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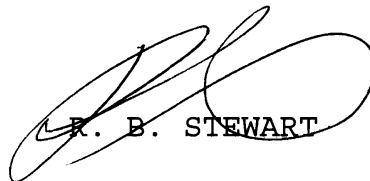
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1. Per references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

  
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## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. Mission. USS CROMMELIN's mission is to provide air, surface and undersea protection for underway replenishment groups, convoys, amphibious forces and other military and merchant shipping.

2. Organizational Structure:

a. Immediate Superior in Command: Commander, Destroyer Squadron THIRTY-ONE.

b. Units under operational/administrative control: None.

3. Commanding Officer: Alan C. Westphal, Commander, United States Navy.

4. Permanent Duty Station: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

5. Type and Number of Aircraft Assigned: Three OH-58s from the U.S. Army 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron 4<sup>th</sup> Aviation Cavalry Regiment were assigned from 30 November to 07 December during DESRONEX 2001.

### January 2001

- 03 - Underway replenishment with USS CAMDEN (AOE 2).
- 05 - "Crossing the Line" Ceremony commences.
- 07 - Underway replenishment with USNS JOHN ERICSSON (TAO 194).
- 13 - Moored, Darwin, Australia.
- 13-16 - Inport, Darwin, Australia.
- 21 - Moored, Cairns, Australia.
- 21-26 - Inport, Cairns, Australia.
- 28 - Moored, Brisbane, Australia.
- 28-31 - Inport, Brisbane, Australia.

### February 2001

- 01-04 - Inport, Brisbane, Australia.
- 09 - Moored, Pago Pago, American Samoa.
- 09 - Inport, Pago Pago, American Samoa.
- 16 - Underway replenishment with USNS YUKON (TAO 202).
- 17 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor.
- 17-28 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

### March 2001

- 01-26 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 05 - Commodore "Buz" Buzby painted the final brush stroke on the hash mark denoting CROMMELIN's second consecutive Battle "E" on the bridgewing.

- 26 - Underway from Naval Station Pearl Harbor for the SESEF Range.
- 26 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor.
- 26-31 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

**April 2001**

- 01-04 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 04 - Underway to Naval Station, Pearl Harbor for Naval Magazine, Lualualei for ammo off-load.
- 04 - Underway from Naval Station, Pearl Harbor for Naval Magazine, Lualualei for ammo offload. Moored, Naval Station, Pearl Harbor.
- 04-09 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 09 - Underway to H-3 pier for defueling.
- 10-18 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 18 - Underway to Dry-dock Number 4 for DSRA.
- 18-30 - Dry-docked, Naval Station, Pearl Harbor.

**May 2001**

- 01-31 - Dry-docked, Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

**June 2001**

- 01-12 - Dry-docked, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 12 - Keel Awash, undocked. Moored Naval Station Pearl Harbor.
- 12-25 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

- 25-29 - Underway Sea Trials and onload ammo at Naval Magazine, Lualualei.
- 29 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor.
- 30 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

**July 2001**

- 1-30 -Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for CART II and ARE/SMA.
- 30-31 -Underway for Type Training in Hawaiian Operating Area.
- 31 -Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

**August 2001**

- 01-02 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 02 - Underway for International Festival of the Pacific in Hilo, Hawaii.
- 02 - Moored, Hilo, Hawaii.
- 02-06 - Inport, Hilo, Hawaii.
- 06 - Underway from Hilo, Hawaii to Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 06 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 06-21 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for TSTA I.
- 21-24 - Underway for TSTA I in Hawaiian Operating Area.
- 24 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor.
- 24-28 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 28-31 - Underway for TSTA II in Hawaiian Operating Area.
- 31 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

**September 2001**

- 01-24 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for SMI and FMAV
- 24-28 - Underway for TSTA B in Hawaiian Operating Area.
- 28 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor.
- 28-30 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

**October 2001**

- 01-05 - Underway for USWEX in Hawaiian Operating Area.
- 05 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor.
- 06-08 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 09-11 - Underway for TSTA B in Hawaiian Operating Area.
- 11 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor.
- 11-16 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 17-18 - Underway for TSTA B DEMO in Hawaiian Operating Area.
- 19 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor.
- 19-23 - Underway for FEP in Hawaiian Operating Area.
- 23 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor.
- 23-31 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for SMI.

**November 2001**

- 01-07 - Inport, Pearl Harbor for SMI.
- 07-09 - Underway for training in Hawaiian Operating Area.
- 12 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 12-14 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 14-15 - Underway Demonstration in Hawaiian Operating Area.

- 15 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 15-29 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 30 - Underway for DESRONEX 2001 in Hawaiian Operating Area.

**December 2001**

- 01-07 - Underway for DESRONEX 2001 in Hawaiian Operating Area.
- 08 - Moored, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 08-31 - Inport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for Holiday stand-down.

## NARRATIVE

CROMMELIN completed a demanding year of maintenance, training, and maintaining a heightened readiness posture. From January through the beginning of February, CROMMELIN and her crew visited the Australian ports of Darwin, Cairns, and Brisbane. A short stay in Pago Pago, American Samoa and one last underway replenishment with USNS Yukon were the last events before a most exciting homecoming on 17 February.

CROMMELIN spent the first 2 months of the year-2001 as an integral member of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group. The ALBG consisted of the following units: USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72), USS SHILOH (CG 67), USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52), USS CAMDEN (AOE 2), USS FLETCHER (DD 992), USS PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60), USS TUCSON (SSN 770), and USS CHEYENNE (SSN 773), and Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN. ALBG was led by Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE under the command of Rear Admiral Phil Balisle and Commander, Destroyer Squadron THIRTY-ONE commanded by Commodore Pete Daly.

March 5<sup>th</sup> marked a grand moment for the CROMMELIN. Commodore Mark H. Buzby officially congratulated CROMMELIN on her second consecutive Battle Efficiency Award. He personally hand painted the final brush stroke on the meritorious hash mark. The month concluded with a visit to the Hawaiian Operational Area SESEF Range.

In Preparation for DSRA, CROMMELIN conducted an ammunition offload of SM-1 missiles, MK 32 torpedoes, 76mm ammunition, and assorted small arms ammunition at Naval Magazine, Lualualei, Hawaii. She continued by defueling at Pier H-3. On 18 April CROMMELIN entered Dry Dock #4 at Naval Shipyard Pearl Harbor for DSRA.

After an intense refurbishment of the ship's spaces, equipment, weapons systems, and hull; the CROMMELIN, keel awash, moored Naval Station Pearl Harbor June 12<sup>th</sup>. After successfully completing Sea Trials 25-29 June, she unloaded ammunition at Naval Magazine, Lualualei. Prior to Sea Trials, CROMMELIN laid to rest three retired servicemen and one Navy spouse at a solemn ceremony while underway in the Hawaiian Operational Area.



Through the month of July CROMMELIN was in port for CART II and ARE/SMA periods. She then underwent Type Training in the Hawaiian Operational Area.

August was an eventful time for CROMMELIN's sailors filled with family, community and service. The beginning of the month found CROMMELIN embarking on a dependent's cruise to Hilo, Hawaii. While there the ship's crew took part in the International Festival of the Pacific giving tours of the ship, hosting social events, and having a colorguard march in the annual parade. The end of the month concluded with the beginning of TSTA I in the Hawaiian Operational Area.

The beginning of September marked an intensive ship-wide SMI and FMAV graduating to the TSTA B phase. The SMI period was soon interrupted by the terrorist attacks experienced by our nation in New York and Washington, D.C. The news came unexpectedly in the early hours of September 11<sup>th</sup>. The days immediately following the attacks, Naval Station, Pearl Harbor went to Threat Condition Delta. CROMMELIN and her crew were prepared to serve at the tip of the spear at a moments notice and remained ever vigilant in the following months of 2001. The resulting necessity to increase security and awareness led to increased armed watches, more detailed weapons training, security drills, and heightened numbers of watch standers.

During the first week of October CROMMELIN participated in USWEX. Shortly after she continued TSTA B and completed TSTA B Underway Demonstration. CROMMELIN next underwent FEP from 19-23 October and remained inport for SMI through the first week of November. November was further highlighted by two separate Underway Demonstrations in the Hawaiian Operational Area escalating to the successful completion of DESRONEX 2001. CROMMELIN was underway with USS FLETCHER (DD 992), USS PAUL HAMILTON (DDG 60), REUBEN JAMES (FFG 57), and Three OH-58s from the U.S. Army 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron 4<sup>th</sup> Aviation Cavalry Regiment/ 25<sup>th</sup> ID (L) conducting gunnery exercises, missile exercises, and DIVTACS. These exercises culminated in a ship-wide missile shoot with CROMMELIN leading the way as the only DESRON ship to attain a successful "skin to skin" kill on a drone missile with an SM-1 at the Pacific Missile Firing Range. Three Army OH-58s, their pilots, crew, and JSHIPS (Joint Shipboard Helicopter Integration Process) personnel were embarked. CROMMELIN played an important role to

envelopes, on deck safety procedures, and improved operational tactics necessary for future joint operations employing the OH-58s on FFG 7 class ships.

In the weeks ahead CROMMELIN received the 2001 COMNAVSURFPAC Surface Ship Safety Award. At the end of December the crew stood down for the Holiday season and a much needed rest.