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From: Commanding Officer, USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)

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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronology
(3) Narrative
(4) Supporting Documents (TABS A-F (Confidential))

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

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[REDACTED] relieved by CAPT Bob R. Patton, USN, [REDACTED]

CO BIOGRAPHY: Captain Joseph Majette Browne was reared in [REDACTED]. He attended Georgia Tech for one year and then attended the United States Naval Academy, graduating in June 1965.

His first assignment was in USS JOSEPH STRAUSS (DDG 16) where he served as CIC Officer. In 1968 he completed a one year assignment as a Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer with the First Air and Naval Gunfire Liaison Company in the Republic of Vietnam.

In 1969, Captain Browne was selected as an Olmsted Scholar. He spent two years as a student at the Graduate Institute of International Studies of the University of Geneva in Geneva, Switzerland, where he earned the License Degree (MA) in International Relations.

In 1973, he was ordered to USS PREBLE (DLG 15) where he served as Operations Officer through 1975. He next attended the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, as a student in the College of Naval Command and Staff where he graduated with distinction, winning the Middendorf Award for Advanced Tactical Research and William J. Sims Award from the Navy League.

He subsequently served as Executive Officer in USS JULIUS A. FURER (FFG 6) from 1976-1977. From 1978-1980, Captain Browne was an instructor of Economics and Political Science at the U.S. Naval Academy.

From January 1981 to February 1984, Captain Browne was Commanding Officer, USS MAHAN (DDG 42) out of Charleston, South Carolina. Under Captain Browne's command, USS MAHAN conducted the Operational Evaluation of the New Threat Upgrade (NTU) Combat System with SM-2 Block II. During this period MAHAN was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation, the Secretary of the Navy Energy Conservation Award, the CINCLANTFLT Golden Anchor award for enlisted retention and the Naval Surface Force Atlantic's Anti-Air Warfare Award.

Enclosure (1)

From January 1984 to August 1986, Captain Browne was assigned to the Naval Military Personnel Command, where he served as Head, Surface Commander Assignment Branch and Deputy Director, Surface Warfare Officer Assignment Division.

CO BIOGRAPHY: Captain Bob R. Patton was born in [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. He attended the University of Kentucky for one year before transferring to the United States Naval Academy where he graduated in 1967 with a degree in Naval Engineering.

His first assignment was to USS STEINAKER (DD 863) as First Lieutenant and Weapons Officer where he deployed to the Western Pacific and participated in Operation ~~Sea~~ Dragon Hammer off the coast of North Vietnam.

After graduating from Destroyer School in 1970, he was assigned to USS STRIBLING (DD 867) as Weapons Officer. This was followed by tours as the Engineering Officer on the Commissioning Crew of the USS FAIRFAX COUNTY (LST 1193) and Executive Officer of USS MITSCHER (DDG 35) from 1973-1974. Other sea tours included Chief Staff Officer of Destroyer Squadron FOURTEEN, and Commanding Officer of USS JOHN L. HALL (FFG 32) from 1984-1987.

Shore assignments have included Placement Officer at the Bureau of Personnel, Executive Officer of Navy Regional Data Automation Center, Jacksonville and Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans on the staff of Commander Naval Surface Force, Atlantic.

Captain Patton has a Master's Degree in Computer Systems Management and is a proven subspecialist in this area.

He wears the Meritorious Service Medal (with Gold Star), Navy Commendation Medal (with Gold Star and Combat V), Navy Achievement Medal (with Combat V), and several other unit and campaign awards.

Captain Patton is married to the former [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] who is a high school math teacher. The Patton's have two children.

Duty station: Naval Station, Mayport, Florida

Aircraft assigned: HSL 42, DET 3 is the ship's Air Department with two SH-60B LAMPS MARK III assigned, Proud Warrior (PW) 433 and PW 434.

1989 CHRONOLOGY

20 JAN 89	PORT VISIT NAPLES, ITALY
02 FEB 89	UNDERWAY FROM NAPLES
04 FEB 89	PARTICIPATED IN PHINIA '89
10 FEB 89	PORT VISIT MARSEILLE, FRANCE
17 FEB 89	UNDERWAY FROM MARSEILLE
24 FEB 89	PORT VISIT ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT
27 FEB 89	UNDERWAY FROM ALEXANDRIA
03 MAR 89	PORT VISIT IZMIR, TURKEY
08 MAR 89	UNDERWAY FROM IZMIR
13-18 MAR 89	ASW LINE OPS
20 MAR 89	PORT VISIT CANNES, FRANCE
25 MAR 89	UNDERWAY FROM CANNES
28-31 MAR 89	INPORT AUGUSTA BAY, SICILY FOR BATTLE FORCE TRAINING WEEK
01-12 APR 89	IMAV CATANIA, SICILY
14 APR 89	PORT VISIT TOULON, FRANCE
17 APR 89	UNDERWAY FROM TOULON
20 APR-2 MAY 89	DRAGONHAMMER '89
04 MAY 89	PORT VISIT HAIFA, ISREAL
09 MAY 89	UNDERWAY FROM HAIFA
12 MAY 89	PORT VISIT HAIFA, ISREAL
16 MAY 89	UNDERWAY FROM HAIFA
22 MAY 89	MOORED AUGUSTA BAY, SICILY
22 MAY 89	UNDERWAY FROM AUGUSTA BAY
24 MAY 89	PORT VISIT TOULON, FRANCE
24 MAY 89	NEY INSPECTION
03 JUN 89	UNDERWAY FROM TOULON
04-07 JUN 89	PARTICIPATED IN SARDINIA '89
08 JUN 89	ANCHORED AUGUSTA BAY, SICILY
10 JUN 89	UNDERWAY FROM AUGUSTA BAY
11-20 JUN 89	NATIONAL WEEK '89B
21 JUN 89	OUTCHOPPED MED
30 JUN 89	INPORT MAYPORT FOR LEAVE AND UPKEEP
07 JUL 89	CCDG-12 CHANGE OF COMMAND ONBOARD
JUL 89	NEY AWARD
07 AUG 89	COMMAND INSPECTION
12 AUG 89	PERS/ADMIN ASSIST VISIT
14 AUG 89	3M INSPECTION
15 AUG 89	UNDERWAY LOCAL OPS (JAX OPAREA)
16 AUG 89	INPORT MAYPORT
21 AUG 89	UNDERWAY FOR OPPE
22 AUG 89	OPPE
23 AUG 89	INPORT MAYPORT
25 AUG 89	AVIATION CERTIFICATION
26 AUG 89	CHANGE OF COMMAND, CAPT. BOB PATTON RELIEVED CAPT. JETTE BROWNE
28 AUG 89	UNDERWAY FOR ADV FLEETEX 4-89
06 SEP 89	PORT VISIT ST. MAARTEN, VIRGIN ISLANDS

Enclosure (2)

09 SEP 89	UNDERWAY FROM ST. MAARTEN
10 SEP 89	SM2/TOMAHAWK FIRING
12 SEP 89	INPORT MAYPORT
13 SEP 89	COMMENCED NTPI
18 SEP 89	UNDERWAY FOR TAIL PROFICIENCY TRAINING
28 SEP 89	INPORT MAYPORT
06 OCT 89	SUPPLY INSPECTION
16 OCT 89	UNDERWAY FOR PUERTO RICO OPAREA FOR UTR AND NGFS QUALIFICATIONS
21 OCT 89	NGFS QUALIFICATIONS
25 OCT 89	PORT VISIT PORT EVERGLADES, FLORIDA
28 OCT 89	UNDERWAY FROM PORT EVERGLADES
29 OCT 89	INPORT MAYPORT
06 NOV 89	UNDERWAY JAXOPAREA FOR DLQS AND COMBAT SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT PREPS
10 NOV 89	INPORT MAYPORT
15 NOV 89	COMPLETED COMBAT SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT
27 NOV 89	UNDERWAY JAXOPAREA FOR DLQ SERVICES
01 DEC 89	INPORT MAYPORT
05 DEC 89	SUPPLY "E"

NARRATIVE

I. PHINIA '89

A. The ship participated in PHINIA '89 which was an Anti-Air Warfare exercise. Units involved were USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT, USS SELLERS, USS LEYTE GULF and French Aircraft Carrier CLEMENCEAU. During the exercise a French F-8 with a one man crew went in the water. Search and Rescue operations were unsuccessful in recovering the pilot.

II. IMAV - See Enclosure (4), TAB (A)

III. ASW LINE OPS - See Enclosure (4), TAB (B)

IV. DRAGONHAMMER '89

A. DRAGONHAMMER '89 was a multi-threat exercise using Anti-Air Warfare tactics against air strikes. The ship used it's embarked LAMPS MK III for targeting solutions against the opposing force. Units involved were USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT, USS SELLERS, USS MOINSTER, USS KALAMAZOO, USS SOUTH CAROLINA, USS WILLIAM V. PRATT, USS NARWHAL, USS BELKNAP, USS CONYNHAM, USNS JOSHUA HUMPHREYS, NATO AWACS Aircraft, USS LEYTE GULF and Italian ships ARDITO, ASTURAS, VENETO, GARIBALDI, and ESPERO.

V. SARDINIA '89

A. SARDINIA '89 was an Amphibious exercise involving the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT, USS CHARLES F. ADAMS, USS CONYNHAM, USS NITRO, USNS JOSHUA HUMPHREYS, and USS LEYTE GULF perfecting the new tactics "HIDDEN HAMMER" and "ROUGH RIDER".

VI. NATIONAL WEEK '89

A. NATIONAL WEEK '89B was an operation conducted off the coast of LIBYA in the Flight Information Region (FIR). Numerous aircraft were controlled in the area by our Air Controllers. Units involved in the exercise included USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT, USS CHARLES F. ADAMS, USS SOUTH CAROLINA, USS WILLIAM V. PRATT, USS BUTTE, USS MOOSBRUGGER, USS BELKNAP, USS MOINSTER, USS SELLERS, USS CONYNHAM, USS FARRAGUT, USS KALAMAZOO, USS SYLVANIA, and USS LEYTE GULF. Prior to the finish of the exercise, the AMERICA Battle Group joined and added the following ships: USS DALE, USS MOBILE BAY, USS COMTE DE GRASSE, and USS THOMAS S. GATES.

VII. OPPE - See Enclosure (4), TAB (C)

Enclosure (3)

VIII. ADVANCED FLEETEX 4-89

A. Advanced FLEETEX 4-89 was a multi-threat exercise involving the following units: USS MOUNT WHITNEY, USS BARNEY, USS WAINWRIGHT, USS HARRY E. YARNELL, USS FORRESTAL, USS YORKTOWN, USS MILWAUKEE, USS PAUL, USS JOHN L. HALL, USS DONALD B. BEARY, USS LEYTE GULF, Italian ship CAPODANNO, and Netherlands ship PETER FLORISZ.

IX. SM2/TOMAHAWK FIRING - See Enclosure (4), TAB (D)

X. NTPI - See Enclosure (4), TAB (E)

XI. TAIL PROFICIENCY TRAINING - See Enclosure (4), TAB (B)

XII. NGFS QUALIFICATIONS - See Enclosure (4), TAB (B)

XIII. DLQS

A. The ship operated in the JAX OPAREA conducting Deck Landing Qualifications for SH-3 and SH-60 helicopters on our Flight Deck.

XIV. COMBAT SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT - See Enclosure (4), TAB (F)

XV. Awards received - In addition to battle excellence awards in every warfare category, LEYTE GULF won the Navy's Captain Edward F. NEY Memorial Award for excellence in food service, the Supply Blue "E", and the Merit Award from the Chief of Information for top Familygram in the Navy.

XVI. HSL 42, Det 3 Yearly Flight Total:

	Total Hrs	Day/Night	Total Landings	Rast
JAN	125.6	60.4/65.2	116	16
FEB	182.8	143.1/39.7	112	13
MAR	123.6	92.7/30.9	95	43
APR	212.6	161.8/50.8	139	45
MAY	164.8	100.4/64.4	112	24
JUN	199.1	169.6/29.5	146	53
JUL	0	0	0	0
AUG	19.7	17.8/1.9	52	32

SEP	120.4	75.5/44.9	83	21
OCT	89.6	80.8/8.8	48	27
NOV	0	0	0	0
DEC	0	0	0	0