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From: Commanding Officer, USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71)
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- Encl:
- (1) USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Welcome Aboard Booklet
 - (2) Commanding Officer's Biography and Photograph
 - (3) Executive Officer's Biography and Photograph
 - (4) USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT NOTICE 1301 of 03 AUG 1987
 - (5) USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT 110526Z JAN 87 (UNIT SITREP)
 - (6) USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT 131906Z JAN 87 (UNIT SITREP)
 - * (7) USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT 122128Z JAN 87 (OPREP-3NB NAVY BLUE) (U)
 - * (8) USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT 130127Z JAN 87 (OPREP-3 NAVY BLUE) (U)
 - * (9) USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT 251303Z JAN 87 (SHKDOWN SITREP THIRTEEN/FINAL) (U)
 - (10) 1987 Ship Alterations Completed, FMR's Completed, FOA Jobs Completed and RAV Jobs Completed
 - * (11) USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT 111407Z AUG 87 (UNIT SITREP) (U)
 - * (12) USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT 301430Z SEP 87 (AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) SHOCK TRIALS SUMMARY) (U)
 - (13) Officers reporting aboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT in 1987
 - (14) USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) Operations and Training Schedule 1 JAN 87 - 31 DEC 87
 - (15) Photograph of USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71)

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1. Command Composition and Organization.

A. Mission. USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) is tasked with maintaining open sea lanes of trade and communication by projecting air superiority to all points on the globe. Maintaining her equipment and men in the highest state of readiness enables her to carry out a wide variety of missions including anti-air warfare, anti-surface warfare and electronic warfare. She also shares, with other Navy ships, the mission of replenishing ships at sea and performing various non-combat missions such as the rescue at sea of vessels in distress and the transport of refugees and others in need of help.
Enclosure (1).

B. Organizational Structure and Home Port. Captain Dayton W. Ritt, USN is the ship's Commanding Officer. Enclosure (2) contains his biography and photograph. Captain Willaim V. Cross II is TR's Executive Officer; his biography and photograph are enclosure (3). USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT's organization, including Heads of Departments, staff members and collateral duty assignments, is shown in enclosure (4). USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) is homeported in Norfolk, Virginia and is assigned to Commander, Carrier Group Eight.

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C. Chronological Listing of Significant Events.

<u>EVENT:</u>	<u>DATE:</u>
UNDERWAY	6 - 24 JAN 87
UNDERWAY REPLISHMENT with USS WILLIAM V. PRATT (DDG-44)	11 JAN 87
SH-3H FROM HS-11 CRASHES	10JAN 87
RESCUE OPERATIONS FOR TWO SHIPWRECKED CIVILIANS	12 JAN 8
INITIAL SHAKEDOWN	12 - 24 JAN 87
ANCHOR in GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA	25 JAN 87
UNDERWAY for NASSAU, BAHAMAS	26 - 28 JAN 87
ANCHOR at NASSAU, BAHAMAS	28 JAN - 1 FEB
UNDERWAY	2 - 20 FEB 87
UNDERWAY REPLISHMENT with USNS WACCAMAW (T-AO 109)	8 FEB 87
U.S. SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY (D-MA) ONBOARD (FIRST U.S. SENATOR EMBARKED)	12 FEB 87
U.S. CONGRESSMAN OWEN PICKET (D-VA) ONBOARD (FIRST MEMBER OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EMBARKED)	14 FEB 87
RESPOND TO MEDICAL EMERGENCY ON USS SUNFISH (SSN-649)	16 FEB 87
UNDERWAY REPLISHMENT with USS MOUNT BAKER (AE-34)	18 FEB 87
INPORT NORVA	20 FEB-2 MAR 87
UNDERWAY for INSURV	2 - 24 MAR 87
INPORT NORVA	24 - 29 MAR 87
NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING (POST SHAKEDOWN AVAILABILITY)	30 MAR - 26 JUL 87
UNDERWAY - VACAPES OPS AREA	27 - 29 JUL 87

Chronological Listing of Significant Events Continued.

<u>EVENT:</u>	<u>DATE:</u>
UNDERWAY - VACAPES OPS AREA for SHOCK TRIALS PRACTICE with USNS APACHE	4 - 14 AUG 87
UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT with USNS H.J. KAISER (T-AO 187)	5 AUG 87
UNDERWAY for SHOCK TRIALS (JAX OPS AREA)	31 AUG - 4 SEP 87
INPORT NORVA (LABOR DAY HOLIDAY)	4 SEP - 7 SEP 87
UNDERWAY for SHOCK TRIALS (JAX OPS AREA)	8 - 21 SEP 87
RECEIVED MEDEVAC from USS HOIST (ARS-40)	14 SEP 87
INPORT NORVA	22 SEP - 5 OCT 87
CHANGE OF COMMAND: CAPT D.W. RITT RELIEVES CAPT P.W. PARCELLS	3 OCT 87
UNDERWAY - JAX OPS AREA FLEET CARRIER QUALS	6 -15 OCT 87
RECEIVED MEDEVAC from USS FARRAGUT (DDG-37)	9 OCT 97
INPORT NORVA	16 OCT - 31 DEC 87

2. Narrative.

Starting 1987 in her homeport of Norfolk, Virginia USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT left for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on January sixth. On Saturday, 10 January, TR rescued Joseph D. Buffkin and John W. Frederico from their crippled sailboat after they had floated in the Caribbean Sea for more than four days, enclosures (5) and (6). Two days later, 12 January, an SH-3H helicopter from HS-11 ditched in the sea off the coast of Florida after experiencing mechanical difficulties. The helicopter's crew members were safely rescued and returned to TR, enclosures (7) and (8).

For 20 days, instructors from Fleet Training Group, GTMO evaluated the readiness of the Navy's newest carrier. At the end of the shakedown, enclosure (9), the FTG instructors said USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT had..."set standards which other aircraft carriers can utilize as a yard stick."

TR left GTMO on a northerly course for the island of New Providence in the Bahamas. While in Nassau TR hosted hundreds of guests, including the Governor General of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Sir Gerald Cash and the U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas, Carol Boyd Hallett. A group of TR sailors spent their liberty making repairs to the Ranfurly Home, an orphanage on the island. A second group helped make badly needed repairs at the Bahamas Emergency Children's Hostel.

Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) became the first member of Congress to embark on USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT 12 and 13 February 1988; the senator was escorted by RADM E. J. Hogan, Chief of Legislative Affairs. Congressman Owen Pickett (D-VA) embarked 15 and 16 FEB 87. On 16 February TR responded to an urgent request for medical assistance from USS SUNFISH (SSN 649). One of the sub's crew had suffered a

heart attack. In high seas and heavy weather, LT John Bean, MC, USN was lowered aboard the sub from a S-3 helicopter. Despite the best efforts of all concerned the stricken sailor died.

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT was underway from 2 - 12 March in the JAX OP area for insure. Theodore Roosevelt IV, great grandson of the ship's namesake, took off and landed in an F-14 Tomcat on 4 Mar flown by LT Roe Massey from VF-101 in Oceana, Virginia. During the first take off from the number one catapult Roosevelt keyed the radio by mistake and screamed, "Hoo Yah. That's incredible!"

The Ship's Sponsor, Mrs. John F. Lehman also visited the ship on 4 March, she was accompanied by Mrs. James Webb, wife of the new Secretary of the Navy.

Dependent's Day Cruise on 14 March allowed 8,000 of TR's family and friends to spent a day on board. Included in the day-long cruise was a flight demonstration by aircraft from VF-102, VF-33, VA-176, VAW-123, VS-32 and HS-11.

A luncheon and a tour of TR, hosted by RADM J.O. Tuttle, took place on 16 March for Congressmen Norman Sisisky (D-VA); Herbert H. Bateman (R-VA); Howard C. Nielson (R-UT); Arthur Ravenel, Jr (R-SC); Martin Lancaster (D-NC) and John J. Rhodes III (R-AZ).

Monday 30 March TR moved from Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia to Newport News Shipbuilding. During the spring and summer more than 2,500 work permits covering hundreds of jobs were processed. Ventilation, sewage, and habitability systems for berthing compartment were inspected, enclosure (9) is a partial list of major ship projects completed during 1987.

Also in April, Captain Paul W. Parcells, TR's CO, received the John Paul Jones award from Navy League for outstanding leadership during ceremonies in Washington, DC.

In August, USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT became the first Navy vessel to implement Release III of the Shipboard Uniform Automated Data Processing System (SUADPS). Release III provides the ship with a real time capability to process all supply transactions conducted on board (including financial, inventory and maintenance) with a single input.

TR was underway in VACAPES from 4-14 August for Shock Trials practice with USNS APACHE. The Honorable James Miller, Director, Office of Management and Budget, embarked on 8 and 9 August 1987; Mr. Miller was accompanied by Mr. Dan Crippen, Deputy Assistant to the President, Office of the Chief of Staff; Mr. Wayne Arny, Associate Director for National Security and International Affairs; Mr. Jack Carley, General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget; and Bob Bedell, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy. LT John Covell of the VAW-123 Screwtops became the first TR centurion on 10 August. LT Covell made his 100th landing in E-2C Hawkeye 602. An ill sailor, Jack Harary, was rescued from his sailboat off the Virginia Capes on 11 August. Harary and Wayne Holderness were sailing from Point Pleasant, NJ to Augustine, FL when their sailboat the "ASTREA" was disabled by equipment failure in rough weather. TR was contacted by the Coast Guard to lend SAR assistance to the ASTREA after Harary became sick. Harary was treated by the ship's Medical Department, enclosure (10).

The first of the four Shock Trials blasts took place at 1400 on 2 September. Each class of Navy ship is required to undergo shock tests and TR was chosen as the NIMITZ Class Carrier test platform. Over 800 sensors took readings on the effects of the shock. The sensors were placed on structures and ship's systems to detect accelerations, velocities and events such as the opening of circuits, moments and contacts. Immediately after the blast, damage control teams and technicians from the Underwater Explosions Research Division (UERD) of the Naval Ocean Systems Center searched for damage. The other three blasts took place on 10, 14 and 19 September 1987. On 9 September the Sikorsky SH-60F made its first landing on a carrier at sea LT Jeff Miller of the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, MD piloted the SH-60F which was on board for its Sea Trials.

On 3 October Captain Dayton W. Ritt relieved Captain P.W. Parcels as Commanding Officer. Captain Parcels assumed command of THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) Precommissioning Unit on 17 August 1984, and became USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT's first Commanding Officer upon the ship's commissioning 25 October 1986. Vice Admiral Robert F. Dunn, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Air Warfare was the principle speaker at the Change of Command ceremony.

Admiral Rudolf Kasenda, Chief of Staff, Indonesian Navy, toured TR on Monday, 2 November 1987. He and his party were hosted by RADM Gary F. Wheatley, Director for Operations, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Admiral Kasenda was accompanied by COMO Kaden I. Sudyarsoyo, Indonesian Director of Naval Security; LCOL Djumino Tugino, Aide; CAPT Ted Lyon, U.S. Naval Attache, U.S. Embassy Jakarta; and LCOL Farouk Tanjung, Indonesian Attache.

The Honorable Lawrence Garret III, Under Secretary of the Navy visited TR on 3 November 1987. Mr. Garrett was hosted by RADM Gary F. Wheatley.

RADM Dr. Klaus Fliender, Director of Medical Services for the German Federal Republic visited TR on 24 NOV.

Sixteen members of the U.S./Spain talks visited USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT on 3 December 1987. The group included VADM Martin-Granizo, Spanish Navy, and VADM John A. Baldwin, Jr., Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, OJCS.

On 9 December 1987 General, Sir John Akehurst, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Europe visited TR.

The first Change of Command for the ship's Marine Detachment took place on 14 December. Captain William P. Leek, USMC relieved Captain Timothy M. Barnes, USMC in ceremonies held aboard.

During 1987 seven-hundred eight-one (781) enlisted crew members reported aboard, three-hundred four (304) transferred for a net gain of four-hundred seventy-seven (477). At the close of business on 31 December 1987 USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT had an enlisted crew total of three-thousand twenty-six (3,026). 60 officers transferred, enclosure (11) is a list of the 57 officers that reported aboard.

Nine-hundred and fourteen (914) enlisted crewmen graduated from the two week School of the Ship course. One-thousand four-hundred thirty-one (1,431) personnel were sent TAD on cost to the government orders out of the area; two-thousand nine-hundred seventy-seven (2,977) were TAD on no cost orders for training in the area during the year.

Seven rounds of RIM-7M and eight-thousand nine-hundred rounds of 20mm of ordance were expended during the year.

The following is a listing of traps, touch & goes, bolters and total flight hours from TR in 1987:

<u>TRAPS</u>	<u>TOUCH & GOES</u>	<u>BOLTERS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
<u>DAY/NIGHT</u>	<u>DAY/NIGHT</u>	<u>DAY/NIGHT</u>	<u>DAY/NIGHT</u>
3610/1439	652/64	177/164	3100.3/1410.4

3. Supporting Documents. Enclosure (13) is forwarded as a record of daily operations and training for 1987. Enclosure (14) is a photograph of USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT taken by PH2 Scott E. Norr on 28 January 1987 as TR made a port visit to Nassau, Bahamas.



D.W. RITT
 Captain, U.S. Navy
 Commanding Officer

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