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From: Commanding Officer, USS THACH (FFG 43)  
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Encl: (1) Commanding Officer's Picture and Biography  
(2) Statistical Data  
(3) Ships Photograph  
(4) Organizational Chart

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

  
K. T. MOORE

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COMDESRON TWO ONE

1. Command Composition and Organization.

a. 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, amphibious 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 Keith T. Moore. During THACH's second deployment one LAMPS MKIII (SH60B) anti-submarine warfare helicopter was embarked, tail coded T127.

b. Chronology.

JANUARY 1988

- 1 Transit Kuwait to Sitrah
- 2 Anchor Sitrah
- 3 Underway Sitrah
- 4 Transit Silkworm Envelope to Straits of Hormuz Eastern Patrol Area
- 6 Ready Assistance Earnest Will 88002+01
- 7 Underway Replenishment with USNS MISPILLION
- 8 Enroute Sri Lanka
- 9 Conrep USS WHITE PLAINS
- 12 Arrive and depart Sri Lanka. Underway for Phuket.
- 15 Inport Phuket
- 20 Depart Phuket enroute Pusan
- 27 Inport Pusan
- 31 Depart Pusan enroute Pearl Harbor

FEBRUARY 1988

- 5 Unrep with USNS PONCHATOULA
- 10 Inport Pearl Harbor
- 10-11 Embark Tigers
- 12 Depart Pearl Harbor on Tiger Cruise
- 17 Return to San Diego. Commenced leave and upkeep period.  
HSL-43 Det 12 detaches from THACH.

MARCH 1988

- 8      Awarded Battle "E" for DESRON 21
- 11     Post deployment leave and upkeep period ends
- 17     THACH Birthday, four years old
- 21-24 Participated in Combat Systems team trainer
- 25     Ensign Arias reports aboard
- 28     Ensign Bossert reports aboard
- 28-29 Underway SOCAL operations
- 29     Inport San Diego

APRIL 1988

- 1 Retirement ceremony for BMCS [REDACTED] on flight deck
- 2 Informed of selection for Spokane Trophy
- 6 LTJG [REDACTED] qualifies as Surface Warfare Officer
- 11 Completed ASW Phase I team trainer with final score of 83%
- 12-13 Supply Management Assessment
- 14-18 COMDESRON 21 Embarked
- 18-21 Completed ASW Phase II team trainer with final score of 88%

MAY 1988

- 2-6 Underway SOCAL op area for all comers at sea training week
- 9-11 Underway SOCAL op area
- 19 PCO CDR Moore arrives
- 24-25 Underway SOCAL op area for IERA
- 26-29 Change out 1B Gas Generator
- 27 LTJG [REDACTED] qualifies as Surface Warfare Officer

JUNE 1988

- 1 CDR K. T. Moore relieves CDR G. J. O'Donnell as Commanding Officer in ceremony held on the flight deck
- 2 Underway for ACAT week then to Portland, Oregon to participate in the annual Portland Rose Festival
- 5 Conducted burial at sea for five cremains
- 8 UNREP with USS Kansas City
- 9-14 Inport Portland, Oregon
- 10 Spokane Trophy Presented to USS THACH by Admiral Jeremiah, Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet
- 16 SM-1 missile shoot at Pacific Missile Test Center
- 17 Arrive San Diego



JULY 1988

- 1 LT [REDACTED] and LT [REDACTED] selected for LCDR
- 7 Underway for 2/c Midshipman CORTRAMID
- 11-15 Underway SOCAL op area
- 13 CIWS Shoot at a towed target
- 22 Personnel Inspection and Awards Ceremony
- 25-29 COMNAVSURFPAC 3-M Inspection

AUGUST 1988

- 1-5 Underway SOCAL op area
- 4 SM-1 missile shoot against a vandal target
- 5-12 COMDESRON 21 Embarked
- 10 Underway for Engineering Sea Trials
- 12 Admiral Arosa, Argentine CNO, tours THACH
- 12 LTJG [REDACTED], LTJG [REDACTED], and LTJG [REDACTED] frocked to LT
- 16-18 PEB aboard for OPPRE
- 26 LCDR [REDACTED] relieves LT [REDACTED] as Combat Systems Officer

SEPTEMBER 1988

11-15 Underway SOCAL op area  
12 Offload of Ammunition for DSRA  
19-23 INSURV

OCTOBER 1988

- 10 Start DSRA
- 12 Dead stick berth shift from NAVSTA San Diego to Southwest Marine Shipyard, San Diego, California
- 31 Drydocked

NOVEMBER 1988

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DECEMBER 1988

30 LCDR McKinney relieves LCDR Valencia as Executive Officer

c. Narrative.

THACH returned from her second deployment on 17 February to homeport San Diego, CA. In April she was awarded her first Commander Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-ONE Battle Efficiency award. CDR K. T. Moore relieved CDR G. J. O'Donnell as Commanding Officer in change of command ceremonies held onboard 1 June. THACH enjoyed a visit to the annual Rose Festival in Portland, Oregon. During the port visit Admiral Jeremiah, Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet, awarded THACH with the Spokane Trophy for being the surface combatant considered the most proficient in overall combat operations in the Pacific Fleet.

In October THACH entered a five month Drydocked Selected Restricted Availability.

RETENTION STATISTICS

Reenlistments: 17  
Advancements:  
    Enlisted: 46  
    Officer: 6  
Discharges: 41  
Retirements: 2

AMMUNITION EXPENDED

ROUNDS

12 Gauge Shotgun	148
M-14	1,025
45 caliber ball	5,222
.50 cal	2,100
20 MM (CIWS)	1,800
M-60	700
EW 76 SRBOC	5
L580 MK 58 Smokes	7
76 MM HE-IR	1
76 MM HE-PD	19
76 MM BL&P	178
SM-1 Guided Missiles (Exercise)	2
MK 46 Torpedoes (Exercise)	2

SHIPS EVOLUTIONS

Underway Replenishments	3
Helicopter Launches/Landings	1522
Gas Turbine Operating Hours	1A 947.0
	1B 1,382
Miles Steamed	12,535
Gallons of fuel consumed (F-76)	1,382,045 GAL



COMMAND ORGANIZATION

Commanding Officer: CDR G. J. O'DONNELL (1 JAN - 1 JUN)  
CDR K. T. MOORE (1 JUN - PRESENT)

Executive Officer: LCDR R. J. VALENCIA (1 JAN - 30 DEC)  
LCDR J. H. MCKINNEY (30 DEC - PRESENT)

Ship Control Department

Ship Control Department Head: LT [REDACTED] (1 JAN - PRESENT)

Quartermaster/SC-1 Division Officer: QMCS [REDACTED] (1 JAN - PRESENT)

Communications Officer/SC-2 Division Officer: RMC [REDACTED] (1 JAN - 28 NOV)  
ENS [REDACTED] (28 NOV - PRESENT)

1st Lieutenant/SC-3 Division Officer: BMCS [REDACTED] (1 JAN - 1 APR)  
ENS [REDACTED] (1 APR - 17 OCT)  
SMC [REDACTED] (17 OCT - PRESENT)

Combat Systems Department

Combat Systems Officer: LT [REDACTED] (1 JAN - 26 AUG)  
LCDR [REDACTED] (26 AUG - PRESENT)

Combat Information Center Officer/CS-1 Division Officer: LT [REDACTED] (1 JAN - 21 OCT)  
LTJG [REDACTED] (21 OCT - PRESENT)

Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer/CS-2 Division Officer: LT [REDACTED] (1 JAN - PRESENT)

Ordnance Officer/CS-3 Division Officer: LT [REDACTED] (1 JAN - 26 AUG)  
LTJG [REDACTED] (26 AUG - PRESENT)

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

Support Department

Support Officer: LT [REDACTED] (1 JAN - 18 JUL)  
LT [REDACTED] (18 JUL - PRESENT)

Disbursing Officer: LT [REDACTED] (1 JAN - 9 NOV)  
ENS [REDACTED] (9 NOV - PRESENT)

Engineering Department

Engineering Officer: LT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (1 JAN - PRESENT)

Main Propulsion Assistant/E-1 Division Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]  
(1 JAN - 19 AUG)  
ENS [REDACTED]  
(19 AUG - PRESENT)

Damage Control Assistant/E-2 Division Officer: LT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (1 JAN - 6 APR)  
ENS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (6 APR - PRESENT)

Auxiliaries Officer/E-3 Division Officer: LTJG [REDACTED] (1 JAN - 22 JAN)  
ENS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (22 JAN - 26 AUG)  
ENS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (26 AUG - PRESENT)