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Encl: (1) Command History on USS KLAKRING (FFG 42) for 1987

1. Per the reference, enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS KLAKRING (FFG 42) FOR 1987

1 January finds USS KLAKRING in homeport, Charleston, South Carolina enjoying the holiday standdown period.

14 January USS KLAKRING obtains the Aviation Certification.

15 January underway for the Charleston OPAREA to train with HSL 42 Det 1. Refuel at sea with USNS TRUCKEE.

17 January return to port to work with 20B5 Combat Systems Training Van.

30 January underway for AUTEK range for Advanced ASW Operations.

5 February return to homeport following a very successful ASW training evolution.

10 February underway for FLEETEX 1-87.

12 February form ASW Group 29.6.7. We perform a live firing exercise with both the ship and LAMPS MK III firing 1 torpedo. Target destroyed. Detach ASW Group 14 February.

14 February fire one standard missile,evaluated hit on TDU.

16 February RDVU with USS SARATOGA to perform ASW and AAW exercises. Detach 20 February.

24 February commence Advanced FLEETEX 1-87 and War at Sea scenario. Complete exercise 27 February.

1 March return to Charleston, SC.

17 March underway to Charleston OPAREA to conduct INSURV rehearsals. Return to port 18 March.

23 March Board of Inspections and Survey begins its inspection.

24 March underway to Charleston OPAREA. INSURV onboard. Return to port PM.

26 March INSURV team certifies USS KLAKRING as fit for continued service.

13 April underway for Charleston OPAREA and port visit in Miami. Conducted a burial at sea. Conducted 775 flight deck evolutions while we are a training platform for the Mayport HSL squadrons.

17 April Arrive Miami, Florida for a port visit.

21 April underway for Charleston OPAREA with Gas Turbine Mobile Training Team onboard. 24 April return to Charleston, SC.

30 April underway for Solid Shield 87. 8 May commence FLEETEX 2-87 and War at Sea.
10 May return to port after a successful exercise.

11 May commence predeployment IMAV in Charleston, SC

29 May underway for sea trials and a dependents day cruise. Return to port in PM.

4 June deployment changed from the Mediterranean to the Persian Gulf.

6 June underway for the Persian Gulf.

8 June RDVU with Norfolk units headed for the Mediterranean.

15 June arrive Rota, Spain for a brief stop for fuel. Underway PM.

19 June arrive Taormina, Sicily for first liberty port during deployment. Depart 21 June.

22 June refuel at sea with USNS MISSISSINEWA prior to passing through the Suez Canal.

23 June arrive Port Said, Egypt.

24 June transit the Suez Canal. Inchopt to Middle East Force.

28 June commence Freedom of Navigation Exercise through Yemen Arab Republic territorial waters. Transit through the Straits of Bab El Madeb.

29 June arrive Djibouti for brief stop for fuel. Underway PM.

4 July anchor by Fujirah, United Arab Emirates. Celebrate Independence Day with special dinner consisting of steak and lobster.

6 July underway from anchorage. Transit Straits of Hormuz, transit time 6 hrs 30 Mins. Proceed to Mina Jebel Ali for a brief stop for fuel.

7 July arrive Mina Jebel Ali. Underway PM to proceed to Radar Picket Station South.

8 July anchor Sitra Bahrain for brief stop for fuel and first liberty port in Persian Gulf.

9 July underway for Radar Picket Station South.

10 July flight quarters to receive Desert Duck who brings parts and mail.

12 July XO's first wild outfit contest, which was won by BM3 [REDACTED] dressed as a wild Arab. Second place winner was GSM1 [REDACTED].

13 July anchor Sitra, Bahrain. Receive stores, water, fuel and liberty for the crew.

16 July underway for Radar Picket Station South.

22 July refuel at sea with USS LASALLE.

25 July completed the inspection of Ship's Self Defense Force by LTCOL [REDACTED] with a grade of excellent.

27 July underway for Straits of Hormuz.

28 July Transit the Straits of Hormuz.

29 July VERTREP with USS CAMDEN for ammo/stores.

2 August transit the Straits of Hormuz.

3 August Anchored Bahrain Bell.

5 August underway for Radar Picket Station South.

7 August anchor Sitra, Bahrain for fuel, stores and water. Underway for RPS (N).

10 August embark detachment of Army helicopters. RDVU with escort group while coordinating efforts of British tugs converted for mine sweeping.

13 August anchor Sitra, Bahrain. Ship's party 15 August.

16 August underway for Straits of Hormuz.

17 August transit Straits of Hormuz.

18 August refuel at sea with RFA BRAMBLELEAF. RDVU with escort group.

19 August escort group through transit of the Straits of Hormuz.

20 August USS KLAKRING observes her fourth birthday with cake and ice cream on the mess decks.

21 August anchor in Kuwaiti waters with escort group.

22 August underway for Straits of Hormuz with another escort group.

24 August transit Straits of Hormuz with escort group. Detach escort group. Transit Straits of Hormuz.

26 August UNREP with USS SAINT LOUIS.

27 August anchor Sitra, Bahrain for a brief stop for fuel and stores. Underway for the Gulf of Oman.

30 August transit the Straits of Hormuz with MV BRIDGETON. Detach in Gulf of Oman.

2 September RDVU with MV COURIER and SS PRESIDENT PIERCE to escort to Fujirah, UAE.

3 September detach MV COURIER and SS PRESIDENT PIERCE. RDVU with USNS SEALIFT MEDITERRANEAN to escort to Bahrain.

4 September transit Straits of Hormuz with USNS SEALIFT MEDITERRANEAN.

5 September anchor Bahrain Bell.

6 September underway for Straits of Hormuz Western Patrol Area.

10 September transit the Straits of Hormuz for operations in the Straits of Hormuz Eastern Patrol Area.

14 September transit the Straits of Hormuz for operations in the Straits of Hormuz Western Patrol Area and RPS(S).

23 September anchor Sitra Bahrain for a brief stop for fuel.

27 September underway for RPS(S).

1 October RDVU with USNS SEALIFT PACIFIC and escort through Straits of Hormuz. Detach USNS SEALIFT PACIFIC.

3 October transit Straits of Hormuz. RDVU with escort group. Transit Straits of Hormuz with convoy group. Detach convoy group and operate in Gulf of Oman.

11 October transit the Straits of Hormuz with escort group.

13 October anchor off Kuwait with escort group.

14 October underway with return escort group. Detach group and operate in RPS(S).

24 October transit the Straits of Hormuz. Anchor in the Gulf of Oman by Fujairah.

25 October underway from anchorage.

26 October RDVU with USS CARR for turnover. Underway for Djibouti.

29 October arrive Djibouti for a brief stop for fuel. Underway for Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

1 November arrive Jeddah, Saudi Arabia for liberty port.

4 November underway from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia for Suez Canal.

6 November arrive Suez Canal.

7 November transit Suez Canal. Detach from Middle East Force.

1 November UNREP with USNS RIGEL and USNS MISSISSINEWA.

12 November arrive Saint Raphael France for a liberty port and a well deserved rest.

16 November underway for Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

17 November arrive Palma de Mallorca, Spain for more liberty and rest.

21 November underway from Spain.

22 November arrive Rota Spain for brief stop for fuel. Depart for United States.

23 November inchoption CINCLANTFLT.

26 November arrive Ponta Delgada, Azores for brief stop for fuel. Depart for homeport.

4 December arrive homeport Charleston, SC. Commence standdown period for a well deserved rest with families and friends.