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COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1972

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SECTION I
1972 CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF OUTSTANDING EVENTS

01 JAN 72 Enroute from Damman, Saudi Arabia to Kharg Island Iran.
02 JAN 72 Anchored Kharg Island, Iran. Prince Sharfich, the nephew
of the Shah of Iran paid an official visit to the ship.
06 JAN 72 Departed Kharg Island, Iran for Sitra, Bahrain Island.
07 JAN 72 Arrived Sitra, Bahrain Island; departed Sitra for Diego
Suarez, Malagasy Republic.
16 JAN 72 Arrived Diego Suarez, Malagasy Republic.
17 JAN 72 Departed Diego Suarez, Malagasy Republic for Victoria,
Seychelles Island.
19 JAN 72 Arrived Victoria, Seychelles Island.
23 JAN 72 Departed Victoria, Seychelles Island for Assab, Ethiopia.
29 JAN 72 Arrived Assab, Ethiopia.
31 JAN 72 Departed Assab, Ethiopia for Mombassa, Kenya.
07 FEB 72 Arrived Mombassa, Kenya.
12 FEB 72 Outchopped COMIDEASTFOR into COMSECONDFLT.
12 FEB 72 Departed Mombassa, Kenya for Lourenco Marques, Mozambique.
15 FEB 72 Arrived Lourenco Marques, Mozambique.
16 FEB 72 Departed Lourenco Marques, Mozambique for Luanda, Angola.
21 FEB 72 Commanding Officer's awards ceremony.
22 FEB 72 Arrived Luanda, Angola.
23 FEB 72 Departed Luanda, Angola for Dakar, Senegal.
25 FEB 72 Crossed the equator at 000°00' longitude held Golden
Shellback initiation.
29 FEB 72 Arrived Dakar, Senegal.
01 MAR 72 Departed Dakar, Senegal for Bermuda, B.C.C.
08 MAR 72 Arrived Bermuda.
09 MAR 72 Departed Bermuda for Charleston, South Carolina.
11 MAR 72 Arrived Charleston, South Carolina, commenced 30 day stand-
down period.
20 MAR 72 Commanding Officer's personnel inspection.
21 MAR 72 CDR C. E. HEILAND, USN, relieved CDR, J. C. PATRICK,
USN, as Commanding Officer.
10 APR 72 Concluded 30 day post deployment stand-down period.
10 MAY 72 Departed Charleston, South Carolina for local operations.
11 MAY 72 Returned to Charleston, South Carolina.
12 MAY 72 Departed Charleston, South Carolina for surveillance
operations out of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
14 MAY 72 Arrived Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
20 MAY 72 Departed Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for escort duty.
23 MAY 72 Returned to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
25 MAY 72 Departed from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for escort duty.
26 MAY 72 Arrived Port Au Prince, Haiti.
29 MAY 72 Departed Port Au Prince, Haiti for escort duty.
29 MAY 72 Arrived Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
30 MAY 72 Departed Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for training operations.
31 MAY 72 Conducted token refueling with USS SAN DIEGO (AFS-6).
Returned to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

01 JUN 72 Departed Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for training operations. Fired exercise ASROC and Torpedo. Returned to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

04 JUN 72 Departed Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for Charleston, South Carolina.

06 JUN 72 Arrived Charleston, South Carolina.

13 JUN 72 Ship received Modest Improvement Program instalation to SQS-23F Sonar System.

10 JUL 72 Secured power to the after half of the ship while working on the after switchboard.

28 JUL 72 Commanding Officer's personnel inspection and awards ceremony.

11 AUG 72 Ship's party was held at EM Club, Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, South Carolina.

15-16 AUG 72 Naval Technical Proficiency Inspection was conducted on board.

22 AUG 72 After switchboard was repaired and power was restored throughout the ship.

28 AUG 72 Departed Charleston, South Carolina for local operations.

31 AUG 72 Returned to Charleston, South Carolina.

01 SEP 72 KRAUS shifted from the administrative command of COMCRUDESFLT SIX to COMCRUDESFLT TWELVE.

05 SEP 72 Departed Charleston, South Carolina for local operations.

08 SEP 72 Returned to Charleston, South Carolina.

12 SEP 72 Departed Charleston, South Carolina, for local operations.

15 SEP 72 Returned to Charleston, South Carolina.

02 OCT 72 Departed Charleston, South Carolina for Bloodsworth Island, Virginia to qualify in Naval Gun Fire Support.

04 OCT 72 Qualified at Naval Gun Fire Support. Departed Bloodsworth Island for Charleston, South Carolina.

06 OCT 72 Arrived Charleston, South Carolina. Commenced preparation for overseas movement.

01 NOV 72 Departed Charleston, South Carolina for Rodman Naval Base, Panama Canal Zone enroute to Western Pacific operations.

03 NOV 72 Arrived Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to replace feed water.

04 NOV 72 Departed Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to Rodman Naval Base, Panama Canal Zone.

06 NOV 72 Transited Panama Canal and arrived Rodman Naval Base, Panama Canal Zone. Departed Rodman Naval Base, Panama Canal Zone enroute Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Outchopped from COMSECONDFLT to COMFIRSTFLT.

18 NOV 72 Arrived Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

20 NOV 72 Departed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for Midway Island.

23 NOV 72 Arrived, refueled at, and departed from Midway Island. Crossed the International Date Line.

29 NOV 72 Arrived Yokosuka, Japan outchopped from COMFIRSTFLT to COMSEVENTHFLT.

04 DEC 72 Departed Yokosuka, Japan for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

08 DEC 72 Arrived, refueled at and departed from Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. Joined with USS AMERICA enroute YANKEE station.

09 DEC 72 Entered Combat Zone off the coast of South Vietnam.
10 DEC 72 Departed from Operations with USS AMERICA enroute NGFS
duties in South Vietnam.
11 DEC 72 Arrived Republic of Vietnam. Commenced 12 days of Naval
Gunfire Support.
29 DEC 72 Departed Point NGFS station for DaNang, Republic of Vietnam.
Arrived and departed DaNang, RVN enroute NGFS station, for
Naval Gunfire Support.
30 DEC 72 Departed RVN, for Singapore.
31 DEC 72 Enroute to Singapore.

SECTION II
BASIC NARRATIVE

A. Command Organization:

USS RICHARD E. KRAUS (DD-849) is a Fram I Gearing Class destroyer assigned to the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. From 1 January 1972 until 1 September 1972 KRAUS was under the administrative control COMDESRON SIX, COMCRUDESFLOT 6 and COMCRUDESFLANT. On 1 September 1972 the dissolution of Cruiser-Destroyer FLOTILLA SIX placed KRAUS under the administrative command of COMCRUDESFLOT 12. KRAUS' administrative chain of command remained unchanged for the remainder of the year. KRAUS was under the operational command of Commander Middle East Force from 1 January 1972 to 12 February 1972; under the operational command of Commander Second Fleet from 13 February 1972 to 6 November 1972; under the operational command of Commander First Fleet from 7 November 1972 to 29 November 1972; and under the operational command of Commander Seventh Fleet from 30 November 1972 to 31 December 1972.

B. OPERATIONS:

1 January found KRAUS under the operational control of Commander Middle East Force (COMIDEASTFOR). At this time, she was enroute to Kharg Island, Iran from Dammon, Saudi Arabia. Upon arrival at Kharg Island on 2 January, the ship was visited by Prince Sharich, the nephew of the Shah of Iran. The Iranian nationals proved to be excellent hosts, and the bonds of international friendship were strengthened by KRAUS' visit.

On 6 January, KRAUS departed Kharg Island and proceeded to Sitra, Bahrain Island for fuel. Upon completion of the fuel stop, KRAUS departed enroute to Diego Suarez, Malagasy Republic. Upon departure from Sitra, the following message was received from Capt. D. F. EMERSON, who was about to be relieved as Commander Destroyer Squadron SIX:

"As I part company with DESRON SIX, I wish to congratulate the Officers and men of USS R. E. KRAUS for a job well done. I have followed with pride your successful accomplishments of all tasks. It has been an honor and pleasure to have you under my command and I am proud of you. Have a safe and happy homecoming. Warm Regards, Commodore EMERSON".

The morning of 16 January found KRAUS standing into the harbor of Diego Suarez, Malagasy Republic. The visit to this city was to be for a one night fuel stop; however, the city afforded a respite for the crew. During the stop in Diego Suarez, LCDR L. H. GLOSSNER, USN was relieved as Executive Officer of KRAUS by LCDR Daniel KNIGHT, USN.

From 17 January, to 19 January, KRAUS was in transit to Victoria, Seychelles Islands. Literally a tropical paradise, the Seychelles provided a wide variety of interesting diversions; from a tour of a satellite tracking station to explorations of tropical rain forests.

KRAUS departed Victoria on 23 January and proceeded to Assab, Ethiopia, arriving 29 January. Enroute to Assab, the ship effected the evacuation of an ill merchant seaman from a tanker, and transported him to Assab for proper medical attention.

Departing Assab 31 January, the final transit of the MIDEAST deployment was conducted as KRAUS sailed to Mombassa, Kenya for relief by USS CECIL (DD-835). Arriving in Mombassa on the morning of 7 February, all hands were able to participate in tours of the magnificent game preserves in that area. With the turn-over and relief complete, KRAUS departed Mombassa on 12 February.

The return trip to Charleston took 27 days, with fuel stops at; Lorenzo Marques, Mozambique; Luanda, Angola; Dakar, Senegal; and the British Crown Colony of Bermuda. KRAUS arrived in Charleston 11 March.

On 21 March, CDR J. C. PATRICK, USN was relieved of command of KRAUS by CDR C. E. HEILAND, USN. The Change of Command ceremony was held pierside in Charleston, with Capt. J. H. BELL, USN, Commander Destroyer Squadron SIX as the guest speaker, and RADM R. O. WELANDER, USN, Commander Cruiser-Destroyer FLOTILLA SIX as the senior attendee.

Local operations continued until 12 May, when KRAUS sailed for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for participation in escort operations in the Caribbean Sea. While in the Caribbean, Guantanamo Bay served as a logistics center and base of operation, and KRAUS was under the operational control of Commander Eastern Sea Frontier. The Caribbean tour provided the occasion for a visit to Port Au Prince, Haiti from 26 to 29 May.

On 31 May, KRAUS participated in underway replenishment training with USS SAN DIEGO (AFS-6) and successfully fired an exercise ASROC missile and Torpedo on 1 June.

The Caribbean deployment was terminated 4 June, and KRAUS returned to her home port of Charleston, 6 June. For the next four months, the ship was assisted, inspected, advised and repaired by a myriad of teams from nearly every command that provides such services. The more noteworthy assistance and inspections are as follows:

Magazine Sprinkler Assistance Team	12 - 15 June
Naval Gunfire Support Team	12 - 14 June
Modest Improvement Team (SONAR)	13 - 17 June
#2 Ship's Service Switchboard Overhaul	10 July - 22 August
Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection	15 - 16 August

KRAUS sailed for Bloodsworth Island, Virginia 2 October to conduct qualification firing for Naval Gunfire Support. The qualifications were completed 5 October, and the ship returned to Charleston 8 October. Upon her return to home port, not only had KRAUS qualified in Gunfire Support, she had also been ordered to sail for Southeast Asia 1 November.

The Southeast Asia deployment commenced 1 November and continued through the remainder of calendar year 1972. Enroute to Vietnam, the ship made fuel and repair stops in Rodman, Panama; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Midway Island; and Yokosuka, Japan.

The majority of time in Southeast Asia was spent as a Gunfire Support Element off the coast of South Vietnam. KRAUS also served as a plane guard destroyer for an aircraft carrier.

The complete spectrum of destroyer operations was covered in the course of the Vietnam tour. Underway replenishments were a daily event; featuring all phases from alongside methods to helicopter vertical replenishment.

C. SPECIAL TOPICS:

1. Operational Statistics: The following statistics are a compilation of the activities for the year of 1972.

- a. 4,714 rounds of ammunition expended.
- b. 12 underway refueling.
- c. 50,205 miles traveled.
- d. 2,888,191 gallons of fuel consumed.
- e. 7 vertical replenishments.

2. PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL PERFORMANCE: No material casualty in any of the ships' departments prevented the ship from accomplishing her assigned missions. The Class "B" overhaul on the after electrical switchboard was repaired without significantly altering the ship's operational schedule.

There were a few personnel injuries throughout the year; however, none of these significantly affected the ships overall performance.

3. INTELLIGENCE: Standard ESM procedures were employed while underway, and significant ELINT signals were detected while deployed both in the MIDEAST and WESTPAC. Message reports of communist bloc merchant ships and fishing vessels, Soviet AGI's and various warships were submitted in accordance with current instructions when such vessels were encountered.

4. COMMUNICATIONS: A considerable amount of communications traffic was received and transmitted during the year, particularly during the Western Pacific Gun Line period. The following is a monthly summary of message traffic handled by the command.

January	540
February	483
March	399
April	220
May	520
June	300
July	178
August	132
September	297
October	504
November	912
December	1625

5. SUPPLY AND LOGISTICS: During this year the Supply Department underwent the change of being far removed from the Supply support in the Middle East to the underway replenishment rigors of the gun line. In the course of the year over 9000 loaves of bread were consumed and \$43,840 in goods were sold through ships store.

6. COMMUNITY RELATIONS: During the year KRAUS was somewhat limited in community relations due to her demanding schedule. Many crew members did help on local projects whenever possible, and many friends were made in all ports KRAUS visited.

7. TRAINING OF RESERVES: 4 officers and several enlisted men received Reserve Training while on board KRAUS in the month of July. A few of these had the opportunity to sail with KRAUS during an actual at sea exercise, however, all were satisfied with the training they received while on board.

8. ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAPLAIN: There was no Chaplain embarked on KRAUS for any part of the year; however, Protestant and Catholic lay services were normally held each Sunday.

9. MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES: All medical needs and assistance were handled by the ship's corpsman, except in extreme cases, when men were transferred to hospitals on larger units afloat.