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From: Commanding Officer, USS TRENTON (LPD 14)  
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09B9)

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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5720.12B

Encl: (1) Command Organization and 1975 Highlights  
(2) Summary of Operations

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded.

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COMPHIBRON EIGHT

## COMMAND HISTORY AND 1975 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Commanding Officers: Captain James A. WINNEFELD - 1 January to 31 October 1975; Captain Alden B. ANDERSON - 31 October to 31 December 1975.
2. Homeport: Norfolk, Virginia
3. Command Associations: Administratively under the command of Commander Amphibious Squadron EIGHT, 1 January to 31 December 1975.

4. Summary of Operations:

- a. Deployments

- (1) TRENTON deployed to the Caribbean on 6 March 1975 as part of the Caribbean Amphibious Ready Group. TRENTON returned to Norfolk, Virginia on 28 April 1975.

- b. Exercises

- (1) LANTREADEX 2-75 - 10-18 MARCH. As part of TG 27.5 composed of U.S., British and Dutch naval units conducted an opposed transit, underway replenishment, opposed amphibious assault and supported Marine Forces ashore.

- (2) ESCORT TIGER - 25 - 28 MARCH. As part of TG 22.1 conducted a waterborne amphibious assault and evacuation of non-combatants from a politically strife torn island. In addition, supported Marine forces ashore and conducted blockade operations.

- (3) RUM PUNCH - 29 MAR - 8 APR. As part of TG 347.1 conducted an opposed transit and amphibious assault on Vieques Island and supported Marine forces ashore. TG 347.1 was composed of U.S., British and Dutch naval units.

- (4) AGATE PUNCH - 14 - 20 APR. As part of TG conducted an opposed transit, underway replenishment and an opposed amphibious assault at Onslow Beach, North Carolina and supported Marine forces ashore.

- (5) SOLID SHIELD - 24 MAY - 3 JUN. Conducted an opposed transit and amphibious assault on Onslow Beach, North Carolina. Exercise units consisted of U.S. Navy, U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force units.

- (6) LANTMINEX 6-75 - 16- 20 JUN. At anchor conducted helicopter minesweeping operations with HM-12.

5. Special Topics.

- a. TRENTON entered Coastal Drydock and Repair Company

Enclosure (1)

Brooklyn, New York (located at ex-New York Naval Shipyard) for a scheduled seven month regular overhaul period on 15 August 1975.

b. Public Relations

(1) Male relatives of the crew were embarked on 14 AUG for an overnight transit to Brooklyn, New York from Norfolk, Va.

c. Statistics

(1) Salaries expense: \$1,352,580.00

(2) Operating expenditures (less fuel): \$270,517

(3) Ship's fuel burned: 1,627,379 gallons ND

(4) Helicopter landings: 1975 - 758. Since commissioning 4305.

## SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

1 JAN - 6 MAR: Inport Norfolk, Virginia

6 - 10 JAN: CSYSEX 3-75

18 JAN: Ship's party at Little Creek, Virginia  
"Wheelhouse"

2 FEB: Embark ACDUTRA reserves (2/11/29)

3 FEB: Ravier Van 3-7 FEB, load MCI pallets (38)

11 FEB: Underway for ammunition anchorage, ammunition  
offload - boat drills (return PM)

19 - 20 FEB: Stores onload for Caribbean deployment

25 FEB: NJROTC visit, COMPHIBRON EIGHT embarks

27 FEB: Fuel ship for deployment

28 FEB: FAST cruise (engineers), LCM 8 pickup  
(deployment preparations)

3 MAR: CARG 1-75 Pre-sail conference Naval Amphibious  
School, Little Creek, Va.

4 MAR: Fresh provisions onload

6 MAR: Underway for Morehead City on CARG 1-75

7 MAR: Arrive Morehead City, onload Marines (BLT 1/6)  
and gear and continue underway for Onslow Beach,  
North Carolina

8 - 10 MAR: Underway exercises, rehearsal launch of boats  
Onslow Beach, North Carolina

10 - 20 MAR: LANTREADEX 2-75. TRENTON receives Communications  
Security (SIGSEC) top runner award as best ship  
in exercise.

12 MAR: Underway refueling with USS SAVANNAH (AOR-4)

13 MAR: VERTREP with USS CONCORD (AFS-5)

18 MAR: Landing at Vieques Island - amphibious assault.

20 MAR: Backload Marines, underway for San Juan, Puerto  
Rico.

Enclosure (2)

21 - 24 MAR: San Juan port visit

25 - 28 MAR: Exercise ESCORT TIGER

28 - 29 MAR: At Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for port visit and exercise critique

29 MAR - 8 APR: Exercise RUM PUNCH - Vieques Island

9 APR: Inport Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

10 - 13 APR: Enroute to Onslow Beach, North Carolina for Exercise AGATE PUNCH

14 - 20 APR: Exercise AGATE PUNCH at Onslow Beach, North Carolina

27 APR: Offload Marines at Morehead City, underway for Norfolk, Virginia (PM)

28 APR: Arrive Norfolk, Virginia (AM)

7 MAY: Naval War College Class Six visits TRENTON

9 MAY: Command inspection by COMPHIBRON EIGHT, stores onload

12 - 16 MAY: CSYSTEMEX 5-75

19 MAY: Embark Midshipmen for TRA - 9 Midshipmen 1/c  
11 Midshipmen 3/c.

24 MAY: Underway for Exercise SOLID SHIELD

24 MAY - 3 JUN: Exercise SOLID SHIELD - Joint Armed Forces exercise Onslow Beach, North Carolina

3 JUN: Return to Norfolk, Virginia

16 - 20 JUN: Underway for LANTMINEX 6-75, at anchor Lynnhaven Roads

2 - 3 JUL: Underway LANTNARMID.

8 - 10 JUL: Pre-ROH ammunition offload

30 JUL: Pre-ROH JP-5 offload

8 AUG: Pre-ROH SOAP offload

11 AUG: Underway for Craney Island, commence fuel offload

12 AUG: Complete fuel offload, return NOB Norfolk.

14 AUG: Underway for Brooklyn, New York; male dependent cruise

15 AUG: Arrived East River, Brooklyn, New York; moored ship, bow out, starboard side to Coastal Dry Dock Pier C, commenced ROH

16 AUG: Naval Reserve Unit MSCO 202 visits TRENTON

24 AUG: Refueled USS MYLES C. FOX (DD 829)

4 SEP: Entered Dry Dock NR4 in the ex-Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York

13 - 14 SEP: SAMAR drill unit assist visit

15 SEP: Officers and crew move off ship

11 - 12 OCT: SAMAR drill unit assist visit

31 OCT: Change of Command Ceremony. CAPT ALDEN B. ANDERSON relieves CAPT JAMES A. WINNEFELD. Ceremony held in the ex-Brooklyn Naval Shipyard, Brooklyn, New York

19 DEC: LOE (Administration, training, and level of knowledge) passed successfully.