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COMMAND HISTORY SYNOPSIS

USS INGRAHAM (FFG 61)

USS INGRAHAM (FFG 61), the fifty first and last ship of the Oliver Hazard Perry class Guided Missile Frigate, was commissioned 05 August 1989 at Todd Shipyard, San Pedro, California. INGRAHAM was the last ship to be built at the shipyard prior to its closure. The ship is the fourth named after Captain Duncan Nathaniel Ingraham, an honored nineteenth century naval officer. INGRAHAM was the only Perry class FFG to be launched with the FLIGHT FIVE configuration. As such, she has the Mk 92 Mod 6 Fire Control System, SYS-2 V(2), a derivative of the SYS-2 Automatic Detection and Tracking System found aboard New Threat Upgrade cruisers, and the SQQ-89 ASW system.

INGRAHAM spent the remainder of 1989 and all of 1990 conducting the various sea trials and inspections required of newly commissioned ships. Highlights of this process were the completion of OPPE in August 1990 and REFTRA in September 1990. INGRAHAM transited to Hawaii in early 1991 to conduct a CNO Project testing the MK 92 MOD 6 FCS. In a demanding series of tests and missile exercises throughout January and February 1991, the ship proved that the MOD 6 tremendously expanded the capabilities of the FFG-7 ship.

INGRAHAM participated in BATTLE GROUP FOXTROT exercises starting in late March in preparation for deployment with BATTLE GROUP FOXTROT on 27 May 1991, led by COMCARGRU THREE embarked on USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72).

During the westward transit, INGRAHAM participated in Operation Fiery Vigil, the evacuation of personnel from the Phillipines in the wake of the Mount Pinatubo eruption. The frigate carried two groups of passengers, each larger than her own crew, in support of the operation, and was awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Citation for the crew's effort. Following this, the ship patrolled the Arabian Gulf as part of BG FOXTROT, participating in several exercises with Gulf navies. INGRAHAM also conducted exercises with the Pakistani Navy and was the first American ship in two years to conduct a port visit to Karachi, Pakistan.

Following her return to the United States, during which she participated in ANNULEX with the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force, INGRAHAM entered her first extended SRA. This was followed by another series of inspections and a CNO Projects testing SM-1 Block VI-B missiles. During September and October 1992, the ship proved the excellence of the SM-1MR Blk VIB missile and her own

combat suite and reaffirmed INGRAHAM's reputation as the world's most capable frigate. Her successes are reflected in the Navy's decision to backfit the FLIGHT FIVE design to eleven other of her sisters, beginning with JESSE L TAYLOR (FFG 50) and GARY (FFG 51).