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Encl: (1) Command History for USS VANDEGRIFT (FFG 48)

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.


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VANDEGRIFT started 1985 moored to the U. S. Coast Guard pier 35 at Seattle, Washington. During 29-30 January 1985 USS VANDEGRIFT (FFG 48) successfully completed her first Light-Off Examination. On 1 February 1985, VANDEGRIFT departed Seattle, WA for Southern California.

While enroute to San Diego, testing was conducted in the Southern California Acoustic Range Facility for VANDEGRIFT's Anti-Submarine Warfare equipment 5-6 February. On 7 February VANDEGRIFT completed her first Training Readiness Evaluation in San Diego. After finally arriving in her homeport of Long Beach on 8 February, VANDEGRIFT undertook an intense period of Weapons Systems alignment training from 11 February - 6 March. All Combat Systems equipment were satisfactorily tested. During the training VANDEGRIFT conducted her first Ammo onload at Seal Beach, CA on 1 March.

Shakedown Refresher training was conducted from 11 to 29 March and was immediately followed by Combat System Ship Qualification trials 1-25 April. VANDEGRIFT conducted her first missile firing at Pacific Missile Test Center, Port Hueneme, CA 30 April - 1 May.

On 2 May VANDEGRIFT transitted to San Francisco, CA for her first port visit since commissioning and spent 3-6 May inport. Final contract trials (INSURV) were conducted in Long Beach, CA 13-17 May. On 20-24 May VANDEGRIFT conducted HARPOON Certification.

From 8 June to 9 June VANDEGRIFT was assigned plane guard for USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65). On 17 June VANDEGRIFT entered Todd Shipyard San Pedro, CA for Post Shakedown Availability to last until 30 November 1985. During the next six months major ship alterations and additions were accomplished. Installations included LAMPS MK III Electronics, SQQ-28, SRQ-4, Radar Video Processor/Automatic Detection and Tracking (RVP/ADT) System, Recovery, Assist, Secure and Traverse (RAST) System, and Fin Stabilizing Units.

VANDEGRIFT successfully completed her second Light-Off Exam on 13-15 November.

On 9 December VANDEGRIFT left Todd Shipyard for Long Beach Naval Station where she conducted holiday upkeep until December 31, 1985.

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