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I. Command Composition and Organization:

a. Command Mission Statement.

(1) The mission of HUÉ CITY is to conduct prompt, sustained combat operations at sea in support of national policy. HUÉ CITY was specifically designed to defend itself and other U.S. assets against attack by enemy surface ships, submarines, aircraft, and missiles. It was also designed to engage in offensive actions through employment of anti-ship and land attack missiles as well as naval gunfire.

(2) USS HUÉ CITY is the twentieth of the Ticonderoga Class cruisers. Its Aegis Weapons System is a significant advance in fleet air defense, capable of countering current and projected threats in both open ocean and littoral environments.

b. Command Organization Structure:

(1) ISIC.....Commander, Carrier Group Eight
(2) Commanding Officer.....CAPT Clement H. Ward, USN
(3) Executive Officer.....LCDR Eric L. Sweigard, USN
CDR Frank C. Pandolfe, USN
(4) Navigator.....LT Michael G. Cook, USN
LT Warren Yu, USN
(5) Administrative Officer.....ENS Yaron A. Keter, USN
LT Warren Yu, USN
(6) Operations Officer.....LT Steven A. Lott, USN
LT Gregory A. Hildebrand, USN
(7) Anti-Air Warfare Officer.....LCDR Steven A. Lott, USN
LT Philip C. Koelsch, USN
(8) Combat Information Center Officer....LT Kenneth E. Cleveland, USN
(9) Communications Officer.....LT Timothy G. Rohrer, USN
ENS Robert S. Mau, USN
(10) Electronic Warfare Officer.....CWO2 Charles A. Foote, USN
(11) First Lieutenant.....LT Mathew G. Scarlett, USN
ENS Martin P. Sheeron, USN
(12) Combat System Officer.....LT Robert S. Gradel, USN
LCDR Thomas F. Schwarz, USN
(13) Fire Control Officer.....LT Bradley S. Knowlton, USN
(14) Electronic Maintenance Officer.....LT Rodney G. Saffles, USN
(15) System Test Officer.....LT Ira L. Barker, USN
(16) Weapons Control Officer.....LT Matthew J. Garten, USN
LT Daniel Cunningham, USN
(17) Strike/Missiles Officer.....LT Bart B. Larocca, USN
(18) Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer.....LTjg Marc C. Eckardt, USN
(19) Gunnery Officer.....LT Brian D. Connon, USN
LT Ian T. Hadden, USN
(20) CA Division Officer.....ENS John J. Sion, USNR
(21) Chief Engineer.....LCDR Tom J. Williamson, USN
(22) Damage Control Assistant.....LT John R. Pfeiffer, USN
LT Craig R. Murphy, USN
(23) Main Propulsion Assistant.....LT Timothy R. Steadman, USN
LTjg Joseph M. Doyle, USN
LT Darwin E. Kroll, USN
(24) Auxiliary Officer.....LT Darwin E. Kroll, USN
ENS Christopher T. Monroe, USN
(25) Electrical Officer.....CWO2 Ronald D. Montgomery, USN
(26) Engineering Admin Officer.....ENS Matthew L. Hamilton, USN
(27) Supply Officer.....LCDR Danny R. Grenier, USN, SC

LCDR Robert R. Asselin, USN, SC

(28) Disbursing Officer.....LT Jeffery M. Miller, USN, SC

(29) Food Service Officer.....LT Dale C. Moore, USN, SC
LT Eric J. Kisala, USN, SC

(30) Chaplain.....LT Billy M. Appleton, USN, CC
LT Thomas Tostenson, USN, CC

(31) Command Master Chief.....CTRCM(SW) Merrill, USN

Chronological Listing of Major Events
1994
USS Hue City (CG-66)

January 1994

01-25	Selected Restricted Availability, Mayport, FL
07	Reenlistment Ceremony for BM2 Robert Raynor
10	Reenlistment Ceremony for GSMC(SW) Troy Cash
	Reenlistment Ceremony for MS3 Robert Cobbs
13	LMA Visit
13-14	ETG Visit
18	E-4 Frocking Ceremony
20	U/W: JAX OPAREA for Sea Trials
	E-7 Advancement Exams
21	Arrive: Mayport, FL
22-30	UPK: Mayport, FL
24-27	NGFS Team Training
30	Battle of Hue Memorial Service
31	U/W: Enroute Charleston, SC

February 1994

01	Arrive: Charleston, SC
01-03	Ammo Onload
03	U/W: Enroute Mayport, FL
04	Arrive: Mayport, FL
05-06	UPK: Mayport, FL
07	U/W: JAX OPAREA
	Reenlistment Ceremony for OS1(SW) Schaller
08	Arrive: Mayport, FL
08-21	UPK: Mayport, FL
08-11	CG-66 Family and Friends Valentines Day raffle
09-10	Limited CSRR
	Reenlistment Ceremony for TM1 Tyson Gurley
	ASUW Team Training
	Black History Month Family Night Dinner
17	Pre-extended At-Sea Single Sailor/Dependent Brief
22-24	U/W: Enroute NSRR Puerto Rico
25	Arrive: NSRR Puerto Rico
	CTU 44.7.3 Brief
26-27	U/W: Enroute Vieques, Puerto Rico
28	NGFS Quals
	Arrive: Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
	U/W: Enroute Rodman AFB, Panama

March 1994

01	E-4 exam
	Medevac
03	Transit: Panama Canal - Southbound
	Arrive: Rodman, Panama
	E-5 exam
04	Awards ceremony
	U/W: EASTPAC - Counter Drug Operations
05	Reenlistment ceremony for STG1(SW) Benjamin
06	Burial at Sea Ceremony
08	E-6 exam
13	Crossing the Line Ceremony & Shellback Initiation
15	Arrive: Rodman, Panama
16-18	Inport: Rodman, Panama
	Community Service Project at Cunas Indian Village

19	U/W: EASTPAC - Counter Drug Operations
	U.S. Army DLQs (UH-1's)
27	Annual Bench Press & Talent Contest
29	Transit: Panama Canal - Northbound
	Embark Guests from Rodman Naval Detachment
30	Anchor: Cartagena, Columbia
	U/W: Enroute Ponce, Puerto Rico

April 1994

01	Arrive: Ponce, Puerto Rico
02-03	Inport: Ponce, Puerto Rico
03	Interfaith Easter Service
04	U/W: Enroute Mayport, FL
04-05	Safety Standdown
07	Arrive: Mayport, FL
08-24	UPK: Mayport, FL
11-15	Mock LMA
	IMAV - SIMA Mayport
11-21	Elevator Training
12	Baseline 4.2.7 Installation
13	Reenlistment Ceremony for OS2 Grover
15	Hue City CG-66 Friends & Family Sandwich Sale
	Reenlistment Ceremony for SH3 Johnson
	Reenlistment Ceremony for DC2 Collins
18-22	Logistics Management Assessment (LMA)
	ETG visit
22	Reenlistment Ceremony for BMC(SW) Spiker
23	$1,400 donated to "Time & Talent" Scholarship
25	U/W: JAX OPAREA
25-29	TSTA 1 Week 1 - ETG
27	Arrive: Mayport, FL
28	U/W: JAX OPAREA
29	Arrive: Mayport, FL
30	UPK: Mayport, FL
	Christening ceremony for Nicholas Frazer Connon
	Semi-Annual Command Picnic

May 1994

01-05	UPK: Mayport, FL
02-06	TSTA 1 Week 2 - CSTG
	PATGLANT Assist
03-04	Safety Survey
04-05	PRT
05	Awards Ceremony
06	U/W: Enroute GITMO, Cuba
09	Arrive: GITMO, Cuba
09-13	TSTA 1 Week 3 - FTG
10-12	Inport: GITMO, Cuba
12	HUÉ CITY receives orders to relieve USS THORN as COMDESRON-22 Flagship
13	U/W: Operation Support Democracy (Haiti)
17	Embarked FTG DC Observers
23	1000th Boarding of Operation Support Democracy conducted by HUÉ CITY
	(14 Total boardings by HUÉ CITY)
	COMDESRON-22 Change of Command held onboard while U/W
24	Relieved as COMDESRON-22 Flagship by USS SCOTT
	Arrive: GITMO, Cuba
25	Inport: GITMO, Cuba
	TSTA 1 Week 5 - FTG
26	U/W: Enroute Mayport, FL
28	Awards Ceremony

	Arrive: Mayport, FL
29-31	UPK: Mayport, FL
31	COMCARGRU-6 Embarks
	BFTT Ship Checks
	DSRA Ship Checks
	Combat Systems Gauge Cal

June 1994

01-03	BFTT Ship Checks
	DSRA Ship Checks
	Combat Systems Gauge Cal
01-05	UPK: Mayport, FL
01	Formal Personnel Inspection (Full Dress Whites)
02	Dress Ship IHO Queen of England's Birthday
02-03	HFDS Site Survey
	Reenlistment Ceremony for RM2 Losey
	Reenlistment Ceremony for ET2 Harris
06	U/W: JAX OPAREA
06-10	TSTA 2 Week 1 - ETG
	ISMS Training
	ASUW Training
07	Burial at Sea Ceremony
08	RLQ Services
10	Arrive: Mayport, FL
11-12	UPK: Mayport, FL
13	U/W: Enroute Pensacola, FL
13-17	TSTA 2 Week 2 - CSTG
	ASW Training
17	Arrive: Pensacola, FL
18-26	Inport: Pensacola, FL
20-24	TSTA 2 Week 3 - CSTG
20	Reception IHO VADM Kihune
21	CNET Change of Command & Retirement Ceremony
27	U/W: Enroute Port Canaveral, FL
	Embark "Guests of the Navy" Riders
27-30	TSTA 2 Week 4 - CSTG
30	Arrive: Port Canaveral, FL
	Tiger Cruise
	U/W: Enroute Mayport, FL

July 1994

01	TSTA 2 Week 4 - CSTG
	Arrive: Mayport, FL
02-10	UPK: Mayport, FL
05-08	TSTA 2 Week 5
11	U/W: Enroute GITMO, Cuba
11-15	TSTA 2 Week 6
	Petty Officer Indoctrination
12	Achieved 181% of Navy-Marine Corps Relief Fund Drive
14	Arrive: GITMO, Cuba
	U/W: Caribbean Counter Drug Operations
18-22	TSTA 2 Week 7
24	Bench Press Competition
27	Safety Standdown
29	Off-station as AW & AN for CDOPS, Enroute: Mayport, FL
	ASW Trackex with USS Stonewall Jackson
30	Awards Ceremony
31	Arrive: Mayport, FL

August 1994

01-21	UPK: Mayport, FL
02-19	IMAV - SIMA Mayport
	Target/CSMCR
03	Retirement Ceremony for MS1 Frank
05	OHSAT
	Reenlistment Ceremony for GMC(SW) Pruemer
	Reenlistment Ceremony for DC2(SW) Elliott
15	Reenlistment Ceremony for OS2(SW) Scheanwald
20	Decommissioning Ceremony for USS Saratoga
22	U/W: JAX OPAREA
22-30	TSTA 3 - CSTG & ETG
25	Arrive: Mayport, FL
26	U/W: JAX OP AREA

September 1994

01	Arrive: Mayport, FL
02	Awards Ceremony
02-11	UPK: Mayport, FL
09	Reenlistment Ceremony for RM2 Wagner
12-16	Final Evaluation Period
13	U/W: JAX OPAREA
16	Arrive: Mayport, FL
	CPO Frocking Ceremony
	Reenlistment Ceremony for ICC(SW) Miller
17-18	UPK: Mayport, FL
19	Embark ETG ISO OPPE
20	U/W: JAX OPAREA
	E-6 Exam
23	Arrive: Mayport, FL
	Reenlistment Ceremony for RM3 Sershon
24-30	UPK: Mayport, FL

October 1994

01-03	UPK: Mayport, FL
04	U/W: JAX OPAREA
04-06	OPPE
05	RADM Abbot Visit
06	Arrive: Mayport, FL
07-31	UPK: Mayport, FL
	Awards Ceremony
10	Physical Fitness Day at Love Grove Elementary School
11	STIMS Install
11-21	CSRR
11-31	IMAV - SIMA Mayport
12	STOW-E Brief
13	Reenlistment Ceremony for SK1 Banas
14-31	BFTT Training
17-21	Medical Readiness Assist
21	Reenlistment Ceremony for SN Teagle
24	TYCOMEX
	SDS Installation
25-31	STOW-E Training
28	SHARPEX
29	Command Picnic
31	Command Physical Readiness Test

November 1994

01-02	Command Physical Readiness Test
01-08	UPK: Mayport, FL
	STOW-E Training
	BFTT Training
	IMAV - SIMA Mayport
01	Selected as the Navy's Community Service (Sea) Award Winner
02-04	PARSE
02	Math Field Day at Love Grove Elementary School
03	Annual HUÉ CITY Golf Tournament
09	U/W: Enroute RDVU for COMPTUEX
10-16	ASWPT 94-2
17-22	AAWEX, ELWEX
18	Reenlistment Ceremony for EN3(SW) Cooper
	Surface to Surface Missile Exercise
19	COMCARGRU FOUR Visit (RADM Ellis)
21	Wagon Wheel Gunnery Exercise
22	Surface to Air Missile Exercise - HUÉ CITY OCE
23	Arrive: San Juan, Puerto Rico
	Reenlistment Ceremony for EW3 Grant
	Reenlistment Ceremony for FCC(SW) Highfill
	Reenlistment Ceremony for SM2 Blount
	HUÉ CITY VIP Reception
23-26	Inport: San Juan, Puerto Rico
25	Rose of Sharon Orphanage Renovation
26	U/W: COMPTUEX
27-30	CVN Escort Duty, ELWEX & AAWEX
28	Torpedo Exercise Firings
29	CINCLANTFLT Visit (ADM Flanagan)

December 1994

01-06	CVN Escort Duty, ELWEX & AAWEX
03-05	ITA Phase
08	Enroute: Charleston, SC
09	Arrive: Charleston, SC
	Reenlistment Ceremony for OS1(SW) Spraggs
10-13	Inport: Charleston, SC
12-13	Ammunition On-load
14	U/W: Enroute Mayport, FL
	Tiger Cruise
15	Arrive: Mayport, FL
	Chief of Naval Operations Visit (ADM Boorda)
16	Awards Ceremony
	Christmas Party
	Reenlistment Ceremony for GSCS(SW/SS) Ciciora
16-31	UPK: Mayport, FL
18	Children's Christmas Party
19-31	IMAV - SIMA Mayport
20-23	Industrial Hygiene Survey
20-31	Mast Preservation
22	OS1(SW) Branson selected for the Seaman to Admiral Program
29	Environmental Health Survey

January 1994 opened with USS HUE CITY in Selected Restricted Availability at Mayport, FL. This was the first SRA for HUÉ CITY and was limited in scope. Major work items included installation of a halon system shipalt, cleaning of the forward fuel tanks, refurbishing many decks, and installation of an EHF satellite communication system. On 30 January, the second annual Battle of HUÉ memorial service was held in the helicopter hanger. The ceremony and reception were very successful; well attended and heartfelt. Captain Zeimer, Commanding Officer of Mayport Naval Station, was the guest speaker.

In February, after an ammunition onload in Charleston, South Carolina, HUÉ CITY sailed in support of counter-narcotic operations in the Caribbean. Prior to arriving on station, HUÉ CITY conducted Naval Gun Fire Support Qualifications in Vieques, Puerto Rico, scoring a record 105.06 points. HUÉ CITY was then ordered into the Eastern Pacific to patrol for narcotics smugglers. In early March, HUÉ CITY transited the Panama Canal and took station off the Western coast of Columbia. On March 13th, HUÉ CITY crossed the equator, initiating many polywogs into crusty shellbacks. The ship then made a port visit to Rodman, Panama for a few days of rest and relaxation. While inport, HUE CITY crewmembers helped a local Indian Village accomplish needed repairs and construction. Following an additional two weeks on station in the Eastern Pacific, HUÉ CITY transited the Panama canal northbound. After fueling in Cartagena, Columbia, the ship sailed to Poncé, Puerto Rico for the Easter holiday. HUÉ CITY returned to Mayport on 07 April.

The month of April included a Logistics Management Assessment and the beginning of the training cycle towards deployment. Tailored Ship Training Availability One (TSTA I) began in late April with individual watchstander training. In early May, the ship sailed for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for Refresher Training (REFTRA). After only three days in GITMO, HUÉ CITY was ordered to relieve USS THORN as COMDESRON-22 flagship in support of United Nation sanctions against Haiti. While serving as flagship, HUÉ CITY conducted the 1000th boarding of Operation Support Democracy. After several weeks off Haiti, HUÉ CITY returned to GITMO to complete REFTRA, being relieved as flagship by USS SCOTT. HUÉ CITY returned to Mayport in time for the Memorial Day weekend, arriving 29 May.

TSTA II began in early June, conducted in the local operating area. In mid-June, the ship sailed for Pensacola, Florida to serve as host platform for the Chief of Naval Education and Training change of command and VADM Kihune's retirement ceremony on 21 June. Unfortunately, inclement weather forced the ceremony to be held indoors, on base. During the return trip to Mayport, HUE CITY hosted several "Guests of the Navy" including businessmen and educators. A quick stop in Port Canaveral allowed the guests to depart and "tigers" (guests of crewmembers) to embark for the final day of transit to Mayport. HUÉ CITY returned to Mayport in time for the Fourth of July holiday, arriving 01 July.

After two weeks inport, HUÉ CITY headed back to the Caribbean to participate once more in Counter-Narcotics Operations. As "AW" (AAW Commander), HUÉ CITY evaluated air and surface contacts going in and out of South America, relaying information to law enforcement agencies ashore in the United States. HUÉ checked off station in late July and, after a brief ASW training opportunity with the USS STONEWALL JACKSON, returned to Mayport for an Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV).

TSTA III took place in August, preparing for Final Evaluation Period (FEP) training. HUÉ CITY was the first ship in the Roosevelt Battle Group and only the third ship in the Atlantic Fleet to be administered FEP instead of Combat Systems Assessment (CSA). FEP incorporated CSA but was structured for more realism. Training was evaluated as a product of a three day scenario, forcing the ship to integrate operations, engineering, damage control, administration, and combat systems to achieve success. HUÉ CITY did extremely well during FEP, earning her Tactical Cruise Missile Qualification in the process.

Early October brought the another major examination to HUÉ CITY in the form of OPPE (Operational Propulsion Examination). HUÉ CITY had an extremely strong showing, receiving an overall grade of GOOD.

HUÉ CITY sailed in early November for Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) 2-94. The first week of training consisted of combined ASW exercises against opposition submarine. After evading tropical storm GORDON, ASW exercises continued until HUÉ CITY joined USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT for AAW and ELW exercises. Several live-fire exercises were conducted with HUÉ CITY's dual five inch and CIWS guns. During the Battle Group's surface-to-surface missile exercise, HUÉ CITY scored the only direct hit of the day. The highlight of COMPTUEX was a surface-to-air missile exercise that was flawlessly planned and executed by HUÉ CITY. In all, twenty missiles were shot with HUÉ scoring two-for-two with direct hits.

HUÉ CITY arrived in San Juan, Puerto Rico for the Thanksgiving holiday on 23 November. While inport, the Commanding Officer hosted a reception for local dignitaries, while volunteer crewmembers spent several days painting and repairing the Rose of Sharon Orphanage. After a quiet Thanksgiving holiday, the ship returned to sea to continue COMPTUEX. In the following week, HUÉ CITY fired two exercise torpedoes, one practice torpedo, and multiple simulated shots - all of which were evaluated as acquiring their targets. A three day "hostilities" phase ended the exercise, incorporating every aspect of naval warfighting to counter opposing air, surface, and subsurface assets. During this phase, HUÉ CITY refined her "AW" skills while also conducting strike warfare via multiple simulated Tomahawk firings.

Following COMPTUEX on 05 December, HUÉ CITY sailed directly from the Puerto Rican OPAREA to Charleston, SC in order to complete her pre-deployment ammunition on-load. Following the onload, HUÉ CITY departed enroute Mayport, again with "tigers" embarked, arriving on 15 December in time to participate in a visit by the CNO to Mayport. The Christmas holiday leave period began on 16 December, highlighted by the annual Christmas party which was held at the beautiful Ponté Vedra Inn & Club. HUÉ CITY ended the year as it had begun- in an IMAV period; preparing to deploy to the Mediterranean Sea in March 1995.