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From: Commanding Officer, USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG-49)
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Encl: (1) Operational Narrative for 1993
(2) Command Employment for 1993
(3) Commanding Officer's Biography
(4) Commanding Officer's Photograph

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

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V. E. SMITH

USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG-49)

OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE FOR 1993

USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG-49) has had an exceptional year. Ranging from completing a four month SRA ahead of schedule to real-world contingency operations, ROBERT G. BRADLEY (RGB) has done it all this year -- and done it well. The year started with RGB preparing for an extensive pierside SRA. The extensive coordination by RGB with COMDESRON FOUR (CDS-4) and SUPSHIP Charleston representatives provided a seamless mid-year transition from an industrial environment to an operational environment. Additionally, RGB has successfully implemented TQL at all levels of the command. As the CDS-4 "TEST SHIP" for TQL, RGB has conducted extensive training and implementation of the program resulting in a high level of participation throughout the chain of command. The total command involvement has fostered high morale and a strong spirit of teamwork. The TQL processes accomplished have resulted in several time and cost saving initiatives for the ship. RGB has proved that TQL will work aboard smaller vessels.

During the SRA, RGB maintained a high level of operational readiness by utilizing cross-deck opportunities and team training courses offered by FMWTC Charleston. The Ship's ASW and TMA teams received recognition from FMWTC Charleston for their high level of proficiency, and were instrumental in assisting FMWTC in certifying their newest ASW/TMA Training Suite. RGB personnel were outstanding in their efforts to maintain DC and Engineering readiness as well, with all repair locker and duty section fire fighting teams completing required training at the fire field. The Engineering Watch Teams maintained their high level of proficiency during training in Mayport, FL with the 20H6 Trainer and with ETG Charleston. RGB maintained an impressive safety record during the SRA and worked closely with Contractor and SUPSHIPS personnel to ensure a clean and safe working environment at all times. The team effort resulted in one of the most successful pierside SRA'S conducted in Charleston. RGB completed the SRA ahead of schedule and under budget.

RGB continued to build a reputation for excellence even before the end of the SRA by completing the CDS-4 Light-Off Assessment with outstanding results. Our Engineering training with ETG Charleston continued after the end of SRA in preparation for GTMO and OPPE. During CART II, both CSTG and ETG personnel rated ROBERT G. BRADLEY as being able to start TSTA Training at a high-basic or intermediate level. RGB was chosen by COMTRALANT to be a training test ship. RGB completed TSTA PHASE I

Enclosure (1)

training inport Charleston with outstanding results and proceeded underway to complete ETG and FTG GTMO training. After a successful week of training with ETG, RGB arrived at FTG GTMO for Refresher Training. During two weeks of intensive training RGB once again achieved excellence in all areas; completing all assigned Engineering, Damage Control, Seamanship and Navigation training evolutions with high scores while at the same time continuing OPPE preparations and Combat Systems Training. One of the most significant accomplishments during REFTRA was the ability of RGB to pass both YOKE and ZEBRA checks on the first attempt. RGB left GTMO with all shipboard training and watch teams at a high level of proficiency.

Continuing OPPE preparations through the beginning of September, RGB was ready for the arrival of the PEB Inspection Team at the end of September. The RGB Team excelled in all areas of observation during the exam -- the best OPPE ever for the ship. Cited by PEB and CDS-4 Engineering personnel as "THE BEST OPPE SEEN IN CHARLESTON IN THE PAST TWO YEARS." The material condition of the ship was evaluated as excellent. Additionally ten of fifteen administrative programs were found to be excellent and all others were satisfactory. Both ECCTT and DCTT received high marks, and the two watch teams presented to PEB were also evaluated as excellent.

After OPPE, RGB completed an LMA Assist visit with high marks in all areas of Supply and 3M programs. The PATG Team reviewed RGB's Administrative and Disbursing programs with excellent results as well. Training for an end of the year CSA/HTQ continued with CSTG Charleston embarked for intensive Combat Systems training during TSTA II. RGB Combat Watch Teams and Combat Systems Training Team have done an outstanding job in preparing for the CSA/HTQ.

In October, RGB was deployed as one of the initial units for Operation Support Democracy off the Haitian Coast. Deploying quickly on a 96 hour notice, RGB left port well-prepared to conduct interdiction operations in the Caribbean. Reporting for duty as part of CJTG 120.1, RGB joined a Multi-National Task Force enforcing United Nations sanctions against Haiti. RGB established a reputation for being one of the most reliable ships on-station: capable of conducting any mission with professionalism and expertise. Assigned to the Northern Coast of Haiti, RGB sorted out a complicated surface picture tracking over 150 ships daily. With one of the three LAMPS Dets assigned, RGB and Helo Det personnel worked tirelessly conducting flight operations for surface surveillance, boarding support, logistics, and Medevac missions. Additionally, RGB was the on-station communications expert -- providing communications guard and relay duties for both CJTF 120, CJTG 120.1, all U.S. and Allied Units. RGB was one of the few ships able to communicate

with all units on-station during the entire deployment. RGB was detached from Haitian operations prior to the resolution of the crisis, but contributed significantly to the overall mission success by intercepting 160 vessels transiting the Haitian OPAREA, boarding 10 vessels, and diverting 1 arms carrier bound for Haiti.

Following return from Operation Support Democracy, RGB participated as CTG 88.2 (OPFOR Surface Commander) during FLEETEX 94-1. As the Surface Commander with USS DONALD B. BEARY and USS TEMPEST under TACON, RGB played a key role to ensure that SARATOGA JTG received quality training in Littoral Warfare against Third World Surface Threats. While performing this mission, RGB has continued combat systems and TMA training including a highly successful ASW prosecution of USS BILLFISH. RGB's initiatives resulted in highly realistic training for SARATOGA JTG in preparation for their upcoming deployment.

ROBERT G. BRADLEY has had an eventful and highly successful year. All evolutions, inspections, and deployments were performed flawlessly and reflect a high degree of operational excellence throughout the year.

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COMMAND EMPLOYMENT FOR 1993

PART 1 COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Time Period: January - June 1993

Mission: SRA, Prerequisite Phase
Operational Control: COMNAVSURFLANT (Immediate Senior in Command:
Commander, Destroyer Squadron FOUR)

Time Period: June - July 1993

Mission: Fleet Operations, Basic Phase
Operational Control: COMNAVSURFLANT (Immediate Senior in Command:
Commander, Destroyer Squadron FOUR)

Time Period: August 1993

Mission: Refresher Training, Intermediate Phase
Operational Control: COMNAVSURFLANT (Immediate Senior in Command:
Commander, Fleet Training Group)

Time Period: September - October 1993

Mission: Fleet Operations, Intermediate Phase
Operational Control: COMNAVSURFLANT (Immediate Senior in Command:
Commander, Destroyer Squadron FOUR)

Time Period: October - November 1993

Mission: OPERATION SUPPORT DEMOCRACY
Operational Control: Commander, Joint Task Force 120

Time Period: November - December 1993

Mission: Fleet Operations, Intermediate Phase
Operational Control: COMNAVSURFLANT (Immediate Senior in Command:
Commander, Destroyer Squadron FOUR)

Time Period: December 1993

Mission: Opposition Force, FLEETEX 1-94
Operational Control: Commander, Task Group 88

Commanding Officers:

01 JAN 93 - 31 DEC 93 CDR Vinson E. Smith

Enclosure (2)

Aircraft Assigned: One Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System (LAMPS) MK III, SH-60, Seahawk Helicopter from HSL-46, Detachment 3, Mayport, Florida, during OPERATION SUPPORT DEMOCRACY.

PART 2 CHRONOLOGY: JANUARY - DECEMBER 1993

JAN	1-4	Upkeep, NAVSTA Charleston, SC
	4	Berth Shift to NWS Charleston
	5-6	Ammo Offload, NWS Charleston
	6	Berth Shift to NAVSTA Charleston
	7-31	IMAV, USS SIERRA
FEB	1-15	IMAV, USS SIERRA
	16-28	SRA 5-93, Metal Trades Charleston
MAR	1-31	SRA 5-93, Metal Trades Charleston
	5	CMS Inspection (Satisfactory)
APR	1-30	SRA 5-93, Metal Trades Charleston
MAY	1-31	SRA 5-93, Metal Trades Charleston
	24-28	Engineering Training Group Visit
	27-28	Light Off Assessment (CDS-4)
JUN	1-11	SRA 5-93, Metal Trades Charleston
	8-9	Sea Trials, Charleston OPAREA
	8	TACAN Certification
	11	Berth Shift to NWS Charleston
	12-13	Inport NWS Charleston
	14	Ammo Onload, NWS Charleston
	14	Berth Shift to NAVSTA Charleston
	15-30	IMAV, SIMA Charleston
JUL	1-6	IMAV, SIMA Charleston
	6-9	CART II
	10-11	Inport Charleston
	12-31	TSTA I
	27-30	LMA/3M Assist Visit
	19-21	ARE
	26-30	AVCERT
AUG	1-20	TSTA I
	2-6	TSTA I Underway (ETG Charleston) CHASOA
	6-9	Enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
	9-20	Interim Refresher Training, GTMO Bay
	20-23	Enroute Mayport, FL
	24	BSF Mayport, FL
	24-27	TYT JAXOA - OPPE Preps
	27-31	Inport Mayport FL

SEP	1-3	Enroute Charleston SC
	3-21	IMAV - SIMA Charleston
	15-16	TYT CHASOA - OPPE Rehearsal
	16-21	Inport Charleston
	21-23	OPPE (Good, 2 year cycle)
	24-30	Upkeep Charleston
OCT	1-3	Upkeep Charleston
	4-19	TSTA II (ATG Charleston)
	20-22	Enroute Haitian OPAREA
	20-22	WOWU HSL 46 DET 3
	23-31	Maritime Interception Operations - OPERATION SUPPORT DEMOCRACY
NOV	1-15	Maritime Interception Operations - OPERATION SUPPORT DEMOCRACY
	16	BSF Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
	16-18	Enroute Charleston SC
	18-30	Inport Charleston SC
DEC	1-6	Inport Charleston SC
	6-7	Enroute Norfolk VA
	7	BSF Norfolk
	7-10	OPFOR: SARA BG FLEETEX 1-94
	10-13	Inport Norfolk
	13	Underway VACAPES OPAREA - PCM Test
	14-15	Enroute Charleston
	15-31	Upkeep Charleston