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Subj: (S) COMMAND HISTORY, USS JOHN L. HALL (FFG 32) (U)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

Encl: ~~(1) (U) Supply Management Inspection (SMI) Results (U)~~  
~~(2) (C) Missile Firing Results (U)~~  
~~(3) (C) READEX 1-84 Daily Operational Reports (U)~~  
~~(4) (U) IUC Inspection results (U)~~  
~~(5) (C) CONUS Mediterranean, Daily Operational Reports (U)~~  
~~(6) (C) Mediterranean Transit, Daily Operational Reports (U)~~  
 (7) (C) Report of Visit To Aqaba Jordan (U)  
 (8) (S) Red Sea Surveillance OPS, Daily Operational Reports (U)  
~~(9) (C) War At Sea Strike Post Exercise Summary (U)~~  
 (10) (C) Persian Gulf, Daily Operational Reports (U)  
 (11) (U) Report of Visit to Alexandria, Egypt (U)  
 (12) (U) Report of successful completion of IMAV (U)  
 (13) (S) Red Sea Surveillance OPS Daily Operational Reports (U)  
~~(14) (U) CNO Commendation on Operation INTENSE LOOK (U)~~  
 (15) (C) Eastern Mediterranean OPS, Daily Operational Reports (U)  
 (16) (C) Mediterranean - CONUS Transit, Daily Operational Reports (U)  
 (17) (U) Commander, Destroyer Squadron THREE SIX's End of Deployment  
 Commendation (U)  
 (18) (U) Commander, Destroyer Squadron EIGHT's Welcome Home Message (U)  
 (19) (U) Change of Command Pamphlet

1. (U) In accordance with reference (a), the basic narrative with enclosures (1) through (19) are submitted.
2. (U) The Commanding Officers of USS JOHN L. HALL (FFG 32) for the year 1984 were Commander Andrew W. Fahy, USN, and Commander Bob R. Patton, USN, who relieved on 14 November 1984.
3. (S) Basic narrative:

USS JOHN L. HALL began 1984 by completing Central American Special Operations and returning to Rodman, Panama for turnover with USS CONNOLLE (FF 1056) on 31 December 1983. USS JOHN L. HALL departed Rodman, Panama on 2 January 1984, transited the Panama Canal northbound and proceeded to Norfolk, Virginia, arriving on 7 January 1984. While in Norfolk, USS JOHN L. HALL underwent deperming operations to reduce and align the magnetic signature of the ship. Upon completion of deperming, USS JOHN L. HALL got underway and transited to Mayport, Florida, arriving on 13 January 1984.

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USS JOHN L. HALL was inport Mayport, Florida from 13-31 January 1984. During this period, a Combat Systems Readiness Review was conducted from 18-27 January to groom the Combat Systems suite prior to the major fleet exercise (READEX 1-84), which was scheduled for February 1984. Additionally, the Navy Food Management Team conducted a visit from 23-31 January and a Supply Management Inspection was conducted from 24-27 January 1984. Results of the Supply Management Inspection (SMI) are provided in enclosure (1).

USS JOHN L. HALL got underway for READEX 1-84 on 1 February 1984, and proceeded south along the Florida coast to rendezvous with two PHM's homported in Key West, Florida. For a majority of the exercise, USS JOHN L. HALL served as a mother ship for the two PHM's, providing fuel and other logistic support requirements. Additionally, while working with the PHM's, advanced Surface Action Group (SAG) tactics were employed during several Orange VS Blue forces surface engagements with outstanding results. Also during READEX 1-84, USS JOHN L. HALL conducted two successful missile firings, (results are provided in enclosure (2)), and numerous gunnery, electronic warfare and anti-submarine warfare exercises. Enclosure (3) contains several daily operational reports which summarize many day to day events of READEX 1-84.

USS JOHN L. HALL completed READEX 1-84 and returned to Mayport, Florida on 22 February 1984 and commenced Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) preparations. USS JOHN L. HALL was inport Mayport for the next five weeks with exception of carrier escort duties for USS SARATOGA on 29-31 March. While inport, an Intermediate Unit Commanders (IUC) Inspection was conducted by Commander Destroyer Squadron EIGHT. Results of the IUC inspection are provided in enclosure (4).

With pre-deployment preparations complete, USS JOHN L. HALL got underway to transit to the Mediterranean and then on to the Indian Ocean on 2 April. It took a little over ten days to complete the Atlantic Ocean crossing, arriving in Rota, Spain on the 13th of April. Enclosure (5) includes daily operational reports for the CONUS-Mediterranean transit.

Within four hours after arriving in Rota, USS JOHN L. HALL was back underway crossing the Mediterranean Sea. USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON (FFG 13) was in company, and the two ships conducted operations in the vicinity of Malta, north of Libya and in the vicinity of the Soviet Naval Anchorage at Sollum, Egypt. Enclosure (6) includes daily operational reports for the Mediterranean Sea transit.

USS JOHN L. HALL arrived off Port Said, Egypt on the afternoon of 18 April and anchored for about four hours while awaiting a Suez Canal Pilot. After sunset, USS JOHN L. HALL weighed anchor and approached Port Said harbor entrance taking aboard one pilot for transiting the port and another upon entering the Suez canal. Midway through the southbound canal transit, USS JOHN L. HALL was required to moor to the sandy canal bank allowing a northbound convoy to pass. After a twenty hour delay, USS JOHN L. HALL was underway again arriving in Port Suez, located at the southern

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entrance to the Suez Canal, at about 3 a.m. on the morning of 20 April. Turnover was conducted with the relieving ship, USS GALLERY (FFG 26), and USS JOHN L. HALL was underway enroute Aqaba, Jordan within three hours.

USS JOHN L. HALL arrived in Aqaba on the morning of 21 April and was greeted by various dignitaries of the Jordanian government and members of the U.S. Consulate. The three day port visit was a welcome respite for the crewmembers and was highlighted by a Jordanian military escorted tour to the lost city of PETRA. Enclosure (7) provides additional details about the port visit to Aqaba.

On the morning of 24 April, USS JOHN L. HALL got underway for surveillance operations in the Red Sea. USS JOHN L. HALL transited the Red Sea arriving off the eastern coast of Ethiopia on 27 April. USS JOHN L. HALL conducted surveillance operations in the northern approaches to the Straits of BAB-EL-MANDEB and off the coast of Dahalek Island. On the afternoon of 3 May, USS JOHN L. HALL, spotted the contact of interest, a Soviet Charlie I CLASS SSGN and commenced tattletail operations. The submarine was trailed through the Straits of BAB-EL-MANDEB and to the approaches to the Port of Aden. Surveillance operations were completed on the morning of 5 May, and USS JOHN L. HALL proceeded to Djibouti to refuel and onload stores. Enclosure (8) provides daily operational reports summarizing Red Sea Surveillance operations.

After a brief four hour visit to Djibouti, USS JOHN L. HALL was once again underway enroute to the Persian Gulf. On the morning of 10 May, USS JOHN L. HALL was the target for a simulated WAR-AT-SEA strike from aircraft from COMCARAIRWING TWO embarked on USS KITTY HAWK, operating in the Indian Ocean. Enclosure (9) provides a post-exercise summary of events for the WAR-AT-SEA strike. Later that afternoon an underway replenishment was conducted with USS WABASH in the Gulf of Oman, before continuing the transit to the Persian Gulf.

USS JOHN L. HALL transited the "infamous" Straits of Hormuz on the 12th of May and arrived at Sitra Anchorage on 13 May for a brief stop for fuel and stores. Upon completion of refueling, USS JOHN L. HALL proceeded to an assigned patrol station in the central Persian Gulf. On 16 May, USS JOHN L. HALL arrived pierrside in Bahrain for a five day upkeep period. USS JOHN L. HALL got underway from Bahrain on 21 May for Persian Gulf operations remaining on station until the morning of 23 May when the ship returned to Bahrain to load cargo and personnel for transfer to USS LASALLE. Barely eight hours later, USS JOHN L. HALL was underway for the Gulf of Oman and rendezvoused with the USS LASALLE on the morning of 26 May. The transfer of equipment and personnel included an all hands effort by the crew to perform 54 helicopter lifts via Commander Middle East Force's helicopter nicknamed "DESERT DUCK." The transfer took 10 hours and included over 79,000 pounds of equipment and baggage as well as the "Desert Duck" and 27 personnel. Upon completion of the onload, USS JOHN L. HALL proceeded to Bahrain, arriving on 30 May. Offload of equipment and personnel was completed by the morning of 31 May and JOHN L. HALL got underway and returned to Persian Gulf patrol operations. Patrol operations continued, interrupted by two days in Bahrain (9-10 June) and a brief stop for fuel in Sitra Anchorage on 19 June, until 21 June when USS JOHN L. HALL was relieved by USS CUSHING, on station in the Persian Gulf. Enclosure (10) provides pertinent daily operational reports while conducting Persian Gulf operations.

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USS JOHN L. HALL in company with USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON departed the Persian Gulf and proceeded to Djibouti, arriving on 26 June for a brief stop for fuel. While in Djibouti, the crew celebrated the second anniversary of commissioned service for USS JOHN L. HALL by drinking "ice cold beer on the pier" and enjoying a steak and lobster meal by candle light with a special birthday cake. On the evening of 26 June, USS JOHN L. HALL got underway and commenced the last leg of the return transit to the Mediterranean. On 30 June, USS JOHN L. HALL transited the Suez Canal northbound, and conducted an underway replenishment with USNS MISSISSINEWA prior to making final preparations for the first Mediterranean port call in Alexandria, Egypt.

On the morning of 1 July, USS JOHN L. HALL arrived at Alexandria, Egypt anchoring in the inner harbor. The seven day visit provided an excellent opportunity for crewmembers to visit the great pyramids and Sphinx near Cairo and other famous Egyptian land sites. Additionally, on 6 July in Alexandria, the crew enjoyed a belated 4th of July celebration sponsored by the American Consul-General with Americans in local residence. Additional information concerning the port visit is provided in enclosure (11).

On 8 July, USS JOHN L. HALL got underway and proceeded east towards Haifa, Israel arriving on 10 July. The visit to Haifa allowed an opportunity to complete many repairs in conjunction with an Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV) with the USS PUGET SOUND and for crewmembers to visit many of the fantastic tourist sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazerath and Galilee. Enclosure (12) provides additional information on the successful completion of IMAV.

On 2 August, USS JOHN L. HALL got underway from Haifa and commenced a five day transit to the French Riviera, arriving in Theoule-Sur-Mer, France, located about five miles southwest of Cannes, on 7 August. For the next twelve days, crewmembers from USS JOHN L. HALL were involved in various activities related to the celebration of the 40th anniversary of (WW II) Allied Landings in Southern France. Festivities included a performance from the command's Honor Guard at the Monument of the Dead, an at sea ceremony with over 200 French guests on board, which included a wreath laying, prayer, 21-gun salute and the playing of taps, and numerous other activities for crewmembers and townspeople alike.

After receiving urgent tasking, USS JOHN L. HALL got underway on 19 August and proceeded at best speed to Port Said, Egypt for a second southbound passage of the Suez Canal. Enroute, USS JOHN L. HALL conducted an underway replenishment from the USS SEATTLE and a brief stop in Augusta Bay, Sicily. Shortly after midnight on 22 August, USS JOHN L. HALL entered the Suez Canal arriving at Port Suez by mid-morning on 23 August. Immediately exiting the Canal, USS JOHN L. HALL proceeded at best speed to gain visual contact on the Soviet Naval Task Force headed south in the Red Sea. For the next month, USS JOHN L. HALL conducted national interest surveillance operations against the LENIGRAD (CHG-103) and her escorts. These operations were also inconjunction with Operation INTENSE LOOK which was the joint U.S., French, British and Dutch Mine Countermeasure Operations in the Red Sea. Enclosure (13) provides daily operational report summaries during the LENINGRAD surveillance operations and enclosure (14) is a commendation from Chief of Naval Operations on INTENSE LOOK operations.

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USS JOHN L. HALL was relieved of surveillance operations on 16 September and commenced a return transit to the Mediterranean. USS JOHN L. HALL transited the Suez Canal on the 20th of September and received immediate tasking to proceed to vicinity of Beirut, Lebanon in response to the terrorist attack on the American Embassy Annex. After an underway replenishment, USS JOHN L. HALL rendezvoused with USS SHREVEPORT and assumed escort duties. For the next two weeks, USS JOHN L. HALL provided primarily anti-air warfare defense for the USS SHREVEPORT and her embarked helicopters as the helicopters evacuated casualties and provided air logistic's support to the Embassy. Enclosure (15) provides daily operational reports during eastern Mediterranean operations.

On 6 October, USS JOHN L. HALL was relieved of eastern Mediterranean operations and proceeded to Naples, Italy arriving on 8 October. During this westbound transit, COMSIXFLT flew aboard to congratulate the crew for a job well done. The five day visit to Naples provided a welcome rest and respite after 51 continuous days at sea.

USS JOHN L. HALL departed Naples on 13 October and transited to Palma, Spain arriving on 15 October. During the six day visit to Palma, USS JOHN L. HALL was joined by other SIXTH FLEET deployed units which would make the return transit to the United States together. USS JOHN L. HALL in company with USS PETERSON, USS DALE and USS SELLERS departed Palma on 21 October and proceeded to Tangier, Morocco. Turnover with relieving units was conducted in Tangier on 23 October and after being joined by other outchopping units, the task group departed Tangier enroute homeport waters. A summary of operations during the Mediterranean - CONUS transit are provided in enclosure (16).

On the morning of 2 November, with the crew dressed in whites and manning the rail, USS JOHN L. HALL entered Mayport basin after a seven month deployment abroad. Enclosures (17) and (18) summarize USS JOHN L. HALL's performance during deployment and welcomed home the Mayport based Frigate.

On 14 November, Commander Andrew W. Fahy was relieved by Commander Bob R. Patton as Commanding Officer USS JOHN L. HALL. Guest speaker for the ceremony was Captain J. Michael Rodgers, Commander, Destroyer Squadron EIGHT. Enclosure (19) is the Change of Command pamphlet.

USS JOHN L. HALL was inport Mayport from 02 November to 26 December with exception of a one day underway period on 16 December for post IMAV sea trials. During this inport period, USS JOHN L. HALL conducted a post deployment IMAV (26 November through 15 December), participated in a major inport battle force training exercise (BFTT) and made preparations for Caribbean special operations.

On 27 December, USS JOHN L. HALL got underway from Mayport, proceeded south along the Florida coast to rendezvous with USS VREELAND. USS JOHN L. HALL completed rendezvous and turnover with USS VREELAND on 29 December and assumed On-Scene Commander for ALERT HOOVER operations. As 1984 came to a close, USS

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JOHN L. HALL was patrolling north of Havana, Cuba awaiting movement of the Soviet Surface Action Group (SAG) lead by the Sovremennyy Class Guided Missile Destroyer "OTLICHNYY", which was inport Havana.

  
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