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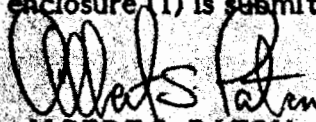
From: Commanding Officer, USS BROOKE (FFG 1)
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Subj: USS BROOKE (FFG 1) COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV REPORT SYMBOL 5750-1)

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Encl: (1) USS BROOKE (FFG 1) Command History 1985

1. (U) In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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1. Command Mission, Composition and Organization:

a. USS BROOKE is the first of the FFG-1 class ships whose mission is to provide AAW, ASU, and ASW self defense and to effectively provide local area protection to underway replenishment groups, amphibious groups, and other military shipping against air, surface, and subsurface threats. BROOKE can also provide some NGFS support and make a limited contribution to Carrier Battle Group or SAG defense by supplementing other battle group assets. Accordingly, the following primary and secondary warfare mission areas are assigned:

(1) Primary:

- (a) Anti-Air Warfare (AAW)
- (b) Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW)
- (c) Anti-Surface Ship Warfare (ASU)
- (d) Command, Control, and Communications (CCC)
- (e) Electronic Warfare (ELW)
- (f) Mobility (MOB)

(2) Secondary:

- (a) Amphibious Warfare (AMW)
- (b) Intelligence (INT)
- (c) Fleet Support Operations (FSO)
- (d) Mine Warfare (MIW)
- (e) Non-Combat Operations (NCO)

b. USS BROOKE's Commanding Officer was CDR Albert S. Paton.

c. Chain of Command:

- (1) Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group FIVE
- (2) Commander Destroyer Squadron THIRTEEN

2. (C) Chronology of Events for 1986:

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS FOR 1986

01JAN-05MAR	Inport San Diego, CA MTT Phase 1
06MAR	Underway ISE
07MAR-12MAR	Inport San Diego, CA
13MAR	Underway Transit Seal Beach, CA
14MAR	Inport Seal Beach, CA Missile Offload

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26JAN-10FEB	Inport San Diego, CA
11FEB-15FEB	Inport CSRT San Diego, CA
16FEB-04MAR	Inport San Diego, CA
05MAR-13MAR	Underway Kernal Usher 2-85 SOCAL OPAREAS
14MAR-27MAR	Inport San Diego, CA
28MAR	Underway ISE SOCAL OPAREAS
29MAR-07APR	Inport San Diego, CA
08APR	Load North Island, CA
09APR	Inport San Diego, CA
10APR-15APR	Underway COMPTUEX 4-85 SOCAL OPAREAS
16APR-30APR	Pre-Overseas Maintenance San Diego, CA
01MAY	Sea Trials SOCAL OPAREAS
02MAY	Load Seal Beach, CA
03MAY-14MAY	Pre-Overseas Maintenance San Diego, CA
15MAY-21MAY	Multi-Ship Transit Enroute Pearl Harbor, HI
22MAY-24MAY	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
25MAY-10JUN	Multi-Ship Transit Enroute Subic Bay, RP
11JUN-22JUN	Inport Subic Bay, RP
23JUN-25JUN	Group Sail Enroute Persian Gulf
26JUN	Brief Stop For Fuel Singapore
27JUN-29JUN	Group Sail Enroute Persian Gulf
30JUN	Brief Stop For Fuel Colombo, Sri Lanka
01JUL-04JUL	Group Sail Enroute Persian Gulf
06JUL-17JUL	Surveillance OPS Persian Gulf
18JUL-22JUL	Inport Bahrain
05JUL	INCHOP CMEF

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23JUL-30JUL	Surveillance OPS Persian Gulf
31JUL-10AUG	Inport Dubai, UAE
11AUG-28AUG	Surveillance OPS Persian Gulf
29AUG-30AUG	Anchor Bahrain
31AUG-04SEP	Surveillance OPS Persian Gulf
05SEP	OUTCHOP CMEF
06SEP-09SEP	Group Sail Enroute Australia
10SEP	Brief Stop For Fuel Colombo, Sri Lanka
11SEP-14SEP	Group Sail Enroute Australia
15SEP	Brief Stop For Fuel Singapore
16SEP	Group Sail Enroute Australia
17SEP	Brief Stop For Fuel Surabaya, Indonesia
18SEP-19SEP	Group Sail Enroute Australia
20SEP-21SEP	Port Visit Darwin, Australia
22SEP-26SEP	Group Sail Enroute Sydney, Australia
27SEP	Brief Stop For Fuel Cairns, Australia
28SEP-30SEP	Group Sail Enroute Sydney, Australia
01OCT-07OCT	Port Visit Sydney, Australia
08OCT-13OCT	Underway Coral Sea 85
14OCT-17OCT	Group Sail Enroute Brisbane, Australia
18OCT-21OCT	Port Visit Brisbane, Australia
22OCT-25OCT	Group Sail Enroute Suva, Fiji
27OCT-28OCT	Group Sail Enroute Nuku Alofa, Tonga
29OCT-30OCT	Port Visit Nuku Alofa, Tonga
31OCT	Group Sail Enroute Pago Pago, American Samoa
26OCT-27OCT	Port Visit Suva, Fiji

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01NOV	Port Visit Pago Pago, American Samoa
02NOV-08NOV	Group Sail Enroute Pearl Harbor, HI
09NOV-10NOV	Port Visit Pearl Harbor, HI
11NOV-17NOV	TRANSITEX 86-3 Tiger Cruise Enroute San Diego, CA
18NOV-31DEC	Inport San Diego, CA

3. (C) Summary of Operations:

USS BROOKE (FFG 1) was underway 160 days and inport 200 days during 1985. The operating schedule included READIEX 1-85 (17JAN-22JAN), CSRT (11FEB-15FEB), Kernal Usher 2-85 (05MAR-13MAR), COMPTUEX 4-85 (10APR-15APR), and a Western Pacific/Indian Ocean Deployment which include Persian Gulf Operations (05JUL-05SEP) and a major fleet exercise with the Royal Australian Navy, Coral Sea 85 (08OCT-13OCT).

The month of January found USS BROOKE finished with all of her major inspections and basic training evolutions, and needed only to complete advanced Fleet training to be prepared for deployment. After the Holiday upkeep, and short ready-for-sea period in early January, BROOKE participated in the first of three major pre-deployment Fleet exercises, READIEX 1-85.

The entire month of February was spent inport for upkeep and training. The ship conducted Combat System readiness training 11-15 February, and after a ready-for-sea period in late February, got underway 05-13 March for Kernal Usher 2-85. This was a major Amphibious exercise conducted in the Southern California OPAREAS. The rest of March was spent inport conducting training and upkeep.

On 08 April BROOKE conducted an ammunition onload at NAS North Island, CA. 10-15 April BROOKE participated in the final Fleet exercise prior to deployment, COMPTUEX 4-85. The rest of April was spent in a pre-overseas maintenance (POM) availability, where many final repairs and last minute jobs were completed.

On 02 May BROOKE completed her final pre-deployment ammunition onload at Seal Beach, CA and then returned to San Diego for the final 2 weeks of POM.

On 15 May BROOKE began her deployment sailing in company with USS REID and USS KANSAS CITY, arriving in Pearl Harbor 22 May for 3 days of Persian Gulf and Western Pacific/Indian Ocean threat briefs. On 25 May, the same group of ships sailed for Subic Bay R.P., arriving 10 June for a 12 day upkeep period. On 18 June Capt. Barry M. Plott was relieved by CDR Albert S. Paton in a change of command ceremony held aboard USS BROOKE at Naval Station Subic Bay, RP.

USS BROOKE and USS REID sailed for the Persian Gulf on 23 June, stopping briefly for fuel in Singapore 26 June, and Colombo, Sri Lanka, 30 June.

On 05 July the two ships INCHOPPED to COMIDEASTFOR and commenced the first of four Surveillance operations in the Persian Gulf, remaining on station 06-17 July. For

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the remaining time in the Persian Gulf the two ships, though they were in constant radio contact, did not operate in the same area.

USS BROOKE was at anchorage Bahrain 18-22 July receiving boiler repairs. After experiencing a ruptured boiler tube on 06 July, BROOKE was forced to operate on only one boiler until this anchorage period when the parts and technical assistance arrived for repairs.

July 23-30 were spent again on Surveillance operations. July 31-10 August were spent in upkeep at the Dubai Shipyard, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. During this time CDR Womack was relieved by LCDR M.D. Becanson as Executive Officer.

August 11-04 September were spent on surveillance operations broken up by a brief anchorage at Bahrain 29-30 Aug.

On 05 September USS BROOKE and USS REID were relieved, OUTCHOPPED COMIDEASTFOR, departed the Persian Gulf, and commenced their transit to Australia.

After stopping briefly for fuel in Colombo Sri Lanka 10 September, Singapore 15 September and Surabaya Indonesia 17 September, BROOKE arrived in Darwin, Australia 20 September for a three day Port visit. The two ships then transited the Great Barrier Reef enroute Sydney, with a brief stop for fuel in Cairns. During the 7 day port visit in Sydney, the two ships received many briefs and attended a team trainer to prepare for exercise Coral Sea - 85. The exercise included extensive ASW operations, NGFS, live firing at towed air targets, and was culminated by a very intense maneuvering exercise with the Australian units and the two U.S. units operating at very high speeds and close interval before the Australian press. The exercise ended on 14 October, and the two ships commenced a three day transit to Brisbane for a four day port visit.

The two ships departed Brisbane 22 October, and started the transit home. On the way port visits were made in Suva, Fiji 26-27 October, Nuka Alofa, Tonga 29-30 October, Pago Pago, American Samoa 01 November, and Pearl Harbor, HI 09-10 November. The ship returned to San Diego on 18 November 87, and the rest of 1985 was spent inport at Naval Station San Diego.

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