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To: Director of Naval History (OP-09B9)

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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5720.12B

Encl: (1) Command Organization and 1978 Highlights
(2) Summary of Operations

1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded in accordance with reference (a).

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Command Organization and 1978 Highlights

1. Commanding Officer: Captain Henry C. Atwood, Jr., 1 January to 31 December 1978.
2. Homeport: Norfolk, Virginia.
3. Command Associations: Under administrative and operational command of Commander Amphibious Squadron SIX, 1 January to 31 December 1978.
4. Summary of Operations:
 - a. Deployments:
 - (1) TRENTON, as part of Atlantic Amphibious Readiness Group 2-77, embarked elements of Battalion Landing Team 1/2 and deployed to the Caribbean 30 January to 7 March to participate in Atlantic Fleet Readiness Exercise 1-78. Drone launch/recovery and amphibious landing operations were conducted.
 - (2) TRENTON, with embarked elements of Marine Battalion Landing Team 2/8, Beachmaster Unit TWO, and Landing Craft Unit 1664, deployed 27 July 1978, as part of Mediterranean Amphibious Ready Group 2-78.
5. Special Topics:
 - a. Public Relations:
 - (1) TRENTON held a dependents cruise on 2 June 1978 in Norfolk, Virginia.
 - (2) On 30 August 1978, TRENTON conducted rededication ceremonies for the monument erected to honor the TRENTON sailors and Marines who lost their lives in a January 1977 liberty boat accident in Barcelona, Spain.
 - (3) TRENTON carried out community service projects in San Remo, Italy, and Trieste, Italy, during 1978 port visits to those cities.
 - b. Statistics:
 - (1) Salaries Expense: \$1,675,306.00
 - (2) Operating Expenditures: \$473,768.00
 - (3) Ship's Fuel Burned: 3,320,730 GAL DFM.

Enclosure (1)

c. The following departmental awards were earned by TRENTON during 1978:

- (1) Amphibious Assault Award (2nd Consecutive Award)
- (2) Combat Information Center Excellence (1st Award)
- (3) Communications Excellence Award (2nd Consecutive Award)
- (4) Gunnery Systems Excellence Award (1st Award)
- (5) Engineering Excellence Award (2nd Consecutive Award)
- (6) Damage Control Excellence Award (2nd Consecutive Award)
- (7) Air Department Excellence Award (2nd Consecutive Award)

d. Special Certifications/Qualifications:

(1) During operations conducted 6-15 February, TRENTON was certified to embark airborne mine countermeasures units and act as a control platform for Airborne Mine Countermeasures Operations.

(2) The CINCLANTFLT Propulsion Examination Board conducted an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) on board 13-17 March. TRENTON qualified with a grade of Satisfactory for continued operation of main and auxiliary machinery.

(3) Based on an inspection of the flight deck and an examination of flight crew personnel conducted 15 March, and flight operations conducted 28-30 March, TRENTON was certified as an operating platform for AV-8 Harrier aircraft.

Summary of Operations 1978

1 JAN - 31 MAR	Atlantic Amphibious Readiness Group 2-77
1 JAN - 9 JAN	Inport Norfolk, VA
10 JAN - 12 JAN	Mobile Training Team (MTT) Assist Visit VACAPES OPAREA
13 JAN - 29 JAN	Inport Norfolk, VA
30 JAN - 7 MAR	LANTRAEADDEX 1-78
30 JAN	Enroute Morehead City, NC
31 JAN	Inport Morehead City, NC
1 FEB - 17 FEB	Enroute, Amphibious Operations Vieques, PR OPAREA
18 FEB - 19 FEB	Inport Roosevelt Roads, PR
19 FEB - 22 FEB	Enroute, Inport St. Thomas, VI
22 FEB - 25 FEB	Mobile Sea Range Operations, PR OPAREA
25 FEB - 27 FEB	Enroute, Inport Roosevelt Roads, PR
27 FEB - 3 MAR	Enroute, Inport San Juan, PR
3 MAR - 6 MAR	Enroute Morehead City, NC
6 MAR	Inport Morehead City, NC
6 MAR - 7 MAR	Enroute Little Creek, VA
7 MAR - 13 MAR	Inport Little Creek, VA
13 MAR - 17 MAR	Propulsion Examination Board (Operational Propulsion Plant Examination), VACAPES OPAREA
17 MAR - 21 MAR	Inport Little Creek, VA
21 MAR - 23 MAR	Underway for Type Training, VACAPES OPAREA
23 MAR - 27 MAR	Inport Little Creek, VA
27 MAR - 31 MAR	LARG 1-78 Work-up, Onslow Beach, NC
31 MAR - 4 APR	Inport Little Creek, VA
4 APR - 6 APR	Wetwell Training Lynnhaven Anchorages, VA
6 APR - 31 MAY	Inport Little Creek, VA
31 MAY - 1 JUN	Wetwell Training Lynnhaven Anchorages, VA
1 JUN - 2 JUN	Inport Norfolk, VA
2 JUN	Dependents Cruise, Norfolk, VA
2 JUN - 5 JUN	Inport Norfolk, VA
5 JUN - 6 JUN	Craney Island, Hampton Roads, VA
6 JUN - 9 JUN	Underway for Type Training, VACAPES OPAREA
9 JUN - 12 JUN	Inport Norfolk, VA
12 JUN - 16 JUN	Underway, MARG 2-78 Work-up, Onslow Beach, NC
16 JUN - 19 JUN	Inport Norfolk, VA
19 JUN - 23 JUN	Underway, MARG 2-78 Work-up, Onslow Beach, NC
23 JUN - 27 JUL	Inport Norfolk, VA
27 JUL - 28 JUL	Enroute to Morehead City, NC
27 JUL - 31 DEC	Deployment to Mediterranean as part of MARG 2-78
28 JUL	Inport Morehead City, NC
28 JUL - 10 AUG	Enroute Rota, Spain with 20 NJROTC Students embarked
10 AUG	CHOP to COMSIXTHFLT
10 AUG - 15 AUG	Inport Rota, Spain; Debark NJROTC Students, embarked 25 USNA/NROTC Midshipmen
15 AUG - 18 AUG	Underway, Enroute Capo Teulada, Sardinia
18 AUG - 24 AUG	PHIBLEX 8-78, Capo Teulada, Sardinia
24 AUG - 26 AUG	Enroute Barcelona, Spain
26 AUG - 4 SEP	Inport, Port Visit Barcelona, Spain
4 SEP	Enroute Palma, Spain
4 SEP - 9 SEP	Inport, Port Visit, Palma, Spain
6 SEP	Debarked Midshipmen

Enclosure (2)

Summary of Operations 1978

9 SEP - 11 SEP Enroute Carboneras, Spain
11 SEP - 18 SEP PHIBLEX 8A-78, Carboneras, Spain
13 SEP Refueled by USS CANISTEO (AO-99)
14 SEP Visit by VADM Watkins, Commander Sixth Fleet
15 SEP Replenished by USS SAN DIEGO (AFS-6)
18 SEP - 20 SEP Enroute San Remo, Italy
20 SEP - 29 SEP Inport, Port Visit San Remo, Italy
29 SEP - 14 OCT Underway, Exercise Display Determination 78
30 SEP - 1 OCT Anchored Capo Teulada, Sardinia
2 OCT Refueled by USS CANISTEO (AO-99)
4 OCT - 5 OCT Anchored Souda Bay, Crete
5 OCT - 6 OCT Enroute Vatika, Greece
6 OCT Anchored Vatika, Greece for Rehearsal Landing
6 OCT - 9 OCT Enroute Strymonikos Bay, Greece
9 OCT - 13 OCT Amphibious Operations for Exercise Display Determination 78,
Strymonikos Bay, Greece
11 OCT Refueled by USNS WACAMAW (TAO-109)
13 OCT - 18 OCT Underway, Enroute Toulon, France
15 OCT Replenished by USS SAN DIEGO (AFS-6)
18 OCT - 28 OCT Inport, Port Visit, Toulon, France
28 OCT - 1 NOV Enroute Brindisi, Italy
1 NOV - 6 NOV Training Anchorage, Brindisi-Lecce, Italy
6 NOV - 8 NOV Enroute Trieste, Italy
8 NOV - 13 NOV Inport, Port Visit, Trieste, Italy
13 NOV - 15 NOV Enroute Vatika, Greece
14 NOV Refueled by USNS WACAMAW (TAO-109), replenished by
USS SYLVANIA (AFS-2)
15 NOV - 21 NOV PHIBLEX 11-78, Vatika, Greece
21 NOV - 24 NOV Enroute Naples, Italy
24 NOV - 15 DEC Inport, Port Visit, Naples, Italy
15 DEC - 16 DEC Enroute Capo Teulada, Sardinia
16 DEC - 21 DEC PHIBLEX 12-78, Capo Teulada, Sardinia
21 DEC - 23 DEC Enroute Malaga, Spain
23 DEC - 3] DEC Inport, Port Visit, Malaga, Spain