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The cruise of the **TRUXTUN** was unique and unprecedented. Never before has a ship performed such a wide variety of missions over such a vast ocean area. The deployment was significant for the Navy and the Nation because **TRUXTUN** demonstrated an increased naval presence in support of national objectives over a large portion of the globe. Achieving this capability is of utmost importance in this present age of fewer Navy ships and increased international commitments.

TRUXTUN received numerous commendations for outstanding performance during all phases of the deployment. The accomplishments of the ship were the direct result of teamwork. Perhaps the one thing which impressed me most during the cruise was the response of the crew to each task. From the diplomatic efforts in Australia and New Zealand, to the long periods at sea in the Indian Ocean, to the many fleet exercises in various oceans, the crew worked together to achieve a common goal.

It was a long deployment and certainly a busy one. Operational tempo was high and on occasions it was a long time between port visits. But the time and effort were well spent as the list of achievements will attest. Our country was well represented at sea and ashore.

I am proud of **TRUXTUN** and particularly of the men who sail in her. To the entire crew, I wish to re-emphasize what I have said many times before - Well Done!