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1990 - 1991 CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

1 - 16 JAN	INPORT NORFOLK
17 - 19 JAN	U/W VCOA
20 - 22 JAN	INPORT NORFOLK
23 - 26 JAN	U/W VCOA
27 - 29 JAN	INPORT NORFOLK
29 JAN - 1 FEB	U/W NORFOLK
2 - 12 FEB	INPORT NORFOLK
13 - 16 FEB	U/W VCOA
17 - 20 FEB	INPORT NORFOLK
21 - 22 FEB	U/W VCOA
23 FEB - 20 MAR	INPORT NORFOLK
20 - 23 MAR	U/W VCOA
24 - 25 MAR	INPORT NORFOLK
26 - 28 MAR	U/W VCOA
29 - 30 MAR	WEAPONS ONLOAD, YORKTOWN VA
31 MAR - 2 APR	INPORT NORFOLK
3 - 6 APR	U/W VCOA
7 - 22 APR	INPORT NORFOLK
23 APR - 10 MAY	U/W EXERCISE OCEAN VENTURE '90
10 - 14 MAY	PORT VISIT: PORT EVERGLADES, FL
15 MAY	BSF: MAYPORT, FL
15 - 16 MAY	TRANSIT TO NORFOLK
17 MAY - 7 JUN	INPORT NORFOLK
8 JUN	DEPENDANT'S CRUISE, VCOA
8 - 19 JUN	INPORT NORFOLK
20 JUN	DEPLOY STANAVFORLANT 2-90
20 JUN - 2 JUL	TRANSIT
26 JUN	BSF: PUNTA DE GADA, AZORES
31 JUN	BSF: PORTLANT, ENGLAND
3 - 15 JUL	PORT VISIT: HAAKANSVERN, NORWAY
16 - 25 JUL	NORWEIGAN SEA OPS
26 - 29 JUL	PORT VISIT: TROMSO, NORWAY
30 JUL - 2 AUG	TRANSIT
3 - 8 AUG	PORT VISIT: KIEL, W. GERMANY
9 AUG	TRANSIT
9 - 14 AUG	PORT VISIT: AARHUS, DENMARK
15 - 23 AUG	U/W EXERCISE DANEX 90
24 - 25 AUG	TRANSIT
26 - 28 AUG	PORT VISIT: SCAPALOW, SCOTLAND
29 - 30 AUG	TRANSIT
31 AUG - 3 SEP	PORT VISIT: REYJAVIK, ICELAND
4 - 20 SEP	U/W EXERCISE TEAMWORK 90 MOD
21 SEP	TRANSIT
22 - 25 SEP	PORT VISIT: DEN HELDER, NETHERLANDS
26 - 27 SEP	TRANSIT
28 SEP - 21 OCT	PORT VISIT: PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND
22 - 24 OCT	TRANSIT
25 - 27 OCT	PORT VISIT: PORTSMOUTH, ENGLAND
28 OCT - 1 NOV	TRANSIT
2 NOV - 5 NOV	ROSYTH, SCOTLAND
6 - 15 NOV	U/W EXERCISE JMC 903
16 - 19 NOV	PORT VISIT: LEITH, SCOTLAND
20 - 22 NOV	TRANSIT
23 - 26 NOV	PORT VISIT: ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS
27 - 29 NOV	TRANSIT
30 NOV - 3 DEC	PORT VISIT: ANTWERP, BELGIUM
4 - 14 DEC	TRANSIT
14 DEC - 21 JAN	INPORT NORFOLK
21 - 23 JAN	WPNS OFFLOAD, YORKTOWN, VA
23 JAN - 28 MAR	INPORT NORFOLK

COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE

USS KING completed her holiday leave and standdown period on 16 January 1990 and began a fast paced workup to prepare for a June deployment. From January to 28 March she was underway six separate times in the Virginia Capes Op areas, and completed a variety of certifications and hosted numerous assist team visits. These included a "VANALEX" missile firing and Engineering Readiness Assist Team visit in January; an Aviation Assist visit (upgraded to an Aviation Certification), an Auxiliary Systems Readiness Review, a Combat Systems Readiness Review (Phase I), a Diesel Inspection, an Ordnance Handling Assist, and a Harpoon Tactical Qualification in February; and finally a Combat Systems Assessment just prior to weapons onload in Yorktown, VA in March.

After spending most of April in port, Norfolk, KING was again underway, this time to the Puerto Rican Op Areas for the culmination of her pre-deployment preparations. KING participated in Exercise Ocean Venture '90, and successfully completed an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination, gaining a two year certification in May. Welcome relief and relaxation came for KING's crew in a five day port visit to Port Everglades, FL. Then it was back to Norfolk for a month in port prior to deployment with only one day underway for a dependents cruise.

On 20 June, KING departed Norfolk bound for Haakonsværn, Norway, stopping briefly for fuel in Ponta Delgada, Azores and Portland, England. She arrived in Haakonsværn on 2 July, joining with the rest of the NATO ships assigned to the Standing Naval Force Atlantic just off the coast of Norway.

KING was acquainted with the inport routine of STANAVFORLANT during her two weeks in Haakonsværn and then the Force departed for work-up exercises off the Norwegian coast. This was followed by a four day transit north to Tromsø, Norway during which the Force made breathtaking tours of some of Norway's fjords. Particularly spectacular scenery was enjoyed in the Gieranger Fjord, the Trollfjord and the Raftsund.

After four days in Tromsø, KING travelled south with the Force through the Skagerrak and the Kattegat to Kiel, West Germany for another port visit of five days. A combined Force public relations day and transit brought the Force back north through the Kattegat to Aarhus, Denmark for five days.

KING departed Aarhus to participate in her first of three major exercises on deployment - DANEX '90. KING was the only U.S. representative of over 17 NATO war ships involved. After extensive exercises flexing all of KING's warfare capabilities in DANEX, STANAVFORLANT transited to Scapa Flow in the Orkney Islands for a pleasant two day anchorage, and then to Reykjavik, Iceland for a three day port visit.

4 September marked KING's departure from Iceland and the beginning of TEAMWORK '90 MOD. For 15 days she participated in extensive warfare and convoy exercises, returning to the Norwegian coastline, and then south to the Netherlands for a four day visit to Den Helder. Two days transit then took KING to

Plymouth, England for a three and one-half week upkeep period. Many crew members enjoyed visits from wives and loved ones, and all enjoyed the time pierside as a break from a heavy underway tempo.

An operationally full three day transit took the Force from Plymouth to Portsmouth, England in late October. After three days in Portsmouth, KING travelled north to Rosyth, Scotland, for another three day visit. Departure from Rosyth marked the beginning of exercise JMC 903 the last major exercise of the deployment for KING. Exceptional sonar conditions, and enthusiastic participation by dozens of NATO aircraft, submarines and surface ships made for a tremendously successful exercise.

KING spent the remainder of November visiting Lieth, Scotland, Rotterdam, Netherlands, and Antwerp, Belgium in rapid succession with only brief transits between. On 4 December, KING said her last farewells to the other members of STANAVFORLANT, and began her transit home. With one brief stop for fuel in Punta Del Gada, KING was welcomed home enthusiastically on 15 December, and on 18 December, began her holiday leave and upkeep period.

With the completion of deployment, KING's focus was turned to INSURV and decommissioning preparations in the beginning of 1991. With only one brief underway period for weapons offload in Yorktown, she was pierside for the rest of her commissioned service. An INSURV inspection in mid February was her final test, and though she was found fit for further service, KING commenced pre-strike.

After only 40 days of preparations and lay up, KINGs decommissioning ceremony was held at 1000 on 28 March 1991. Honored guests were CAPT R. E. Pearsall, COMDESRON TWO; VADM H. Reason, COMNAVSURFLANT; and ADM James R. Hogg, former U.S. Military Representative to NATO, the guest speaker. When the colors were struck and the ship was decrewed, USS KING ended her 30 years, four months and 11 days of service.

**Commander
Robert Edward Williams, Jr.
United States Navy**

CDR Robert E. Williams, Jr. received his commission and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physics from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1972.

Upon completion of nuclear propulsion training he served on the commissioning crew for USS SOUTH CAROLINA (CGN-37), first as the Anti-submarine Warfare Officer, then as Electrical Officer. Following a tour as an NROTC Instructor at the University of Virginia, he served in USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65) as Electrical Officer, USS MISSISSIPPI (CGN-40) as Operations Officer, and USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69) as Reactor Officer.

CDR Williams reported to USS KING (DDG-41) from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey where he earned a Master of Science degree in financial management.

CDR Williams' personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal.

CDR Williams is married to the former Gail Ann Murphy of Falls Church, VA. They have three children: Mike, Rob, and Jennifer. The Williams family currently resides in Virginia Beach, VA.