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From: Commanding Officer, USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12)
To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Annual Command History; submission of

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12B

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following Command History is submitted.

2. USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12) participated in 4 major exercises in calendar year 1978. These exercises consisted of READEX 1-78; SOLID SHIELD 78; COMPUTEX 78 and EXERCISE NORTHERN WEDDING 78.

(1) Command Organization:

(a) The Commanding Officer of USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12) until 17 November 1978 was Captain B. C. McCAFFREE Jr., USN. He was relieved by Captain R. F. WHITE, USN.

(b) No Change.

(c) No Change.

(d) No Change.

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(2) Summary of Operations:

Date: 30 Jan - 7 Mar 78

Operation: READEX 1-78

Embarked Staff: COMPHIBRON SIX

Narrative: During Operation READEX 1-78 SHREVEPORT conducted Underway Training and Amphibious Assault Operations at the island of Vieques. After an intense training period SHREVEPORT made port visits to San Juan, Puerto Rico and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Date: 3 Apr - 7 Apr 78

Operation: SOLID SHIELD 78

Embarked Staff: COMPHIBRON TWO

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Narrative: SHREVEPORT conducted Amphibious Training Exercises at Onslow Bay, North Carolina. Intense Surface and Air Assault Operations were conducted throughout the two week period in support of Marine training. SHREVEPORT also served as Flag Ship for COMPHIBRON TWO.

Date: 25 Jun - 30 Jun 78

Operation: RESPHIBLEX 78

Embarked Staff: None

Narrative: During Operation RESPHIBLEX 78 SHREVEPORT served as CATF for full scale amphibious operations conducted at Onslow Bay, North Carolina. Marine Reservist from all over CONUS participated in a one week refresher training exercise on amphibious assault.

Date: 20 Mar 78 - 31 Mar 78

Operation: LARG 2-78 Workup

Embarked Staff: COMPHIBRON TWO

Narrative: During LARG 2-78 Workup SHREVEPORT conducted Amphibious Assault Operations at Onslow Bay, North Carolina. The Atlantic Amphibious Readiness Group training was conducted in conjunction with Marine Force Readiness Training in the event of mobilization.

Date: 31 Jul - 12 Aug 78

Operations: COMPTUEX 4-78

Embarked Staff: None

Narrative: During Operation COMPTUEX 4-78 SHREVEPORT served as a Drone Recovery Platform for target drones fired during the MISSLEX phase of COMPTUEX 4-78. During this period SHREVEPORT and HC-6 DET SEVEN recovered 11 drones and transported these to Roosevelt Road, Puerto Rico. Roosevelt Roads was the only port visits made during this exercise.

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Narrative: Exercise NORTHERN WEDDING 78 was a joint NATO exercise conducted on the Northern European Theatre. NATO forces combined to make successful Amphibious landings at the SHETLAND Islands and in Denmark. After the landing in Denmark, Marine Forces of the 4th Marine Amphibious Brigade participated in Exercise BOLD GUARD, a NATO Exercise testing the feasibility & tactics of tank warfare in Northern Europe. All exercises were totally successful and the liberty ports of Halsingborg, Sweden; Hamburg, Germany; Portsmouth, England; and Sunderland, England were visited. Numerous foreign Nationals visited the ship on guided tours during the port visits.

(3) Special Topics: No special topic items are considered significant to the ship's history.

3. Security Classification: CONFIDENTIAL


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