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Command Mission, Composition & Organization

1. MISSION. The mission of the LHA is to embark, deploy and land elements of a Marine landing force in an assault by helicopters, landing craft, amphibious vehicles or by a combination of these methods; thus possessing the capabilities of the LPH, LSD, LPD and LKA classes of ships. The LHA can operate independently or in conjunction with other units conducting heliborne and surface amphibious operations. The TARAWA class multipurpose amphibious assault ship was designed to maintain "tactical integrity" or to get a balanced force to the same point at the same time. The USS NASSAU can carry a complete Marine Battalion Landing Team (approximately 1800 men) along with the supplies and equipment needed in an assault, plus the vehicles to land them ashore either by helicopter and/or by small amphibious craft. Furthermore, NASSAU is capable of operating the Marine Corps AV-8B vertical take-off and landing jet for close-air support of an amphibious assault.

2. COMPOSITION & ORGANIZATION. The USS NASSAU is a unit of Commander, Naval Surface Force, Atlantic, and is commanded by Captain Robert P. Lucas, USN. The NASSAU's immediate seniors in the chain of command are Commander, Amphibious Squadron Twelve and Commander, Amphibious Group TWO. The NASSAU's internal organization is composed of twelve departments with their subordinate divisions as listed below:

EXECUTIVE DIVISION/SPECIAL ASSISTANTS

Admin Office
Personnel Office
Captain's Office
Public Affairs Office
Chaplain's Office
3-M Coordinator
Legal Office
Post Office
Print Shop
Security
Safety Officer
Career Counselor
Combat Cargo Assistant

AIRCRAFT INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

IM-1 Maintenance Admin
IM-2 Aircraft
IM-3 Avionics
IM-4 Support Equipment

AIR DEPARTMENT

V-1 Flight Deck/Crash & Salvage
V-3 Hangar Deck
V-4 Aviation Fuels

COMBAT SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

CA Ordnance
CD Data Systems Maintenance
CE Electronics
CF Fire Control
CI Combat Information
CO Gunnery
CW Electronic Warfare

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

CR Radio
CS Signals
NLFS Nucleus Landing Force Staff (Marines)

DECK DEPARTMENT

First Division
Second Division
Third Division

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

A Auxiliaries
AS Assault
E Electrical
MP-1 Main Propulsion I
MP-2 Main Propulsion II
R Repair

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

H Hospital

DENTAL DEPARTMENT

NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

OA Aerography
OC Helicopter Direction Center
OP Photography
OZ Intelligence

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

S-1 Stores
S-2 Food Services
S-3 Sales and Services
S-4 Disbursing
S-5 Wardroom
S-6 Aviation Supply
S-7 Data Processing
S-8 Stock Control

CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
USS NASSAU JAN-DEC 1987

JANUARY

- 06 CAPT R.P. LUCAS relieved CAPT F.A. JULIAN as Commanding Officer during ceremonies held onboard the USS NASSAU while still docked at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, VA. Guests included RADM W.F. FOGARTY, COMPHIBGRU TWO; CAPT H.L. PHILLIPS, COMPHIBRON TWELVE; and CAPT E.S. MCGINLEY, CO, NNSY.
- 26 Underway period for Post Repair Trials and full power run. Full power run cancelled by CO due to high winds, seas and an ice storm.
- 28 Underway in VACAPES OPAREA. Successful full power run conducted in addition to AV-8B carrier qualifications (Phase I & II). Anchored at Whiskey anchorage, Hampton Roads, for ammunition onload. RADM W.L. FOGARTY, COMPHIBGRU TWO, visits to observe onload.

FEBRUARY

- 01 Return to Pier 7, Norfolk Naval Base.
- 10 Underway for ISE in VACAPES. Delayed 24 hours due to high winds and heavy seas. Senior Officers Material Readiness Course members embark to review engineering practices and inspect spaces.
- 13 PHIBRON TWO staff embarks.
- 26 Completed successful Training Readiness Evaluation.
- 25 COMPHIBRON TWELVE hauls down his flag and departs USS NASSAU.

MARCH

- 02-29 RAV/IMAV Norfolk. COMTRALANT, RADM EMERY, visits.
- 19 COMPHIBRON TWELVE strikes flag aboard NASSAU.
- 25 Forty-five officers from the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College visit.

30 Underway VACAPS OPAREA. Visitors include five Navy League Members from Huntington, W. Va., and four female JAG officers. Conducted DLQ's with CH-46, Ch-53D and AV-8B aircraft. Conducted Mk 38 25mm "Sea Snake" GUNEX using towed targets. Conducted GUNEX with Mk 45 5'54" guns. Conducted GQ and 1A wet well operations, including ballasting and deploying ship's LCM-6's from the well deck. Certified the recently-installed CAI Mod II (Close-In Approach Indicator) for AV-8B. PXO, CDR C.P. VION, rides ship. Completed AV-8B carrier qualifications (Phase III).

APRIL

03 Moored Pier 5, Norfolk Naval Base.

08-12 Underway, enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. One SH-60 from HSL-44 flies aboard for the transit in order to rejoin USS CARR at GITMO. Three AV-8Bs from MCAS Cherry Point fly aboard and safely conducts 163 launches and 161 landings. Conduct 41 close-controlled approaches with AV-8B, CH-46 and UH-1 aircraft. Conduct Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises, General Quarters, Damage Control, Man Overboard and Abandon Ship drills. Activate ship's countermeasure water washdown system. Conduct GUNEX's with Mk 45 5'54" LWGM and MK 15 Vulcan/Phalanx CIWS mounts. Transport six personal vehicles to GITMO as part of Opportune Lift program.

12 Anchor Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

April 12
to May 15

Conducted Refresher Training with Fleet Training Group, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Early focus of training is on Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises and damage control drills, with three sections of ship's fire parties. Other training includes precision anchoring; piloting/transiting a swept channel; CBR defense; anti-ship missile defense; AAW and various gunnery tracking and live-fire exercises. During the five weeks of drills, the ship's engineering plant suffers numerous actual casualties that interrupted the training cycles and at times placed in doubt whether the ship would complete the training on time. However, by 14 May, all casualties are corrected by ship's force and an Operational Propulsion Plant Exam is successfully completed. The final battle problem is successfully completed 15 May and the Nassau departs Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, three days ahead of schedule.

- 15 May Underway for Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. Alpha Company of 8th Engineer Support Battalion, USMC, embarked with 56 vehicles and 162 personnel for transport to Morehead City, N.C. Also aboard are 51 midshipmen for their 4-week summer cruise.
- 17 May Arrived Roosevelt Roads, P.R., onload Bravo Company, 8th Engineers Support Battalion.
- 19 May Underway for CNO-directed Operational Evaluation of the Mk-38 Sea Snake 25mm gun and Naval Gunfire Support qualifications off the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico.
- 21 May Successfully complete NGFS qualifications with an overall SAT. Qualls completed with one Mk 45 5'54" gun mount (Mount 51) as Mount 52 is OOC.
- 22-26 Anchored St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands for liberty. Tours, shopping and R&R for crew.
- 27 Underway for Morehead City, N.C.
- 30 Return to homeport at Norfolk, VA.

JUNE

- 02 Host 20 foreign military officers from the Defense Intelligence College. Brief them on ship's mission and capabilities. Tour ship.
- 08-26 Underway off of VACAPES/CHERRY POINT OPAREAS for 2 1/2 weeks of intensive Amphibious Refresher Training. Conduct various wet well operations with ship's boats and detachment of LCM-8 and LCU's from ACU-2, Little Creek. Conduct wet well qualifications with LVT's, various boat control, aircraft control and medical evacuation exercises. Practice amphibious landings. Leave with an overall score of OUTSTANDING/95%. Complete AV-8B carrier qualifications (Phase IV).
- 26 Conduct Dependent's Day Cruise for Marines at Morehead City, N.C. Embark approximately 800 dependents, transported to Nassauby LCU's from ACU-2. Also aboard was Col. W.E. Bartels, CO, 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit, and members of his staff. Toured ship, various static displays, landing demonstration/flyover by AV-8B's from HMM-264. Return to homeport.

28 COMPHIBGRU TWO (RADM FOGARTY) and staff embark.

29 JUNE
to 17 JULY CSRR

29 SMI

JULY

02 COMPHIBGRU TWO shifts flag from Nassau.

04-05 Nassau is at full dress ship for Independence Day. Conduct "Open House." Approximately 1,000 visitors.

08 Begin pre-deployment briefings by Family Services Center, Little Creek, personnel.

20 CNO of Peruvian Navy visits Nassau.

21-23 Command Inspection. All departments pass with overall SAT.

29 Underway for classified operations in the VACAPES OPAREA. Ship riders include five women scientists from NWSC, Dahlgren, VA., as part of the "Scientists at Sea" program; nine ROTC midshipmen, three USNA midshipmen and 25 Naval Reservists from NR-LHA 4 Reserve Unit, Brooklyn, N.Y.

AUGUST

03-04 COMCARGRU TWO, RADM READY, visits Nassau, accompanied by COMPHIBRON TWO, CAPT R. CASH, and CO, 22 MAU, COL. W.E. BARTELS.

05-07 Ammo onload, Whiskey anchorage, Hampton Roads, VA.

10 Blue/Green water work-ups conference held onboard Nassau.

12-29 Underway for Blue/Green water work-ups for MARG 4-87. Conduct Dependents Day Cruise for more than 600 Marine dependents on 15 August, complete with tours, AV-8B flight demonstrations, etc. Conduct water-borne and vertical assault exercises in Cherry Point OPAREA, culminating in a SOCEX on 26 August. Successful, safe exercises. CO, 22 MAU, and staff embarked throughout.

SEPTEMBER

29 AUGUST
to 28 SEPT Pre-overseas movement. All departments make final preparations as Nassau prepares to embark MARG 4-87 units.

- 29 Depart NORVA approximately 1200Q. Onload 5'54 rounds and powder and 16,000 20mm CIWS rounds at Lynnhaven anchorage. Gun quarters for P-1-CIWS exercise. Successful tracking and firing runs by both fore and aft CIWS mounts. Rounds from forward mount sever the guidewire on the TDU, which crosses just short of the island from the starboard side and lands 50-100 feet off the port side of the ship. After mount expends 300 rounds downing the TDU, again shearing the guidewire.
- 30 HMM-264 flies on just after sunrise. Entire day spent unloading Marines and equipment in a steady rain. Marines are busy moving into offices, hauling their green footlockers and crates up the steep ladders and through narrow hatches. Brief visit by FMFLANT, LTGEN CLAY. Underway to rendezvous with the Coral Sea Battle Group off the Carolina coast at approximately midnight to begin the historic first combined MARG/CVBG TRANSLANT/deployment. Many crewmembers and Marines are up till the early morning hours completing the onload.

OCTOBER

- 01 - 10 TRANSLANT. Marines indoctrinated into shipboard life, damage control fundamentals, etc. Conduct several abandon ship drills. Conduct various EW, AAW and CCC exercises with MARG and CVBG units during the crossing. Also conduct GUNEXs and various crossdecking exercises between Nassau and Coral Sea with AV-8B Harriers. On October 7, at 1721P, 1st Lt. McClusky of VMA-231 makes the 30,000th safe landing on Nassau in AV-8B #54. Encountered heavy seas as we approached Gibraltar. Seas 10-15 feet.
- 11 INCHOP, SIXTHFLT. Lay-to briefly off of Rota to fly mail and supplies on and off. Head toward the Strait of Gibraltar in the late morning. Beautiful weather. Begin transit of the straits at approximately 1400 local. All hands not involved in the Navigation detail move topside to observe as we pass between two continents. Beautiful mountains on the Moroccan side. Ships and small boats everywhere. A Soviet research vessel comes close aboard as we transit. Hundreds of dolphins play where these two great bodies of water meld.

- 12 I-division brief, FAM fires and training for UNREP conducted most of the day. Emergency call from the Coral Sea results in a divert for rendezvous and receipt of a serious MEDEVAC. AA [REDACTED] is flown aboard for emergency surgery and stabilization by the embarked surgical team. He was caught between the yellow gear and an A-6 nosewheel during spotting operations on the Coral Sea flight deck, resulting in fractures to both legs, crushed toes and degloving of one leg from ankle to thigh. Many crewmembers and Marines donate much-needed blood for the surgery. Special prayers are offered by chaplains. Patient is stabilized, and later MEDEVACED to Germany for further surgery and treatment.
- Request to RAS/UNREP 12/18 hours early comes from the USNS Saturn. Most Air Department personnel and UNREP detail roused from evening meal in order to respot aircraft and prepare for UNREP. It is a safe, smooth evolution and is completed in record time. Navy Birthday celebration on the messdecks. Remarks by XO and COMPHIBRON TWO, CAPT CASH, and cake-cutting by oldest/youngest onboard.
- 14 - 15 Arrive Augusta Bay, Sicily, for turnover. Moor to NATO pier across from USS Austin (LPD 4), COMPHIBRON SIX embarked. Turnover between inchoop/outchoop units. Many Nassau departments unable to conduct turnover due to the outchopper (USS Guadalcanal) deployment to Persian Gulf.
- 17 Underway. Visit by COMSIXTHFLT, VADM MORANVILLE. In evening, two CVBGs can be seen steaming together in line formation, including the USS Iowa. An impressive sight on the horizon. High Soviet interest in these two-carrier operations. Several Soviet tattletales present. Transit the beautiful Straits of Messina in the evening enroute to the first training anchorage at Pian de Spille.
- 19 Anchor, Pian de Spille. Final planning and briefing for the amphibious training exercise is completed.
- 20 - 24 Conduct amphibious assault at Pian de Spille. Pre-dawn L and H-hours go smoothly. All embarked vehicles and troops go ashore. Backload begins 23 October. Everything is caked with mud and must be hosed down before being struck below. Various visitors from Pian de Spille, including the Chief of Police, Base Commander and Area Commander.

26 - 27

Underway for Pian de Monaco, Sicily. Beautiful view of volcanic islands during the transit, dotted with the white-washed home of their inhabitants. Man overboard (38 degrees, 23' N/014 degrees 00' E) SN [REDACTED], Deck Department, lookout U/I was apparently sitting on aft lifeline when he leaned over and fell backward 60 feet into the water. The ship was making about 5 knots at the time, the weather was clear, the sky lit by a full moon (2234 local time). The after lookout took immediate action, informing CIC and throwing a lifeline the [REDACTED]. Rescued by the "Quick Response Team," led by CWO2 [REDACTED], Ship's Bo'sun, using the starboard PL in less than seven minutes. SN [REDACTED] shaken but unharmed.

28 Oct -

01 Nov

Anchored, vicinity of Pian de Monaco. Conduct security drills with Ships Self-Defense Force, embarked SEALS and FORCE RECON. Several Nassau JO's crossdeck to the USS Manitowoc for SWO training.

NOVEMBER

02 - 03

Transit to Sete, France, training anchorage.

04

Arrive early AM off of Sete for exercise "Mayflower Assault." Area is crowded with trawling vessels, making maneuvering for the three-ship MARG difficult. The USS Shreveport is forced off of her PIM and almost literally "chased" off course by several trawlers in the darkness. Bitterly cold, with a chill wind in the "Gulf de Lyon." Officers and students from the French Infantry School come aboard for tour and briefings for this combined exercise. Assist small French boat in distress, towing the craft to safety.

05

Launch surface and air amphibious exercise "Mayflower Assault." Backload and begin overnight transit to Toulon, France, for our first liberty since leaving the United States on 29 September. During the transit, we are "buzzed" by several French Mirage fighters while in international waters. Ship's Mk-86 GFCS locks-on successfully and the aircraft are eventually warned to stay clear after contact is made with their air controllers near Marseille.

06 Arrive Toulon, France. Rail manned by sailors and Marines in winter dress uniforms. Mount Faron dominates the scene as we pull into this old French Navy base. Arrival conference results in much good information for the crew, arranging of tours, coordination with the French Navy authorities and the USO.

07 - 22 A busy, prosperous inport period. Tours arranged by the ship's Chaplain, CDR [REDACTED], include Avignon; Monaco and the Riviera; Bandol/Cassis (resort villages); Marseilles; a two-day Paris tour; skiing and a visit to the French Foreign Legion museum.

Community relations projects and affairs include: Signing of a Document of Friendship between the small town of Bandol and COMSIXTHFLT (NASSAU representing SIXTHFLT); hosting a tour of 24 boys from Fondation Bartelon, a home for abused/abandoned children in Toulon. Planting 7000 trees on Mount Faron that had been destroyed by fire; repainting the entire exterior of the Little Sisters of the Poor nursing facility; and attending various banquets and receptions held in ship's honor. The children's tour was filmed by NBC Today Show film crew for use on a special live broadcast for the Thanksgiving holidays broadcast from USS Coral Sea. The Nassau segment steals the show, and results in a large viewer response, elicited by the tears of crewmembers DP3 [REDACTED] and his young guest Lodovic as they part at the end of the day. A follow-up visit by NBC is arranged during the Marseilles port visit scheduled for February.

USO Show "Soft Toys" arrives 21 November for two performances at the "Foyer de la Naiade" theater, two blocks from the ship's mooring at the French Navy base. Approximately 700 MARG 4-87 members attend this wonderful performance. Arranged by Nassau PAO. Much thanks for this successful port visit goes to USO represnetative Susan Dye and the French Navy authorities.

23 Depart Toulon, France. "Soft Toys" band members transported to airport by USO representatives. Encounter strong winds and heavy seas in the open water.

- 24 - 25 Winds and seas (winds 35 knts sustained, gusts to 45 knts) delay HMM-264 fly-on from Sete, France for two days. Gunshoots and UNREP with USS Concord previously scheduled CANX. Steam in "gator boxes" waiting for the weather to break. An opening finally comes the afternoon of the 25th and the fly-on of HMM-264 is conducted without incident.
- 26 Thanksgiving Day. Only brief "Holiday Routine" from 0900-1100 due to VERTREP/CONREP with the USS Concord, just east of the Strait of Gibraltar. Takes most of the day and into the evening to take stores aboard and strike them below.
- 27 Pass through the Strait of Gibraltar enroute to Rota, Spain for refueling at the pier. Takes the entire day to refuel. Onload a battalion of Spanish Marines for the upcoming exercise at Sierra de Retin. Depart Rota 2100 local enroute to training anchorage.
- 28 Anchor Sierra de Retin, Spain. Between 0930-1030 local conduct AAW exercises with AV-8B's as aggressors. Flex most of the ship's combat systems. Good tracking runs with 5"54 gun mounts, CIWS mounts and SPG-60 radar. Successful demonstration fire of Stinger using a lead sleeve. Conduct AAW exercises in afternoon using AH-1 Cobra helicopters. Emergency defense of the amphibious task force exercise (EDATF) in PM.
- 29 1A for wet well operations commence at 0930 local, cancelling holiday routine for most of ships company. Good Thanksgiving Day meal (belated) and "Turkey Day Bash" (raffles, games, etc) for all hands in the evening.
- 30 Rehearsal exercise. Rough weather. Goes smoothly, with 0815 L-Hour and turnaway. Briefing in PM for exercise tomorrow. Exercise looks to be very realistic from the Marine Corps point of view, as the aggressors are already ashore with their positions unknown -- much like a real situation. Spanish troops participating.

DECEMBER

- 01 - 03 Exercise goes as planned. Smooth, safe evolution. Surface operations curtailed for approximately 24 hours due to high winds (35-40 knts sustained) and high seas (12-15 feet). Bridge watch on manned, ready to get underway on short notice. Turns put on both shafts, and bow thruster is utilized to keep the ships bow into the wind for flight operations.

- 04 - 05 Backload begins after a long delay. Surface operations almost immediately cancelled again after a Marine's leg is broken when a tank on an LCU shifts while entering the well, pinning him. Backload continues by air, and is completed using both helos and boats on the 5th. Underway for Tangier, Morocco. Arrive late on the afternoon of the 5th, and it is 2000 before the shore patrol/beach guard is in place and boats are ready for liberty runs ashore. Dangerous conditions for boarding boats at the sill due to large swells. Port side port opened and accomodation ladder is rigged.
- 06 - 09 Liberty for the crew. Tours arranged by ship's chaplain include Teutouan and Chechouan in the mountains, a "shopping tour" of the Casbah/Old City section of Tangier and a tour to Casablanca. Boating secured on the evening of 8 December due to heavy seas. Approximately 600-700 sailors and Marines are forced to bivouac ashore. USS Manitowoc and USS Shreveport open their doors for some. Many sleep on the floors and benches in the small terminal (which is unheated) that serves as the Beach Guard HQ. Many more seek sanctuary in Tangier hotels. Boating begins again at approximately 0800 09 December, utilizing the LCUs. It is a rough, wet ride back to the ship for those who had been stranded ashore, but everyone gets back onboard safely.
- 10 - 11 Sortie, head for rendezvous with the USS Thorn, the Coral Sea and etc. after picking up the AV-8B's from Rota. USAF F-16s and Moroccan fighters make surprise passes at us. On 11 December, exercise with AV-8B's versus the F-16s, F-5s and F-1s in EDATF. Screened by USS Thorn and the Royal Moroccan Navy frigate Erhamani as we approach the Amphibious Objective Area for "Exercise African Eagle."
- 12 Conduct rehearsal for "Exercise African Eagle." 1A for wet well and flight deck operations all day.
- 13 Exercise African Eagle. Amphibious assault using landing craft and helicopters in the vicinity of Al Hoceima, Morocco. USS Thorn and RMN L.C. Erhamani simulate NGFS. HC-130 drops parachute flares right on time. Visited by the Commander of the Royal Moroccan Navy and the Commander of the Royal Moroccan Infantry School, who observe the operations. Perfectly calm seas, light winds. L-hour and H-hour are right on time, flawless.

- 15 Deploy AABFS successfully.
- 17 Backload all African Eagle elements.
- 19 Sortie for CONREP/VERTREP with USS Concord prior to beginning the transit to Palma de Mallorca, Spain.
- 21 - 31 Inport, Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Many crewmembers are reunited with family members who have flown in for the holidays. The weather in Palma is beautiful the entire period. Numerous tours around the island to perfume factories, castles, etc. Several community relations projects arranged by the command chaplain and the USO, including blood donations for the Spanish Red Cross (Cruz Roja), during which Nassau crewmembers and embarked Marines donate 150 pints of blood, setting a new record for a visiting Navy ship; and sponsoring two Christmas parties for orphans, including the giving of gifts to every child, a meal, and a Spanish-speaking Santa Claus.

The inport period is somewhat disrupted by a bombing incident at the USO in Barcelona, Spain. One USS Thorn crewmember is killed. As a result of this incident, the USO in Palma is closed for several days, liberty is restricted and security around and onboard the ship is tightened. However, the rest of Nassau's inport period goes without incident.

The following is a statistical summary of events aboard USS NASSAU (LHA 4) for Calendar Year 1987.

Days Underway --- 172

of Vertical Replenishments --- 95
 # of Connected Replenishments --- 07
 # of Well Deck operations --- 30
 # of Amphibious Assault landings --- 12

ENGINEERING STATISTICS

Hours steamed --- No. 1 Boiler, 4265.5 Hours
 No. 2 Boiler, 4229.3 Hours
 Fuel consumed --- 8,784,390 Gallons
 Potable water distilled --- 12,545,880 Gallons
 Feed Water distilled --- 13,447,188 Gallons

MEDICAL STATISTICS

Sickcall visits --- 7,279
 Inpatients --- 92
 Physical exams --- 458
 Immunizations --- 2,856
 Pharmacy units --- 8,225
 Audiograms --- 1,268
 X-rays --- 2,030
 Lab tests --- 14,689

Additionally, there were 57 lateral transfers of patients from other ships and units to Nassau for inpatient care. Two were lifesaving Medical Evacuations (MEDEVACS).

MEDEVACS conducted to fixed medical treatment facilities ---
 67

Major surgical cases:
 Orthopedic --- 7
 General surgery --- 4

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Food Service:
 Wardroom meals served --- 115,716
 Wardroom food costs --- \$165,151
 EDF meals served --- 966,177
 Food consumed --- 2,414,000 lbs.

Disbursing:
 # of disbursement vouchers --- 1,517
 Amount of disbursements --- \$7,157,267
 # of collection vouchers --- 193
 Amount of collections --- \$1,236,678
 Total checks issued --- \$11,839,192

Retail Operations:		
Ship's store sales (gross)	---	\$954,544
Gross profits	---	\$173,632
Laundry washed	---	344,703 lbs.
Cans of soda sold	---	491,200

Stock:		
# of receipts	---	39,722
# of issues	---	8,024
Line items carried	---	38,000

Inventory cost	---	\$37,000,000
Funds expended	---	\$5,261,582

POST OFFICE STATISTICS

Mail totals for months of 1987:

January	---	4,200 lbs.
February	---	3,800 lbs.
March	---	4,200 lbs.
April	---	5,864 lbs.
May	---	5,452 lbs.
June	---	4,854 lbs.
July	---	8,400 lbs.
August	---	8,900 lbs.
September	---	6,000 lbs.
October	---	8,950 lbs.
November	---	11,484 lbs.
December	---	49,446 lbs.

Total weight for CY 87	---	121,550 lbs.
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Money Orders:

First quarter	---	Sold 1,229 at \$131,904	
		Cashed 67 at \$6,257	
Second quarter	---	Sold 2,654 at \$379,776	
		Cashed 143 at \$3,962	
Third quarter	---	Sold 1,652 at \$218,705	
		Cashed 98 at \$12,025	
Fourth quarter	---	Sold 4,322 at \$540,362	
		Cashed 322 at \$31,426	
Totals	---	Sold 9,848 at \$1,270,747	
		Cashed 630 at \$53,670	

Stamps sold:

First quarter	---	\$1,441
Second quarter	---	\$6,694
Third quarter	---	\$10,357
Fourth quarter	---	\$34,710
Total	---	\$53,202

SECURITY STATISTICS

Number of Incident/Complaint Reports (ICRs) processed -- 347
 Number of Non-judicial Punishments (NJPs) -- 137

LEGAL STATISTICS

Administrative discharges	---	23
Special courts-martial	---	29
Summary courts-martial	---	12
Last will & testaments prepared	---	450
Power of Attorneys	---	(General) 265
		(Special) 134

AIR DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Launches	---	6,170
Landings	---	6,145
Time at flight quarters	---	1,521 hours

Aircraft fueled:

aircraft	times fueled	amount (gallons)
838	243	25,203
AH-1T	201	31,718
UH-1N	250	31,964
CH-46	1,049	182,726
CH-53D	156	89,669
CH-53E	20	19,628
AV-8B	720	405,036
SH-60	6	1,253
H-2	2	382
H-3	1	176

Aviation fuel consumed --- 1,118,424 gallons

Milestones:

07 October 87 --- 30,000th safe landing. The landing was an AV-8B V/STOL jet aircraft.
 19 June 87 --- The first at-sea night landing of an AV-8B jet aircraft.
 29 October 87 --- The first operational use aboard Nassau of night vision goggles.

WEAPONS STATISTICS**Ammunition expended:**

Close-In Weapons System (CIWS)	---	4,100 rounds
MK38 25MM Machine Gun System (MGS)	---	5,400 rounds
5"54 caliber gun	---	810 rounds
SRBOC	---	26 rounds