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1. In accordance with reference (a), the Command History for calendar year 1987 is forwarded as enclosure (1).


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USS HALYBURTON (FFG-40) 1987 COMMAND HISTORY

HALYBURTON devoted the first three months of 1987 toward the accomplishment of the Selected Restricted Availability (SRA), performed in the ship's homeport of Charleston, South Carolina. During this period, the ship accomplished modifications and intensive repair work on the engineering plant, combat systems equipment, and the superstructure. The Flight Deck Technical Assist Team and the Personnel Administrative Assist Team provided support during the SRA.

The Gas Turbine Mobile Training Team embarked HALYBURTON for an underway period from 10-15 March. The ship utilized the flight deck for the requalification and training of the helicopter pilots and numerous recovery assist landings with U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopters.

HALYBURTON spent the week of 1 April in preparation for the Board of Inspection and Survey visit. The Commanding Officer conducted zone and personnel inspections. He also held Captain's call for the wives of the crewmembers.

Operations again brought HALYBURTON underway 6 April for the Coordinated At Sea Training Operations (CASTOPS). During this period the ship embarked HSL 42 DET 5 which flies the LAMPS MK III helicopter and conducted extensive exercises in ASW, AAW, and ASUW before returning to homeport Friday, 10 April.

HALYBURTON proceeded underway Tuesday, 21 April for an INSURV rehearsal, embarking COMDESRON SIX and his staff onboard to critique the ship's preparations for the INSURV board. The inspection commenced 27 April and ended 5 days later. The ship performed magnificently on the INSURV

inspection, praised as "one of the best ever conducted," according to the INSURV report.

Underway for the week of 18 May, HALYBURTON provided support for the shock trials of the USS MOBILE BAY (CG-53) off the coast of Florida. Additionally, HSL 42 DET 5 executed required pre-deployment work-ups. The ship also conducted a combat systems detect-to-engage scenario, a major conflagration drill, and damage control olympics.

On 1 June, HALYBURTON proceeded underway for two weeks of port calls in southern Florida in conjunction with midshipmen training. The ship visited Port Everglades 4-7 June and Miami 8-11 June, and held a Tiger Cruise for dependents for the return to homeport 11-12 June.

Proceeding from Charleston on 15 June, HALYBURTON supported the CORTRAMID requirements for midshipmen in the Norfolk operating area. During a one week period, helicopters transferred 15 midshipmen per day from shore for at sea training. At the conclusion of maneuvering drills, the midshipmen returned to Norfolk via hydrofoils (PHMs).

The ship participated in the Atlantic Fleet Exercise commencing 7 July. During this period HALYBURTON conducted numerous gunshoots, CIWS shoots, air tracking exercises, and the simulation of hostile forces.

On 9 July HALYBURTON entered Norfolk for a drydock period in the AFDM SUSTAIN for hull painting and the replacement of missing zincs designed to protect the hull from corrosion. Departing Norfolk on 23 July, the ship returned to Charleston on 24 July.

On Monday, 27 July, HALYBURTON traveled up the Cooper River to the Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, for a weapons onload.

The ship conducted a dependent's cruise on 10 August prior to a seventy-five day deployment to the Mediterranean Sea. Approximately 250

guests came onboard, which included crewmembers' families and friends from various shore commands. Unfortunately, the schedule changed and the cruise was cancelled. Instead, the ship used a day at sea to keep flight qualifications current, conduct a gun shoot, and hold a main space fire drill.

On 31 August, the Engineering Mobile Training Team came aboard for a five day at sea training period. In addition to numerous damage control and engineering casualty control exercises, HALYBURTON conducted a underway replenishment and several gunnery pacfires.

Law Enforcement Operations began 8 September. Proceeding to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for assignment to the Checkmate Seven Task Force, HALYBURTON arrived 11 September to onload a Coast Guard detachment for drug enforcement operations in the Caribbean Sea.

HALYBURTON returned to Roosevelt Roads on 23 September for logistics replenishment. On 28 September the ship docked at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to pick up the CINCLANTFLT Propulsion Examination Board for a Propulsion Plant Examination. HALYBURTON successfully completed this examination.

On 5 October the ship conducted a successful missile shoot off the coast of Puerto Rico. HALYBURTON then proceeded to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, for a port visit from 6-9 October, and returned to homeport on Monday, 12 October.

During the periods of 16-20 October, 2-7 November, and 7-11 December, HALYBURTON supported the operational testing of the CNO project SIDEKICK.

As a unit of the Commander Naval Surface Forces Atlantic, HALYBURTON is permanently assigned to Cruiser Destroyer Group Two and Destroyer Squadron Six. The ship's homeport is Charleston, SC. HALYBURTON's officers assigned at 31 December, 1987 are: Commanding Officer, CDR Craig R. Welterlen, USN; Executive Officer, LCDR Paul T. Serfass, USN; Weapons Officer, LT [REDACTED], USN; Operations Officer, LT [REDACTED], USN;

Engineering Officer, LT [REDACTED], USN; Support Officer, LT [REDACTED],
USN; Main Propulsion Assistant, LT [REDACTED], USN; Auxiliaries
Officer, LTJG [REDACTED] [REDACTED], USNR; Combat Information Center Officer,
LTJG [REDACTED], USNR; Electronics Readiness Officer, LTJG [REDACTED],
USN; Communications Officer, LTJG [REDACTED] [REDACTED], USNR; Anti-
Submarine Warfare Officer, LTJG [REDACTED], USN; Disbursing Officer,
LTJG [REDACTED], USNR; Ordnance Officer, ENS [REDACTED] [REDACTED], USNR.
HALYBURTON's Command Master Chief was BMCM Edward D. Pinyon, USN.

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