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Encl: (1) Summary of Operations
(2) Narrative of Major Events

1. The history of USS REEVES (CG-24) for the period 01 January 31 December 1982 is contained in enclosures (1) and (2) and is submitted in accordance with reference (a).


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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

01 JAN-04 JAN	Inport, Yokosuka, Japan (Holiday Leave and Upkeep)
05 JAN-15 JAN	Underway, Enroute Subic Bay, R.P.
10 JAN-15 JAN	Inport, Subic Bay, R.P. (Upkeep and Training)
16 JAN-19 JAN	Underway, Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
20 JAN-14 FEB	Inport, Yokosuka, Japan (Upkeep and INSURV)
15 FEB-19 FEB	Underway, Waters of Northern Japan (Local Operations)
20 FEB-22 FEB	Inport, Yokosuka, Japan
23 FEB-25 FEB	Underway, Enroute Chinhae, S.K.
26 FEB-03 MAR	Inport, Chinhae, S.K. (Visit and NWAT)
04 MAR-05 MAR	Underway, Enroute, Yokosuka, Japan
06 MAR-07 MAR	Inport, Yokosuka, Japan (Upkeep)
08 MAR-20 MAR	Underway with USS MIDWAY (CV-41) Battle Group for Operations in waters of Northern Japan and East China Sea.
21 MAR-22 MAR	Inport, Sasebo, Japan
23 MAR-02 APR	Underway with USS MIDWAY (CV-41) Battle Group for Operations in East China Sea (MULTIPLEX 82-1) and Sea of Japan (TEAM SPIRIT 82)
03 APR-07 APR	Inport, Chinhae, S.K. (NTPI)
08 APR-09 APR	Underway, Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
10 APR-25 APR	Inport, Yokosuka, Japan (Upkeep)
26 APR-03 MAY	Underway with USS MIDWAY (CV-41) Battle Group for Local Operations
04 MAY-08 MAY	READEX 82 with MIDWAY Battle Group in Philippine Sea
10 MAY-11 MAY	MISSILEX 82-12A with MIDWAY Battle Group in Philippine Sea
12 MAY-20 MAY	Enroute Hong Kong with MIDWAY Battle Group in East China Sea

Enclosure (1)

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS (CONT')

21 MAY-25 MAY	Inport, Hong Kong
26 MAY-27 MAY	Underway, Enroute Subic Bay, R.P. with MIDWAY Battle Group
28 MAY-09 JUN	Inport, Subic Bay, R.P. (Upkeep) (COMDESRON 15 Embarked 09-17 JUN)
10 JUN-17 JUN	Underway with MIDWAY Battle Group for Operations in South China Sea, East China Sea and waters of Northern Japan
18 JUN-26 JUL	Inport, Yokosuka, Japan (Upkeep)
27 Jul-10 AUG	Underway with MIDWAY Battle Group for Operations in waters of Northern Japan, East China Sea, and Sea of Japan (attached TG77.1 27 JUL-19 AUG)
11 AUG-15 AUG	ASWEX 82-3J with MIDWAY Battle Group and JMSDF units in Sea of Japan
16 AUG-19 AUG	MIDWAY Battle Group Operations in Sea of Japan, East China Sea and waters of Northern Japan
20 AUG-16 SEP	Inport, Yokosuka, Japan (Upkeep)
17 SEP-07 OCT	Underway with MIDWAY Battle Group for Operations in Northern Japan, Northern Pacific and Sea of Japan (with USS ENTERPRISE Battle Group) (Hand-over with USS JOUETT CG-29)
07 OCT	Enroute Sasebo, Japan (Detach from MIDWAY Battle Group)
08 OCT-09 OCT	Inport, Sasebo, Japan (Off-Load)
09 OCT-10 OCT	Underway, Enroute Yokosuka, Japan (Tiger Cruise) (WIN Cruise)
11 OCT-07 NOV	Inport, Yokosuka, Japan (Pre-BOH Standown)
08 NOV-31 DEC	Baseline Overhaul, Yokosuka Ship Repair Facility

NARRATIVE OF MAJOR EVENTS

1982 was an unusual year for the USS REEVES (CG-24). In the fall, she was to enter the shipyards for an 15 month baseline overhaul (BOH), and much of her efforts that year were directed toward the required preparations for this planned event. Yet, 1982 also saw REEVES almost continuously engaged in some of the most intensive and unusual operations of her career.

The year began quietly enough, completing a leave and upkeep period in REEVES' Overseas Family Residency Program (OFRP) port of Yokosuka, Japan. REEVES put to sea for the first time in 1982 on 5 January, for a transit to Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, where she would complete a material availability and the first of many inspections/training exercises, including a nuclear weapons refresher training. REEVES then returned to Yokosuka for the first of her BOH related evolutions: an INSURV and Underway Material Inspection (UMI) by the Pacific Surface Board of Inspection and Survey. After a period of local operations, REEVES went to the port of Chinhae, South Korea, where she completed a Nuclear Weapons Assistance Team (NWAT) visit.

Returning to Yokosuka via the Shimonoseki Strait, the Japan Inland Sea, and the Bungo Suido, REEVES resumed her duties in the USS MIDWAY (CV-41) Battle Group as Anti-Air Warfare Commander. Following a period of work-up operations, and a brief stop at Sasebo, Japan, REEVES with the Battle Group, participated in MULTIPLEX 82-1 in the East China Sea, and TEAM SPIRIT 82 in the Sea of Japan. Following TEAM SPIRIT 82, REEVES returned to Chinhae to successfully complete a Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI). She then made the two day transit back to Yokosuka for a two-week upkeep period. 26 April saw REEVES underway with MIDWAY Battle Group once again, this time to participate in READEX 82 with the USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64) and USS RANGER (CV-61) Battle Groups in the Philippine Sea. After completing READEX 82, REEVES conducted MISSILEX 82-12A, directing three other ships and controlling the range. REEVES was accredited with two successful "kills" on drones with two of her Standard SM-1 ER missiles. On 12 May, REEVES, with MIDWAY Battle Group, began an eight day transit which took her across the Philippine Sea, through the San Bernardino Strait, and across the western part of the South China Sea. From there, REEVES and the Battle Group steamed North for a five day port visit at the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong. REEVES, with the Battle Group, then transited to Subic Bay for a period of upkeep and the embarkation of Commander, Destroyer Squadron 15 (CAPT. Peter J. DOERR) and staff for the return trip to Yokosuka. This trip entailed battle group operations in the South China Sea, East China Sea, and the waters around Northern Japan prior to REEVES' eventual arrival at Yokosuka. For her next underway period, REEVES and the Battle Group took part in ASWEX-82-3J, which was conducted in the Sea of Japan, and during which REEVES operated with units of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF). After her usual Yokosuka upkeep period, on 17 September REEVES began her final operations with the MIDWAY Battle Group before the beginning of BOH. It was called "TRANSITEX 82-3" and would entail a Task Group 70.1 transit to the Northern Pacific, a rendezvous with the USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65) Battle Group, and combined Battle Group (TG 70.10) operations from the Aleutians, across the Northern Pacific, through TSUGARU KAIKYO (between the islands of Hokkaido and Honshu), and on into the Sea of Japan. At the outset of this transit, REEVES hosted a brief visit by helicopter for Admiral S.R. FOLEY, Jr which stressed the importance of our mission.

NARRATIVE OF MAJOR EVENTS (CONT')

TRANSITEX 83 proved to be a fitting climax to a very operational year. High demands on men and equipment were almost constant from start to finish. Skill, endurance, and above all seamanship - things never in small demand onboard REEVES - were called upon as never before. For example, on 1 October REEVES conducted operations with three ships which ran continuously from 0700 to 1800: underway replenishment with USNS HASSAYAMPA (T-AO-145); vertical replenishment with USNS SPICA (T-AFS-9); and rearming with USS SHASTA (AE-33). Another aspect of TRANSITEX 82-3 was the large numbers of ever-present surveillance units sent by the Soviet Union to watch and learn. It was a fitting tribute to the importance of the last operation in which REEVES was to take part during the year.

On 6 October, as the participants of TRANSITEX 82-3 were steaming South through the Korea Strait, REEVES was relieved of her duties as Anti-Air Warfare Commander for the MIDWAY Battle Group by USS JOUETT (CG-29). After a brief stop at Sasebo to off-load weapons, REEVES put to sea for what was scheduled to be her final cruise for the next 15 months. Onboard for the last cruise were, besides the crew, Japanese ship-yard workers, 21 male dependents ranging in age from 8 to 15 embarked for a "Tiger Cruise", and 6 women Naval officers along with 6 women enlisted personnel conducting an orientation and training cruise - a very unusual opportunity for them and a "first" for REEVES. The sea legs of all hands were thoroughly tested by an intense "Shanghai Low" weather system which created 20 foot seas and 45 knot winds for the entire transit. At 1616 on 11 October, REEVES moored in Dry Dock NR 6 to commence a month long pre-BOH standown, during which the following items, among others, were removed from the ship: all weapon launchers and directors, the majority of sensors and electronics, and the crew who moved into a local barracks. During the standdown, REEVES was visited by Commander Naval Surface Forces, Pacific Fleet (Rear Admiral H.C. SCHRADER, JR.) and Commander Naval Surface Group, Western Pacific (Rear Admiral D.P. ROANE).

On 26 October, REEVES was placed in Dry Dock NR 5, Naval Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka, Japan, and it was here she remained through 31 December 1982. REEVES officially began her baseline overhaul on 8 November. Throughout November and December, although the work to be accomplished was never in short supply, REEVES still found time for public service. On 21 December, REEVES hosted an Orphanage Party for 54 children from the Japanese orphanage KOFU KODOMOEN.

31 December found REEVES drydocked in Yokosuka, awaiting the completion of her overhaul in 1983, and the opportunity to, once again, add still more laurels to her already illustrious career.