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From: Commanding Officer, USS TARAWA (LHA 1)  
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- Encl: (1) Commanding Officer biography and photograph  
(2) Ship's photograph  
(3) 1997 statistics  
(4) News releases  
(5) Change of Command pamphlet

1. Per reference (a), the calendar year 1997 Command History for USS TARAWA (LHA 1) is submitted.

2. Command composition and organization.

a. Mission and function of the command: the Amphibious Task Force, which executes its tasks in support of the Navy's force projection mission is composed of LHA, LHD, LPH, and LSD class ships. TARAWA, the lead ship of the LHA class of general purpose amphibious assault ships, combines the functional capabilities of the surface operations, in an amphibious assault. Explicitly, a former Chief of Naval Operations defined the LHA's mission as follows: "To embark, deploy, and land elements of a Marine Landing Force in an assault by helicopter, landing craft, amphibious vehicles, and by any combination of these methods."

b. Commanding Officer:

- (1) 1 January 1997 - 19 December 1997  
Christopher C. Ames, Captain  
U.S. Navy,  
Lineal number: 002863-20, DOR: 1 September 1995
- (2) 19 December 1997 - 31 December 1997  
James D. Bray, Captain  
U.S. Navy,  
Lineal number: 002784-30, DOR: 1 Oct 94

c. Command structure:

Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMNAVSURFPAC)

Commander, Amphibious Group THREE (COMPHIBGRU THREE)

Commander, Amphibious Squadron THREE (COMPHIBRON THREE)

USS TARAWA (LHA 1)

d. Homeport: 32nd Street Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

e. Command composition: the command was composed of USS TARAWA (LHA 1). Ship's company included 71 officers and 1,023 enlisted.

### 3. Chronology

1 - 14 Jan	Inport (IPT) San Diego (Holiday Upkeep)
15 Jan - 11 May	Ship Readiness Availability (SRA) San Diego
12 - 31 May	IPT San Diego
1 - 6 Jun	Combat Assessment Readiness Training II (CART) San Diego
9 - 13 Jun	Underway Southern California operating area (SOCAL) (Type Training (TYT))
14 - 19 Jun	IPT San Diego
20 Jun - 2 Jul	Underway SOCAL (Exercise KERNEL BLITZ)
25 Jun	Fueling at Sea (FAS) USNS RAPPAHANNOCK
3 - 13 Jul	IPT San Diego
9 Jul	FAS USNS RAPPAHANNOCK
14 - 25 Jul	Underway SOCAL (Tailored Ship Training Availability I (TSTA))
26 Jul - 3 Aug	IPT San Diego
4 - 20 Aug	Underway SOCAL (TSTA II)
14 Aug	FAS USNS RAPPAHANNOCK
21 Aug - 7 Sep	IPT San Diego
8 - 9 Sep	Underway (Maintenance Readiness Evaluation (MRE)/TSTA III)
9 Sep	FAS USNS WALTER S. DIEHL
10 - 12 Sep	Underway (Final Evaluation Period)
13 - 22 Sep	IPT San Diego Inspection and Survey preparations (INSURV PREPS)
23 Sep	Underway SOCAL (INSURV)
24 Sep - 5 Oct	IPT San Diego
6 - 10 Oct	Underway (Competitive Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX))
7 Oct	FAS USNS RAPPAHANNOCK
11 - 15 Oct	IPT San Francisco (FLEET WEEK)
16 - 22 Oct	Underway SOCAL (COMPTUEX/TRUE (Training in Urban Environment))
23 Oct - 2 Nov	IPT San Diego
3 - 14 Nov	Underway SOCAL (Fleet Exercise (FLEETEX))

5 Nov	FAS USNS RAPPAHANNOCK
15 Nov - 1 Dec	IPT San Diego
2 - 12 Dec	Underway SOCAL (Special Operations Capable Certification (SOCCERT))
4 Dec	FAS USNS RAPPAHANNOCK
6 Dec	US Ambassador to Kuwait on board for short visit
13 - 31 Dec	IPT San Diego (Holiday Upkeep)

#### 4. Narrative

##### a. **Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD)**

(1) Identified by Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet as "The Best 'L' Class Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department in the Pacific Fleet" over the last 18 months during the command's bi-annual 1997 Aviation Maintenance Evaluation (AME).

(2) Reviewed, researched, and implemented new maintenance capabilities and performed over 350 changes/updates to the command's Individual Component Repair Capability List (ICRL) ensuring accurate repair capability reporting while reducing component repair processing time.

(3) Developed and implemented an aggressive and innovative Technical Directive Status Accounting (TDSA) program accounting for and verifying the incorporation of over 1500 technical directives. The program received laudatory comments and a grade of "on track" during the command's 1997 bi-annual AME.

(4) Completely reorganized over 300 Support Equipment Standardization Systems (SESS) and equipment maintenance history records verifying and updating scheduled maintenance requirements, configuration status, and repair history. This program was graded as "on track" during the command's AME.

(5) Improved the command's Individual Material Readiness List (IMRL) support equipment valued at over 25 million dollars, flawlessly performing all transfers and receipts for approximately 250 line items of support equipment increasing the command's Activity Inventory Record (AIR) accuracy from 63 to 100 percent.

(6) Coordinated the installation of Naval Logistics Computer Management Information System (NALCOMIS) AIMD Cost Accounting (NACA) software which provided significant repair cost management in support of COMNAVAIRPAC's "AIRPAC Financial Analysis Support Tool" (AFASST).

(7) Improved the command's Ready For Issue (RFI) rate from 63.1 percent to approximately 73.7 percent over the course of 1997, which included COMPTUEX-97, FLEETEX-97, and Special Operations Capable Exercise-97 (SOCEX) exercises.

(8) Initiated an aggressive and accelerated departmental training plan which resulted in a 9.0 percent improvement in maintenance capability within the department. These efforts included coordinating over 113 schools and conferences at various military civilian sites over four states.

(9) Performed over 100 CH-46 rotor head non-destructive inspections and various hourly airframe and support equipment inspections thereby contributing to the Air Combat Element's ability to meet every operational and training mission assigned.

(10) Repaired and manufactured over 50 ladder railings and frames contributing to the safety of personnel. Installed 20 female racks in support of women at sea ship board habitability program.

(11) Achieved a 100 percent repair and return rate for CH-46 AV-8B tire and wheel assemblies throughout the 1997 work-up schedule.

(12) Significantly upgraded the Naval Oil Analysis process by installing the new Oil Spectroil Analysis machine. Over 48 samples were processed in support of embarked air wing and Navy units achieving an interlaboratory correlation test average result of 90 percent for the entire year.

(13) TARAWA's Aviation Life Support Supervisor was hand picked by COMNAVSURFPAC to attend the Navy's Maintenance Training Review Requirements Conference for Aircrew Survival Equipmentman (PR) "A" school students. His fleet experience and contributions provided information on items of interest for fleet wide activities with respect to the training curriculum.

(14) Removed from preservation, calibrated, and op-tested all Avionics/Armament Electronic Test Benches after the command's extended SRA increasing readiness from 30 percent to 100 percent.

(15) Completely reviewed and updated the command's Micro-Miniature (2M) Repair, Calibration, Aviation Weapons Support Equipment (AWSE), and Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) programs after an extended SRA period. All programs were evaluated as "on track" with zero discrepancies by Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet during the command's 1997 bi-annual AME.

(16) Worked closely with the Engineering and Combat Systems Departments streamlining calibration induction times and criteria. This increased the Shipboard Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) asset calibration readiness from 67 percent to 95.7 percent.

(17) Developed and implemented a phased calibration plan to overcome critical funding shortages for the calibration of depot level assets. The plan effectively increased General

Purpose Electronic Test Equipment (GPETE) and Electronic Test Bench readiness from 77 percent to 97.8 percent in less than two months.

(18) Received the first ever "Outstanding Activity Award" from the Measure Operational Control Center (MOCC) for maintaining a calibration overdue rate of 0.27 percent. This was the lowest overdue rate for any activity in the Pacific Fleet.

(19) Aggressively worked extended hours to calibrate 120 Engineering Department panel meters which contributed to TARAWE's outstanding grades during all Engineering examinations. Additionally, the Calibration Lab completed calibration on numerous Tank Liquid Indicators (TLI).

(20) Using ship's force personnel developed and executed a superior corrosion treatment and reconditioning plan which successfully implemented the required white paint scheme on over 150 pieces of support equipment during the command's Self-help Rehabilitation program at Commander Naval Air Force Pacific's ( COMNAVAIRPAC) Support Equipment (SE) Rework facility, Naval Air Station (NAS) North Island. This self-help program saved the Navy over \$80,000.00 in contract maintenance and labor costs.

(21) Completed 23 Material Handling Equipment (MHE) annual load test certifications through Public Works' self-help project using ship's force personnel saving over \$24,000.00 in contract labor expenses.

(22) Conducted numerous SE and MHE classes in support of the Combat Systems, Supply, Air, Deck, Combat Cargo, and Medical Departments and the Eleventh Air Combat Element (ACE). The resultant effect was that all shipboard evolutions requiring equipment and personnel to move, carry, or support operations were successfully accomplished with zero safety incidents involving SE/MHE.

(23) Maintained TARAWE's SE availability at 96.5 percent, surpassing the Chief of Naval Operation's (CNO) goal of 85 percent.

(24) Maintained a 100 percent MHE availability rate during TARAWE's numerous critical ammunition unload/offload and various vertical replenishment evolutions. TARAWE received and transferred over 4,000 pallets of combined ammunition and logistic support materials during this competitive cycle, all without incident, accident or injury.

**b. Chaplain**

(1) Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation (CREDO) Marriage Enrichment Retreats - Three CREDO Marriage Enrichment Retreats were sponsored by TARAWE during 1997. The ship's Chaplain was trained by CREDO San Diego to be a facilitator for these retreats. A total of 20 sailors from the ship and their spouses participated in

the events which were held at the San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside, California. These 48 hour retreats provided an excellent setting for married couples to spend some quality time together renewing their commitments and improving their relationships. The retreats focused upon communication, expectations, goals and friendship in the marriage relationship.

(2) General Military Training

(a) A team of experts from the San Diego Family Service Center provided Suicide Awareness training via the ship's TV network.

(b) A staff member from Family Advocacy provided Family Violence training.

(c) The CREDO San Diego staff provided training on the efforts of their outreach program.

(3) Community Building

(a) On 30 June, 30 TARAWA crew members participated in the Balboa Park Trail Building volunteer project. Recreational trails were cleared of trees and brush to improve the use of the park facilities.

(b) On 15 July, the interior of South Crest Gymnasium, a local community gym, was painted by 15 volunteers from the ship.

(c) "Hands On San Diego 1997" was the focus of the September volunteer project as the TARAWA helped at the San Diego Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) and the Youth Crisis Hotline Center, where the crew members helped in reorganizing storage areas.

(d) While in San Francisco on October 14, 20 TARAWA volunteers help paint at a city housing project for the poor and elderly of San Francisco's China Town.

(4) Pre-Deployment Fairs - Three very successful Pre-Deployment Fairs were sponsored by TARAWA for crew members and their families. On October 29, representatives from all major service agencies in San Diego spent the morning onboard TARAWA to participate in our Pre-Deployment Fair. These same agencies were represented at TARAWA's two evening fairs held 19 and 25 November at the San Diego Fleet Training Center.

(5) The Library Multi-Media Resource Center (LMRC) was officially opened for business in the Ship's Library. The LMRC consists of six computers for the crew's educational and recreational use. This system will allow crew members to keep in contact with loved ones at home during upcoming deployments via e-mail.

c. **Combat Systems**

- (1) Completed the Combat Systems Readiness Review conducted by Fleet Technical Support Center Pacific (FTSCPAC) on 1 March 1997.
- (2) Completed removal of the ship's two 5"/54 caliber gun mounts, associated loading equipment, and power panels on 8 April 1997.
- (3) Turned in fifty .45 caliber and four .38 caliber pistols to Naval Weapons Depot Crane Indiana and received and transitioned to fifty-four 9mm M9 pistols on 15 April 1997.
- (4) Completed installation of the SPA-25G Radar Automated Distribution and Display System (RADDs) on 18 April 1997.
- (5) Completed installation of the URT-23E transceiver sets on 21 April 1997.
- (6) Removed and replaced the VRC-46 UHF ground communications for Marines with Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System (SINCGARS) on 25 April 1997.
- (7) Placed the MK86 gun fire control system (GFCS) in lay up with the exception of the SPQ-9A radar system on 12 May 1997.
- (8) Removed Close-In Weapons System (CIWS) mounts and replaced them with the two new Block 1, Baseline 2 CIWS mounts on 16 May 1997.
- (9) Completed installation of Naval Modular Automated Communications System II (NAVMCS) on 16 May 1997, upgrading the communication system with Pentium processors.
- (10) Conducted a successful Pre-Action, Calibration Fire (PACFIRE) with CIWS mounts 21 and 22 and a Towed Drone Unit (TDU) shoot with mount 21 in accordance with AAW-21-SF on 21 May 1997.
- (11) Completed ship alteration (SHIPALT) 723K on 23 May 1997, upgrading WSN-5, Inertial Navigation System, and Aircraft Inertial Alignment System (AIAS) to interface with Global Positioning System (GPS).
- (12) Received navigation certification (NAVCERT) for the first time since the WSN-5 system was installed on 4 June 1997.
- (13) Removed Joint Operational Tactical System (JOTS) 4 and 14 remote workstations and replaced them with Precision Targeting Workstations on 16 June 1997.
- (14) Completed the upgrade to the UMK-12 GPS on 20 June 1997, allowing the system to use satellite information vice ground station weather information.

(15) Increased damage control console capabilities on 23 June 1997, upgrading the nuclear/biological/chemical (NBC) countermeasure wash down sequencer and fire main transducers throughout the ship, work normally accomplished at the depot level.

(16) Completed the Tactical Computer IV (TAC) upgrade/installation to Contingency Theater Automated Planning System (CTAPS) on 20 July 1997, allowing the ship to receive Air Tasking Order (ATO) messages.

(17) Successfully completed a Rolling Airframe Missile (RAM) shoot with the aft mount in accordance with AAW-11-SF (Subsonic Anti-Ship Missile Defense (ASMD) Firing) on 15 August 1997.

(18) Pacific Division Explosive Safety Support Office (ESSOPAC) conducted a Shipboard Explosive Safety Inspection on 25-29 August 1997, resulting in 17 minor discrepancies, no major discrepancies, and no repeat discrepancies.

(19) Completed installation of the Ship's Maintenance Terminal (SMT) to the OL-530 on 28 August 1997.

(20) Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Indiana completed the removal of the Fleet Optical Scanning Ammunition Marking System (FOSAMS) and replaced it with the Retail Ordnance Logistics Management System (ROLMS) on 29 August 1997.

(21) COMNAVSURFPAC conducted an Aviation Ordnance Safety Survey (AOSS) on 27-28 August 1997, resulting in 2 minor discrepancies.

(22) Received Direct to Sailor (DTS) digital television satellite upgrade to closed circuit television (CCTV) system on 7 September 1997.

(23) Completed installation of the Unmanned Reconnaissance Vehicle (UAV) on 26 September 1997.

(24) Completed Joint Maritime Command Information System (JMCIS) software upgrade 2.2.0.5P9 on 6 October 1997.

(25) Completed installation of Domain Name Server (DNS) on 15 October 1997, allowing the ship to convert name address to Internet Protocol (IP) address instead of relying on a shore based DNS.

(26) Completed installation of UHF Medium Data Rate (MDR) on 15 October 1997, allowing USS DENVER and USS MT VERNON Secret Internet Protocol Network/Non-Secure Internet Protocol Network (SIPRNET/NIPRNET) access through USS TARAWA.



(27) Completed installation of two GRC-211s on 17 October 1997, replacing the GRT-21 and GRR-23.

(28) Completed upgrade from the SPN-35A to the SPN 35B on 17 October 1997.

(29) Completed upgrade of Tactical Information Management System (TIMS) to Windows NT 4.0 on 21 November 1997.

d. **Dental**

(1) The Dental Department is capable of most dental needs, including:

- (a) Endodontics - root canals
- (b) Periodontics - gums
- (c) Prosthodontics - both repair and fabrication of some prostheses
- (d) Operative - fillings
- (e) Oral surgery - tooth extractions
- (f) Radiology - X-rays

(2) TARAWA Dental does not provide Orthodontic care or temporomandibular joint (TMJ) therapy.

e. **Engineering**

(1) Experienced the following major equipment replacements:

- (a) Number 2 Auxiliary Gland Exhaust Fan Unit, September 1997.
- (b) Number 2A Main Condensate Pump Shaft and Impeller, October 1997.
- (c) Number 1 Auxiliary Gland Exhaust Fan Unit, October 1997.
- (d) Number 1 Lube Oil Purifier Overhauled, October 1997.
- (e) Number 4 Auxiliary Circ Pump Impeller, November 1997.

(2) Experienced the following milestones:

- (a) Installation of new electronic boiler controls in forward and aft plants.
- (b) Outstanding maintenance and upkeep of sculleries, galley, and laundry equipment.
- (c) Monorail system operational after a year and half of inoperability.
- (d) Maintained 39 hours of continuous ballast detail during Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) surge exercise.
- (e) Replaced nearly 600 battle lantern batteries with rechargeable kits.
- (f) Successful Logistics Management Assessment (LMA) (effective with no degradations) where inspectors named TARAWA as the best ship they had seen.
- (g) Rewound 100% of faulty command motors keeping system down times to an absolute minimum.

f. **Executive**

- (1) Received Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet (CINCPACFLT) Golden Anchor Award.
- (2) Hosted the following distinguished visitors:
  - (a) VADM Brown, Commander THIRD Fleet (COMTHIRDFLT)
  - (b) RADM Brewer, COMPHIBGRU THREE
- (3) Special evolution: Christmas Party

g. **Medical** - The most ambitious exercise for the Medical Department in 1997 was "Charlie Gulf One" during Exercise KERNEL BLITZ, 20 June - 2 July. During this exercise USS TARAWA served as the Primary Casualty Receiving and Treatment Ship (PCRTS). Noteworthy achievements included implementation of M+1 manning to bring aboard 120 medical personnel from three Naval Hospitals and operation of five new medical computer systems including the Medical Information Engineering Prototype II (MIEP); associated web page; and the "Smart Card," a credit card sized identification card with patient information from the field.

h. **Operations**

- (1) During the first two quarters of CY-97, TARAWA Operations supported the ship's

SRA period and major habitability improvements to Operations berthing spaces. Special emphasis was placed on crew training, to include 100 percent participation in pier-side Combat Information Center (CIC), Electronic Warfare (EW) and Intelligence drills. Operations training concentrated on maximizing use of San Diego-based tactical training schools. In addition, tactical systems improvements proceeded throughout SRA. In early June, TARA WA's Joint Intelligence Center received the first Precision Target Workstation (PTW) to be installed aboard any LHA, bringing new mission planning capabilities to LHAs previously found only in Carrier Aviation.

(2) With SRA's end, and 28 Apr - 2 May Light-Off Assessment completed, Operations supported TARA WA's dramatic return to underway operations as a key player in Third Fleet's largest Amphibious Exercise in over 20 years, KERNAL BLITZ '97. Extensive planning, coordination, liaison, and upgrades to televised briefing systems resulted in impressive post-SRA underway which demonstrated TARA WA's superb capability to both act as an enabling CJTF and project heavy armored firepower ashore. This success was followed by support to rapid readiness re-certification in a compressed training schedule during 14 - 25 Jul TSTA I, 4 - 20 Aug TSTA II and 8 -12 Sep TSTA III/Final Evaluation Problem (FEP) underway training.

(3) Between October and year's end, Operations supported successful completion of a compressed series of demanding underway training qualifications. From 6 - 20 October Operations successfully fulfilled required COMPTUEX benchmarks while supporting preliminary signal tests of a shipboard UAV Tactical Control System with a shore-based pilot-option UAV operating out of Monterey, California. Tests and training were followed by a successful FLEET WEEK '97 port call in San Francisco, California, and rapid completion of COMPTUEX training. From November 4 - 14, operations completed FLEETEX exercise qualifications which featured an historic TARA WA-based demonstration of the Tactical Control System test, in which TARA WA controlled a PREDATOR-like, land-based GNAT-750 UAV operating from San Clemente Island for over 40 hours of remarkable reconnaissance tests. December 3 - 12 SOCCERT training provided a challenging finale to a rugged schedule by successfully supporting certification of the Eleventh Marine Expeditionary Unit's Special Operations capability. Support to these required expeditionary evolutions, conducted in heavy seas, and was capped off by successful planning support to an unprecedented CNO-directed 48-hour LCAC surge-operation exercise off Camp Pendleton.

## **I. Supply**

(1) The Supply Department made dramatic improvements in logistical support which significantly enhanced operational readiness and customer service within the past year. Throughout a compressed work-up cycle, TARA WA Supply effectively expedited critical components which reduced equipment down-time and contributed to the successful completion of various inspections/assessments to include Light Off Assessment (LOA), Engineering Certification (ECERT), INSURV, Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR), and the Logistics Management Assessment (LMA). Additionally, in support of exercises KERNEL

BLITZ, COMPTUEX and FLEETEX, Supply provided the necessary materials and services for the ship and its accompanying support elements to accomplish their assigned missions during sustained operations at sea.

(2) Conducted an extensive Integrated Logistics Review during SRA which completed in excess of 3,288 equipment validations, submitted 1,374 configuration changes, validated the Technical Library, reconciled the Consolidated Shipboard Allowance List/Aviation Consolidated Allowance List (COSAL/AVCAL), and processed in excess of 2,000 allowance changes. Implemented an aggressive inventory plan and completed wall to wall inventories of all storerooms, significantly improving overall validity by 30%. This monumental effort ensured optimum material support and ultimately TARA WA's peak combat readiness.

(3) Successfully implemented Battle Group Asset Management System to provide total asset visibility of 14 ships participating in KERNEL BLITZ '97.

(4) Graded "Outstanding" during the annual surprise audit conducted in January 1997, and as a result was selected as the prototype in Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) for the Integrated Automated Travel System (IATS).

(5) Successfully completed the 1997 Logistics Management Assessment scoring "EXCELLENT" in the three major areas of General Stores, Food Service, and Retail Operations - a rare achievement. Earned the Blue "E" for Logistics Management Excellence. In addition, the following improvements/achievements were noted by the assessors:

(a) Achieved an accuracy level of 99% in General Stores inventory validity which is the highest score of any "L" ship in 1996-97.

(b) The first Automated Data Processing (ADP) operation to receive a perfect score in accountability.

(c) Received the fewest discrepancies in General Stores sustainability of any "L" ship in 1996-97.

(d) Implemented an extremely effective shelf-life program which received zero discrepancies, a first for "L" ships.

(e) Retail operation was recognized for its extraordinary improvements achieved since the Logistics Administration and Training Review (LATR). Attained 100% inventory and price validities as well as an overall score of 98% receiving 312 of a possible 317 evaluation points.

(f) Improved the overall "Level of Knowledge" throughout all functional areas, achieving scores which surpassed the Force average by 5%.

(6) Dramatically improved the food service operations. Consistently produced and served outstanding quality meals enhancing crew morale as evidenced by COMNAVSURFPAC/ Afloat Training Group Pacific (ATGPAC) crew survey conducted during the 1997 Logistics Management Assessment.

(7) Completed mess decks renovation to include the refurbishment of all tables/chairs, resurfacing of the deck, installation of architectural bulkhead sheathing, privacy booths, and entree specialty bars which enhanced the dining experience and significantly improved the quality of life for the crew.

(8) Established an effective hazardous waste (HAZWASTE) program which re-used material and minimized waste having a positive economical as well as ecological impact. TARAWA's program was hailed as an overwhelming success and received a grade of outstanding with zero discrepancies noted during the NAVOSH inspection and Industrial Hygiene Survey, a first for any "L" class ship.



J. D. BRAY

## STATISTICS

1. **AIMD** - Overall AIMD production statistics for 1997 in support of the Combat Systems, Supply, Air, Deck, Combat Cargo, and Medical Departments and the Eleventh ACE are as follows:

Items inducted for work	306
Items processed for repair	266
Work requests completed for other shops	176
RFI Completion Percentage	73.07%
AIMD Items Calibrated	371
Shipboard Items calibrated	363
SE/MHE Availability rate	96.7%
SE/MHE Misuse and Abuse Reports	3
SE/MHE Training and Licensing Classes Completed	60
Naval Air Engineering Assist visits	6
IMRL Items Transferred	522
IMRL Items Received	358
IMRL Messages Released	250

2. **Air**

Landings:	5,729
Launches:	5,729
Days of flight operations	74
Flight hours	3,450

Types of aircraft:

- HH 460
- CH 46E
- CH 56E
- AH-1W
- UH-1N
- AV-8B
- SH-60B
- UH-3G
- LYNX

TARAWA has no ship's aircraft assigned

3. **Combat Systems** - Rounds of ammunition expended:

9W22, CTG 5.125" CHAFF	16
5008, RAM MISSILE	1
AO11, CTG 12 GA	150
A130, CTG 7.62mm	462
A363, CTG 9mm	7,066

A576, CTG 50cal	2,616
A676, CTG 20mm	2,400
A976, CTG 25mm	1,681
B650, CTG 40mm	40
G839, CTG GREN, Rifle	35
L554, MLM MK-25	3
L580, MLM MK-58	10

4. **Communications**

Number of messages processed:

Incoming	338,520
Outgoing	10,296

Special communications evolutions:

SOCAL OPS  
 KERNAL BLITZ-97  
 FLEETEX-97  
 SOC-CERT-97

5. **Deck**

8 underway replenishments

3.9 million gallons of F-76
760 thousand gallons of F-44

2 Landing Crafts Personnel (Light) (LCPL) onboard and 2 paint punts

6. **Dental**

Patient seatings	1,582
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7. **Engineering**

Diesel Inspections:

Number 1 Ships Service	22 - 24 January 1997
Emergency Diesel Generator (SS/EDG)	
Number 2 SS/EDG	30 April - 2 May 1997
Number 1 LCPL	24 February - 5 March 1997
Number 2 LCPL	16 - 19 June 1997

Boiler Inspections:

Number 1 Boiler	8 April 1997
Number 2 Boiler	8 April 1997

Light-off Assessment	21 - 24 April 1997
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CART II	19 June 1997
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TSTA I	7 - 18 July 1997
TSTA II	11 - 15 August 1997
ECERT	18 - 19 August 1997
TSTA III/FEP	8 - 12 September 1997
INSURV	22 - 26 September 1997

Hours Steamed:

Number 1 Boiler	2,342.6 hours
Number 2 Boiler	2,574.9 hours

Shaft Revolutions:

Number 1 Shaft	363,992 revolutions
Number 2 Shaft	369,609 revolutions

8. **Executive**

Reenlistments conducted	165
First term rates	32%
Second term rates	88%
Career rates	86%
NJPs awarded	117
Courts Martial	0

9. **Medical**

Outpatient visits	2,407
Physicals	
Mess	510
Occupational Health	372
Respiratory	394
Routine	319
Xrays	299
Lab Procedures	1,702
Prescriptions filled	8,864
Audiograms	734
Medevacs	6
Pest Control Operations	106
Surgical cases	8
Routine Immunizations	2,158
Vision Screenings	295
Consults to other military facilities	182