

6. Because operations personnel are vitally and intricately involved in every shipboard evolution, it is difficult to pick out particular outstanding performances. Your highly accurate navigation, detection and identification of surface and air contacts, NGFS target information and overall Bridge and CIC watchstanding performances were outstanding in every manner. Especially noteworthy was the high degree of communications security throughout the deployment. Your excellence in this area was commended by several high Navy Commands.

7. The performance and reliability of our electronics equipment throughout the deployment were truly remarkable. At no time did we have a major casualty, and the very few minor casualties we had were quickly restored permitting the accomplishment of every mission without exception.

8. Finally, I want to congratulate the Engineering and Supply Department personnel for your outstanding performance of duty prior to and during the deployment. The reliability and performance of the Engineering plant was a source of pride for me wherever we went. I'm sure your record is one of the best and will be hard to equal by any ship. Supply personnel can take a substantial portion of the credit for each and every "Well Done" received by the ship. Your outstanding management of spare parts, operations and maintenance funds and the many other Supply Department responsibilities was a major contribution to a highly successful deployment. Because of your foresight and continual followup procedures for spare parts, we did not suffer one sustained equipment casualty. Hamilton's Supply Department is second to none.

9. It is impossible for me to mention all the people that made significant contributions to our successful deployment in this letter. The Corpsmen, Damage Controlmen, Yeomen, Commissarymen, Stewards, Mail Clerks, Morale Officer, and Exchange Operators are a few which I could mention. I have tried to convey to you, by pointing out the highlights of our deployment, that it took the coordinated effort of each and every one of you to make the deployment the success that it was and I want to thank you all again for a job well done.



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