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

Subj: Annual Command History; submission of (U)

Ref: (U) (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12B

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

2. (C) USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12) participated in 5 major exercises in calendar year 1979. These exercises consisted of READEX 1-79, SOLID SHIELD 79, DISPLAY-DETERMINATION 79, CRISEX 79 and PHIBLEX 12-79.

(1) Command Organization:

- (a) (U) The Commanding Officer of USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12) is Captain R. F. White, USN
- (b) (U) No Change
- (c) (U) No Change
- (d) (U) No Change

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(2) Summary of Operations:

Date: (C) 15 Jan - 15 Feb

Operation: (C) READEX 1-79

Embarked Staff: (U) COMPHIBRON FOUR

Narrative: (C) During Operation READEX 1-79, SHREVEPORT conducted underway training and amphibious assault operations at the island of Vieques, P.R. After a vigorous training period, SHREVEPORT made port visits to San Juan and Martinique.

Date: (C) 10 May - 22 May 79

Operation: (C) SOLID SHIELD 79

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Narrative: (C) During SOLID SHIELD 79, the SHREVEPORT performed three functions while participating in this multi role exercise. The SHREVEPORT was involved in staff support, airborne mine counter measures and a boat haven. Four RH 53-D mine sweeping helicopters and four mark-105 sweeping devices and numerous MOP devices were embarked on the SHREVEPORT in support of airborne mine counter measures. As a boat haven, the SHREVEPORT supported 4 LCU's and 4 LCM-8'S.

Date: (C) 2 June - 9 June

Employment: (C) OSDEX 2-79

Embarked Staff: (U) None

Narrative: (C) During OSDEX 2-79, over 1,000 Army Reservists participated in a mobile logistics exercise at Fort Story, Virginia. The exercise was designed to test the Army's ability to rapidly respond to logistical support for combat forces ashore in a fast moving ground combat scenario from an initial amphibious assault.

Date: (C) 12 Sept - 31 Dec

Employment: (C) MARG 3-79

Embarked Staff: (U) COMPHIBRON FOUR

Narrative: (C) MARG 3-79 consisted of many and varied amphibious assault exercises throughout the Mediterranean Sea. The ship had Marines from the 32d Marine Amphibious Unit on board throughout the cruise. There were three major operations while deployed, DISPLAY-DETERMINATION 79, CRISEX 79 and PHIBLEX 12-79. SHREVEPORT enjoyed great success in all three operations during the Mediterranean cruise. The liberty ports visited during this period were Naples, Italy, Palma de Mallorca and Barcelona, Spain.

Date: (C) 27 Sept - 2 Oct

Operation: (C) Training Anchorage

Embarked Staff: (U) COMPHIBRON FOUR

Narrative: (C) This was the first amphibious assault exercise for the SHREVEPORT during the Mediterranean deployment. The assaults were executed off the coast of Capo Teluda, Sardinia in preparation for DISPLAY-DETERMINATION 79.

Date: (C) 6 Oct - 16 Oct 79

Operation: (C) DISPLAY-DETERMINATION 79

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Narrative: (C) DISPLAY-DETERMINATION 79 was a joint NATO exercise. The SHREVEPORT conducted amphibious assault exercises at Saros Bay, Turkey. This joint exercise consisted of Turkish, Italian and American forces.

Date: (C) 2 Nov - 10 Nov

Operation: (C) CRISEX 79

Embarked Staff: (U) COMPHIBRON FOUR

Narrative: (C) The SHREVEPORT took part in Operation CRISEX 79 at Garucha Bay, Spain. The SHREVEPORT staged assaults on the beach via air and surface means. The Spanish also provided tactical support during the exercise.

Date: (C) 16 Dec - 23 Dec

Operation: (C) PHIBLEX 12-79

Embarked Staff: (U) COMPHIBRON FOUR

Narrative: (C) The SHREVEPORT participated in Operation PHIBLEX 12-79 at Capo Teluda, Sardinia. The SHREVEPORT also acted as Helicopter Command at this operation. Again, air and surface amphibious assaults were the SHREVEPORT'S main missions.

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

3. (U) Security Classification: CONFIDENTIAL



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Captain, USN

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