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Encl: (1) USS HALYBURTON (FFG 40) Command History for Calendar
Year 1996
(2) USS HALYBURTON (FFG 40) Welcome Aboard Package

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.

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COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1996

1. Unit Mission: USS HALYBURTON's mission is to provide multi-role combat support in hostile areas. Primary mission areas include Air Warfare (AW), Surface Warfare (SUW), Undersea Warfare (USW), and Command/Communications Warfare (C2W). For AW and SUW, HALYBURTON uses the MK-92 fire control radar to target air and surface contacts for engagement with either the Standard Missile or MK-75 76mm gun. The ship also carries the Harpoon anti-ship cruise missile. The Phalanx Close In Weapons System (CIWS) provides defense against short range missile threats. For USW it utilizes the SQQ-89 sonar suite, which includes the AN/SQR-19 Tactical Towed Array Sonar (TACTAS), and AN/SQS-56 hull mounted sonar. MK-46 and Mk-50 helo dropped and over-the-side torpedoes provide USW attack/defense capabilities. C2W support is provided by the AN/SLQ-32 (V)5 electronic warfare (EW) platform, with EW-threat detection, correlation, and jamming capabilities.

In addition to HALYBURTON's built-in warfighting features, SUW and USW capabilities may be further enhanced with an embarked SH-60B LAMPS helicopter detachment. The LAMPS platform provides radar coverage with its AN/APS-124 surface search radar, ESM support via AN/ALQ-142 threat receiver, and sonar information through sonobuoy deployment. These systems are interfaced with the ship's built-in systems via HAWK-link, a line-of-sight digital radio link. This capability extends HALYBURTON's effective sensor range well beyond the visible horizon without alerting foreign forces to her position.

HALYBURTON belongs to Destroyer Squadron Twenty Eight, and is home ported at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia. The ship regularly embarks a LAMPS MKIII helicopter detachment from HSL-44, NAS Mayport, Florida.

2. 1996 Significant Chronology:

1	JAN	Holiday Leave and Upkeep Period continued
10-11	JAN	Offload Yorktown Naval Weapons Station
12	JAN	Underway Yorktown and Arrive Metro Machinery Yards, Norfolk, for Selected Restricted Availability (SRA)
13	JAN	HALYBURTON's 12th Birthday
17-19	JAN	Engineering Training Group (ETG) Assist visit
16	FEB	Command party
8	MAR	STG1(SW) Calvillo selected CDS-28 Sailor of the Year
6-11	MAR	Light-Off Assessment (LOA)
13	MAR	SRA Complete, Underway and Arrive Naval Station Norfolk
18-22	MAR	Logistics Management Assessment (LMA) Assist visit
18-29	MAR	Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV)
9-12	APR	Command Assessment of Readiness and Training, CART II
17	APR	Host for Dutch minesweepers HNLMS URK and HNLMS HELLEVOETSLUIS
23-25	APR	Underway, Virginia Capes Operating Area (VCOA)
24	APR	Onload Yorktown NWS

29-3	APR-MAY	Tailored Ships Training Availability (TSTA) I (ETG)
6-10	MAY	Aviation Readiness Evaluation (ARE)
10	MAY	Spouse Appreciation Day Cruise
10-12	MAY	VISIT SHIP - Nauticus, Norfolk
13	MAY	TSTA I, continued
20-23	MAY	TSTA I (FTG) - Underway VCOA
28-5	MAY-JUN	Hurricane Exercise 96
3-5	JUN	Underway with PCO riders for Senior Officer Ship's Material Readiness Course
10-14	JUN	LMA
10-14	JUN	Aviation Certification (AVCERT)
17-21	JUN	TSTA II (ETG) - Underway VCOA
21	JUN	Relocation to NNSY, Portsmouth, Virginia
29	JUN	Family Day Olympics
08-09	JUL	TSTA II (ETG) - Underway VCOA
10	JUL	Engineering Certification (E-CERT) - Underway
10-14	JUL	Hurricane Edouard Sortie - Underway
15	JUL	Arrive Newport, Rhode Island
16	JUL	Congressman Patrick Kennedy Visit
16-18	JUL	School Ship, NETC Newport
19	JUL	Depart Newport, RI - Underway
19	JUL	Rescue crew of AMANDA and JESSICA
20	JUL	Arrive Bar Harbor, Maine
		Bicentennial of Town's Incorporation
23	JUL	Depart Bar Harbor, Maine
		Onboard Lobster Feast
25	JUL	Arrive NNSY, Portsmouth
29-16	JUL-AUG	TSTA II CSTG
19	AUG	Family Day Cruise
19-23	AUG	TSTA II Combat Systems Training Group (CSTG) - Underway VCOA
09-11	SEP	TSTA III - Underway VCOA
16	SEP	Depart NNSY, Portsmouth
17-19	SEP	In port, NWS Charleston, SC, for weapons onload
20	SEP	Arrive NNSY, Portsmouth
23-27	SEP	Final Evaluation Period (FEP) - Underway VCOA
27	SEP	Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification
11	OCT	Depart NNSY, Portsmouth
12	OCT	VANDALEX missile firing exercise
12-18	OCT	In port, NNSY, Portsmouth
20	OCT	Arrive Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
21	OCT	Command picnic and Wardroom vs. CPO mess softball game
22	OCT	Depart Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
22-29	OCT	INDEX97-1
30-31	OCT	In port St. Johns, Antigua
2	NOV	INDEX97-1 Missile Firing Exercise
3-4	NOV	In port Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
6	NOV	Arrive NNSY, Portsmouth
8	NOV	POM I leave period begins
22	NOV	HALYBURTON Season's Greetings Party
		POM I leave period end, POM II leave period begins
5	DEC	Kilbey Shores 3rd Grade Class visit.
6	DEC	POM II leave period ends

10	DEC	VADM Katz, CNSL, Visits Commodore Loren, CDS-28, indicates HALYBURTON is his pick for 1996 Battle E.
10	DEC	Depart NNSY, Portsmouth. Deploy MEF 1-97
12	DEC	Brief Fuel Stop, Bermuda
19-23	DEC	In port, Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Canary Islands
25	DEC	Christmas Day, passage through Strait of Gibraltar
28-30	DEC	In port, Livorno, Italy
31	DEC	Arrive, La Maddalena, Italy

3. JANUARY

The month of January began with a continuation of the Holiday Season Leave and Upkeep period. On January 8, 1996, the crew of the HALYBURTON returned to prepare for getting underway to Yorktown Naval Weapons Station. HALYBURTON got underway on 10 January, 1996 and arrived at Yorktown the same day. The crew braved record breaking sub-zero windchill conditions ensuring a timely weapons offload. Upon completion of the ammunition offload on 12 January 1996, HALYBURTON left Yorktown bound for a sixty day Selected Restricted Availability at Metro Machinery Yards in downtown Norfolk, VA. From 17 - 19 January an ETG assist visit was conducted. HALYBURTON remained moored at Metro Machinery Yards for the remainder of the month.

4. FEBRUARY

February, 1996, was an intense month for the crew of the HALYBURTON. During the continuation of the yard period, many vital pieces of equipment, including three Ship's Service Diesel Generators and the MK 92 Fire Control System, were overhauled by the ships' force, SIMA, and Earl Industries. Preparations were being made for the upcoming Light Off Assist visit in early March.

A scheduled party for the crew of the HALYBURTON was interrupted by six inches of snow that blanketed the Norfolk area on 16 February 1996.

5. MARCH

The month of March, 1996, saw the HALYBURTON finish its Selected Restricted Availability period on two very bright notes.

The first was the selection of STG1(SW) Rudolph Calvillo as DESRON 28 Sailor of the Year. Commodore Loren presented the award to STG1 Calvillo on 8 March.

A Light Off Assessment visit from 6 - 11 March took place onboard HALYBURTON. The Engineering Training Group Norfolk examined the engineering plant of the HALYBURTON and found that the engines were safe to light off. Upon that note, HALYBURTON sailed proudly down the Elizabeth river to Naval Station, Norfolk on 13 March - under budget and on time. During the week of 18 -22 March the crew was busy with a Logistics Management Assessment (LMA) Assist visit. The final week of March, 1996 was spent in preparation for the Command Assessment of Readiness and Training phase Two (CART II) inspection in early April.

6. APRIL

The Command Assessment for Readiness and Training Phase Two (CART II) took place in early April. The crew of the HALYBURTON performed admirably during the inspection which evaluated every department onboard. On the 17th of April, the HALYBURTON hosted ships from Denmark and the Netherlands at a picnic.

Also in April of 1996, HALYBURTON spent her first night at sea in 1996. On the 23rd of April, HALYBURTON got underway for a weapon's onload at Yorktown Naval Weapons Station. After a smooth onload it was back out to sea for training in preparation for the following week's Tailored Ship's Training Availability Phase I (TSTA I). During this inspection, lasting from 29 APR until 03 MAY, members from ETG came aboard to monitor and evaluate the progress Engineering Department was making towards its final certification.

7. MAY

Aviation Readiness was the focus at the outset of May, 1996. Five landing system certifications took place during the Aviation Readiness Evaluation (ARE) Technical Assist held from 6 through 10 May. Upon completion of the ARE, HALYBURTON honored the spouses of crewmembers with a two-hour trip down the Elizabeth River on the annual Spouse Appreciation Day. HALYBURTON moored on May tenth at the Nauticus Marine Museum for a weekend as the host ship for over thirteen hundred visitors from across the country.

After a weekend at Nauticus, it was back out to sea on the thirteenth of May for the Tailored Ships Training Availability Phase I (TSTA I). Again the ship's combat and engineering departments were evaluated on their ability to train the crew safely. The weekend of May 18 provided a brief reprieve from the evaluation before it was back out to sea on Monday the 20th through the 23rd. Finally, this busy month was ended with the Hurricane Exercise 96 (HURREX 96) for many ships in the Norfolk area.

8. JUNE

June, 1996 began with a short, three day underway period for SOSMRC. Five prospective commanding officers came aboard to observe the working routine of a ship similar to the one they were going to command. From 10 through 14 June, the Supply Department of the HALYBURTON led the way through one of the most successful Logistic Management Assessments in HALYBURTON history, helping the ship to earn an overall score of 91%. In the food services arena, HALYBURTON was nominated to represent COMDESRON 28 in the Captain Francis Ney Award Competition for outstanding food service operations.

June 10 through 14 was also the Aviation Certification. HALYBURTON engineers and boatswain mates performed admirably and the ship received its final certification for landing helicopters.

The Engineering Department also hosted ETG for the TSTA II evaluation period. At sea from 17 through 21 June, the engineers again worked diligently to meet and surpass the standards of training necessary for the ship to deploy.

Upon the return from sea on the 21st of June, HALYBURTON relocated from NOB Norfolk to Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY) in

Portsmouth, VA, following DesRon-28's lead a week before. Finally, the month of June was capped off with a Family Olympics Day picnic for the crew and families of the ship at the Fleet Recreation Park in Norfolk.

9. JULY

The early part of July was as hectic as the weather was unpredictable. Preparations for the impending Engineering Certification (E-Cert) were made during the first week of July. A brief visit by ETG took place on the 8th and 9th of July. With the 10th came news of Hurricane Edouard and its track up the eastern seaboard. Last minute schedule changes were made and the Propulsion Examining Board (PEB) embarked with the HALYBURTON for the E-Cert one day ahead of schedule. HALYBURTON got underway on the 11th with the PEB inspectors and successfully completed the final certification. That same evening, HALYBURTON brought the PEB inspectors back to NOB and proceeded back out to sea as part of the Hurricane Sortie.

While underway, the Chief Petty Officer selection results were announced with six HALYBURTON'S sixteen First Class Petty Officers being selected: GSM1(SW) Frank Ascher; HM1 Michael Loncaric; RM1(SW) Terry Mitchell; EW1(SW) Keith Pitts; DS1(SW) Brian Snyder; and FC1(SW) John Vogel.

The sortie lasted four days and the HALYBURTON pulled into NETC Newport, Rhode Island, on the 15th of July. While in Newport, the HALYBURTON hosted several hundred visitors as a school ship for newly commissioned officers and as a tour ship for local visitors.

Among the visitors was Congressman Patrick Kennedy, the Representative from Rhode Island. Alexander Porter HALYBURTON, first cousin of the ship's namesake also visited. HALYBURTON proceeded to sea on the 19th of July destined for Bar Harbor, Maine.

On the evening of the 19th, while in transit to Bar Harbor, HALYBURTON received a distress call from a nearby fishing vessel. The five man crew of the AMANDA and JESSICA could not keep up with the flooding their vessel was experiencing and abandoned ship. Deploying the RHIB in severely adverse weather conditions, the crew of the HALYBURTON successfully rescued the five fishermen and provided safe passage to Maine. Special ship recognition was received from RADM J.L. Linnon, Commander Coast Guard District Boston, and ADM William Flanagan, Commander-in-Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet. For their heroic efforts in the rescue, Navy Achievement Medals were awarded to seven of the ship's crew: LTJG Eric Naranjo; BM1 Mark Walden; SM1(SW) Cris Wilson; BM3(SW) Michael Brown; EN3 Andrew Ellering; SH3 Michael Eason; GSM1(SW) Frank Ascher.

HALYBURTON anchored in Bar Harbor on the 20th of July to participate in the bicentennial of the town's incorporation. The wardroom hosted the Bar Harbor Bicentennial Committee in a reception on the bridge. The crew of the HALYBURTON enjoyed the nearby Acadia National Park with its wide array of outdoor activities. On the 23rd of July, after two weeks away, HALYBURTON left Maine to return home. Arriving at NNSY on the 25th, the ship began preparations for the upcoming Combat Systems Training Group visit scheduled for the beginning of August.

10. AUGUST

The month's fast pace started and ended with combat training scenarios being conducted by the Combat Systems Training Group. Highlighting the intense three week training period was a week underway which included two successful Detect-to-Engage scenarios, validation of both 76mm and CIWS gun systems and the completion of TSTA II workups. The month also included a delightful Family Day Cruise from Norfolk Naval Shipyard to Lynnhaven Inlet anchorage. Families and friends were treated to an assortment of activities, sights and a great flight deck cookout. On August 5, a Surface Warfare Join-up was held at the NNSY all-hands swimming pool in conjunction with the DESRON Commander's Conference. The month finished with a week and a half of concentrated Combat Systems Readiness Review and TARGET assessment of Ship's equipment.

11. SEPTEMBER

HALYBURTON spent most of September at sea in preparation for the ship's Final Evaluation Period (FEP). The first week was spent inport completing the TARGET and CSRR Phase I assessments. HALYBURTON set out to sea from 9-11 September to conduct Integrated Training Team (ITT) scenarios in which all shipboard training teams worked together to train the crew. HALYBURTON spent 16-20 September conducting an ammunition onload at NWS Charleston, SC. The following week was HALYBURTON's Final Evaluation Phase (FEP).

The ship brought aboard inspectors from the Afloat Training Group to evaluate the overall battle readiness of HALYBURTON. An intense week was spent at sea conducting Flight Operations, General Quarters, Combat Systems Scenarios, Engineering Casualty Control Evolutions, and Damage Control Evolutions. Additionally, HALYBURTON earned the Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification. HALYBURTON returned to NNSY Portsmouth on Friday, 27 September after having successfully completed FEP.

12. OCTOBER

The month of October was a busy and exciting one. After a quick weekend recovery from FEP, it was time to jump into CSRR phase II for the combat systems side of the ship, and a week long safety survey for the engineering departments.

A missile firing exercise, VANDALEX, originally scheduled for 8-11 October, was postponed to the 11th and 12th due to a series of hurricanes passing nearby. Although a missile was not actually fired, VANDALEX was considered a success as it offered valuable training on HALYBURTON's weapon system characteristics and capabilities.

The week of Oct 14-18 was spent feverishly preparing for the upcoming INDEX (Independent Deployer's Exercise), for which HALYBURTON got underway on Friday, the 18th. On the evening of the 20th, HALYBURTON arrived in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, for briefs conducted by CDS-14. INDEX97-1 consisted of a comprehensive set of ship-wide exercises with the USS Nicholson, the USNS Laramie, the USS Hampton, and various aircraft from NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads. The exercise was broken into two parts spanning 22 October to 2 November, with a one-and-a-half day

visit to St. John's, Antigua, starting 30 October. Our port call to Antigua served as an excellent respite from the busy pace of INDEX.

13. NOVEMBER

INDEX came to an end on Saturday, 1 November, with the highly successful firing of an SM-1 Telemetry Missile. The missile launch had been on the forefront of training concentration for the extent of the exercise. With its successful conclusion, the entire crew was eager to return to Norfolk for the Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) leave period. With a brief stop in Puerto Rico for fuel, we began our three day homeward journey on Sunday, November 3. The cruise back home saw a steady decrease in the outside temperature from a balmy 85 degrees in Puerto Rico to a refreshing 60 in Norfolk on Wednesday, the 6th.

The first Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) leave period began at 1600, on Friday November 8. With that, about one half of the crew embarked on trips for home ranging from just across town, to the western side of the nation. The remaining half remained behind to accomplish a dizzying array of pre-deployment maintenance and repair tasks.

14. DECEMBER

On Thursday, the 5th, HALYBURTON received a wonderful visit by the third grade class of Kilbey Shores elementary school. For a few brief hours in the early afternoon, HALYBURTON's crew answered a myriad of interesting questions brought on by a fearsome force of 95 third grade students. We gave them the best answers that we could, and they all left in the afternoon with smiles and laughter. The tour was a resounding success. Perhaps we can expect another such tour after our return in 1997.

POM leave period II crew members returned on Friday, December 6 for final preparations for getting underway on Monday the 9th. Once again, however, mother nature was up to her old tricks, and we postponed our deployment 24 hours to avoid high seas.

On December 10, HALYBURTON departed NNSY in company with the USS Nicholson for MEF 1-97. Our first brief fuel stop took place at Bermuda on December 12.

The month of December brought heavy seas to the greater portion of the Atlantic. Our entire route was repeatedly pushed south to steer clear of seas expected to exceed 18 feet. Originally planning to stop in the Azores prior to entering the Strait of Gibraltar, we ended up making our way along the 28th parallel to the Canary Islands. Our visit to Las Palmas, initially intended as another brief stop for fuel, was extended to 23 December due to continuing heavy seas near Gibraltar.

On Christmas Day, HALYBURTON made her way through the Strait of Gibraltar. HSL44 Det8 flew runs to Rota, Spain, for a very special Christmas treat: our first mail delivery! The combination of packages and letters from loved ones, and the beautiful sunrise views of Spain and Morocco, made this Christmas a truly enjoyable one. The crew finished off Christmas day with a wonderful Christmas dinner prepared by HALYBURTON's excellent food service attendants.

On December 28th, HALYBURTON pulled into Livorno, Italy. For the next two-and-a-half days, the crew was able to enjoy visits

to Florence, Pisa, and even Rome. The daily weather was much colder than normal, with light snow flurries in the evening. The excellent Italian cuisine, however, provided a fine distraction.

We left Livorno in the early afternoon of the 30th, arriving in La Maddalena, Italy on the morning of the 31st for repairs to the starboard APU.

The New Year began with HALYBURTON enroute to the Arabian Gulf, headed toward a brilliant sunrise over the La Maddalena archipelago.