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Encl: (1) MONTICELLO's Ship History, Cronological Summary

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure one is hereby
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CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

1 JAN 76: Moored Bethlehem Steel Corporation, San Pedro, CA. (OVERHAUL)
26 MAR 76: Sea trials
26 MAR 76: Moored Bethlehem Steel Corporation
29 MAR 76: Anchorage E-3 Long Beach California
1 APR 76: San Diego Ops area
3 APR 76: Pier 10, San Diego, California
13 APR 76: Refresher Training SO California ops area
15 APR 76: Moored bouys 20-21 San Diego, California
17-18 APR 76: Pier 10, San Diego, California
19 APR 76: So California ops area
20 APR 76: Bouys 20-21 San Diego, California
24-25 APR 76: Pier 10
28 APR 76: Anchor 213
30 APR 76: So Cal ops area
1-2 MAY 76: Pier 10
3 MAY 76: Sea and Anchor Detail
5 MAY 76: Anchor 214
6 MAY 76: Underway
7 MAY 76: Anchorage 214 (Completion of refresher training)
8-9 MAY 76: Moored Broadway pier (Visit ship)
11 MAY 76: Pier 11
15-16 MAY 76: Pier 10
17 MAY 76: Pier 11
18 MAY 76: (Amphibious Refresher Training) Camp Del Mar/Pendleton
22-23 MAY 76: Pier 10
25 JUN 76: Pier 6
26 JUN 76: Anchorage, Alaska
3-6 JUL 76: Pol Pier Anchorage
13 JUL 76: (Operation BEARER ICE) Anchored Needles Bay/Hanning Bay
16-22 JUL 76: Underway San Diego, CA
22 JUL 76: Del Mar Boat Basin
23 JUL 76: Pier 10
6 AUG 76: Pier 8
10 AUG 76: Pier 10
9 SEP 76: Pier 11 Portside USS ALAMO
11-12 SEP 76: Pier 10
14 SEP 76: So Cal Ops area
15 SEP 76: Seal Beach, Naval Station
17 SEP 76: Moored outboard USS ALAMO Pier 10
25 SEP 76: Underway for Pearl Harbor
1 OCT 76: Moored K 10 Pearl Harbor
3 OCT 76: Underway for Kwajalien Island
11 OCT 76: Anchor Kwajalien/Underway for Shoalwater Bay, Australia
21 OCT 76: (Operation KANGAROO II) Anchor in Shoalwater Bay
30 OCT 76: Enroute to Port Kembla
1 NOV 76: Moored Port Kembla
6 NOV 76: Underway Buckner Bay, Okinawa
20 NOV 76: Moored Buckner Bay, Okinawa
21 NOV 76: Underway for Subic
24 NOV 76: (Upkeep SRF SUBIC) moored Subic
20 DEC 76: Anchored Zambales Ops area
21 DEC 76: Moored Subic
27 DEC 76: Underway for Hong KONG
29 DEC 76: Hong Kong moored Bouy (A80)

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SHIP'S HISTORY - 1976

The beginning of 1976 found MONTICELLO in San Pedro, California undergoing an overhaul at Bethlehem Steel Ship Yard. This overhaul commenced in July 1975 and was scheduled for completion in January 1976. Technical problems encountered by the shipyard extended the overhaul until late March 1976. During the overhaul extension MONTICELLO crewmembers attended a variety of off-ship technical schools to enhance the overall training readiness posture of the command. The shipyard overhaul was concluded with successful sea trials 26 to 29 March 1976. Due to the duration of the overhaul and an impending WESTPAC deployment, MONTICELLO was transferred to Amphibious Squadron ONE. COMPHIBRON ONE is commanded by Captain Robert W. CONGDON, USN. MONTICELLO returned to her homeport of San Diego on 3 April and after a few short days in homeport MONTICELLO began refresher training and completed RFT 7 May. Immediately following her final RFT battle problems, MONTICELLO moved to Broadway pier and acted as host visit ship for three thousand visitors. Amphibious Refresher Training was conducted at Camp Del Mar/Pendleton and Coronado Roads during the period 18-29 May. An overall score of excellent was achieved. On 26 June with less than 24 hours notice MONTICELLO was loaded and underway for Alaska in company with Amphibious Squadron FIVE ships for participation in Operation "BEARER ICE". In conjunction with the exercise a port visit was made to Anchorage, Alaska where MONTICELLO hosted an open house for the city. Over seven thousand visitors came aboard. MONTICELLO participated in the Anchorage 4th of July Bicentennial Celebration during the dates 3-6 July. After the Anchorage port visit Operation "BEARER ICE" was executed in Hanning and Needles Bay, Alaska where MONTICELLO acted as Primary Control Ship, coordinating and directing the ship-to-shore movement of the exercise. Upon the conclusion of "BEARER ICE" MONTICELLO returned to San Diego on 23 July. For the next two months MONTICELLO participated in a series of deployment preparations including embarking units of Assault Craft Unit ONE, Beach Master Unit ONE, and Underwater Demolition Team Twelve. On 25 September MONTICELLO deployed to the Western Pacific. A short port call in Pearl Harbor was made to embark various Marine units and equipment. MONTICELLO then joined in the largest Amphibious Operation since World War Two (KANGAROO II) held in Shoalwater Bay, Australia from 21 to 30 October 1976. This exercise was conducted with units from Amphibious Squadron ONE and THREE after squadron turnovers at the island of Kwajalein on 3 October 1976. After the highly successful KANGAROO II operation, MONTICELLO paid a port visit to Port Kembla and Woolongong, Australia. Completing the visit of 1 to 6 November in Port Kembla, MONTICELLO proceeded to Buckner Bay, Okinawa where embarked Marine units were exchanged within a 24 hour time frame on 20 November.

Then on to Subic Bay, Philippines for the period of 24 November to 20 December for an upkeep period conducted by SRF Subic. On 20 December while in Subic Bay MONTICELLO participated in a short exercise with other amphibious Squadron ONE units at the Zambales Operation Area. MONTICELLO returned to Subic Bay for the Christmas holidays and on 27 December got underway for Hong Kong. On 29 December MONTICELLO along with USS OKINAWA with COMPHIBRON ONE embarked and USS VANCOUVER anchored in Victoria Harbor and began a five day New Year's visit. The last day of 1976 found MONTICELLO and her crew of six hundred sailors and marines enjoying liberty in one of the most colorful and exotic cities in the world.