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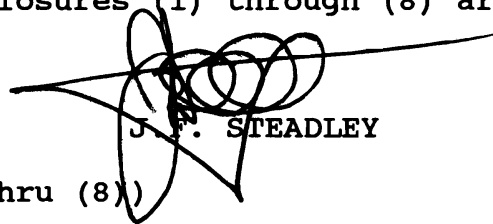
From: Commanding Officer, USS SALVOR (ARS 52)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)

Subj: **1990 COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV REPORT 5750-1)**

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Command History
(2) Biography and Photograph of Commanding Officer
(3) Photograph of USS SALVOR (ARS 52)
(4) Personnel Roster
(5) Familygrams
(6) VA-145 A-6E Post Salvage Operation Report
(7) HMAS DARWIN Propeller Blades Salvage
(8) EX-USS TUNICA Post Salvage Report Summary

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (8) are submitted.



J. F. STEADLEY

Copy to: (w/o encls (2) thru (8))
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COMMAND HISTORY

1. The Command History for USS SALVOR for 1990 is as follows:

a. Command Composition and Organization

(1) The mission of USS SALVOR is fourfold:

(a) Salvage of Stranded Vessels: SALVOR carries portable cutting and welding equipment, power sources, dewatering gear, machine shops, and material to effect temporary hull repairs. She carries six legs of beach gear which can be rigged to exert over 300 tons of retracting force to the stranded vessel.

(b) Rescue and Assistance. For fighting fires alongside, SALVOR is equipped with two manually operated fire monitors on the signal bridge, one remotely controlled fire monitor on the forward kingpost, and a manual portable monitor on the fo'c'sle. These monitors can be supplied with 1000 gallons per minute of sea water or fire fighting foam. SALVOR is designed for open ocean towing. The power from her main engines is sufficient to tow a Nimitz class aircraft carrier at a speed of 3-5 knots.

(c) Recovery of Submerged Objects: SALVOR is equipped with a 5 ton capacity boom forward and a 40 ton capacity boom aft. A dynamic 150 ton lift is possible over the main bow or stern rollers using deck machinery and purchase tackle or hydraulic pullers. She can make a dynamic lift of 300 tons using the main bow rollers and stern rollers in unison.

(d) Manned Diving Operations: The MK12 and MK21 MOD 1 diving systems provide SALVOR divers the capacity of air diving to depths of 190 feet. The divers descend to depth on a diving stage lowered by a power davit. There is a hyperbaric chamber aboard for diver recompression following a dive or for the treatment of divers suffering from decompression sickness. For shallow inspections, searches, and other tasks which require mobility, there is a full complement of SCUBA equipment on board.

(2) Administrative Chain of Command:

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(3) Internal Command Organization as of 31 December

1990:

Commanding Officer: LCDR J.F. Steadley
Executive Officer: LT P.J. Ricciuti

Encl (1)

Operations Officer: LTJG F.A. Schlueter
First Lieutenant: BMC(MDV) O.W. Olson
Chief Engineer: CWO3 M.S. Armistead
Supply Officer: LT G.J. Sloan
Damage Control Asst: LT D.W. Biron
Communications Off: ENS R.C. Bigler

Enlisted Manpower assigned as of 31 December 1990:

Chiefs: 10 Total Enlisted: 70

(4) Home Port: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

JANUARY

01-08 INPORT PEARL HARBOR
09 COMMENCED EASTPAC DEPLOYMENT
09-17 ENROUTE SAN DIEGO, CA
18-22 INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
23-24 LOCK-IN LOCK-OUT OPS WITH SEAL TEAM THREE AND USS
BLUEBACK
25-31 INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA

FEBRUARY

01-05 ENROUTE ESQUIMALT CANADA
06-07 INPORT ESQUIMALT CANADA
08 ENROUTE SEATTLE, WA
08-11 INPORT SEATTLE, WA
12-23 SALVAGE OPS FOR A-6E
24-25 INPORT SEATTLE, WA
26-01MAR DIVE OPS IN PUGET SOUND, WA

MARCH

02-04 INPORT SEATTLE, WA
05-07 ENROUTE OAKLAND, CA
08-27 INPORT NSC OAKLAND, UPKEEP WITH SIMA SAN FRANCISCO
27 ENROUTE SAN DIEGO, CA
28-30 INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
31-08APR ENROUTE PEARL HARBOR, HI

APRIL

09-13 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
14-19 TOW EX-COUCAL FOR TOMAHAWK SHOT
19-23 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
24-25 SALVAGE TRAINING - SHIP BATTLE DAMAGE RECOVERY
26-30 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI

MAY

01-14 PARTICIPATED IN RIMPAC '90
01-02 SDV EXERCISES
03 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
04-05 RECOVERY AND SURFACE SUPPORT CRAFT FOR SPECIAL
WARFARE EXERCISES
06-08 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
09-12 RECOVERY AND SURFACE SUPPORT CRAFT FOR SPECIAL
WARFARE EXERCISES
13 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
14-15 UNDERWAY FOR RECOVERY OF HMAS DARWIN PROPELLER
BLADES
16-20 UPKEEP PEARL HARBOR, HI

21-24 SALVAGE TRAINING
25-31 UPKEEP PEARL HARBOR, HI

JUNE

01-22 UPKEEP PEARL HARBOR, HI
23-24 EMERGENCY TOW SERVICES FOR USNS HESS
25 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
26-29 UNDERWAY FOR MASTER DIVER EVALUATIONS
30-06JUL INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI

JULY

07-08 SURFACE SUPPORT VESSEL FOR SPECIAL WARFARE
EXERCISE
09 SALVAGE TRAINING - RIGGING SHIP FOR DEBEACHING OPS
10-12 SALVAGE EXERCISE - DEBEACHING OF EX-USS TUNICA
13-16 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
17 SURFACE RECOVERY PLATFORM FOR SURVOPS
18 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
19-22 SURFACE SUPPORT VESSEL FOR SPECIAL WARFARE
EXERCISE
23-12AUG UPKEEP PEARL HARBOR, HI

AUGUST

13-31 ENTERED DRYDOCK IN PEARL HARBOR FOR DPMA

SEPTEMBER

01-30 CONTINUE DPMA IN DRYDOCK

OCTOBER

01-03 CONTINUE DPMA IN DRYDOCK
04 MOVED FROM DRYDOCK TO PEARL HARBOR NAVAL SHIPYARD
05-31 DPMA CONTINUES ALONG WITH PREPARATION FOR LOE

NOVEMBER

01-27 DPMA CONTINUES ALONG WITH PREPARATION FOR LOE
19-23 3-M ASSIST VISIT
27-29 LIGHT-OFF EXAMINATION
30-02DEC FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR DPMA COMPLETION AND SEA
TRIALS

DECEMBER

03 DOCK TRIALS
04-05 FAST CRUISE
06 PREPARATION FOR SEA TRIALS
07 SEA TRIALS
07 DPMA COMPLETED

08-10	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
11-14	INDEPENDENT STEAMING SOUTH OF OAHU
14	SHIPS CHRISTMAS PARTY
15-31	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
20	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SURVEY
20	CMS VISIT