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From: Commanding Officer, USS BROOKE (FFG 1)
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1. (U) In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND HISTORY
OF
USS BROOKE (FFG 1)
(OPNAV REPORT 57 50-1)

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I. (U) Commanding Officers during 1983:

CAPT John D. LUKE, USN, 01JAN-28FEB83
CAPT Barry M. PLOTT, USN, 28FEB-31DEC

II. (C) Chronology of Events for 1983:

1 Jan - 13 Jan	In port San Diego, CA
14 Jan	Underway en route NAS North Island, CA off load
15 Jan - 20 Mar	In port dry dock San Diego, CA
21 Mar - 23 Mar	Underway local OPS
24 Mar	Underway Pacific Missile Range
25 Mar	Underway en route Long Beach, CA
26 Mar - 27 Mar	In port Long Beach, CA
28 Mar	Underway en route San Diego, CA
29 Mar - 30 Mar	ISE/Full power run
31 Mar	Underway gunnery quals San Clemente Is.
01 Apr	Underway en route San Diego, CA
02 Apr - 12 Apr	In port San Diego, CA
13 Apr	Underway WESTPAC
13 Apr - 20 Apr	Transit to Pearl Harbor, HI
21 Apr - 24 Apr	In port Pearl Harbor, HI
25 Apr - 07 May	Transit to South China Sea OPAREA
08 May - 21 May	Underway South China Sea OPS
21 May	Underway en route Subic Bay, R.P.
22 May - 26 May	In port Subic Bay, R.P.
27 May - 29 May	Transit Chinhae, Korea
29 May - 30 May	In port Chinhae, Korea
31 May - 03 Jun	Underway Sea of Japan OPS
04 Jun - 08 Jun	In port Pusan, Korea
09 Jun - 10 Jun	En route Okinawa
11 Jun - 14 Jun	Underway Sea of Japan OPS
14 Jun - 15 Jun	Underway en route Sasebo, Japan
16 Jun - 26 Jun	In port Sasebo, Japan
27 Jun - 29 Jun	Underway en route Subic Bay, R.P.
30 Jun - 05 Jul	In port Subic Bay, R.P.
06 Jul - 11 Jul	Underway Philippine Sea OPS
12 Jul - 13 Sep	In port Subic Bay, R.P.
14 Sep - 17 Sep	Underway en route ROK OPAREAS Sea of Japan
18 Sep - 21 Sep	Underway ROK OPEREAS Sea of Japan OPS
22 Sep - 24 Sep	Underway en route Northern Sea of Japan
25 Sep - 04 Oct	Underway Northern Sea of Japan Salvage Ops KAL 007
05 Oct - 07 Oct	Underway en route Yokosuka, Japan
08 Oct - 09 Oct	In port Yokosuka, Japan
10 Oct - 11 Oct	Underway en route Northern Sea of Japan
12 Oct - 22 Oct	Underway Northern Sea of Japan Salvage OPS KAL 007
23 Oct - 24 Oct	Underway en route Yokosuka, Japan

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25 Oct	In port Yokosuka, Japan
26 Oct - 30 Oct	Underway en route Guam OPAREA
31 Oct - 01 Nov	Underway Guam OPAREA OPS
02 Nov - 10 Nov	Underway en route Pearl Harbor, HI
10 Nov - 11 Nov	In port Pearl Harbor, HI
12 Nov - 18 Nov	Underway en route San Diego, CA
19 Nov - 31 Dec	In port San Diego, CA

III. (C) Command History

USS BROOKE (FFG 1) was underway 132 days and in port 233 days during the year 1983. The operating schedule included an extended dry dock period (15JAN-20MAR) and a deployment to the Western Pacific (13APR-19NOV).

On 10 January 1983 during a routine hull inspection, divers discovered a crack in the sonar dome rubber window. ON 15 January 1983, USS BROOKE entered dry dock at San Diego, CA for replacement of sonar dome rubber window. Departing 20 March after completion of necessary repairs.

The next month was utilized in preparing for the up coming deployment to WESTPAC. During this period, numerous engineering exercises were conducted to evaluate repairs accomplished during the dry dock period. On 24 March 1983 USS BROOKE proceeded to the Pacific Missile Test Center Range to conduct a missile exercise. One MQM-74C drone was successfully intercepted with a SM-1 missile from the TARTAR missile battery. On 31 March 1983, USS BROOKE successfully completed Naval gunfire support qualification and provided Naval gunfire support spotter training services for the Naval Amphibious School, Coronado, California off San Clemente Island, during which 163 rounds were expended in a 12 hour period.

On 13 April 1983, USS BROOKE departed San Diego for a seven month deployment to WESTPAC. Transiting to the Western Pacific USS BROOKE participated in a coordinated anti-submarine warfare exercise from 25 April to 7 May. During this exercise BROOKE successfully completed a LAMPS torpedo attack and an SVTT attack on a target submarine. From 8 May to 14 May BROOKE conducted operations off the eastern coast of the Philippines, participating in exercise Balikatan Tangent Flash with the Philippine Navy. This exercise involved combined amphibious assault in which BROOKE provided simulated Naval gunfire support and escort duty. At the conclusion of this exercise BROOKE proceeded to rendezvous with elements of Battle Group Charlie in operation Cape Thunder from 12 to 19 May BROOKE fully exercised her anti-aircraft warfare systems. After successfully completing this exercise BROOKE was assigned duties as long range anti-submarine warfare picket ship for USS CORAL SEA and Battle Group Charlie from 21 to 22 May. During this 28 day period BROOKE was able to exercise all of its primary mission areas, enhancing the readiness and confidence of the officers and crew.

After a brief upkeep in Subic Bay, R.P. from 22 to 26 May 1983, BROOKE proceeded to the East China Sea for operations with the Republic of Korea Navy. Exercise TAE KWAN DO XXXVII was an excellent opportunity to evaluate our ability to conduct coordinated anti-submarine warfare with our allies.

During the period 31 May to 3 June BROOKE participated in intensive shallow water anti-submarine warfare in company with units of the Republic of Korea. After

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completing this professionally rewarding exercise BROOKE made a port call in Pusan, Korea from 4 to 8 June and then proceeded to Okinawa for operations in the Sea of Japan. Operation Vallant Blitz was conducted from 11 to 14 June off the coast of Okinawa. At its conclusion BROOKE proceeded to Sasebo, Japan for a well deserved upkeep period from 16 - 26 June. After completing needed repairs USS BROOKE proceeded to Subic Bay, R.P. to complete preparations for Battle Week 83-2, defense of the Philippines. From 6 to 11 July BROOKE participated in a multi-faceted exercise for defense of the Philippines from hostile air, surface, subsurface, and special warfare threats. This professionally rewarding exercise would prove to be our last for quite awhile.

After developing problems in 1A boiler during Battle Week 83-2, BROOKE entered Subic Bay, R.P. on 12 July 1983 for repairs. Examination by Ship Repair Facility Subic technicians determined replacement of all boiler tubes was necessary. Repairs were completed on 13 September 1983.

After completing repairs to 1A boiler, USS BROOKE proceeded to the East China Sea for operations with the Republic of Korea Navy. From 16 to 21 September, on conclusion of TAE KWAN DO XXXVIII, BROOKE was ordered to proceed at maximum available speed to the Northern Sea of Japan.

On 25 September 1983 USS BROOKE arrived on station off the coast of Sakhalin Island, USSR to participate in salvage operations involving Korean Airlines Flight 007. This real life situation proved to be an interesting and challenging experience for all hands. Assigned as escort for salvage vessels from the United States and Japan, BROOKE remained on station till 4 October 1983. On 5 October BROOKE began transiting to Yokosuka, Japan for duty as visit ship. Arriving in port Yokosuka, Japan on 9 October 1983 BROOKE participated in the visit ship program for Friendship Week 1983. Over one thousand Japanese were given a tour of non-classified spaces aboard BROOKE. After spending less than 48 hours in port BROOKE proceeded back to her duties in the waters off Sakhalin Island. Arriving back on station 12 October, BROOKE participated in KAL 007 salvage operations until 22 October 1983. Having completed over six months of her deployment, BROOKE proceeded towards Pearl Harbor. After conducting a transitex in the Guam OPAREA 31 October to 1 November, USS BROOKE proceeded to Pearl Harbor. Arriving in Pearl Harbor on 10 November, BROOKE took aboard 21 Tigers for return to San Diego, CA. The transit to San Diego was an enjoyable experience for all who participated. BROOKE returned to San Diego on 19 November.

The final days of 1983 were dedicated to post deployment leave and upkeep. From 21 to 25 November BROOKE underwent a diesel inspection which she passed successfully.

In summary, the year 1983 was a challenging and eventful period for USS BROOKE. The deployment to WESTPAC proved to be exciting and professionally rewarding. The ship proved she was ready to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

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