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From: Commanding Officer, USS BROOKE (FFG-1)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09B9), Washington Naval Yard,
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Subj: USS BROOKE (FFG-1) FINAL COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV REPORT SYMBOL
5750.12D)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

Encl: (1) USS BROOKE (FFG-1) Command History 1988

1. (U) In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted. USS BROOKE was decommissioned 17 September 1988. This is the Final Command History.

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1. Command Mission, Composition and Organization:

a. USS BROOKE is the first of the FFG-1 class ships whose mission is to provide AAW, ASU, and ASW self defense and to effectively provide local area protection to underway replenishment groups, amphibious groups, and other military shipping against air, surface, and subsurface threats. BROOKE can also provide some NGFS support and make a limited contribution to Carrier Battle Group or SAG defense by supplementing other battle group assets. Accordingly, the following primary and secondary warfare mission areas are assigned:

- (1) Primary:
 - (a) Anti-Air Warfare (AAW)
 - (b) Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW)
 - (c) Anti-Surface Ship Warfare (ASU)
 - (d) Command, Control, and Communications (CCC)
 - (e) Electronic Warfare (ELW)
 - (f) Mobility (MOB)
- (2) Secondary:
 - (a) Amphibious Warfare (AMW)
 - (b) Intelligence (INT)
 - (c) Fleet Support Operations (FSO)
 - (d) Mine Warfare (MIW)
 - (e) Non-Combat Operations (NCO)

b. USS BROOKE's Commanding Officer until August 15 1988 was CDR John T. O. Martin. LCDR William E. Gahnstrom, BROOKE's former Executive Officer then assumed command until decommissioning, 17 September 1988.

c. Chain of Command:

Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group ONE

Commander Destroyer Squadron THIRTEEN

d. Temporary Chain of Command during 1988 for decommissioning 22 July through 17 September:

Commander Naval Surface Force U.S. Pacific Fleet

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2. (C) Chronology of Events for 1988:

01JAN-05JAN	Inport San Diego (holiday upkeep)
06JAN-06JAN	Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE)
07JAN-08JAN	Underway TYT
09JAN-10JAN	Inport San Diego
11JAN-14JAN	Inport San Diego Weapons Systems Accuracy Test (WSAT)
15JAN-18JAN	Inport San Diego
19JAN-21JAN	Under way Weapons Systems Accuracy Test (WSAT)
22JAN-27JAN	Under way TYT
28JAN-08FEB	Inport San Diego
09FEB-10FEB	Under way (OPPRE)
11FEB-11FEB	Inport San Diego (OPPRE)
12FEB-15FEB	Inport San Diego
16FEB-19FEB	Under way (FTG Training Assist)
20FEB-23FEB	Inport San Diego (late sail 23FEB enroute Seal Beach)
24FEB-24FEB	Load Seal Beach (late sail enroute San Diego)
25FEB-27MAR	Inport San Diego
28MAR-30MAR	Under way TYT
31MAR-07APR	Inport San Diego
08APR-22APR	Underway Fleetex 88-2 (ORANGE Force)
23APR-27APR	Enroute Vancouver, BC
28APR-01MAY	Visit Vancouver, BC
02MAY-04MAY	Enroute Concord
05MAY-05MAY	Offload Concord (late sail enroute San Francisco)
06MAY-06MAY	Visit San Francisco

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07MAY-08MAY	Enroute San Diego
09MAY-07JUN	Inport San Diego
08JUN-09JUN	Under way TYT
10JUN-10JUN	Enroute Avalon (late arrival)
11JUN-12JUN	Visit Avalon
13JUN-13JUN	Enroute San Diego (late arrival)
14JUN-14JUN	Inport San Diego
15JUN-16JUN	Under way (CORTRAMID)
17JUN-21JUN	Inport San Diego
22JUN-23JUN	Under way (CORTRAMID)
24JUN-29JUN	Inport San Diego
30JUN-30JUN	Under way (CORTRAMID)
01JUL-06JUL	Inport San Diego
07JUL-07JUL	Under way (CORTRAMID)
08JUL-13JUL	Inport San Diego
14JUL-14JUL	Under way (CORTRAMID)
15JUL-20JUL	Inport San Diego
21JUL-21JUL	Under way (CORTRAMID)
22JUL-22JUL	Under way TYT (Dependents Cruise (final under way day))
23JUL-24JUL	Inport San Diego
25JUL-16SEP	Inport San Diego (Decommissioning RAV)
17SEP-17SEP	Decommissioning

3. (C) Summary of operations: USS BROOKE (FFG-1) was under way 62 days and inport 198 days during the abbreviated year 1988. The operating schedule included: TRE 06JAN, WSAT 11JAN-21JAN, OPPRE 09FEB-11FEB, FTG Training Assist 16FEB-19FEB, Fleetex 88-2 08APR-22APR, Port visit Vancouver BC 28APR-01MAY, Decommissioning Offload Concord 05MAY, Port visit San Francisco 06MAY, Port visit Avalon 10JUN-12JUN, CORTRAMID Lead Ship 16JUN-21JUL when BROOKE was under way every Thursday providing Midshipmen training, dependents cruise 22JUL, Decommissioning RAV 25JUL-

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17SEP, Change of Command 15AUG, and Decommissioning 17SEP.

USS BROOKE's crew returned from holiday upkeep in early January amid rumors of decommissioning, but still eager to demonstrate that ship had finally overcome all of her material related problems and was ready to, once again, become a front line unit. The first of a long string of successes was the TRE 06JAN. BROOKE was evaluated fully ready for further training, receiving satisfactory or outstanding scores in all areas. The next success was the inport week of WSAT 11-14 JAN. The WSAT technicians who came aboard for combat systems alignment and to "groom" the SQS-26 Sonar and Underwater Battery Systems, specifically noted the outstanding material condition and high state of readiness of these systems. On 19JAN BROOKE stood out to sea for 9 days of intense training. The first three days were the underway portion of WSAT during which the ship completed self noise tests, updated ships maneuvering characteristics, calibrated the underwater log, and then culminated the WSAT with successful MK-46 torpedo and ASROC live firings. The next six days were spent doing countless Engineering Casualty Control drills in preparation for the upcoming OPRE, and on 25JAN the ship moved onto the Naval Gunfire Support area at San Clemente Island where the long awaited NGFS qualification was finally achieved. The ship returned to San Diego 27JAN after a very full and successful 9 days underway.

The next two weeks were spent in an "S" Availability with Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity, San Diego (SIMA), making final repairs and completing required maintenance prior to the upcoming OPRE. The rumors of decommissioning were growing; however, BROOKE's Engineers were determined to continue the string of successes and make the ship even more combat ready. They did just that during the successful OPRE 9-11 FEB. The first day hot checks went very well allowing the ship to get underway early and complete the first drill set and main space fire drill that same night. The second drill set, boiler flexibility test and high power demonstration were satisfactorily completed the next day, and the ship returned to port for the final critique. The Engineers had only 4 days to make minor repairs and bring the plant back up prior to the FTG Training Assist 16-19 FEB. The training assist was originally scheduled as a full 2 week interim Refresher Training (IRFT), but had to be reduced to a one week training assist when a short term deploying unit entered training, reducing the number of available FTG observers. The training assist, though short, was very intense and beneficial. Many standard training requirements (STR) were completed with satisfactory and outstanding scores.

BROOKE proceeded to Seal Beach 24 FEB to receive a full combat loadout of ammunition, and then returned to San Diego for a four week "R" availability with SIMA. During this upkeep period the Supply department continued the, now impressive string of successes by passing the Supply Management Assessment, scoring satisfactory or outstanding in all areas. Operations and Weapons departments were not idle during the availability, completing an extensive list of team trainers including: Naval Gunfire Support (NGFS), Target Motion analysis (TMA) bearings only, Radar Assisted Piloting (RAP), ASW Phase I, and a "RAVIR" trainer. After a fast cruise on 25 MAR, BROOKE was underway for a 2 day shakedown period 29-30 MAR, and then returned to port to prepare for Fleetex 88-2 and the follow-on port visits which would be the longest sustained operating period for the ship since returning from deployment in November of 1985. Rumors of the decommissioning were becoming more substantive and it appeared likely BROOKE would decommission in FY88,

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possibly as soon as June.

BROOKE stood out to sea 08APR for the beginning of Fleetex 88-2 as a member of the "ORANGE" forces. Simulating a KRESTA I, the ship followed USS CARL VINSON out of port and continued to trail the carrier and her escorts providing INCSEA Training, and attempting to intrude on "BLUE" communication circuits for about 4 days. At the beginning of "Hot War", BROOKE transmitted final targeting data to the other "ORANGE" units and then steamed away from the carrier at full speed in classic tattle tale fashion. After a 2 hour high speed run BROOKE turned to simulate firing her anti-ship missiles (ASM's) at the carrier, and at the same time simulated firing on other BLUE units in the area, including USS New Jersey. The rest of the Fleetex was a series of attacks, fall back to rearm, and then reattack. During one three day period late in the exercise BROOKE actually joined the BLUE forces to participate in a SACCEX, managing to distinguish herself by spending more time on the NGFS gun line, and putting more rounds on target than any other exercise unit. BROOKE received high praise from both "ORANGE" and "BLUE" force commanders for providing outstanding and very realistic training to the Battle Group.

During the exercise, final approval was received to proceed with the planned port visit to Vancouver BC, and then to offload all ammunition at Concord, CA., on the way back to San Diego. This also confirmed that the decommissioning would occur; however, the ship still did not know the exact date.

BROOKE detached from Fleetex 88-2 on 22APR and made an uneventful transit to Vancouver BC arriving 28APR. A very small anti-nuclear demonstration did very little to discourage the crew, who thoroughly enjoyed the ship's final foreign port visit. The ship stood out to sea 02MAY enroute Naval Weapons Station Concord, CA., arriving the morning of 05MAY. The Weapons Department did an outstanding job, conducting the entire offload in just a few hours which allowed the ship to move to San Francisco that same afternoon. BROOKE departed San Francisco the afternoon of 07MAY, and arrived in San Diego 08MAY.

May 9 through June 7 were spent in port San Diego in a restricted availability with SIMA. Near the end of this upkeep period the ship learned that the decommissioning date would be 17 September; however, in an effort to keep the ship operating until the last possible minute, the Type Commander selected BROOKE to be the lead ship for CORTRAMID training scheduled to commence in June.

BROOKE was underway 08-09 June for a post RAV shakedown, and then conducted her final port visit in Avalon, CA., 10 through 12 June before starting the 7 week CORTRAMID tasking.

As CORTRAMID lead ship, BROOKE was tasked with scheduling all services, OPAREAS, anchorages, and for providing the schedule of events and pre-ex messages. Each week three different ships participated with BROOKE, each handling approximately 40 Midshipmen. Every Tuesday afternoon the entire group of Midshipmen was briefed by the BROOKE Wardroom on what was to happen on the Thursday underway day, and then treated to a Beach Bar-B-Que party. The first two weeks saw BROOKE underway on Wednesday for type training, and then proceeding to FTG anchorage early Thursday morning to pickup the Midshipmen and rendezvous with the other ships. For the final

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five weeks, the ship got underway early Thursday morning and proceeded to the FTG anchorages to pickup the Midshipmen. Every Thursday underway day for the entire 7 weeks was scheduled indentially: i.e. Anchor 0630 to Pickup Midshipmen, 0730 underway, 0800-1030 Leapfrogs and AAW tracking, 1030-1130 5" 38 Gun Shoot, 1130-1230 "Steel Beach" picnic and small arms FAM FIRE, 1230-1400 man overboard conning, and 1400-1530 Multiship maneuvers and transit back to San Diego. The 40 Midshipmen were divided into 5 groups of 8, and assigned a junior officer running mate to assist in rotating them through all areas of the ship, and to ensure everyone received hands-on training during all of the events.

The CORTRAMID tasking was a welcome bonus for BROOKE. It provided an opportunity to keep the ship operating right up until the start of the decommissioning RAV, and also provided one more chance for the ship and crew to excell. Throughout the 7 weeks, the Midshipmen critique sheets rated BROOKE as the number one ship. On a grading scale of 9, the BROOKE's scores averaged 8.3 over the entire period.

The dependents cruise on 22 July was the final underway day for BROOKE. The Executive Officer, LCDR W. E. Gahnstrom got the ship underway, and the Captain, CDR John T. O. Martin conned the ship to its final berth at pier one Naval Station, San Diego.

BROOKE was decommissioned 17 September 1988 and placed into Inactive Ship Status pending possible foreign military sale following a decommissioning availability from 25 July through 16 September 1988.

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