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Encl: (1) USS FITZGERALD Command History 1 January 2004 to  
31 December 2004  
(2) Command History 3 1/2" Disk  
(3) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet  
(4) USS FITZGERALD Photograph

1. Pursuant to reference (a), the enclosures (1) through (4)  
are submitted.

  
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successful INSURV inspection in June, sixty percent of the crewmembers from USS O'BRIEN (DD 985), previously forward-deployed to Yokosuka, Japan, swapped over to FITZGERALD in a "Super Sea Swap." Following a two-week transition period, FITZGERALD completed a successful Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART) II/Initial Assessment (IA) visit by Afloat Training Group, Pacific (ATGPAC) and rolled into an intensive and compressed nine-week Unit Level Training Phase. Due to the large crew turnover, the ship was required to re-certify in all nineteen SURFORTRAMAN certification areas, achieving Training Level (TL) I proficiency in 17 of 19 certification areas to achieve an overall C2 rating. FITZGERALD completed Final Evaluated Problem on 3 September and transited west, arriving in Yokosuka, Japan on 30 September. Of note, FITZGERALD completed the first Tactical Tomahawk Weapon Control System (TTWCS) Pacific Fleet Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification, Tomahawk (CMTQ-T) and CMTQ in two consecutive weeks with her Combat Systems Training Team (CSTT) packages have become the Fleet's standard.

FITZGERALD's Supply Management Inspection (SMI) was completed in November with grades of 92.97% for Stores, 93.71% for Food Services, 95.48% for Retail Operations, OUTSTANDING for Disbursing management, and OUTSTANDING for Postal Management.

At the same time, FITZGERALD was the winner of the Commander, Pacific Fleet Retention Excellence Award for FY04. Commander, Destroyer Squadrons TWO THREE and FIFTEEN recognized FITZGERALD Sailors with two Destroyer Squadron Sailors of the Quarter and two Junior Sailors of the Quarter in 2004.

At the close of November and through 19 December FITZGERALD was the second ship to participate in the national Ballistic Missile Defense Limited Defense Operations (BMD LDO). For weeks FITZGERALD kept vigilant guard and remained undetected while helping refine the Navy's role and experience in BMD LDO.

FITZGERALD continued her fruitful Partnership in Education program with Solana Beach Elementary School while in San Diego, where Sailors spent numerous hours visiting and interacting with the elementary students. In April 2004, over forty-two crewmembers participated in a massive Community Relations project during a port visit to Puerto Vallarta, where the exterior of a two-story elementary school was repainted. In Yokosuka, FITZGERALD Sailors continued to serve their community helping with the clean-up of a local cemetery and donating over 49,000 yen to victims of the recent earthquake in Niigata, Japan. During her recent port visit to Pusan, over thirty FITZGERALD Sailors volunteered to help with the clean up of a local orphanage and visit with the children there. Additionally, the crew donated over \$9,250 to the Navy and Marine Corps Relief