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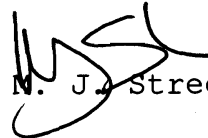
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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) USS DE WERT (FFG-45) Command History for Calendar
Year 1996

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.


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A. Command Composition and Organization

Mission: AAW and ASW with secondary mission areas in ASUW, ELW, and CCC.

Commander: CDR M. J. Streeter, USN

Homeport: Mayport, FL

Aircraft: Embarked two (2) SH-60B LAMPS MK III Helicopters from HSL-44

B. (C) Chronology of significant events:

01JAN-06JAN/ U/W OPERATION SHARP GUARD
01JAN-12FEB/ ASSIGNED ELEMENT OF SNFM
01JAN-11FEB/ EMBK CG LEDET
02JAN-02JAN/ HOST CSNFM RADM ROPER
05JAN-05JAN/ VERTREP USS BUTTE
06JAN-11JAN/ PVST NAPLES, IT
12JAN-14JAN/ U/W OPERATION SHARP GUARD
14JAN-14JAN/ XFER CG LE DET TO NRP CORTE REAL FOR TNG
14JAN-15JAN/ EMBK EAT
14JAN-14JAN/ HOST CSNFL RADM RODRIGUES
14JAN-14JAN/ UNREP USNS LEROY GRUMMAN
14JAN-18JAN/ U/W HUNTER KILLER GROUP OPS EX FINAL COURAGE
18JAN-20JAN/ PVST TRIESTE, IT
21JAN-31JAN/ U/W OPERATION SHARP GUARD
22JAN-22JAN/ XFER CG LE DET TO ITS LUPO FOR TNG
22JAN-22JAN/ SMALL ARMS FIRE
23JAN-23JAN/ HOST COMWEUMARFOR RADM AZZOLLINI
24JAN-24JAN/ UNREP USS MONONGAHELA
29JAN-29JAN/ VERTREP USNS SATURN
30JAN-30JAN/ UNREP USNS LEROY GRUMMAN
31JAN-31JAN/ SMALL ARMS FIRE
01FEB-04FEB/ U/W EX DOGFISH
02FEB-03FEB/ CROSSPOL 4 SAILORS
03FEB-03FEB/ UNREP USNS LEROY GRUMMAN
04FEB-05FEB/ U/W MED SEA
04FEB-04FEB/ BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION
05FEB-10FEB/ PVST PALERMO, IT
06FEB-06FEB/ LCDR KALLIO RELIEVED LCDR MONTI AS XO
10FEB-12FEB/ U/W MED XSIT

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11FEB-12FEB/ T/O SNFM DUTIES W/ USS ARTHUR W. RADFORD
11FEB-11FEB/ DISEMBK AND XFR CG LEDET TO USS ARTHUR W. RADFORD
13FEB-13FEB/ U/W STROG XSIT
13FEB-24FEB/ U/W LANT XSIT
13FEB-13FEB/ UNREP USNS MERRIMACK
14FEB-14FEB/ EMBK COMCARGRUSIX RADM CROSS
14FEB-14FEB/ CART I BRIEF
14FEB-14FEB/ AWARDS CEREMONY
16FEB-16FEB/ USABG PHOTOEX
16FEB-16FEB/ UNREP USS MONONGAHELA
18FEB-18FEB/ QUICKDRAW FIRE 76MM, .50 CAL
21FEB-21FEB/ DETACHED USABATGRU
22FEB-22FEB/ SMALL ARMS FIRE
23FEB-23FEB/ AWARDS CEREMONY
23FEB-23FEB/ STEEL BEACH PICNIC
24FEB-27MAR/ UKP MAYPORT, FL
04MAR-06MAR/ AVCERT PRE-AVAIL TA
08MAR-08MAR/ HOST LAKE LUCINA HIGH SCHOOL TOUR
15MAR-15MAR/ HOST LAKE MORE HIGH SCHOOL TOUR
27MAR-28MAR/ U/W RLQS HSL-44
27MAR-27MAR/ PACFIRE 76MM
28MAR-15APR/ UPK MAYPORT, FL
29MAR-29MAR/ HOST HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC TOUR
01APR-03APR/ EMBK ETG PLOT I
10APR-10APR/ HOST COMWESTHEMGRU RADM AMERAULT
10APR-11APR/ AMMO OFFLOAD
11APR-11APR/ COMMAND PICNIC
15APR-16APR/ U/W XSIT TO CHARLESTON, SC
15APR-16APR/ TIGER CRUISE
16APR-18JUL/ DSRA
01MAY-20JUN/ DRYDOCKED
20MAY-24MAY/ EMBK ETG PLOT II
13JUN-13JUN/ CDR STREETER RELIEVED CDR UYAK AS CO
24JUN-28JUN/ PLOA
20JUL-20JUL/ FAST CRUISE
22JUL-22JUL/ DOCK TRIALS
23JUL-23JUL/ SEA TRIALS
25JUL-26JUL/ U/W XSIT TO MAYPORT, FL
29JUL-30JUL/ U/W XSIT TO CHARLESTON, SC
30JUL-31JUL/ AMMO ONLOAD
31JUL-02AUG/ U/W XSIT TO MAYPORT, FL
05AUG-07AUG/ U/W JAXOA TYT
12AUG-16AUG/ AVCERT TA

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19AUG-23AUG/ INSURV
26AUG-29AUG/ LMA ASSIST
09SEP-13SEP/ CART II
16SEP-22SEP/ AVCERT
23SEP-27SEP/ U/W JAXOA TSTA I ETG
30SEP-13OCT/ IPT MAYPORT, FL
30SEP-04OCT/ TSTA/CSTG
14OCT-01NOV/ TSTA ETG
07OCT-11OCT/ LMA
04NOV-19DEC/ CD OPS
24NOV-29NOV/ PVST CURACAO, NA
20DEC-31DEC/ HOLUPK MAYPORT, FL

NARRATIVE:

DE WERT began the year underway in the Adriatic Sea, Otranto Operations Area, OPAREA SYBIL, assigned to Standing Naval Force Mediterranean, Operation Sharp Guard, while on deployment with the USS AMERICA Battle Group. The ship's mission was to patrol the Straights of Otranto between Italy and Albania and enforce the United Nations' embargo on arms entering the former Republic of Yugoslavia. The ship had embarked a LAMPS MK III helicopter detachment from HSL-44, and a United States Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment.

On 02JAN96 DE WERT hosted Commander Standing Naval Force Mediterranean, RADM Roper, for lunch. An ammunition VERTREP was conducted with USS BUTTE on 05JAN96. The ship entered Naples, Italy, for a port visit over the period 06JAN96 through 11JAN96.

DE WERT was back on station in OPAREA SYBIL over the period 12JAN96 to 14JAN96. On 14JAN96 the embarked CG LEDET transferred to the Portuguese naval ship NRP CORTE REAL to conduct training. The ISIC Engineering Assessment Team embarked for a highly successful assessment over the period 14JAN96 to 15JAN96. On 14JAN96 the ship hosted Commander Standing Naval Force Atlantic, RADM Rodrigues, for lunch. Also on 14JAN96 DE WERT conducted an UNREP with USNS LEROY GRUMMAN.

From 14JAN96 to 18JAN96 DE WERT participated in Exercise Final Courage with the USS AMERICA Battle Group. The ship was the primary contributor to the development and implementation of "Hunter Killer Group" Under Sea Warfare tactics. From 18JAN96 to 20JAN96 DE WERT conducted a brief port visit to Trieste, Italy.

DE WERT was back on station in OPAREA SYBIL during the period 21JAN96 to 31JAN96. On 22JAN96 the ship transferred the

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embarked CG LEDET to the Italian naval ship ITS LUPO to conduct training. Also on 22JAN96 DE WERT conducted small arms famfire. Commander Western European Union Maritime Force, RADM Azzollini, visited DE WERT. UNREP was conducted with USS MONONGAHELA on 24JAN96 and VERTREP with USNS SATURN on 29JAN96. The ship conducted UNREP with USNS LEROY GRUMMAN on 30JAN96. DE WERT conducted a small arms famfire on 31JAN96.

From 01FEB96 to 04FEB96 DE WERT was a participant in Exercise Dogfish, an under sea warfare event. Included was a cross pollination of four personnel from 02FEB96 to 03FEB96. On 03FEB96 the ship conducted UNREP with USNS LEROY GRUMMAN.

DE WERT was underway in the central Mediterranean Sea during the period 04FEB96 to 05FEB96. On 04FEB96 the ship held a Black History Month observance. DE WERT was inport Palermo, Italy, from 05FEB96 to 10FEB96. On 06FEB96 LCDR Kallio relieved LCDR Monti as Executive Officer.

The ship was underway in the Mediterranean Sea 10FEB96 to 12FEB96. DE WERT conducted a turn-over of Standing Naval Force Mediterranean duties and responsibilities, including an extensive Sharp Guard brief, with the USS ARTHUR W. RADFORD 11FEB96 and 12FEB96. The embarked Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment transferred to USS ARTHUR W. RADFORD on 11FEB96. DE WERT conducted a transit of the Straits of Gibraltar on 13FEB96.

DE WERT crossed the Atlantic Ocean from 13FEB96 to 24FEB96. The ship conducted UNREP with USNS MERRIMACK on 13FEB96. On 14FEB96 DE WERT embarked Commander Carrier Group Six, RADM Cross, for the CART I brief. RADM Cross conducted an awards ceremony while on board. On 16FEB96 DE WERT participated in a PHOTOEX with the entire USABATGRU, and conducted UNREP with USS MONONGAHELA. 76mm and .50 cal quickdraw firings were held on 18FEB96. Small arms famfire was conducted on 22FEB96. An awards ceremony and steel beach picnic were held on 23FEB96.

DE WERT returned to homeport, Mayport, Florida, on 24FEB96. The ship was in a leave and upkeep period from 24FEB96 to 27MAR96. An aviation Certification Pre-Availability Technical Assist visit was conducted 04MAR96 to 06MAR96. The ship hosted tours for Lake Lucina High School on 08MAR96 and Lake More High School on 15MAR96.

DE WERT was underway 27MAR96 and 28MAR96 conducting RLQs with HSL-44 in the JAXOPAREA. On 27MAR96 the ship conducted a 76mm pacfire. DE WERT returned to Mayport 28MAR96.

The ship remained in Mayport, Florida, 28MAR96 to 15APR96 in upkeep. Highland High School's Naval Junior Reserve Officer

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Training Corp toured DE WERT 29MAR96. A Pre-light Off Training I visit was conducted by ETG 01APR96 to 03APR96. On 10APR96 DE WERT was visited by Commander Western Hemisphere Group, RADM Amerault. Ammunition offload/crossdeck was conducted on 10APR96 and 11APR96 in Mayport with USS AUBREY FITCH and Naval Station Mayport Weapons Department. A command picnic was held on 11APR96.

DE WERT was underway 14APR96 enroute to Charleston, South Carolina. A tiger cruise was conducted enroute. DE WERT arrived at Detyens Shipyard Main Facility on 15APR96 for drydocking selected restricted availability (DSRA). DE WERT entered drydock on 01MAY96. PLOT II was conducted by ETG from 21MAY96 to 24MAY96.

On 13JUN96, Commander Matthew J. Streeter relieved Commander Richard Uyak as Commanding Officer in a ceremony held at xxx park in Charleston, SC. Captain David Van Saun was guest speaker.

On 20JUN96, DE WERT left drydock and began preparations for an ISIC Light Off Assessment. Upon successful completion of LOA, a fast cruise was conducted on 20JUL96 and the ship left for sea trials on 23JUL96. After final acceptance of the ship from Detyens Shipyard, DE WERT returned to it's homeport of Mayport, FL for a three day visit with family and friends before returning to Charleston for an ammunition on load on 31JUL96. A brief stop for fuel in Mayport and the ship began TYT in the Jacksonville Operating Areas from 5-7AUG96.

An Aviation Certification tech assist began inport Mayport on 12AUG96 and finished on 16AUG96 with only minor discrepancies noted. Immediately following the AVCERT TA, the ship entered INSURV from 19AUG96 through 23AUG96. From 26-29AUG, Supply Department received a Logistics Management tech assist.

The month of September was full of training and inspections, beginning with the Command Assessment of Readiness and Training II from 9-13SEP96 followed by Aviation Certification from 16-23SEP96. The ship was underway 23-29SEP96 for a Tailored Ships Training Availability I, conducted by Engineering Training Group. Combat Systems Training Group arrived 30SEP96 for the next phase of TSTA I which finished on 4OCT96, while the Engineers received another look from ETG 14OCT96 through 1NOV96.

On 4NOV96, DE WERT departed for the Caribbean assigned to CTG 4.1 in support of Counter-Narcotics Operations. Embarked was a Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment from Miami. This excursion in pursuit of drug runners was highlighted by two unsuccessful attempts to stop "go-fasts." DE WERT attempted to

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intercept the first "go-fast". With the assistance of the embarked LAMPS MK III helicopter. A cargo net weighted with peanut fenders was dropped in the path of the renegade boat. The attempt failed due to miscalculations in wind speed and direction. A second attempt was made on a different vessel which also failed.

The crew received a well deserved break from the monotony of CDOPS with a port visit to the island of Curacao in the Netherlands Antilles. Thanksgiving Day was celebrated on board DE WERT with a party and dinner on the flight deck. Approximately 200 people were in attendance including the island's Governor.

After a brief stop for fuel in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, DE WERT returned to Mayport on 19DEC96 and immediately entered a leave and stand down period to finish 1996. On 22DEC96 the ship's annual Christmas party was held, at which ET1(SW) [REDACTED] was named Sailor of the Year.

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