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Encl: (1) Commanding Officer's Picture and Biography
(2) Statistical Data
(3) Ship's Photograph
(4) Organization Chart

1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) through (4) are provided for additional background.


G.J. O'DONNELL

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COMNAVSURFPAC
COMDESRON 21

1. a. Command Composition and Organization

USS THACH is a flight III Oliver Hazard Perry Class Guided Missile Frigate designed to provide Anti-Submarine, Anti-Surface and medium range Anti-Air defense to a battle group or merchant convoy. THACH is part of Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-ONE, Commanded by Captain R.H. Joyce. The ship is homeported in San Diego CA and is commanded by Commander G.J. O'Donnell. During THACH's second deployment one LAMPS MK III (SH60B) Anti-Submarine Warfare Helicopter was embarked, Tail Code TT27.

b. Chronology:

JANUARY 1987

- 1 Inport San Diego
- 9 GSM1 [REDACTED] reenlists
- 12-16 Underway SOCAL Operations for Rampant Lionex 87-2
- 16 Underway replenishment with USS Kansas City
- 16 Awards ceremony inport
- 20-23 3-M Inspection
- 26-30 RAVIR Trainer
- 29 DS1 [REDACTED] Command Advanced to E-6
- 30 Ensign [REDACTED] Qualifies as a Surface Warfare Officer

FEBRUARY 1987

- 2-6 Underway SOCAL Operations
- 7-8 Inport San Diego Broadway Pier as COMNAVSURFPAC's Visit_Ship
- 11 ASW Cart
- 17 LINKEX
- 17 LT [REDACTED] and ENS [REDACTED] Qualify as Command Duty Officer's
- 18 LT [REDACTED] relieves LCDR [REDACTED] as Combat Systems Officer
- 24 Aviation Stand-down

MARCH 1987

- 2-6 AAW/ASUW Cart
- 3 GSM1 [REDACTED] reenlists
- 3 THACH Awarded 1986 Secretary of the Navy Energy Conservation Award
- 4 Southwest Satellite Elementary School visits ship
- 9 Ammo offload North Island
- 11-13 Underway SOCAL Operations with COMDESRON TWO ONE embarked
- 13 COMDESRON TWO ONE debarks
- 16 Move to Campbell Shipyard in San Diego for Selected Restricted Availability
- 17 THACH's birthday, three years old
- 19 Commanding Officer of Naval Supply Center San Diego arrives to discuss services
- 20 COMDESRON TWO ONE visits
- 23-27 Physical Readiness Tests
- 30 Supply Operations Readiness Review Week

APRIL 1987

- 6 Intelligence Seminar
- 7 Selected Restricted Availability Conference
- 16 LINKEX
- 17 Ship's Picnic at Admiral Baker Field
- 20 Combat Systems Team Trainer
- 24 YN3 ████████ reenlists
- 27 Personnel Qualification Standards Progress Meeting
- 29 Engineering Light Off

MAY 1987

- 1 OSC [REDACTED] reenlists
- 2 COMNAVSURFPAC Ball
- 5 Dock trials
- 6 Fast Cruise
- 7-8 Underway SOCAL for sea trials
- 8 ICC [REDACTED] reenlists
- 8 HT3 [REDACTED] reenlists
- 15 ET1 [REDACTED] reenlists
- 18 Midn 1/C [REDACTED], Midn 1/C [REDACTED], Midn 3/C [REDACTED], and Midn 3/c [REDACTED] arrive
- 22 LCDR Valencia relieves as Executive Officer
- 26-29 Combat Systems Assesment Tests
- 28-29 Underway SOCAL Operations

JUNE 1987

- 1 EW3 ████████ reenlists
- 2 Command Inspection
- 3 Personnel Inspection by COMDESRON TWO ONE
- 9 Underway SOCAL for MIDEASTFORCE Exercise
- 11-12 ISIC Engineering Readiness Assesment
- 16-17 Training Readiness Evaluation
- 17 IC3 ████████ reenlists
- 18 Ammo Onload North Island
- 22 Phase I Lamps Mobile Team Training
- 29 Refresher Training (REFTRA) begins
- 29-30 Underway SOCAL for REFTRA

JULY 1987

- 1-3 Underway SOCAL for REFTRA
- 2 TORPEX
- 6-10 Underway SOCAL for REFTRA
- 7 Missile shoot
- 11-12 COMNAVSURFPAC's visit ship at Broadway Pier San Diego
- 17 Pre-Overseas Movement Period begins
- 20-24 Lamps Mobile Team Training Phase II

AUGUST 1987

- 9 Pre-Overseas Movement Period ends
- 10 Ready for Sea Period begins
- 10 Underway SOCAL Operations
- 10 Weapons onload North Island
- 10 Gunshoot SOCAL at FLETA HOT
- 17 Deploy to Persian Gulf in company with USS FORD
- 22-23 Inport Pearl Harbor Hawaii
- 24 Underway for Subic Bay Philippines
- 30 Boxing Smoker and cookout on flight deck

SEPTEMBER 1987

1-4 Underway for Subic Bay Philippines
5-11 Inport Subic Bay
8-11 Physical Readiness Tests
10 RM3 [REDACTED] reenlists
11-13 Underway for Singapore
14-16 Inport Singapore
16-20 Underway for Colombo Sri Lanka
20 Brief Stop for Fuel Colombo Sri Lanka
20 Underway for Persian Gulf
24 Under Operational Control of COMIDEASTFOR
24 Underway replenishment with USS Kansas City and Vertical replishment with USS Shasta
24 Medical Evacuation of DK2 [REDACTED]
26 Turnover in Gulf of Oman with USS REEVES and ammo transfer with USS JARRETT
26 Stinger Detachment arrives
29 Underway replenishment with USS RALIEGH
29 Escort USS RALIEGH, MV PATRIOT and MV GUS W. DARNELL through Straits of Hormuz enroute BAHRAIN

OCTOBER 1987

- 1 Anchor Sitra Harbor for Brief Stop for Fuel
- 1 CWO2 [REDACTED] Commissioning Ceremony
- 2 Anchored Bahrain Bell for COMIDEASTFOR Inchop Briefs
- 2 Underway for Persian Gulf Operations
- 8 Firefight Incident in Northern Persian Gulf while escorting Barge Hercules. Three Iranian Boats sunk by Helicopters under THACH's control
- 8 HM1 [REDACTED] flies to Barge Hercules to render emergency medical assistance to injured Iranians
- 13-17 Anchored Sitra Harbor
- 17 Underway for Persian Gulf Operations
- 19 Participated in Operation Nimble Archer. THACH inserts SEAL Team, small boat and EOD Team to demolish Rashadat Oil Platform at Rastam Oil field.
- 21 Oceanlord 27 MEDEVAC's diver from Barge Hercules
- 31 Oceanlord 27 MEDEVAC's BMCS [REDACTED]

NOVEMBER 1987

- 1-4 Inport BAHRAIN
- 5 Escort MV CHESAPEAKE and MV SURF CITY to Kuwait on Earnest Will 15
- 5 Anchor Kuwait
- 6 Depart Kuwait escorting MV MIDDLETON on Earnest Will 16 enroute Gulf of Oman
- 7 Anchored BAHRAIN BELL
- 8 Escort MV MIDDLETON through Straits of Hormuz
- 9 Escort to Gulf of Oman
- 10 Escort GAS PRINCE, GAS QUEEN, GLACIER BAY, MV TOWNSEND and IBN ABDOUN with USS CARR on Earnest Will 17 enroute Kuwait
- 12 Anchored BAHRAIN BELL
- 13 Underway escort GAS PRINCE, GAS QUEEN and MV TOWNSEND enroute Kuwait
- 14 Anchor Kuwait
- 15 Depart Kuwait escort MV CHESAPEAKE and SURF CITY with USS CARR on Earnest Will 18 enroute Gulf of Oman
- 16 MV GLACIER BAY, MV MATHIESON and MV BRIDGETON join Earnest Will 18 enroute to Gulf of Oman
- 17 Transit Straits of Hormuz and enter Gulf of Oman
- 18 Underway replenishment with USS KANSAS CITY
- 19-20 Gulf of Oman Operations
- 22 Anchored BAHRAIN BELL
- 23-27 Inport BAHRAIN
- 27 Depart BAHRAIN escort GAS PRINCE, GAS QUEEN and MV TOWNSEND enroute to Gulf of Oman on Earnest Will 19
- 29 Arrive Gulf of Oman
- 30 Escort MV GUS W. DARNELL, USNS SEALIFT MEDITERRENEAN and GAS KING enroute North Arabian Sea
- 30 Medical Evacuation of LT [REDACTED]

DECEMBER 1987

- 2 On Patrol South of ABU MUSA ISLAND
- 7 Anchored Sitra Harbor for Brief Stop for Fuel
- 8 Escort Hunter and Striker Minesweepers to South ABU MUSA ISLAND
- 9 Anchored Sitra Harbor for Brief Stop for Fuel
- 9 Underway for Barge Hercules escort operations
- 10 Escort Barges Hercules and Wimbrown VII
- 15 RADM McNamara Chief of Chaplains visits
- 20 Anchor Kuwait
- 21 Escort GAS KING to BAHRAIN BELL
- 22 Anchor Sitra Harbor
- 25 Bob Hope Christmas show on USS OKINAWA
- 26 Underway for Gulf of Oman
- 28 Escort MV ROVER, MV GIANELLA, USNS PACIFIC, MV BRIDGETON, MV SURF CITY with USS ELROD on Earnest Will 22 enroute BAHRAIN and KUWAIT
- 30 Anchor BAHRAIN BELL
- 31 Anchor Kuwait complete Earnest Will 22

c. Narrative.

In 1987 THACH spent six weeks in a Selected Restricted Availability at Campbell Shipyard, San Diego. Upon completion of the shipyard period, THACH commenced pre-deployment workups including Mideast Force Exercises, ISIC Engineering Readiness Assesment, Training Readiness Evaluation and Refresher Training.

THACH departed San Diego on her second deployment 17 August with USS FORD (FFG-54) to join the Middle East Forces in the Persian Gulf. During deployment THACH participated in Operation Nimble Archer and seven convoy escort missions of the reflagged Kuwaiti tankers. THACH was visited by Chief of Chaplains, RADM McNamara during the Christmas season while on patrol in the Persian Gulf. Crewmembers were treated to a Christmas show on the USS OKINAWA(LPH-3) featuring Bob Hope and friends. THACH is commanded by CDR G.J. O'Donnell.

RETENTION STATISTICS

Reenlistments:	11
Advancements :	
Enlisted :	37
Officer :	5
Discharges:	20
Retirements:	0

AMMUNITION EXPENDED

	Rounds
12 Gauge Shotgun	845
M-14	7,057
38 caliber ball	400
45 caliber ball	5,895
20 MM (CIWS)	6,640
40 MM Grenade (HEPD)	150
40 MM Grenade (BL&P)	350
40 MM Grenade (starshell)	15
M-60	3,800
EW 76 SRBOC	3
L580 MK 58 Smokes	2
76 MM HE-IR	25
76 MM HE-PD	65
76 MM BL&P	110
SM1 Guided Missiles (Exercise)	1
MK 46 Torpedoes (Exercise)	2

SHIPS EVOLUTIONS

Underway Replenishments:	7
Helicopter Launches/Landings:	1080
Gas Turbine Operating Hours:	GTE A: 1783.2 Hours
	GTE B: 1870.1 Hours
Miles Steamed:	27,958 NM
Gallons of fuel consumed (F-76):	1,662,326

COMMAND ORGANIZATION

Commanding Officer: CDR G.J. O'DONNELL

Executive Officer: LCDR Billy D. KYSAR (1JAN-22MAY)
LCDR Ray VALENCIA (22MAY-Present)

Ship Control Department

Ship Control Department Head: LT [REDACTED] (1JAN-23NOV)
LT [REDACTED] (23NOV-Present)

Communications Officer/SC-1 Division Officer: RMCS (SW) [REDACTED] (1JAN-26MAY)
RMC [REDACTED] (26MAY-Present)

Quartermaster/SC-2 Division Officer: QMC [REDACTED] (1JAN-24JUN)
QMCS [REDACTED] (24JUN-Present)

1ST Lieutenant/SC-3 Division Officer: LTJG [REDACTED] (1JAN-12AUG)
BMCS [REDACTED] (12AUG-Present)

Combat Systems Department

Combat Systems Officer/Department Head: LCDR [REDACTED] (1JAN-18FEB)
LT [REDACTED] (18FEB-Present)

Combat Information Center Officer/CS-1 Division Officer: LT [REDACTED]
(1JAN-Present)

Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer/CS-2 Division Officer: LT [REDACTED] (1JAN-10JUL)
LTJG [REDACTED] (10JUL-Present)

Ordnance Officer/CS-3 Division Officer: LTJG [REDACTED] (1JAN-Present)

Electronic Readiness Officer/CS-4 Division Officer: ENS [REDACTED]
(1JAN-Present)

Support Department

Support Officer/Department Head: LT [REDACTED] (1JAN-Present)
Disbursing Officer/S3 Division Officer: LTJG [REDACTED] (1JAN-Present)

Engineering Department

Engineering Officer/Department Head: LCDR [REDACTED] (1JAN-8APR)
LT [REDACTED] (8 APR -Present)

Main Propulsion Assistant/E-1 Division Officer: LTJG [REDACTED] (1JAN-Present)

Damage Control Assistant/E-2 Division Officer: LT [REDACTED] (1JAN-Present)

Auxiliaries Officer: LTJG [REDACTED] (1JAN-Present)