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Encl: (1) Chronology
(2) Narrative
(3) Command Publications

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted as the command history of USS MONTEREY's first year in commission.


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1990 CHRONOLOGY

Jan 22-26 Shipbuilder's Combat Systems ("Bravo") Trials

Feb 17-19 Acceptance ("Charlie") Trials

Mar 25 MONTEREY delivered to U.S. Navy, placed "in service special"

Mar 25-May 24 Post-Delivery Availability

May 25 MONTEREY placed "in commission without ceremony"

May 25-28 Sailaway enroute Yorktown Naval Weapons Station and Naval Station Norfolk

May 29-Jun 1 Inport Yorktown and Norfolk

Jun 2-4 Underway Replenishment Ship Qualification Trials with USS KALAMAZOO

Jun 5 Arrival at Mayport Naval Station

Jun 6-16 Commissioning ceremony preparations inport Mayport

Jun 16 MONTEREY commissioned

Jul 9-Aug 1 Combat Systems Ship Qualifications Trials

Jul 24-26 Port visit Charlotte Amalie, U.S. Virgin Islands

Aug 1-9 Inport Mayport

Aug 10-20 Weapons Systems Accuracy Test and ASW evaluation at AUTEK, Andros Island

Aug 21-Sep 3 Inport Mayport

Sep 4-Oct 4 Limited Team Training, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Oct 7-9 Operational Propulsion Plant Examination

Oct 10-Nov 4 Final Contract Trials preparations inport Mayport

Nov 5-9 Final Contract Trials

Nov 12-14 Transit to and return from Naval Weapons Station Charleston, S.C.

Nov 15 Dependents cruise

Nov 18-Dec 31 Pre-Post-Shakedown Availability inport Mayport

enclosure (1)

NARRATIVE

The ship's history for USS MONTEREY (CG 61) begins in 1990. MONTEREY is the fourth ship to be named for the Battle for Monterey, Mexico that took place in September 1846. During 1990 MONTEREY transitioned from Hull Number 423 (property of Bath Iron Works) to a commissioned ship of the United States Navy.

1990 began with MONTEREY finishing builder's sea trials in the Gulf of Maine. "Bravo" trials....dual missile firing took place 22-26 January and "Charlie" trials on 17-19 February when Rear Admiral T. E. Lewin, president of the Board of Inspection and Survey approved the ship.

On March 25th the ship was delivered to the Navy. Captain Paul M. Robinson, Supervisor of Shipbuilding and Repair Bath, Maine accepted MONTEREY for the Navy and established Precommissioning Unit MONTEREY as a separate command under Captain Joel B. Heaton, Prospective Commanding Officer MONTEREY. in a small ceremony onboard. The ship's "Plankowner" crew moved onboard that day.

MONTEREY sailed away from Bath Iron Works on May 25th enroute to her homeport of Mayport, Florida via Yorktown Naval Weapons Station and Norfolk, Virginia. MONTEREY arrived at Naval Station Mayport on June 5th, rendering a gun salute to Commander, Carrier Group Six as she entered homeport for the first time.

Admiral Huntington Hardisty, Commander-in-Chief United States Forces, Pacific placed MONTEREY in commission and Captain Heaton assumed command on June 16th during ceremonies at Pier C-1, Naval Station Mayport, Florida. The Honorable Charles E. Bennett, United States Representative for the Third Florida District served as the principal speaker. On this day MONTEREY officially reported for duty to Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group Twelve for duty with the United States Atlantic Fleet.

In July MONTEREY underwent Combat Systems Qualifications Trials in the Puerto Rican Operating Areas, firing thirteen Standard Missiles as a demonstration of the operability and accuracy of her weapons systems. During this period MONTEREY's Anti-Submarine Warfare suite was exercised while operating with USS MIAMI (SSN-755), the Navy's newest Aegis cruiser versus the Navy's newest "improved" Los Angeles class submarine. Weapons Systems testing was followed by MONTEREY's first Naval Gunfire Support Qualification and her first port visit, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

In August MONTEREY performed rigorous testing of her ASW suite at the AUTEK range in the Tongue of the Ocean, off Andros Island, Bahamas, working with USS BERGALL (SSN-677). Testing included firing 4 Mk 46 torpedoes over the side and helicopter supported operations involving Helicopter Squadrons 46 and 48.

In September MONTEREY went to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for Limited Team Training, primarily exercising at Damage Control, Shiphandling/Navigation, and Engineering evolutions. MONTEREY passed material closure condition checks on the first attempt and successfully completed almost all selected readiness exercises for the competitive cycle.

MONTEREY successfully passed Operational Propulsion Plant Examination in October and was placed on a normal cycle for further Propulsion Examining Board inspections.

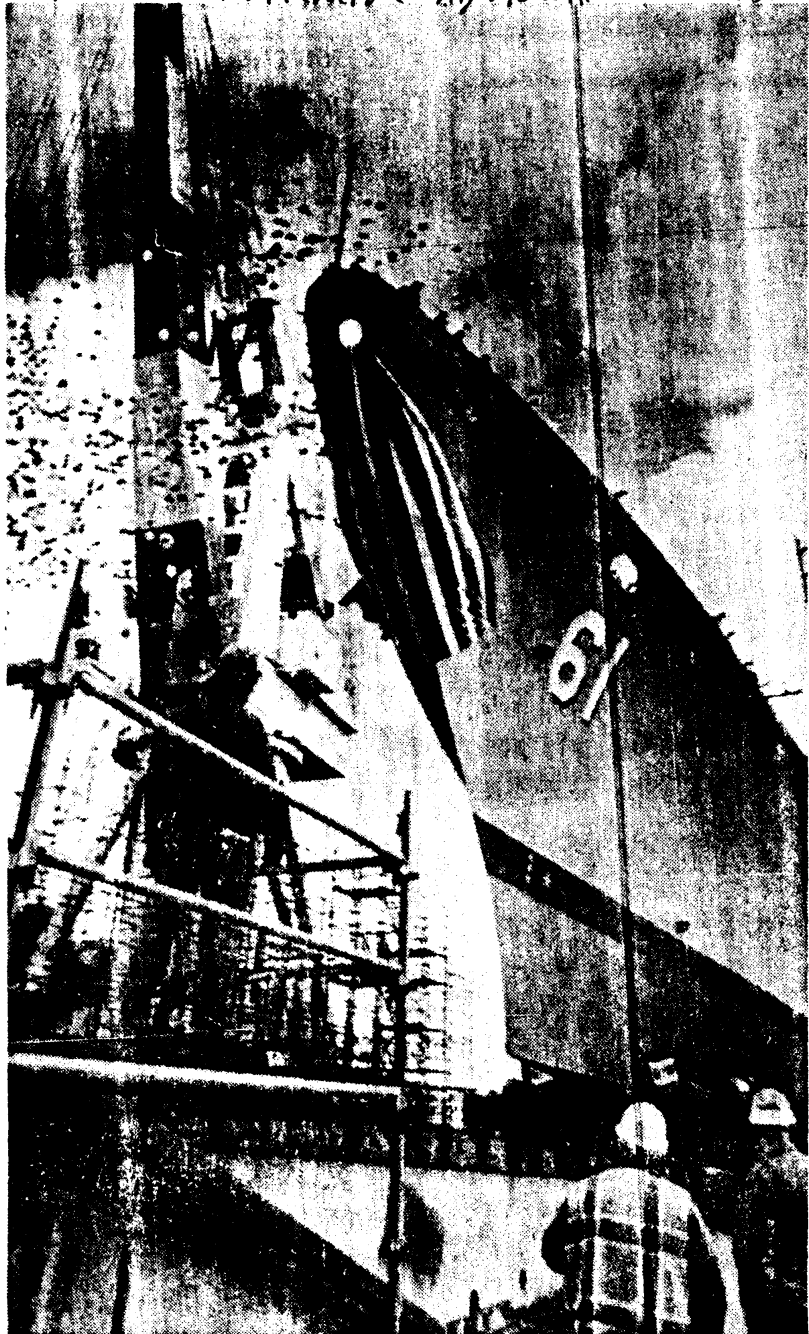
In November MONTEREY very successfully completed Final Contract Trials by the Board of Inspection and Survey.

Pre-"Post-Shakedown" Availability industrial work commenced in November and was completed in mid-December in Mayport, Florida.

1990 ended with MONTEREY preparing for her return to Maine for Heavy Weather/Hull Modification Stress Trials and Post-Shakedown Availability.

CRUISER LAUNCHED

Pitt. Post-Sun. Herald (N.H.) MONDAY 24 OCT 1958



Balloons soared skywards yesterday as the Aegis cruiser Monterey slid down the ways at Bath Iron Works, Maine. High winds had forced a postponement of the launch Saturday. (AP photo)