



THE ROYAL ORDER OF THE FANTAIL

WHEREAS COR. R. ZUMWALT DID DO TASK GROUP ALFA THE HONOR OF VISITING WHILE AT SEA AND DID ARRIVE FOR SUCH VISIT ACROSS THE FANTAIL OF OUR FLAGSHIP USS VALLEY FORGE IN A FLYING FISH OUT OF WATER KNOW AS "COD" BUT WHILE ON BOARD DID HAVE TRAVELING WITH YOU A LARGE BLACK CLOUD WHICH FROM CLOSE ABOVE THE MAST HEAD DID POUR MANY GALLONS OF WATER ON OUR HEADS AND DID STIR UP GREAT WINDS AND WAVES. THEREFORE ON COMPLETION OF THIS HONORED VISIT IT WAS EXPEDIENT TO LAUNCH YOU FROM WHENCE YOU CAME - ACROSS THE FANTAIL - AND YOU DID THEREBY QUALIFY AS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE ROYAL ORDER OF THE FANTAIL ON 14 APRIL 1959 AT LAT. 35-13.5N LONG. 71.00W HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL ANTIC OF THIS TYPE IN TASK GROUP ALFA.

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