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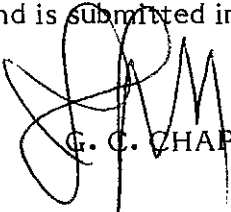
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Encl: (1) Commanding Officers of USS REEVES (CG-24)  
(2) Summary of operations  
(3) Narrative of major events

1. The history of USS REEVES (CG-24) for the period 01 January - 31 December 1985 is chronicled in enclosures (1), (2), and (3) and is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

  
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**COMMANDING OFFICERS  
OF  
USS REEVES (CG-24)**

Captain Wynne A. STEVENS Jr.	May 64 - Jul 65
Captain Ralph S. WENTWORTH	Jul 65 - Aug 66
Captain Gordon R. HOPWOOD	Aug 66 - Feb 68
Captain Wilton L. ATKINSON	Feb 68 - Apr 69
Captain William S. MAYER	Aug 70 - May 72
Captain Lee BAGGETT Jr.	May 72 - Nav 73
Captain Richard K. FONTAINE	Nov 73 - Jan 75
Captain Jerry A. DICKMAN	Jan 75 - Apr 77
Captain Ming E. CHANG	Apr 77 - Jun 79
Captain James W. EGERTON	Jun 79 - Aug 81
Captain Jerome S. SMITH	Aug 81 - Aug 83
Captain James G. WEBER	Aug 83 - Dec 85
Captain George C. CHAPPELL	Dec 85 - PRESENT

## 1985 OPERATIONS SCHEDULE - USS REEVES (CG-24)

01 JAN - 21 JAN	IN PORT, HOMEPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
04 JAN	NEW YEARS CELEBRATION AT YOKOSUKA CITY HALL
09 JAN	HULL CLEANING
21 JAN	RADM WILLIAM C. WYATT, FLEET MAINTENANCE OFFICER/COMO P. D. BUTCHER, COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE GROUP, WESTERN PACIFIC VISIT
22 JAN - 24 JAN	UNDERWAY ENROUTE CHINHAE, REPUBLIC OF KOREA
24 JAN - 27 JAN	INPORT CHINHAE, ROK FOR WEAPONS REFRESHER TRAINING
28 JAN - 30 JAN	UNDERWAY ENROUTE YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
30 JAN - 31 JAN	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
01 FEB - 17 FEB	UNDERWAY BATTLE GROUP ALFA OPERATIONS, ENROUTE MANILA, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
04 FEB	REPLENISHMENT AT SEA-SAFETY STANDOWN
09 FEB	TOWEX 85-1, CIWS PACFIRE
12 FEB	ASTERN REFUELING
17 FEB - 20 FEB	INPORT MANILA, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
20 FEB	UNDERWAY ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
21 FEB - 26 FEB	INPORT SUBIC BAY, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR WEAPONS ASSISTANCE TRAINING
27 FEB - 28 FEB	UNDERWAY ENROUTE HONG KONG
01 MAR - 04 MAR	UNDERWAY ENROUTE HONG KONG
02 MAR	MISSILEX 85-1
04 MAR - 08 MAR	INPORT HONG KONG
09 MAR - 28 MAR	UNDERWAY ENROUTE YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
11 MAR	ARRIVED OKINAWA OPAREA
14 MAR - 24 MAR	TEAM SPIRIT '85 (U.S. ARMY, AIR FORCE, NAVY AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA FORCES PARTICIPATING.)
19 MAR - 23 MAR	DAMAGE CONTROL REVIEW WEEK

25 MAR	REEVES WINS BATTLE "E" OVER WORDEN AND STERETT
28 MAR - 31 MAR	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
01 APR - 05 APR	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
04 APR	SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INSPECTION
05 APR	REEVES RECEIVES SMI BATTLE "E", ASW "A", COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER "E", ELECTRONIC WARFARE "EW", ENGINEERING "E" AND DAMAGE CONTROL "DC" AWARDS.
06 APR - 09 APR	UNDERWAY CHINHAE, REPUBLIC OF KOREA
09 APR - 13 APR	INPORT CHINHAE, ROK FOR NTPI
13 APR HOME	PROJECT HANDCLASP, INSTALLED SEWER LINE FOR PRPHANS
14 APR - 16 APR	UNDERWAY UNROUTE YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
16 APR - 30 APR	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
19 APR - 21 APR	ESS/SESSI
22 APR	CTT/OEC ANNUAL TYPHOON TOMX
24 APR - 26 APR	OPPRE
29 APR	DRESS SHIP FOR EMPEROR'S BIRTHDAY
01 MAY - 16 MAY	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
08 MAY	SISTER SHIP PICNIC WITH HMJS TAKATSUKI
11 MAY	KOBO COTTAGE BEACH PARTY 62 CHILDREN AGES 3-17 PARTICIPATED AT MUIRI KAIGAN BEACH.
15 MAY	REEVES 21ST BIRTHDAY
16 MAY - 31 MAY	UNDERWAY BATTLE GROUP ALFA OPERATIONS
22 MAY	OPERATION VALIANT USHER
25 MAY	MIDSHIPMEN SUMMER CRUISE PERIOD
27 MAY	MEMORIAL DAY, 21 GUN SALUTE

30 MAY	ASROC FIRING
01 JUN - 02 JUN	UNDERWAY ENROUTE YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
10 JUN - 19 JUN	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
13 JUN	ASSUMED AAW PICKET FOR USS MIDWAY
19 JUN - 23 JUN	INPORT SUBIC BAY, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, OPERATION KENNEL GUARD
24 JUN - 30 JUN	UNDEWAY INDIAN OCEAN DEPLOYMENT
30 JUN	TRANSIT SINGAPORE, STRAIT OF MALACCA
01 JUL - 30 JUL	UNDERWAY INDIAN OCEAN DEPLOYMENT
06 JUL	TURNOVER, BATTLE GROUP ALFA AND DELTA
07 JUL	REEVES ON PICKETT STATION FOR USS MIDWAY
17 JUL	USS STERETT RELIEVES REEVES ON SOUTHERN AAW PICKETT STATION
30 JUL	NIGHT VERTICAL REPLENISHMENT WITH USS SAN JOSE
01 AUG - 09 AUG	UNDERWAY, INDIAN OCEAN DEPLOYMENT
06 AUG	POLLYWOG DAY, POLLYWOG BEAUTY QUEEN SELECTED IN PREPARATION FOR CROSSING THE EQUATOR
07 AUG	"CROSSING THE LINE" CEREMONY REEVES CROSSES THE EQUATOR
09 AUG - 12 AUG	INPORT DIEGO GARCIA, BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY
12 AUG	FIRE IN BOATSWAIN'S LOCKER
13 AUG - 31 AUG	UNDERWAY INDIAN OCEAN DEPLOYMENT
27 AUG - 30 AUG	PLANE GUARD FOR USS MIDWAY
31 AUG	MISSILEX 85-2 (1 SKIN TO SKIN HIT, DRONE DESTROYED, 2 MISSILE SELF DESTRUCTS)
01 SEP - 12 SEP	UNDERWAY INDIAN OCEAN DEPLOYMENT
03 SEP	INCHOPEX
04 SEP	TURNOVER BATTLE GROUPS ALFA AND BRAVO
09 SEP	2ND "CROSSING THE LINE" CEREMONY, CROSSED THE EQUATOR

13 SEP - 18 SEP	INPORT PERTH/FREMANTLE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA
14 SEP - 15 SEP	GENERAL TOURING, CITIZENS OF PERTH/FREEMANTLE ABOARD USS REEVES.
19 SEP - 30 SEP	UNDERWAY SUBIC BAY, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
19 SEP - 23 SEP	OPERATION VALIANT USHER 86-SAS
21 SEP	ORANGE SURFACE RAIDS
27 SEP	TRANSIT LOMBAC STRAITS
01 OCT - 02 OCT	UNDERWAY, ENROUTE SUBIC BAY REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
02 OCT - 06 OCT	INPORT SUBIC BAY, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
03 OCT	NEY, MESS INSPECTION
04 OCT	KING'S FILIPINO/AMERICAN ORPHANAGE VISIT
07 OCT	UNDERWAY, YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
10 OCT - 14 OCT	ANNUALEX 60G
15 OCT - 31 OCT	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
01 NOV - 26 NOV	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN, SRA
12 NOV - 14 NOV	COMMAND INSPECTION, RADM WEBSTER, COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE GROUP, WESTERN PACIFIC, SENIOR INSPECTOR
26 NOV - 27 NOV	SHAKEDOWN CRUISE
27 NOV - 30 NOV	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
01 DEC - 09 DEC	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
05 DEC	CHANGE OF COMMAND, CAPT G. C. CHAPPELL RELIEVED CAPT J. G. WEBER
09 DEC - 13 DEC	UNDERWAY, SEA OF JAPAN EXERCISES
14 DEC - 31 DEC	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN HOLIDAY, STANDOWN/LEAVE PERIOD
14 DEC	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN KOBO COTTAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY
25 DEC	CHRISTMAS
31 DEC	NEW YEAR'S EVE

## NARRATIVE HISTORY - USS REEVES (CG-24)

The USS REEVES (CG-24) began the New Year in upkeep at its homeport in Yokosuka, Japan. During 1985, REEVES spent 190 days at sea, steamed approximately 64,000 miles, completed one major deployment to the Indian Ocean, and completed numerous operations within Battle Group Alfa in the Sea of Japan, Korean Straits, the South China Sea and Philippine Sea. REEVES spent a total of 32 days in six foreign ports during 1985. Port visits included: Chinhae, Republic of Korea; Manila and Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines; Hong Kong, BCC; Perth/Freemantle, Western Australia and Diego Garcia, British Indian Island Ocean Territory.

Following the January upkeep period, REEVES left port on 21 January for Chinhae, Republic of Korea for Weapons Refresher Training. After completing this training in an "outstanding" manner, the ship returned to Yokosuka and was inport on 30 January. This inport period was to be short lived, however, as REEVES returned to sea with Battle Group ALFA on 01 February. This cruise began with a weapons onload with USS MOUNT HOOD on 07 February. 09 February was a busy day that included a towing exercise with USNS CATAWBA, and a CIWS PACFIRE. On 12 February REEVES and OVERSEAS ALICE conducted a successful astern refueling.

On 17-19 February, REEVES and Battle Group Alfa made a port call to Manila, RP. After a short transit, the ship entered Subic Bay, RP for Weapons Assistance Training, remaining inport 21-26 February. On 27 February, the ship proceeded with the Battle Group to a 04-08 March port visit to Hong Kong. This was followed by Team Spirit '85 from 14-24 March, involving elements of the U.S. Navy, Army, Air Force and Forces of the Republic of Korea.

Upon completing TEAM SPIRIT, the ship returned to Yokosuka for an upkeep commencing on 28 March. In 1985 REEVES received the Battle "E" award, beating cruisers WORDEN and STERETT. Departmental awards included: SMI Battle "E", ASW "A", Combat Information Center "E", Electronic Warfare "E", Engineering "E", and Damage Control "DC."

From 9-13 April, Weapons Department completed a successful NTPI while inport Chinhae. Then on 24-26 April, Engineering Department successfully completed its Operational Propulsion Plant Readiness Examination.

After celebrating its 21st birthday on 15 May, also the age of its average crewmember, REEVES left Yokosuka on 16 May for Battle Group Operations that included Operation VALIANT USHER. On 29 and 30 May, the ship successfully fired both her surface launched torpedo battery and her anti-submarine (ASROC) launcher. After a week inport Yokosuka from 02-09 June, REEVES began her for an Indian Ocean deployment. Making a brief stop in Subic Bay from 19-23 June, REEVES remained underway until 09 August, when it made a port call in Diego Garcia. Between these dates, REEVES transited the Singapore Straits and Straits of Malacca, and crossed the Equator on 06 August.

Returning to Battle Group Operations on 13 August, from Diego Garcia the ship served as Midway's planeguard, participated in an INCHOPEX with Battle Group Bravo, and scored a "skin to skin" kill during MISSILEX 85-2 on 31 August.

After crossing the Equator again on 09 September, REEVES entered the port of Freemantle, near Perth, Western Australia. Nearly 4,000 Australian citizens toured the ship during the visit.

REEVES participated in Exercise VALIANT USHER from 19-23 September. This was followed by a transit of the Lumbac Straits, then a port visit in Subic Bay from 02-06 October. The cruise ended with an ANNUALEX involving elements of the Japanese Navy, an exercise that concluded on 14 October.

From 16 October - 26 November REEVES remained inport Yokosuka for Selected Restricted Availability. During the month long SRA period, REEVES completed general repairs and refits, putting to sea again on November 26 for a shake-down cruise. From 12-14 November, the ship underwent a successful Command Inspection conducted by Commander, Naval Surface Group, Western Pacific.

On 5 December, command of REEVES passed from Captain James M. Weber to Captain George C. Chappell.

After putting to sea 9-13 December, REEVES returned to port to spend the holidays and remainder of 1985 in Yokosuka.

REEVES continued in 1985 her tradition of helping those in need through Project Handclasp and through the ship's association with the Kobo Cottage Orphanage in Yokosuka. The "Kobo Kids" have become a REEVES institution. Twice during 1985, REEVES entertained the orphans who range in age from 3-17 years. Sixty-two Kobo children enjoyed a beach party in May with nearly the same number participating in REEVES Christmas celebration in December. In Korea, REEVES sailors installed a sewer line for an orphan's home and later in Subic Bay the King's Filipina/American Orphanage was invited onboard for a tour.

Despite an exceptionally tough schedule, REEVES kept up its traditionally high standards, again establishing herself as the finest cruiser in the United States Navy.