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

Subj: Annual Command History; submission of

Ref: OPNAVINST 5750.12C

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following Command History is submitted.
2. USS SHREVEPORT LPD-12 participated in five major exercises in calender year 1980. These exercises consisted of Mediterranean deployment, PHIBLEX 1-80, Solid Shield 80, Humanitarian Operations and READEX 2-80.

(1) Summary of Operations:

Date: 1 January - - 27 February

Employment: MARG 3-79

Embarked Staff: COMPHIBRON FOUR

Narrative: MARG 3-79 consisted of many and varied amphibious assault exercises throughout the Mediterranean Sea. The ship embarked Marines from the 32d Marine Amphibious Unit throughout the entire deployment. PHIBLEX 1-80 was the only major exercise during this portion of MARG 3-79. Liberty ports visited during this period were Athens, Greece, Valencia and Rota, Spain.

Date: 22 - - 28 January

Operation: PHIBLEX 1-80

Embarked Staff: COMPHIBRON FOUR

Narrative: This was the final amphibious assault exercise for SHREVEPORT during the Mediterranean deployment. The assaults were executed off the coast of Vatika, Greece. SHREVEPORT acted as the helicopter command center during this operation in addition to the main mission of air and surface amphibious assaults.

Date: 10 - - 15 May

Operation: Solid Shield 80

Embarked Staff: None

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Narrative: Due to the Cuban Refugee crisis, only a portion of Solid Shield was staged. There were no amphibious operations performed. Ship maneuvering was exercised and opposed transit exercises were accomplished.

Date: 30 May - - 13 June

Operation: Humanitarian Operation

Embarked Staff: COMPHIBRON FOUR

Narrative: SHREVEPORT was tasked to patrol the Florida Straits during the Cuban Refugee crisis and aid stranded refugees. A total number of 495 refugees, 314 males, 110 females and 71 children, were rescued during the operation. When brought aboard, they were given food and in some cases clothing, and flown to Key West, Florida for further transfer. For the effort, SHREVEPORT was awarded the Humanitarian Medal.

Date: 15 July - - 6 August

Operation: READEX 2-80

Embarked Staff: None

Narrative: During this operation, SHREVEPORT performed three separate functions. First, SHREVEPORT assisted the USS PEGASUS in moving equipment to a new homeport; Key West, Florida. Second, four drones and associated equipment were unloaded in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, and SHREVEPORT was tasked to launch the drones at different intervals during a three day exercise. Then in Charleston, South Carolina, SHREVEPORT acted as a boat haven for Minesweeping Boats (MSB) to see if it was feasible to dock a round bottomed boat in the well deck. The entire mission was a success.

Date: 15 August - -31 December

Operation: Regular Maintenance Overhaul

Embarked Staff: None

Narrative: SHREVEPORT is undergoing its' second phase of a regular maintenance overhaul in the Metro Machine Company after completing the first phase, including sea trials, at Norfolk Shipbuilding and Drydock Company on October 17.

2. Command Organization:

(a) The commanding officer has been Captain Gary F. Wheatley since 29 August when he relieved Captain Richard F. White.

(b) None

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(c) SHREVEPORT logged its' 12,000 accident free helicopter landing in February during the transit back from the Mediterranean. In another significant event, Combat Information Center received the CIC "C" award, Communications was awarded the Green "C," and Gunnery received the Gunnery "E."

(d) None

(e) None

3. Security Classification: Confidential


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