and finished preparations for her upcoming six-month deployment. In mid-February, HARTFORD was underway and commenced her deployment to the Mediterranean Sea. HARTFORD then transited through the Straits of Gibraltar and made a port visit in Gibraltar on 2 March. After a five day stay, HARTFORD departed on 6 March. Exercise SHARK HUNT, conducted by COMSUBGRU EIGHT on 14 MAR 00, gave HARTFORD the opportunity to participate in a coordinated exercise with NATO allies. On 10 APR 00, HARTFORD departed from Haifa, Israel to conduct the IKE Battle Group Exercise Noble Suzanne, a multinational exercise conducted with the Israeli Navy. HARTFORD's next multinational exercise was EXERCISE DYNAMIC MIX 2000, in which ship's from Turkey, Greece, Belgium, Netherlands, France, Italy, Spain, England, and the United States participated. The exercise was designed to train all participating units in joint naval operations, and task group forces were established to "protect Greek AOR" against hostile forces. ASW proficiency training was emphasized during a 15 JUN

00 SHAREM-133/TACEVALEX, in which Spanish and American naval forces conducted ASW proficiency and ASW weapons testing. In the same spirit of ASW, HARTFORD also participated in the 14 JUL 00 Standard Naval Forces Mediterranean ASW exercise. Greece, UK, Spain, Italy, Turkey, and France also participated. Finally, on 04 AUG 00, HARTFORD departed La Maddalena to begin her long transit westward back to homeport in Groton, CT. Prior to returning to port, however, HARTFORD first conducted a BSP in Bermuda on 23 AUG 00 to pick up the NPEB team for the engineering examination.

After deployment, operations in the local opareas and the Autec Range allowed HARTFORD the opportunity to conduct proficiency training, drills, sub vs. sub exercises, and equipment testing for the recently installed radar system and new antenna systems.