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**Encl:** (1) USS HALYBURTON (FFG 40) Command History for Calendar  
Year 1995  
(2) USS HALYBURTON (FFG 40) Welcome Aboard Package

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.

  
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**Copy to:**  
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**USS HALYBURTON (FFG 40)**  
**COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1995**

1. Unit Mission: USS HALYBURTON's mission is to provide multi-role combat support in hostile areas. Its primary mission areas are USW, AW, SUW, and C2W. For USW it is equipped with the SQR-19 TACTAS and SQS-56 sonar. The USW suite also includes the SQQ-89 system which provides a dynamic and advanced capability. For AW and SUW, HALYBURTON uses the MK-92 fire control radar to target air and surface contacts for Standard Missile and MK-75 76mm gun engagements. The ship also carries Harpoon cruise missiles for use against enemy ships and the Vulcan Phalanx Close In Weapons System for anti-ship missile defense. For C2W, HALYBURTON uses the SLQ-32 (V)5 for receiving and jamming electronic emissions.

USS HALYBURTON is home ported at Norfolk Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia. The ship regularly embarks a LAMPS MKIII helicopter detachment from HSL-44, NAS Mayport, Florida.

2. 1995 Significant Chronology:

Jan 1	Continue with Middle East Forces (MEF) 1-95 deployment conducting Maritime Interception Operations (MIO) duties
Jan 8	Arrive Doha, Qatar
Jan 10	Host flight deck reception
Jan 11	Underway from Doha/Enroute Bahrain
Jan 13	Arrive Bahrain
Jan 14	Neon-Spark pre-sail conference
Jan 15	Underway from Bahrain/Begin Neon Spark
Jan 16	Neon Spark Joint Surface Gunnery Exercise
Jan 18	Arrive Bahrain/End Neon Spark/Awards Ceremony with RADM P.W. Parcells, Deputy COMUSNAVCENT
Jan 19	Underway enroute Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates (UAE)
Jan 20	Arrive Jebel Ali/Begin Tender Availability (TAV) with USS CAPE COD
Jan 30	End TAV/Underway from Jebel Ali
Feb 7	Security Stand-down
Feb 14	Arrive Bahrain
Feb 17	Underway from Bahrain/Enroute North Arabian Gulf to resume MIO duties
Feb 21	Safety Stand-down
Mar 2	Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group 1 arrives for 1 day ship visit
Mar 3	Transit Strait of Hormuz
Mar 5	Transit Strait of Hormuz/Arrive Dubai, UAE
Mar 8	Underway from Dubai/United Nations Sanctions Violator Escort Duties
Mar 15	Arrive Bahrain
Mar 18	Underway from Bahrain/Begin homebound transit

Mar 19 Transit Strait of Hormuz  
 Mar 25 Arrive Jeddah, Saudi Arabia for brief stop for fuel (BSF)/Underway in afternoon  
 Mar 27 Anchor Suez Canal anchorage/Prepare for canal transit  
 Mar 28 Transit Suez Canal  
 Mar 29 Arrive Rhodès, Greece  
 Apr 1 Underway from Rhodes/Enroute Barcelona, Spain  
 Apr 5 Arrive Barcelona  
 Apr 7 Underway from Barcelona/Enroute Azores  
 Apr 8 Rendezvous with USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) for trans-Atlantic Transit/Transit Strait of Gibraltar  
 Apr 11 Arrive Azores for BSF/Underway enroute Bermuda in afternoon  
 Apr 17 Arrive Bermuda for BSF/Embark Tigers/Tigresses for cruise to homeport Charleston, South Carolina  
 Apr 20 Arrive Charleston, SC/End MEF 1-95 Deployment  
 May 16 Begin Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV)  
 May 23 NATO Secret Control Inspection  
 May 24 Harpoon Upgrade Installation/Training  
 Jun 1 Fast Cruise  
 Jun 5 COMDESRON FOUR Navigation Check-Ride Inspection (Administrative Portion)/HSL-44 On Load/Embark United States Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment  
 Jun 6 End IMAV/Underway from Charleston enroute Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico/COMDESRON FOUR Navigation Check-Ride Inspection (Navigational Portion)/Recover Magnum 454 helicopter  
 Jun 9 Arrive Naval Station Roosevelt Roads/Maritime War Fighting Exercise (MARWAREX) 3-95 in brief  
 Jun 10 Begin MARWAREX 3-95/Missile Exercise/Detach from MARWAREX 3-95/Enroute Panama Canal  
 Jun 13 Panama Canal Transit  
 Jun 14 Exit Panama Canal/Arrive Naval Station Rodman, Panama for BSF/Underway late afternoon to conduct Counter-Drug Operations in Eastern Pacific  
 Jun 20 Arrive Naval Station Rodman for BSF/Underway in afternoon  
 Jun 25 Arrive Naval Station Rodman for BSF/Underway in afternoon for Panama Canal Transit  
 Jun 26 Exit Panama Canal/Enroute Charleston, SC  
 Jun 30 Arrive Charleston  
 Jul 12 Underway from Charleston/Enroute Naval Weapons Station Charleston/Arrive Weapons Station afternoon/Conduct Weapons Off load/Return to Naval Station Charleston.  
 Jul 14 Underway for Dependent's Day Cruise-Charleston OPAREA/Return Afternoon to Union Street Pier, Downtown Charleston  
 Jul 17 Underway from Union Street Pier/Enroute Norfolk Naval Station, VA for Tiger Cruise and Homeport Shift  
 Jul 19 Arrive new homeport, Norfolk Naval Station/Ships new ISIC is Commander, Destroyer Squadron Two  
 Jul 24 Aviation Pre-Availability Tech Assist Visit

Aug 01 Underway for Senior Officer Shipboard Material  
 Readiness Course(SOSMRC)/Enroute Norfolk OPAREA  
 Aug 02 Conduct TACAN Certification  
 Aug 03 Arrive Norfolk Naval Station  
 Aug 04 SOSMRC debrief/End SOSMRC  
 Aug 07 Engineering Training Group (ETG) Arrives/Conduct  
 Inbrief  
 Aug 08 Underway for ETG Assessment/Enroute Norfolk OPAREA  
 Aug 11 Arrive Norfolk Naval Station/End ETG Assist Visit  
 Aug 15 Underway for Hurricane Felix Storm Evasion  
 Aug 20 Arrive Norfolk Naval Station  
 Aug 28 Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO) Arrives/Begin PCO  
 Turnover  
 Aug 29 Underway for PCO Turnover Ops/HS and HC DLQ Services  
 Aug 30 Arrive Norfolk Naval Station  
 Sep 1 Change of Command Ceremony/CDR W.H. Millward, USN,  
 assumes command of USS HALYBURTON/CAPT D.P. Loren, USN,  
 assumes command of Destroyer Squadron Two Eight aboard  
 USS ELROD (FFG 55) and HALYBURTON becomes a member of  
 DESRON 28.  
 Sep 4 Commence IMAV  
 Sep 11 COMDESRON 28 luncheon with RADM Amerault (Western  
 Hemisphere Group) aboard HALYBURTON  
 Sep 14 German Deborah visit  
 Sep 15 ASNFM Christie visit with Commanding Officer aboard  
 HALYBURTON/CAPT Weaver, CO Norfolk Naval Station, meets  
 with CDS 28 on HALYBURTON.  
 Sep 19 Successfully completed TYCOMMEX/Host USS KAUFFMAN  
 homecoming  
 Sep 25 End of IMAV  
 Sep 29 HSL 44 onload  
 Oct 2 Underway for NATO Ministerial Demonstration  
 Oct 6 In port Nauticus  
 Oct 8 Underway for Joint Maritime Course/BSF Bermuda  
 Oct 9 Awards ceremony  
 Oct 10 In port Bermuda for BSF/Underway for Madeira for  
 BSF/Three burials at Sea  
 Oct 16 In port Madeira for BSF/Underway for Rosyth port visit  
 Oct 20 Transit the Strait of Dover  
 Oct 21 In port Rosyth, Scotland  
 Oct 23 Main brief for Joint Maritime Course at RAF Turnhouse  
 Oct 24 Underway for work-up phase of Joint Maritime Course  
 Oct 26 Transit the Pentland Firth  
 Oct 28 Commence combat phase of Joint Maritime Course  
 Nov 2 Joint Maritime Course ends  
 Nov 3 In port Blyth, England  
 Nov 5 HALYBURTON hosts reception for Mayor of Blyth and  
 member of Parliament  
 Nov 6 Main debrief for Joint Maritime Course at RAF  
 Turnhouse/HALYBURTON recognized for its outstanding job  
 Nov 7 Underway for Azores BSF and transit back to Norfolk  
 Nov 9 PASSEX with French Naval Aviation units

Nov 11 In port Azores for BSF/Underway for Bermuda BSF  
 Nov 17 CNO directed Good Order and Discipline Standdown  
 Nov 18 In port Bermuda/Embark three Tigers  
 Nov 19 Underway for Norfolk  
 Nov 20 Awards ceremony  
 Nov 21 In port Norfolk  
 Nov 22 Main brief for JTFEX 96-1/Commence mini-IMAV  
 Nov 30 End mini-IMAV/TRICARE brief for members of DESRON 28  
 Dec 1 Underway for JTFEX 96-1  
 Dec 4 Begin work-up phase of JTFEX 96-1  
 Dec 11 Begin hot phase of JTFEX 96-1  
 Dec 12 HALYBURTON on station for contingency purposes to  
 assist USS GUAM with engineering casualty  
 Dec 15 SWO/ESWS pinning of 11 new Surface Warriors  
 Dec 16 In port Norfolk/OPERATION DECORAMA Lighting Ceremony  
 Dec 18 Commence holiday leave and up keep period  
 Dec 20 Children's Christmas Party at Little Creek Amphibious  
 Base

### 3. JANUARY 1995:

The month of January and HALYBURTON'S new year of operations began with a continuation of Maritime Interception Operations (MIO) duties from the previous year. HALYBURTON was in the third month of the sixth month Middle East Force (MEF) 1-95 deployment and the high operational tempo continued. The ship arrived in Doha, Qatar for a port visit to host a flight deck reception which Qatari Naval personnel, local officials, and ambassadors from various countries attended. After three days in port, HALYBURTON got underway for Bahrain, the port that had come to be its "homeport away from home." The purpose of the visit was to attend briefings on the upcoming multi-national exercise, NEON SPARK. This was a joint war fighting exercise involving naval units from Bahrain, the United Kingdom, and the United States. HALYBURTON, as well as other participating naval vessels, left Bahrain on the 15th of January to conduct the three day exercise involving a personnel exchange, gunnery exercises, and other maneuvers. NEON SPARK came to an end on HALYBURTON'S arrival back in port Bahrain. The following day an awards ceremony was held on the flight deck to receive awards from COMUSNAVCENT for HALYBURTON'S December 1994 role in the rescue of nearly 900 survivors from the Achille Lauro disaster at sea. Soon after the ship was underway again, enroute to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates (UAE), for a Tender Availability (TAV) with USS CAPE COD (AD 43). After arriving in Jebel Ali, HALYBURTON remained until 30 January in port with the TAV.

### FEBRUARY 1995:

The ship spent most of the month of February at sea with the exception of a three day period, the 14th through the 17th, in

port Bahrain. The ship used the time at sea to conduct both a safety and security stand-down. HALYBURTON spent the latter part of the month in the North Arabian Gulf with MIO duties, the brunt of the ship's responsibility while in the area.

#### MARCH 1995:

The month of March began with a visit by Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group ONE. Rear Admiral Bordy toured the ship and gave an inspirational speech to the crew. On the 18th, HALYBURTON left Bahrain for her transit home to Charleston, South Carolina. HALYBURTON transitted the Strait of Hormuz one more time and arrived in Jeddah, Saudia Arabia, on the 25th for a Brief Stop for Fuel (BSF). The ship departed that same afternoon and then anchored two days later at the entrance to the Suez Canal. HALYBURTON transitted the Suez Canal northbound on the 28th of March and arrived in Rhodes, Greece on the 29th for a three day port visit.

#### APRIL 1995:

HALYBURTON got underway on 01 April for the ship's next stop on the homebound transit, Barcelona, Spain. The ship arrived in port on the 5th for a two day visit there and then was underway again on the 7th. HALYBURTON rendezvoused with USS GETTYSBURG on the 8th for transit through the Strait of Gibraltar and on across the Atlantic Ocean. After a Brief Stop for Fuel on the 11th of April in the Azores, the ships continued onward to Bermuda where they again stopped for fuel. Fuel was not the only reason for the stop, as both ships embarked Tigers/Tigresses for a cruise to their respective homeports. Both ships left later that afternoon and HALYBURTON arrived pierside in Charleston on 20 April to end the Middle East Forces 1-95 deployment. The ship remained in port the rest of the month with post-deployment maintenance.

#### MAY 1995:

The early part of the month was spent with ship upkeep. On 16 May an Intermediate Maintenance Activity began. In the latter part of the month HALYBURTON passed its annual NATO Secret Control Inspection with zero discrepancies. A Harpoon Upgrade Installation was also accomplished.

#### JUNE 1995:

June began with a Fast Cruise in preparation for upcoming Counter-Drug Operations. On the 5th, HSL-44 Detachment 8 on-loaded their gear and the next day HALYBURTON got underway for a 24 day underway period. On the outbound Sea and Anchor Detail COMDESRON FOUR conducted an annual Navigational Check-Ride Inspection, the administrative portion of which was held the day prior. The afternoon of the 6th was spent recovering Magnum 454,

the ship's embarked helicopter, for the underway period. HALYBURTON arrived at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads on the 9th for briefings of the Maritime War-fighting Exercise (MARWAREX) and Missile Exercise to occur the next day. On 13 June HALYBURTON transitted the Panama Canal enroute to the ship's area of operation in the Eastern Pacific while conducting counter-drug operations. After 16 days of operation and brief stops for fuel at Rodman Naval Station, Panama, on the 20th and 25th, the ship again transitted the Panama Canal. The ship continued the transit home uninterrupted and was pierside in Charleston on the morning of the 30th.

#### JULY 1995:

The month of July was a busy month for HALYBURTON. The focus of the work was the many preparations that had to be made for the upcoming homeport shift. After a one day weapons off-load transit to the Naval Weapons Station and back, the ship prepared for a Dependent's Day Cruise. Friends and relatives of the ship's crew embarked for the day as HALYBURTON was underway from Charleston Naval Station for the last time as her homeport. The ship arrived later that afternoon at Union Street Pier for a three day visit. On the 17th HALYBURTON headed north for the ship's new homeport at Norfolk Naval Station in Virginia. The ship arrived in the new homeport on the 19th and rounded out the busy month with an Aviation Pre-Availability Technical Assist visit.

#### AUGUST 1995:

HALYBURTON spent the first week of August underway with future Commanding Officers embarked for the Senior Officer Shipboard Material Readiness Course (SOSMRC). After a brief weekend in port HALYBURTON was again underway this time for an Engineering Training Group (ETG) assist visit. The visit concluded on Friday the 11th. On the 15th the ship got underway on short notice to evade the oncoming hurricane Felix. HALYBURTON along with all other ships capable of getting underway departed Norfolk Naval Station to avoid the possibility of being in port when the hurricane came ashore. After six days of rough weather at sea HALYBURTON arrived back in Norfolk Naval Station and proceeded with the planning of the next event on HALYBURTON's calendar, the change of command ceremony. The rest of the month was spent making preparations which would culminate with a ceremony on 01 September.

#### SEPTEMBER 1995:

On the first of the month, CDR William H. Millward, USN, relieved CDR Robert D. Reilly Jr., USN, of command. On the same day, CAPT D.P. Loren, USN, assumed command of Destroyer Squadron Two Eight aboard USS ELROD (FFG 55), and HALYBURTON became a

member of DESRON 28. On the fourth of September HALYBURTON began an intensive three-week IMAV. During this time, much equipment and numerous other items on board were repaired, upgraded, and made ready for HALYBURTON's upcoming underway periods. On the 19th of September, HALYBURTON had its annual TYCOMMEX which was observed by COMPHIBRON FIVE. The ship achieved an outstanding score of 96 on the complex communications exercise. The month of September ended with the conclusion of the IMAV on the 25th.

#### OCTOBER 1995:

HALYBURTON spent almost the entire month of October underway. On the 2nd, HALYBURTON got underway for the NATO Ministerial Program. The purpose of the NATO Ministerial Program was to demonstrate the Naval capabilities and teamwork of three United States ships, one Royal Navy Frigate, and one Canadian Frigate to NATO Ministers of Defense who were convening in Williamsburg, Virginia. Operating with HALYBURTON were USS ENTERPRISE, USS MOUNT WHITNEY, the Canadian frigate HMCS MONTREAL, and the British Frigate HMS MONTROSE. During the week the three frigates operated together to sharpen their skills in fleet maneuvering and combat readiness. The week culminated on 6 October with the five ships joining together to perform maneuvers. USS ENTERPRISE along with Carrier Air Wing Seventeen ended the performance with an extensive air power show for the visiting VIP's. At the conclusion, HALYBURTON, MONTROSE, and MONTREAL proceeded to downtown Norfolk where they moored alongside Nauticus where COMDESRON 28 hosted a party on HALYBURTON's bridge for the officers of the three ships. The party concluded with a moving colors ceremony honoring all three countries present. For HALYBURTON's excellent effort and job well-done, HALYBURTON received several Bravo Zulus. This included a "BZ" from COMDESRON 28, COMSECONDFLT, CINCLANTFLT, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of Defense.

Sunday morning, 08 October, HALYBURTON sailed for the Joint Maritime Course (JMC) in the United Kingdom. The JMC was a comprehensive at-sea exercise with the purpose of providing joint procedural training in a multi-threat environment. This was accomplished by exercising units in the traditional warfare areas using standard NATO procedures. The course is administered three times a year by the Joint Royal Navy/Royal Air Force Maritime Operational Training Staff. This year, participants included nineteen surface ships, seven submarines, and ninety aircraft from eleven nations. The course begins with a series of formal briefings ashore, followed by a five day underway work-up phase. This is followed by a five day combat phase in which all warfare areas are thoroughly exercised with continuous air, surface, and sub-surface threats. In addition to the constant threats HALYBURTON encountered, the ship was also tasked with being the ASWC during portions of the work-up and combat phases. During, and at the conclusion of the JMC, HALYBURTON received "BZ's" from its operational commander, CTG 605.1, for the ship's superb



performance throughout the course. On its way over to the JMC, the ship stopped to refuel in Bermuda and Madeira. HALYBURTON's final stop before commencing the JMC was in Rosyth, Scotland where the crew enjoyed three days of liberty and received important pre-exercise briefings.

The 24th of October marked the beginning of the work-up phase of the JMC. During this period, HALYBURTON was involved in many SUW, USW, and AW warfare scenarios. On the 28th, the combat phase of the JMC began, and HALYBURTON was "at war."

#### NOVEMBER 1995:

On the 2nd of November, the underway portion of the JMC concluded and HALYBURTON made its way down the eastern coast of Scotland to Blyth, England. Here, HALYBURTON's crew enjoyed four wonderful days of liberty and was honored to be invited to a party for the ship hosted by the Mayor of Blyth. On the 7th of November, the ship set sail for Norfolk. HALYBURTON stopped to refuel in the Azores and again in Bermuda where three Tigers were embarked on the 18th of November. The Tigers would accompany HALYBURTON on its final two-day transit back to Norfolk. On the 21st of November, HALYBURTON arrived in Norfolk for a well-deserved Thanksgiving holiday for the crew and their families.

#### DECEMBER 1995:

On the first of December, HALYBURTON got underway for JTFEX 96-1. Operating off the coast of North Carolina in the Cherry Point OPAREA, HALYBURTON was tasked to act as one of the "orange" enemy units in preparing the GEORGE WASHINGTON battle group for their upcoming deployment. The two-week exercise was divided up into two parts, the work-up phase and the hot phase. During the work-up phase, HALYBURTON remained hidden among the merchant and fishing vessels and conducted exercises with the French submarine FS Beveziers (S621). In addition to the exercises, HALYBURTON and Beveziers had the opportunity to exchange two crew members for an overnight stay on the ship and submarine. HALYBURTON also took advantage of the time by holding several ship-wide training evolutions during this period.

The hot phase began Saturday, the 9th of December. HALYBURTON remained in its stealth mode in attempting to mix in with the merchant and fishing vessels. Her role here was to protect her coast from enemy blue forces. During this time frame, she encountered several air and surface contacts and tried to destroy them before they detected and destroyed her.

On the 12th of December, HALYBURTON was tasked to go to the aid of USS GUAM, for contingency towing operations. On the 16th of December, HALYBURTON pulled back into Norfolk for the Christmas holiday and began its leave and up keep period on the 18th of December. On the 20th of December, HALYBURTON hosted a Children's Christmas Party for the ship's crew and their families at Little Creek Amphibious Base.