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From: Commanding Officer, USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC 20)
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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Command Organization
(2) Chronology
(3) Narrative of Significant Events
(4) Supporting Documents

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) thorough (4) are submitted.

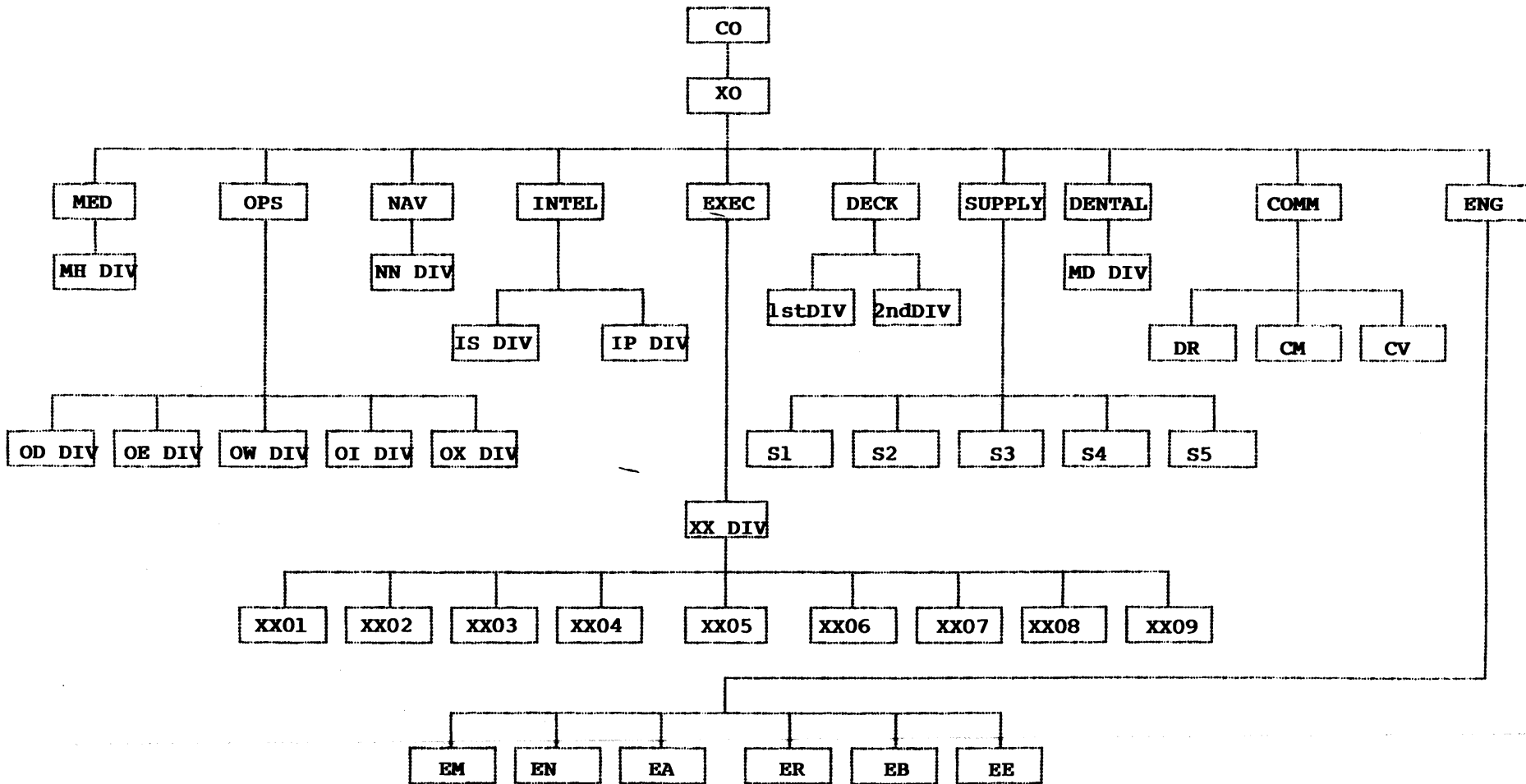

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I. COMMAND COMPOSITION/ORGANIZATION

- A. MISSION: COMSTRIKFLTLANT'S PRIMARY MISSION IS DETERRENCE OF AGGRESSION BY THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONTROL OF THE ATLANTIC COMMAND'S VITAL SEA AREAS, AND THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT TO ATLANTIC COMMAND FORCES, ADJACENT NATO FORCES, AND NATIONAL COMMANDERS.
- B. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: SEE ATTACHED
- C. COMMANDING OFFICER: CAPTAIN MALCOLM P. BRANCH
- D. PERMANENT DUTY STATION: NORFOLK, VA.
- F. TYPE AND NUMBER OF ACFT ASSIGNED: SH-3, ONE
- G. LIST OF SHIP'S OFFICERS: SEE ATTACHED

USS MOUNT WHITNEY SHIPBOARD ORGANIZATION



III. NARRATIVE

EXERCISE TEAMWORK 92, NORTH ATLANTIC, 26 FEBRUARY - 22 MARCH 1992

EXERCISE TEAMWORK 92 WAS CONDUCTED TO IMPROVE THE READINESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF NATO FORCES IN SEA, AIR, AND LAND OPERATIONS IN THE NORWEGIAN SEA IN SUPPORT OF NORWAY. THIS MULTI-NATIONAL EFFORT INVOLVED MORE THAN 100 SURFACE UNITS AND APPROXIMATELY 500 AIRCRAFT FROM NINE COUNTRIES. MAJOR SURFACE UNITS INCLUDED USS SARATOGA, USS EISENHOWER, AND HMS INVINCIBLE. THE EXERCISE WAS COMPOSED OF A TRANSIT AND COMBAT ENHANCEMENT TRAINING PHASE, A FREEPLAY PHASE, AND A NORWEGIAN SEA/AMPHIBIOUS PHASE. USS MOUNT WHITNEY PORT VISITS INCLUDED BERGEN NORWAY, ANTWERP BELGIUM, AND LISBON PORTUGAL.

COMMANDER SECOND FLEET CHANGE OF COMMAND, NORFOLK, VA., 27 JUNE 1992

VADM WILLIAM J. FLANAGAN, JR., USN, RELIEVED VADM MICHAEL P. KALLERES, USN, IN TRADITIONAL CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES IN SECOND FLEET'S HOMEPORT OF NORFOLK, VA. ADM LEON EDNEY, SACLANT, WAS GUEST SPEAKER.

FLEET EXERCISE 1-93, VACAPES/CHERRY POINT OPAREA, 9-18 SEPTEMBER 1992

FLEET EXERCISE 1-93 WAS A MULTI-NATIONAL EFFORT WHICH INVOLVED APPROXIMATELY 30 SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE UNITS FROM THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE EXERCISE WAS COMPOSED OF A STRIKE PHASE, AN AMPHIBIOUS REHEARSAL PHASE, AND AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT PHASE. PRINCIPAL SURFACE UNITS INCLUDED USS MOUNT WHITNEY, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY, AND HMS ARK ROYAL.

OPPE, VACAPES, 23-25 SEPTEMBER 1992

AN OPERATIONAL PROPULSION PLANT EXAMINATION (OPPE) WAS CONDUCTED BY INSPECTORS OF THE PROPULSION EXAMINATION BOARD (PEB). THE BOARD AWARDED USS MOUNT WHITNEY A TWO YEAR RECERTIFICATION TO STEAM. GRADES RECEIVED WERE "SATISFACTORY" FOR ADMINISTRATION, MATERIAL, LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE, AND OPERATIONS; "EXCELLENT" FOR FIRE FIGHTING; AND AN OVERALL GRADE OF "SATISFACTORY".

DPMA, NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD, 6 OCTOBER-23 DECEMBER 1992

DURING THIS MAJOR YARD PERIOD, USS MOUNT WHITNEY UNDERWENT SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT SHIP ALTERATIONS. THESE PROJECTS INCLUDED THE ADDITION OF TWO NEW AIR CONDITIONING UNITS, ALTERATIONS WHICH INCREASED THE SHIP'S SHORE POWER CAPABILITY, AND AN UPGRADE OF THE CLOSE IN WEAPONS SYSTEM (CIWS).

USS MOUNT WHITNEY CHANGE OF COMMAND, NORFOLK, VA., 5 DECEMBER 1992

CAPT MALCOLM P. BRANCH, USN, RELIEVED CAPT DAVID L. BREWER, III, USN, IN TRADITIONAL CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES IN MOUNT WHITNEY'S HOMEPORT OF NORFOLK, VA. VADM WILLIAM J. FLANAGAN, JR., COMSECONDFLT, WAS GUEST SPEAKER.

LIST OF SHIP'S COMPANY OFFICERS

	MALCOLM	BRANCH	
CAPT	PATRICK	CURTIS	COMMANDING OFFICER
CDR			EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CDR			CHAPLAIN
CDR			OPERATIONS OFFICER
LCDR			ELECTRONIC MATERIAL OFFICER
LCDR			1ST LT
LCDR			ENGINEERING OFFICER
LCDR			SUPPLY OFFICER
LCDR			INTEL OFFICER
CAPT (USMC)			MARCOMDET CO
LT			MEDICAL OFFICER
LT			NAVIGATION OFFICER
LT			DENTAL OFFICER
LT			COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
LT			ASSISTANT SUPPLY OFFICER
LT			ASSISTANT INTEL OFFICER
LT			COMMUNICATIONS
LT			SUPPLY
LT			DECK
LT			ENGINEERING
LT			SUPPLY
LT			OPERATIONS
LT			COMMUNICATIONS
LT			DECK
LT			INTEL
LT			WEAPONS OFFICER
LT			OPERATIONS
LTJG			ADMIN OFFICER
LTJG			INTEL
LTJG			SUPPLY
LTJG			ENGINEERING
LTJG			OPERATIONS
ENS			OPERATIONS
ENS			ENGINEERING
ENS			COMMUNICATIONS
ENS			DECK
ENS			COMMUNICATIONS
ENS			ENGINEERING (DCA)
CWO4			OPERATIONS
CWO4			ENGINEERING
CWO2			INTEL
CWO2			COMMUNICATIONS
CWO2			SECURITY OFFICER
CWO2			DECK

II. CHRONOLOGY JAN 92-JAN 93

JAN 92
13-17 RAVIR VAN TRAINING
24 MOB-E-03-SF STEERING CASUALTY
MOB-E-04-SF JAMMED RUDDER
26-30 PVST FT LAUDERDALE, FLA.
31 MOB-E-06-SF LOSS CONT AIR
MOB-E-14-SF LOW WATER
MOB-E-100-SF LOSS MN FEED CONT
MOB-E-110-SF JAMMED THROTTLE

FEB 92
2-14 FLEET EXERCISE 2-92 SARATOGA CVBG/CCDG-8
7 CODEL VISIT
OFFICIAL VISITORS INCLUDED: REP. JOHN TANNER
(D-TN)
REP. GENE TAYLOR
(D-MS)
(HOUSE ARMED SERVICES CMTE. MBR.)

9 OFFICIAL VST
HON. DICK CHENEY (SECRETARY OF DEFENSE)
PARTY INCL: RADM T.J. LOPEZ (SECDEF MILITARY
ASST.), BGEN JOHN DUBIA, USA (DOD EXECUTIVE SEC),
ADM PAUL MILLER (CINCLANTFLT)

26 FEB-22 MAR TEAMWORK 92
RADM FRED LEWIS (CCG-4) EMBARKED MOUNT WHITNEY.
OFFICIAL VISITORS INCLUDED: HON. LORET MILLER-
RUPPE (US AMBASSADOR TO NORWAY), ADM LEON EDNEY
(SACLANT), ADM WILLIAM SMITH (US PERMANENT REP.
TO NATO), ADM TOROLF REIN (NORWEGIAN CHIEF OF
DEFENSE), GEN VIGLEIK EIDE (CHAIRMAN NATO
MILITARY CMTE.), LGEN HJALMAR INGE SUNDE
(NORWAY'S PERMANENT REP. TO NATO), RADM OLE
THOMESSEN (CMDR NAVAL FORCES NORTHERN NORWAY), AND
MGEN IVAR UELAND (CMDR AIR FORCES NORTHERN
NORWAY).

MAR 92
10 MOB-D-16-SF NUDET
11 CCC-9-SF TACTICAL MANEUVERS
12 MOB-D-13-SF UW SHORING
23-26 PVST BERGEN, NORWAY
28 MAR-1 APR PVST ANTWERP, BELGIUM

APR 92
4-9 PVST LISBON, PORTUGAL
6 MOB-N-5-SF PRECISION ANCHOR
14 ELW-5-SF EXTENDED EMCON
15 MOB-E-05-SF MAJOR FO LEAK
MOB-E-07-SF NOISE/VIB ME/MRG

Enclosure (2)

	MOB-E-13-SF	STOP/LOCK
	MOB-E-102-SF	RUPTURED TUBE
	MOB-E-109-SF	LOSS VACUUM MN COND
	MOB-E-112-SF	HOT BRNG SSTG
16	MOB-E-108-SF	WHITE SMOKE
	MOB-E-111-SF	LOSS VACUUM AUX COND
	MOB-E-113-SF	LOSS LO PRESS SSTG
MAY 92		
5- 12	OCEAN VENTURE 92	CCG-2 EMBARKED
11-15	20B4 VAN TRAINING	
29	COMBAT SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT-NO DISCREPANCIES	
JUN 92		
4-5	CSA - GRADE SAT	
16	CAPT R. COLE RELIEVED CAPT L. MCCLUNG AS COMSECONDFLT COS	
17	TYPE COMMANDER'S COMMUNICATIONS ASSESSMENT-GRADE 88	
27	COMMANDER SECOND FLEET, CHANGE OF COMMAND. VADM WILLIAM J. FLANAGAN, JR., USN, RELIEVED VADM MICHAEL P. KALLERES, USN.	
JULY 92		
	URN-20 TACAN REPLACED BY URN-25 TACAN	
	SLQ-25 NIXIE REPLACED BY SLQ-25A NIXIE	
22	MOUNT WHITNEY/COMSECONDFLT FAMILY PICNIC	
24-28	TYPE TRAINING VACAPES	
AUG 92		
19 AUG-3	SEPT	3"/50 CAL AND BPDMS REMOVED
		EMAT/TYPE TRAINING VACAPES
SEP 92		
	25MM CHAIN GUNS INSTALLED	
4	MOB-E-114-SF	LO LEAK SSTG
9-18	FLEET EXERCISE 1-93	JFK CVBG/CCG 2
14	OFFICIAL VISIT: ADM MAUZ	(CINCLANTFLT)
15	OFFICIAL VISIT: ADM MILLER	(SACLANT)
19-22	OPPE PREPS VACAPES	
23-25	OPPE VACAPES - GRADE SAT	
OCT 92		
6 OCT-23	DEC	SLQ-49 RUBBER DUCKS INSTALLED
7		DPMA NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD
		NAVAL STANDARD TELETYPE INSTALLATION
NOV 92		
10		MK15 BLK0 CIWS REPLACED BY MK15 BLK1 CIWS
		MT WHITNEY MARCOMDET CELEBRATES THE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

DEC 92

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AFLOAT PLANNING SYSTEM INSTALLATION
USS MOUNT WHITNEY CHRISTMAS PARTY
COMMANDING OFFICER, USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC 20)
CHANGE OF COMMAND. CAPT MALCOLM P. BRANCH, USN,
RELIEVED CAPT DAVID L. BREWER, III, USN.