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USS HENRY B. WILSON (DDG 7)

COMMAND HISTORY 1983

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I. COMMAND ORGANIZATION

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1. USS HENRY B. WILSON (DDG 7) was commanded from 1 January 1983 to 26 August 1983 by Coenraad van der SCHROEFF, Commander, U. S. Navy. Commander van der SCHROEFF was relieved onboard USS HENRY B. WILSON at Naval Station, San Diego, by John T. GILMARTIN, Commander, U. S. Navy, who commanded from 26 August 1983 to 31 December 1983.

2. There have been no changes in the mission and functions of USS HENRY B. WILSON (DDG 7) during 1983.

3. The Operational and Administrative chain of command for USS HENRY B. WILSON (DDG 7) during 1983 was as follows:

a. Commander Naval Surface Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet	1 JAN - 31 DEC
b. Commander Third Fleet	24 NOV - 31 DEC
c. Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group ONE	24 NOV - 31 DEC
d. Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group FIVE	01 JAN - 23 NOV
e. Commander Destroyer Squadron THIRTEEN	01 JAN - 20 MAY
f. Commander Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-ONE	21 MAY - 31 DEC
g. Commander Fleet Training Group, San Diego	03 OCT - 23 NOV

4. USS HENRY B. WILSON (DDG 7) was homeported at Northwest Marine Iron Works, Portland, Oregon from 1 January 1983 through 20 May 1983 and at U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, CA from 21 May 1983 through 31 December 1983.

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01 JAN 83 - 11 APR 83	ROH Portland, OR
11 APR 83 - 17 APR 83	U/W Oregon OPAREAS
17 APR 83 - 26 APR 83	IPT Portland, OR
26 APR 83 - 02 MAY 83	Enroute to San Francisco, CA
02 MAY 83 - 05 MAY 83	PVST San Francisco, CA
05 MAY 83 - 11 MAY 83	Enroute to San Diego, CA
11 MAY 83 - 23 MAY 83	IPT San Diego, CA
23 MAY 83 - 27 MAY 83	U/W SOCAL OPAREAS
27 MAY 83 - 13 JUN 83	IPT San Diego, CA
13 JUN 83 - 17 JUN 83	U/W SOCAL OPAREAS
17 JUN 83 - 27 JUN 83	IPT San Diego, CA
27 JUN 83 - 30 JUN 83	U/W SOCAL OPAREAS
30 JUN 83 - 05 JUL 83	IPT San Diego, CA
05 JUL 83 - 08 JUL 83	U/W SOCAL OPAREAS
08 JUL 83 - 11 JUL 83	IPT San Diego, CA
11 JUL 83 - 15 JUL 83	Enroute to San Francisco, CA
15 JUL 83 - 18 JUL 83	PVST San Francisco, CA
18 JUL 83 - 19 JUL 83	Enroute to Port Hueneme, CA
19 JUL 83 - 20 JUL 83	IPT Port Hueneme, CA
20 JUL 83 - 22 JUL 83	Enroute San Diego, CA
22 JUL 83 - 25 JUL 83	IPT San Diego, CA
25 JUL 83 - 27 JUL 83	U/W SOCAL OPAREAS
27 JUL 83 - 29 JUL 83	IPT San Diego, CA
29 JUL 83 - 30 JUL 83	U/W SOCAL OPAREAS
30 JUL 83 - 03 AUG 83	Enroute to Seattle, WA
03 AUG 83 - 08 AUG 83	PVST Seattle, WA
08 AUG 83	Enroute to Bangor, WA
08 AUG 83 - 09 AUG 83	IPT Bangor, WA
09 AUG 83 - 17 AUG 83	U/W NORPAC OPAREAS
17 AUG 83 - 20 AUG 83	Enroute to San Diego, CA
20 AUG 83 - 01 SEP 83	IPT San Diego, CA
01 SEP 83 - 02 SEP 83	Enroute to Seal Beach, CA
02 SEP 83	IPT Seal Beach, CA
02 SEP 83	Enroute to San Diego, CA
02 SEP 83 - 07 SEP 83	IPT San Diego, CA
07 SEP 83 - 09 SEP 83	U/W SOCAL OPAREAS
09 SEP 83 - 27 SEP 83	IPT San Diego, CA
27 SEP 83 - 29 SEP 83	U/W SOCAL OPAREAS
29 SEP 83 - 03 OCT 83	IPT San Diego, CA
03 OCT 83 - 07 OCT 83	U/W SOCAL OPAREAS
07 OCT 83 - 11 OCT 83	IPT San Diego, CA
11 OCT 83 - 14 OCT 83	U/W SOCAL OPAREAS
14 OCT 83 - 17 OCT 83	IPT San Diego, CA
17 OCT 83 - 21 OCT 83	U/W SOCAL OPAREAS
21 OCT 83 - 09 NOV 83	IPT San Diego, CA
09 NOV 83 - 11 NOV 83	U/W SOCAL OPAREAS
11 NOV 83 - 14 NOV 83	IPT San Diego, CA
14 NOV 83 - 19 NOV 83	U/W SOCAL OPAREAS
19 NOV 83 - 21 NOV 83	IPT San Diego, CA
21 NOV 83 - 23 NOV 83	U/W SOCAL OPAREAS
23 NOV 83 - 06 DEC 83	IPT San Diego, CA
06 DEC 83 - 09 DEC 83	U/W SOCAL OPAREAS
09 DEC 83 - 31 DEC 83	IPT San Diego, CA

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

In 1983, USS HENRY B. WILSON (DDG 7) completed an extensive regular overhaul at Northwest Marine Iron Works, Portland, Oregon, that concluded on 22 April 1983. HENRY B. WILSON then began a demanding and comprehensive schedule of major exercises, inspections and training evolutions to prepare for her thirteenth deployment to the Seventh Fleet scheduled to commence in March 1984. The year also marked a significant event in the career of HENRY B. WILSON as she celebrated twenty-three years of commissioned service on 17 December.

The year began with HENRY B. WILSON in the final phase of her regular overhaul in NWMIW, Portland, Oregon. The ship completed a highly successful Light-Off Examination on 17 February and Crew Certification on 31 March. She departed her home of ten months on the Willamette River for her sea trials on 11-17 April. On 22 April, HENRY B. WILSON left the shipyard in Portland, Oregon, one full month ahead of the projected completion date, and sailed to San Francisco for a port visit in that city, prior to returning to her homeport, San Diego, California.

USS HENRY B. WILSON commenced Combat Systems Ship Qualification Testing on 23 May 1983, the first major step in preparation for deployment. On 23 June 1983, HENRY B. WILSON completed a successful WSAT for ASW Systems on the instrumented range at San Clemente Island. On 13 July 1983, HENRY B. WILSON was visit ship in San Francisco, receiving 4,000 visitors, in what proved to be an enlightening exchange between the visitors and the crew. Returning to the Southern California operating areas, HENRY B. WILSON continued CSSQT which completed with two successful surface to air missile firings. The drone was destroyed by a direct hit by the second missile.

USS HENRY B. WILSON represented the San Diego homeported fleet units at Seattle's SEAFAIR 83 from 3 August through 8 August. Again serving as host ship to the community, HENRY B. WILSON was visited by over 9,800 visitors in Seattle, Washington, presenting a fine example of Navy pride and professionalism to the citizens. On 8 August, HENRY B. WILSON was tasked to conduct Special Operations by COMTHIRDFLT. During this period of 8 August through 17 August, HENRY B. WILSON was opposed several times by CC 347, the AGI BALZAM, representing the Fleet of the Soviet Union.

On 28 August 1983, onboard USS HENRY B. WILSON at Naval Station, San Diego, Commander Coenraad van der SCHROEFF, USN, was relieved by Commander John T. GILMARTIN, USN. The Change of Command ceremony was attended by Captain Stephen S. CLAREY, COMDESRON TWENTY-ONE and by Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group THREE, RADM BALDWIN.

HENRY B. WILSON completed Naval Gunfire Support Qualifications at San Clemente Island on 8 September. The ship began six weeks of intensive Refresher Training on 3 October, completing Phase I on 21 October and culminating Phase II on 23 November with a satisfactory Battle Problem and Conflagration Drill.

In the following weeks, HENRY B. WILSON passed two of the most critical tests of her abilities in an outstanding manner. The ship completed an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination on 9 December and closed out the inspection cycle for the year with the successful completion of the Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection on 16 December. HENRY B. WILSON then commenced a holiday upkeep period.

In 1983, the HENRY B. WILSON steamed over 20,000 nautical miles, burned 2,090,991 gallons of diesel fuel marine and had boilers on line 3,970 hours or 105 days. Ammunition expended included 472 rounds of 5"/54, 2 ASROCs, 3 MK 46 torpedoes and 2 Standard (MR) Missiles.