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COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1984
USS HALYBURTON (FFG 40)

7 JANUARY 1984 USS HALYBURTON WAS COMMISSIONED INTO THE NAVAL SERVICE AT TODD PACIFIC SHIPYARDS SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. ON THIS DAY, HALYBURTON REPORTED TO COMDESRON SIX FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES AND OPERATIONALLY TO COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE FORCE, PACIFIC. THE GUEST SPEAKER FOR HALYBURTON'S COMMISSIONING CEREMONY WAS RADM WAYNE E. MEYER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND. HALYBURTON PLANKOWNERS INCLUDED 181 ENLISTED PERSONNEL AND 15 OFFICERS. HALYBURTON'S FIRST COMMANDING OFFICER IS CDR ROBERT K. PETERS, USN. OTHER COMMISSIONING OFFICERS INCLUDE LCDR JAMES E. PLEDGER, USN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER; LCDR [REDACTED], USNR, COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER; LT [REDACTED], USN, SHIP CONTROL OFFICER; LT [REDACTED], USN, SUPPORT OFFICER; AND LT [REDACTED], USN, ENGINEER OFFICER. THE COMMAND MASTER CHIEF IS BMCN RAYMOND J. BERGERON. FOLLOWING THE COMMISSIONING, THE REMAINDER OF JANUARY INCLUDED ASSIST VISITS FROM PERSONNEL ADMIN ASSIST TEAM PACIFIC FLEET (9 - 10 JANUARY), GAS TURBINE MOBILE TRAINING TEAM, CHARLESTON, SC (9 - 13 JANUARY AND 23 - 27 JANUARY), AND CREW TRAINING IN PREPARATION FOR GETTING UNDERWAY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

FEBRUARY 6 - 8, HALYBURTON SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED HER ENGINEERING LIGHT OFF EXAMINATION WHICH WAS CONDUCTED BY THE PACIFIC FLEET PROPULSION EXAMINING BOARD. THE LIGHT OFF EXAMINATION WAS FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY A SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CREW CERTIFICATION CONDUCTED BY COMDESRON SIX ON 8 - 9 FEBRUARY.

ON FEBRUARY 13, HALYBURTON DEPARTED SEATTLE, WA FOR THE START OF A 9600 NM TRANSIT TO HER HOMEPORT OF CHARLESTON, SC. HALYBURTON MOORED ON 14 FEBRUARY TO UNLOAD AMMO AT INDIAN ISLAND, WASHINGTON, THEN PROCEEDED TO SAN FRANCISCO, CA WHERE SHE WAS INPORT FROM 17 TO 20 FEBRUARY AT PIER 35 ON FISHERMAN'S WHARF. UPON LEAVING SAN FRANCISCO, HALYBURTON CONDUCTED A SUCCESSFUL STRUCTURAL TEST FIRING OF HER 76MM GUN ON 17 FEBRUARY. HALYBURTON THEN MOORED AT NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO FROM 22 TO 26 FEBRUARY.

HALYBURTON ARRIVED AT NAVAL STATION RODMAN, PANAMA ON 6 MARCH AND ON 7 MARCH TRANSITED THE PANAMA CANAL AND CHOPPED TO COMMANDER NAVAL SURFACE FORCE, ATLANTIC FOR OPERATIONAL CONTROL. HALYBURTON THEN COMPLETED ONE WEEK OF CENTRAL AMERICAN SPECIAL OPERATIONS OFF THE COASTS OF HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA. AFTER REFUELING IN PUERTO CORTES, HONDURAS ON 13 MARCH, HALYBURTON COMPLETED HER TRANSIT ON 19 MARCH, MOORING AT HER HOMEPORT OF CHARLESTON, SC FOR THE FIRST TIME.

DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL, HALYBURTON COMPLETED A TRAINING READINESS EVALUATION AND PROCEEDED TO GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA WHERE SHE COMPLETED SHAKEDOWN TRAINING FROM 11 TO 30 APRIL.

HALYBURTON SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED OPERATIONAL PROPULSION PLANT EXAMINATION (OPPE) ON 1 MAY AND PROCEEDED TO PORT EVERGLADES, FLORIDA FOR A PORT VISIT FROM 4 TO 6 MAY. SHE COMPLETED WEAPONS SYSTEMS ACCURACY TRIALS ON 9 MAY AFTER FIRING TWO EXERCISE MK 46 TORPEDO SHOTS. HALYBURTON THEN TRANSITED TO FREEPORT, BAHAMAS FOR A PORT VISIT FROM 10 TO 13 MAY BEFORE RETURNING TO CHARLESTON ON 16 MAY TO BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR COMBAT SYSTEMS QUALIFICATION TESTS AND TRIALS (CSQTT).

HALYBURTON'S MONTH OF JUNE WAS DEDICATED SOLELY TO CSQTT. DURING THIS PERIOD, HALYBURTON SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A 76MM GUN SHOOT, A CLOSE-IN WEAPONS SYSTEMS (CIWS) SHOOT, AND TWO SM-1 MISSILE SHOTS. INPORT PERIODS INCLUDED PORT EVERGLADES, FLORIDA; NAVAL STATION PUERTO RICO AND CHARLESTON. ALSO IN JUNE, HALYBURTON PARTICIPATED IN THE BURIAL AT SEA OF LCDR CLARENCE V. MCDONALD, USNR, RETIRED.

HALYBURTON BEGAN JULY WITH A PORT VISIT TO ST. THOMAS , VIRGIN ISLANDS FROM 1 TO 4 JULY. HALYBURTON RETURNED TO CHARLESTON 7 JULY AND BEGAN PREPARATIONS FOR FINAL CONTRACT TRIALS AND INSURV. HALYBURTON SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED HER INSURV INSPECTION AND FINAL CONTRACT TRIALS 23 - 25 JULY. THE INSPECTION WAS CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY, ADMIRAL JOHN BULKELEY, PRESIDENT.

DURING THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF AUGUST, HALYBURTON HAD AN UPKEEP PERIOD IN CHARLESTON. DURING THIS TIME, BUILDER'S DISCREPANCIES DOCUMENTED AT FINAL CONTRACT TRIALS WERE CORRECTED.

HALYBURTON'S FIRST DEPENDENTS' CRUISE WAS CONDUCTED ON 14 AUGUST WITH OVER 80 DEPENDENTS/GUESTS ATTENDING. ON 15 AUGUST HALYBURTON WAS VISITED BY COMNAVSURFLANT, VADM BRIGGS. HALYBURTON OFFLOADED ALL AMMUNITION AT CHARLESTON NAVAL WEAPONS STATION ON 16 AUGUST AND DEPARTED CHARLESTON FOR POST SHAKEDOWN AVAILABILITY IN BATH, MAINE ON 24 AUGUST.

HALYBURTON MOORED AT NAVAL STATION NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND FROM 27 AUGUST TO 5 SEPTEMBER AND SERVED AS ENGINEERING SCHOOL SHIP FOR SWOSCOLCOM. WHILE THERE, HALYBURTON HOSTED STUDENTS FROM OCS, SWOS BASIC, GAS TURBINE EOOW COURSE, SWOS DEPARTMENT HEAD COURSE AND PCO/PXO COURSES. HALYBURTON THEN PROCEEDED TO BATH IRON WORKS, PORTLAND MAINE FACILITY, MOORING ON 5 SEPT. HALYBURTON WAS DRYDOCKED AT BIW PORTLAND FROM 7 TO 11 SEPTEMBER FOR A PHOTOGRAMETRIC HULL SURVEY. HALYBURTON LEFT PORTLAND ON 11 SEPTEMBER AND COMMENCED PSA AT BIW BATH, MAINE THE SAME DAY.

ON 1 OCTOBER, HALYBURTON WAS AGAIN DRYDOCKED AT BATH IRON WORKS, BATH, ME, TO ALLOW WORK ON THE UNDERWATER HULL, SONAR DOME, AND THE INSTALLATION OF FIN STABILIZERS.

HALYBURTON WAS UNDOCKED 25 OCTOBER. WORK BY BIW ON RAST FOR LAMPS MK III, SQQ-28 ACOUSTIC PROCESSING, SRQ-4 LAMPS MK III TDS SYSTEM, MODIFICATIONS TO AFFF AND HALON FIREFIGHTING SYSTEMS, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MK92 FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM ALL WERE IN FULL PROGRESS BY THIS TIME.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER SAW THE SAME CONTINUED WORK BY BIW WHILE HALYBURTON CREWMEMBERS CONDUCTED TRAINING AND ATTENDED SCHOOLS TO PREPARE FOR COMBAT SYSTEMS UPGRADES. WORKUPS FOR HALYBURTON'S LIGHT OFF EXAMINATION SCHEDULED IN MID FEBRUARY 1985 BEGAN FULL FORCE IN MID DECEMBER.

HALYBURTON COMPLETED HER FIRST YEAR OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE HAVING ACCOMPLISHED ALL POST-DELIVERY TESTS AND TRIALS AND WELL UNDERWAY TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING HER POST-SHAKEDOWN AVAILABILITY.