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From: Commanding Officer, USS TICONDEROGA (CG-47)
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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

Encl: (1) TICONDEROGA Command History for 1988

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted
for historical record.

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J.L. WILLSON
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COMMAND HISTORY
USS TICONDEROGA (CG-47) - "FIRST AND FORMIDABLE"
1 JANUARY 1988 - 31 DECEMBER 1988

1. Command Composition and Organization

USS TICONDEROGA is the lead ship of her class of guided missile cruisers, the first surface combatants equipped with the AEGIS weapons system. Designed for Anti-Air Warfare, her other primary missions of Anti-Surface Warfare, Anti-submarine Warfare and Command and Control combine to give her a tremendous multi-warfare capability, strengthening a Battle Group's effectiveness, defense, and survivability. Homeported in Norfolk, Virginia, as a member of Cruiser-Destroyer Group EIGHT, she is commanded by Captain James M. Arrison, III.

2. Chronology

10 SEP 87 - 10 MAR 88	Embark HSL 32 DET 4
15 DEC 87 - 9 JAN 88	Anti-Air Warfare Commander for Commander, Battle Group ALPHA in the North Arabian Sea
6 JAN	EARNEST WILL mission 88001 (Covering Force/Patrol OPS)
7 JAN	EARNEST WILL mission 88002 Escort Duties
10 JAN - 15 JAN	IMAV with USS CAPE COD (AD-43), vicinity Masirah Anchorage
16 JAN - 10 FEB	Patrol OPS North Arabian Sea
11 FEB - 12 FEB	EARNEST WILL mission 88011 (Escort Duties)
12 FEB	Patrol OPS North Arabian Sea
13 FEB - 20 FEB	Enroute Suez Canal
20 FEB	Transit Suez Canal
20 FEB - 26 FEB	ENR Rota, Spain
26 FEB - 28 FEB	Port visit Rota, Spain/3M Inspection
29 FEB - 09 MAR	ENR Norfolk, Virginia
07 Mar - 09 MAR	OPPE
10 MAR	Arrive Norfolk, Virginia
10 MAR - 11 APR	Inport Norfolk
11 APR	Embark HSL 36 DET 4
11 APR - 15 APR	Underway VCOA for VANDALEX
15 APR - 24 APR	Inport Norfolk
25 APR - 26 APR	Enroute Newport, Rhode Island
27 APR - 02 MAY	Port visit Newport (SWOSCOLCOM School Ship)
03 MAY - 05 MAY	ENR Norfolk (SOSMRC School Ship)
06 MAY - 12 JUN	Inport Norfolk
09 May - 10 JUN	IMAV, USS SHENANDOAH (AD 44)
23 MAY - 27 MAY	Command Inspection
13 JUN - 27 JUN	Advance Phase training for USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (Puerto Rico OP AREA)
17 JUN - 19 JUN	Port visit ST. Maarten, Netherlands, Antilles

24 JUN	MISSILEX
25 JUN - 27 JUN	ENR Norfolk
28 JUN - 04 JUL	Inport Norfolk
01 JUL - 09 JUL	EMB Midshipmen/LANTRAMID II
10 JUL - 12 AUG	EMB Midshipmen/LANTRAMID III
11 JUL - 14 JUL	CORTRAMID (VACAPES OPAREA)
11 JUL - 26 JUL	Law Enforcement Ops (TACLET embarked)
15 JUL - 16 JUL	ENR AUTEK OPAREA
15 JUL - 16 JUL	POPS 0234-04
17 JUL - 19 JUL	TYT AUTEK OPAREA
17 JUL - 18 JUL	AUTEK D-SVC (SSN 708)
19 JUL	AUTEK 0234-04 (SSN 702)
20 JUL - 22 JUL	Port visit Nassau, Bahamas
23 JUL - 25 JUL	ENR Norfolk
25 JUL - 11 AUG	Inport Norfolk
11 AUG - 05 SEP	LANTRAMID IV
12 AUG - 14 AUG	ENR WLANT
15 AUG - 01 SEP	Law Enforcement Ops (COMCARIBRON embarked)
30 AUG - 01 SEP	Port visit, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
02 SEP	ENR Aruba
03 SEP - 05 SEP	Port visit, Aruba
06 SEP	ENR Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
07 SEP - 08 SEP	Mid-term Training Assessment, FTG GTMO
09 SEP - 10 SEP	Enroute Norfolk
11 SEP - 16 OCT	Inport Norfolk
12 SEP - 30 OCT	IMAV with USS VULCAN (AR 5)
17 OCT - 20 OCT	VACAPES OPAREA (GTMTT)
21 OCT - 23 OCT	Inport Norfolk
24 OCT	Dependent's Cruise
24 OCT - 26 OCT	Weapons Offload, Yorktown Naval Weapons Station
26 OCT	Enroute Norfolk
27 OCT - 07 NOV	INPT Norfolk
08 Nov - 31 DEC	DSRA - 3, Norfolk Naval Shipyard

3. Narrative

TICONDEROGA began 1988 in the North Arabian Sea acting as Anti-Air Warfare Commander for Commander, Battle Group ALPHA. As part of Battle Group Alpha, a Pacific Fleet battle group centered around the USS MIDWAY (CV 41), TICONDEROGA provided air surveillance and fulfilled escort tasking during this second half of her BBBG 1-87 deployment. TICONDEROGA had joined Battle Group Alpha, along with the USS IOWA and the USS DEYO, in December of 1987 in order to augment the Pacific Fleet forces in their mission of providing support to the Persian Gulf and Strait of Hormuz EARNEST WILL convoy mission. During this period, TICONDEROGA participated in seven convoy missions into the Strait of Hormuz.

In February, upon completion of the EARNEST WILL OPS, TICONDEROGA and IOWA departed for the North Arabian Sea and the Suez Canal. After a three day port visit in Rota, Spain (the first liberty and shore leave seen by TICONDEROGA sailors in 82 consecutive days), TICONDEROGA headed for Norfolk on 29 February. On 10 March, TICONDEROGA enjoyed a heart warming welcome home in Norfolk after an arduous six month deployment which saw the ship transit from the Arctic Circle to the Equator and operate in three unique ocean environments, the North Atlantic, the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean.

During the month of May, TICONDEROGA conducted an IMAV with USS Shenandoah (AD 44) and successfully completed a Command Inspection by the COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT Staff.

Leaving Norfolk on 10 June, TICONDEROGA joined with USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) and assumed escort operations in the Puerto Rican Operating Area (PROA). While underway, the ship had the opportunity to test much of its combat systems equipment during ASW OPS and a MISSILEX in the PROA. The highlight of the month came when the ship pulled into ST. Maarten for a three day port visit.

Most of July was spent underway. A trip out to the VACAPES early in the month gave TICONDEROGA the opportunity to participate in CORTRAMID II (a training period for second class midshipman) along with USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59) and USS SOUTH CAROLINA (CGN 37) while she worked her way south to the AUTEK ASW range.

Also during this time, an embarked Coast Guard law enforcement detachment laid the groundwork for the law enforcement special operations which were to follow in August. After a three day port visit to Nassau, Bahamas on 20-22 July, TICONDEROGA returned to Norfolk for two and a half weeks.

On 12 August, TICONDEROGA left Norfolk on its final Caribbean cruise of the summer. Sailing with both COMCARIBRON, the Coast Guard SPECOPS staff, and a law enforcement detachment, the ship headed south. Over the next two weeks, TICONDEROGA searched "profile" targets which might be transporting illegal contraband. Though a great many vessels were interrogated during this time frame, and several searched, nothing of interest was found by the TICONDEROGA/Coast Guard team.

While in Trinidad and Tobago and Aruba for a post SPECOPS port visit, TICONDEROGA received a message tasking her to stop in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for a two day Mid-Term assessment of her training status. On 9 September, after achieving satisfactory results, the ship headed north to Norfolk.

On 17 October, TICONDEROGA went to sea to conduct its final operational tests before heading into Norfolk Naval Shipyard for the November Selected Restricted Availability, including a review of engineering procedures by a Gas Turbine Mobile Training Team. Following a quick three day stay in Norfolk, TICONDEROGA loaded up a group of NJROTC cadets and dependents and headed to Yorktown, Virginia on an orientation cruise while enroute to its pre-SRA weapons offload at the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station.

Returning to Norfolk on 26 October, TICONDEROGA began the final preparations for her NNSY SRA. The ship departed Norfolk on 8 November to commence her third selected restrictive availability, a period of intense maintenance to end in February 1989.

4. Statistics

- a. Personnel assigned:
 - Officers 29
 - Enlisted 332
- b. Days underway 139
- c. Nautical miles steamed 28,006
- d. Days in homeport 209
- e. Consecutive days underway 83
- f. Ammunition expended:
 - Standard missiles 3
 - Anti-submarine rockets 1
 - Torpedoes 4
 - Harpoon missiles 0
 - 5"/54 rounds 321
 - CIWS 20mm 6,200
 - SRBOC 0
- g. Total control hours for helo/fixed wing ASW aircraft - 506
- h. Total fighter aircraft controlled - 164
- i. Total number of intercepts - 472

5. Awards and Medals Earned:

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, 06 Dec 87 - 13 Feb 88
Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon (two awards),
11 Jul 88 - 26 Jul 88; 12 Aug 88 - 30 Aug 88
CRUDESGRU EIGHT Golden Anchor Nominee for 1988
CRUDESGRU EIGHT LAMPS MK I Safety Award Nominee for 1988

6. Supporting Documents:

Commanding Officer's Narrative Reports for 1988
CO biography/Ship's Welcome Aboard pamphlet
CO photo

Copy of Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal Notice
Copy Coast Guard Special Service Operations Ribbon Message
Copy Annual Ship - Helicopter Safety Award Nomination
Copy CRUDESGRU EIGHT LAMPS Safety Award Endorsement
Copy Golden Anchor Nomination/ GROUP 8 Endorsement
Ship's color photo