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From: Commanding Officer, USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71)
To: Director of Naval History, Washington D.C.

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1995

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

- Encl:
- (1) THEODORE ROOSEVELT Welcome Aboard Brochure
 - (2) Commanding Officer's Photo Biography
 - (3) THEODORE ROOSEVELT 1995 Line Chronology
 - (4) THEODORE ROOSEVELT Photograph
 - (5) Administration Department History
 - (6) Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department History
 - (7) Air Department History
 - (8) Command Religious Ministries Department History
 - (9) Communication Department History
 - (10) Deck Department History
 - (11) Dental Department History
 - (12) Engineering Department History
 - (13) Marine Detachment History
 - (14) Medical Department History
 - (15) Navigation Department History
 - (16) Reactor Department History
 - (17) Safety Department History
 - (18) Supply Department History
 - (19) Weapons Department History
 - (20) Sample "Rough Rider" Command Newspaper
 - (21) Sample "Rough Rider" Command Familygram

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) keeps the sea lanes of trade and communication open by projecting sea power and air superiority to all points on the globe. The ship carries out a variety of missions including air warfare, surface warfare, subsurface warfare, and electronic warfare by maintaining equipment and men at the highest state of readiness. THEODORE ROOSEVELT also shares, with many other Navy ships, a mission in replenishing ships at sea and performing various non-combatant missions such as rescue at sea of vessels in distress and the transport of refugees in need of help. Enclosure (1) elaborates.

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b. Leadership and Home Port. CAPT Ronald L. Christenson is the Commanding Officer. Enclosure (2) contains his biography. CAPT Steven F. Firks is the Executive Officer. THEODORE ROOSEVELT is homeported in Norfolk, Va., and assigned to Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT.

c. Chronological Listing of Significant Events. Enclosure (3) contains a listing of chronological events. Enclosure (4) is a photograph of THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

2. Narrative

a. THEODORE ROOSEVELT began 1995 by wrapping up the holiday leave period while at Pier 12 North of Norfolk Naval Base, the ship's home port. The carrier returned to sea on 21 January for Joint Forces Exercise 95-2, in which it conducted several operations with embarked air wing aircraft and several battle group and amphibious ships in the Virginia Capes operating area. When the carrier returned to Norfolk on 4 February, the focus shifted to maintenance, readiness and the upcoming March advancement cycle. The non-skid on THEODORE ROOSEVELT's flight deck was redone during February, and March brought advancement tests for junior enlisted, a massive load displacement survey test, plus the men and equipment of Carrier Air Wing EIGHT came aboard as the carrier prepared for THEODORE ROOSEVELT's 1995 Mediterranean Deployment.

b. Med '95 began 22 March at 1000, with Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT aboard. Air wing carrier qualifications began on day one and continued for three days, and flight operations began in earnest 26 March. The carrier turned over with the USS EISENHOWER Battle Group on 5 April, and after a Carrier Weight Test and Balance Survey and a few days of propulsion and damage control drills and underway replenishments, THEODORE ROOSEVELT headed for its first port visit in 1995 in Haifa, Israel.

c. Phase II of Med 1995 began 14 April when THEODORE ROOSEVELT transited the Suez Canal to the North Red Sea, where it operated in support of OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH over Iraq until 26 April. The carrier hosted King Hussein of Jordan for a day visit on 22 April, and Prince Faisal of Saudi Arabia visited two days later. THEODORE ROOSEVELT transited the Straits of Bab El Mandeb on 28 April, then the Gulf of Aden on April 29. The carrier transited the Straits of Hormuz on 1 May and entered the third phase of the deployment.

d. Phase III, THEODORE ROOSEVELT's operations in the Arabian Gulf in support of SOUTHERN WATCH, began with a seven day port call to Jebel Ali in the United Arab Emirates. On 8 May, THEODORE ROOSEVELT departed the UAE and transited to the North Arabian Gulf until 13 May, when it began retracing its course back to the Suez Canal. THEODORE ROOSEVELT transited the canal on 20 May.

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e. THEODORE ROOSEVELT operated in the Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas throughout Phase IV from 21 May to 11 August. During this time, THEODORE ROOSEVELT conducted operations in support of OPERATIONS DENY FLIGHT and SHARP GUARD over the skies of Bosnia and in the Adriatic operating area, respectively. The carrier had port calls in Corfu, Greece, from 5-9 June; Rhodes, Greece, from 2-7 July; and Trieste, Italy, from 24-29 July. From 7-10 August, THEODORE ROOSEVELT participated in EXERCISE COILED COBRA, culminating in a NATO Sea Sparrow missile shoot on 10 August in the Sea of Crete.

f. The eastern Med hosted Phase V, in which THEODORE ROOSEVELT visited Haifa once again from 16-22 August, then conducted flight operations in support of OPERATION INFINITE MOONLIGHT. That operation was over the skies of Jordan and the Mid East, providing a presence in the wake of two defections by top Iraqi officials to Jordan.

g. DENY FLIGHT evolved into OPERATION DELIBERATE FORCE during Phase VI of Med '95, as Carrier Air Wing EIGHT aircraft led NATO's strikes against strategic Bosnian Serb targets in response to several atrocities around Sarajevo in Bosnia-Herzegovina. THEODORE ROOSEVELT-based aircraft continued strikes from the Adriatic from 31 August until the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group turned over with the AMERICA Battle Group 9-12 September.

h. THEODORE ROOSEVELT began the return to Norfolk, Phase VII, on 12 September and completed the Operational Reactor Safeguard Exam from 14-16 September. Secretary of the Navy John Dalton came aboard the carrier on 21 September and awarded the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group the Navy Unit Commendation for its Bosnia ops. THEODORE ROOSEVELT moored at Pier 11 South on 22 September.

i. The ship completed a leave and stand down period 19 October with a fast cruise, then off-loaded ammunition from 20-22 October. The ship participated in an evaluation of the K-Max helicopter during this underway period. THEODORE ROOSEVELT returned to Pier 11 on 22 October.

j. On 27 October, the Theodore Roosevelt Association hosted their annual dinner aboard. Several TRA members were aboard the following day, when the ship hosted family and friends for a Family Day Cruise. On 9 November, THEODORE ROOSEVELT transited the Elizabeth River to Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Virginia to begin a Selected Restricted Availability, which lasted through the holidays and into 1996.

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3. Supporting Documents. The enclosures listed at the start of this memo were submitted by THEODORE ROOSEVELT departments.

4. THEODORE ROOSEVELT's operations in support of the United States, United Nations and NATO goals in the former Yugoslavia again proved it the best of the Navy's best in 1995. The THEODORE ROOSEVELT and Carrier Air Wing EIGHT led NATO in strikes that eventually led the way toward the successful Dayton, Ohio peace talks, and a greater, lasting peace in Bosnia. USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) sets the standard.



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**USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT
INPORT/UNDERWAY PERIODS/PORT CALLS/EXERCISES
01 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 1995**

INPORT

1. Comprehensive Dates. 01-22 January 1995.
2. Location; Port, Pier. NOB Norfolk, VA, Pier 12 North.
3. Major Events/Exercises.
 - a. 12 Jan: SLAMEX.
 - b. 13 Jan: General Quarters.
 - c. 20 Jan: Fast Cruise.

JTFEX 95-2

1. Comprehensive Dates. 21 January - 4 February 1995.
2. Objective of Period. Second phase of training integrating CVN-71/CVW-8 team and Amphibious Ready Group (ARG)/Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) in Joint Services Operations.
3. Departure Date/Time. Approximately 1000, 21 January 1995.
4. Flags Embarked. COMCARGRU EIGHT.
5. Major Events/Exercises.
 - a. 21 Jan: Flight Deck AFFF System Test.
 - b. 21 Jan, 1 Feb: Man Overboard Drill.
 - c. 21 Jan - 4 Feb: Flight Operations.
 - d. 22, 27, 29 Jan: Unrep w/USS SEATTLE (RAS)
 - e. 23 Jan: AAWEX w/USS HUE CITY
 - f. 23-25 Jan: CAMSEE Inspection.
 - g. 24, 26 Jan: General Quarters.
 - h. 30 Jan: Burial at sea.
 - I. 3 Feb: Unrep w/USS KALAMAZOO (RAS)
 - j. 21 Jan - 4 Feb: Various Flight Deck Drills.
 - k. 21 Jan - 4 Feb: Various Navigation Drills.
 - l. 21 Jan - 4 Feb: Propulsion Plant Drills and Evolutions.
6. Squadrons Participating.

a. VMFA-312	f. VAQ-141
b. VAW-124	g. VF-41
c. VS-24	h. HS-3
d. VFA-15	I. VRC-40
e. VFA-87	j. HMM-263

7. Ships in Company. USS TICONDEROGA, USS HUE CITY, USS MISSISSIPPI, USS SEATTLE, USS ARLEIGH BURKE, USS HAWES, USS KAUFFMAN, USS CLARK, USS MOUNT WHITNEY, USS GUAM, USS KEARSARGE, USS NASHVILLE, USS PENSACOLA.

8. Total Number of Flying Days. 15.

9. Operating Area. CPOA, VACAPES.

IMPORT

1. Comprehensive Dates. 04 February - 22 March 1995.

2. Location; Port, Pier. NOB Norfolk, VA, 4 February, Pier 12 South.

3. Major Events/Exercises.

- a. 06 - 25 Feb: Non-Skid Flight Deck.
- b. 13-19 Feb: Torpedo Assist Visit.
- c. 24 Feb: Family Predeployment Brief.
- d. 27 Feb - 02 Mar: Physical Security Assistance Visit.
- e. 07 Mar: E-4 Navy Wide Exam.
- f. 07-10, 13-17, 20-21 Mar: Various Flight Deck Drills.
- g. 08 Mar: Ammo On Load/Off Load.
- h. 09 Mar: E-5 Navy Wide Exam.
- i. 14 Mar: E-6 Navy Wide Exam.
- j. 15 Mar: NCTAMS MED CAT Visit.
- k. 20 Mar: Fast Cruise.
- l. 20 Mar: CVW-8 On Load.
- m. 21 Mar: Load Displacement Survey Test.

MED CRUISE 1995

1. Departure. 1000, 22 March 1995.

2. Flags Embarked. COMCARGRU EIGHT.

3. Major Exercises/Events.

a. PHASE I - TRANSLANT/MEDITERRANEAN TRANSIT,
22 Mar - 13 Apr 95

22 Mar: Depart Norfolk, VA.

22-25 Mar: Air Wing Carrier Qualification.

22,24 Mar: Man Overboard Drill.

26-30 Mar, 1-13 Apr: Conducted Flight Operations.

26 Mar: Unrep w/USS SEATTLE (RAS/AMMO VERTREP).

29 Mar: Safety Stand Down.

30 Mar: FAS w/USC HUE CITY.
 31 Mar: FAS w/USC ARLEIGH BURKE.
 31 Mar: FAS w/USC HUE CITY.
 31 Mar: CIWS PAC Fire.
 31 Mar: Burial at Sea.
 01 Apr: FAS w/USC TICONDEROGA.
 02 Apr: FAS w/USC KAUFFMAN.
 04 Apr: SIXTH FLEET TURNOVER BRIEF.
 05 Apr: Turnover with USC EISENHOWER Battle Group.
 05 Apr: CVN Weight Test and Balance Survey.
 06 Apr: Unrep w/USC SAN DIEGO (RAS/CONREP).
 08 Apr: Unrep w/USC LEROY GRUMMAN (RAS).
 10-13 Apr: PORT VISIT, HAIFA, ISRAEL.
 13 Apr: Underway transit to Port Said, Egypt.
 13 Apr: Man Overboard Drill.
 22 Mar-13 Apr: Conducted Various Flight Deck Drills.
 22 Mar-13 Apr: Conducted Various Propulsion Plant Drills.
 22 Mar-13 Apr: Conducted Various Damage Control Drills.

1. Ships in Company. USC TICONDEROGA, USC HUE CITY,
 USC SEATTLE, USC ARLEIGH BURKE, USC HAWES, USC KAUFFMAN,
 USC MISSISSIPPI, USC KEY WEST, USC BATFISH.

b. PHASE II - NORTH RED SEA/SOUTHERN WATCH 14 - 30 APR 95

14 Apr: Transit Suez Canal, Inchoy CENTCOM.
 15-26 Apr: Operated in North Red Sea.
 15-30 Apr, 1 May: Conducted Flight Operations.
 19 Apr: Man Overboard Drill.
 21 Apr: Unrep w/USC SEATTLE (FAS, CON/VERTREP)
 22 Apr: King Hussein, Jordan visited USC THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
 24 Apr: RAS w/USC SEATTLE.
 24 Apr: Prince Faisal, Saudi visited USC THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
 28 Apr: Transit Straits of Bab El Mandeb.
 29 Apr: Transit Gulf of Aden.
 29 Apr: CIWS PAC Fire.
 30 Apr: Unrep w/USNS SPICA (CON/VERTREP) and Unrep w/USNS
 ERICSSON (RAS)
 01 May: Transit Straits of Hormuz.
 14 Apr-01 May: Conducted Various Flight Deck Drills.
 14 Apr-01 May: Conducted Various Propulsion Plant Drills.
 14 Apr-01 May: Conducted Various Damage Control Drills.

1. Ships in Company. USC HUE CITY, USC SEATTLE,
 USC KEY WEST.

c. PHASE III - PERSIAN GULF/SOUTHERN WATCH 1 - 20 MAY 95.

02-08 May: PORT VISIT, JEBEL ALI, UAE
 08 May: Underway transit to North Persian, Gulf.

09-12 May: Conducted Flight Operations in support of Southern Watch.

13 May: RAS w/USNS ERICSSON and Vertrep w/USNS SPICA.

13 May: Transit Straits of Hormuz.

16 May: Transit Straits of Bab El Mandeb.

17 May: FAS w/USN HUE CITY.

19 May: Transit Gulf of Suez.

20 May: Transit Suez Canal.

02-14,16-19 May Conducted Flight Operations.

02-20 May: Conducted Various Flight Deck Drills.

02-20 May: Conducted Various Propulsion Plant Drills.

02-20 May: Conducted Various Damage Control Drills.

1. Ships in Company. USS HUE CITY, USS SEATTLE, USS KEY WEST.

d. PHASE IV - MEDITERRANEAN SEA 21 MAY - 11 AUG 1995

21 May: UNREP w/USNS SATURN (CON/VERTREP).

21-25 May: Conducted Flight Operations for Exercise Tridente.

23 May: UNREP w/USNS LEROY GRUMMAN (RAS/CONREP).

24 May: ADM Pilling, SIXTH FLEET arrives for day visit.

25 May: Transit to Adriatic Sea.

26 May-04 Jun: Conducted Flight Operations in support of Deny Flight/Sharp Guard.

26 May-13 Aug: Adriatic Sea.

27 May: UNREP w/USNS BIG HORN (RAS).

02 Jun: UNREP w/USNS BIG HORN (RAS).

21 May-04 Jun: Conducted Various Flight Deck Drills.

21 May-04 Jun: Conducted Various Propulsion Plant Drills.

21 May-04 Jun: Conducted Various Damage Control Drills.

05-09 Jun: Inport Corfu, Greece.

10 Jun: UNREP w/USNS LEROY GRUMMAN (RAS/CONREP).

10-28 Jun: Conducted Flight Operations in support of Deny Flight/Sharp Guard.

14 Jun: UNREP w/USNS LEROY GRUMMAN (RAS/CONREP).

17 Jun: UNREP w/USNS SATURN (VERT/CONREP).

19 Jun: CIWS PAC Fire.

20 Jun: UNREP w/USNS LEROY GRUMMAN (RAS/CONREP).

23-24 Jun: Anchored in the Gulf of Manfredonia.

25 Jun: UNREP w/USN SEATTLE (RAS CON/VERTREP).

28 Jun: UNREP w/USNS LEROY GRUMMAN (RAS, CONREP).

29 Jun: CIWS PAC Fire.

10 Jun-01 Jul: Conducted Various Flight Deck Drills.

10 Jun-01 Jul: Conducted Various Propulsion Plant Drills.

10 Jun-01 Jul: Conducted Various Damage Control Drills.

02-07 Jul: Inport Rhodes, Greece.

08 Jul: UNREP w/USN ARLEIGH BURKE (FAS).

09 Jul: UNREP w/USNS SIRIUS (VERT/CONREP).

10-23 Jul: Conducted Flight Operations in support of Deny Flight/Sharp Guard.

10 Jul: UNREP w/USNS LEROY GRUMMAN (FAS/CONREP).
 13 Jul: UNREP w/USS SEATTLE (RAS/CONREP).
 14 Jul: Underway Transfer w/USS HUE CITY.
 15 Jul: CIWS Pac Fire.
 17-18 Jul: Anchored in the Gulf of Manfredonia.
 18 Jul: UNREP w/USS SEATTLE (RAS,VERT/CONREP).
 23 Jul: UNREP w/USS SEATTLE (RAS).
 08-23 Jul: Conducted Various Flight Deck Drills.
 08-23 Jul: Conducted Various Propulsion Plant Drills.
 08-23 Jul: Conducted Various Damage Control Drills.
 24-29 Jul: Inport Trieste, Italy.
 29 Jul-10 Aug: Conducted Flight Operations in Support of Deny Flight/Sharp Guard.
 31 Jul: UNREP w/USNS KANAWHA (RAS, CONREP).
 03 Aug: CIWS Pac Fire.
 04 Aug: UNREP w/USS SEATTLE (RAS, CONREP).
 07-10 Aug: Participated in Exercise Coiled Cobra.
 10 Aug: NATO SEA SPARROW Missile Shoot, Sea of Crete.
 10 Aug: UNREP w/USS SEATTLE (RAS, CONREP).
 31 Jul-11 Aug: Conducted Various Flight Deck Drills.
 31 Jul-11 Aug: Conducted Various Propulsion Plant Drills.
 31 Jul-11 Aug: Conducted Various Damage Control Drills.

1. Ships in Company. USS HUE CITY, USS KAUFFMAN
 USS BATFISH, USS TICONDEROGA, USS SEATTLE, USS KEY WEST, USS
 MISSISSIPPI, USS HAWES.

e. PHASE V - MEDITERRANEAN SEA 12 - 28 AUG 1995

13 Aug: Transit to Eastern Mediterranean.
 16-22 Aug: Inport Haifa, Israel.
 22-28 Aug: Conducted Flight Operations in Support of exercise
 Infinite Moonlight.
 23 Aug: UNREP w/USS SEATTLE (RAS, CON/VERTREP).
 23 Aug: UNREP w/USNS SIRIUS (CON/VERTREP).
 13-28 Aug: Conducted Various Flight Deck Drills.
 13-28 Aug: Conducted Various Propulsion Plant Drills.
 13-28 Aug: Conducted Various Damage Control Drills.

1. Ships in Company. USS ARLEIGH BURKE, USS SEATTLE

f. PHASE VI - ADRIATIC SEA 29 AUG - 12 Sep 1995

29 Aug: Transit to Adriatic Sea.
 30 Aug-12 Sep: Conducted Flight Operations in support of
 Deny Flight and Deliberate Force.
 01 Sep: UNREP w/USS SEATTLE (RAS,CON/VERTREP).
 01 Sep: UNREP w/USNS LENTHALL (VERTREP).
 06 Sep: VERTREP w/USS SEATTLE (AMMO OFF LOAD).
 09-12 Sep: Turnover with USS AMERICA in Adriatic Sea.

29 Aug-12 Sep: Conducted Various Flight Deck Drills.
29 Aug-12 Sep: Conducted Various Propulsion Plant Drills.
29 Aug-12 Sep: Conducted Various Damage Control Drills.

1. Ships in Company. USS ARLEIGH BURKE, USS SEATTLE, USS MISSISSIPPI.

g. PHASE VII - TRANSIT NORFOLK VIRGINIA 12 - 22 Sep 1995

14 Sep: Conducted AMMO VERTREP w/USS MONONGAHELA.
15 Sep: Transit Straits of Gibraltar.
15 Sep: Inchop SECOND FLEET.
13-15,17,21,22 Sep: Conducted Flight Operations.
14-16 Sep: Operational Reactor Safeguard Exam (ORSE).
17-22 Sep: INSURV Inspection.
22 Sep: Moored pier 11S NOB, Norfolk, VA.

1. Ships in Company. USS MISSISSIPPI.

INPORT

1. Comprehensive Dates. 22 September - 19 October 1995.
2. Location; Port, Pier. NOB Norfolk, VA, Pier 11 South.
3. Major Events/Exercises.
 - a. 22 Sep - 19 Oct: Leave and Standdown.
 - b. 19 Oct: Fast Cruise.

AMMO OFF-LOAD 19 OCT - 22 OCT 1995

20 OCT: Conducted CWIS TDU Shoot/COMPEX.
20-22 Oct: Conducted Ammo Off-Load VERTREP.
20-22 Oct: Participated in K-Max Helicopter Operational Evaluation.
20-21 Oct: Conducted Ammo Off-Load CONREP with USS Santa Barbara.
20-22 Oct: Conducted Various Flight Deck Drills.
20-22 Oct: Conducted Various Propulsion Plant Drills.
20-22 Oct: Conducted Various Damage Control Drills.
22 Oct: Moored pier 11N NOB, Norfolk, VA.

1. Ships in Company. USS ENTERPRISE, USS SANTA BARBARA.

INPORT

1. Comprehensive Dates. 22 October - 28 October 1995.
2. Location; Port, Pier. NOB Norfolk, VA, Pier 11 North.
3. Major Events/Exercises.
 - a. 22 Oct - 28 Oct: Standdown/Turnaround Training.
 - b. 27 Oct: TR Association Dinner.

FAMILY DAY CRUISE

28 Oct: Family Day Cruise.
 28 Oct: Moored pier 11N NOB, Norfolk, VA.

INPORT

1. Comprehensive Dates. 28 October - 09 November 1995.
2. Location; Port, Pier. NOB Norfolk, VA, Pier 11 North.
3. Major Events/Exercises.
 - a. 28 Oct - 09 Nov: SRA Preparations.
 - b. 31 Oct: Support Equipment Offload.

TRANSIT

09 Nov: Transit to Norfolk Naval Ship Yard.
 09 Nov: Moored pier 5N NNSY Portsmouth, VA.

INPORT

1. Comprehensive Dates. 09 November - 31 December 1995.
2. Location; Port, Pier. NNSY Portsmouth, VA, Pier 5 North.
3. Major Events/Exercises.
 - a. 09 Nov - 31 Dec: SRA.
 - b. 17 Nov: Filter Discharge.
 - c. 28 Nov: Resin Discharge.
 - d. 28 Nov: Good Order and Discipline Stand-down
 - e. 07 Nov: Weapons Department Elevator Mishap
 - f. 12 Dec: Safety Stand-down
 - g. 12 Dec: Memorial Service for AA Christopher Weidow
 - h. 13 Dec: Petty Officer Frocking
 - i. 15 Dec: Command Holiday Party
 - j. 15 Dec - 31 Dec: Holiday Stand-down Period