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Encl: (1) Ship's Picture
(2) Commanding Officer's Biography and Portrait
(3) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(4) Chronology of Significant Events
(5) Command Composition and Organization

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following command history for CY 90 is submitted:

The year of 1990 started off with the first underway time starting 16 January. This underway period was filled with flight operations and wet-well operations off the coast of Onslow Bay, N. C. The ship returned to Norfolk on 20 January. The next couple of weeks the ship prepared for its trip to the shipyard.

The SHREVEPORT's Planned Maintenance Availability (PMA) at Metro Machine Corp. Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA. started 1 February and ended 25 May. While in the yards the crew and yard workers reworked the well deck and well deck catwalks for the LCAC modifications making SHREVEPORT able to recover and launch LCAC's. Other work that took place was the rework of the NR 2 Main Machinery Room switchboard, the after emergency diesel engine, and 16K elevator.

Sea trials immediately followed giving the ship the first test in quite some time for the damage control readiness of the crew. They were held from May 21 to 22.

On June 9th the ship left Norfolk for an ammo onload in Earle, N. J. The onload started 10 June and ended 13 June. The next evolution that took place was a lift of opportunity for Marines. They were picked up on 15 June at Morehead City, N. C.. On 19 June the Marines were off loaded in Puerto Rico. From there the ship traveled to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for Limited Team Training (LTT) which lasted from 21 - 29 June. The SHREVEPORT returned from GITMO on 3 July.

The first two weeks in July were busy undergoing an Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV) with the USS SHENANDOAH (AD 41). The next event the SHREVEPORT hosted was a Guest of the Navy Cruise. Six Navy League retired military men from Raleigh, N. C. boarded the SHREVEPORT from 23 - 27 July.

The first multi-ship amphibious exercise was conducted off the coast of North Carolina 31 July. The SHREVEPORT was the Primary Control Ship (PCS) during the practice assaults. The workups ended 9 August. Upon returning to

Norfolk the crew discovered the news that they were bound for Operation Desert Shield. Five days later the SHREVEPORT left home port Norfolk, VA on 15 August. On 17 August, Regimental Landing Team TWO was loaded in Morehead City, N.C. and the ship was visited by COMNAVSURFLANT and FMFLANT. Later that same day the ship commenced the Atlantic transit in company with the USS TRENTON (LPD 14), USS PORTLAND (LSD 37), USS SPARTANBURG COUNTY (LST 1192), and the USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD 44). The next day two CH-53's from HC-2, a heavy lift squadron out of Norfolk, VA. flew their aircraft aboard for the transit across the Atlantic. Ten days later the ship cruised through the straits of Gibraltar on a foggy morning. On 30 August the ship pulled into Augusta Bay, Sicily, Italy to offload HC-2 and all of their equipment.

The trip through the Suez Canal started on 2 September and ended on 3 September. SHREVEPORT passed through the Straits of Babel Mandeb on 7 September with the trip ending in the North Arabian Sea.

The first exercise the ship got involved with was Sea Soldier I. The simulated assaults on the Omani southern coast started 29 September. The SHREVEPORT was the Primary Control Ship (PCS). Sea Soldier I ended on 4 October.

VADM Mauz, COMSEVENTHFLT/COMUSNAVCENT, helped the ship celebrate the Navy's anniversary on the 13th of October. The Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman visited the SHREVEPORT, 27 October, to thank the Sailors and Marines for their hard work. Two days later General Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps; Major General Keyes, CG 2nd Marine Division; and Major General Jenkins, CG 4th MEB came onboard during the Commandant's tour of the Amphibious Task Force.

Sea Soldier II was the next amphibious operation off the coast of Oman. The operation this time was tailored to intelligence reports of the Iraqi occupied, Kuwaiti coast. The operation began on 31 October with the SHREVEPORT once again as the PCS. This second major operation ended on 5 November with the backload.

The Marine Corps birthday was observed on 9 November. A formal ceremony was held on the flight deck followed by a birthday feast. The next day, 10 November, began the ship's first port visit since leaving Morehead City on August 17. The port visit in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates ended 14 November. Many sailors and marines took advantage of the desert tours offered.

Engineering Mobile Assessment Team (EMAT) came aboard 20 November and completed their assessment on 24 November with satisfactory results.

Tragedy struck the SHREVEPORT on 30 November. Corporal Raymond Horwath of A company, 2nd Combat Engineering Battalion, suffered an apparent heart attack. Efforts by ship and embarked medical officers to revive him were unsuccessful.

December began strong with the embarkation of 6 Marine Cobras from HMLA-269 on 7 December. The third big amphibious operation, Sea Soldier III, began on 10 December and ended with the backload on 17 December. On 12 December the SHREVEPORT took the afternoon off to celebrate the ship's 20th birthday.

Christmas was celebrated on 25 December while in the middle of an interdiction operation off the coast of Oman. There were seven other ships involved in the interdiction of the Iraqi ship IBN KHALDOON. This event went smoothly and was successful thus bringing an end to 1990.


D. J. MONTGOMERY

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1990
FOR THE
USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12)

1. The following is a chronological listing of significant events during the calendar year 1990.

A. January/February -

Interim Refresher Training, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
(10 Jan - 2 Mar)

Operational Propulsion Plant Examination
(27 Feb - 1 Mar)

B. March/April -

Blue water/Green water work-ups, Onslow Bay
(10 Apr - 2 May)

IMAV with USS Yellowstone (AD 41) (13 Mar - 7 Apr)

Fleet Exercise 3/89, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
(11 Apr - 2 May)

C. May/June -

Pre-overseas movement leave period (3 - 29 May)

Deployed MARG 2/89 (30 May)

Change of Command (17 Jun)

Amphibious Landing Exercise, Sierra de Retin
(21 - 28 Jun)

D. July/August -

Contingency Operations, Lebanese coast
(29 Jul - 28 Aug)

E. September/October -

Exercise "Display Determination 89" (13 Sep - 03 Oct)

Ship's 3-M inspection (14 - 16 Sep)

Engineering Material Assessment inspection
(18 - 21 Sep)

RAV, Lisbon Portugal (11 - 21 Oct)

Exercise "Gallera 89" (21 - 24 Oct)

F. November/December -

Returned from MARG 2/89 (10 Nov)

Holiday leave period (10 Nov - 03 Jan 90)

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. Mission.

A. Primary mission - to provide fast transport of combat troops and rapid landing ashore by vertical envelopment and by waterborne assault.

B. Secondary mission - evacuation and civilian disaster relief.

2. Organization.

A. Immediate Senior Command

-Commander, Amphibious Squadron Twelve

B. Commanding Officer

-Captain David J. Montgomery

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A. **January -**

Amphibious Operations, Onslow Bay, N.C.

B. **February/March/April/May -**

Planned Maintenance Availability, Metro Machine Corp.

C. **June -**

Limited Team Training, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

D. **July/August -**

Two week IMAV with the USS Shenendoah (AD 41)

Guest of the Navy Cruise, VACAPES Operating Area

Type Commander Amphibious Training, Onslow Bay, N.C.

Deployed Operation Desert Shield

E. **September/October -**

Sea Soldier I

F. **November -**

Sea Soldier II

G. **December -**

Sea Soldier III

Interdiction of Iraqi ship, IBN KHALDOON

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

The mission of the USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12) is to provide fast transport of combat troops, primarily those of the U.S. Marine Corps, and rapid landing ashore by vertical envelopment and by waterborne assault

A secondary mission of this LPD is evacuation and civilian disaster relief. Hundreds of tons of relief materials can be carried aboard and can be delivered to disaster victims within minutes of the ship's arrival on the scene. The ship's medical and dental facilities can provide limited hospitalization care as well as out-patient treatment for hundreds of sick or injured.

The USS SHREVEPORT, commanded by Captain David J. Montgomery, USN, is homeported at the Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia.

While in Norfolk the Shreveport's Immediate Senior in Command is Commander Amphibious Squadron Twelve. While underway for Type Commander's Amphibious Training (TCAT) and Operation Desert Shield, Commander Amphibious Squadron Six was the embarked commander.

LIST OF AWARDS ATTAINED BY THE USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12)

1. The following is the complete list of awards successfully attained by this command during calendar year 1989:

- A. **ELECTRONIC WARFARE AWARD**
- B. **ANTI-AIR WARFARE AWARD**
- C. **AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE AWARD**
- D. **COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS AWARD**
- E. **NAVIGATION AND SEAMANSHIP AWARD**