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From: Commanding Officer, USS JOHN L. HALL (FFG-32)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard,
Washington, DC 20374

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY, USS JOHN L. HALL (FFG-32) 1991

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- Encl: (1) COMNAVSURLANT LTR Ser N4125/03213 dated 11 Mar 91 (FY 91 SRA)
(2) SUPSHIPS JACKSONVILLE NAVGRAM Ser 600/4742 dated 22 Feb 91 (FY 91 SRA Completion)
(3) COMNAVSAFECEN LTR Ser 30/1267 dated 5 Apr 91 (Safety Survey)
(4) OIC EMAT TEAM LTR dated 19 Apr 91 (EMAT Visit Report)
(5) Supply Management Inspection Results dated 16 May 91
(6) USS JOHN L. HALL Change of Command Program of 17 May 91
(7) COMNAVSURFLANT LTR Ser 05/C-016 dated 7 Jun 91 (Cruise Missile Recert)
(8) OIC CSMTT LTR Ser CSMTT/CO082 dated 22 May 91 (Harpoon Cert)
(9) COMDESRON TWO FOUR 170832Z JUN 91 (BALTOPS Press Release)
(10) USS JOHN L HALL 231215ZJUN91 (BALTOPS Final Report)
(11) CTG ONE ZERO ZERO PT ONE 210621ZJUN91 (BALTOPS Exercise Performance)
(12) CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON UK 060747ZJUL91 (BALTOPS Bravo Zulu)
(13) COMDESRON TWO FOUR 071801ZJUL91 (BALTOPS Liberty Commendation)
(14) COMCRUDESGRU TWELVE 152012ZJUL91 (BALTOPS 91 Outstanding Performance)
(15) Disbursing Examination Report 135-91 (FAADCLANT Audit)
(16) COMDESRON TWO FOUR 251701ZAUG91 (Flagship Performance)
(17) COMNAVSURFLANT NORFOLK VA 031300ZSEP91 (EMAT Report)
(18) USCGC THETIS 270134ZSEP91 (OP-SINBAD GSLEC)
(19) USCINCLANT NORFOLK VA 221405ZOCT91 (Operation VICTOR SQUARED BZ)
(20) CCGDEIGHT NEW ORLEANS LA 311604ZOCT91 (Operation SINBAD)
(21) USS JOHN L HALL 121850ZNOV91 (Aircraft svcs req for Pearl Harbor Memorial)
(22) Commanding Officer, Naval Station Mayport ltr dated 9 Dec 91 (Pearl Harbor Memorial)
(23) JOHN L HALL 191800ZDEC91 (OPPE COMPLETION)
(24) COMDESRON EIGHT 201300ZDEC91 (OPPE Well Done)
(25) COMCRUDESGRU TWELVE 221306ZDEC91 (OPPE Completion)
(26) CINCLANTFLT NORFOLK VA 261614ZDEC91 (CINCLANTFLT Golden Anchor Award)
(27) COMDESRON EIGHT 311305ZDEC91 (Golden Anchor Award)
(28) COMDESRON TWO FOUR 031250ZJAN92 (Golden Anchor Award)
(29) COMCRUDESGRU TWELVE 031832ZJAN92 (Golden Anchor Award)
(30) USS JOHN L. HALL Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(31) USS JOHN L. HALL Welcome Aboard Pamphlet (German Translation)
(32) USS JOHN L. HALL Welcome Aboard Pamphlet (French Translation)

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.

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The Commanding Officers of USS JOHN L. HALL in 1991 were CDR B.P. MCCLURE, USN from 1 JAN 91 through 17 MAY 91 and CDR D.G. GEIGER, USN from 17 May 91 through 31 DEC 91.

One SH60-B Seahawk helicopter from HELICOPTER ANTI-SUBMARINE SQUADRON LIGHT FOUR SIX Det Four is attached. Cutlass 467 has a tailcode of 163238

2. (U) 1991 Chronology.

01 JAN - 22 FEB - SRA: MAYPORT
23 FEB - 06 MAR - RAV: MAYPORT
06 MAR - 10 MAR - IPT: MAYPORT
11 MAR - 11 MAR - ENR: CHASN WEPSTA
12 MAR - 13 MAR - ONLOAD: CHASN WEPSTA
14 MAR - 14 MAR - ENR: MAYPORT
15 MAR - 21 MAR - RAV: MAYPORT
21 MAR - 21 MAR - SAFETY SURVEY
22 MAR - 14 APR - RAV: MAYPORT
15 APR - 19 APR - INSP: EMAT VISIT
20 APR - 21 APR - IPT: MAYPORT
22 APR - 24 APR - U/W: JAX OPAREA
25 APR - 26 APR - ENR: AUTEK
27 APR - 29 APR - SSRNM RANGE / AUTEK
31 APR - 03 MAY - PVST: NASSAU
04 MAY - 05 MAY - ENR: CHASN WEPSTA
06 MAY - 06 MAY - ONLOAD: CHASN WEPSTA
06 MAY - 07 MAY - ENR: MAYPORT
08 MAY - 13 MAY - IPT: MAYPORT
14 MAY - 16 MAY - INSP: SMI
17 MAY - 17 MAY - CHANGE OF COMMAND
18 MAY - 20 MAY - IPT: MAYPORT
21 MAY - 22 MAY - INSP: HARPOON QUAL
23 MAY - 02 JUN - IPT: MAYPORT
03 JUN - 09 JUN - U/W: LANT TRANSIT
10 JUN - 10 JUN - PVST: KIEL, GERMANY
11 JUN - 13 JUN - U/W: BALTIC TRANSIT
14 JUN - 17 JUN - PVST: HELSINKI, FINLAND
18 JUN - 21 JUN - EXER: BALTOPS 91
22 JUN - 23 JUN - U/W NORTH SEA TRANSIT
24 JUN - 27 JUN - PVST: LE HARVE, FRANCE
28 JUN - 28 JUN - ENR: EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND
29 JUN - 01 JUL - PVST: EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND
02 JUL - 02 JUL - ENR: WILHELHSHAVEN, GERMANY
03 JUL - 07 JUL - PVST: WILHELHSHAVEN, GERMANY
08 JUL - 11 JUL - U/W: LANT TRANSIT
12 JUL - 12 JUL - BSF: PONTA DELGADA, AZORES
13 JUL - 16 JUL - U/W: LANT TRANSIT
17 JUL - 17 JUL - BSF: BERMUDA
18 JUL - 19 JUL - ENR: MAYPORT
20 JUL - 05 AUG - IPT: MAYPORT
06 AUG - 08 AUG - INSP: FAADCLANT AUDIT
09 AUG - 25 AUG - IPT: MAYPORT
26 AUG - 28 AUG - INSP: EMAT VISIT
29 AUG - 29 AUG - IPT: MAYPORT
30 AUG - 03 SEP - IPT: JACKSONVILLE VISIT SHIP
04 SEP - 11 SEP - IPT: MAYPORT

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12 SEP - 12 SEP - U/W: STS SHUTTLE SUPPORT
13 SEP - 14 SEP - U/W: WESTLANT TRANSIT
15 SEP - 01 OCT - U/W: OPERATION SINBAD
02 OCT - 06 OCT - PVST: COZUMEL, MEXICO
07 OCT - 08 OCT - ENR: GUANTANAMO BAY
09 OCT - 09 OCT - BSF: GUANTANAMO BAY
10 OCT - 12 OCT - U/W: OPERATION VICTOR SQUARED
13 OCT - 13 OCT - BSF: GITMO CUBA
14 OCT - 22 OCT - U/W: CN OPS CARIBBEAN SEA
23 OCT - 24 OCT - BSF: ROOSEVELT ROADS
25 OCT - 27 OCT - ENR: MAYPORT
28 OCT - 11 NOV - RAV: MAYPORT
12 NOV - 01 DEC - IPT: MAYPORT
02 DEC - 04 DEC - U/W: OPPE PREPS
05 DEC - 06 DEC - IPT: MAYPORT
07 DEC - 07 DEC - U/W: PEARL HARBOR COMMEMORATION
08 DEC - 08 DEC - IPT: MAYPORT
09 DEC - 11 DEC - U/W: RLQ HELO SERVICES
12 DEC - 16 DEC - IPT: MAYPORT
17 DEC - 19 DEC - INSP: OPPE
20 DEC - 31 DEC - RAV: MAYPORT

2. (S) Basic Narrative.

USS JOHN L. HALL (FFG 32) entered 1991 enjoying the last few days of a well deserved Christmas leave and stand down period. The SRA was drawing to a close and the final push was on to complete all outstanding jobs and prepare the ship for an intensive operating cycle. On 22 February, SUPSHIPS Jacksonville officially completed the FY 91 Selected Restricted Availability and JOHN L. HALL was once again operational. Immediately following the SRA, SIMA capable repair technicians took the lead and the ship entered a post SRA Intermediate Maintenance Availability.

On 11 Mar JOHN L. HALL was underway again for a trip to Charleston Naval Weapons Station to onload ammunition. The Combat Systems Department organized a highly efficient onload despite the fact that many required types of ammunition were not in stock. A second trip to Charleston would be in the ship's future.

A second post SRA D began 15 Mar taking care of many discrepancies still prominent after the yard period. Safety Center, Norfolk personnel also paid the ship a visit on 21 Mar finding USS JOHN L. HALL to be above average for safety aboard OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class FFG's.

The Engineering Department ushered in April preparing for an Engineering Mobile Assessment Team visit on 15 Apr. The engineers received grades of satisfactory in all categories and began the trend of excellence for 1991.

Underway once again, 22 Apr was the beginning of some intensive anti-submarine training for the fighting men of JOHN L. HALL. A trip to AUTEC in the Caribbean was highly successful and included a run on the Ship's Self Radiated Noise Measurement Range. Nassau, Bahamas served as a port of recreation and the wardroom also did their part in bolstering foreign relations with an official evening reception held on the flightdeck. This underway training period came to an end with a second weapons onload in Charleston, SC on 6 May.

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Combat Systems was now on the hot seat with their Harpoon Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification. All areas were recommended for certification by the Combat Systems Mobile Training Team and COMNAVSURFLANT granted the certification.

Only 17 days after his assumption of command, CDR Geiger turned the attention of his crew to a new operational commitment, BALTOPS 91. This operation proved to be one of the most interesting the ship has ever participated in. A joint operation with numerous navies of NATO, BALTOPS was an intensive coordinated at sea exercise involving all mission areas. The operation itself was highly successful, and JOHN L. HALL earned a great deal of respect as the Anti-submarine Warfare commander and as a professional unit of the task force. Secondary to the operation were the diplomatically significant and thoroughly enjoyable port visits JOHN L. HALL made to Kiel, Germany; Helsinki, Finland; Le Harve, France; Edinburgh, Scotland; and Wilhelmshaven, Germany.

The second week of July marked the beginning of the long transit home following BALTOPS 91. Brief stops for fuel in Ponta Delgada, Azores and Bermuda broke up the journey. JOHN L. HALL returned home to Mayport to cheering friends and family on 19 Jul.

August brought a surprise inspection for the Disbursing/Admin team aboard JOHN L. HALL. The auditors from Fleet Accounting and Disbursing Center paid a visit from 6 to 8 August 91. A grade of "outstanding" was given the operations. Later that month the engineers were visited by the Engineering Mobile Assessment team for the second time this year. They displayed excellent proficiency in handling the propulsion plant and controlling casualties.

The beginning of September gave JOHN L. HALL another chance to shine in the public arena. The ship attended Labor Day festivities in downtown Jacksonville. Over 2500 people toured the FFG and the crew participated in various holiday events. With the enjoyment of the holiday still fresh in their minds the crew turned to preparations for an upcoming extended underway period. Counter narcotics operations were the next item of business at hand.

On 12 September JOHN L. HALL took in all lines and got underway for the Caribbean Sea. Along the way she participated in a Space Shuttle launch and practiced engineering casualty control exercises. 15 September was the official start of Operation SINBAD. JOHN L. HALL embarked a Coast Guard Law Enforcement detachment and began patrolling high interest areas of the Gulf of Mexico for illegal drug traffic. Many boardings were executed flawlessly by the Coast Guard LE Det and JOHN L. HALL team. On the second of October a much deserved port visit was made to Cozumel, Mexico.

As Operation SINBAD drew to a close, JOHN L. HALL headed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to refuel. While in port she received national tasking to respond to the crisis created as a result of a coup in Haiti. This operation, dubbed VICTOR SQUARED, was carried out flawlessly by the ships involved.

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With a Restricted Availability being conducted in November and OPPE preparations well underway the ship's busy routine continued. 2 through 4 December JOHN L. HALL was underway again to sharpen her skills in engineering casualty control. This time was efficiently used to prepare for the upcoming OPPE.

7 December came with a solemn reminder of the significance of our heritage. JOHN L. HALL was privileged to participate in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony for the Fleet Reserve Association. The ship was underway that day with over 300 guests and local media. The events included a wreath laying ceremony and a burial at sea. Two days later the ship was underway again for helicopter services. The Flight Deck Crew performed with distinction as the local squadrons practiced their landing qualifications.

Finally the day the engineers had been waiting for was at hand. The OPPE began on 17 December and ended in success two days later. The long hours of practice and hard work paid off in all areas and the successful completion of OPPE was noted by all levels of the chain of command. With this milestone successfully behind them the crew now focused on some much deserved Christmas leave. A high honor was also received at the end of the busy 1991 year. The coveted "Golden Anchor Award" was presented to JOHN L. HALL for retention excellence.

The year 1991 closed with the JOHN L. HALL safely in homeport with the crew enjoying Christmas leave and stand down. The year was both hectic and satisfying, being filled with numerous operations and functions successfully completed. Once again the JOHN L. HALL proved her motto, "Semper Victores", Always Victorious.


D. G. GEIGER

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