

1971 COMMAND ORGANIZATION

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A. COMMANDING OFFICERS:

April 1, 1970 - April 30, 1971, Captain Isham W. LINDER, USN, 485352/1310

April 30, 1971, Captain Charles S. WILLIAMS, Jr., USN, 549-10-4488 assumed command.

B. MISSION:

Same

C. COMPOSITION OF COMMAND:

1. Embarked Staff: Antisubmarine Warfare Group Four; Rear Admiral George Peabody STEELE III, Commander

2. Embarked Air Group: Antisubmarine Air Group Fifty-Six

D. LOCATION OF HOMEPORT:

Same

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USS INTREPID (CVS-11)

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF EVENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1971

- Jan. 1 - Jan. 11 .....Inport Quonset Point, Rhode Island
- Jan. 11 - Jan. 15 .....Conducting carrier qualifications with Carrier Antisubmarine Air Group 56 in the Narragansett Bay operating area.
- Jan. 15 - Jan. 18 .....Inport Quonset Point, Rhode Island
- Jan. 18 - Feb. 1 .....Conducting exercises in the Bermuda operating area.
- Feb. 1 - Feb. 22 .....Inport Quonset Point, Rhode Island
- Feb. 8 - Feb. 12 .....Inservice Inspection
- Feb. 22 - Mar. 9 .....Conducting exercises in the Bermuda operating area.
- Feb. 27 - Feb. 28 .....Operational Readiness Inspection
- Mar. 9 - Apr. 16 .....Inport Quonset Point, Rhode Island
- Apr. 16 - Apr. 28 .....Enroute to Lisbon, Portugal, conducting carrier qualifications and ASW exercises.
- Apr. 28 - May 2 .....Inport Lisbon, Portugal
- Apr. 30 .....Captain Charles S. WILLIAMS, Jr., relieved Captain Isham W. LINDER as Commanding Officer of USS INTREPID.
- May 2 - May 10 .....Enroute to Plymouth, England, conducting NATO exercise RUSTY RAZOR ✓
- May 10 - May 13 .....Inport Plymouth, England
- May 13 - May 16 .....Enroute to Baltic Sea
- May 16 - May 21 .....Conducting exercises in the Baltic Sea ✓
- May 21 - May 24 .....Inport Kiel, Germany
- May 22 .....General visiting
- May 24 - June 4 .....Enroute to Naples, Italy
- June 4 - June 11 .....Inport Naples, Italy

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June 11 - June 19 .....Enroute to Cannes, France, conducting exercise  
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 June 19 - June 24 .....Inport Cannes, France  
 June 24 - June 30 .....Enroute to Barcelona, Spain, conducting ASW  
 exercises  
 June 30 - July 6 .....Inport Barcelona, Spain  
 July 6 - July 12 .....Enroute to Hamburg, Germany  
 July 12 - July 19 .....Inport Hamburg, Germany  
 July 19 - July 21 .....Enroute to Copenhagen, Denmark  
 July 21 - July 28 .....Inport Copenhagen, Denmark ✓  
 July 24 .....General visiting  
 July 28 - Aug. 2 .....Enroute to Greenock, Scotland  
 Aug. 2 - Aug. 11 .....Inport Greenock, Scotland  
 Aug. 11 - Aug. 17 .....Underway conducting ASW exercises in the Nor-  
 wegian Sea  
 Aug. 17 - Aug. 19 .....Inport Rosythe, Scotland  
 Aug. 19 - Sep. 7 .....Underway in the Norwegian Sea and Arctic Circle  
 conducting exercise ALERT LANCER. ✓  
 Sep. 7 - Sep. 14 .....Inport Portsmouth, England  
 Sep. 14 - Sep. 22 .....Enroute to Bergen, Norway, conducting exercise  
 AGILE WARRIOR ✓  
 Sep. 22 - Sep. 25 .....Inport Bergen, Norway ✓  
 Sep. 25 - Oct. 5 .....Enroute to Greenock, Scotland, conducting NATO  
 exercise ROYAL KNIGHT  
 Oct. 5 - Oct. 7 .....Inport Greenock, Scotland  
 Oct. 7 - Oct. 15 .....Enroute to Quonset Point, Rhode Island  
 Oct. 15 - Nov. 29 .....Inport Quonset Point, Rhode Island ✓  
 Nov. 29 - Nov. 30 .....Enroute NAD, Earle, New Jersey  
 Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 .....Inport NAD, Earle, New Jersey, for ammo off-  
 load ✓

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Dec. 1 - Dec. 3 .....Enroute to Boston Naval Shipyard, Charlestown,  
Massachusetts

Dec. 3 - Dec. 31 .....Inport Boston Naval Shipyard for Restricted  
Availability period

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USS INTREPID (CVS-11) 1971

USS INTREPID (CVS-11) began calendar year 1971 at her homeport starboard side to the North side of carrier pier, Naval Air Station (NAS), Quonset Point, Rhode Island. The antisubmarine warfare (ASW) carrier's Commanding Officer was Captain Isham W. LINDER.

Having been in her homeport since November 9, 1970, INTREPID and her crew were in need of some operational training before conducting any fleet exercises. On January 7 & 8, a "fast cruise" was held, and on January 11, with Carrier Antisubmarine Air Group 56 embarked, the "Fighting I" steamed out to the Narragansett Bay operating area for five days of carrier qualifications and other independent exercises.

INTREPID returned to Quonset Point on January 15 for a short four day stay. On January 18, the carrier, with Commander Antisubmarine Warfare Group Four embarked, left her homeport for the Bermuda operating area. With various other units of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, INTREPID and Antisubmarine Air Group 56 conducted developmental ASW exercises, returning to Quonset Point on February 1 for a three week stay.

On February 22, the carrier again left her homeport for the Bermuda operating area. With Antisubmarine Warfare Group Four and Antisubmarine Air Group 56 embarked, INTREPID conducted various ASW exercises. On March 1, a sinking exercise was conducted against the ex-USS REUBEN JAMES (DE-153). INTREPID started her transit home on March 4, but encountered "high winds and heavy seas." That evening, a 28 degree starboard roll was recorded which caused considerable damage throughout the ship. INTREPID's attempt to avoid the storm delayed her return to Quonset Point until March 9, where she remain-

ed for more than a month.

On April 16, the "Fighting I" left her homeport for her scheduled six month Mediterranean-Eastern Atlantic deployment. By April 19 INTREPID had rendezvoused with the USS N. K. PERRY (DD-883) with Commander Destroyer Squadron 20 embarked, USS J. P. KENNEDY (DD-850) with Commander Escort Squadron 10 embarked, USS J. K. TAUSSIG (DE-1030), USS CROMWELL (DE-1014), USS HARTLEY (DE-1029), USS GREENFISH (SS-351), and USS CHUCKAWAN (AO-100). INTREPID and these units, the majority of which remained in company throughout the deployment, became Task Group 83.2 and transited the Atlantic conducting carrier qualifications and ASW exercises. During the transit, the Task Group encountered the first of what later proved to be considerable Soviet surveillance. ✓

On April 28 INTREPID anchored at Lisbon, Portugal. Two days later, on April 30, 1971, Captain Charles S. WILLIAMS, Jr., relieved Captain Isham W. LINDER as Commanding Officer of INTREPID.

On May 2 the "Fighting I" left Lisbon for her first NATO exercise of the deployment, operation RUSTY RAZOR. Participating in the exercise, under the tactical command of Commander Antisubmarine Warfare Group Four, were units of Portugal, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Canada, West Germany, and Belgium. ✓  
On May 10 INTREPID pulled into Plymouth, England.

After a short stay in England, the carrier started her transit for Kiel, Germany, and on May 16, she entered the Baltic Sea escorted by the KENNEDY, TAUSSIG, and HARTLEY. INTREPID thus became the first carrier to conduct flight operations in the eastern Baltic. Soviet surface, subsurface and air surveillance was considerable. The Task Group entered Kiel on May 21 and departed port May 24. On May 26 INTREPID left the Baltic enroute to the Mediterranean. ✓

Passing through the English Channel, and entering the Mediterranean on May 31, INTREPID arrived in Naples, Italy, on June 4 for a one week stay. After

leaving Naples, the carrier transited to the western Mediterranean to participate in operation CONSTELLATION with the French. Upon completion of the exercise, the ship entered Cannes, France, on June 19. INTREPID left Cannes on June 24 for Barcelona conducting ASW exercises with other units of the Task Group while enroute. A "swim call" was held on June 27, and INTREPID entered Barcelona on June 30.

After spending the Fourth of July weekend in Barcelona, INTREPID departed on July 6 and left the Mediterranean the next day enroute to Hamburg, Germany. Again INTREPID transited the English Channel and tied up in Hamburg on July 12, staying there for one week. On July 19, the carrier left for Copenhagen, Denmark, arriving there on July 21. After a week stay in Copenhagen, INTREPID started her transit for Greenock, Scotland. On July 30, while conducting routine flight operations, an SH3D helicopter went into the water during a landing attempt. There were no major personnel casualties, but the helicopter was lost.

INTREPID pulled into the Firth of Clyde on August 2, and anchored off Greenock where she remained until August 11. Departing Greenock, the "Fighting I" steamed to the Norwegian Sea where the Task Group conducted ASW exercises until August 17 when INTREPID had to return to Scotland for fuel. This time, INTREPID pulled into the Firth of Forth and anchored off Rosyth, Scotland. After fueling, the Task Group departed Scotland on August 19 and returned to the Norwegian Sea. During this time, ASW exercise ALERT LANCER was conducted and INTREPID made a number of transits across the Arctic Circle, thus making the crew members of the "Order of the Bluenose." After leaving the Arctic Circle, INTREPID again transited the English Channel and tied up at Portsmouth, England, on September 7.

On September 14, INTREPID left Portsmouth and again headed for the Norwegian Sea. Operation AGILE WARRIOR was conducted with the Norwegians under the tactical command of Commander Antisubmarine Warfare Group Four. Upon completion of the exercise, INTREPID anchored in Bergen, Norway, on September 22 staying for three days.

After leaving Bergen, INTREPID participated in a large NATO operation called ROYAL KNIGHT. Units from Great Britain, the Netherlands, West Germany, Norway, and Canada also participated under the tactical command of Commander Striking Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. At the conclusion of the exercise, INTREPID again pulled into the Firth of Clyde and anchored at Greenock on October 5. Two days later, INTREPID left Scotland and headed home. On October 15, the "Fighting I" returned to Quonset Point, Rhode Island, after her highly successful six month Mediterranean-Eastern Atlantic deployment.

On November 29, INTREPID left Quonset Point for the Boston Naval Shipyard. Enroute, the carrier stopped at Naval Ammunition Depot, Earle, New Jersey, to off-load her ammunition. She arrived at Pier 11, Boston Naval Shipyard, Charlestown, Massachusetts, on December 3 for a restricted availability period. INTREPID remained in Boston for the rest of the year.

Prior to INTREPID's deployment, a closed-circuit television system was installed in order to facilitate pilot briefing. New electronic warfare equipment, improvements and additions to the Combat Information Center, and new equipment installations in the Antisubmarine Classification and Analysis Center, all greatly enhanced INTREPID's ASW capabilities. During her end of the year yard period, the ship began the installation of more advanced, sophisticated ASW equipment.

Several INTREPID departments received special recognition for their excel-



ent performance in 1971. The Air and Medical departments received NAVAIRLANT Battle Efficiency Awards for the period 1 January 1970 - 30 June 1971. Also, INTREPID's Public Affairs Office received special recognition for outstanding internal relations in the competition for the NAVAIRLANT Golden Mike Award for 1971.

These awards brought to a close another successful year for the INTREPID, our Navy's oldest operational fleet aircraft carrier.

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USS INTREPID (CVS-11) FACTS

Engine miles steamed.....49,654 miles  
Fuel oil used.....11,457,149 gallons  
Feed water used.....14,667,292 gallons  
Fresh water used.....17,904,351 gallons  
AVGAS pumped.....717,208 gallons  
JP5 pumped.....818,441 gallons  
Catapult launches 1971.....4,406  
Total catapult launches of INTREPID.....117,977  
Arrested landings 1971.....4,428  
Total arrested landings of INTREPID.....139,243

Types of aircraft handled:

A-4C, S-2E, E-1B, SH3-D, C1-A