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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12B

Encl: (1) Basic History

Annex: (a) FY-73 Complex Overhaul
(b) Combat Systems Implementation
(c) Congratulatory Messages (removed)

1.(U) In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (1) and annexes (a) through (c) are forwarded as the CHICAGO history for calendar year 1973.

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BASIC HISTORY

COMMAND ORGANIZATION

1. Commanding Officers.

   a. 1 January - 17 July - Captain Thomas W. Mc NAMARA, USN

      17 July - 31 December - Captain John A. BUCK, USN 1973

2. No mission or function changes occurred during the year.

3. Due to the reorganization of Cruiser-Destroyer Force, Pacific Fleet, CHICAGO came under administrative control of Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE.

4. Effective 30 June 1973 CHICAGO changed homeports from Long Beach, California to San Diego, California.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

On 25 August 1972 CHICAGO commenced a Complex Overhaul at Long Beach Naval Shipyard which was completed 1 September 1973. Commencing 15 May 1973 CHICAGO carried out a series of sea trials, tests and training evolutions to prove accomplished overhaul and alternation work and train the crew in the use of their new equipments. CHICAGO was certified operationally ready at the completion of Ship Qualification Trials (SQT) on 14 December. On 1 June CHICAGO, as a pilot ship, implemented the Combat Systems Organization (CSO) concept. The first test of this organization came on 12 December during a four hour NORAD off the Southern California Coast. The high degree of coordination attained between the onboard CSO component parts and the Navy and Army in support of the NORAD/ADC mission was evidenced by CHICAGO scoring eleven "first kills."

CHRONOLOGICAL RESUME OF USS CHICAGO (CG-11) 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 1973

JANJARY

1-3	Inport Singapore
4	Crossed the Equator, Enroute Subic Bay, R.P.I., to initiate 900 Pollywogs
4-7	Enroute Subic Bay, R.P.I.
7-8	Evaded Typhoon Kit by steaming out into the South China Sea
8-19	Inport Subic Bay, R.P.I. for Upkeep
19-21	Enroute Gulf of Tonkin
21-31	On Positive Identification Radar Advisory Zone (PIRAZ) Picket Station (CTU 77.0.2)

FEBRUARY

1-10	On Positive Identification Radar Advisory Zone (PIRAZ) Station
3	Launched One TALOS Missile
4	Launched One TALOS Missile
10-12	Enroute Subic Bay, R.P.I.
12-24	Inport Subic Bay, R.P.I. for Upkeep
24-25	Underway for Training
25-29	Inport Subic Bay, R.P.I.
29	Enroute Tonkin Gulf

MARCH

1-4	Enroute Gulf of Tonkin
4-20	In Tonkin Gulf on PIRAZ Station
8	Launched One TALOS Missile
20	Launched One TALOS Missile
21-23	Enroute Hong Kong, B.C.C.
23-30	Inport Hong Kong, B.C.C. for Rest and Relaxation
30-31	Enroute Gulf of Tonkin

APRIL

1-2	In Gulf of Tonkin (CTU 77.0.3)
3	Enroute Subic Bay, R.P.I. Returned to the Tonkin Gulf. Recalled to PIRAZ Station for action as required
4-25	In Gulf of Tonkin
25-27	Enroute Subic Bay, R.P.I.
27-30	Inport Subic Bay, R.P.I.
28	CCDF-3 Hauled down his Flag
30	Enroute Gulf of Tonkin

MAY

1-2	Enroute Gulf of Tonkin
2-29	On PIRAZ Station
9	On Station to support mining of Haiphong Harbor. Credited with One TALOS Missile MIG kill.
11	On Station to support mining of Haiphong Harbor. Received 60 rounds of Enemy Shore Fire; no effect.
30-31	Enroute Subic Bay, R.P.I.
31	Inport Subic Bay, R.P.I.

JUNE

1-10	Inport Subic Bay, R.P.I. for Upkeep
10-11	Enroute Gulf of Tonkin
12-20	On SOUTH TALOS STATION (CTU 77.0.4)
21-22	Enroute Subic Bay, R.P.I.
23-27	Enroute Guam
27	Inport Guam for Fueling Stop
27-30	Enroute Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
28	Chopped to FIRST Fleet

JULY

1-3	Enroute Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
3	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for Fueling stop
3-8	Enroute San Diego, California
5	Shifted Homeport to Long Beach, California
8-31	Inport San Diego, California

AUGUST

1-22	Inport San Diego, California
22	Conducted a Dependents' Cruise - Enroute Seal Beach, California
22-25	Inport Seal Beach, California for Offload of all Ordnance items
25	Enroute Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, California
25-31	Inport Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, California for a Complex Overhaul

SEPTEMBER

1-30	Inport LBNSY, Long Beach, California

OCTOBER

1-4	Inport LBNSY, Long Beach, California
4	Entered Drydock #2, LBNSY, Long Beach, California
5-31	In Drydock, LBNSY, Long Beach, California
31	Won the Battle Efficiency "E" for 1972 Competition

NOVEMBER

1-30	In Drydock, LBNSY, Long Beach, California

DECEMBER

1-31	In Drydock, LBNSY, Long Beach, California