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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are provided as THACH's Command History for the year 1995.

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## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS THACH (FFG 43) is a Flight III Oliver Hazard Perry-class Guided Missile Frigate, designed to provide surface, submarine and medium range air defense to aircraft carrier battle groups, amphibious ready groups or merchant convoys; the ship is ideally suited for littoral operations as well. THACH is attached to Destroyer Squadron FIFTEEN, as a member of the Forward Deployed Naval Forces in Yokosuka, Japan. Commander Scott M. Thomas, United States Navy, relieved Commander William F. Barns, United States Navy, as Commanding Officer on 28 September 1995. Two multi-purpose helicopter detachments (two and five) from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (Light) 51 were embarked in THACH during 1995.

## CHRONOLOGY

### JANUARY 1995

01-02      Holiday Leave and Upkeep Period, Yokosuka  
03-06      Underway enroute Lingayen, RP  
06-08      Anchored in Lingayen Gulf in support of 50th  
            Anniversary Celebration of Battle of Lingayen Gulf  
09-16      Underway enroute Manila, RP  
17-20      Port visit Manila, RP  
21-24      Underway enroute Yokosuka, conducting Total Ship's  
            Training Availability (TSTA) I/II  
25-31      Inport Yokosuka

LT [REDACTED] departs  
LT [REDACTED] reports for duty

### FEBRUARY 1995

01-10      Inport Yokosuka  
11          Underway enroute Sasebo, JA  
12-13      Inport Sasebo, JA  
14-19      Underway in support of ASWEX 95-1JA  
20          Inport Okinawa, JA  
21-23      Underway enroute Yokosuka, conducting TSTA III  
24-27      Inport Yokosuka  
28          Underway local oparea, conducting Final Evaluation  
            Problem (FEP)

LTJG [REDACTED] departs  
ENS [REDACTED] reports for duty

### MARCH 1995

01-02      Underway local oparea, conducting FEP  
03-06      Inport Yokosuka  
07          Underway for Ammunition offload  
08-15      Inport Yokosuka  
16-30      Selected Restricted Availability (SRA)-5, aboard Naval  
            Ship Repair Facility (NSRF) Yokosuka

### APRIL 1995

01-30 SRA-5, aboard NSRF Yokosuka

LT [REDACTED] reports for duty

**MAY 1995**

01-31 SRA-5, aboard NSRF Yokosuka

LT [REDACTED] departs

LT [REDACTED] departs

LT [REDACTED] reports for duty

LT [REDACTED] reports for duty

**JUNE 1995**

01-09 SRA-5, aboard NSRF Yokosuka

06-07 Underway local oparea in support of sea trials

08-09 Inport Yokosuka

10 COMDESRON FIFTEEN Change of Command

11 Inport Yokosuka

12-13 Underway enroute Sasebo, JA

14 Inport Sasebo, JA

15-21 Underway in support of ASWEX 95-2JA

22-23 Inport Sasebo, JA

24-25 Underway enroute Yokosuka, conducting LTT(E)

26-30 Inport Yokosuka

LTJG [REDACTED] reports for duty

**JULY 1995**

01-21 Inport Yokosuka

16 [REDACTED] son of SM2 [REDACTED] baptized  
in ship's bell, fo'scle

17 COMSEVENTHFLT, Adm. Clemens, visits

22-27 Underway enroute Guam

28 BSF Guam

29-31 Underway enroute Townsville, AS

**AUGUST 1995**

01-04 Inport Townsville, AS

05-12 Underway in support of KANGAROO-95 exercise with RAN

13-20 Inport Brisbane, AS, in support of 50th Anniversary  
Commemoration of Victory in the Pacific  
21-27 Underway enroute Guam  
28 BSF Guam  
29-31 Underway enroute Yokosuka

**SEPTEMBER 1995**

01-10 Inport Yokosuka  
11-13 Underway conducting Engineering Limited Team Training  
(LTT(E))  
14-20 Inport Yokosuka  
21-22 OPPE  
23-27 Inport Yokosuka  
28 Underway local oparea, Change of Command  
29-30 Inport Yokosuka

CDR Barns departs  
LCDR [REDACTED] reports for duty  
LT [REDACTED] departs  
ENS [REDACTED] reports for duty

**OCTOBER 1995**

01-16 Inport Yokosuka  
17-18 Underway enroute Chinhae, ROK  
19-20 Inport Chinhae, ROK  
21-25 Underway in support of Exercise FOAL EAGLE 95 and ASWEX  
95-K  
26-27 Inport Pohang, ROK  
28-30 Underway in support of Exercise FOAL EAGLE 95 with ROKN  
31 Inport Pusan, ROK

**NOVEMBER 1995**

01-02 Inport Pusan, ROK  
03-12 Underway in support of ANNUALEX 95-7G with JMSDF  
11 COMSEVENTHFLT, Adm Clemens, visits  
13-27 Inport Yokosuka, conducting CSRR  
28-29 Underway enroute Okinawa, JA  
30 Inport Okinawa, JA

CDR [REDACTED] departs

LTJG [REDACTED] departs  
LTJG [REDACTED] reports for duty

**DECEMBER 1995**

01            Inport Okinawa, JA  
02-04        Underway in support of RECONEX 96-1  
05-06        Inport Okinawa, JA  
07            Underway enroute Kagoshima, JA  
08-10        Inport Kagoshima, JA  
11-12        Underway enroute Yokosuka  
13-31        Inport Yokosuka