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USS HALYBURTON, FFG-40
COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1989

JANUARY 1989

The month of January 1989 was devoted to law enforcement and search and rescue operations in the Caribbean with embarked Law Enforcement Operations (LEO) Detachment COMCARIBGRU-1 of Miami, Florida and aircraft (SH-60B helicopter) from HSL-42, Jacksonville, Florida. Included was a port visit to Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for refueling and resupply. HALYBURTON was tasked with surveillance and interdiction of drug smuggling vessels. During these operations, HALYBURTON searched over twenty suspect vessels and participated in a search and rescue mission near the island of Grenada. Enroute to homeport, Charleston, SC, HALYBURTON enjoyed a three day visit to the island of Nevis, near St. Kitts. Activities included the hosting of a reception for local Nevisian dignitaries and officials. Following this, HALYBURTON returned to homeport to complete preparations for its upcoming Docking Selected Restricted Availability (DSRA) at the Charleston Naval Shipyard. As part of its overhaul preparations, the ship completed an off-load of its supply and spare parts inventory to an Integrated Logistics Overhaul (ILO) site. A detachment from the ship then began a complete update and overhaul of the ship's supply outfitting. The ship was then docked at the Charleston Naval Shipyard Drydock Number 5 and the crew commenced move-off to the berthing barge provided by the shipyard.

FEBUARY 1989

During Febuary, HALYBURTON continued with overhaul project work. Concurrent with the shipyard period was an Intermediated Maintenance Availability(IMAV) with SIMA, Charleston, SC. Among the major work projects begun was the AN/SPS-49 radar, antenna and waveguide overhaul, CIWS, CAS and STIR removal and overhauls, SSDG overhauls, mast preservation, AN/SQQ-89 TACTASS system installation, NTDS suite overhaul, 4100 ton displacement modification and innumerable refurbishment and preservation projects. Numerous overhaul conferences were held between ship and shipyard personnel. Many HALYBURTON personnel were scheduled for and attended schools during this month. A command St. Valentine's day party was held with good crew participation. Supply updates and overhaul continued at the ILO site.

MARCH 1989

The month of March saw continued progress on the ship's shipyard overhaul and IMAV projects. Initial completions of jobs began to appear. Along with that was the beginning of quality assurance check-out and testing packages by shipyard, SIMA and shipboard personnel. HALYBURTON was visited by the Engineering Type 1 Mobile Training Team. Additionally, personnel attended schools in Norfolk, Dam Neck and Little Creek, Virginia. Over 60 personnel attended schools throughout the East Coast. Supply overhaul projects continued at the ILO site. Initial Combat Systems Testing and Evaluation Program procedures were begun. The Engineering Department began preparations and planning for the upcoming Light-off Examination(LOE) and associated training evolutions.

APRIL 1989

April 1989 continued the overhaul and availability period. Initial system testing and check-outs continued as equipment was reinstalled and jobs were completed. HALYBURTON was again visited by the

Engineering Mobile Training Team for type 2 training. Small arms weapon training and qualifications were completed. Numerous personnel continued to attend training and schools. The ship's Test Equipment and Electrical Safety programs were reviewed and reorganized. In all over 300 test equipment items were calibrated, repaired or replaced. During this period, numerous system light-off test packages were begun and completed in compliance with overhaul and testing schedules. A command Easter party was held for HALYBURTON dependent children. The party was a complete success with excellent participation by the crew.

MAY 1989

May 1989 brought further project completion, equipment reinstallation and testing. Halyburton successfully completed MTT type III training in preparation for the June Light-Off Examination. Combat Systems Testing continued in earnest with many successful test completions. Mast, topside and deck preservation project completions kept the overhaul project plan on schedule. The Command Senior Chief position was turned over from QMCS(SW) Ricardo Ramirez to RMCS(SW) James Rasmussen. Retirement ceremonies were held for QMCS(SW) Rich Ramirez, GMGC(SW) [REDACTED], MSC(SW) [REDACTED], and MS1(SW) [REDACTED].

JUNE 1989

In June, the yard overhaul and IMAV periods were approaching completion. Successful completion of the Tactass, Combat systems, Engineering systems, Small boat overhaul and 4100 ton modification were completed. The Engineering Light-off Examination was successfully completed after an extensive preparation period. Over 125 electronic systems were successfully tested and certified. The ship was visited by several inspection teams such as the MOTU-6 EMI and Tempest Survey, Sima Cableway Inspection, Readiness Support Group 3M Assist and Naval Aviation Certification Teams.

By the end of the month the ship was ready for Seatrials, Engineering , Combat Systems and operational testing. The Supply Department completed it's supply overhaul and commenced moving on the ship. With berthing areas refurbished, the crew returned to the ship and the berthing barge was returned to the shipyard. Mk-50 Advanced Lightweight Torpedo and Penguin missile CNO special project modifications were brought to completion.

JULY 1989

This month HALYBURTON began underway operations for Naval Aviation and Flight Deck Operational Recertifications. In conjunction with the Naval Air Engineering Center and Naval Air Rework Facility teams along with aircraft provided by HSL-44, Jacksonville, Florida, the ship concluded a successful recertification effort. Upon return to Charleston, SC, HALYBURTON continued its IMAV-6 availability with SIMA, Charleston, SC. Along with this, the Combat Systems Department began its preparations for the Combat Systems Assessment Team visit by testing its weapons and electronic systems. Additionally, preparations were made and completed for ship's SERT and Combat Systems Training Team training evolutions. Preparations were also begun for the upcoming Training Readiness Evaluation.

AUGUST 1989

In August, the ship was visited by the Combat Systems Assessment Team for system operational evaluation. HALYBURTON proceeded underway to the Charleston Operation Area for a Detect-to-Engage exercise with aircraft from FACSAC, Jacksonville, Fla. HALYBURTON scored well, attaining the highest score in the squadron, 17% higher than the LANTFLT average and earned a 96% on the written examination and a grade of SAT on the operational and administrative sections of the inspection.

Also during this month, the ship held a family picnic with a fine turnout by the crew and its dependents. HALYBURTON then set sail for the AUTECH undersea test range at Andros Island in the Caribbean for MK-50 Advanced Lightweight Torpedo System Operational Evaluation. As test and evaluation platform, HALYBURTON participated in 5 successful test firings. Additionally, HALYBURTON enjoyed a four day visit to Nassau, Bahamas. HALYBURTON then proceeded to homeport at Charleston, SC. The Command Senior Chief Position was turned over from RMCS(SW) James Rasmussen to BMCS(SW) John Weldon.

SEPTEMBER 1989

In the month of September, Halyburton was visited by the COMNAVSURFLANT Engineering Readiness Assessment Training(ERAT)-MTT training team. HALYBURTON performed main space fire drills and presented engineering administrative programs for inspection. Additionally, HALYBURTON was visited by the Supply Management Inspection Assist Team which reviewed and trained crewmembers in supply, food service management and record keeping procedures. HALYBURTON also got underway for a 4-day port visit to Annapolis, Maryland and the Naval Academy. Crewmembers were treated to receptions and social functions with the Naval Station and the Naval Academy. On 21 September, Charleston, SC, was hit by Hurricane Hugo. Extensive damage occurred to many crewmember homes. HALYBURTON quickly dispatched a disaster assistance team which set about assessing damage and expediting repairs to crewmember residences. Over 90 residences were aided. HALYBURTON then proceeded to the Jacksonville Operations Area to conduct Helo qualification training with aircraft from HSL-44, Jacksonville, Fla. HALYBURTON then entered port at Mayport, Fla for a 1-day refueling stop and then returned to homeport Charleston, SC.

Upon arrival, further disaster assistance efforts were organized by dividing the entire crew into 4 repair teams which provided roofing, tree removal and repair services to crewmember homes.

OCTOBER 1989

During October, HALYBURTON remained inport, Charleston, SC., continuing maintenance and Operational Propulsion Plant examination training and preparations. An all-hands briefing was held at the Navbase Auditorium by the Commanding Officer. A pot-luck dinner was held for the crew with good participation by crewmembers and dependents. Hurricane Hugo clean-up activities were completed. A ship-wide 3M inspection program was instituted resulting in an improved ship 3M program. The Supply Department began planning and preparations for its upcoming Supply Management Inspection(SMI).

NOVEMBER 1989

The month of November began with a 3-day underway period for OPPE preparation training. Also were numerous general quarters, main space firefighting and abandon ship drills. HALYBURTON then returned to homeport to continue training and OPPE preparations. Additionally, the ship continued its SMI inspection preparations. From 25-27 November, HALYBURTON got underway to perform its Operational Propulsion Plant Examination inspection held by the COMNAVSURFLANT Propulsion Examining Board and with COMDESRON SIX embarked, HALYBURTON achieved a grade of SAT in all areas observed. On the evening of the 28th, HALYBURTON hosted its annual adult Christmas party. It was a complete success with over 150 crewmembers and guests attending. The following evening an additional party was held for those having duty on the evening of the 28th. On 15 November, HALYBURTON hosted a 25-person NJROTC group from North Florida for a tour of the ship. They also enjoyed the evening meal while aboard.

DECEMBER 1989

During the month of December, HALYBURTON underwent its Supply Management Inspection(SMI). HALYBURTON achieved a score of SAT for all areas inspected. On 3 December, HALYBURTON hosted its annual Children's Christmas Party. Attendance was outstanding. HALYBURTON went underway from the 6th to the 16th of the month to assist the USS GUNSTON HALL in blast effect testing off the south coast of Florida. HALYBURTON enjoyed a 1 day port call to Port Everglades, Florida. HALYBURTON then departed and returned to Key West for a final shock trial. Upon completion of the trial HALYBURTON set sail for homeport, Charleston, SC. During the transit, an awards ceremony was held on the flight deck, to provide recognition for its superior performers. Upon returning to homeport, HALYBURTON entered into its annual holiday standown and maintenance period with many of the crew taking leave and visiting family and friends in their hometowns.

HALYBURTON is commanded by CDR. Louis J. Giannotti. HALYBURTON's officers and Command Senior Chief are: LCDR John Hammerer, Executive Officer, LT. [REDACTED] Combat Systems Officer, LT. [REDACTED] Engineering Officer, LT. [REDACTED] Operations Officer, LT. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Main Propulsion Assistant, LT. [REDACTED] Supply Officer, Ltjg [REDACTED] Ordnance Officer, Ltjg [REDACTED] ASW Officer, Ltjg [REDACTED] Damage Control Assistant, Ens. [REDACTED] CIC Officer, ENS. [REDACTED] Communications Officer, Ens. [REDACTED] Disbursing Officer, Ens. [REDACTED] Electronics Readiness Officer, Ens. [REDACTED] Auxillaries Officer, BMCS(SW) John Weldon, 1st Lieutenant. HALYBURTON's Command Senior Chief is BMCS(SW) John Weldon.