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From: Commanding Officer, USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG 49), FPO AA, 34090-1503
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Encl: (1) Command History
(2) 1998 Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(3) Commanding Officer's Biography
(4) Commanding Officer's Photograph
(5) Photograph of ship
(6) Copy of Ship's Cruise Book

1. Enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded as required by reference (a).

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1. Command Composition and Organization. The mission of USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY is to provide local area protection to underway replenishment groups, amphibious groups, and other military shipping against subsurface, air, and surface threats, as well as AAW, ASUW, and ASW self defense actions. ROBERT G. BRADLEY can also contribute to carrier battle group or SAG defense. Immediate senior in command of the ROBERT G. BRADLEY is Rear Admiral James B.Ferguson, Commander, Western Hemisphere Group. Commanding Officer of ROBERT G. BRADLEY is Commander Richard W. Bump. The ROBERT G. BRADLEY's current homeport is Mayport, FL.

2. 1998 Chronology.

01-04Jan	Inport Mayport, FL
05Jan	U/W SNFL Deployment
05Jan-07Jan	Transit to Puerto Rican Operations Areas (PROA)
08Jan	Missile Shoot PROA, Brief stop for fueling Naval Station Roosevelt Roads
08Jan-17Jan	Transit to Canary Islands
17Jan	Inport Canary Islands for refueling
18Jan-19Jan	Transit to Lisbon Portugal
19Jan-25Jan	Inport Lisbon, Portugal, Joined Standing Naval Forces Atlantic (SNFL)
21Jan	SNFL 30th Anniversary
22Jan	SNFL Sports Olympiad
25Jan-05Feb	SNFL Portugese Workups, Transit to Malaga, Spain
05Feb-08Feb	Inport Malaga, Spain
08Feb-13Feb	SNFL French Passing Excerise, Transit to La Pallice, France
13Feb-15Feb	Inport La Pallice, France
15Feb-20Feb	SNFL Belgium/Netherlands Passing Exercise, Transit to Antwerp, Belgium
20Feb-22Feb	Inport Antwerp, Belgium
22Feb-27Feb	SNFL Transit to Rotterdam, Holland
27Feb-02Mar	Inport Rotterdam, Holland
02Mar-06Mar	Transit to Bodoe, Norway
06Mar-08Mar	Inport Bodoe, Norway
08Mar-22Mar	Exercise Strong Resolve North, Transit to Trondhiem, Norway
22Mar-25Mar	Inport Trondhiem, Norway
25Mar-26Mar	SNFL Workups, Transit to Den Helder, Netherlands
26Mar-12Apr	Inport Den Helder, Netherlands
12Apr-17Apr	SNFL Standing Naval Forces Mediteranean/Standing Naval Forces Atlantic passed.
18Apr	Anchored Willamshaven, GE, Brief stop for fuel
18Apr-23Apr	Transit to Reykjavik, Iceland
24Apr-27Apr	Inport Reykjavik, Iceland
27Apr-08May	SNFL Deep Water Anti-Submarine Exercise, Transit to St. Johns, Canada
08May-11May	Inport St. Johns, Canada

11May-15May	SNFL Canadian Passed, Transit to Quebec City, Canada
15May-19May	Inport Quebec City, Canada
19May-22May	Inport Montreal, Canada
22May-26May	SNFL Transit to Halifax, Nova Scotia
26May-08Jun	Inport Halifax, Nova Scotia
08Jun-19Jun	Exercise MARCOT/Unified Spirit
19Jun-23Jun	Inport Halifax, Nova Scotia
23Jun-25Jun	Transit to Boston, MA
25Jun-29Jun	Inport Boston, MA
29Jun	Detached from Standing Naval Forces Atlantic
29Jun-02Jul	Transit to Mayport, FL
02Jul-19Jul	Inport Mayport,FL. Leave and Upkeep
20Jul-07Aug	Intermediate Maintenance Availability with SIMA Mayport
08Aug-10Aug	Inport Mayport,FL
10Aug-13Aug	Charleston/Jacksonville OPAREAS
13Aug-15Aug	Escort Services for moored training ship (MTS 635). Transit to Charleston, SC
15Aug-18Aug	Inport Charleston,SC
18Aug-21Aug	Transit to Mayport, FL
21Aug-23Aug	Inport Mayport, FL
24Aug-26Aug	Jacksonville OPAREAS
26Aug-31Aug	Inport Mayport, FL
01Sep-04Sep	Transit to New Orleans, LA
04Sep-11Sep	Inport New Orleans,LA. American Legion Convention
11Sep-17Sep	Transit to Mayport, FL
17Sep-19Sep	Inport Mayport, FL
20Sep-22Sep	Transit to Yorktown,VA
22Sep	Weapons Offload Yorktown, VA
23Sep-25Sep	Transit to Mayport, FL
25Sep-13Dec	Inport Mayport, FL
28Sep-25Nov	Restricted Availability, Mayport, FL
19Oct-23Oct	Logistics Management Assist, Mayport, FL
26Oct-30Oct	Aviation Certification Assist, Mayport, FL
02Nov-06Nov	Pre-light off visit II, Mayport, FL
02Nov-06Nov	Shipboard Training with Afloat Training Group, Mayport
16Nov-20Nov	Pre-light off visit III, Mayport, FL
30Nov-04Dec	Light Off Assessment, Mayport, FL
03Dec	Sea Trials
07Dec-11Dec	Aviation Certification, Aviation Readiness Evaluation, Mayport, FL
14Dec-15Dec	Transit to Yorktown, VA
16Dec-17Dec	Weapons Onload
17Dec-18Dec	Transit to Mayport, FL
19Dec-31Dec	Inport Mayport, FL. Christmas leave period.

3. Narrative.

ROBERT G. BRADLEY started the year 1998 with a deployment

in support of Standing Naval Forces Atlantic (SNFL). As part of SNFL, the BRADLEY supported the continuing NATO mission of naval presence in the Northern Atlantic. The crewmembers of ROBERT G BRADLEY found serving with NATO to be challenging yet very rewarding. Crewmembers were able to enjoy liberty in countries all over Europe and North America.

ROBERT G. BRADLEY spent most of March above the Arctic Circle participating in STANAVFORLANT operations and Exercise Strong Resolve '98. Crewmembers of the BRADLEY observed the traditional celebration of introducing sailors to the kingdom of Boreas Rex, the Realm of the Arctic Circle, hosted by "True Bluenoses." By paying respects to the ruler of ice and snow, these sailors were given the privilege of enjoying the frozen domain and became ambassadors for the polar world. As ROBERT G. BRADLEY completed Strong Resolve '98, word came of being awarded the Supply Blue and Engineering Red "E" for excellence.

In June, the ROBERT G. BRADLEY participated in exercise MARCOT/UNIFIED SPIRIT off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada. MARCOT was a simulated expeditionary peace enforcement operation sponsored by the United Nations and led by NATO. The purpose of MARCOT was to simulate multi-threat littoral warfare in support of amphibious operations. MARCOT proved to be one of largest exercises of the deployment and involved a total of 48 warships, 100 aircraft and 15,000 active participants.

On July 2, ROBERT G. BRADLEY returned to its homeport and crewmembers were reunited with family and loved ones. The following weeks were a period of leave and upkeep as crewmembers enjoyed some well-deserved rest and relaxation. By August, the ROBERT G. BRADLEY was back in action providing escort duties for the towing of a Nuclear Training Submarine (MTS-635) from Norfolk Naval Shipyard to its homeport in Charleston, SC. The USS GRAPPLE was the primary tow ship with RGB providing security and a secondary tow asset in the event of casualty. The operation was a success and CAPT Polefrone, Commanding Officer, Nuclear Power Training Unit, Charleston SC, commended RGB for its exceptional professionalism and performance. The crew ended a week long operation by enjoying two days of liberty in Charleston.

In September, the ROBERT G. BRADLEY traveled to New Orleans for Labor Day weekend in honor of the American Legion's 80th convention. The BRADLEY participated in the convention by representing the Navy at various American Legion functions, including a reception hosted by the officers and chiefs of the BRADLEY. When the crewmembers of RGB were not giving tours or attending receptions, they were exploring the city. Liberty in New Orleans was outstanding as RGB crewmembers enjoyed the many different sights, sounds and tastes of the Big Easy.

September 28th marked the beginning of ROBERT G BRADLEY's Restricted Availability (RAV). During the RAV, RGB underwent a complete refurbishment. Among the many items renovated during the RAV were the ship's mast, flight deck, focsle and Operations

department berthing. September 28th also marked the beginning of the Mayport Naval Station's Surface Warfare Training (SWT) Week. The ROBERT G. BRADLEY won the overall competition and finished in first place in the areas of Operations, Damage Control and Engineering. The flags from the competition will be displayed on RGB until the next year's SWT week competition in 1999.

The ROBERT G. BRADLEY continued its rigorous schedule throughout the remaining months of 1998 as she went through PLOT I, PLOT II, PLOT III, LOA, LMA and AVCERT. Before the ROBERT G. BRADLEY ended the year with the Christmas leave period, she traveled to Yorktown, VA to onload weapons in preparation for work-ups and a 1999 counter-drug deployment in the Caribbean basin. Upon her return from Yorktown, the BRADLEY had steamed a total of 40,076 miles in 1998.