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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. R. White".

S. R. WHITE
By direction

Captain William D. Center
Commanding Officer

Captain Bill Center was born in Dayton, Ohio in 1945. He attended high school and college in Los Angeles, California prior to entering the United States Naval Academy. Following graduation and commissioning in 1968, he was assigned to USS HENRY W. TUCKER (DD 875), forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. After attending Destroyer School in 1970, he served as Chief Engineer in USS GURKE (DD 783), a unit of DESRON FIFTEEN during the squadron's initial deployment to Japan. In December 1972, he assumed command of USS EXPLOIT (MSO 440). That tour was followed by assignment as Executive Officer in USS BLANDY (DD 943). He was awarded a Master of Public Administration Degree by the University of Washington in 1978 and was subsequently assigned as Chief Staff Officer, Destroyer Squadron Thirty-Three. He served in the Strategic Concepts Group (OP-603), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, from April 1980 through March 1982. In August 1982, he assumed command of USS MEYERKORD (FF 1058). Following that assignment, Captain Center served for three years as Engineer Officer in USS MIDWAY (CV 41). On 3 November 1987, he assumed command of USS REEVES (CG 24).

Captain Center has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal (with combat "V"), the Meritorious Service Medal (with Gold Star in lieu of second award), and the Navy Commendation Medal. [REDACTED]

Enclosure (1)

USS REEVES 1987 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 8 JAN 87 UPKEEP IN YOKOSUKA
8 JAN - 2 FEB UNDERWAY WITH USS MIDWAY & BATTLE GROUP ALFA.
19 JAN DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL SERVICE
30 JAN EXERCISE ASROC AND TORPEDO FIRINGS
31 JAN MISSILEX OFF OF PORO PT.
2 FEB - 11 FEB IN PORT SUBIC BAY, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR UPKEEP
11 - 12 FEB UNDERWAY MTT PHASE II
13 - 18 FEB UNDERWAY SOUTH CHINA SEA BATTLE GROUP ALFA OPS
18 FEB - 4 MAR UPKEEP IN SUBIC BAY
4 - 20 MAR UNDERWAY SOUTH CHINA SEA ENROUTE YOKOSUKA.
20 MAR - 22 APR UPKEEP YOKOSUKA; OPPE PREPS
23 MAR COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC, RADM D. C. RICHARDSON, VISITS
22 APR - 25 APR UNDERWAY OPPE PREPS (SAGAMI-WAN, PHILIPPINE SEA)
25 APR - 28 APR UPKEEP YOKOSUKA; OPPE PREPS
29 APR OPPE COMMENCES
29 - 30 APR UNDERWAY FOR OPPE
30 APR MOORED YOKOSUKA; SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF OPPE
30 APR - 28 MAY UPKEEP YOKOSUKA. COMMAND INSPECTION PREPS
11 MAY CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS, RADM MCNAMARA, VISITS
29 MAY - 2 JUN UNDERWAY FOR ASW/ASUW EXERCISE (SAGAMI-WAN, PHILIPPINE
SEA, NORTHERN PACIFIC OCEAN)
30 MAY ASW TRACKEX WITH JDS MAKISHIO
2 - 7 JUN IN PORT YOKOSUKA; COMMAND INSPECTION PREPS
8 - 10 JUN COMMAND INSPECTION
11 - 19 JUN UNDERWAY ENROUTE PERSIAN GULF OPS
19 - 21 JUN ANCHORED SINGAPORE
21 - 30 JUN ENROUTE MIDDLE EAST FORCE (MEF)
30 JUN RDVU WITH USS WORDEN (CG 18) AND USS CROMMELIN (FFG 37)
TRANSITTED FUJIAIRYAH
1 JUL ANCHORED FUJIAIRYAH, INCHOP TO MEF; TRANSITTED STRAIT OF
HORMUZ (SOH)
4 - 5 JUL TRANSITTED SOH TO FUJIAIRYAH.
5 - 7 JUL ANCHORED FUJIAIRYAH
7 JUL TRANSITTED SOH TWICE IN 18 HR PERIOD BECAUSE OF MEF
SCHEDULING MISTAKE
8 - 11 JUL ANCHORED FUJIAIRYAH AS GULF OF OMAN WESTERN PATROL AREA
(GOOWPA) AAW PATROL
11 - 14 JUL GOOWPA AAW PATROL
14 -15 JUL TRANSITTED SOH, ESCORTED USS LASALLE TO BAHRAIN
15 JUL WITNESSED IRAQUI AIR RAID ON RALSH & ROSTAM OIL FIELDS
16 - 19 JUL ANCHORED SITRAH; ALONGSIDE FUEL PIER
19 - 22 JUL ROUTINE PERSIAN GULF PATROL
22 - 24 JUL ESCORT DUTIES
25 - 29 JUL ANCHORED BAHRAIN BELL
29 - 1 AUG ANCHORED SITRAH
1 AUG PATROL DUTIES
2 - 4 AUG ESCORT DUTIES
5 AUG BSF SITRAH
6 AUG PATROL H-3 SALVAGE SITE
7 - 10 AUG ESCORT DUTIES
11 - 13 AUG MOORED MINA SULMAN PIER, BAHRAIN
14 - 15 AUG ESCORTED USS GUADALCANAL INTO PERSIAN GULF

16 - 17 AUG	PATROL H-3 SALVAGE SITE; BSF SITRAH
18 - 19 AUG	PATROL H-3 SALVAGE SITE; RETURN REMAINS OF H-3 PASSENGER TO BAHRAIN
20 - 23 AUG	SUPPORT ESCORT GROUP MOVEMENTS
24 AUG	BSF SITRAH
25 AUG - 2 SEP	ESCORT GROUP COMMANDER
3 - 6 SEP	PATROL OPS (RPS(S)/SHAH ALLUM SHOALS)
7 SEP	BSF SITRAH FUEL PIER
8 - 11 SEP	PATROL OPS CPG(E); SOHWPA
12 - 13 SEP	ESCORT DUTIES
14 SEP	PATROL OPS OFF DUBAI FOR MIDDLETON (FORMERLY AL FUNTAS)
15 - 16 SEP	ESCORT GUADALCANAL
17-21 SEP	PATROL AREA OPS
21 SEP	IRANIAN LCU SPOTTED MINING IN VICINITY OF BAHRAIN BELL
22 SEP	REEVES PROVIDED AIR CONTROL SERVICES FOR IRANIAN SAR HELO
23 SEP	BSF SITRAH
24 SEP - 26 SEP	REEVES TRANSIT GROUP COMMANDER FOR USS RALEIGH AND USS JARRETT TO TRANSFER IRANIAN DETAINEES TO MUSQAT
26 SEP	RALEIGH PROCEEDS TO MUSQAT; REEVES AND JARRETT RDVU WITH USS THACH AND USS FORD. REEVES RELIEVED BY THACH
27 SEP - 1 OCT	REEVES AND JARRETT ENROUTE TO SRI LANKA
1 OCT	BSF; COLUMBO, SRI LANKA
1 - 6 OCT	ENROUTE SINGAPORE
6 - 9 OCT	ANCHORED SINGAPORE
9 - 11 OCT	ENROUTE PATTAYA BEACH, THAILAND
11 - 16 OCT	ANCHORED PATTAYA BEACH, THAILAND
16 - 20 OCT	ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, RP
20 - 25 OCT	MOORED SUBIC BAY, RP; CHANGE OF COMMAND PREPS; NWAT
25 OCT	PROSPECTIVE CO, CAPT W. D. CENTER REPORTS ABOARD
25 - 30 OCT	ENROUTE YOKOSUKA
30 OCT - 7 DEC	IN PORT YOKOSUKA
30 OCT - 8 NOV	POST-DEPLOYMENT STANDDOWN
3 NOV	CHANGE OF COMMAND
25 NOV	HOST KAWASAKI CITY "IZUMI CLUB" TOUR
26 NOV	THANKSGIVING DAY
7 - 11 DEC	UNDERWAY FOR IERA PREPS
8 DEC	WEAPONS OFFLOAD WITH USS MAUNA KEA
11 DEC	LCDR S. R. WHITE ASSUMES DUTIES AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER
14 DEC	IERA COMMENCES; AMMO OFFLOAD
16 DEC - 17 DEC	UNDERWAY FOR IERA
17 - 18 DEC	ANCHORED ANCHORAGE ALFA 12 FOR AMMO OFFLOAD
18 DEC - 21 DEC	IN PORT YOKOSUKA
19 DEC	HOST 50 CHILDREN FROM MISONO CHILDREN'S HOME
20 DEC	CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR REEVES CHILDREN
21 DEC	ANCHOR ANCHORAGE ALFA 12 TO COMPLETE AMMO OFFLOAD
21 - 31 DEC	IN PORT YOKOSUKA; COMMENCE HOLIDAY, LEAVE, AND UPKEEP PERIOD
22 DEC	RECEIVE BERTHING BARGE ALONGSIDE
25 DEC	CHRISTMAS DAY
30 DEC	HOST 40 SAGAMIHARA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER CHILDREN SHIP TOUR
31 DEC	NEW YEAR'S EVE

Enclosure (2)

USS REEVES 1987 Narrative History

The first three months of 1987 found REEVES operating as the Anti-Air Warfare Commander for Battle Group ALFA, comprised of USS MIDWAY, CVW-5, and DESRON 15 escorts. During that time, the Battle Group was developing F/A-18 Hornet tactics. While in port Subic Bay in February, reports circulated that the battle group's in port period was to become a pre-overseas movement in preparation for a short-fused Indian Ocean/Mediterranean Sea deployment.

The final disposition of the battle group was to get underway and return to Yokosuka. Development of F/A-18 tactics continued despite MIDWAY's stability problems. Transitting north at high speed, the battle group was informed enroute that the proposed Indian Ocean/Med deployment had been cancelled by higher authority.

REEVES returned to Yokosuka in late March and commenced preparations for OPPE. On 23 March, RADM D. C. Richardson, Commander Naval Surface Group Western Pacific visited REEVES. While onboard, he reenlisted four REEVES sailors: FCC Sanchez, PC2 Pinchart, QM2 Dudek, and MS3 Righter.

After successful completion of OPPE in April, REEVES concentrated on preparation for ISIC Command Inspection. While participating in an ASW/ASUW exercise with DESRON 15 ships, REEVES received word to return to Yokosuka because of possible emergent tasking. Upon arrival in Japan, REEVES learned she was to be one of the first ships to augment American forces in the Persian Gulf.

Successfully completing Command Inspection with grades of satisfactory to excellent in all areas and an outstanding personnel inspection, REEVES departed Yokosuka to deploy to the Persian Gulf on 11 June. Heavy emphasis was placed on CIWS tracking, maintenance and Air Intercept Controller Training during the transit out.

During three months in the Gulf, REEVES was the only ship to participate in all of the first nine "Earnest Will" escort missions. REEVES served as Escort Commander from 25 August to 2 September escorting Chesapeake City and Surf City from Musqat to Kuwait and then bringing Townsend, Gas King, and Gas Prince to Bahrain where relieved by USS KIDD (DD 993).

On 21 September, an Iranian LCU (AJR) was spotted laying mines in the vicinity of Bahrain Bell. American surveillance helicopters fired on it and crippled it. REEVES assumed station to the northeast of mined area to protect against a possible air threat. Four days later, REEVES served as transit group commander to transfer the Iranian detainees to Musqat.

REEVES rendezvoused with USS THACH, her designated relief in the Persian Gulf, on 26 September and returned to Yokosuka 30 October via Singapore, Thailand, and the Philippines. On 3 November, CAPT W. D. Center relieved CAPT G. C. Chappell and became the fourteenth Commanding Officer of USS REEVES. After a post-deployment standdown, REEVES completed ISIC Engineering Readiness Assessment and a complete weapons offload in preparation for a two and a half month Selected Restricted Availability at the beginning of 1988.