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- Encl:
- (1) 291604Z FEB 96 COMNAVSURFLANT - 1995 BATTLE EFFICIENCY RESULTS (U)
 - (2) 170004Z DEC 96 GETTYSBURG - COMMAND AND CONTROL EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATION (U)
 - (3) 170001Z DEC 96 GETTYSBURG - BATTLE EFFICIENCY AWARD NOMINATION (U)
 - (4) 212045Z FEB 96 COMNAVSURFLANT - PORT VISIT REPORT FOR ST. THOMAS, USVI (U)
 - (5) ARLEIGH BURKE FLEET TROPHY NOMINATION (U)
 - (6) 170003Z DEC 96 GETTYSBURG - ENGINEERING/SURVIVABILITY COMMAND EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATION (U)
 - (7) 170007Z DEC 96 GETTYSBURG - SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MAINTENANCE AWARD INPUT (U)
 - (8) LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT (LMA) OF USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) (U)
 - (9) 231920Z APR 96 CTF 59.5 - CJTFEX ROAD MAP OF EVENTS (C)
 - (10) 071200Z MAY 96 GETTYSBURG - OPREP 5 FEEDER (C) [IN CLASS FILE]
 - (11) PRESS RELEASE ON GETTYSBURG'S CHANGE OF COMMAND (U)
 - (12) BIOGRAPHY OF CAPTAIN J.M. KELLY (U)
 - (13) 171931Z JUN 96 CCDG-12 - 1997 CAPT EDWARD FRANCIS NEY AWARD NOMINATION (U)
 - (14) 121526Z JUL 96 GETTYSBURG - SPANISH NAVY PASSEX SUMMARY (C)
 - (15) 151800Z JUL 96 GETTYSBURG - POST EXERCISE REPORT FOR ITALIAN NAVY PASSEX (C) [IN CLASS FILE]
 - (16) 261802Z NOV 96 GETTYSBURG - COMSIXTHFLT HOOK'EM AWARD FOR USW EXCELLENCE (C) [IN CLASS FILE]
 - (17) 312017Z JUL 96 GETTYSBURG - PORT VISIT COST REPORT FOR PALMA DE MALLORCA, SPAIN FROM 25JUL96/0900 TO 30JUL96/0800 (U)
 - (18) 021300Z AUG 96 GETTYSBURG - OPREP 5 FEEDER (C) [IN CLASS FILE]
 - (19) 071300Z AUG 96 GETTYSBURG - OPREP 5 FEEDER (C) [IN CLASS FILE]
 - (20) 091300Z AUG 96 GETTYSBURG - OPREP 5 FEEDER (C) [IN CLASS FILE]

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- (21) 111428Z AUG 96 GETTYSBURG - PORT VISIT COST REPORT FOR VILLEFRANCHE, FRANCE FROM 05AUG96/1500 TO 10AUG96/0900 (U)
- (22) 141300Z AUG 96 GETTYSBURG - OPREP 5 FEEDER (C) [IN CLASS FILE]
- (23) 221734Z AUG 96 GETTYSBURG - PORT VISIT COST REPORT FOR HAIFA, ISRAEL FROM 16AUG96/0800 TO 22AUG96/0700 (U)
- (24) 011300Z SEP 96 GETTYSBURG - OPREP 5 FEEDER (C) [IN CLASS FILE]
- (25) 081320Z SEP 96 GETTYSBURG - PORT VISIT COST REPORT FOR SOUDA BAY, GREECE FROM 02SEP96/0900 TO 07SEP96/0730 (U)
- (26) 012145Z OCT 96 CDS 20 - 4TH QUARTER FY 96 PASSEX REPORT (C)
- (27) 131300Z SEP 96 GETTYSBURG - OPREP 5 FEEDER (C) [IN CLASS FILE]
- (28) 082000Z OCT 96 GETTYSBURG - OPREP 5 FEEDER (C) [IN CLASS FILE]
- (29) 121130Z OCT 96 GETTYSBURG - PORT VISIT COST REPORT FOR JEBEL ALI, UAE FROM 07OCT96/1000 TO 11OCT96/1000 (U)
- (30) 131258Z OCT 96 GETTYSBURG - PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACCIDENT PRESS RELEASE (U)
- (31) 140921Z NOV 96 GETTYSBURG - PORT VISIT COST REPORT FOR BAHRAIN FROM 03NOV96/0900 TO 07OCT96/0900 (U)
- (32) 251110Z NOV 96 CCDG-12 - ENGINEERING MID-CYCLE ASSESSMENT (MCA) IN USS GETTYSBURG CG-64 (U)
- (33) 271458Z NOV 96 GETTYSBURG - NOMINATION FOR CY96 PHALANX CLOSE-IN WEAPONS SYSTEM EXCELLENCE AWARD (U)
- (34) 301300Z NOV 96 GETTYSBURG - OPREP 5 FEEDER (C) [IN CLASS FILE]
- (35) 111907Z DEC 96 GETTYSBURG - PORT VISIT REPORT FOR NAPLES, ITALY FROM 28NOV96/0900 TO 06DEC96/1030 (U)
- (36) 111901Z DEC 96 GETTYSBURG - PUBLIC AFFAIRS -- HOMECOMING PRESS RELEASE (U)
- (37) 260430Z NOV 96 COMFIFTHFLT - FAREWELL (U)
- (38) 161000Z DEC 96 CINCLANTFLT - BRAVO ZULU (U)
- (39) 161948Z DEC 96 CNO - BRAVO ZULU (U)
- (40) 170638Z DEC 96 COMSIXTHFLT - FAREWELL AND BRAVO ZULU (U)
- (41) 180533Z DEC 96 COMNAVSURFLANT - PERFORMANCE OF DUTY (U)
- (42) 191700Z DEC 96 CINCUSNAVEUR - WELL DONE AND FAREWELL (U)

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

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2. COMMAND ORGANIZATION. (U)

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; air warfare, undersea warfare, surface warfare and strike 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 Henry G. Ulrich III served as the Commanding Officer until relieved by Captain John M. Kelly on 31 May 1996.

d. Lieutenant Commander Matthew E. Bobola served as Executive Officer until relieved by Lieutenant Commander Kim A. Parker on 21 September 1996. The following personnel served as Department Heads: LCDR [REDACTED], Supply Officer; LCDR [REDACTED], Engineer Officer until relieved by LT [REDACTED]; LT [REDACTED], Operations Officer, LT [REDACTED], Combat Systems Officer; LT [REDACTED], Weapons Officer; LTJG [REDACTED], Navigation/Administration Officer.

3. CHRONOLOGY. (U)

01-15 JAN	Holiday Leave/Upkeep
08 JAN - 06 FEB	Intermediate Maintenance Availability
07 FEB - 08 FEB	Sea Trials
09 FEB - 11 FEB	Inport Mayport
12 FEB - 15 MAR	Composite Task Unit Exercise 96-2
12 FEB	Embark HSL Forty Eight Det Three
29 FEB	Notification of Winning the Battle "E" for 1995
01 MAR - 04 MAR	Port Visit St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
07 MAR	Naval Gun Fire Support Exercise
09 MAR	REXTORPS Exercise
15 MAR	HSL Forty Eight Det Three Fly-off
16 MAR - 30 MAR	Inport Mayport, Florida
31 MAR	Assign Task Group 029.7
01 APR - 04 APR	Weapons Onload, Charleston, South Carolina

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05 APR - 07 APR	Inport Mayport, Florida
08 APR - 12 APR	INSURV
13 APR - 21 APR	Upkeep, Mayport, Florida
22 APR - 25 APR	Logistics Management Assessment
26 APR - 13 MAY	Combined Joint Task Force Exercise 96
26 APR	Embark HSL Forty Eight Det Three
28 APR	Mr. Lynn from ARPA and Mr. Robinson from Defense Daily visit
30 APR	Mr. O'Neill (VIP from CNA) visits
05-06 MAY	Mr. Eric Hildebrandt (freelance photographer) visits
06 MAY	Venom 502 suffers engine casualty inflight
13 MAY	HSL Forty Eight Det Three Fly-off
14 MAY - 17 MAY	Inport Mayport, Florida
17 MAY - 24 JUN	Leave/Upkeep
31 MAY	Change of Command
08 JUN	Dependents Cruise
17 JUN	Nominated for CAPT Edward Francis Ney Award 1997
25 JUN - 27 JUN	Inport Mayport, Florida
26 JUN	Assign Task Group 024.7
28 JUN	Underway for MED/JTG 96-2 Deployment
28 JUN - 10 JUL	Transit Atlantic Ocean
28 JUN	Embark HSL Forty Eight Det Three
01 JUL	Encounterex with Norfolk Ships
03 JUL	Undersea Warfare Exercise
04 JUL	Independence Day
05 JUL	Division Tactics
05 JUL - 06 JUL	Air Warfare Exercise
07 JUL	Detached to conduct Spanish Navy Passing Exercise
09 JUL - 10 JUL	Spanish Navy Passing Exercise
11 JUL - 15 JUL	Operations in Western Mediterranean Sea
11 JUL	Transited Straits of Gibraltar
12 JUL	Relieved USS San Jacinto (CG 56) as CTF 60 Air Warfare Commander
13 JUL	Conducted United States-Italian Passing Exercise
16 JUL - 19 JUL	Operations In Adriatic Sea
18 JUL - 19 JUL	Conducted Undersea Warfare with USS Grayling (SSN 646)

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20 JUL - 15 AUG	Operations in Mediterranean Sea
20 JUL	Conducted Mine Warfare Exercise
21 JUL	Conducted exercise Caesar Sword
21 JUL	Air Warfare Exercise
24 JUL	Conducted War-at-Sea Exercise
25 JUL - 30 JUL	Port Visit Palma de Mallorca, Spain
30 JUL - 01 AUG	Undersea Warfare Exercise Olympics
31 JUL - 03 AUG	Air Warfare Exercise
01 AUG	Conducted Burial at Sea
03 AUG	Conducted Night Mirror Strike
04 AUG - 10 AUG	Port Visit Villefranche, France
06 AUG	Mayor of Villefranche Visits
08 AUG	Actor Jack Nicholson Visits
10 AUG	Conducted Passing Exercise with USS Philippine Sea (CG 58)
13 AUG	Located RS Vishnaya Class AGI
16 AUG - 21 AUG	Port Visit Haifa, Israel
22 AUG - 09 SEP	Operations in Eastern Mediterranean Sea
24 AUG - 27 AUG	Conducted Exercise JAWS I
25 AUG - 30 AUG	Conducted Exercise Juniper Hawk
01 SEP	Transferred Venom 502 and Received Proud Warrior 424 from USS Klakring (FFG 42)
02 SEP - 07 SEP	Port Visit Souda Bay, Crete
10 SEP - 11 SEP	Operations in Adriatic Sea
10 SEP	Conducted Passing Exercise with USS Stump (DD 978)
12 SEP	Received Venom 505
13 SEP - 15 SEP	Operations in Mediterranean Sea
13 SEP	Conducted Combat Search and Rescue Exercise
13 SEP	NR1 Gas Turbine Generator Failure
15 SEP	Transferred CTF 60 Air Warfare Commander to USS Philippine Sea (CG 58)
15 SEP	Transit Suez Canal
15 SEP	Inchop Fifth Fleet
15 SEP	Assume CTF 59 Air Warfare Commander
15 SEP - 17 SEP	Operations in Red Sea
17 SEP	Transit Straits of Bab El Mandeb
18 SEP - 19 SEP	Operations in North Arabian Sea
20 SEP	Transit Straits of Hormuz and Western Traffic Separation Scheme
20 SEP - 08 NOV	Operations in Arabian Gulf

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21 SEP	LCDR Parker Arrives to Relieve LCDR Bobola as Executive Officer
21 SEP	Assumed alternate CTF 50 Air Warfare Commander from USS Arkansas (CGN 41)
22 SEP	Conducted Photo Exercise between Enterprise and Vinson Carrier Battle Groups
22 SEP	Commander Enterprise Battle Group, RADM Mayer, visits
30 SEP	Assumed CTF 50 Air Warfare Commander, Force Track Coordinator, and Red Crown from USS Shiloh (CG 67)
06 OCT	Detached Enroute Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirate
06 OCT	Transferred CTF 50 Air Warfare Commander to USS Valley Forge (CG 50)
07 OCT - 11 OCT	Port Visit Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates
07 OCT - 10 OCT	NR1 Gas Turbine Generator Changeout
08 OCT	Brigadier General Noonan, CINCENT J2, Visits
12 OCT	Rendezvous with USS Enterprise (CVN 65)
12 OCT	Assumed Air Warfare Commander from USS Valley Forge (CG 50)
13 OCT	Bumped by Iranian Corvette Bayandor (81)
24 OCT	Transferred Air Warfare Commander to USS Valley Forge (CG 50)
29 OCT	Assumed CTF 50 Air Warfare Commander, Force Track Coordinator, and Red Crown from USS Valley Forge (CG 50)
02 NOV	Transferred CTF 50 Air Warfare Commander, Force Track Coordinator, and Red Crown to USS Valley Forge (CG 50)
03 NOV - 07 NOV	Port Visit Bahrain
08 NOV	Transited Straits of Hormuz
08 NOV - 13 NOV	Operations in Gulf of Oman
09 NOV - 11 NOV	Conducted Gulf Exercise 97-1
09 NOV	Assume CTF 59 Air Warfare Commander
14 NOV - 19 NOV	Operations in North Arabian Gulf
15 NOV - 18 NOV	Conducted JAWS II-Gonzo Derby
20 NOV	Transited Straits of Bab El Mandeb
20 NOV - 25 NOV	Operations in Red Sea

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21 NOV	Conducted Opposed Transit
21 NOV - 23 NOV	Conducted Mid-Cycle Assessment
22 NOV	Conducted Communications C Assessment
22 NOV	Conducted Photo Exercise
25 NOV	Transited Suez Canal
25 NOV	Assumed CTF 60 Air Warfare Commander from USS Philippine Sea (CG 58)
26 NOV - 09 DEC	Operations in Mediterranean Sea
26 NOV	Transferred Proud Warrior 424 to USS Klaking (FFG 42)
28 NOV - 06 DEC	Port Visit Naples, Italy
30 NOV	Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy John Hagan Visits
08 DEC - 09 DEC	CTF 60 Air Warfare Commander Turnover with USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55)
09 DEC	Transit Straits of Gibraltar
09 DEC	Inchop Second Fleet
10 DEC - 20 DEC	Transit Atlantic Ocean
20 DEC	HSL Forty Eight Det Three Fly-off
20 DEC	Arrive Mayport, Florida
20 DEC - 31 DEC	Holiday Leave and Upkeep

4. NARRATIVE. (U)

GETTYSBURG was inport from the 1st through the 15th of January conducting holiday leave and upkeep. Additionally, GETTYSBURG conducted an Intermediate Maintenance Availability from the 08th of January through the 06th of February.

On the 7th and 8th of February, GETTYSBURG conducted sea trials in preparation for its upcoming participation in Composite Task Unit Exercise 96-2. Following sea trials GETTYSBURG returned to port and continued making preparations.

On 12 February, GETTYSBURG got underway for Composite Task Unit Exercise 96 and proceeded to the Virginia Capes operating area as escort for USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65). During this period, GETTYSBURG and ENTERPRISE practiced and perfected escort operations such as plane guard and station keeping.

While underway, GETTYSBURG was notified that they had won the Battle Efficiency award for 1995. Enclosure 1 is the 1995 Battle Efficiency results.

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After spending two weeks off the Virginia Coast, GETTYSBURG headed to the Caribbean to conduct a 10 ship missile exercise with GETTYSBURG as the Officer-in-Tactical Command (OTC) and in which over 30 standard missiles were fired. Enclosures 2 and 3 provide information on the missile exercise. Following the missile exercise, GETTYSBURG visited St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands for a 4 day port visit. While there, GETTYSBURG hosted the Governor of St. Thomas and several VIPs in a luncheon onboard. Enclosure 4 is the port visit report for St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. On 04 March, GETTYSBURG got underway and conducted a Naval Gun Fire Support (NGFS) Exercise off of the island of Vieques. GETTYSBURG expended 255 5"/54 rounds from its forward and aft gunmounts and achieved the ship's highest NGFS score of 97.5%. Enclosure 5 contains the results of these exercises.

Following the Gunnery Exercise, GETTYSBURG headed to St. Croix to conduct a torpedo exercise. During the exercise, GETTYSBURG expended 5 SVTT and 2 helo-launched REXTORPS. Upon successful completion of the exercise, GETTYSBURG participated in an opposed transit through the Mona Passage between Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic while escorting ENTERPRISE.

From the 16th through the 31st of March, GETTYSBURG was in port Mayport, Florida. On the 1st of April, GETTYSBURG got underway and headed to Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, South Carolina, for a weapons onload in preparation for its upcoming deployment.

On the 8th through the 12th of April, GETTYSBURG was inspected by the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) to determine the ship's fitness for further service. The results of the inspection found GETTYSBURG to be fit for further service. On 22nd through 25th of April, a Logistics Management Assessment (LMA) was conducted. Enclosures 6, 7 and 8 provide the results of the INSURV and LMA.

The results of the LMA are as follows:

Storekeeping	Good
Food Service	Good
Retail Operations	Excellent
Supply Overall	Excellent
PMS	Good
MDS	Good
3M Overall	Good

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GETTYSBURG departed on the 26th of April to participate in the Combined Joint Task Force Exercise (CJTFFEX) 1996. During this exercise, GETTYSBURG served as Air Warfare Commander for a 30 ship combined, joint multi-carrier battlegroup task force operating in the Virginia Capes. GETTYSBURG designed and managed a Joint Tactical Data Link which provided a real time tactical data picture to United States Air Force, Marine Corp, Navy, and United Kingdom Task Group units. GETTYSBURG's outstanding performance earned praise from COMENTBATGRU and Commander Second Fleet for superior performance during the exercise. In addition to the exercise, GETTYSBURG hosted tours to VIPs such as Mr. Lynn from ARPA, MR. Robinson from Defense Daily and Mr. O'Neill from CNA. Enclosures 1, 2, and 4 provide an overview and enclosure 9 provides the schedule of events.

During CJTFFEX 96, Venom 502 suffered an inflight casualty and had to be recovered with one engine. Upon notification of distress, both the ship and helo headed towards each other at "full speed" and the helo was recovered safely. The casualty was corrected and operations were continued. Enclosure 10 documents the inflight casualty.

Following completion of CJTFFEX 96 on the 13th of May, GETTYSBURG went through a Pre-deployment leave/Standdown prior to its deployment to the Mediterranean. During this time, GETTYSBURG hosted a Change of Command with Captain J.M. Kelly relieving Captain H.G. Ulrich as Commanding Officer on the 31st of May. Enclosures 11 and 12 are the Change of Command press release and Captain Kelly's Biography.

On the 17th of June, GETTYSBURG was notified that it had been nominated by Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Twelve for the Captain Edward Francis Ney award for 1997. Enclosure 13 is the message with the recommendation.

On 28 June, GETTYSBURG departed for the Mediterranean. During the transit, GETTYSBURG conducted numerous exercises which included an Encounterex with the Norfolk based ships USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) and USS SUPPLY (AOE 6), Undersea Warfare (USW) exercises and Division Tactics (DIVTACS) which trained and enhanced the ship maneuvering skills of the Junior Officers.

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On 07 July, GETTYSBURG was detached to head to the Bay of Cadiz, Spain to participate in a U.S.-Spanish Passing Exercise (PASSEX). Units participating in the exercise consisted of USS PITTSBURGH (SSN 720), USS NORFOLK (SSN 714), USS GRAYLING (SSN 646), SPS TONINA (S 62), SPS CATALUNA (F 73) and SPS INFANTA ELENA (F 33). In conjunction with the Spanish ships, GETTYSBURG conducted two days of shallow water USW against the Spanish diesel submarine, SPS TONINA. Enclosure 14 is the post exercise report of the Spanish Navy PASSEX.

On the 11th of July, GETTYSBURG transited the Straits of Gibraltar and inchooped into the Sixth Fleet area of responsibility. Following the transit through the straits, GETTYSBURG began the turnover process with USS SAN JACINTO (CG 56) as CTF 60 Air Warfare Commander.

Following turnover, GETTYSBURG sailed towards the Adriatic in support of Operation DECISIVE ENDEAVOR. During the transit, GETTYSBURG conducted a PASSEX with the Italian navy which consisted of ITS LUIGI DURAND DE LA PENNE (D 560) and ITS BERSAGLIERE (F 584). The goal of the PASSEX was to rapidly integrate the Italian ships into Enterprise operations and included drills such as a Link 11 exercise and an Air Intercept Controller (AIC) exercises. The Link 11 exercise tested the ability of all ships and an E-2C aircraft to establish communications and a tactical data link. The AIC exercise allowed the Italian ships to take control of 2 F/A-18 Hornets and to vector them in for simulated attacks against 2 F-14 Tomcats. Enclosure 15 is the Post Exercise Report for the Italian Navy PASSEX.

Upon arrival in the Adriatic, GETTYSBURG provided protection for United States Army, Air Force and allied forces working ashore in Bosnia Herzegovina in support of Operation DECISIVE ENDEAVOR. During this time, GETTYSBURG worked extensively with NATO and U.S. AWACS aircraft as part of an integrated command and control network tasked with ensuring safety of the skies over that troubled country. Also, GETTYSBURG conducted two exercises with the GRAYLING consisting of passive and active tracking by a SH-60B and GETTYSBURG. Enclosure 16 provides an overview of the exercises.

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GETTYSBURG left the Adriatic on 19th of July and conducted operations in the Western Mediterranean until 15th of August. While in the Western Mediterranean, GETTYSBURG conducted various air warfare exercises which included control of Spanish FA-2 Sea Harriers in a defensive counter air role. Enclosure 3 provides an overview of the exercises.

From the 25th to the 30th of July, GETTYSBURG made a port visit to Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Enclosure 17 is the Port Visit Cost Report for Palma de Mallorca, Spain from 25JUL96/0900 to 30Jul96/0800.

On the 30th of July and for three days, GETTYSBURG participated in exercise Olympia 96. During the exercise, GETTYSBURG controlled SH-60B, SH-60F and S-3 aircraft in numerous passive and active tracking runs with a final event pitting GETTYSBURG as Surface Action Unit Commander (SAUC) controlling all aircraft to locate and track the transiting orange sub (PITTSBURGH) and to relay that information to other Battlegroup players. This exercise was observed by CTF 60, 67 and 69 staff members onboard ENTERPRISE and was commented on as being the best USW exercise conducted in the Mediterranean in over five years. Enclosure 16 provides an overview of the exercise. Additionally, GETTYSBURG conducted four burials at sea for departed shipmates on the 2nd of August. Enclosure 18 documents the burials.

From the 4th to the 10th of August, GETTYSBURG visited Villefranche, France. While there, GETTYSBURG hosted the Mayor and several other distinguished visitors onboard, and many sailors volunteered their time to local charities. Also while in Villefranche, the ship was visited by the famous actor Jack Nicholson who came aboard and met with members of the crew and signed autographs. Enclosure 19 documents the mayors visit, enclosure 20 documents Jack Nicholson's visit and Enclosure 21 is the Port Visit Cost Report for Villefranche, France from 05Aug96/1500 to 10Aug96/0900.

On the 10th of August, GETTYSBURG departed Villefranche and proceeded to its next port-Haifa, Israel. During the transit, RS VISHNYA AGI was spotted off southeast Crete on the 14th of August conducting routine operations. Enclosure 22 documents the spotting. In Haifa, many of the crew members were able to take

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many tours of Jerusalem and Bethlehem as well as visit ships in the Israeli Navy. Enclosure 23 is the Port Visit Cost Report for Haifa, Israel from 16Aug96/0800 to 22Aug96/0700.

On the 21st of August, GETTYSBURG departed Haifa, Israel, and participated in exercises Juniper Hawk and JAWS I in the Eastern Mediterranean. Exercise Juniper Hawk consisted of GETTYSBURG providing air defense for ENTERPRISE and coordinating exercises between Israeli and U.S. aircraft. Enclosures 1, 2 and 4 provide an overview of the exercise. During JAWS I, GETTYSBURG acted as SAUC and shared time as aircraft controller with USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG 49) during this extensive USW exercise. Enclosure 16 provides an overview of the exercise.

Due to increased tensions in the Arabian Gulf, GETTYSBURG was placed on a 24 hour tether and was required to remain in the southern Mediterranean with one exception. GETTYSBURG headed north to the Straits of Otranto on the 1st of September to rendezvous with the USS KLAKRING (FFG 42). GETTYSBURG was required to exchange Venom 502 for Proud Warrior 424 since cracks were found in the frame of Venom 502 during an inspection in Haifa, Israel. Once completed, GETTYSBURG headed towards Souda Bay, Crete, for five days of liberty. Enclosure 24 documents the exchange of aircraft.

GETTYSBURG visited Souda Bay from the 2nd through the 7th of September. Enclosure 25 is the Port Visit Cost Report for Souda Bay, Crete from 2Sep96/0900 to 7Sep96/0730. Upon departure, GETTYSBURG headed north once again, but still remained within the 24 hour tether. While operating north of Crete, GETTYSBURG received an additional helo, Venom 505, in preparation for being deployed to the Gulf, and conducted a PASSEX with USS STUMP (DD 978). During the PASSEX, Proud Warrior 424 was launched while GETTYSBURG remained behind. GETTYSBURG used its helo to localize and track and then simulate firing upon it with its Penguins. Enclosure 26 lists the PASSEX's conducted during 4th quarter FY 96.

On the 12th of September, GETTYSBURG, ENTERPRISE, SUPPLY and PITTSBURGH were ordered to proceed to the Arabian Gulf at "best speed" in support of Operations Southern Watch, Desert Strike and Vigilant Sentinel. While enroute to the Suez Canal, GETTYSBURG suffered a casualty to Number One Gas Turbine Generator.

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Although the ship could still continue its mission, a loss of redundancy occurred and would require replacement. Enclosure 27 documents the gas turbine generator failure.

GETTYSBURG arrived at the Suez Canal on the 15th of September and began its 20 hour transit through the narrow channels. Upon exiting the canal, ENTERPRISE sprinted ahead of the battlegroup in order to arrive in the Gulf to support the VINSON Battlegroup. GETTYSBURG and SUPPLY remained behind and completed the transit conducting various exercises such as flashing light, comm drills and cross-decking various individuals for professional development.

On the 20th of September, GETTYSBURG transited the Straits of Hormuz, and assumed alternate CTF 50 Air Warfare commander on the 21st of September from USS ARKANSAS (CGN 41). While in the Gulf, GETTYSBURG acted as escort for ENTERPRISE and provided air defense for the local operating areas. On the 30th of September, GETTYSBURG assumed CTF 50 Air Warfare Commander from USS SHILOH (CG 67).

On the 6th of October, GETTYSBURG detached and headed to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates, to change out the Number One Gas Turbine Generator. While inport Jebel Ali, GETTYSBURG was visited by Brigadier General Noonan, USA, CINCENT J2. BGEN Noonan was given a tour of the ship and introduced to the vast array of weapons and capabilities that an Aegis Cruiser possesses. Enclosure 28 documents BGEN Noonan's visit and Enclosure 29 is the Port Visit Cost Report for Jebel Ali, UAE from 7Oct96/1000 to 11Oct96/1000.

Upon completion of the gas turbine generator changeout, GETTYSBURG got underway on the 11th of October and rendezvoused with ENTERPRISE. On the 13th of October, GETTYSBURG and ENTERPRISE were conducting routine operations when GETTYSBURG was bumped by the Iranian Corvette BAYANDOR (81). Damage was limited to minor damage to three starboard flightdeck nets with no personnel injured. BAYANDOR had no apparent personnel injuries, and only minor damage to railing and boat. Enclosure 30 is the Press Release on the Shouldering Incident.

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GETTYSBURG continued normal operations in the Gulf from the 13th of October to the 2nd of November. On the 3rd of November, GETTYSBURG made a port visit to Bahrain prior to outchopping the Arabian Gulf. Enclosure 31 is the Port Visit Cost Report Bahrain from 3Nov96/0900 to 7Oct96/0900. On the 8th of November, GETTYSBURG transited the Straits of Hormuz and remained in the Gulf of Oman from the 9th through 11th of November participating in GULFEX 97-1.

GULFEX 97-1 consisted of air warfare and undersea warfare exercises. Along with the ENTERPRISE and a UK battlegroup which included HMS INVINCIBLE, EXETER, SHEFFIELD, EDINBURGH and embarked helos. Events included a twenty-two hour HVU escort exercise and a highly successful choke point transit in which GETTYSBURG (as SAUC) localized the orange sub (PITTSBURGH) with the towed array, vectored aircraft to localize and prosecute, and allowed the HVU (EXETER and EDINBURGH simulating ENTERPRISE and an escort) to transit safely. In addition, GETTYSBURG controlled aircraft of both battlegroups, and at one point, controlled two S-3's, SH-60B, SH-60F, and two UK SH-3J helos. GETTYSBURG's performance warranted VADM Fargo to say, "GETTYSBURG's complete command of the Gulf air picture as well as the solid showing in GULFEX 97 was systematic of her superior readiness in all warfare areas." Enclosures 4 and 16 provide an overview of the exercise.

Following GULFEX 97-1, GETTYSBURG participated in JAWS II-Gonzo Derby. This exercise included three tracking events planned by GETTYSBURG involving GETTYSBURG's control of SH-60B, SH-60F and S-3 aircraft. GETTYSBURG tracked, localized and simulated attack on PITTSBURGH using Vertical Launched ASROC (VLA) and aircraft. Enclosure 16 provides an overview of the exercise.

GETTYSBURG transited the Straits of Bab El Mandeb on the 20th of November and entered the Red Sea. During its Red Sea transit, GETTYSBURG underwent a Mid-Cycle Assessment (MCA), a Communications Cycle Assessment (CCA) and various other battlegroup events. GETTYSBURG was evaluated as being "capable of sustaining engineering readiness." The results of the CCA was a score of 95.7 with the following strengths noted: communications planning, semaphore and flashing light. Enclosure 32 is the results of the Mid-Cycle Assessment and enclosure 2 contains the results of the CCA. On the 25th of November, GETTYSBURG transited the Suez Canal.

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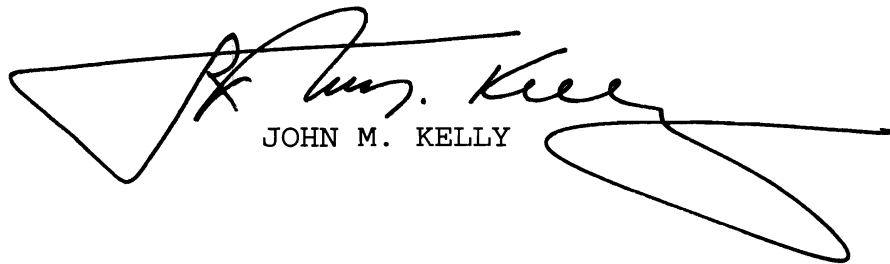
GETTYSBURG was nominated for the CY96 Phalanx Close-in Weapons System Excellence award and is described in enclosure 33.

Upon transiting the Suez Canal, GETTYSBURG rendezvoused with KLAKRING and transferred Proud Warrior 424. Following the transfer, GETTYSBURG proceeded to Naples, Italy, through a rough, early winter storm for 8 days of liberty. While in Naples, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) John Hagan visited and spoke with all hands in the helo hanger. Enclosure 34 documents MCPON's visit and enclosure 35 is the Port Visit Cost Report for Naples, Italy from 28Nov96/0900 to 6Dec96/1030.

After departing Naples on the 6th of December, GETTYSBURG rendezvoused with USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55) to begin turnover of CTF 60 Air Warfare Commander. GETTYSBURG completed turnover and transited the Straits of Gibraltar on the 9th of December and inched into SECOND Fleet.

From the 9th through the 19th of December, GETTYSBURG, along with the ENTERPRISE battlegroup, transited the Atlantic conducting various exercises such as flashing light, station keeping and engineering drills.

GETTYSBURG returned to her homeport of Mayport, Florida, on the 20th of December. From the 21st through the 31st of December, GETTYSBURG was in post-deployment leave and upkeep. Enclosure 36 is the Homecoming press release which summarizes the deployment and enclosures 37 through 42 are letters of appreciation from various commanders regarding GETTYSBURG's successful deployment.


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