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Encl: (1) Command Organization
(2) Summary of Operations
(3) Narrative of Major events

1. The ship's history for the period 01 January 1980 - 31 December 1980, as submitted in enclosures (1), (2) and (3) is hereby resubmitted in accordance with reference (a). Original copy was apparently lost in the mail.


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COMMAND ORGANIZATION OF USS REEVES (CG-24)

CAPT WYNNE A. STEVENS, JR.	MAY 64 - JUL 65
CAPT RALPH S. WENTWORTH, JR.	JUL 65 - AUG 66
CAPT GORDON R. HOPWOOD	AUG 66 - FEB 68
CAPT WILTON L. ATKINSON	FEB 68 - APR 69
CAPT WILLIAM S. MAYER	AUG 70 - MAY 72
CAPT LEE BAGGETT, JR.	MAY 72 - NOV 73
CAPT RICHARD K. FONTAINE	NOV 73 - JUN 75
CAPT JERRY A. DICKMAN	JUN 75 - APR 77
CAPT MING E. CHANG	APR 77 - JUN 79
CAPT JAMES W. EGERTON	JUN 79 - PRESENT

SHIP'S SCHEDULE 1980

01 JAN - 08 JAN	INPORT, PEARL HARBOR (UPKEEP)
09 JAN - 11 JAN	UNDERWAY, MIDPAC (INDEPENDENT STEAMING)
11 JAN - 16 JAN	INPORT, PEARL HARBOR (UPKEEP)
17 JAN - 18 JAN	UNDERWAY, MIDPAC (INDEPENDENT STEAMING)
18 JAN - 21 JAN	INPORT, PEARL HARBOR (UPKEEP)
22 JAN - 01 FEB	UNDERWAY, ENROUTE GUAM (10 DAYS)
01 FEB	REFUEL, APRA HARBOR, GUAM
01 FEB - 05 FEB	UNDERWAY, ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, R. P.
05 FEB - 10 FEB	INPORT, SUBIC BAY, R. P.
11 FEB - 20 FEB	UNDERWAY, ENROUTE GULF OF OMAN
21 FEB - 25 MAR	GULF OF OMAN OPS CTG 70.2 (WITH USS NIMITZ)
26 MAR - 29 APR	GULF OF OMAN OPS CTG 70.3 (WITH USS CORAL SEA)
29 APR - 06 MAY	ENROUTE SINGAPORE
06 MAY - 09 MAY	INPORT SINGAPORE
10 MAY - 13 MAY	UNDERWAY, ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, R.P.
13 MAY - 20 MAY	INPORT, SUBIC BAY, R.P.
21 MAY - 24 MAY	UNDERWAY, ENROUTE PEARL HARBOR
25 MAY - 31 MAY	CONTINGENCY OPS, KOREAN MODLOC, EAST CHINA SEA
31 MAY - 09 JUN	ENROUTE PEARL HARBOR
09 JUN - 07 JUL	INPORT, LEAVE AND UPKEEP, PEARL HARBOR
08 JUL - 10 JUL	UNDERWAY, MIDPAC (INDEPENDENT STEAMING)
11 JUL	AMMO ONLOAD NAVMAG, LUALUALEI
11 JUL - 13 JUL	INPORT, PEARL HARBOR (UPKEEP)
14 JUL - 17 JUL	UNDERWAY, MIDPAC (INDEPENDENT STEAMING)
18 JUL - 19 JUL	AMMO ONLOAD NAVMAG, LUALUALEI
19 JUL - 03 AUG	INPORT PEARL HARBOR (POM) (PLANNED OVERSEAS MOVEMENT)

04 AUG - 14 AUG	UNDERWAY, ENROUTE YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
14 AUG - 08 SEP	INPORT, YOKOSUKA, JA (UPKEEP) CROSSDECK WITH USS WORDEN (CG 18) (19AUG)
09 SEP - 11 SEP	UNDERWAY, EOCCs IN SAGAMI WAN (INDEPENDENT STEAMING) - INCLUDED AMMO ANCHORAGE A-12 (09 SEP)
11 SEP - 06 OCT	INPORT, YOKOSUKA, JAPAN (15-19 SEP MOBILE TEAM TRAINING PHASE I INPORT) (22-25 SEP EMBARKE CTF 73 - COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC)
06 OCT - 11 OCT	UNDERWAY, ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, R. P. (ISE)
11 OCT - 15 OCT	INPORT, SUBIC BAY R. P. (EMBARKED CTF 75 - 14 OCT)
15 OCT - 19 OCT	UNDERWAY FOR TASK GROUP OPERATIONS (MISSILEX 19 OCT)
19 OCT - 21 OCT	INPORT SUBIC BAY R. P. (UPKEEP)
22 OCT - 26 OCT	UNDERWAY, ESCORT, USS RANGER
27 OCT - 30 OCT	INPORT SUBIC BAY R. P.
30 OCT - 03 NOV	UNDERWAY, ENROUTE YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
04 NOV - 22 NOV	INPORT, YOKOSUKA, JAPAN (UPKEEP)
23 NOV - 26 NOV	UNDERWAY, LOCAL OPERATIONS IN SAGAMI WAN WITH M
26 NOV - 27 NOV	INPORT, YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
28 NOV - 29 NOV	ANCHORAGE A-12 (AMMO TRANSFER)
29 NOV - 30 NOV	INPORT, YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
01 DEC - 03 DEC	UNDERWAY, NWAT
03 DEC - 15 DEC	INPORT, YOKOSUKA, JAPAN (UPKEEP)
16 DEC - 19 DEC	UNDERWAY, ESCORT USS MIDWAY
20 DEC - 31 DEC	INPORT, YOKOSUKA, JAPAN (LEAVE AND UPKEEP) ASIR CERTIFICATION INSPECTION

NARRATIVE OF MAJOR EVENTS

USS REEVES (CG-24) spent the first three weeks of 1980 making final preparations for her upcoming Indian Ocean deployment. REEVES had shown through her numerous operational, inspection and training successes of 1979 that she was in a high state of material readiness, and was well prepared for the many challenges presented to her during 1980.

REEVES left Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on 22 January 1980 and headed for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines via Apra Harbor in Guam. REEVES spent six days in Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines moored outboard of USS WORDEN (CG-18), the ship she would replace beginning August 1980 as the forward deployed cruiser stationed in Yokosuka, Japan. A crossdeck conference was held to determine the extent to which personnel would be exchanged between the two ships in August.

REEVES left Subic Bay on 11 February 1980 and headed for the Gulf of OMAN. REEVES, with her outstanding reputation, was the subject of much debate over which battle group (NIMITZ or CORAL SEA) she would support. REEVES served as Positive Identification Radar Advisory Zone (PIRAZ) and Force Anti-Air Warfare Coordinator (FAAWC) for the NIMITZ Battle Group until 25 March 1980 under CTG 70.2. She then shifted to TG 70.3 until 29 April 1980. On 29 April REEVES was relieved of her duties and out-chopped on her way to SINGAPORE. REEVES had spent 86 straight days without a port visit, a record exceeded only by the aircraft carriers.

REEVES spent a well deserved 4 days liberty in the intriguing port of SINGAPORE before continuing on to Subic Bay, R.P. where she spent a week of upkeep.

Enclosure (3)

She departed Subic Bay 21 May 1980 for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii but was diverted to the East China Sea in support of the contingency operation in the Korean MODLOC area. United States Naval presence was deemed necessary to discourage any North Korean adventurism during a time of political turmoil and student unrest in the Korean capital of Seoul. On 31 May 1980 REEVES finally turned East and headed for her long awaited reunion with family and friends in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

REEVES arrived in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on 9 June 1980, 140 days after she had departed. REEVES was to have a one month period for leave and upkeep before once again getting underway.

REEVES next big project was the scheduled change of homeport which was scheduled for August 1980. The proposed cross-deck presented a massive coordination project between USS REEVES (CG-24) and USS WORDEN (CG-18). On 4 August 1980, REEVES left Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, a place she had called home for many years, and steamed for Yokosuka, Japan to become a continuously forward deployed unit of the United States SEVENTH Fleet, relieving her sister ship USS WORDEN (CG-18). She arrived in Yokosuka, Japan on 14 August 1980.

The personnel transfer between the two ships took place on 19 August 1980. REEVES gave up 125 personnel and received 95 personnel. This net loss of personnel added to an already severe personnel shortage in both numbers and expertise. Then came the momentous task of integrating the new crew members into the REEVES team, and giving them the training and experience necessary to safely steam the ship. Progress in the areas of professional development and crew integration were becoming apparent toward the year's end.

After a seven week period of limited underway activity, REEVES departed for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines where she participated in various task group operations with CTF 75 embarked. Returning to Yokosuka, Japan in early November 1980 REEVES began extensive preparations for her Department of Defense weapons handling inspection. She successfully passed her Aviation Safety Inspection in December and concluded the year enjoying the holiday season.

REEVES had a banner year for awards earned during the previous competitive cycle. She won the Battle Efficiency "E", Communications "C", Anti-Submarine Warfare "A", Fire Control, Missile "E", Combat Information Center, Damage Control "DC", and Engineering "E" awards.

USS REEVES had a busy year full of challenges and major changes. She was able to successfully meet them all, and she will continue her pattern of excellence throughout the coming years.

Enclosure (3)