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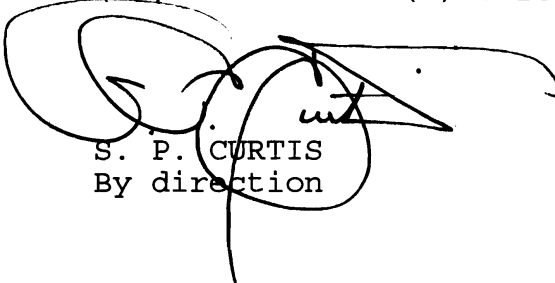
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Encl: (1) Command Organization
(2) Chronology
(3) Narrative of Significant Events
(4) Supporting Documents

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



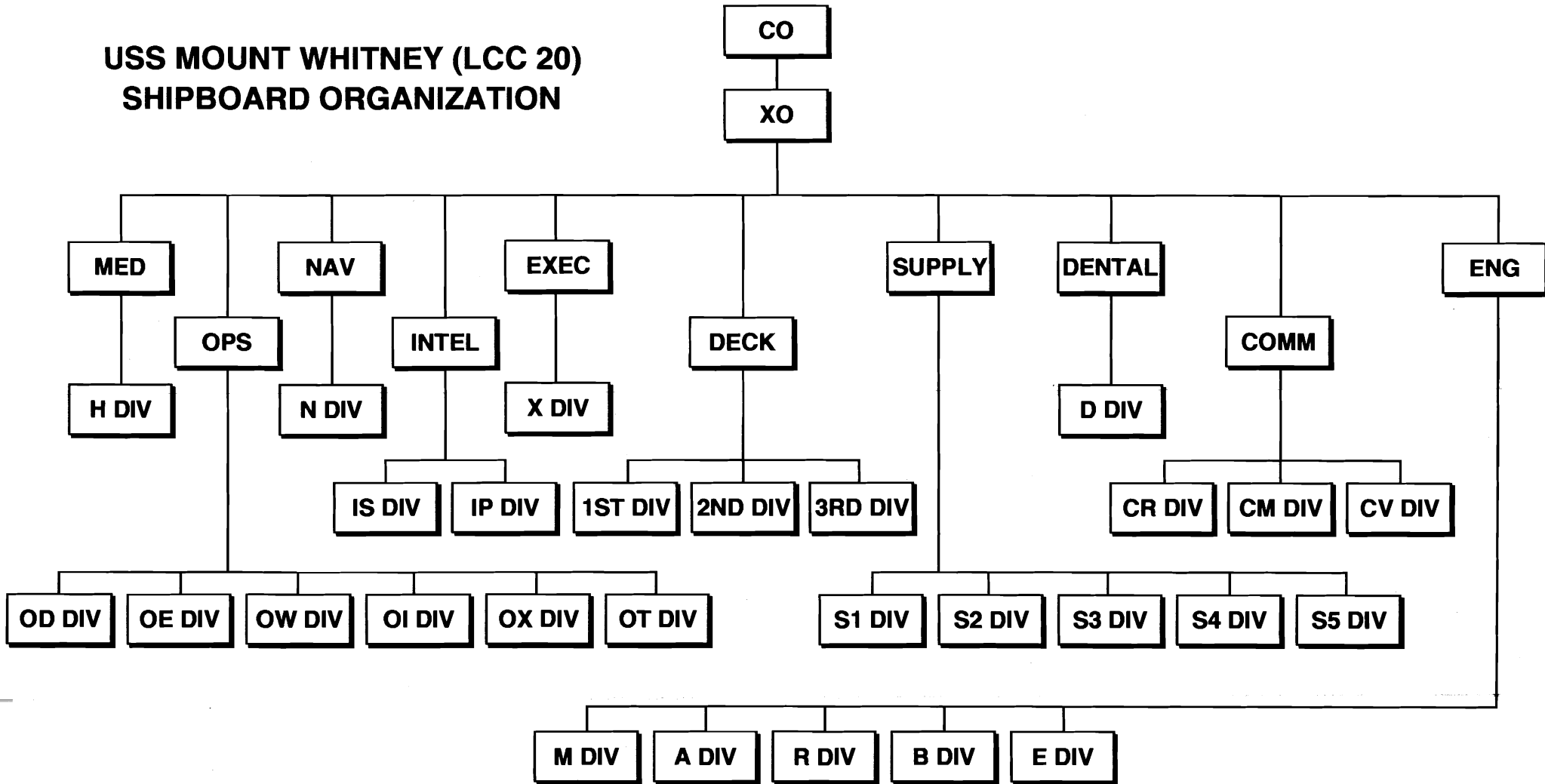
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I. COMMAND COMPOSITION/ORGANIZATION

- A. MISSION: ASSIGNED MISSION OF MOUNT WHITNEY IS TO SERVE AS AN INTEGRATED COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS, COMPUTERS, AND INTELLIGENCE (C4I) JOINT TASK FORCE (CJTF) COMMAND SHIP CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING CJTF STAFF INCLUDING:
- JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER
 - JOINT INTELLIGENCE CENTER
 - NATIONAL AGENCY SUPPORT TEAMS
 - JOINT TARGETING CONTROL BOARD (JTCB)
 - JOINT FORCES FIRE COORDINATOR (JFFC)
 - JOINT FORCES AIR COMPONENT COMMANDER (JFACC)
 - JOINT RESCUE CONTROL CENTER (JRCC)
 - TAILORED SERVICE COMPONENT COMMANDER STAFFS
- B. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: SEE ATTACHED
- C. COMMANDING OFFICER: CAPTAIN MALCOLM P. BRANCH
- D. PERMANENT DUTY STATION: NORFOLK, VA.
- E. TYPE AND NUMBER OF ACFT ASSIGNED: SH-3 "SEA KING," ONE
- F. LIST OF SHIP'S OFFICERS: SEE ATTACHED

**USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC 20)
SHIPBOARD ORGANIZATION**



LIST OF SHIP'S COMPANY OFFICERS

	MALCOLM	BRANCH	
CAPT	PAT	CURTIS	COMMANDING OFFICER
CDR			EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CDR			OPERATIONS OFFICER
CDR			CHAPLAIN
LCDR			STRIKE OPS
LCDR			ELECTRONIC MATERIAL OFFICER
LCDR			ENGINEER OFFICER
LCDR			STRIKE WARFARE
LCDR			DENTAL OFFICER
LCDR			COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
LCDR			SUPPLY OFFICER
LCDR			INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
LT			NAVIGATION OFFICER
LT			SUPPLY
LT			1ST LIEUTENANT
LT			DECK
LT			OPERATIONS
LT			ASSISTANT SUPPLY OFFICER
LT			OPERATIONS
LT			COMMUNICATIONS
LT			OPERATIONS
LT			INTEL
LT			ADMIN OFFICER
LT			MEDICAL OFFICER
LT			OPERATIONS
LT			ASSISTANT INTEL OFFICER
LTJG			DECK
LTJG			ENGINEERING
LTJG			ENGINEERING
LTJG			SUPPLY
LTJG			COMMUNICATIONS
LTJG			INTEL
LTJG			ENGINEERING
ENS			SUPPLY
ENS			OPERATIONS
ENS			COMMUNICATIONS
ENS			DECK
ENS			OPERATIONS
ENS			OPERATIONS
CWO4			ENGINEERING
CWO4			COMMUNICATIONS
CWO3			ENGINEERING
CWO3			OPERATIONS
CWO2			PHOTO OFFICER
CWO2			SECURITY OFFICER

II. CHRONOLOGY JAN 93-JAN 94

JAN 93

1-4 DEPOT MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY (DPMA)
10 AVIATION CERTIFICATION (AVCERT)
AVIATION READINESS EVALUATION (ARE)
12-14 FAST CRUISE/TYPE TRAINING (TYT) VCOA
15 MARITIME WARFARE AWARD
TYPE COMMANDER'S COMMAND AND CONTROL AWARD
15-26 **SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE**
(SPMAGTF): T. ROOSEVELT CVBG

FEB 93

2-10 **FLEET EXERCISE 2-93: T. ROOSEVELT CVBG**
OFFICIAL VISIT: NORWEGIAN ADM KJELDSEN
12-15 TRANSIT TO GTMO
13 FEB-3 MAY **TIMEPLEX INSTALLATION AND OTHER MAJOR**
COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADES
16-25 LIMITED TEAM TRAINING (LTT)
28 FEB-3 MAR PVST NASSAU, BAHAMAS

MAR 93

4-8 ENGINEERING TRAINING GROUP (ETG) VISIT/ TRANSIT TO
NORFOLK
5 PPD IMMUNIZATION
15-19 COMBAT SYSTEMS TRAINING TEAM (CSST) ASST VISIT
SHIPBOARD ELEVATOR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ASST
VISIT
23-24 MEDICAL READINESS INSPECTION (MRI) ASST VISIT
29 MAR-2 APR LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT (LMA)
30 PNH BLOOD DRIVE

APR 93

5 OFFICIAL VISIT: ARGENTINE CNO, ALLIED COMMAND
CHANNEL
12 OFFICIAL VISIT: BRAZILIAN CHIEF OF THE NAVAL
STAFF, ADM MAUZ (CINCLANTFLT)
13 OFFICIAL VISIT: RADM CEBROWSKI (CCG-6), RADM
WRIGHT (P-CCDG-12), RADM ALLEN (CCG-4), RADM
GEHMAN JR. (CCDG-8), AND RADM PICOTTE (CPG-2)
15 OFFICIAL VISIT: NAVAL & MARINE CORPS RESERVE
READINESS CTR
20 OFFICIAL VISIT: CAPT GOSS (NAVY MATERIAL
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS OFFICE)

29 OFFICIAL VISIT: VICE COMMANDER, AIR COMBAT
COMMAND AND STAFF
30 OFFICIAL VISIT: MGEN RECORD
VIDEO TRAINING EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION IN CREW
TRAINING ROOM COMPLETED

MAY 93

4-21 **OCEAN VENTURE '93**
OFFICIAL VISIT: U.S. AMBASSADOR TO EL SALVADOR,
ADM MAUZ (CINCLANTFLT), AIR COMMODORE ROYAL AIR
FORCE, RADM ALLEN (CCG-4), RADM PICOTTE (CPG-
2), TWO MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, 18TH
AIRBORNE CORPS SURGEON, 18TH AIRBORNE CORPS
ARTILLERY, LGEN FRENCH ARMY, MGEN US ARMY.
24-28 AUXILIARY SYSTEMS READINESS REVIEW (ASRR) ASST
VISIT
COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS REVIEW (CSRR), PHASE I/II
ASST VISIT
26 OFFICIAL VISIT: RADM NELSON (FLEET SURGEON),
NAVAL FORCES NORTH NORWAY, COMTRALANT
28 EXPLOSIVE SAFETY REVIEW ASST VISIT
MAGAZINE SPRINKLER INSP ASST VISIT
ANTENNA INSP ASST VISIT
30 MESSAGE DISSEMINATION UTILITY (MDU) INSTALLATION

JUN 93

2 OFFICIAL VISIT: FRENCH NAVY DEPUTY VICE CNO
7 OFFICIAL VISIT: NAVAL COMPUTER AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AREA MASTER STATION ATLANTIC
CANFLTOPS 2-93
8-10 PVST HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA
10-13 OFFICIAL VISIT: MARITIME FORCE ATLANTIC, CITY OF
DARTMOUTH, U.S. CONSUL GENERAL NOVA SCOTIA
25 OFFICIAL VISIT: RADM PICOTTE (CPG-2), RADM MAZACH
(CCG-2)

JUL 93

7-21 **FLEET EXERCISE 3-93: AMERICA CVBG**
14 WHITE PINNACLE EXERCISE
23 DEPENDENTS' CRUISE
30 DERAT CERTIFICATION

AUG 93

9 OFFICIAL VISIT: RADM CEBROWSKI (CCG-6)
17 OFFICIAL VISIT: RADM PICOTTE (CPG-2)
20 UNDERWATER HULL INSP
JOINT OPERATIONAL TACTICAL SYSTEM (JOTS) TECH ASST
VISIT
24 OFFICIAL VISIT: RADM NETHERLANDS
27 TACAN CERT INSP
27 AUG-15 OCT **SOLID STANCE '93**
31 ANNUAL POSTAL INSP

SEP 93

6 BRIEF STOP FOR PERSONNEL (BSP) PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND
13 MASS CASUALTY EX
17-20 PVST STAVANGER, NORWAY
20-24 PVST KIEL, GERMANY
OFFICIAL VISIT: FLOTILLEN ADM ENGELMANN
(COMMANDER NAVAL AIR DIVISION), FLOTILLEN ADM
LUESCOW, COMMANDER TERRITORIAL COMMAND
SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, CITY OF KIEL, STATE OF
SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN
27 SEP-5 OCT PVST COBH, IRELAND
OFFICIAL VISIT: JEAN K. SMITH (U.S. AMBASSADOR),
COMMODORE KAVANAUGH (FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING,
IRISH NAVAL SERVICE), LGEN BERGIN (CHIEF OF
STAFF, IRISH DEFENSE FORCE)

OCT 93

15-22 HAITI CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS 24-HR STANDBY
16 OFFICIAL VISIT: RADM PICOTTE (CPG-2), RADM GEHMAN
JR. (CCDG-8)

NOV 93

2-5 TYPE TRAINING (TYT) VCOA
4 INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION
10 SAFETY CENTER ASST VISIT
12 OFFICIAL VISIT: ADM MAUZ (CINCLANTFLT), ADM VILA
(SPANISH NAVY), RADM ALLEN (CCG-4)
15 OFFICIAL VISIT: DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER
ATLANTIC, RADM WRIGHT (CCDG-12), RADM PICOTTE
(CPG-2)
17 OFFICIAL VISIT: RADM BOYCE (COMASWSTRIKFOR), RADM
COADY (P-COMASWSTRIKFOR)
18 OFFICIAL VISIT: RADM DELANEY
30 TV/VCR INSTALLATION ON ENLISTED DINING FACILITY

DEC 93

7-15

JTG 1-94: SARATOGA JTG

OFFICIAL VISIT: RADM BOWMAN, PETER JENNINGS (ABC
NEWS ANCHOR), RADM PICOTTE (CPG-2)

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OFFICIAL VISIT: NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE
PRESIDENT, ARMED FORCES STAFF COLLEGE
COMMANDANT

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PNH BLOOD DRIVE

III. NARRATIVE

SPMAGTF, VACAPES OPAREA, 15-26 JANUARY 1993

AS A PRELUDE TO FLEET EXERCISE 2-93, SPMAGTF WAS ORGANIZED TO EXPLOIT COMBAT POWER OF CLOSELY INTEGRATED AIR-GROUND OPERATIONS AT A TACTICAL LEVEL, UNDER THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF A SINGLE COMMANDER.

FLEET EXERCISE 2-93, VACAPES OPAREA, 2-10 FEBRUARY 1993

FLEET EXERCISE 2-93 WAS A JOINT EFFORT INVOLVING APPROX 50 NAVAL, AIR FORCE, ARMY, AND MARINE UNITS. THE EXERCISE CONSISTED OF A STRIKE AND AIR SUPERIORITY PHASE, AN AMPHIBIOUS REHEARSAL PHASE, AND AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT PHASE. THIS EXERCISE FEATURED THE FIRST TRULY INTERACTIVE JFACC AFLOAT, FIRST USE OF CONTINGENCY TACTICAL AIR CONTROL AUTOMATED PLANNING SYSTEM (CTAPS) AFLOAT, AND FIRST USE OF PLAIN OLD TELEPHONE SYSTEM (POTS) PHONES. RADM PILLING (CCDG-12) EMBARKED AS DEPUTY CJTF.

TIMEPLEX INSTALLATION AND OTHER MAJOR COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADES, 13 FEBRUARY-3 MAY 1993

THE SHIP'S COMMUNICATION SUITE WAS UPGRADED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS: TIMEPLEX, A COMPUTER MANAGED COMMUNICATION NETWORK MAINTAINING MULTIPLE DATA LINKS AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM; GTE COMMERCIAL SATCOMM (756 Kbps) SYSTEM TO SUPPORT TIMEPLEX CONNECTIVITY TO SHORE-BASED NODES; NEWBRIDGE MODEM TO PROVIDE A 1.28 MBPS LANDLINE DATA LINK PATH FOR TIMEPLEX WHILE INPORT; WSC-6 SHF SATCOMM SYSTEM UPGRADE TO INCLUDE A FREQUENCY DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS (FDMA) 256 Kbps DATA LINK; AND BULK ENCRYPTION DEVICES TO PROVIDE SECURE COMMUNICATIONS FOR TIMEPLEX DATA LINKS AND VIDEO TELE-CONFERENCING (VTC).

WITH THE ADDITION OF TIMEPLEX, THE FOLLOWING, UNIQUE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS BECAME POSSIBLE: CNO VTC, JOINT WORLDWIDE INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (JWICS), JOINT DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT SERVICE (JDISS), TACTICAL ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT SYSTEM (TESS), VARIOUS SECURE TELEPHONE (STEL) AND GROUND MOBILE FORCES (GMF) PHONE LINES.

HIGH SPEED FLEET BROADCAST AND VERSA MODULE EUROCARD (VME) INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (VICS) UHF SATCOMM WAS INSTALLED FOR TEST AND OPERATIONAL EVALUATION.

OCEAN VENTURE '93, PUERTO RICAN OPAREA, 4 - 21 MAY, 1993

MOUNT WHITNEY SERVED AS THE FLAGSHIP FOR FOUR EMBARKED COMMANDERS DURING THIS EXERCISE. VADM FLANAGAN (C2F) SERVED AS CJTF 140, WITH MGEN SCHOLES, (DEPUTY COMMANDER 18TH AIRBORNE CORPS) AS DEPUTY CJTF 140. RADM CEBROWSKI (CCG-6) SERVED AS JFACC WHILE RADM PILLING (CCDG-12) PERFORMED AS NAVAL COMPONENT COMMANDER, CTF 145. JFACC, JTCB, JFFC, AND JRCC ORGANIZATIONS WERE STOOD UP WHILE TESTING A COMBINED C4I CONCEPT. ALL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM UPGRADES WERE EXERCISED WITH GREAT SUCCESS. TWO-WAY DIALOGUE WITH ADM MILLER (CINCLANT) VIA VIDEO TELE-CONFERENCE WAS SUCCESSFUL.

FLEET EXERCISE 3-93, VACAPES OPAREA, 7 - 21 JULY 1993

FLEET EXERCISE 3-93 WAS A MULTI-NATIONAL EFFORT INVOLVING APPROXIMATELY 40 JOINT AND COMBINED UNITS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. THE EXERCISE WAS COMPOSED OF A STRIKE PHASE, AN AMPHIBIOUS REHEARSAL PHASE, AND AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT PHASE. JFACC AND JOINT COMMAND ORGANIZATIONS UNDERWENT EXTENSIVE MODIFICATION DUE TO LESSONS LEARNED FROM EXERCISE OCEAN VENTURE '93.

SOLID STANCE '93, NORTH ATLANTIC, 27 AUGUST - 15 OCTOBER 1994

EXERCISE SOLID STANCE '93 WAS CONDUCTED TO IMPROVE READINESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF NATO FORCES AT CONDUCTING SEA AND AIR OPERATIONS IN THE NORWEGIAN SEA IN SUPPORT OF ALLIED OPERATIONS. COMSTRKFLTLANT CONDUCTED ITS FIRST TRULY COMBINED EXERCISE WITH AN INTERNATIONAL STAFF CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, GERMANY, SPAIN, FRANCE AND DENMARK. RADM BOYCE (COMASWSTRIKFOR), ROYAL NAVY, EMBARKED AS DEPUTY CJTF. THE EXERCISE WAS COMPOSED OF A TRANSIT AND COMBAT ENHANCEMENT TRAINING PHASE AND A FREEPLAY PHASE WHICH INCLUDED SEVERAL ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE (ASW) AND WAR-AT-SEA (WAS) EXERCISES. PORT VISITS INCLUDED STAVANGER (NORWAY), KIEL (GERMANY) AND COBH (IRELAND).

JTG EXERCISE 1-94, VACAPES OPAREA, 7 - 15 DECEMBER 1994

JTG EXERCISE 1-94 WAS A JOINT EFFORT WHICH INVOLVED APPROXIMATELY 50 NAVAL, AIR FORCE, ARMY, AND MARINE UNITS. THE EXERCISE WAS COMPOSED OF A STRIKE PHASE, AN AMPHIBIOUS REHEARSAL PHASE, AND AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT PHASE. FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "SCHOOL OF THE SEA" CONCEPT WAS CONDUCTED WITH SUCCESS.