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(4) Supporting Documents

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USS HALYBURTON (FFG-40)

CDR R.D. REILLY, JR.

CHARLESTON, SC

ADMINISTRATIVE

COMDESRON FOUR

CHARLESTON, SC

OPERATIONAL

COMCARGRU TWO

JOHN F. KENNEDY

BATTLEGROUP

SHIP'S MISSION

HALYBURTON'S mission is to provide anti-air, anti-submarine and anti-surface protection for Underway Replenishment Groups, Convoys, Amphibious Forces and other Military and Merchant shipping.

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USS HALYBURTON (FFG-40)
CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 1 - Deployed with John F. Kennedy Battle Group. Inport Naples, Italy for port visit.
- 6 - Departed Naples, Italy enroute Southern Adriatic Sea.
- 17 - Arrived Catania, Italy for port visit.
- 22 - Detached from NATO STANDING NAVAL FORCE MEDITERRANEAN.
- 23 - Departed Catania, Italy.
- 25 - Arrived, St. Raphael, France for port visit.
- 28 - Departed, St. Raphael, France. Arrived Toulon, France for port visit.

FEBRUARY

- 4 - Departed, Toulon, France enroute Central Mediterranean Sea for Magellan Phase I.
- 15 - Completed Magellan Phase I.
- 19 - Arrived Souda Bay, Crete for port visit.
- 22 - Departed Souda Bay, Crete.
- 24 - Arrived Augusta Bay, Sicily for maintenance availability.

MARCH

- 7 - Completed maintenance availability, departed August Bay, Sicily.
- 10 - Arrived Izmir, Turkey for port visit and briefs on Exercise Distant Thunder.
- 14 - Departed Izmir, Turkey enroute Eastern Mediterranean and Aegean Sea for Exercise Distant Thunder and Sharem 103.
- 19 - Completed Exercise Distant Thunder and Sharem 103.
- 24 - Arrived Cartagena, Spain for port visit.
- 27 - Departed Cartagena, Spain enroute rendezvous with JFK Battle Group.
- 28 - Out-chopped Mediterranean Sea enroute Charleston, SC.

APRIL

- 7 - Arrived homeport Charleston, SC, commenced post-deployment leave and upkeep period.

MAY

- 18 - Commenced Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV) with SIMA Charleston.

JUNE

- 13 - Completed IMAV with SIMA Charleston.
- 14 - Underway for counter-narcotics operations in the South Atlantic and Caribbean Sea.
- 30 - Completed counter-narcotics operations. Arrived Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for port visit.

JULY

- 2 - Host ship for USCOMSOLANT Change of Command where Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Admiral Mauz was guest speaker.
- 3 - Departed Roosevelt Roads.
- 6 - Arrived Charleston SC.
- 16 - Underway as guardship for Space Shuttle Discovery launch.
- 19 - Returned to Charleston, SC.

AUGUST

- 6 - Underway enroute Savannah, GA. for Armed Forces Appreciation Weekend in Tybee Island, GA.
- 9 - Returned to Charleston, SC.
- 30 - Shifted operational command to COMNAVSURFLANT. Commenced pre-DSRA IMAV with SIMA Charleston.

SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 - Continued pre-DSRA IMAV.

OCTOBER

- 18 - Departed Naval Base Charleston enroute Detyens' Shipyard for docking maintenance availability.

NOVEMBER

- 1-30 - Continued DSRA.
- 12 - Entered Detyens' drydock.

DECEMBER

- 1-31 - Continued DSRA.
- 22 - CDR Robert D. Reilly Jr., USN relieved CDR Robert F. Brado as Commanding Officer of USS HALYBURTON.

USS HALYBURTON (FFG-40)
NARRATIVE

As the year began, USS HALYBURTON was deployed to the Mediterranean with the JOHN F. KENNEDY BATTLE GROUP and enjoying New Year's Day inport, Naples, Italy. Following a one week port visit, HALYBURTON was underway with LAMPS MK III Helicopter Detachment, HSL 44 Det 6, in her capacity as the U.S. Navy member of the NATO STANDING NAVAL FORCE MEDITERRRANEAN and the flag ship of the COMMANDER, STANDING NAVAL FORCE MEDITERRANEAN. Underway 68 percent of the time as the only U.S. Naval unit attached to STANAVFORMED, USS HALYBURTON was on station in the Southern Adriatic Sea performing duties as a NATO Warship participating in Operations Maritime Monitor/Guard and Albanian Guard in support of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 713, 757, and 787. USS HALYBURTON was the first U.S. Navy ship to challenge, board, search, and divert merchant vessels in the Adriatic Sea suspected of violating United Nations Security Council Resolutions imposed against the former Yugoslavia and the Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). Working hand in hand with other NATO Allied Naval Units from Greece, Germany, Holland, Italy, Turkey, Spain, and the United Kingdom; HALYBURTON, with her embarked LAMPS helicopters, routinely operated 12-14 miles off the Montenegrin coast and within Albanian territorial waters coming as close as 1-2 miles from land. In addition to her port visit in Naples, HALYBURTON visited Catania, Italy from 17 to 21 January while assigned to STANAVFORMED.

After departing the Adriatic Sea and detaching from STANAVFORMED on 22 January 1993, HALYBURTON transited to the south of France for port visits in Saint Raphael and Toulon. HALYBURTON then returned to the Central Mediterranean Sea for operations in the undersea research project Magellan Phase I involving surface, sub-surface, and USNS research vessels. After completing Magellan Phase I on 15 February and a short port visit in Souda Bay, Crete from 19 to 22 February with a follow on maintenance availability in Augusta Bay, Italy from 24 February to 7 March; HALYBURTON proceeded to Izmir, Turkey for a four day stop on 10 March to make preparations to participate in exercise DISTANT THUNDER 93 and SHAREM 103. DISTANT THUNDER was a NATO exercise consisting of joint/combined operations of air, land, and sea forces in a simulated combat environment in the Aegean Sea and Eastern Mediterranean. Completing DISTANT THUNDER on 19 March, HALYBURTON headed west for the last port visit in Cartagena, Spain prior to out-chopping the Mediterranean theater on 28 March enroute for Charleston, South Carolina.

While deployed to the Mediterranean Sea, HALYBURTON logged in excess of 32,000 miles spending 127 days at sea and 56 days in port. Her embarked LAMPS helicopters, often operating around the clock, logged more than 250 take-offs and landings with over 600 hours of accident free flight operations involving ASUW, ASW, MEDEVAC, and MIF support.

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Participating in community relations projects, HALYBURTON refurbished an orphanage in Trieste, Italy and USO's in Naples, Italy and Toulon, France. Additionally, the ship conducted a day cruise in the south of France from Saint Raphael to Toulon, hosting over 30 French nationals onboard for underway tours and a reception.

HALYBURTON, returned home to Charleston, South Carolina on the morning of 07 April 1993 after an extremely successful six month Mediterranean Deployment to once again be reunited with family and friends.

After completing a Post-deployment leave and upkeep period, HALYBURTON was underway once again on 14 June, participating in counter-narcotics operations in the South Atlantic and Caribbean Sea. Following operations in support of the war against drugs, HALYBURTON hosted the U.S. Commander, Southern Atlantic Forces, Change of Command on 2 July in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, where Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Admiral Mauz, was guest speaker.

Following a brief period back in homeport, the ship and her crew were again underway performing duties as Guardship for the planned 17 July launching of the Space Shuttle Discovery.

During August, HALYBURTON participated in Armed Forces Appreciation Weekend in Tybee Island, Georgia, conducting guest/dependent cruises enroute, prior to returning to Charleston to begin a lengthy docking maintenance period.

On October 18, 1993, HALYBURTON made the short transit down the Cooper River to Detyens Shipyard where she would conduct a four month DSRA. In addition to all the activity associated with the yard period, the crew was kept busy making preparations for the upcoming change of command. On the morning of December 22, 1993, CDR Robert D. Reilly, USN, relieved CDR Robert F. Brado, USN, as Commanding Officer of USS HALYBURTON.

On December 31, 1993, HALYBURTON was in Detyens Shipyard drydock on Shipyard Creek, Charleston, South Carolina.