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From: Commanding Officer, USS HAWES (FFG-53)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard,
Washington, DC 20374-0571

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1986 (REPORT OPNAV 5750-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

Encl: (1) HAWES Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(2) DESRON THREE SIX Change of Command Program
(3) Ships picture
(4) Commanding Officer Photo
(5) Commanding Officer Biography
(6) IMAV number 1 Evaluation Report
(7) USS HAWES 141645Z JAN 87
(8) USS HAWES 011940Z OCT 86
(9) Senior Member, CINCLANTFLT Propulsion Examining Board, ltr 3540
dtd 13 May 1986
(10) COMNAVSURFLANT NORFOLK VA 112046Z SEP 86
(11) HAWES Family Grams

1. The following Command History is submitted in accordance with reference (a):

a. Command Composition and Organization.

(1) Mission: HAWES primary missions are AAW, ASUW, and ASW.
(2) Immediate Senior in Command: COMDESRON SIX
(3) Name of Commanding Officer: Thomas F. Madden, Commander, USN.
(4) Homeport: Charleston Naval Station, Charleston South Carolina.
(5) Type and Number of Aircraft: HAWES is assigned a two aircraft detachment of SH-60B Lamps MKIII helicopters, callsigns Magnum 440 and 451. Aircraft and crew form detachment one of Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Light 44.

b. Chronology.

(1) JANUARY:
1-6: Preparations for Post Shakedown Availability (PSA) in Portland, Maine.
6-7: Charleston Naval Weapons Station for weapons offload prior to PSA.
8: Return to Charleston Naval Station.

8-12: Continue preparations for PSA.
13-16: Underway and transit to Portland Maine for PSA.
16Jan-30JUN: Post Shakedown Availability (PSA). (Modifications listed in section c)
31: HAWES crew moves from ship to barge in anticipation of drydocking period and extensive work on ship.
(2) FEBRUARY:
3-22: HAWES in drydock for superstructure cracking modifications, inspection and cleaning.
(3) MARCH:
PSA
(4) APRIL:
19: HAWES crew moves back onboard ship, PSA continues.
(5) MAY:
5-9: Combat Systems Systems Integration Testing (CSSIT). All Combat Systems equipment 100% operational.
12-13: Light Off Exam (LOE) (enclosure (10))
16: Fast cruise.
19-21: Successful sea trials and aviation certification.
31: HAWES departs Portland Maine
(6) JUNE:
1: HAWES receives Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation (explanation para c).
1-2: HAWES arrives NWS Earle New Jersey for weapons onload.
4-5: HAWES inport Norfolk Naval Shipyard for deperming.
5-7: Enroute Charleston Naval Base.
8: Arrive Charleston Naval Base.
9-15: DAMA installation.
18-19: Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE).
19-20: AN/SQQ-28 Engineering change.
23: HSL 44 Det 1 arrives.
24: SMI assist visit.
24-26: Underway for submarine services and Lamps MKIII integration testing.
30Jun-3Jul: Mobile Training Team (MIT).
(7) JULY:
1-2: Underway in support of MIT.
7-11: AN/UYK-7 Update team visit.
11: HAWES hosts COMDESRON THREE SIX Change of Command.
14-15: 3M assist visit
22: Depart for Guantanamo Bay Cuba and Refresher Training.
25: Arrive Guantanamo Bay Cuba.
25Jul-26Aug: Refresher Training.
(8) AUGUST:
26-28: Enroute Roosevelt Roads for missile and torpedo firings.
26-27: OPPE
28: Arrive Roosevelt Roads.
29: Successful Torpedo Firing evaluated as a hit.
30: Successful Missile Firing evaluated as a hit.
30Aug-2Sep: St. Croix for port visit.

(9) SEPTEMBER:

3-6: Transit to Charleston Naval Station.

6: Arrive Charleston Naval Station.

15-26: LMTTU.

15-19: Underwater hull inspection.

16-19: 3M inspection.

22-24: SMI.

22-23: Critical gauge assist visit.

(10) OCTOBER:

1: Underway for burial at sea and return to port same day.

14: Air detachment arrives for CASTEX 1-86.

14: H.B. Sidman, LCDR, USN is relieved by J.D. McHenry, LCDR, USN as HAWES Executive Officer.

15-31: CASTEX 1-86 (explanation para c)

(11) NOVEMBER:

1: HAWES receives excellence awards in ASW, Communications, Damage Control, Electronic Warfare, and Engineering.

4-5: Underway for flight operations.

5: Air department offload.

12Nov-15Dec: IMAV Number 1.

(12) DECEMBER.

16-31: Holiday standown.

19-31: COMDESRON SIX embarked.

c. Narrative.

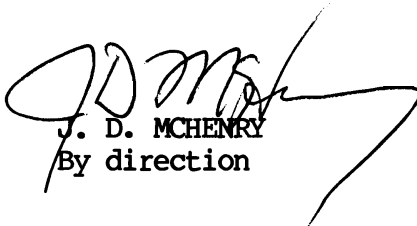
(1) During Post Shakedown Availability HAWES received the following modifications: Super structure cracking modifications, 2500 ton displacement modification, Mark 92 fire control system upgrades, AFFF bilge sprinkler system installation, lube oil strainer modifications, incinerator removal, mulcher installation, and other weight compensation measures.

(2) HAWES received Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation for outstanding participation in Law Enforcement Operations (LEO) in October of 1985.

(3) HAWES participation during CASTEX 1-86 in October consisted of six exercise torpedo firings. Two were on St Croix underwater tracking range and the other four were against target submarines in the Caribbean. In addition, HAWES participated, as photo ship, in a live tomahawk firing, and an ownship missile firing together with numerous other exercises in all warfare areas with outstanding results.

d. Supporting Documents.

Provided for in enclosures (1-11).


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By direction