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K. J. COSGRIFF

USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG-49) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1988

PART 1. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Time Period: January-April 1988

Mission: REFIT, Interim Deployment Phase.

Operational Control: COMNAVSURFLANT (Immediate Senior in Command: Commander, Destroyer Squadron SIX).

Time Period: April-October 1988

Mission: Deployed to forces, Joint Task Force Middle East.

Operational Control: Commander, Joint Task Force Middle East (JTFME). Under opxon of COMSECONDEFLT, COMSIXTHFLT AND CINCSNAVEUR during various phases of in chop and out chop.

Commanding Officer: CDR B.L. Lewis, USN, relieved by CDR R.J. Cosgriff on 9 December 1988.

Permanent Duty Station/Homeport: Charleston, South Carolina.

Aircraft Assigned: One Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System (LAMPS) MkIII, SH-60B SEAHAWK Helicopter from Helicopter Light Anti-Submarine Squadron FOUR TWO (HSL-42), Detachment SEVEN, PROULWARRIORS. Homeport: Mayport, Florida. Detachment assigned at various times throughout the year.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S BIOGRAPHY

CDR B.L. Lewis's biography is included in ROBERT G. BRADLEY'S previous Command History dtd 24 March 1988.

Commander Kevin J. Cosgriff was born in [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. He attended the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, was commissioned and graduated in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science Degree and immediately began active duty with the Navy via Surface Warfare Officers School.

Commander Cosgriff served on the pre-commissioning crew of USS WABASH (AOR-5) as Assistant First Lieutenant and following a transit around South America, deployed twice to Southeast Asia. Subsequently he attended the Defense Intelligence School in Washington, D.C. with a follow-on tour with the Defense Intelligence Agency as a Soviet Navy Analyst and Soviet Desk Officer in the National Military Intelligence Center. During this period, Commander Cosgriff was the first person to complete the requirements for a Master of Science degree in Strategic Intelligence. Following Department Head School, he reported to USS FANNING (FF-1076) in 1978 as Engineer Officer; a tour that included a deployment to the Indian Ocean in support of the Iranian Hostage Crisis.

In October 1980, Commander Cosgriff was assigned to the staff of Commander Destroyer Squadron THIRTEEN as Material Officer. This billet brought a deployment to Northern Pacific waters. His next assignment was Executive Assistant to the Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy (OP-60) in the OPNAV Staff. While on shore duty, Commander Cosgriff completed the U.S.

Naval War College off-campus program and received the Naval War College Foundation Award for Outstanding Performance. His Executive Officer tour began in July 1984 onboard USS ARTHUR W. RADFORD (DD-958) and took him to the Persian Gulf where the ship served as flagship for Commander Middle East Force for the entire deployment. Subsequently, he was assigned to the Office of Legislative Affairs in March 1986 as Assistant Deputy for House Liaison. The next two years were spent on Capitol Hill working with the members and staff of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Commander Cosgriff's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (with one gold star), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (with two gold stars) and the Navy Achievement Medal.

He has three children, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who reside in [REDACTED] with their mother.

PART II - CHRONOLOGY
JANUARY - DECEMBER 1988

JAN 88	OPCON: 1-11 15-31 JAN	COMDESRON SIX Leave and Upkeep Period Fleet Exercises with USS John Hancock (DD-981), USS Nicholas (FFG-47), USS Halyburton (FFG-40) and HMNLS Piet Hein
FEB 88	1-22 22-26	Workup for Inspection and Survey (INSURV) Team Visit INSURV Inspection CINCLANTFLT
MAR 88	7-11 14-25 29	Combat Systems Readiness Review (Phase I) Combat Systems Readiness Review (Phase II) Begin Pre-Overseas Movement (POM)
APR 88	OPCON: 1-27 11-13 13-27 28-30	COMDESRON SIX/COMSECONDFLT Predeployment Workups for MEF 2-88 Command Inspection, COMDESRON SIX Upkeep, POM Underway Middle East Force Deployment 2-88
MAY 88	OPCON: 1-10 11-15 16 23-24 30 31	COMSIXTHFLT/CINCUSNAVEUR Transit to Benidorm, Spain Port Visit Benidorm, Spain Underway for Port Said, Egypt Suez Canal Transit Brief Stop for Fuel at Mina Raysut, Oman Underway Persian Gulf Operations Area
JUN 88	OPCON: 3 3-4 4 6 12-14 14-18 18-21 22-24 24-30	COMMIDEASTFOR Bluewater Turnover, USS Stump (DD-978) First Straits of Hormuz Transit Through Silkworm Envelope Detach Radar Pickett Station Duties, Radar Pickett Station South (RPSS) Mine-Hunting Activities with USS TRENTON (LPH-14) in Radar Pickett Station North (RPSN) Merchant Convoy Operations with Merchant Vessel Surf City Merchant Convoy Operations with Merchant Vessels Chesapeake City, and Overseas Valdez Merchant Convoy Operations with Merchant Vessels Ocean City, and Gas King Port Visit Sitrah, Bahrain Merchant Convoy Operations with Merchant Vessel Rover
JUL 88	1-3 3 4-5	Air Surveillance Operations at RPSN Brief Stop for Fuel, Sitrah, Bahrain Merchant Convoy Operations with Merchant Vessels Patriot, and Sea Isle City

	8	Brief Stop for Fuel Sitrah, Bahrain
	10-12	Merchant Convoy Operations with Merchant Vessel Townsend
	12	Brief Stop for Fuel Mina Oud*, Kuwait
	13	Merchant Convoy Operations with Merchant Vessel Gas Prince
	14-17	Air Surveillance Operations at Northern Persian Gulf (NPG)
	15	Real World Gunboat Operations Near Farsi Island
	19	Brief Stop for Fuel Sitrah, Bahrain
	20-29	Air Surveillance Operations at NPG
	23	Secretary of the Navy, CJTFME Visit
	29-31	Transit to Ras Al Hadd, Oman
AUG 88	1-6	Tender Availability with USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) Transit to NPG for Air Surveillance Operations
	10-16	Air Surveillance Operations at NPG
	17-18	Inport Sitrah, Bahrain
	19-22	Air Surveillance Operations at NPG
	23-25	Merchant Convoy Operations with Merchant Vessels King and Patriot.
	27-29	Merchant Convoy Operations with Merchant Vessel Sea Isle City
	29-31	Air Surveillance Operations in Strait of Hormoz Western Patrol Area (SOHWPA)
SEP 88	OPCON:	COMIDEASTFOR/COMSIXTHFLT
	1-2	Enroute Muscat, Oman
	3-5	Port Visit Muscat, Oman
	12-15	Inport Sitrah, Bahrain
	16	Air Surveillance Operations at RPSS
	17-19	Merchant Convoy Operations with Merchant Vessels Gas Prince and Gas Queen
	20	Air Surveillance Operations at SOHWPA
	21	Blue water turnover with USS Taylor (FFG-50)
	22	Enroute Djibouti, Ethiopia
	27	Brief Stop for Fuel, Djibouti, Ethiopia
	28-30	Transit Through the Red Sea
OCT 88	1	Anchor Port Suez, Egypt
	2	Transit Suez Canal
	3-5	Enroute Naples, Italy
	6-8	Port Visit Naples, Italy
	9-10	Enroute Palma De Mallorca, Spain
	11-13	Inport Palma De Mallorca, Spain
	14-15	Enroute Rota, Spain
	16	Brief Stop for Fuel in Rota, Spain
	17-18	Enroute Ponta Delgado Azores
	20-27	Enroute Charleston, South Carolina
	28	Arrive in Charleston, South Carolina
	29-31	Inport Charleston, South Carolina
NOV 88	1-30	Leave and Upkeep Period, Charleston, South Carolina
DEC 88	1-12	Inport Charleston, South Carolina
	11-16	Engineering Mobile Training Team Visit
	16-31	Holiday Leave and Upkeep Period, Charleston, South Carolina

PART III. NARRATIVE

JANUARY

Objective: Conclude leave and upkeep period; complete successful Fleetex 1-88 and MidEastFor workup 2-88.

Results: - Embarked on FleetEx 1-88 to North Puerto Rico Operating Area with USS JOHN HANCOCK (DD-981), USS NICHOLAS (FFG-47), USS HALYBURTON (FFG-40) and Dutch ship HMNS PIET HIEN. Training included a successful missile exercise, numerous gunfire exercises with emphasis on current operations in the Persian Gulf.

FEBRUARY

Objectives: Complete a successful visit by the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV). Begin preparations for the Combat Systems Readiness Review.

Results: - Successfully completed INSURV with lowest number of discrepancies for CINCLANTFLT.
- Successful completion of Combat Systems Readiness Review; Phase 1: Administration and Phase 2: System Operations.
- Begin Intermediate Maintenance Availability.

MARCH

Objectives: Complete Intermediate Maintenance Availability, commence Pre-Overseas Movement.

Results: - Pre-Overseas Movement begun with emphasis on damage control and anti-air warfare in the current Persian Gulf environment.
- Begin preparations for Commander Destroyer Squadron Six, Command Inspection.

APRIL

Objectives: Complete Pre-Overseas Movement, Conduct a successful Command Inspection and commence Middle East Force Deployment 2-88.

Results: - Successfully completed Pre-Overseas Movement.
- Successfully conducted Command Inspection with no major discrepancies.
- Commenced MEF Deployment 2-88 with USS FAHRION (FFG-22), USS HALYBURTON (FFG-40) and USS NICHOLAS (FFG-47).
- Rendezvous with USS JOHN HANCOCK (DD-981), Commander Destroyer Squadron Twenty embarked.
- Embarked Helicopter Light Anti-Submarine Squadron FOUR TWO, Detachment SEVEN (HSL-42, DET 7), PROUDWARRIORS with one SH-60B LAMPS MkIII SEAHAWK Helicopter.

MAY

Objectives: Conduct transit to Persian Gulf Operating Area while conducting Pre-Deployment Workup.

Results: - Transit North Atlantic as part of MEF 2-88 Task Force, enroute to Persian Gulf. Conducted numerous pre-deployment exercises with emphasis on anti-air warfare, anti-mine warfare, anti-ship missile defense, merchant convoy operations, helicopter ship surveillance and combatting a major damage conflagration.

- Completed ship's first transit of the Suez Canal.
- Liberty Port visit in Benidorm, Spain.

JUNE

Objectives: Continue transit to Persian Gulf Operating Area.

Results: - Arrived Persian Gulf Operating Area and conducted Blue Water turnover with USS STUMP (DD-978).

- Conducted first transit through Strait of Hormuz to Radar Pickett Station North (RPSN).
- Completed successful Convoy Escort Operations with merchant vessels SURF CITY, CHESAPEAKE CITY, OVERSEAS VALDEZ, OCEAN CITY, GAS KING and MIDDLETOWN.
- Conducted liberty port visit in Sitrah, Bahrain.
- Conducted Air Surveillance Operations in Northern Persian Gulf operating area.
- Briefly embarked Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWENTY FIVE.

JULY

Objectives: Continue Persian Gulf operations as part of MEF 2-88.

Results: - Completed successful Convoy Escort Operations with merchant vessels PATRIOT, SEA ISLE CITY, TOWNSEND, GAS PRINCE and ROVER.

- Conducted real world gunboat operations assisting a Liberian tanker who was under fire from Iranian patrol boats off the coast of Farsi Island. Proceeded to the limits of the Iranian Exclusion Zone and warned off Iranian Patrol Boats.
- Hosted the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable William L. Ball and Commander Joint Task Force Middle East, RADM Anthony Less for a ship visit while conducting Air Surveillance Operations in the Northern Persian Gulf.

AUGUST

Objectives: Continue Persian Gulf operations as part of MEF 2-88.

Results: - Completed successful Tender Availability with USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39).

- Continued Northern Persian Gulf Air Surveillance Operations in company with USS VANDERGRIFT (FFG-48) during which time located and destroyed a type Myan Iranian Floating Mine.
- Conducted operations in the Strait of Hormuz Western Patrol Area (SOWPA).
- Completed successful Convoy Escort Operations with merchant vessels GAS KING, PATRIOT and SEA ISLE CITY.
- Liberty port visit in Sitran, Bahrain.
- Conducted operations in Radar Pickett Station South (RPSS).

SEPTEMBER

Objectives: Complete Persian Gulf Operations as part of MEF 2-88; outchop to Mediterranean.

- Results:
- Liberty port visit in Muskat, Oman.
 - Completed Convoy Escort Operations with merchant vessels SEA ISLE CITY, GAS PRINCE, GAS QUEEN and COURIER.
 - Conducted operations in RPSS.
 - Conducted operations in SOWPA.
 - Conducted Blue Water Turnover with USS TAYLOR (FFG-50).
 - Outchopped Persian Gulf Operating Area.
 - During Persian Gulf operations, as part of MEF 2-88, ROBERT G. BRADLEY:
 - Completed 24 transits through the Strait of Hormuz, Iranian Silkworm missile envelope.
 - Logged 800+ safe flight hours and 1100 accident free small ship deck landings with the HSL-42 Helo detachment.
 - Conducted 8 vertical replenishments and 7 underway replenishments.
 - Was under the operational control of Commander Second Fleet, Commander Sixth Fleet, Commander in Chief, United States Naval Forces Europe and Commander Joint Task Force Middle East at various times.
 - Received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and Sea Service Ribbon (Second Award).

OCTOBER

Objectives: Continue Outchop MEF 2-88.

- Results:
- Transitted Suez Canal for the second time.
 - Liberty port visit Naples, Italy.
 - Liberty port visit Palma, Spain.
 - Arrived homeport, Charleston, SC for conclusion of MEF 2-88 Deployment.
 - Debark HSL-42, DET 7.

NOVEMBER

Objectives: Commence preparations for Engineering Mobile Training Team (EMTT) visit; conduct leave and upkeep.

- Results:
- Conducted end of deployment leave and upkeep.

- Conducted numerous engineering operational control and casualty drills in preparation for upcoming EMTT visit.

DECEMBER

Objectives: Completed successful EMTT; commenced Holiday leave and upkeep for the crew.

Results: - Completed a successful EMTT visit with no major discrepancies.

PART IV. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

COMDESRON THREE SIX 310215 JAN 88 (APPENDIX A)

COMDESRON SIX 262052 FEB 88 (APPENDIX B)

MEF NSIWU PAC 201555Z JUN 88 (APPENDIX C)

CJTTFME 212200Z SEP 88 (APPENDIX D)

COMDESRON SIX 091418Z DEC 88 (APPENDIX E)

Honorable William L. Ball ltr dtd 06 AUG 88 (APPENDIX F)

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COMSECONDEFLT 041330Z APR 89

USS ROBERT G BRADLEY 020515Z AUG 89

COMDESRON SIX 211127Z AUG 89

COMNAVSTAFLANT NORFOLK VA 120740Z SEP 89

COMDESRON SIX 011430Z DEC 89

COMDESRON TWO TWO 082023Z DEC 89