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From: Commanding Officer, USS CROMMELIN (FFG 37)
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Encl: (1) Command History Unit Composition/Chronology/Narrative
(2) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(3) CO Photograph

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted for the 1992 Calendar year. Enclosure (2) contains Commanding Officer biographical information and has updated CROMMELIN characteristics.


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Command Composition and Organization

1. Ship's Mission:

USS CROMMELIN (FFG-37) is the thirty-first ship of the Oliver Hazard Perry Class of Guided Missile Frigates. CROMMELIN's mission is to provide anti-air, anti-submarine, and anti-surface protection for underway replenishment groups, convoys, amphibious forces, and other military and merchant shipping.

2. Chain of Command: Commander, Destroyer Squadron Thirty One.

Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific
for the dates 30 Mar 1992- 15 Sep 1992 (The
duration of CROMMELIN'S Selected Restricted
Availability at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

3. Homeport: Pearl Harbor, HI.

4. Commanding Officer Biography: See Welcome Aboard Pamphlet, enclosure (2).

5. Aircraft Embarked: 30 November to 31 December, Easyrider 62 from HSL 37, Detachment 8.

Chronology

1. USS CROMMELIN's proud motto of "Munus Bene Facit," that is, "Duty Well Done" has epitomized her continued high state of combat readiness and "can do" spirit throughout this competitive cycle. CROMMELIN has answered every commitment with professional zeal, aggressiveness and panache. Her officers and crew are totally committed to ensuring that she is capable of not only executing each mission area, but maintaining the uncompromising level of material readiness necessary to support sustained combat operations at sea. Demonstrated superior leadership, spirited training, self-sufficiency and foresighted planning at all levels of the chain of command ensured early completion of all Warfare and Award requirements and yielded superior performance in all inspections and operational tasking throughout calendar year 1992.

2. CROMMELIN's employment has run the gamut of modern combatant operations, participating in multinational ASW exercises, composite training exercises, numerous inspections and special projects, and a drydocking SRA, followed by a deployment to the Central American/Caribbean in support of Counter Drug Operations.

Operational Schedule Highlights

- 01 Jan 92 - Inport Pearl Harbor HI
- 10 Jan 92 - Completed a highly successful Surface Rescue Team Trainer.
- 13-17 Jan 92 - U/W ISE Hawaiian Opareas
- 27-31 Jan 92 - U/W ISE Hawaiian Opareas
- 28 Jan 92 - CROMMELIN's YN1 Ashby selected as MIDPAC's Senior Sailor of the Year for 1991.
- 1-6 Feb 92 - CROMMELIN received emergent tasking to provide assistance and medevac to a Long Beach based ship experiencing an engineering casualty over 1200 miles from Hawaii.
- 10-14 Feb 92 - Conducted COMPTUEX 92-2/PCOSS 92-1 in MIDPAC with a transiting battle group, receiving accolades from COMDESRON 25.
- 15-21 Feb 92 - Conducted ASWOP 92-2 in MIDPAC.
- 24-25 Feb 92 - Offloaded all Ordnance, Naval Magazine Lualualei, HI
- 28 Feb 92 - Completed 3M Inspection
- 1-29 Mar 92 - Conducted pre-SRA IMAV with SIMA, Pearl Harbor.

30 Mar-15 Sep 92 - Conducted the first FFG-7 class SRA in Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard History, including an emergent dry docking from 14 May to 10 July for repairs to rudder. Major additions to ship include: SQR-19 Tactical Towed Array Sonar, SWG-1A Harpoon Fire Control System installation, and AFFF bilge sprinkling installation for AMR 1, 2, and Main Engine Room.

6-8 Apr 92 - Completed successful MTT Phase 1A.

12 Apr 92 - CROMMELIN's HT1 [REDACTED] is named the COMDESRON 31 Senior Sailor of the Quarter.

14 May 92 - Drydocked, Drydock 4, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

01 Jun 92 - CROMMELIN is awarded the LAMPS MK III ASW Rooftop Training Excellence Award for the second calendar quarter, 1992.

6-10 July 92 - Completed successful CMTQT Assist.

10 July - Undocked, Drydock 4, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

13-17 July 92 - Successfully completed TMA Team Trainer.

10-14 Aug 92 - Successfully completed MTT Phase 1B.

17 Aug 92 - Successfully completed AAV, subsequently upgraded to an ARE.

17-21 Aug 92 - Successfully completed Harpoon Material Safety Certification on newly installed SWG-1A.

20 Aug 92 - 3 CROMMELIN crewmembers awarded the COMNAVSURFGRU MIDPAC 1992 Navy League Award, more than any other single ship.

27 Aug 92 - Completed highly successful LOE.

4 Sep 92 - Conducted Dock Trials and Fast Cruise.

10-12 Sep 92 - Conducted Emergency Recall and Sortie to evade Hurricane Iniki. This was especially significant in that CROMMELIN had not yet conducted Sea Trials.

14-15 Sep 92 - Conducted Sea Trials

17-18 Sep 92 - Completed TRE.

21-22 Sep 92 - Onloaded Ordnance and Ammunition at Naval Magazine Lualualei, HI

28 Sep-9 Oct 92 - Completed IRFT (Inport 3-4 Oct).

15-16 Oct 92 - Conducted TACEVELEX 1-92, evaluating new torpedo countermeasure and validating tasking.

20 Oct 92 - U/W INSURV Preparations Hawaiian Opareas

26-30 Oct 92 - Conducted INSURV. (U/W 27 October)

31 Oct- 29 Nov 92 - POM Period

30 Nov 92 - Deployed for Counter Drug Operations in EASTPAC, CASREP free only 2 1/2 months after a major SRA. HSL 37 Det 8 embarked with one SH-60B helicopter.

05-08 Dec 92 - Inport San Diego CA

17 Dec 92 - Brief Stop for Fuel, Naval Station, Rodman PM

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24 Dec 92 - Emergency Medical Evacuation to Naval Station, Rodman PM

29-31 Dec 92 - Inport Acapulco, MX

NARRATIVE

The two major events in 1992 for CROMMELIN were the successful completion of the first FFG-7 Selected Restricted Availability ever performed at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and CROMMELIN's subsequent deployment for Counter Drug Operations in the Eastern Pacific.

CROMMELIN received a major upgrade to her combat systems suite with the installation of the SQR-19 Tactical Towed Array Sonar, completing the SQQ-89 V(9) installation on CROMMELIN. Upon completion of the tail installation, CROMMELIN underwent an Aviation Readiness Examination to certify the flight deck as safe for use. The AN/SWG-1A Harpoon fire control system was installed allowing CROMMELIN to maximize the potential of the Harpoon Anti-Ship Cruise Missile. All CROMMELIN'S engineering systems were extensively repaired or replaced with two of four Ship's Service Diesel Generator's being completely overhauled and the remaining two extensively repaired by SIMA Pearl Harbor. The addition of Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) Bilge Sprinkling system in the bilges of Auxiliary Machinery Room 1, 2, and the Main Engine Room was the second major Engineering job accomplished. This addition allows CROMMELIN to fight Class "B" fires in these spaces much more effectively and safely.

At the end of the yard period and in the following months before deployment. CROMMELIN underwent a Harpoon Material Safety

Inspection, a Light Off Examination to certify her Engineering plant as being safe to operate, a TRE, IRFT, and INSURV. CROMMELIN passed all these inspections and training evolutions with flying colors. This is a testament to the crew's ability to oversee major work by Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Civilian Contractors, and SIMA Pearl Harbor, and to correct all emergent problems brought on by this work in such a short time. This series of intense inspections also verified that all systems installed onboard during the SRA were fully functional and ready for service.

It was after this extraordinarily busy several months that CROMMELIN set out on deployment to the EASTPAC region off of Central America to support Counter Drug Operations. CROMMELIN Deployed with HSL 37- Det 8, consisting of one SH-60B helicopter, "Easyrider 62." This particular helicopter was exchanged at North Island while CROMMELIN was inport San Diego. The new helo assumed the tail number of its predecessor. In addition, CROMMELIN embarked a Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment and a Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat, with all its associated equipment in order to support Counter Drug Operations.