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To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)  
Subj: COMMAND HISTORY, January 1996 - December 1996  
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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization (U)  
(2) Chronology (U)  
(3) Narrative (C)  
(4) Supporting Documents (C)

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

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## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

MISSION: To operate with aircraft carrier battle groups in extreme threat environments, providing primary anti-air protection for the Fleet. To detect, classify, and track hundreds of potential targets simultaneously in the air, on the surface, and under the sea. To destroy hostile targets using a variety of weapons: surface-to-air and surface-to-surface missiles, ship and air-launched torpedoes and deck guns, rapid fire close-in-weapons, and electronic jammers and decoys.

ISIC: Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT

### COMMANDING OFFICER:

10 MAR 95 - 14 NOV 96:

CAPT Coleman A. Landers, USN,

14 NOV 96 - 31 DEC 96:

CAPT Charles S. Vogan Jr, USN,



DUTY STATION: Naval Station, Mayport, Florida

AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED: None permanently assigned. HSL 42, DET 3 from Naval Station Mayport, Florida was assigned during ship's operations. The two SH-60B LAMPS III aircraft were Proud Warrior (PW) 433 and 434.

**USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55)**  
**CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS**  
**FOR 1996**

LEYTE GULF started 1996 in Holiday Leave stand down in Mayport, FL.

JAN 08    Embark JAG Officer.

JAN 12    End Holiday Leave and Upkeep.

JAN 15    Commence Ship's Instrument System Calibration (SISCAL).

JAN 18    CWHMG Tactical Training.

JAN 19    Disembark JAG Officer.

JAN 22    Commence Crew Cert Phase I and Personnel Administrative Training Group (PATG) Visit.

JAN 25    SLAMEX 14-96.

JAN 26    End Crew Cert Phase I and PATG Visit.

JAN 29    Commence Combat Systems Maintenance Team (CSMT) Training and Aviation Certification (AVCERT) Assist.

FEB 02    End CSMT Training, AVCERT Assist, and SISCAL.

FEB 05    Commence Combat Systems Limited Team Training (CSLTT) (ASW/ASUW/T-HAWK), Light Off Assessment (LOA) Phase II, Crew Cert Phase II, and Engineering Training Group (ETG) Special.

FEB 06    Commence TRBATGRU Predeployment Placement Workshop.

FEB 07    End CSLTT (ASW/ASUW/T-HAWK).

FEB 08    End TRBATGRU Predeployment Placement Workshop.

FEB 09    End LOA Phase II, Crew Cert Phase II, and ETG Special.

FEB 12    Commence Fast Cruise.

FEB 13    End Fast Cruise.    CG-47 ATIS Terminal Installation.

FEB 14    Departed Mayport enr JAX OPAREA for Sea Trials.    End SRA.

FEB 15    Arrived Mayport, FL.

FEB 26    Commence Upkeep and AVCERT.

Enclosure (2)

FEB 27 Ammo onload (5/54).  
 MAR 01 End AVCERT.  
 MAR 04 End Upkeep.  
 MAR 05 Ammo onload. Commence Command Assessment for Readiness and Training (CART) II.  
 MAR 08 End CART II.  
 MAR 11 Commence Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) I/ Combat Systems Training Group (CSTG).  
 MAR 14 End TSTA I/CSTG.  
 MAR 19 Commence TSTA I: ETG.  
 MAR 22 End TSTA I: ETG.  
 MAR 25 Departed Mayport enr JAX OPAREA for TSTA I: Fleet Training Group (FTG).  
 MAR 29 Arrived Mayport, FL.  
 APR 01 Departed Mayport enr JAX OPAREA for TSTA I: FTG.  
 APR 05 Arrived Mayport, FL. End TSTA I: FTG.  
 APR 06 Commence Upkeep.  
 APR 08 Commence TSTA II: CSTG.  
 APR 10 Departed Mayport enr JAX OPAREA for Inspection Survey (INSURV) Rehearsal. Arrived Mayport, FL.  
 APR 11 Ammo onload.  
 APR 14 End upkeep.  
 APR 15 Commence INSURV.  
 APR 16 Departed Mayport enr JAX OPAREA for INSURV. Arrived Mayport, FL.  
 APR 19 End INSURV.  
 APR 22 Commence TSTA II/ETG. Departed Mayport enr JAX OPAREA.  
 APR 25 Arrived Mayport, FL.  
 MAY 02 Propulsion Examination Board (PEB) Certification.

MAY 03 End TSTA II/ETG.

MAY 06 Commence TSTA II/CSTG.

MAY 13 Departed Mayport enr JAX OPAREA.

MAY 14 Arrived Mayport, FL.

MAY 17 End TSTA II/CSTG.

MAY 20 Commence TSTA 3/Integrated Training Team (ITT).  
Departed Mayport enr JAX OPAREA.

MAY 24 End TSTA 3/ITT. Arrived Mayport, FL.

MAY 26 Inchop to COMSECONDFLT.

JUN 04 Commence Final Evaluation Period (FEP).

JUN 07 End FEP.

JUN 10 Commence NGFS MTT and Logistics Management Assessment  
(LMA) Assist.

JUN 14 End NGFS MTT and LMA Assist.

JUN 17 Commence Shipboard Security Engagement Tactics (SSET)  
Training, Warfare Commanders Course, and Excess Parts  
Offload.

JUN 21 End SSET Training.

JUN 27 Commence Fleet Calibration Activity (FCA)  
Recertification.

JUN 28 End Warfare Commanders Course, Excess Parts OffLoad, and  
FCA Certification.

JUL 09 Commence Hull Inspection.

JUL 10 Safety Standdown.

JUL 11 End Hull Inspection.

JUL 22 Depart Mayport enr Charleston, SC.

JUL 23 Arrived Charleston. Commence Pre-deployment Ammo  
Onload.

JUL 25 End ammo onload. Depart Charleston enr Mayport, FL.

JUL 26 Arrived Mayport, FL.

JUL 29 Embark RADM Bucchi, COMCARGRU SIX. Commence Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR) Phase II.  
 AUG 03 End CSRR Phase II.  
 AUG 05 Depart Mayport enr Puerto Rico OPAREA. Commence JTG 97-1 COMPTUEX Phase I. Disembark RADM Bucchi, COMCARGRU SIX.  
 AUG 18 Arrived San Juan, PR.  
 AUG 21 Depart San Juan enr Puerto Rico OPAREA.  
 SEP 06 Arrived Mayport, FL. End JTG 97-1 COMPTUEX Phase I.  
 SEP 11 Departed Mayport enr Cherry Point OPAREA. Commence JTG 97-1 COMPTUEX Phase II.  
 SEP 20 Arrive Mayport, FL. End JTG 97-1 COMPTUEX Phase II.  
 SEP 23 Depart Mayport enr Charleston, SC. Commence Shipboard Explosive Safety Inspection.  
 SEP 24 Arrived Charleston. Commence Ammo Onload.  
 SEP 26 Depart Charleston enr Mayport. End Ammo Onload.  
 SEP 27 Arrive Mayport, FL. End Shipboard Explosive Safety Inspection.  
 SEP 30 Deployment Acoustic Readiness Brief. Commence LMA.  
 OCT 01 Assigned to TG 029.4  
 OCT 04 End LMA.  
 OCT 07 Depart Mayport enr Cherry Point OPAREA. Assigned to TF 955. Commence JTG 97-1 JTFEX.  
 OCT 09 Commence VANDALEX. End VANDALEX.  
 OCT 14 Collision with USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT.  
 OCT 15 Arrived Mayport, FL. End JTG 97-1 JTFEX.  
 OCT 21 Commence Mishap Investigation Board.  
 OCT 23 End Mishap Investigation Board.  
 OCT 25 Commence POM.  
 NOV 14 Change of Command: CAPT Landers is relieved by CAPT Vogan.



NOV 18 End POM.

NOV 25 Departed Mayport enr Med Sea for MEF 97-1.

DEC 08 Turnover with ENTBATGRU. Conducted RAS with USNS KANAWHA.

DEC 09 Commence OPS: Mediterreanean Sea.

DEC 11 End OPS: Mediterreanean Sea.

DEC 12 Arrived Barcelona, Spain.

DEC 16 Departed Barcelona, Spain enr RDVU with USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT. Commence safety standown. End safety standown. Commence OPS: Mediterreanean Sea. Conducted Trapacs SUW THREE AND ELW TWO.

DEC 17 Conducted Trapac AW ONE AND AIC/DTE SERVICES.

DEC 18 Conducted Trapacs CCC TWO, CCC SEVEN, ELW ONE, AW TWO and ELW THREE. Conducted AIC/DTE Services and ENCOUNTEREX.

DEC 19 Conducted Trapacs CCC ONE AND SEVEN. Conducted DTE services and jamming services.

DEC 20 Conducted RAS with USNS KANAWHA (LOGREP 12-96). Detach enr Naples, Italy.

DEC 22 End OPS: Mediterreanean Sea.

DEC 23 Arrived Naples, Italy.

DEC 31 Inport Naples, Italy.