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In the coming days the United States will be deploying a large naval/ marine force to the Middle East.

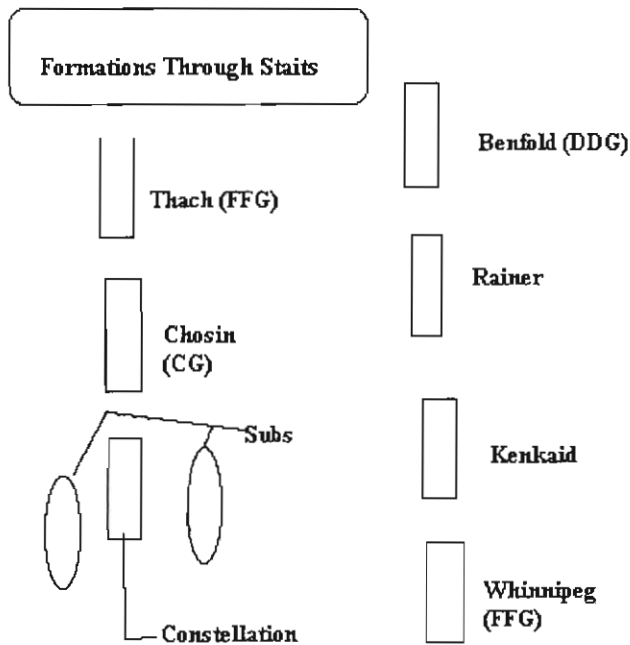
This will be a two group force: the Battle Group (BG) and the Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG) - these groups will be replacing the already deployed groups in the gulf.

The BG mission is to hold up the sanctions against Iraq, e.g. patrolling the No-Fly Zone, carry out Maritime Interception Operations (MIO) or launch strikes.

There is a possibility that the ships and submarines that are capable will carry out a strike against Afghanistan. Main targets: Usama and the Mujahideen, Taliban etc.

A two star admiral COMCRUDESRON1 (his title), a high ranking officer of the BG said that "there will be certain ships of this BG sitting off the coast of Pakistan with 'launch pads.'"

Most of the ships that are part of the BG will deploy on March 15 2001 leaving their home ports out of California and Washington State. They will meet up with the other ships that are part of the BG which are stationed in Hawaii. Their first port stop is Hawaii on March 20 2001, where some ships will load Tomahawk D missiles. The same missiles used on Afghanistan and Sudan. It has a warhead and 166 [mm?] fragment bomblets. Then the whole BG will head towards Australia. The main ship with high ranking officials will be at Sydney on April 6 2001, other ships - Melbourne, Perth, Bunbury etc. The BG will be going through the straits of Hormuz on the April 29 2001 at night, cutting off certain "infocoms" and "Emcoms" to divert their enemies on how many ships are actually coming through. This will be a night time set-up.



BG ships:

1. USS Constellation (CV64) Kitty Hawk Class carrier

Personnel: 5,500 to 6,000
 Special team: onboard Explosive Ordnance Disposal team (EOD)
 Mission: No-fly zone, patrol, etc

2. USS Chosin (CG-65) Ticonderoga class

Personnel: 350 to 400
Specialisation: anti-air warfare
Plus carrier escort all these ships.

3. Kinkaid (DD965) Sprvance class3

Personnel: 300 to 350
Specialisation: MIO etc

4. USS Benfold (DDG-65) Arleigh Burke class

Personnel: 300
Multi-capable ship

5. USS Thach (FFG-43) Oliver Perry class

Personnel: 150
Specialisation: Anti-Air warfare

6. HMCS Winniped (Canada) (FFG)

Personnel: 150
Capabilities same as Thach

7. USS Rainer (AOE-7)

Personnel: 400 to 500
Ammo and fuel replenishing ship for the BG.

Each ship has a UBSS team to up hold sanctions. Onboard each ship there are two 12 men teams, 1 officer in charge, 1 senior enlisted with experience, 2nd in command, 6 man sweep team, 4 man security set-up.

Submarines:

USS Olympia (SSN-77) and USS Santa Fe (SSN 763)

Fast Attack submarines: Los Angeles class
Personnel: 150 each

The ARG:

These consist of three ships which are deploying out of homeport San Diego, March 14 2001.

1. USS BOXER (LHD9) com ship, Wasp class

Personnel: 1,500 sailors; 2,500 marines; high ranking officials abroad; also special forces, Navy Seals and Marines Special Unit

Reconnaissance ships carries lots of helos [helicopters?] all kinds.

2. USS Cleveland (LPD7), Austin class

Personnel 600 to 700 sailors and 500 marines

3. USS Harpers Ferry (LSD49), Whidbey Island class

Personnel same as Cleveland, they both carry heavy equipment, tanks, LCACS, etc

The ARG port visit will be in South-East Asia before heading to the ME. Thailand (their favourite), Singapore etc.

Mission covert ops for special forces, evacuate embassies or beach/ land assaults.

Marine train off the coast of Qatar or Jordan maybe even Saudi Arabia.

American arms: Berreta 9mm and tactical shotguns; plus 4 man Rhib team no arms connected to boat or personnel.

Canadians: same set-up, better weapons, MP5 and 9mm pistols.

For risky missions, usually done alone by Navy Seals; Vessel board search and siege teams (VBSS).

These team carry out MIO in the northern part of the Gulf.

Weakness:

They have nothing to stop a small craft with RPG etc, except their Seals' stinger missiles.

Deploy ops in Gulf 29 April - 04 October.

29th APRIL is more likely the day through the Straits. For the whole of March is tax free - a moral booster. Many sailors do not like the Gulf.

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