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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Ship's Picture
(2) HAWES Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(3) Commanding Officer's Picture
(4) Commanding Officer's Biography
(5) Secretary of the Navy Washington DC 282051Z FEB 92, Award of the Kuwait Liberation medal by the government of Saudi Arabia
(6) Commander Joint Task Force FOUR 042335Z MAR 92, Joint Meritorious Unit Award
(7) Commander Navy Surface Force, Atlantic 062320Z MAR 92, Battle E and Mission Area Awards Results
(8) USS HAWES 072335Z MAY 92, Operational Propulsion Plant Exam in USS HAWES
(9) USS HAWES 161800Z JUN 92, Karlskrona Sweden Port Visit
(10) USS HAWES 172010Z JUN 92, Port Visit Report Inputs For Karlskrona, SW
(11) USS HAWES 172120Z JUN 92, Ombudsman News
(12) USS HAWES 182125Z JUN 92, Midshipmen Baltops Story
(13) USS HAWES 191844Z JUN 92, First Day Gdynia Visit Sitrep
(14) USS HAWES 212115Z JUN 92, Second Day Gdynia Visit Sitrep
(15) USS HAWES 221711Z JUN 92, Gdynia Visit Final Setrep
(16) USS HAWES 231304Z JUN 92, Commanding Officers Summary, Port Visit Gdynia, Poland
(17) USS HAWES 231306Z JUN 92, Port Visit Report Inputs For Gdynia, Poland
(18) USS HAWES 250430Z JUN 92, Estonia Visit Final Sitrep
(19) USS HAWES 250500Z JUN 92, Port Visit Report Inputs For Tallinn, Estonia
(20) USS HAWES 251633Z JUN 92, Estonia, Poland Press Story
(21) USS HAWES 260549Z JUN 92, Kotka Sitrep
(22) USS HAWES 261315Z JUN 92, Surface Warfare Feature
(21) USS HAWES 280900Z JUN 92, Tallinn Port Visit

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(22) USS HAWES 280905Z JUN 92, Commanding Officers Summary, Port Visit, Tallinn Estonia
(23) USS HAWES 281512Z JUN 92, Kotka Visit Final Sitrep
(24) USS HAWES 301430Z JUN 92, Port Visit Report Inputs For Riga, Latvia
(25) USS HAWES 301950Z JUN 92, Riga Latvia Sitrep
(26) USS HAWES 302250Z JUN 92, Vyborg Features Story
(27) USS HAWES 011750Z JUL 92, Port Visit Report Inputs For Kotka, Finland
(28) USS HAWES 020940Z JUL 92, Klaipeda, Lithuania Port Visit
(29) USS HAWES 021615Z JUL 92, Lotka, Latvia, Lithuania Press Story
(30) USS HAWES 021750Z JUL 92, FHTNC News Story
(31) Commandant of the Marine Corps Washington DC 121500Z AUG 92, Award Of The Combat Action Ribbon
(32) SURFACE WARFARE November/December 92 article, "Baltops 92: Goodwill and Training"

1. (U) The following command history is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

a. (U) Command Composition and Organization

(1) Mission: USS HAWES' primary missions are AAW, ASUW, and ASW.

(2) Intermediate Unit Commander: Commander, Destroyer Squadron SIX, 01 January to 28 July 1992. Commander, Destroyer Squadron FOUR, 28 July to 31 December 1992.

(3) Commanding Officer: Francis D. DeMasi, Commander, United States Navy.

(4) Homeport: Charleston Naval Station, Charleston, South Carolina.

(5) Type and Number of Aircraft Embarked: USS HAWES is assigned one SH-60B LAMPS MK III Helicopter with callsign "Venom". The aircraft, pilots and support personnel from Detachment Two of Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Light 48 (HSL 48).

b. (C) Chronology

(1) January:

USS HAWES began 1992 in a continuation of a Selected Restricted Availability period from the previous year. At the end of the month HAWES got underway for the first time in four (4) months.

1-31: Selected Restricted Availability Period.
28-30: Sea Trials in the Charleston Naval Operation Area.

(2) February

February saw HAWES ending her Selected Restricted Availability period. Most of the time was spend restoring systems to their full capabilities. HAWES also received a chance to polish up her diplomatic skills by host the British ship SIRIUS' visit to Charleston, SC.

1-26:	Selected Restricted Availability Period.
4-6:	Sea Trials in the Charleston Naval Operation Area.
9-21:	Intermediate Maintenance Availability.
10-18:	Host Ship for visit of HMS SIRIUS.
24-25:	Ammunition onload at Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, SC.
28:	Awarded the Kuwait Liberation Medal by the government of Saudi Arabia.
28-29:	Tiger Cruise and submarine services in the Charleston Naval Operation Area.

(3) March

HAWES spent the month preparing for and going through Intermediate Refresher Training in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

1-5:	Tiger Cruise and submarine services in the Charleston Naval Operation Area.
4:	Awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award for the time period 15 AUG 90 to 12 OCT 90.
6:	Awarded Battle "E" Award and Mission Area Excellence Awards in Supply, Damage Control, Navigation, Deck Seamanship, Safety, Communications, Anti-air Warfare, Anti-surface Warfare and Anti-submarine Warfare.
13-15:	Enroute to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
16-31:	Intermediate Refresher Training at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

(4) April

HAWES completed her Intermediate Refresher Training and return home to Charleston, SC. Once there, she began to prepare for the rest of her pre-deployment tests and inspections.

1-12:	Intermediate Refresher Training at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
13:	Arrive in Charleston, SC.
22-23:	Sea Trials in the Charleston Naval Operation Area.
28-30:	Sea Trials in the Charleston Naval Operation Area.

(5) May

Tests and inspections continued in May with the Operational Propulsion Plant Exam. The end of the month had HAWES underway in the North Atlantic enroute to the Baltic Sea to participate in Baltic Sea Operation 92.

5-7:	Operational Propulsion Plant Exam.
26-31:	Enroute to the Baltic Sea.
29:	Underway Replenishment with USS MILWAUKEE.

(6) June

June was the start of the Baltic Sea Operation 92. HAWES participated in many Multinational Exercises and Exchanges. The high point of the month was the many diplomatic port visits conducted, including the historic visits to Estonia and Latvia.

1-30:	Baltic Sea Operations.
5:	Underway Replenishment with DURANCE.
6:	Medical Evacuation of Ens. Amis to English hospital.
6-7:	Transitted English Channel.
8:	Transitted Straights of Scatagat.
9:	Port visit in Kiel, Germany.
12:	Underway Replenishment with HMNS POOLSTER.
12-15:	Port visit in Karlskrona, Sweden.
19-22:	Port visit in Gdynia, Poland
23-24:	Port visit in Talinn, Estonia
24-28:	Port visit in Kotka, Finland
29-30:	Port visit in Riga, Latvia

(7) July

The majority of July was spent away from Charleston, SC, while HAWES finished up Baltic Sea Operations 92. The historic port visits continued with HAWES pulling into Lithuania. Many other foreign ports were visited before HAWES return home. The month ended with HAWES hosting a decommissioning of Destroyer Squadron SIX.

1-21:	Baltic Sea Operations.
1-2:	Port visit in Klaipeda, Lithuania.
3-5:	Port visit in Aalborg, Denmark.
5:	HAWES strayed into Swedish Territorial Waters.
5:	Transitted Straights of Scatagat.
5-8:	Port visit in Oslo, Norway.
9:	Conducted Torpedo Exercise.

10-12: Port visit in Thurso, Scotland.
12: Refueled at Loch Ewe, Scotland.
13-21: Enroute to Charleston, SC.
13: Underway Replenishment with RFA BLUE ROVER.
19: Class "B" fire in NR 3 Ship Service Diesel Generator Inclosure.
19: Underway Replenishment with USS MONONGAHELA.
22: Arrive in Charleston, SC.
22-31: Intermediate Maintenance Availability.
28: Decommissioned Destroyer Squadron SIX onboard HAWES.

(8) August

HAWES was in her homeport for the majority of August. The month consisted of preparations for a four (4) week deployment to the Caribbean Sea. Also during the month, was valuable deck landing qualification support for several helicopter squadrons.

3-7: Combat Systems Readiness Review Limited.
10: Sea Trials in the Charleston Naval Operation Area.
12: Awarded Combat Action Ribbon for action during Operation Desert Storm.
18-25: Deck Landing Qualifications in the Virginia Capes Naval Operation Area.
26: Arrive in Charleston, SC.

(9) September

September saw the start HAWES' four (4) week deployment to the Caribbean Sea for Counter-Narcotics Operations. During the month, several ships were boarded in search of illegal material. HAWES saw the Pacific Ocean for the first time when she transitted the Panama Canal to assist the Coast Guard.

3-5: Enroute to Caribbean Sea.
6: Port visit in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
7-30: Counter-Narcotics Operation.
8: Transitted the Panama Canal to the Pacific Ocean.
9: Refueled at Naval Station Panama Canal at Rodman.
9: Boarded French flagged sailing vessel "MONTRAE".
12: Boarded U.S. flagged fishing vessel "KANALOA".
15: Refueled at Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala.
20: Boarded Panamanian flagged fishing vessel "SUNN 701".

(10) October

HAWES continued her Counter-Narcotic Deployment in October. Several more ships were challenged and HAWES returned to the Atlantic Ocean via the Panama Canal. During a port visit to Gulfport, MS, HAWES was visited by the Chief of Naval Operations. The rest of the month was taken up by Deck Landing Qualification time for various helicopter squadrons and preparations for and the completion of a inspection by the Board of Inspection and Survey, Atlantic Fleet.

2-3:	Port Visit at Naval Station Panama Canal at Rodman.
3:	Transitted Panama Canal to the Atlantic Ocean.
4-5:	Enroute to Key West, Florida.
5:	Boarded Norweign flagged motor vessel "TRAMARCO SAILOR".
6-8:	Port visit in Key West, Florida.
8-9:	Enroute to Gulfport, Mississippi.
8:	Class "B" fire in NR 2 Ship Service Diesel Generator Inclosure.
9-13:	Port Visit in Gulfport, Mississippi.
13:	Visit by Admiral F. B. Kelso, Chief of Naval Operations.
13-15:	Enroute to Charleston, SC.
14:	Deck Landing Qualifications in Jacksonville Naval Operation Area.
16:	Arrive in Charleston, SC.
19-23:	Inspection conducted by the Board of Inspection and Survey, Atlantic Fleet.

(11) November

November started with HAWES Conducting a Combat Systems inspection in order to get ready for her six (6) month deployment. The rest of the month was spend in training with the battle group. Main exercises were completed including two (2) missile shots and a torpedo shot.

2-6:	Combat Systems Readiness Review Phase I.
18-30:	Competitive Training Unit Exercise 2-93.
21:	Underway Replenishment with USS SEATTLE.
23:	Harpoon Anti-ship Cruise Missile Launch.
24:	SM-1 Anti-air Missile Launch.
27:	Torpedo Exercise.
28:	Underway Replenishment with USS SEATTLE.
29-30:	Port Visit in St. John, U.S. Virgin Island.

(12) December

The Battle Group Training continued in December. The month also consisted of deck landing qualifications for several helicopter squadrons and a holiday stand-down period and leave period.

1-10:	Competitive Training Unit Exercise 2-93.
1-2:	Port Visit in St. John, U.S. Virgin Island.
4:	Underway Replenishment with USS SEATTLE.
8-9:	Deck Landing Qualifications in Jacksonville Naval Operation Area.
10:	Arrive in Charleston, SC.
18-31:	Holiday Leave and Upkeep.

c. (C) Narrative

During the 1992 calendar year HAWES completed a long Selected Restricted Availability Period. She then entered a work-up period that prepared the ship for future deployments. This period included many inspections, including an Intermediate Refresher Training, Operational Propulsion Plant Exam and inspection by the Board of Inspection and Survey, Atlantic Fleet. The inspection schedule was broken up by a 2 month deployment the Baltic Sea. During this deployment, HAWES was able to operate with units from Germany, Denmark, The Netherlands and the United States. Multilateral training was conducted in Anti-Air, Anti-Submarine, Anti-Mine and Anti-Surface Warfare as well as Communications and Seamanship. At the conclusion of the Baltic Operation, HAWES made historic port visits to Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. These three countries had not seen a United States Navy ship in over 60 years. It was also the first visit since these countries had received their independence from the former Soviet Union. Thousands of people in each country stopped to welcome HAWES to their shores and tour the ship. The Commanding Officer, Commander DeMasi, USN, hosted numerous receptions aboard for heads of government, cabinet-level dignitaries, high-ranking military officers, mayors and other distinguished visitors. Apart from these countries, HAWES also visited Germany, Sweden, Poland, Finland, Denmark, Norway and Scotland during her two month deployment. After a brief break at home, HAWES conducted a four week operation in the Eastern Pacific in support of Commander, Joint Task Force FOUR Counter Narcotics Operations. While participating in these operations, HAWES transited the Panama Canal, conducted six boarding operations and was credited with interdicting several aircraft smuggling operations. The rest of the year was spend in final preparations for a six month deployment. All in all, 1992 was a very exciting and successful year for USS HAWES.

d. (C) Supporting Documents: Provided for in enclosures (1-32).

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