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Encl: (1) Command Organization and 1976 Highlights
(2) Summary of Operations

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded.

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COMPHIBRON SIX

COMMAND ORGANIZATION AND 1976 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Commanding Officer: Captain Alden B. Anderson
1 January to 31 December 1976.
2. Home Port: Norfolk, Virginia.
3. Command Associations: Administratively under the command of Commander Amphibious Squadron EIGHT 1 January - 30 September 1976; Commander Amphibious Squadron SIX 1 October - 31 December 1976.
4. Summary of Operations:
 - a. Deployments:

(1) TRENTON deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for Refresher Training following completion of Regular Overhaul via Davisville, RI and Andros Island on 6 July 1976. TRENTON returned to Little Creek, Virginia on 17 August 1976.

(2) TRENTON deployed to the Mediterranean Sea as part of MARG 3-76 on 15 November 1976.
5. Special Topics:
 - a. TRENTON completed a scheduled regular overhaul on 12 May 1976 which had commenced on 15 August 1975 at Coastal Drydock and Repair Company, Brooklyn, New York (located at ex-New York Naval Shipyard).
 - b. Public Relations: Dependents of the crew were embarked on 11 November 1976 for a cruise out to the Virginia Capes and back to Norfolk, Virginia.
 - c. Statistics:
 - (1) Salaries expense: \$2,597,961.71.
 - (2) Operating expenditures (less fuel): \$435,424.00.
 - (3) Ship's fuel burned: 2,005,981 gallons DFM.
 - (4) Helicopter landings: 1976 - 593.
Since commissioning: 4,825.

Enclosure (1)

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

- 1 JAN - 4 FEB: Drydock Number 4 Coastal Drydock and Repair Company (ex-Brooklyn Naval Shipyard), Brooklyn, New York.
- 4 FEB: Departed Drydock Number 4. Moored port side to west side of Pier Charlie, Coastal Drydock and Repair Company, Brooklyn, New York.
- 6 FEB: Refuel ship, received 59,004 gallons DFM.
- 12 FEB: Two men overcome by gas vapors in the MO-GAS pump room. Both men restored, no casualties.
- 20 FEB: Lighted fires in Number 2 Boiler for first time since September 1975.
- 23 FEB: Lighted fires in Number 1 Boiler for first time since September 1975.
- 16 MAR: COMPHIBRON SIX, Captain W. M. Guthrie, visited ship to inspect messing and engineering spaces.
- 17 MAR: Conduct dock trials.
- 19 MAR: Refuel ship, received 500,334 gallons DFM.
- 22 MAR - 23 MAR: Conduct FAST Cruise.
- 25 MAR - 27 MAR: Underway Sea Trials, Narragansett Bay OP-areas. Moored starboard side to Pier Charlie, Coastal Drydock and Repair Company, Brooklyn, New York.
- 26 APR - 30 APR: Mobile Training Team, Mayport, Florida on board for PEB preparations.
- 11 MAY: Moved to Pier 12, Brooklyn, New York.
- 12 MAY: Complete Regular Overhaul. COMPHIBRON TWO, Captain J. A. Winnefeld, embarked for Engineering Inspection.
- 13 MAY: Underway. Enroute Norfolk, Virginia.
- 14 MAY: Arrive Norfolk, Virginia.

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17 MAY: Light Off Exam - PEB - Satisfactory.

18 MAY - 20 MAY: Stores onload.

22 MAY - 23 MAY: Conduct Open House.

24 MAY - 27 MAY: SOAP onload.

1 JUN: Air Certification Inspection - Satisfactory.

2 JUN: Underway enroute Little Creek, Virginia.

9 JUN - 10 JUN: 3M Assist Visit.

14 JUN: Underway enroute Craney Island to onload fuel.

15 JUN - 18 JUN: Move to anchorage for ammo onload.

21 JUN - 25 JUN: Independent steaming, Virginia Capes OP-areas in preparation for refresher training.

22 JUN: Conducted burial at sea, Virginia Capes, OP-area.

26 JUN - 5 JUL: In port Norfolk, Virginia.

1 JUL: Australian Ambassador and party visit TRENTON.

6 JUL: Underway enroute Davisville, RI.

7 JUL - 9 JUL: In port Davisville, RI.

9 JUL - 12 JUL: Underway enroute Andros Island.

13 JUL: Anchor Andros Island.

14 JUL: Underway enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

17 JUL - 13 AUG: Conduct Refresher Training Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

7 AUG - 8 AUG: Port visit Port Au Prince, Haiti.

13 AUG - 17 AUG: Enroute Little Creek, Virginia.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

- 17 AUG - 22 AUG: In port Little Creek.
- 23 AUG - 3 SEP: Conduct Amphibious Refresher Training.
- 4 SEP - 14 SEP: In port Norfolk.
- 7 SEP - 10 SEP: RAVIR VAN.
- 14 SEP: Members of NATO Council visit and tour ship.
- 15 SEP - 17 SEP: Mobile Training Team, Mayport, Florida visit.
Underway Virginia Capes for PEB preparations.
- 18 SEP - 19 SEP: Naval Reserves on board for training.
- 20 SEP - 21 SEP: NWA I Visit.
- 27 SEP - 8 OCT: Underway Virginia Capes OP-area.
Predeployment type training.
- 27 SEP: PEB OPPE Inspection. Satisfactory.
- 30 SEP: NWA I. Satisfactory.
- 6 OCT: Type Training Landing - Onslow Beach, NC.
- 8 OCT - 15 NOV: In port Norfolk POM/TAV.
- 30 OCT - 31 OCT: Operation Home Port - Open House.
- 11 NOV: Dependents cruise to Virginia Capes.
Returned to Norfolk, Virginia.
- 15 NOV: Underway with MARG 3-76, enroute Morehead
City, NC.
- 16 NOV: In port Morehead City, load for MARG 3-76.
AV-8A initial qualification.
- 17 NOV: Underway, enroute Rota, Spain.
- 24 NOV: Arrive Terceira, Azores to MEDEVAC patient
with heart condition.
- 27 NOV: Arrive Rota, Spain.
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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

- 29 NOV: Enroute Carboneras, Spain.
- 30 NOV - 7 DEC: Arrive Carboneras, Spain; PHIBLEX 6-7T.
- 8 DEC - 9 DEC: Underway operations West Mediterrean,
enroute Naples, Italy.
- 10 DEC - 14 DEC: In port Naples, Italy.
- 15 DEC - 16 DEC: Underway operations West Mediterrean
enroute Porto Scudo, Sardinia.
- 17 DEC - 22 DEC: Porto Scudo, PHIBLEX 6A-7T.
- 21 DEC: Refuel USNS RIGEL
- 23 DEC: Enroute Naples, Italy.
- 24 DEC - 31 DEC: In port Naples, Italy.