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COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1997

Nineteen ninety seven started with the crew enjoying a holiday stand down for Christmas and New Year's until the 5th of January. The ship departed on January 8, 1997, for the Middle East Force Exercise Phase II (MEFEX 97-1) in the North East Pacific and San Diego, California. After 13 days of a successful exercise, INGRAHAM returned to Everett on the 21st of January and started the Pre-overseas Movement Period (POM), which provided the crew a chance to spend time with their families and relax until deployment.

The POM period ended on the 18th of February, and for the next two days, the ship conducted ready-for-sea underway trials to shake out the cobwebs from the long rest period. On the 21st of February, Command George Jeffrey Fullerton and the crew of INGRAHAM departed Everett, for deployment to the Middle East. Enroute to the ship's first stop, Pearl Harbor, the ship completed Middle East Force Exercise Phase III.

On the 27th of February, the ship arrived late in the afternoon in Pearl to refuel and pick up last minute deployment supplies. The next day, with the crew's last stop in the United States for the next six months behind them, INGRAHAM departed for the next destination, Guam. The trip to Guam went without incident while INGRAHAM conducted operations with the other ships participating in MEF 97-1, USS PAUL F. FOSTER, HMCS REGINA, and USS FITZGERALD. On the 7th of March, INGRAHAM entered the 7th Fleet area of operations, and three days later arrived in Guam for a brief stop for fuel, departing that same day. The ship's next destination would be Hong Kong, China.

After a five day transit, INGRAHAM arrived in Hong Kong, for the first liberty port of the deployment. While in Hong Kong, the crew enjoyed the culture of China. Tours were arranged, and the ship's company enjoyed a fantastic stay. After three days in port, INGRAHAM left for Lamut, Malaysia.

Another 5 day transit, found INGRAHAM entering Lamut, Malaysia. The entrance to the harbor is extremely hazardous and shallow, a danger compounded by extremely inaccurate charts. The ship, however, made a safe transit using the ship's RHIB and a fathometer to test the water depth prior to the ship's passage. Unlike Hong Kong, the crew found the city to be less than exciting. On the afternoon of the 26th, happy to be leaving, INGRAHAM departed their second liberty port. On March 27th, the ship arrived in Phuket, Thailand, for what turned out to be an excellent, if short, port visit. The crew enjoyed themselves by taking every opportunity to see the local sights. May 28th brought an end to the port visit and, once again, the ship left enroute to the hot confines of the Persian Gulf.

Life in the Fifth Fleet operating area began on the 3rd of April with inchopt to Fifth Fleet. On 5 April, INGRAHAM refueled at sea with the USS DETROIT, arriving in Muscat, Oman, the following day. INGRAHAM remained inport for six days. The next task was participation in Joint Exercise Kunjar Hadd 97-2 in the Gulf of Oman. After another refueling at sea on the 14th of April with HMS Bayleaf, the ship began it's trip into the Arabian Gulf proper on the 17th of April, with a transit of the Strait of Hormuz.

Another unrep in the morning of the 18th was followed by arrival in Bahrain for turnover and installation of the Navy Mast Mounted Sight. INGRAHAM then left for the northern Arabian Gulf and Maritime Interception Operations (MIO).

Just prior to entering the area of operations, the ship refueled twice arriving late on the afternoon of the 25th in Kuwait. Inport for one day, INGRAHAM departed the 27th for Eager Sentry 97 in the Northern Arabian Gulf. Eager Sentry ended the 29th, and INGRAHAM arrived in Kuwait at 1600 that afternoon to host a reception with the U.S. Ambassador. On the 3rd of May, the ship got underway from Kuwait at 0900, enroute for the Northern Arabian Gulf and Maritime Interception Operations (MIO).

The next day, May 4th, INGRAHAM finally arrived in the Northern Arabian Gulf. The next few days were spent conducting ship boardings and diversions. On May 10th a significant event in INGRAHAM's history occurred with the arrival of the new Navigator, Lieutenant Junior Grade [REDACTED]. On the 14th of May, the ship once again completed another underway replenishment for fuel and stores. Three days later, the ship left the NAG for Doha, Qatar for a port visit.

The 20th of May in Doha marked the half way point of the deployment bringing with it a ship's over-the-hump party. Leaving Doha on the 23rd, the last port the ship would see for the next three weeks, we returned to the Northern Arabian Gulf to continue Maritime Interception Operations (MIO). The days brought more unreprs with the USS MOUNT HOOD, USNS CIMARRON, and USNS SAN JOSE. These evolutions broke the routine days filled with several boardings and slow watches.

NAG Operations took the ship into the beginning of June. Refueling with the USS CIMARRON several times in the early days of the month, the majority of INGRAHAM's time was spent back in the Maritime Interception Operations areas, just south of Iraq. On the 14th, Father's Day away from home, the ship headed for Bahrain. On 17 June, the ship anchored off of Bahrain, entering port on the 18th. After six days of exciting liberty on the U.S. Navy Base in Bahrain, the ship left Bahrain to anchor at Bahrain Bell and conduct a Safety Standdown. On the 26th of June, the ship got underway from anchor, leaving for the Strait of Hormuz

to conduct CLF escort duty. After completing the successful escort assignment, the ship replenished from USS CIMARRON and returned to anchor off Bahrain Bell. The 1st of July found the ship back in Bahrain to remove the Mast Mounted Sight and conduct our turnover for the ship's departure from the Gulf. On Independence Day, INGRAHAM departed to transit back to the United States, chopping into the Seventh Fleet area of operations four days later. On the 11th, the ship stopped for several hours in Diego Garcia for fuel and to permit a brief crew visit to the Navy Exchange. Later in the afternoon, the crew set their sights on their first post-Gulf port visit, Fremantle, Australia. The ship arrived in Fremantle for some well deserved liberty on the 19th. Two midshipman embarked on July 20th for their Summer Cruise. On the 22nd of July, the ship departed for Hobart, Australia. During the transit to Hobart, Cart I was completed and preparations made for the upcoming shipyard availability. In Hobart on the 27th, INGRAHAM was greeted by a marching band and news reporters. Many memories later on the 31st of July, the crew sadly departed Hobart, after an exceptional visit.

The next stop was Pago Pago, American Samoa, for fuel on the 7th of August. Three days later the ship chopped to Third Fleet. On the 13th of August, the ship once gain found itself in U.S. territory at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On the 15th, INGRAHAM headed for home. The trip back to Everett was eventful due to the arrival of several crewmember's families who were onboard for a Tiger Cruise. Finally on the 21st of August, after six months away, the ship arrived in Everett. The final tally for the deployment:

Days underway - 142	LBS of Laundry Washed - 22,674
Miles Traveled - 35,760	Amount of Stamps Sold - \$5,084
Gal Fuel Used - 1,733,394	Number of Eggs Cooked - 13,080
Number of Unreps - 18	Number of burgers served - 9,936
Cans of Soda Sold - 41,040	LBS incoming mail- 12,601 lbs
Number Haircuts - 3,780	Money orders sold - \$26,636

Completing a post-deployment standdown the 22nd of September, the ship moved to Indian Island for ammunition offload. On October 2nd, INGRAHAM entered Puget Sound Naval Shipyard for an extensive work package lasting through the 24th of November. On the 25th, the ship completed sea trials and returned to Everett, ready for the holidays. From the 8th of December through the 10th of December, INGRAHAM went to sea with the new Prospective Commanding Officer prior to Change of Command. On the 12th, Commander George P. Croy, III, USN, relieved Commander George J. Fullerton, USN, as Commanding Officer of USS INGRHAM (FFG-61). The year ended with the crew leaving for a well deserved period of holiday leave with their families.

January 1997
USS INGRAHAM - Long Range Schedule

			1	2	3	4
HOLIDAY STAND DOWN						
5	6	7	8 AM UNDERWAY	9	10	11
HOLIDAY STA...		UPKEEP EVERETT		MEFEX 97-1 PHASE II (NEPAC/SOCAL)		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
MEFEX 97-1 PHASE II (NEPAC/SOCAL)						
19	20	21 ARR EVERETT	22	23	24	25
MEFEX 97-1 PHASE II (NEPAC/SO...			PRE-OVERSEAS MOVEMENT PERIOD			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
PRE-OVERSEAS MOVEMENT PERIOD						

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February 1997
USS INGRAHAM - Long Range Schedule

							1
							PRE-OVERSEA...
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
PRE-OVERSEAS MOVEMENT PERIOD							
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
PRE-OVERSEAS MOVEMENT PERIOD							
16	17	18	19 READY FOR SEA UNDERWAY	20 READY FOR SEA INPORT	21 AM UNDERWAY	22	
PRE-OVERSEAS MOVEMENT PERIOD				MEFEX 97-1 PH III (ENROUTE PEA...			
23	24	25	26	27 PM ARRIVE PEARL HARBOR	28 PM UNDERWAY		
MEFEX 97-1 PH III (ENROUTE PEARL HARBOR)					ENROUTE GU...		

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March 1997
USS INGRAHAM - Long Range Schedule

							1
							ENROUTE GU...
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
							CHOP 7TH FLEET
ENROUTE GUAM							
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
		BSF GUAM	E-6 EXAM				
ENROUTE GU...	ENROUTE HONG KONG					VISIT HONG K...	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
VISIT HONG KONG		ENROUTE LUMUT					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
PM ARR LUMUT			PM UNDERWAY	PM ARR PHUKET		AM UNDERWAY	
VISIT LUMUT			VISIT PHUKET		ENROUTE NO...		
30	31						
ENROUTE NORTH ARABIAN SEA...							

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April 1997
USS INGRAHAM - Long Range Schedule

							1
							CHOP 5TH FLEET
							RAS W/DETROIT
ENROUTE NORTH ARABIAN SEA / GULF OF OMAN							
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
AM ARR MUSCAT					1300 UNDERWAY	1700 ANCHOR WUDAM	
INPORT MUSCAT						EXERCISE KUN...	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
		0800 UNDERWAY RAS-F w/BAYLEAF 2100 FORM ANCH	0745 U/W	0600 FORM ANCH 0800 UNDERWAY	TRANSIT STRAIT OF HORMUZ	0800 RAS-F w/ AMSTERDAM 1600 ARR BAHRAIN	
EXERCISE KUNJAR HADD 97-2: GULF OF OMAN					NMMS INSTALL INPORT BAHR...		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
		0800 UNDERWAY		0900 RAS-S,T w/SAN JOSE		0600 RAS-F w/ YUKON 1600 ARR KUWAIT	
NMMS INSTALL INPORT BAHRAIN		NORTH ARABIAN GULF MIO			EAGER SEN...		
27	28	29	30				
0900 UNDERWAY		1600 ARR KUWAIT	2000 RECEPTION w/AMBASSADOR	IPSTIM KUW...			
EAGER SENTRY 97: NORTH ARABIAN GULF							

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March 1997
USS INGRAHAM - Long Range Schedule

							1
							ENROUTE GU...
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
ENROUTE GUAM							
9	10 BSF GUAM	11 E-6 EXAM	12	13	14	15	
ENROUTE GU...	ENROUTE HONG KONG					VISIT HONG K...	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
VISIT HONG KONG		ENROUTE LUMUT					
23 PM ARR LUMUT	24	25	26 PM UNDERWAY	27 PM ARR PHUKET	28	29 AM UNDERWAY	
VISIT LUMUT			VISIT PHUKET		ENROUTE NO...		
30	31						
ENROUTE NORTH ARABIAN SEA...							

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April 1997
USS INGRAHAM - Long Range Schedule

		1	2	3 CHOP 5TH FLEET	4	5 RAS W/DETROIT
ENROUTE NORTH ARABIAN SEA / GULF OF OMAN						
6 AM ARR MUSCAT	7	8	9	10	11 1300 UNDERWAY	12 1700 ANCHOR WUDAM
INPORT MUSCAT						EXERCISE KUN...
13	14 0800 UNDERWAY RAS-F w/BAYLEAF 2100 FORM ANCH	15 0745 U/W	16 0600 FORM ANCH 0800 UNDERWAY	17 TRANSIT STRAIT OF HORMUZ	18 0800 RAS-F w/ AMSTERDAM 1600 ARR BAHRAIN	19
EXERCISE KUNJAR HADD 97-2: GULF OF OMAN					NMMS INSTALL INPORT BAHR...	
20	21 0800 UNDERWAY	22	23 0900 RAS-S,T w/SAN JOSE	24	25 0600 RAS-F w/ YUKON 1600 ARR KUWAIT	26 INPT KUWAIT
NMMS INSTALL INPORT BAHRAIN		NORTH ARABIAN GULF MIO				EAGER SEN...
27 0900 UNDERWAY	28	29 1600 ARR KUWAIT	30 2000 RECEPTION w/AMBASSADOR			
EAGER SENTRY 97: NORTH ARABIAN GULF			IPTSTM KUW...			

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May 1997
USS INGRAHAM - Long Range Schedule

				1	2	3 0900 UNDERWAY ENROUTE NAG
				IPSTM KUWAIT		
4 0700 RAS-S,T w/SAN JOSE	5	6 0715 RAS-F w/ YUKON	7	8	9	10
NORTH ARABIAN GULF MIO						
11	12	13	14 1330 RAS-F,S,T w/YUKON	15	16	17
NORTH ARABIAN GULF MIO						
18 ENROUTE DOHA	19 PM ARR DOHA	20 SHIP'S OTH PARTY	21	22	23 PM UNDERWAY ENROUTE NAG	24 AWR ESCORT DUTIES
INPORT DOHA					MIO NORTH A...	
25 1500 RAS-A w/MT HOOD	26	27 0700 RAS-F w/ CIMARRON	28 0800 RAS-S,T w/SAN JOSE	29	30	31
MIO NORTH ARABIAN GULF						

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June 1997
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1	2	3	4 RAS-F w/ CIMARRON	5	6	7
MIO NORTH ARABIAN GULF						
8	9 RAS-F,V w/ CIMARRON	10	11	12	13	14
MIO NORTH ARABIAN GULF						
15 FATHER'S DAY	16 RAS-F,S,T w/ YUKON	17 ANCHORED BAHRAIN	18 AM ARR BAHRAIN	19	20	21
MIO NORTH ARABIAN GULF			INPORT BAHRAIN - RAV			
22	23	24	25 AM UNDERWAY ANCHORED BAHRAIN BELL 1300 SAFETY STANDDOWN	26 ENR SOH	27 CLF ESCORT DUTIES TRANSIT SOH	28 RAS-A w/ CIMARRON TRANSIT SOH
INPORT BAHRAIN - RAV						
29	30					
ANCHORED BAHRAIN BELL						

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July 1997
USS INGRAHAM - Long Range Schedule

		1 AM ARRIVE BAHRAIN NMMS REMOVAL	2	3	4 AM UNDERWAY RAS-S,T w/SAN JOSE	5 TRANSIT SOH
INPORT BAHRAIN						
6	7	8	9 CHOP 7FLT	10	11 BSF DIEGO GARCIA	12
MULTI-SHIP SAIL GOO/ARABIAN SEA			TRANSIT FREMANTLE, AS			
13	14	15	16 RAS-F w/ GUADALUPE	17	18	19 AM ARR FREMANTLE
MID-CYCLE ASSESSMENT						VISIT FREMAN...
TRANSIT FREMANTLE, AS						
20 MIDN EMBARK	21	22 AM UNDERWAY	23	24	25	26 WDC
VISIT FREMANTLE, AS		PE/PSNS/SF FINAL WP REVIEW				
CART I						
TRANSIT HOBART, AS						
27 AM ARR HOBART	28	29	30	31 AM UNDERWAY		
VISIT HOBART, AS						

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August 1997
USS INGRAHAM - Long Range Schedule

						1	2
CART I							
TRANSIT PEARL HARBOR							
3	4	5	6	7 BSF PAGO PAGO	8	9	
CART I							
TRANSIT PEARL HARBOR							
10 CHOP 3FLT	11	12	13 0800 ARRIVE	14 MIDN DEBARK	15 0800 UNDERWAY	16	
CART I			VISIT PEARL HARBOR		TIGER CRUISE		
TRANSIT PEARL HARBOR							
17	18	19	20	21 1000 ARR EVERETT VOLUNTEER DUTY SECTION	22	23	
TIGER CRUISE				STAND DOWN / SIMA (714) AVAIL			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
STAND DOWN / SIMA (714) AVAIL							
31							
STAND DOW...							

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September 1997
USS INGRAHAM - Long Range Schedule

	1	2	3	4 E-4 EXAM	5	6
STAND DOWN / SIMA (714) AVAIL						
7	8	9 E-5 EXAM	10	11 E-6 EXAM	12	13
STAND DOWN / SIMA (714) AVAIL						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
STAND DOWN / SIMA (714) AVAIL						STAND DOWN
21	22 AM UNDERWAY	23 PM ARR EVERETT	24	25	26	27
STAND DOWN	OFFLOAD INDIAN ISLAND		SRA PSNS / IMAV			
28	29	30				
SRA PSNS / IMAV						

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October 1997
USS INGRAHAM - Long Range Schedule

			1	2 AM UNDERWAY TO PSNS	3	4
SRA PSNS / IMAV						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
CARGO-WEPS ELEVATOR SUPPORT PROGRAM						
SRA PSNS / IMAV						
12	13 COLUMBUS DAY NAVY'S 222ND BIRTHDAY	14	15	16	17	18
SRA PSNS / IMAV						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
SRA PSNS / IMAV						
26 SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR	27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN	
SRA PSNS / IMAV						

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November 1997
USS INGRAHAM - Long Range Schedule

							1
							SRA PSNS / IMAV
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
IAAV / ASIR TECH ASSIST							
SRA PSNS / IMAV							
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
VETERANS DAY							
SRA PSNS / IMAV							
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
SRA PSNS / IMAV							
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
FAST CRUISE PSNS		SEA TRIALS			THANKSGIVING	HOLIDAY ROUTINE	
SRA PSNS / IMAV			UPKEEP - EVERETT				
30							

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December 1997
USS INGRAHAM - Long Range Schedule

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	AM UNDERWAY	PM ARR EVERETT	REFUEL (F44/F76)			
	ONLOAD INDIAN ISLAND		UPKEEP EVERETT			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	AM UNDERWAY		PM ARR EVERETT		CHANGE OF COMMAND SISCAL (THRU 22DEC)	IMAV EVERETT
	TYPE TRAINING NORTHEAST PACIFIC					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	ISIC PQS ASSESSMENT			CHRISTMAS PARTY		
	ASIR / AAV			LATR		HOLIDAY STA...
	IMAV EVERETT					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	CHRISTMAS					
	IMAV EVERETT					
	HOLIDAY STAND DOWN					
28	29	30	31			
			NEW YEAR'S EVE			
	IMAV EVERETT					
	HOLIDAY STAND DOWN					

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