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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY, USS JOHN L. HALL (FFG-32) 1990

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

- Encl:
- (1) USS JOHN L. HALL Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
 - (2) Disbursing Examination Report No. 41-90
 - (3) USS JOHN L. HALL 240100Z JAN 90 OPPE Report
 - (4) COMSIXTHFLT 251106Z MAR 90 Medevac
 - (5) USNS JOHN LENTHALL 031745Z MAY 90 Medevac Assist
 - (6) CTF 66 081213Z JUN 90 Bravo Zulu Delta-T Ops
 - (7) CTF 66 281304Z JUN 90 Bravo Zulu
 - (8) USS JOHN L. HALL 012020Z JUL 90 GTEMAT Evaluation
 - (9) Combat Systems Assessment Results
 - (10) SMI Assist Results
 - (11) Disbursing Assist Results
 - (12) Results of PMS Inspection
 - (13) Command Inspection Report

1. (U) Command Composition.

USS JOHN L. HALL is the twenty sixth ship of the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class of guided missile frigates. Her mission is to provide in-depth protection for military and merchant shipping, amphibious task forces and underway replenishment groups.

JOHN L. HALL's immediate senior is Commander, Destroyer Squadron EIGHT. She is homeported in Mayport, Florida.

The Commanding Officer of USS JOHN L. HALL in 1990 was CDR B.P. MCCLURE, USN.

2. (U) 1990 Chronology.

- 01 JAN - 06 JAN - LEAVE AND STANDDOWN
- 07 JAN - FAADCLANT DISBURSING SURPRISE AUDIT
- 08 JAN - 09 JAN - AMMO ONLOAD MAYPORT
- 10 JAN - 21 JAN - UPKEEP MAYPORT
- 22 JAN - 23 JAN - SHORT NOTICE OPPE
- 25 JAN - 10 FEB - UNDERWAY FLEETEX 1-90
- 11 FEB - 18 FEB - POM MAYPORT
- 19 FEB - 24 FEB - PAATLANT ADMIN ASSIST
- 25 FEB - 07 MAR - POM MAYPORT
- 08 MAR - 19 MAR - UNDERWAY: ATLANTIC TRANSIT
- 20 MAR - PORT VISIT/TURNOVR: GIBRALTAR
- 20 MAR - 04 APR - OPS: ASW/MED SEA
- 05 APR - 09 APR - PORT VISIT: CARTAGENA, SPAIN
- 10 APR - UNDERWAY: EN ROUTE PALMA

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11 APR - 12 APR - PORT VISIT: PALMA DE MALLORCA, SPAIN
12 APR - 19 APR - OPS: ASW/WEST MED SEA
20 APR - 24 APR - OPS: ASW/CENT MED SEA
25 APR - 02 MAY - PORT VISIT: NAPLES, ITALY
03 MAY - UNDERWAY: EN ROUTE CARTAGENA, SPAIN
04 MAY - 15 MAY - PORT VISIT: IMAV W/AD-18 & EMAT CARTAGENA, SPAIN
16 MAY - 20 MAY - OPS: ASW/WEST MED SEA
21 MAY - 26 MAY - PORT VISIT: ALICANTE, SPAIN
27 MAY - 28 MAY - UNDERWAY: EN ROUTE MESSINA, SICILY
29 MAY - 30 MAY - PORT VISIT: MESSINA, SICILY
31 MAY - 04 JUN - OPS: ASW/CENT MED SEA
05 JUN - PORT VISIT: MESSINA, SICILY
06 JUN - 10 JUN - OPS: ASW/WEST MED SEA
11 JUN - PORT VISIT: REFUEL AUGUSTA BAY, SICILY
12 JUN - 21 JUN - OPS: ASW/MED SEA
22 JUN - 29 JUN - PORT VISIT: PALMA MALLORCA, SPAIN
30 JUN - 01 JUL - UNDERWAY: EN ROUTE MARSEILLE, FRANCE
02 JUL - 16 JUL - PORT VISIT: IMAV W/ AD-18 MARSEILLE, FRANCE
17 JUL - UNDERWAY: EN ROUTE NAPLES, ITALY
18 JUL - 24 JUL - PORT VISIT: UPKP NAPLES, ITALY
25 JUL - 26 JUL - OPS: ASW/WEST MED SEA
27 JUL - 01 AUG - PORT VISIT: ALICANTE, SPAIN
02 AUG - 05 AUG - OPS: ASW/EAST MED SEA
06 AUG - PORT VISIT: HAIFA, ISRAEL
07 AUG - UNDERWAY: EN ROUTE SUEZ CANAL
08 AUG - 09 AUG - UNDERWAY: SUEZ CANAL TRANSIT
10 AUG - 12 AUG - OPS: RED SEA/DESERT SHIELD
13 AUG - UNDERWAY: STRAITS OF BAB AL MANDEB TRANSIT
14 AUG - 15 AUG - UNDERWAY: OFF COAST OF DJIBOUTI, AFRICA
16 AUG - UNDERWAY: STRAITS OF BAB AL MANDEB TRANSIT
17 AUG - 23 AUG - OPS: RED SEA/DESERT SHIELD
24 AUG - 25 AUG - UNDERWAY: SUEZ CANAL TRANSIT
26 AUG - 30 AUG - UNDERWAY: MED SEA TRANSIT
31 AUG - 07 SEP - UNDERWAY: ATLANTIC TRANSIT
08 SEP - PORT VISIT: ARRIVE MAYPORT, FL
09 SEP - 17 SEP - LEAVE AND STANDOWN
18 SEP - IMAV BEGINS
18 SEP - 09 OCT - LEAVE AND STANDDOWN
10 OCT - 15 OCT - IMAV CONTINUES
16 OCT - UNDERWAY: EN ROUTE CHARLESTON, SC
17 OCT - AMMO OFFLOAD/CSA CHARLESTON, SC
18 OCT - UNDERWAY: CSA EN ROUTE MAYPORT, FL
19 OCT - COMBAT SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT (CSA)
20 OCT - 21 OCT - UPKEEP MAYPORT
22 OCT - 24 OCT - INCLINE EXPERIMENT
24 OCT - SMI ASSIST S-1, S-2
25 OCT - 28 OCT - TAV MAYPORT BEGINS
29 OCT - PMS INSPECTION
30 OCT - 05 NOV - TAV MAYPORT CONTINUES
06 NOV - SMI ASSIST S-3
07 NOV - COMNAVSURFLANT DISBURSING ASSIST

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08 NOV - 12 NOV - TAV MAYPORT ENDS
13 NOV - 25 NOV - SRA/CONCURRENT IMAV BEGINS
26 NOV - 01 DEC - IUC INSPECTION
02 DEC - 14 DEC - SRA/IMAV CONTINUES
15 DEC - 31 DEC - XMAS LEAVE AND STANDOWN

2. (S) Basic Narrative.

JOHN L. HALL began 1990 with Christmas leave and stand down. The duty sections worked vigorously to prepare the ship for the upcoming job, FLEETEX 1-90. The Disbursing Office was visited by the FAADCLANT surprise auditors. After three days the auditors left without finding any serious discrepancies.

On 08 January the Combat Systems Department began loading ammunition on board. Next, the Engineering Department was put to the test with a short notice Operational Propulsion Plant Exam (OPPE). The remainder of January was used to prepare for MED 2-90.

On 25 January JOHN L. HALL was underway for FLEETEX 1-90. This training exercise was the second predeployment exercise for JOHN L. HALL and the EISENHOWER Battle Group. The first had been a basic FLEETEX in August of 89. The crew of JOHN L. HALL distinguished itself in several battle problems and was commended for it's ease of operability with ships of other nations.

On 11 February the ship began a Preparation for Overseas Movement (POM) period in Mayport. The only major evolution during this time was an administrative assist visit given by the team from PAATLANT. The team did a week long, comprehensive review of all administration areas noting very few problems.

The crew faced the inevitable separation from friends and family that finally began on 8 March. With a wave goodbye and a few tears, JOHN L. HALL set sail for MED 2-90.

On 20 March, JOHN L. HALL arrived in Gibraltar and conducted a quick six hour turnover with USS CAPADANNO before getting underway again to join Operation "High Stakes" as the ASW ready ship. The operation involved tracking a Soviet Victor III submarine. During the mission JOHN L. HALL broke prosecution to conduct an emergency medical evacuation from USS SPADEFISH to USS EISENHOWER. Participation in "High Stakes" lasted until 04 April.

On 05 April Cartagena, Spain became the first port of call in which the crew was rewarded with a much needed rest and an opportunity to observe the many local customs of Holy Week. Tours were arranged to Valencia and Alicante by the Sixth Fleet Center. JOHN L. HALL departed Cartagena on 10 April for a transit to Palma de Mallorca, Spain, and another port visit. The ship entered Palma on 11 April. On very short notice, the crew was recalled and underway again to rejoin operation "High Stakes". The operation lasted until 24 April.

Naples, Italy was JOHN L. HALL's next stop for an upkeep and port visit. While in Naples the crew took advantage of various tours and day trips to

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Pompeii, Rome, Sorrento, and the Island of Capri. On 3 May the ship's set sail and returned to Cartagena for an Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV) with USS SIERRA.

The Engineering Department began a GEMAT on 14 May. The visit to Cartagena was cut short when the ship was directed to get underway and participate in operation "Fox Chase". The locating and surveillance of a Soviet Victor I submarine lasted until 20 May. Upon detachment JOHN L. HALL went to Alicante, Spain from 21 to 26 May.

Delta-T Operations were the next order of business after the ship left Alicante on 27 May. After a brief on-load of special equipment, JOHN L. HALL operated with USS PAUL and USS OKLAHOMA CITY in a technical evaluation of submarine localization techniques. During the period 27 May to 05 June the ship transited the Strait of Messina three times and made a brief visit in Messina from 29 to 30 May.

On 05 June JOHN L. HALL entered the central Mediterranean to participate in operation "World Cup". This operation involved the tracking a Soviet Victor I submarine. During the operation the ship broke contact to deliver critically needed medical supplies to USNS PERSISTENT. On 12 June Rear Admiral Chiles held an "Admiral's Call" with the crew of JOHN L. HALL and presented numerous command awards. At the conclusion of "World Cup" operations the ship joined the rest of the Eisenhower Battle Group for general exercises.

On 22 June the ship entered Palma de Mallorca, Spain once again. The crew greatly enjoyed the beautiful beaches and friendly people. While in Palma, the officers hosted a cocktail party on the fantail for the local Navy League chapter. On 30 June, JOHN L. HALL left Palma for Marseille, France. During the transit the previously uncompleted GEMAT was finished.

A two week IMAV was held with USS SIERRA while in Marseille. During this time the ship participated in a Surface Warfare Training Week, along with USS TICONDEROGA, USS SCOTT, USS JOHN RODGERS, USS SURIBACHI, and USS SIERRA. JOHN L. HALL finished with an impressive second place overall.

Next was a transit to Naples for a seven day upkeep period to make essential repairs to the SPS-49 RADAR system. The ship left Naples on 25 July en route Alicante, Spain. After a six day port visit, JOHN L. HALL left Alicante for a transit to Haifa, Israel.

On 06 August the ship entered Haifa Bay for an essential meetings before its participation in operation "Flashing Scimitar", however, that was canceled when JOHN L. HALL sortied on 7 August for Port Said.

With Iraq's invasion of Kuwait JOHN L. HALL was called upon to transit the Suez Canal along with USS TICONDEROGA, USS SCOTT, USNS NEOSHO, USS SURIBACHI, and USS EISENHOWER in support of Operation "Desert Shield". JOHN L. HALL's participation included "gate guard" duties to support the United Nations' sanctions against Iraq and AAW coverage for the U.S. Navy assets.

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The most critical mission the ship undertook came on 13 August when she escorted USNS NEOSHO through the Strait of Bab Al Mandeb to Djibouti for her shore bunkering before returning through the Strait to refuel the Eisenhower Battle Group.

The Eisenhower Battle Group was relieved by the Saratoga Battle Group on 23 August. JOHN L. HALL transited back through the Suez Canal on 24 August to begin the journey home. An ASW prosecution, Operation "Squad Car", was conducted on the way.

On 08 September JOHN L. HALL arrived in Mayport and commenced it's leave and stand down period.

During the deployment JOHN L. HALL held over 200 hours of contact time with the SQR 19 towed array and over 800 hours of flight time with the LAMPS MK III detachment. During the deployment the Fully Mission Capable (FMC) Rate for the two SH-60B helos was 94%.

The dedication of the JOHN L. HALL team was never more evident than in the rapid turn around from a mission environment to an industrial one. An IMAV began only 10 days after the ship's return home. On 16 October the ship went to Charleston, SC to offload ammunition and during the return transit conducted a Combat Systems Assessment (CSA). The offload went smoothly, however the CSA was marginally satisfactory due to equipment casualties.

An inclining experiment was conducted on 22 October to determine the stability of the ship. On the 24th the Supply Department began a Supply Management Assist Visit. The ship began a Technical Availability (TAV) on 25 October to install passive countermeasures modification.

Numerous inspections and assist visits were conducted during the TAV. Among them a PMS/3M Inspection was held on 29 October, a Disbursing assist on 7 November, and an Intermediate Unit Commander's Inspection on 26 November. A Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) began on 13 November.

1990 closed just as it began, with the crew of JOHN L. HALL enjoying Christmas leave and stand down. It was without a doubt a year no one aboard JOHN L. HALL will soon forget, with many missions including Desert Shield, port visits, and inspections.

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