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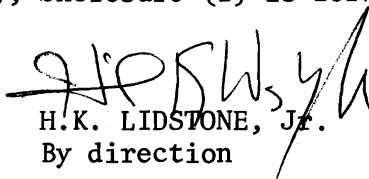
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## 1972 HISTORY OF THE USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12)

COMPHIBRON TWO and his staff embarked in SHREVEPORT on 9 December 1971. The ship departed 28 January 1972 for Caribbean exercises with Battalion Landing Team (BLT) 2/6 embarked. Practice amphibious landings were made at the Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and the island of Vieques. During CARIB 2-71, the ship participated in exercises ESCORT TIGER; VERITAS with the Brazilian forces, and VENUS with Venezuelan forces. On the way back to Norfolk, the ship took part in EXOTIC DANGER.

On 12 June SHREVEPORT and USS NASHVILLE (LPD-13) left for northern Europe for NATRONLANT 72. During this cruise SHREVEPORT visited Santa Maria in the Azores Islands; Aalborg, Denmark; Portsmouth, England; and Le Havre, France, returning to Norfolk on 3 August.

During the period 11 through 22 September 1972, the ship participated in helicopter minesweeping exercises off Charleston, South Carolina in company with three minesweepers. This marked the first occasion that an amphibious ship participated in an aerial minesweeping exercise.

On 29 September 1972 Captain William A. Gureck relieved Captain Pehr H. Pehrsson as Commanding Officer. SHREVEPORT put to sea from 24 October through 3 November for type training with Amphibious Operational Training Unit (AOTU) off Little Creek, Virginia and a port visit to Port Everglades, Florida where the ship represented PHIBLANT for local Navy Leagues' celebration of Navy Day on 29 October.

SHREVEPORT was at-sea again 13 through 21 November with Amphibious Squadron TWO for ten days of intensive type training in preparation for MED 1-73. During this period SHREVEPORT embarked and debarked various units of BLT 1/6 by helicopter from Camp LeJeune, North Carolina and together with the other ships of the squadron, participated in a number of practice amphibious assaults on Onslow Beach.

Annex A: USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12) Welcome Aboard pamphlet

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