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COMMAND HISTORY  
OF  
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1984  
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- I. (C) Commanding Officer during 1984: CAPT Barry M. Plott, USN
- II. (C) Chronology of events for 1984

01 Jan - 08 Jan	Inport San Diego, CA
09 Jan - 13 Jan	Underway ISE, PRE INSURV Checks
14 Jan - 22 Jan	Inport San Diego, CA
23 Jan - 27 Jan	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, INSURV
28 Jan - 05 Feb	Inport San Diego, CA
06 Feb - 10 Feb	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, MTT PHASE I
11 Feb - 14 Feb	Inport San Diego, CA
15 Feb	Underway transit Seal Beach, CA
16 Feb	Inport Seal Beach, CA
16 Feb	Underway transit San Diego, CA
17 Feb - 26 Apr	Inport San Diego, CA SRA/Command Inspection
27 Apr - 30 Apr	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, Planeguard USS Carl Vinson
01 May - 06 May	Inport San Diego, CA
07 May	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, ISE
08 May	Inport Seal Beach, CA
09 May - 11 May	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, ISE
12 May - 13 May	Inport San Diego, CA
14 May - 18 May	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, ISE
19 May - 21 May	Inport San Diego, CA
22 May - 25 May	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, MTT PHASE II
26 May - 03 Jun	Inport San Diego, CA
04 Jun	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, TRE
05 Jun - 10 Jun	Inport San Diego, CA
11 Jun - 13 Jun	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, ISE/ECC
14 Jun - 23 Jun	Inport San Diego, CA, OPPRE
24 Jun - 29 Jun	Inport San Diego, CA, Broadway Pier Visit Ship
30 Jun - 01 Jul	Inport San Diego, CA
02 Jul - 03 Jul	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, ISE/ECC
04 Jul - 15 Jul	Inport San Diego, CA
16 Jul - 20 Jul	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, MODREFTRA
21 Jul - 22 Jul	Inport San Diego, CA
23 Jul - 26 Jul	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, MODREFTRA
27 Jul - 30 Jul	Inport San Diego, CA
31 Jul - 11 Aug	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, READIEX 84-2
12 Aug - 13 Aug	Inport San Diego, CA
14 Aug - 21 Aug	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, KERNAL USHER 84-2
22 Aug - 10 Sep	Inport San Diego, CA, AAV
11 Sep - 14 Sep	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, ISE/MTT PHASE I
15 Sep - 01 Oct	Inport San Diego, CA
02 Oct - 12 Oct	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, COMPTUEX 85-1
13 Oct - 17 Oct	Inport San Francisco, CA Fleet Week 1984
17 Oct - 18 Oct	Underway enroute San Diego, CA, MTT PHASE II

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19 Oct - 04 Nov	Inport San Diego, CA
05 Nov - 09 Nov	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, ISE/ECC
10 Nov - 19 Nov	Inport San Diego, CA
20 Nov - 21 Nov	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, OPPRE
22 Nov - 28 Nov	Inport San Diego, CA
29 Nov - 03 Dec	Underway SOCAL OPAREA, Planeguard USS Constellation
04 Dec - 31 Dec	Inport San Diego, CA

## II. (C) Summary of Operations

USS BROOKE (FFG 1) was underway 99 days and inport 267 days during the year 1984. The operating schedule included inspection by the Board of Inspection and Survey (23 - 29 JAN); a Selected Restricted Availability (20 Feb - 13 Apr); Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection (23 - 26 Apr); Refresher Training (16 - 27 Jul); READIEX 84-2 (31 Jul - 11 Aug); Kernel Usher 84-2 (14 - 21 Aug); Aviation Readiness Evaluation (22 Aug - 9 Sep); COMPTUEX 85-1 (2 - 13 Oct); and Operational Propulsion Plant Re-Examination (19 -21 Nov).

During the month of January, USS BROOKE made final preparations for her first major interdeployment cycle inspection, examination by the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV). Underway 23 - 27 January, the INSURV team examined the material condition of our weapons and engineering capabilities. This inspection provided an excellent review of the problems to be corrected during our upcoming Selected Restricted Availability (SRA). Before beginning the SRA, we conducted the first phase of preparation for the upcoming Operational Propulsion Plant Re-Examination (OPPRE). USS BROOKE was underway 6 - 10 February for Mobile Team Training (MTT) Phase I, the first of many steps in preparing our engineering plant and personnel for the OPPRE.

From 20 February to 13 April, a scheduled Selected Restricted Availability was conducted. During this period, we corrected numerous material deficiencies and conducted needed maintenance in all departments. We also underwent a command inspection by our squadron (3 - 5 April), and a Nuclear Weapons Assist Team visit (26 - 30 March). From 29 - 31 March, BROOKE was host ship for HMCS KOOTENAY.

From 23 - 26 April, a Nuclear Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection was conducted. BROOKE successfully completed this major inspection with an overall grade of satisfactory. Noteworthy during the inspection were excellent ratings in the personnel reliability program and technical operations.

This inport period was extremely busy for all hands, allowing for extensive material improvement and valuable training for all hands.

On 27 April, USS BROOKE got underway for planeguard duty with USS CARL VINSON. This underway period proved to be a valuable training experience for personnel without experience operating with a carrier. During the month of May, we also provided services for USS PORTSMOUTH in her workup for deployment (14 - 18 May). In preparation for an Operational Propulsion Plant Re-Examination, four underway periods of independent exercise from 9 May to 13 June were utilized to conduct Engineering Casualty Control Drills. From 19 - 20 June, the OPPRE board conducted an inspection of

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BROOKE's Engineering Department. The board determined material deficiencies in the Feed Pumps required re-examination at a later date. Noting the deficiencies which had to be corrected, BROOKE began intensive preparations for the re-examination in November.

USS BROOKE was visit ship at Broadway Pier in San Diego, CA for two days (24 - 25 June). Guided tours and demonstrations were provided to over seven hundred visitors.

The month of July was extremely busy for all hands. Inport 4 - 15 July, extensive preparations were made for Interim Refresher Training. During the period of 16 - 29 July, Interim Refresher Training was completed in the Southern California OPAREAS. The training covered all facets of the ship's mission, including multi-threat warfare scenarios, seamanship, engineering casualty control drills, weapon firings, communications, personnel casualty treatment, and damage control. During the first week of training, the ship conducted a successful ASROC firing against a target submarine, and conducted numerous gunnery exercises expending 98 rounds of 5"38 ammunition. The two weeks of training were exceptionally rigorous. Training included an intensive daily schedule of around the clock exercises, condition watches, drills, and no notice evolutions. Of particular note was a mass conflagration drill which tested the damage control skill of all hands. BROOKE successfully completed REFTRA with a satisfactory grade in all areas.

On 31 July 1984, BROOKE departed San Diego for READIEX 84-2 to be conducted in Southern California Operating Areas. BROOKE was a member of Orange Forces providing a simulated threat to Battle Group Charlie with USS CONSTELLATION. During this exercise, all facets of BROOKE's mission areas were exercised. Various multi-ship, anti-submarine warfare exercises, modular type training exercises, and multi-threat scenarios were conducted. While participating in this major training exercise, BROOKE fired 42 rounds of 5"38 ammunition and conducted a successful LAMPS MK46 torpedo attack on a target submarine. After a two day inport period, USS BROOKE departed San Diego for an exercise off San Clemente Island. Kemal Usher 84-2 (14 - 21 August) was an amphibious assault exercise designed to test coordination between amphibious assault forces and support forces. USS BROOKE was a member of Orange Force opposing the assault. During the anti-submarine warfare portion of the exercise, USS BROOKE conducted a successful over-the-side torpedo attack on a target submarine. Overall, READIEX 84-2 and Kemal Usher 84-2 were outstanding training exercises which honed the skills of officers and crew into a cohesive fighting unit.

Upon returning to port 22 August 1984, BROOKE continued preparations for the upcoming OPRE. On 30 August, USS BROOKE began a series of assist visits to evaluate our aviation capacity. The Training Assist Visit (30-31 August) was upgraded to a satisfactory Aeronautical Systems Inspection and Recertification (ASIR). Aviation Readiness Assist which followed the first week of September, was upgraded to a satisfactory Aviation Readiness Evaluation (ARE). The outstanding results of the Assist Visits enabled us to maintain our level one/class one certification without conducting the normal follow on ARE and ASIR. During the period of 11 - 14 September we conducted independent steaming exercises in Southern California Operating Areas to hone our engineering casualty control procedures. On 20 October, USS BROOKE got underway for COMPTUEX 85-1 (2-12 October). This exercise was conducted in the Southern California Operating Areas, exercising all mission areas in a multi-threat environment. During this exercise, we fired 135 rounds of 5"38 ammunition in general gunnery exercises and Naval



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Gunfire Support qualification. We also conducted an over the side torpedo attack against a target submarine. On concluding this outstanding training period, numerous members of the task force entered San Francisco, California for participation in Fleetweek '84. USS BROOKE was visit ship in San Francisco for four days (13-17 October). This was an outstanding period for the crew to present the ship and the Navy to the citizens of San Francisco. After concluding this enjoyable port visit, USS BROOKE departed San Francisco en route to San Diego. In transit, we conducted numerous casualty control drills under the instructive eye of the Mobile Training Team. During the rest of October and November, USS BROOKE made final preparations for the Operational Propulsion Plant Re-Examination scheduled 19-21 November. After the weeks of intensive training and preparation, USS BROOKE satisfactorily passed her OPPRE. Noteworthy during the examination was the material condition of the main spaces and satisfactory completion of all casualty control drills by all watchsections.

The final days of 1984 were dedicated to inport training and maintenance. With the exception of planeguard duty with USS CONSTELLATION (29 November-3 December) the remainder of the year was spent inport San Diego. 1984 was a challenging and eventful period for USS BROOKE. USS BROOKE underwent an intensive training and material inspection schedule during which all interdeployment inspections were successfully completed. This was an outstanding year for the "First and Finest."

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