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From: Commanding Officer, USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard,
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

1995

- Encl:
- (1) 152100Z FEB 95 CCDG-12 - COMMANDER'S PHILOSOPHY (U)
 - (2) 300807Z MAR 95 COMUSNAVCENT - FAREWELL (U)
 - (3) 192229Z APR 95 CNO - BRAVO ZULU (U)
 - (4) 201805Z APR 95 COMNAVSURFLANT - PERFORMANCE OF DUTY,
WELCOME HOME (U)
 - (5) USS GETTYSBURG CHANGE OF COMMAND PAMPHLET (U)
 - (6) STATE OF THE GETTYSBURG BRIEFING PACKAGE (U)
 - (7) 281439Z JUN 95 AEGIS PROGRAM MANAGER WASHINGTON DC - PORT VISIT
BALTIMORE, MD (U)
 - (8) 010420Z MAY 95 USS GETTYSBURG - LETTER OF INSTRUCTION FOR 22 JUNE
VANALEX (C)
 - (9) USS LABOON VANALEX BRIEFING PACKAGE (U)
 - (10) PORT EVERGLADES, FL BROWARD NAVY DAYS FLEET WEEK '95 SCHEDULE OF
EVENTS (U)
 - (11) 072045Z NOV 95 NMCRRRC BROOKLYN - PORT VISIT BRIEF:
NEW YORK CITY (U)

1. The following ship's history is hereby forwarded in accordance with the requirements set forth in reference (a) for the calendar year 1995.

2. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION.

A. Mission: To "be prepared to conduct prompt, sustained combat operations at sea" in support of Navy or multiservice tasking. This mission encompasses four major warfare areas; anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, and strike (land attack) warfare.

B. Organizational Structure: Attached to Second Fleet under Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Twelve. GETTYSBURG is stationed at Naval Station Mayport, Florida.

C. Commanding Officer: Captain Peter R. Smith served as the Commanding Officer until relieved by Captain H. G. Ulrich III on 26 May 1995. GETTYSBURG is assigned to Cruiser-Destroyer Group Twelve, commanded by Rear Admiral David S. Bill III.

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D. Lieutenant Commander M. D. Robinson served as Executive Officer until relieved by Lieutenant Commander Matthew E. Bobola on 26 Jun 95. The following personnel served as department heads: LCDR [REDACTED] Supply Officer; LCDR [REDACTED] Operations Officer until relieved by LT [REDACTED] LCDR [REDACTED] Engineer Officer; LCDR [REDACTED] Combat Systems Officer until relieved by LT [REDACTED] LT [REDACTED] Weapons Officer until relieved by LT [REDACTED]

3. CHRONOLOGY.

JANUARY

01-19 NAG-MIO/STRIKE OPERATIONS MEF 1-95
03 UNREP WITH USNS W. S. DIEHL
08 UNREP WITH USNS W. S. DIEHL
12 UNREP WITH USNS W. S. DIEHL
14 UNREP WITH USS KISKA
16 UNREP WITH USS CIMARRON
19-20 DIVERTED M/V GULF SPLENDOR
21 R & A OF DHOW RABGHE
21-28 TAV CAPE COD, JEBEL ALI, UAE
29-31 NAG-MIO/STRIKE OPERATIONS MEF 1-95

FEBRUARY

01-06 NAG-MIO/STRIKE OPERATIONS MEF 1-95
07-11 JEBAL ALI, UAE, TAV SAMUEL GOMPERS
12-25 NAG-MIO/STRIKE OPERATIONS
26-01 DUBAI, UAE PORT VISIT

MARCH

02-11 CARRIER OPERATIONS (USS CONSTELLATION)
12-17 TRANSIT HOME
13 TRANSIT STRAITS OF HORMUZ
18-21 PORT VISIT JEDDAH, SA
22-23 TRANSIT HOME

24-26 HURGHADA, EGYPT PORT VISIT
27-28 TRANSIT SUEZ CANAL
29-31 TRANSIT HOME

APRIL

01-05 CIVITAVECCHIA, ITALY PORT VISIT
06-16 TRANSIT HOME
08 TRANSIT STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR
17 BERMUDA, TIGER CRUISE
17-20 TRANSIT HOME
20 HOMECOMING
20-04 1ST POST DEPLOYMENT LEAVE

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MAY

04-19 2ND POST DEPLOYMENT LEAVE
20-21 BLOUNT ISLAND, PORT FEST
22 JAXOPAREA, CO TURNOVER AT SEA PORTION
22-25 PCO TURNOVER
26 CHANGE OF COMMAND
26 RETIREMENT CEREMONY FOR CAPT MITCHELL
22-28 INPORT MAYPORT
29-31 ENR BALTIMORE
31-02 PORT VISIT, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

JUNE

03 TRANSIT TO NORFOLK, VA
03-04 INPORT NORFOLK, PICK UP MIDSHIPMEN, CORTRAMID
05-08 JAXOPAREA, CORTRAMID
08-09 ENR MAYPORT
10-19 INPORT MAYPORT
13-16 CART II
16 CCDG 12 (RADM BILL) LUNCHEON
19 CCDG 12 (RADM BILL) LUNCHEON (WARDROOM)
19 MIDSHIPMEN DEPART
20-21 ENR WALLOPS
22-23 VANDALEX, WALLOPS OPAREA
24 ENR CHARLESTON, SC
25-26 WPN OFF/ON LOAD CHARLESTON, SC
27 ENR MAYPORT
28 INPT MAYPORT
28-04 JUL HOLIDAY WEEKEND

JULY

06 SLAMEX
06 EMBARK 13 RESERVISTS
10 IPT MAYPORT/TSTA 1/ETG
11-14 UNDERWAY JAXOA/ TSTA 1 ETG
15-17 INPT MAYPORT
17 TSTA 1/FTG
18-21 UNDERWAY JAX OPAREA TSTA 1/FTG
22-23 INPT MAYPORT
24-28 TSTA 1/CSTG - CLASSROOM TMA/ASW/ASUW
29-31 INPT MAYPORT

AUGUST

01-03 EMBARK (2) BRITISH 1/C MIDSHIPMEN
01-03 HURRICANE "ERIN" SORTIE - NORTHERN JAX OPAREA
04-11 COMMENCE IMAV - SIMA MAYPORT
10 UNDERWAY JAX OPAREA MOCK OPPE
11-13 INPT MAYPORT - IMAV

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14-16 OPPE
17-20 INPT MAYPORT
21-24 UNDERWAY TSTA I/FTG PT 2 JAX OPERA
25-31 INPT MAYPORT

SEPTEMBER

01-04 HOLIDAY WEEKEND (LABOR DAY) INPT MAYPORT
05-08 TSTA 2/CSTG MAYPORT (INPT)
09-10 INPT MAYPORT
11-14 ENBATGRU OPS VACAPES OPAREA
11 EMBARK COMENTBATGRU CCDG-12: RADM BILL
11-15 ENTBATGRU OPS VACAPES OPAREA
15-17 INPT MAYPORT
18-22 TSTA 2 INPT MAYPORT FAAWC TRAINING
23-24 INPT MAYPORT
25-29 TSTA 2 INPT MAYPORT
30 INPT MAYPORT

OCTOBER

01-02 INPT MAYPORT
02-06 UNDERWAY JAXOPAREA TSTA III
06-09 INPT MAYPORT (COLUMBUS WEEKEND HOLIDAY)
09-10 UNDERWAY ENROUTE PORT EVERGLADES
10-12 INPT PORT EVERGLADES FLEET WEEK '95 BROWARD COUNTY NAVY DAYS
12-13 UNDERWAY PORT EVERGLADES ENROUTE MAYPORT
13-16 INPT MAYPORT
16 COMMENCE CSRR MAYPORT PH 1 TGT
16-31 UPK MAYPORT
20 COMMENCE IMAV INPT MAYPORT
23-27 NGFS MTT INPT MAYPORT
30 EMBARK ONE USMMA 1/C MIDSHIPMAN (MIDN TEICHMAN)
31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER

01-06 UPK MAYPORT (IMAV)
06 ENR VACAPES
07-09 ENBATGRU OPS VACAPES
09 ENR NEW YORK CITY
10 ARR NEW YORK CITY
10 EMBARK CCDG-12 (RADM BILL)
11-13 PVST NEW YORK CITY
13 DEBARK CCDG-12 (RADM BILL)
14-17 TSTA 3 ENR MAYPORT
17-26 INPT MAYPORT
23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
27-30 FEP

DECEMBER

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01-03 INPT MAYPORT
04-06 U/W JAXOPAREA T-HAWK TRAINING (COMPUTER CHECKS FOR OTL LAUNCH)
04 ESWS STANDDOWN
05 CNO GOOD ORDER AND DISCIPLINE STANDDOWN
07-10 INPT MAYPORT
11 U/W T-HAWK POST BLOCK III OTL LAUNCH JAXOPAREA
12-15 INPT MAYPORT
15-31 HOLIDAY UPKEEP
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
25-31 HOLIDAY UPKEEP

4. (U) NARRATIVE:

(U) GETTYSBURG entered the new year in the Northern Arabian Gulf conducting MIO/STRIKE Operations as part of MEF 1-95. On the 19th of Jan, GETTYSBURG diverted sanctions violator, Motor Vessel Gulf Splendor, to Bahrain Bell where she was turned over to USNAVCENT personnel. On 21 Jan 1995, GETTYSBURG conducted a rescue and assistance mission for the dhow RABGHE. After providing food and water, and minor repairs for the crew, GETTYSBURG sailed for Jebal Ali, UAE to conduct a Tender Assist Visit with the USS Cape Cod from 21-28 Jan 1995. As a result of this TAV, over 500 jobs were completed in only a seven day period. The end of January came with GETTYSBURG in the Northern Arabian Gulf conducting MIO/STRIKE Operations as part of MEF 1-95.

(U) On the 7th of February 1995, GETTYSBURG sailed into Jebal Ali, UAE, for a second Tender Assist Visit with the USS Samuel Gompers. Availability was completed on 11 Feb 95. A total of 150 jobs were completed during the assist visit. The GETTYSBURG made its way back to the Northern Arabian Gulf for the period of 12 - 25 Feb 96. During this period, GETTYSBURG was assigned to conduct MIO/STRIKE Operations. From 26 Feb to the beginning of Mar 95 GETTYSBURG was in port in Dubai, UAE.

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(U) The beginning of March had GETTYSBURG conducting carrier escort for the USS Constellation. Carrier escort lasted until 11 Mar 95. The carrier escort lasted a total of 10 days which presented a nice change from the MIO/STRIKE routine GETTYSBURG had been conducting since early January. GETTYSBURG was responsible for assuming planeguard station astern of the carrier. On the 12th GETTYSBURG started its long awaited transit to Mayport, FL. On 13 Mar GETTYSBURG left the Persian Gulf when she transitted the Straits of Hormuz. While operating in the NAVCENT AOR, GETTYSBURG's deployment spanned the spectrum from peacetime port visits and exercises to real world contingency operations. As a member of the NAVCENT expeditionary force supporting United Nations sanctions against Iraq, GETTYSBURG queried 101 vessels, boarded ten and diverted four. GETTYSBURG, as the ready strike platform in the Northern Arabian Gulf and Red Sea, sent a clear message that the U. S. was prepared to defend its Gulf Allies. On 18 Mar 95, GETTYSBURG sailed into Jeddah, Saudi Arabia where her port visit lasted until 21 Mar 95. During this visit GETTYSBURG hosted the Secretary of Defense, the Honorable William Perry. Secretary of Defense Perry was treated to an informal tour of the ship with ample opportunities to meet crewmembers. As the GETTYSBURG continued its transit home on 22 Mar 95, it transitted the Suez Canal on 27 Mar 95. The transit took approximately 12 hours with GETTYSBURG at sea and anchor detail approximately 18 hours.

(U) On 01 April 95 GETTYSBURG sailed into the port of Civitavecchia, Italy. This port visit allowed a well deserved liberty port for the crew. This was the one true liberty port during the cruise. The crew was able to take a one hour train ride into Rome, Italy. The crew was also treated to a

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papal audience with Pope John Paul II. GETTYSBURG 's liberty-incident free deployment was a credit to the outstanding leadership and the good sense and dedication of the crew. The transit home was interrupted on 17 April when GETTYSBURG made a brief stop in Bermuda to pick up family and friends to hold a Tiger/Tigress cruise. The crew of GETTYSBURG was able to host family and friends, both male and female, no wives or girlfriends though, for the rest of the cruise from departure of Bermuda to arrival home port Mayport, FL on 20 April 95. GETTYSBURG was able to host 21 female "Tigers". In order to accommodate the "Tigers", the ship sent home 65 of the crew members early from Rome and an additional 40 more crewmembers were sent home early from Bermuda. Homecoming for GETTYSBURG marked the conclusion of a superb deployment. GETTYSBURG was able to enjoy a much deserved reunion with family and friends after being deployed to the Persian Gulf as part of MEF 1-95. GETTYSBURG immediately went into a post deployment standdown, with crewmembers taking two weeks of leave during two different leave periods, on 19 May 95 all crew members returned as the second post deployment leave period concluded.

(U) On 22 May 95, GETTYSBURG sailed from its homeport in Mayport, FL to conduct a Commanding Officer turnover at sea. Returning on 23 May 95, GETTYSBURG prepared for its change of command ceremony to be held on 26 May 95. On 26 May 95, Captain Peter R. Smith was relieved by Captain H. G. Ulrich III in a ceremony aboard USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) located at Pier Bravo Two Naval Station Mayport, FL. The guest speaker at the ceremony was Rear Admiral John J. Mazach, USN, Director, Strategy and Policy (N51) Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, also in attendance was Rear Admiral David S. Bill III, USN, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Twelve.

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(U) GETTYSBURG conducted its first port visit with the new Commanding Officer on 31 May - 02 Jun 95 to Baltimore, MD. GETTYSBURG hosted a demonstration for congressional staff members. This was a critical opportunity to demonstrate AEGIS capabilities to key players in the budget formulation process. The outstanding professionalism of the crew made the most of this and the result was a highly successful port visit. This is just another example of GETTYSBURG's fine demonstration of the AEGIS team spirit.

(U) The next evolution for GETTYSBURG was the involvement with the CORTRAMID program to help train midshipman from both the United States Naval Academy and various NROTC programs. CORTRAMID phase I allowed GETTYSBURG to embark 12 midshipman, both male and female, from 29 May to 19 June 95. Seven of the midshipman were from the United States Naval Academy and the other five were from NROTC programs which included Vanderbilt, Tulane, Jacksonville and Marquette Universities. The midshipman were treated to underway time from 03 June 95 to 09 June 95, operating in the JAXOPAREA as well as inport time from 10 June 95 to 19 June 95 where they were able to enjoy GETTYSBURG's homeport of MAYPORT, FL.

(U) The next big challenge for GETTYSBURG occurred on 22-23 June 95 where the ship was involved in a VANDALEX to be conducted in the WALLOPS ISLAND, VA OPAREA. This missile shoot involved seven ships: USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64), USS LABOON (DDG 58), USS BARRY (DDG 52), USS HAYLER (DD 997), USS PETERSON (DD 969), USS ARTHUR W RADFORD (DD 968) and USS UNDERWOOD (FFG 36). GETTYSBURG was the Officer Conducting the Exercise and also the Officer in Tactical Command. The overall objective of the VANDALEX was to train crews in anti-ship missile defense using a low elevation supersonic target. Specific

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objectives were to conduct USS LABOON CSSQT, to provide each ship an opportunity to detect, track and engage a high speed, low altitude crossing target, to demonstrate the ship's capability to maintain/employ AAW systems and equipment, to verify, through actual missile firing, operational performance of installed AAW systems and to continue to build detect-to-engage (DTE) data base. All objectives of the exercise were met. GETTYSBURG successfully launched her SM-2(MR) Block III Telemetry Missile and scored a "skin to skin" intercept with the Vandal. This is just another example of the GETTYSBURG crew exemplifying her motto "Deeds Not Words".

(U) The VANDALEX ended on 23 June 95. GETTYSBURG on her way south from the WALLOPS ISLAND OPAREA, made a brief stop at Weapons Station Charleston, SC for a weapons off/on load. GETTYSBURG, over the two day period at Charleston, was able to off load the expended telemetry canister from the VANDALEX and at the same time she was able to load SM-2 (MR) and Tomahawk Missiles into her vertical launching system. GETTYSBURG also on loaded 5"/54 projectiles into her magazines, 20 mm CIWS ammunition and various small arms ammunition into her small arms magazines. The entire evolution was conducted with the help of all crew members and without injury. GETTYSBURG sailed for Mayport on 27 June and was inport from 28 June 95 through the July 4th holiday weekend. A well deserved rest for the crew to enjoy time with family and friends.

(U) The month of July started the work up cycle for GETTYSBURG who was scheduled to deploy with the USS ENTERPRISE to the Mediterranean in June 96. The first training cycle was 10 July which marked the beginning of TSTA I, inport Mayport, to be conducted with ETG. GETTYSBURG was underway in the JAXOPAREA from 11-14 July as part of this TSTA I with ETG. July continued

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much the same way with GETTYSBURG inport MAYPORT from 15 to 17 July and then underway again in the JAXOPAREA for TSTA I with FTG. The TSTA I training period ended with GETTYSBURG inport Mayport from 22 - 31 July with CSTG conducting classroom TMA, ASUW and ASW.

(U) As the summer months in Mayport came to an end, the hurricane season for Northern Florida began. Naval Station Mayport was fortunate enough to have to sortie due to Hurricane Erin. On 01 Aug 95, GETTYSBURG was the first ship out of Mayport and responsible for tactical control of all ships underway from the Mayport Basin. The sortie lasted for three days and all the ships were able to return 03 Aug 95. The big disappointment for GETTYSBURG was the fact that the hurricane sortie did not let the crew complete its mock OPPE preparations for the upcoming OPPE scheduled for 14 - 16 Aug 95.

(U) GETTYSBURG crew was able to rise to the occasion, however, and complete a very successful OPPE from 14 - 16 aug 95. GETTYSBURG scored a satisfactory with the adjective grade of "good". The results reflected GETTYSBURG's determination and ability to meet the challenges of the most arduous inspection in the Navy. The sacrifices made by the crew and their families were a testimony to their professionalism and dedication. Some noteworthy highlights were evaluations of excellent in training and full power demonstration and grades of good in management programs, operations and fire-fighting.

(U) The rest of the month of August was spent between inport time from the 17th to the 21st, then underway to continue the pre-deployment training cycle. From the 21st to 24th GETTYSBURG was involved in TSTA I part II with FTG in the JAX OPAREA. The last week of August had GETTYSBURG inport Mayport.

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(U) GETTYSBURG was inport for the Labor Day holiday weekend. TSTA II inport Mayport began on 05 Sept and continued to 08 Sept. ENTERPRISE Battle Group Operations in the VACAPES OPAREA were conducted from 11 - 14 Sept. During this time period GETTYSBURG was engaged in such activities as plane guard for ENTERPRISE and Air Defense for the battle group. The rest of September was spent inport Mayport with training conducted during TSTA II for Force Anti-Air Warfare Coordinators and pre-deployment work ups with FTG/CSTG.

(U) October for GETTYSBURG was a continuation of the training cycle. TSTA III was conducted in the JAXOPAREA. This represents the final training cycle until the Final Evaluation Period which was scheduled for late November. GETTYSBURG was fortunate enough to participate in the Port Everglades Fleet Week '95 to celebrate the Broward County Navy Days and salute the Korean War Veterans. This celebration began on 10 Oct and continued until 12 Oct. USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64), USS JOHN HANCOCK (DD 981), USS O'BANNON (DD 987), USS TAYLOR (FFG 50) and USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) were all present for the festivities. All the crew members were treated to receptions and VIP tours hosted by the members of several Broward County Navy Leagues and associations. This port visit was a treat for all. GETTYSBURG departed Fort Lauderdale on the 13th and arrived Mayport the next morning. The rest of October was spent inport Mayport. GETTYSBURG was scheduled for an upkeep period which started at the end of the month and continued through November. This maintenance availability period presented a terrific opportunity for GETTYSBURG to have a majority of its CSMP completed. In fact, during this upkeep period SIMA was able to complete over 500 hundred jobs for GETTYSBURG.

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(U) With the conclusion of the IMAV on 06 Nov 95, GETTYSBURG set sail for New York City and the Veterans Day Celebration. GETTYSBURG sailed into Manhattan on 11 Nov and moored next to the INTREPID. The crew was able to enjoy New York City throughout the Veterans Day Weekend and fifty of GETTYSBURG's finest crew members were able to march in the Veteran's Day Parade attended by the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Mike Boorda. GETTYSBURG was open for public tours and visiting throughout the weekend.

(U) The Final Evaluation Period rolled around at the end of November. GETTYSBURG's Combat and Weapons Systems and Damage Control were ready for the challenge. The result of the three day evaluation period was a Satisfactory and the completion of GETTYSBURG's cruise missile certification.

(U) All of December was spent inport Mayport with the exception of one day so GETTYSBURG could conduct a Tomahawk Post Block III OTL launch in the JAXOPAREA. GETTYSBURG, along with the U. S. Air Force fired a Tomahawk Missile across the state of Florida. The test firing was a complete success. Air Force F-16s were able to follow the Tomahawk all the way to its target at Eglin Air Force Base. Between 18 Dec and 8 Jan 96, GETTYSBURG offloaded 8,465 spare parts making them available for other ships or activities. This also emptied a storeroom which will be converted into a gym. The gym is now an approved shipalt for other cruisers. The rest of December was spent in a holiday upkeep and standdown period through the Christmas Holiday season and into the New Year.



H. G. ULRICH III