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USS CARR (FFG-52)  
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From: Commanding Officer, USS CARR (FFG-52)  
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard,  
Washington, DC 20374-0571

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY 01 JANUARY 1989 - 31 JANUARY 1989

1. Command Composition and Organization

CARR is attached to Destroyer Squadron Six, homeport - Charleston, South Carolina.

Mission - To escort and protect convoys, underway replenishment groups, amphibious landing groups and carrier battle groups.

2. Chronology.

01 Jan 89 - 22 Jan 89	Inport Charleston
23 Jan 89 - 23 Jan 89	Enroute Naval Weapons Station Charleston
23 Jan 89 - 24 Jan 89	Inport Naval Weapons Station Charleston
24 Jan 89 - 24 Jan 89	Enroute Naval Station Charleston
24 Jan 89 - 25 Jan 89	Inport Charleston
26 Jan 89 - 27 Jan 89	Underway for INSURV Rehearsal
28 Jan 89 - 30 Jan 89	Inport Charleston
31 Jan 89 - 31 Jan 89	Underway Charleston OP area

3. Narrative.

The beginning of 1989 found CARR completing a very successful Selective Restricted Availability with Denton Shipyard. Several of the major projects underway included the Combat Systems Battery Alignment, final testing of the Ship Service Diesel Generators and a complete resurfacing of the flightdeck.

On the evening of 12 January 89, the Captain briefed the CARR Wives Club. Included in the topics of discussion were the changes in emphasis of the ship's mission, and the stresses that are involved in such a change. CARR was embarking on a series of major inspections over the next several months that included INSURV, Planned Maintenance System, Engineering Mobile Training Team, and Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.

The 13th of January marked the official completion of SRA with the final SRA meeting held on 17 January. The completion of SRA was six days ahead of schedule.

A frocking ceremony was held on the 17th of January for all advancement selectees. STG2 [REDACTED] and Fireman [REDACTED]

were recognized for their selection as Sailor of the Quarter and Junior Sailor of the Quarter respectfully.

In an interesting "election", Ensign [REDACTED] was chosen by the wardroom as the "BULL ENSIGN." Since there had not been a designated "BULL" and three Ensigns (ENS [REDACTED], ENS [REDACTED] and ENS [REDACTED]) all had the same date of rank, the tie was broken through a democratic process. On the 17th of January, ENS [REDACTED] had the large rank bars of the CARR's Bull Ensign office pinned on him by the Commanding Officer.

CARR transitted up the Cooper River to the Charleston Naval Weapons Station on 23 January and loaded various weapons. She returned to Charleston Naval Station on the 24th.

The 26th of January found CARR underway for INSURV rehearsal with COMDESRON SIX, Capt Jerry Lewis, embarked. COMDESRON SIX departed at 1700 near Fort Sumter the same day while CARR returned to sea for the night. CARR entered port on 27 January. Preparations for INSURV continued for the remainder of the month.

CARR was again underway on the 31st of January for a very successful Combat Systems Assessment conducted by COMNAVSURFLANT Combat Systems Mobile Training Team, and INSURV rehearsal with DESRON SIX Chief Staff Officer, CDR [REDACTED], embarked.



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1. Command Composition and Organization

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2. Chronology.

01 Feb 89 - 06 Feb 89	Inport Charleston
07 Feb 89 - 08 Feb 89	Underway for Final INSURV Rehearsal
09 Feb 89 - 12 Feb 89	Inport Charleston
13 Feb 89 - 16 Feb 89	Underway Insurv
17 Feb 89 - 20 Feb 89	Inport Charleston
21 Feb 89 - 25 Feb 89	Underway Jacksonville Op Area
26 Feb 89 - 28 Feb 89	Inport Charleston

3. Narrative.

February 1989 found CARR hard at work preparing for the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV).

On the 2nd of February, a team from Fleet Mine Warfare Training Center conducted a highly successful Training Readiness Evaluation in preparation for REFTRA at GTMO Cuba.

CARR was underway on the 7th and 8th of February for the final INSURV rehearsal. All major systems were exercised including detect to engage, full power trial, and counter measure washdown.

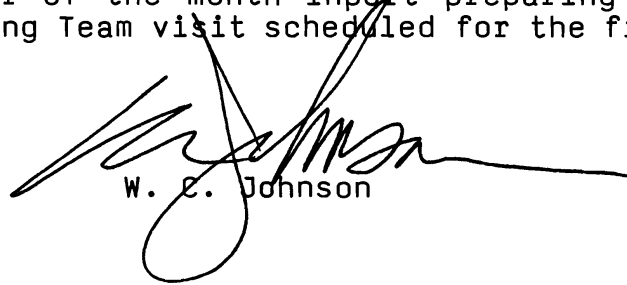
INSURV began on the 13th of February. The President of the INSURV board, RADM Lewin, Capt Gladdin and Capt Lash were among the inspectors embarked in CARR. INSURV was completed on the 16th of February and the Captain was debriefed by RADM Lewin, Capt Gladdin and Capt Lash. It was noted that CARR finished this difficult detailed material inspection one day early. CARR also had fewer material deficiencies than the average ship of this class. All of the hard work done in preparation of INSURV paid off. CARR did very well!

CARR took a well deserved breather on 17 February when the Captain granted Holiday Routine in recognition of the crew's outstanding effort in preparing for INSURV.

CARR was again underway on 21 February for Deck Landing Qualifications off Jacksonville FL. In addition to DLQ's for the helo pilots, CARR used this underway opportunity to train the crew in main space fire and basic engineering casualty control drills. CARR returned to homeport on 25 February.

On the 26th of February, 25 Boy Scouts from Colombia SC were hosted by CARR with a ship tour.

CARR spent the remainder of the month inport preparing for the Engineering Mobile Training Team visit scheduled for the first week of March.



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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY 01 MARCH 1989 - 31 MARCH 1989

1. Command Composition and Organization

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Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Four Four (HSL-44) Detachment 4, based at NAF Mayport, Florida. Aircraft - 1-SH-60B Seahawk.

2. Chronology.

01 Mar 89 - 03 Mar 89	Underway EMTT
04 Mar 89 - 12 Mar 89	Inport Charleston
13 Mar 89 - 15 Mar 89	Enroute St Thomas, USVI
16 Mar 89 - 19 Mar 89	Inport St Thomas, USVI
20 Mar 89 - 20 Mar 89	Enroute Roosevelt Roads PR
20 Mar 89 - 21 Mar 89	Enroute Guantanamo Bay Cuba
21 Mar 89 - 31 Mar 89	REFTRA Guantanamo Bay Cuba

3. Narrative.

On the 1st of March, CARR was underway for the Engineering Mobile Training Team. The next two days were very busy for CARR's crew. The Engineering Department conducted BECCE drills on all watch stations and the crew was exercised at General Quarters stations to extinguish various main space fires. During this time CARR was notified by message that a surprise PMS inspection was scheduled for the week of 6 March. In addition to the surprise PMS inspection, the CIC team was scheduled for 20B5 training and two damage control teams were to depart for DC team training. By weeks end CARR had successfully passed the PMS inspection and completed 20B5 and DC training.

CARR was underway on the 13th of March for St Thomas USVI. Along with the regular crew, CARR embarked HSL-44 Det 4 and Magnum 443, plus the USCG Law Enforcement Det, Cape Hatteras.

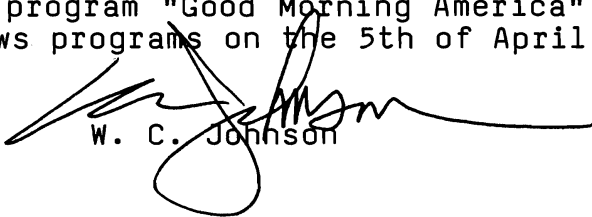
During the transit to St Thomas, CARR's CPO Quarters achieved 100% ESWS qualification.

On 16 March CARR moored at St Thomas USVI for a three day stay. CARR sailors toured the island, took advantage of island shopping, various sporting events, and generally relaxed. While inport, the local branch of the Navy League hosted a reception for the Wardroom.

On the 20th of March CARR was underway for Roosevelt Roads PR for a brief fuel stop and then on to Guantanamo Bay Cuba. During the transit, CARR stopped and boarded the motor vessel Pedro Express in support of USCG Law Enforcement Ops. No contraband was found.

CARR arrived in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GTMO) for Interim Refresher Training (IRFT) on the 22nd of March, completely ready for training. CARR conducted various exercises including man overboard drills, fire drills, combat systems team training just to name a few. She stayed well ahead of the GTMO schedule throughout.

CARR closed out the month hosting CBS and NBC news teams reporting on the activities of the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay. Mr. Henry Champ and Senior Pentagon reporter, Mr. Robert Zelnick, interviewed the Commanding Officer and filmed the various training evolutions featuring CARR and her magnificent crew. Film segments were aired on the national TV program "Good Morning America" and on both CBS and NBC evening news programs on the 5th of April.

  
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY 01 APRIL 1989 - 30 APRIL 1989

1. Command Composition and Organization

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Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Four Four (HSL-44) Detachment 4, based at NAF Mayport, Florida. Aircraft - 1-SH-60B Seahawk.

2. Chronology.

01 April - 14 April	REFTRA Guantanamo Bay Cuba
15 April - 16 April	Enroute Charleston
17 April - 27 April	Inport Charleston
28 April - 29 April	Underway OPPE
29 April - 30 April	Inport Charleston

3. Narrative.

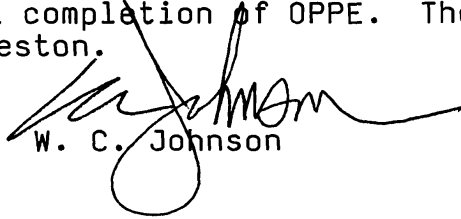
The first two weeks of April found CARR completing Interim Refresher training at Guantanamo Bay Cuba (GTMO). On the first of April CARR was underway for Anti-Submarine Warfare training. The 3rd of April CARR was underway again at 0530 for a full day of shipwide damage control drills. CARR hosted Mr. Bob Zelenick, ABC Pentagon correspondent, in support of filming a news segment for "Good Morning America." The topics of the newscast was the function of the lone US military base within a Communist country. CARR returned to port in the early afternoon to conduct inport damage control drills. CARR continued this hectic schedule, completing all areas of training with excellent scores, and ahead of the normal schedule for FFG's. CARR departed GTMO on the 14th of April enroute to her homeport of Charleston SC.

CARR continued her training while underway, getting ready for Operational Propulsion Plant Exam (OPPE) scheduled at the end of the month.

HSL-44 Det 4's Magnum 445 flew off to NAS Mayport FL on the 16th of April.

CARR returned to homeport on the 17th of April. She continued fine tuning the ship's equipment and various records in preparations for OPPE.

On 27 April, the Propulsion Examining Board arrived to commence OPPE. CARR was underway at 0730 28 April to conduct the OPPE underway phase. CARR conducted a main space fire drill and basic engineering casualty control exercises, and returned to port at 0330 29 April at the successful completion of OPPE. The end of the month found CARR inport Charleston.



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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY 01 MAY 1989 - 31 MAY 1989

1. Command Composition and Organization

CARR is attached to Destroyer Squadron Six, homeport - Charleston, South Carolina.

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2. Chronology.

01 May - 02 May	Inport Charleston
03 May - 03 May	Enroute Naval Weapons Station Charleston
03 May - 04 May	Inport Naval Weapons Station Charleston
04 May - 04 May	Enroute Naval Station Charleston
04 May - 07 May	Inport Charleston
08 May - 09 May	Enroute Norfolk VA
09 May - 09 May	Inport Norfolk
10 May - 31 May	Dry Docked USS Sustain (AFDM-7)

3. Narrative.

The first of May found CARR inport Charleston observing holiday routine granted by the Commanding Officer for the outstanding results of the Operational Propulsion Plant Exam.

On the third of May CARR was underway for the Naval Weapons Station Charleston to off load all her ammunition in preparation for an upcoming industrial dry docking period. Upon completion of the off load, CARR was underway on the fourth of May for the Naval Station Charleston before for her transit to Norfolk.

On 8 May CARR was underway for an overnight steam to Norfolk arriving on 9 May.

On the 10th of May CARR was underway from her berth in Norfolk and dry docked in USS SUSTAIN (AFDM-7). CARR remained dry docked through the end of May. During the dry dock period many industrial jobs were completed. Included was the replacement of the sonar dome, replacement of the rudder post seal, and a complete sand blast and painting of her underwater hull. CARR's crew received the benefit of numerous naval schools offered in the Norfolk area. In addition CARR's crew was able to take advantage of the inport time by taking well deserved earned.

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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY 01 JUNE 1989 - 30 JUNE 1989

1. Command Composition and Organization

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2. Chronology.

01 JUNE - 05 JUNE	DRYDOCKED USS SUSTAIN (AFDM-7)
06 JUNE - 08 JUNE	ENROUTE CHARLESTON
08 JUNE - 18 JUNE	INPORT CHARLESTON
19 JUNE - 19 JUNE	ENROUTE NAVWPNSTA CHARLESTON
19 JUNE - 21 JUNE	INPORT NAVWPNSTA CHARLESTON
21 JUNE - 23 JUNE	UNDERWAY JACKSONVILLE OP AREA
24 JUNE - 26 JUNE	INPORT UNION STREET PIER CHARLESTON
26 JUNE - 26 JUNE	ENROUTE NAVSTA CHARLESTON
26 JUNE - 30 JUNE	INPORT CHARLESTON

3. Narrative.

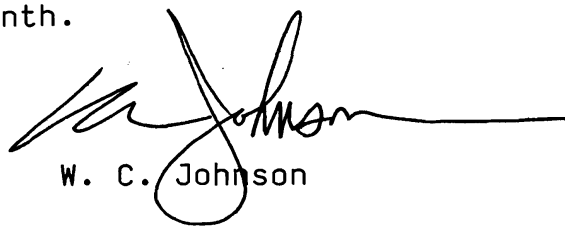
USS CARR started the month of June drydocked in USS SUSTAIN (AFDM-7). Work was completed on the sonar dome, rudder post seal and the underwater hull. CARR was underway from USS SUSTAIN enroute to the fueling piers at Craney Island on 6 June 1989. After a short refueling stop, CARR conducted man overboard drills and General Quarters drills for Chemical, Biological and Radiological Warfare Selex's. CARR returned to homeport and early liberty call on 8 June 1989 after being in Norfolk VA for almost a month. CARR remained in homeport until 18 June 1989. During this period CARR had her Command Inspection by Destroyer Squadron Six, Harpoon Material Inspection, and on Site Gauge Calibration.

On 19 June 1989, CARR was underway for the Naval Weapons Station Charleston for ammo onload. After completing ammo onload, CARR was again underway for Deck Landing Qualifications (DLQ) in the Jacksonville Op Area. In addition to DLQ's, CARR also conducted ship handling training for junior officers, SAR swimmer

qualifications for two crewmen, General Quarters for a main space fire drill, basic engineering causality control exercises (BECCE), and swing ship for gyro PMS.

On the 24th of June 1989 CARR had a tasking of a different kind. CARR arrived at the Union Street Pier, downtown Charleston to help celebrate Carolina Day. For the next two days CARR was open house to about 800 tourists and local citizens.

CARR returned to the Naval Station Charleston on the 26th of June 1989 to begin Combat Systems Readiness Review. CARR remained inport through the end of the month.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. C. Johnson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

W. C. Johnson



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29 AUG 89

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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY 01 JULY 1989 - 31 JULY 1989

1. Command Composition and Organization

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2. Chronology.

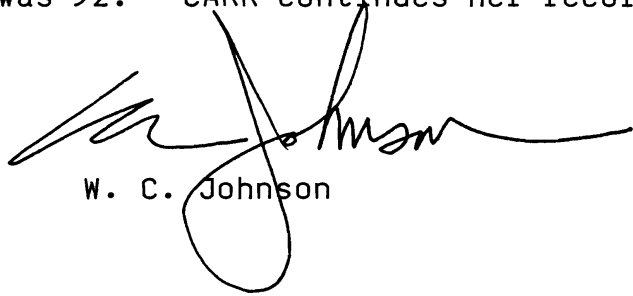
01 JULY - 09 JULY	INPORT CHARLESTON
10 JULY - 14 JULY	UNDERWAY JAX OP AREA
15 JULY - 31 JULY	INPORT CHARLESTON

3. Narrative.

CARR began the month of July 1989 moored inport Charleston SC. Independence Day found CARR decked out in Full Dress Ship. On 8 July 1989 the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, and all Department Heads met with the Chief Staff Officer of Destroyer Squadron Thirty Two to discuss the upcoming deployment. On 9 July 1989 CARR embarked the Aviation Detachment HLS 44 Det 4, and was underway the following morning enroute to the Jacksonville Operating Area. CARR conducted 349 Deck Landing Qualifications /RAST Landing Qualifications during the period of 10-14 July 1989. In addition, CARR also conducted a Detect to Engage SELEX, Basic Engineering Causality Control Exercises (BECCE's), Tactical Maneuvering, Unrep, and Communications Drills with USS SARATOGA.

CARR returned to port on the morning of July 14 1989 and remained there for the remainder of July 1989. However, this inport period was not to be a slack time for CARR's crew. During this inport period CARR conducted Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR) Phase Two, and Intermediate Maintenance Activity Availability with SIMA Charleston.

CARR completed CSRR Phase Two with a grade of 98.45. The Chief Inspector remarked "This was the highest (grade) ever recorded. The previous record was 92." CARR continues her record breaking tradition.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. C. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

W. C. Johnson



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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY 01 AUG - 31 AUG 1989

1. Command Composition and Organization

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2. Chronology.

01 AUG - 14 AUG INPORT CHARLESTON  
15 AUG - 29 AUG UNDERWAY MEFEX 4-89  
30 AUG - 31 AUG INPORT CHARLESTON

3. Narrative.

CARR began the month of August 1989 moored inport Charleston, SC. During this inport period CARR conducted NGFS training, and completed HARPOON certification satisfactorily. The team leader praised the preparation and the required reading program, saying that CARR was one of the best ships he's seen. CARR also conducted MEFEX briefings with COMDESRON 32. CARR's radioman "rust busted" on the memorial to USS Maine (of Havana Harbor fame) in White Point Gardens on the Battery in Charleston. Local television channels 2 & 5 provided positive coverage of this event.

On 15 August 1989 at 0830 CARR was underway for a two week Middle East Force Exercise (MEFEX) 4-89. On 15 August CARR "splashed" a towed target with our 76mm gun, fired CIWS, conducted a simulated minefield transit. The 16th of August CARR conducted tactical maneuvering exercises, transferred 8 men by highline, completed an ASW exercise (unplanned), and finished with successfully engaging USS SAMPSON (DDG 10) in an Over-The-Horizon Targeting (OTH-T) exercise. On the 17th CARR conducted fueling at sea, passenger highline transfers with USS Pawcatuck, small arms familiarization firing (including 25mm chain gun), and concluded the day with a Mass Conflagration Exercise conducted by Middle East Force Mass Casualty Training Team (MCTT), CARR's Air

Department received a Bravo Zulu from the OINC of MCTT. On 19 August CARR was on the AFWTF firing range for the firing of SM-1(MR) missiles. Three missiles were fired with confirmed hits for each. CARR eliminated one major problem on the 19th. The ships washing machines were down and Magnum 451 was launched for NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads to pick-up a commercial washing machine (mission accomplished). 20 August found CARR conducting its first ever Naval Gunfire Support (NGFS) on the Vieques range. Rounds found their target with out problems, and many direct hits were observed. On the 21st of August CARR successfully shot down a towed target using 5 rounds of BLP (non-explosive) ammo. On the 27th of August Captain Myers, Commander Destroyer Squadron THIRTY-TWO was hosted for dinner.

On the 29th of August CARR returned to port Charleston, SC the crew stood down to half working days in order to recuperate from a highly successful and demanding MEFEX.

  
E. G. BAGLEY III



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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY 01 SEP - 30 SEP 1989

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2. Chronology.

01 SEP	INPORT NAVAL WEAPONS STATION, CHARLESTON
02 SEP - 11 SEP	INPORT CHARLESTON
12 SEP - 14 SEP	UNDERWAY EMAT
15 SEP - 17 SEP	INPORT CHARLESTON
18 SEP - 19 SEP	UNDERWAY DLQ'S
20 SEP	INPORT MAYPORT
21 SEP	UNDERWAY HURRICANE HUGO EVASION
22 SEP - 24 SEP	ANCHORED CHARLESTON
25 SEP - 26 SEP	INPORT MAYPORT
27 SEP - 30 SEP	INPORT CHARLESTON

2. Narrative.

CARR began the month of September 1989 with an ammunition onload/offload at the Naval Weapons Station in preparation for MEF 89/90 Deployment. On 5 September 1989 CARR found its Commanding Officer aboard the USS HALYBURTON as the CDS-6 representative for an Engineering Assessment. Meanwhile, as the Executive Officer remained aboard, a surprise PQS inspection was conducted by a Commander Naval Surface Forces, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, team. The inspection team was impressed with CARR's PQS management and record keeping, and had favorable words for the CO when he returned.

The Engineering Mobile Assist Team (EMAT) visited CARR on 11 September. The ship got underway for the assist from the 12th to the 14th. After touring the engineering spaces and observing drills such as BECCES and a main space fire drill, EMAT praised CARR's material and damage control readiness.



On the 18th and 19th of September CARR was off the coast of Florida providing a platform for Deck and RAST Landing Qualifications (DLQ/RLQ). CARR pulled into Mayport on the 20th and prepared the ship for the approaching hurricane "HUGO" and tropical storm "IRIS".

On 21 September CARR sortied from Mayport travelled south along the coast of Florida at high speed to evade hurricane HUGO. When HUGO passed CARR in latitude, CARR turned north and followed the hurricane's "wake". CARR was the first ship anchored at Charleston after the "eye" of HUGO passed over the city on 22 September. Hazards to navigation forced CARR to remain anchored until 24 September. Charleston's television and radio stations reported the destruction left by the hurricane to its home port. CARR's crewmen were worried for their families as the reports came in of no food, electricity, or shelter. Still unable to enter Charleston, CARR returned to Mayport on the 25th and proceeded to onload supplies. In the true spirit of the "Navy Family" Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (Light) FOUR FOUR crewmembers donated food and water for use by CARR's families on return to Charleston. CARR found out that all family members had survived the hurricane. On 26 September CARR departed Mayport and on 27 September returned to Charleston with the recovery of work on cleaning up the damage at home, on the base, and at houses of shipmates and civilians. On 27 September the Prospective Commanding Officer, CDR E. G. Bagley III reported aboard for duty.

CARR finished the month of September by conducting community service and donating food and water to a small hurricane damaged community. CARR also began its preparations for the October Change of Command and began briefing the Prospective Commanding Officer who had been delayed in arriving because of the hurricane.

  
E. G. BAGLEY III



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2. Chronology.

01 OCT - 29 OCT INPORT CHARLESTON PRE OVERSEAS MOVEMENT  
30 OCT - 31 OCT UNDERWAY MEF 1-90 DEPLOYMENT

3. Narrative.

The month of October 1989 was the Pre Overseas Movement (POM) period for the CARR. CARR began October by continuing the Change of Command (COC) preparations and the Prospective Commanding Officer's turnover. The COC preparations lasted until the 5th. On 6 October 1989 Cdr. W.C. Johnson was relieved by Cdr. E.G. Bagley III as Commanding Officer of CARR. The ceremony was well organized and beautifully presented, considering the lack of preparation time and the ongoing recovery from Hurricane HUGO. The guest speaker at the ceremony was Commodore J.A. Lewis, Commander Destroyer Squadron Six. He had thoughtful words to say about both old and new Commanding Officers. The guest list included RADM Bump, Commander Naval Base Charleston, and all the Commanding Officers from Destroyer Squadron Six ships that were inport. The COC was the beginning of a new direction for CARR.

POM continued with vigor on 7 October. The 20B5 Combat Systems Training van for Middle East Force (MEF) rules-of-engagement training hooked up on the 7th and 8th. 20B5 training commenced on the 10th and completed the 12th. CARR received excellent training with realistic scenarios that provided a "feel" to CIC watchstanders on what situations to expect in the MEF. It also raised their confidence in their ability to handle their duties. A FAST visit for food management and a sewage disposal system visit also commenced on 10 October.

As POM continued throughout October, CARR crewmen worked long hours to prepare the ship for six months away from home. On 16 October a Commander Naval Surface Forces, US Atlantic Fleet, representative presented an informative brief on helicopter ammunition in the Persian Gulf. On 19 October a predeployment brief for CARR dependents was held at a local school. Various guest speakers from the Charleston Naval Base gave very helpful information to assist dependents with surviving on their own. This brief helped CARR and her dependents feel more at ease about the upcoming cruise.

On 25 October 1989, CARR had a special noon meal prayer and blessing to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Samar where Gunners Mate 3rd Paul Henry CARR gave his life.

On 30 October 1989, after sad goodbyes, CARR got underway for MEF 1-90 deployment. Helicopter MAGNUM 446 (HSL-44 Det 4) landed aboard for the cruise a few hours later. CARR set the right tone for the deployment when, that afternoon, the Close In Weapons System (CIWS) easily splashed a towed target for CARR's first exercise.



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1. Command Composition and Organization

CARR is attached to Destroyer Squadron SIX, homeport - Charleston, South Carolina.

Mission - To escort and protect convoys, underway replenishment groups, amphibious landing groups and carrier battle groups.

Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Four Four (HSL-44) Detachment 4, based at NAF Mayport, Florida. Aircraft - 1 SH-60B Seahawk.

2. Chronology.

01 NOV - 06 NOV UNDERWAY ATLANTIC  
07 NOV - 08 NOV INPORT PUNTA DELGADA, AZORES  
09 NOV - 12 NOV UNDERWAY MED  
13 NOV - 19 NOV INPORT PALMA DE MALLORCA, SPAIN  
20 NOV - 25 NOV UNDERWAY MED  
26 NOV UNDERWAY SUEZ CANAL  
27 NOV - 29 NOV UNDERWAY RED SEA  
30 NOV INPORT DJIBOUTI CITY, DJIBOUTI

3. Narrative.

The beginning of the month of November 1989 found CARR crossing the Atlantic enroute to the Persian Gulf. This period was marked by heavy training in preparation for CARR's missions in the Middle East Force (MEF). On 1 November CARR held a General Quarters exercise complete with a 76mm gun shoot and small arms firing, ending with an abandon ship drill. Later, as a measure of readiness and quick response, CARR was directed by Commander Destroyer Squadron 32 (CDS 32) to conduct a 50 cal. machine gun firing. CARR also conducted an emergency helicopter personnel transfer to the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CV-69) for a shipmate. On 2 November, CARR conducted a General Quarters exercise simulating missile and torpedo hits. The 3rd of November brought more 76mm and small arms firings. General Quarters was set for simulated inbound Iranian F-4's and more damage control training was conducted for a missile hit and Class "B" fire. Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises (BECCES) were also conducted by CARR on the 3rd. On the 4th of November, CARR simulated a CBR attack and General Quarters was set. A

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small arms familiarization fire was held later that day. The 5th of November found CARR combating a real casualty. A small fuel leak in 1B gas turbine engine was discovered, but was quickly isolated before a dangerous situation could develop. CARR also conducted an Underway Replenishment (UNREP) with the USS PAWCATUCK and conducted more BECCES. On 6 November, CARR conducted a mine avoidance exercise with its own simulated homemade mine. CARR was praised for the lifelike design of the mine, as well as the innovative simulation of an Iranian AJR crew on the foc'sle. As a result of the extensive exercises performed this first week of November, together with the "Quick draw vulnerability periods" and flight operations, CARR attained a high level of readiness and a confidence that it could handle any task set before it.

On the 7th and 8th of November, CARR stayed inport at Punta Delgada, Azores. A meeting was held with the American Consulate representatives and CARR took some well deserved liberty on the beautiful volcanic island. On 9 November, CARR got underway to transit the rest of the Atlantic Ocean before entering the Mediterranean Sea. CARR conducted helicopter operations and refueling-at-sea/fueling-at-sea from USS MILWAUKEE (AOR-2) on 11 November. In the early morning of 12 November, CARR transitted the Strait of Gibraltar with 60 knots of relative wind right on the bow. In the afternoon, CARR took the publication exercise "graduation exam" from CDS 32 and won, beating the USS SIMPSON and USS DEWEY. Catholic and Protestant divine services were also held on the 4th and some ASW training was held for sport.

On 13 November, CARR entered port in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, conducted a port brief, and granted liberty. On the 15th and 16th, CARR conducted a "Safety Standdown" at the CNO's direction. CARR was well preserved, clean, and at a high state of readiness, but the standdown did open the crew's eyes a little more on how to improve things and be even safer. The safety standdown was well worth the price of giving up some liberty. On the 17th of November, the MEF 1-90 force and CDS 32 wardrooms joined up at the Magaluf Chinese Restaurant to celebrate the safe and constructive journey across the Atlantic, and to say goodbye and thanks to CDS 32 for their guidance. Overall, the Palma visit was fully enjoyed by CARR and much was learned about Spain and its people.

CARR got underway from Palma de Mallorca on 20 November to finish transitting the Mediterranean Sea. CARR conducted a swept channel (exercise) transit and fired the Close In Weapons System (CIWS) and the 76mm gun mount. On the 21st, CARR conducted flight operations and BECCES. On the 22nd, CARR conducted a vertical replenishment (VERTREP) and UNREP with the USS MILWAUKEE. On the 23rd, CARR conducted flight operations and

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took a half day holiday routine to celebrate Thanksgiving. A whole day was not taken in an attempt to conduct a tow and be towed exercise. On the 24th, another half day of holiday routine was taken and the tow and be towed exercise was cancelled due to weather conditions. A delicious Thanksgiving turkey dinner was given in the afternoon and CARR crewmen reflected on what they had to be thankful for, even though they were away from their families.

CARR exited the Mediterranean Sea and conducted a transit of the Suez Canal on 26 November beginning at 0117 local time. Just like the deserts that bordered each side of the canal, it was hot in the day and cold during the night. CARR completed the transit of the Suez Canal and was underway in the Red Sea from 27 November to 29 November. On the 28th, CARR conducted a PASSEX and lightline transfer with RSNF HMS AL MEDINA and HMS HOFUF. CARR then exchanged gifts with HMS HOFUF after passing the lightline transfer rig. The gifts exchanged were well received by the Saudi Arabians and the CARR. The last day of November found CARR inport at Djibouti City, Djibouti (East Africa) for refueling and rest. This would be CARR's final port visit before reaching its destination of the MEF which was only a few days away.



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1. Command Composition and Organization

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2. Chronology.

01 DEC - 18 DEC UNDERWAY MEF  
19 DEC - 20 DEC INPORT MINA SULMAN, BAHRAIN  
21 DEC - 22 DEC UNDERWAY MEF  
23 DEC - 26 DEC INPORT ABU DHABI, UAE  
27 DEC - 31 DEC UNDERWAY MEF

3. Narrative.

The month of December 1989 began with the last leg of our transit through the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea before reaching the final destination of the Middle East Force (MEF) in the Persian Gulf area. On 3 December, CARR initiated its weekly (operational commitments permitting) crew "stress relievers" which included a fantail "steel beach" picnic and cookout. This first picnic had the theme of Mad Hatters Day in which the sailor with the best hat won a prize. The crew came up with hats ranging from a hat made of twenty dollar bills by OS1 [REDACTED] to a hat sporting a model helicopter complete with rotating blades by ENFN [REDACTED]. Three of the Air Department Junior Officers wore "Jockey" short hats. FC2 [REDACTED] transformed himself into a "conehead". BM2 [REDACTED]'s hat entry of a model sailboat sailed through the waves of his hair. On 4 December, CARR conducted refueling-at-sea (RAS) with the USNS HASSAYAMPA. After the RAS was completed, CARR played its break-away theme song from "The Lone Ranger" music. The Commanding Officer dressed as the "Lone Ranger" and LTJG [REDACTED] dressed as "Tonto" waved farewell. "Tonto" surprised everyone with his ingenious costume which sported a wig of long black hair and paper fringe.

On the 5th of December, CARR turned over with USS JACK WILLIAMS (FFG-24) at Fujairah anchorage. CARR then began its adventure in the MEF. CARR was tasked to patrol the Straits of Hormuz operating area (SOHEPA) which was south of the Persian Gulf. CARR's main mission while stationed here was to monitor various ships as they proceeded inbound or outbound from the Persian Gulf via the Straits of Hormuz (SOH). For the next two weeks CARR travelled back and forth constantly from the Southern Persian Gulf (SPG) to SOHEPA. Everytime CARR transitted the SOH, Condition 1A, a heightened condition of readiness, was set. Condition 1A includes "battle dress" for the crew; a helmet, lifejacket, and flash gear. A familiarization (FAM) and preaction calibration (PAC) fire with small arms and the 76mm gun was conducted on 6 December. CARR's first monitor was conducted on the 7th. On 8 December, CARR monitored MS LAWRENCE GIANELLA outbound from the SPG to SOHEPA. On 9 December, CARR monitored OCEAN CHALLENGER inbound to the SPG then came back out of the Persian Gulf to anchor for a brief stop for fuel (BSF). On 10 December, CARR escorted USS STERRET (CG-31) inbound and then rendezvoused with USS DEWEY to collect 425 pounds of mail and parts. The 10th of December also marked another "stress reliever" with a fantail cookout of steaks and the theme of the day being "T-shirt Day." PCSN [REDACTED] and DC1 [REDACTED] took top honors with their T-shirts for outrageousness. On 11 December, CARR monitored MS RANGER outbound from the SPG. On 12 December, CARR monitored OCEAN CHALLENGER outbound. CARR conducted a BSF on the 13th. On the 14th of December CARR monitored OCEAN CHALLENGER outbound and then conducted PAC fires with the 40mm and 25mm guns. On 16 December, CARR monitored SS OCEAN CLIPPER inbound from SOHEPA. On 17 December, CARR monitored OMI CHAMPION inbound and conducted a mail and personnel transfer with a tug in the SPG. CARR then "crossdecked" five officers and one enlisted with HMS COVENTRY who "crossdecked" two officers and four enlisted including LCDR Dave Carr, RN. It was a good learning experience for all who participated.

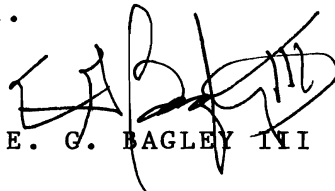
On the 18th of December CARR turned over its SOHEPA duties to USS GARY (FFG-51) and on the 19th arrived inport Mina Sulman, Bahrain for a well deserved port visit. To date, CARR had conducted 17 transits of the SOH while stationed at SOHEPA. On 20 December, a Joint Task Force Middle East (JTFME) inbrief was held onboard for the officers. CARR also unloaded supplies while in Bahrain.

On the 21st of December, CARR got underway enroute to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) where CARR would remain for Christmas. On 23 December, CARR arrived inport Abu Dhabi. That night, the wardrooms of CARR and USS GARY (FFG-51) were invited to a cocktail party hosted by the senior military attache at the U. S. embassy, COL Olds, USA. While in Abu Dhabi, CARR crewmembers attended various tours and went shopping at the



"Souk" Arabian mall. The "Souk" is a big flea market of all types of goods from perfume to gold, where bargaining was the way business was conducted. USS GARY also hosted a luncheon for CARR, GARY, and UAE officers. On Christmas Eve, flight quarters was set and Santa Claus arrived on the flight deck with his bag of gifts. Many crewmen were invited for dinners or a night out in Abu Dhabi with Americans living there. CARR spent a relaxed and quiet Christmas day in the sun and 60 CARR sailors participated in a buffet sponsored by the Meridian Hotel, who treated CARR like kings throughout the port visit. It was a fine Christmas considering we were not able to be with our families. CARR had to wish Merry Christmas back to the USA over the phone. One of the things that kept the crews spirits up were the presents and Christmas cards that were sent across the world from Americans, such as grammar school children, from around the country. It was as fine a Christmas greeting one could get and it instilled in us pride for our country. On the 26th of December, the Commanding Officers of the CARR and GARY attended a reception on the French ship JACOBET. On 27 December CARR finished its relaxing port visit in Abu Dhabi and got underway.

The remaining days of the month of December were spent in the SPG. CARR conducted a security review on the 27th, man overboard drills on the 28th, received mail from a tug on the 30th, and anchored for a BSF on the 31st. CARR ended the month of December by conducting the initial training on the new US/USSR Dangerous Activities Agreement.



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