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From: Commanding Officer, USS HAWES (FFG 53)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard,
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1991 (OPNAV 5750-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

- Encl:
- (1) HAWES Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
 - (2) Commanding Officer's Biography
 - (3) Ship's Picture
 - (4) Commanding Officer's Picture
 - (5) Charleston Post and Courier Picture from January 1991.
 - (6) USS HAWES 100900Z MAR 91, Briefing Material
 - (7) USS HAWES 201250Z APR 91, Mid-deployment News Release
 - (8) USS HAWES 091040Z MAY 91, Post Visit Report for Hurghada, Egypt
 - (9) Commander United States Maritime Interdiction Force 221256Z MAY 91, Proposed Press Release In Connection With 10,000TH boarding
 - (10) Secretary of the Navy Washington DC 071936Z JUN 91, Southwest Asia Service Medal and Service Deployment
 - (11) USS HAWES 140907Z JUN 91, Deployment Press Release
 - (12) USS HAWES 241635Z JUN 91, End of Deployment Press Release
 - (13) USS HAWES 181650Z SEP 91, Miami FL Port Visit Report
 - (14) Commanding Officer, Naval Surface Force Atlantic Readiness Support Group Charleston ltr Ser N45/383 dtd 24 Sep 91, Maintenance Material Management (3-M) Inspection of USS HAWES (FFG 53)
 - (15) Commander, Destroyer Squadron SIX ltr Ser 309 dtd 11 OCT 91, Supply Management Inspection of USS HAWES (FFG 53)

1. (U) The following command history is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

a. (U) Command Composition and Organization

- (1) Mission: USS HAWES' primary missions are AAW, ASUW, and ASW.
- (2) Intermediate Unit Commander: Commander, Destroyer Squadron SIX.

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(3) Commanding Officer: 01 January to 31 July 1991, Robert D. Liggett, Commander, United States Navy, and 31 July to 31 December 1991, Francis D. DeMasi, Commander, United States Navy.

(4) Homeport: Charleston Naval Station, Charleston, South Carolina.

(5) Type and Number of Aircraft Embarked: USS HAWES is assigned one SH-60B LAMPS MK III Helicopter with callsign "Venom". The aircraft, pilots and support personnel are from Detachment Two of Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Light 48 (HSL 48).

b. (C) Chronology

(1) January:

USS HAWES began 1991 in transit for the Persian Gulf as a member of the Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group. The course of the Battle Group took HAWES through the Mediterranean and the Red Seas, and was in support of Operation Desert Shield. The Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group consisted of USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT, USS HAWES, USS RICHMOND K TURNER, USS LEYTE GULF, USS SAN DIEGO, USS CARON, USS PLATTE, USS NITRO AND USS VREELAND. Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO TWO was embarked on USS CARON.

- 1-4: In Transit for the Persian Gulf.
- 5: Participated in Exocet Guided Missile Exercise with the German Navy.
- 8: Transitted the Straits of Gibraltar.
- 10: Towed USS VREELAND into Cagliari, Sardinia.
- 13-14: Transitted Suez Canal.
- 17: Hostilities commence with Iraq. Transitted Strait of Bab-Al-Mendab.
- 22: Escorted USS SAN DIEGO and USS PLATTE through the Strait of Hormuz. Reported for duty to Commander, Task Force ONE FIVE FOUR in the Central Arabian Gulf (Persian Gulf).

(2) February

February saw HAWES conducting operations in the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Storm. Most of the time was spent in international waters off the coast of Iran. Hawes' mission was to provide Anti-Air Warfare and Anti-Surface Warfare protection to Battle Force Zulu main element units operating in the Carrier Operational Area (CVOA).

- 9-13: Tracked and reported Iranian military

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- coastal air activity.
- 14-16: Provided escort services to USS NIAGARA FALLS and USNS PASSUMPSIC during North Arabian Gulf refueling at sea mission.
- 18: USS PRINCETON and USS TRIPOLI strike mines.
- 25: HSL DET TWO transferred to USS NORMANDY.
- 27: Port Call Bahrain. Removed 300 yards of fishing net from screw.
- 28: Cease fire ordered. Mine counter measure operations in North Arabian Gulf commences.

(3) March

HAWES continued her Persian Gulf operations in March. The month started out with HAWES locating and assisting in destruction of several mines and ended with port calls in Bahrain and Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates.

- 1-5: Conducted mine field lead in/out services, bringing ship within 11 nautical miles of Kuwait. Tasked with local Anti-Air Warfare defence of multi-national mine counter measure force.
- 2: Spotted floating mine.
- 3: Escorted Tug "Scorpius" and Tug "Big Orange Seven" from Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates, through the mine swept channel.
- 4: Spotted three moored mines just south of swept channel.
- 5: Escorted amphibious ships carrying 1400 Iraqi prisoners from Faylaka Island.
- 12-16: Port Call Bahrain.
- 23-31: Port Call Jebel Ali.

(4) April

HAWES completed her operation in the Persian Gulf and transitted to the Red Sea to join in the Maritime Interdiction Force Operations. In doing so HAWES transitted the Straits of Hormuz and Bab Al Mandeb. The month of April ended with several boardings of Merchant Vessels to enforce the United Nations Embargo against Iraq.

- 1-6: Port Call Jebel Ali.
- 3: Visited by Vice Admiral Arthur, Commander US Naval Forces Central Command, and Rear Admiral Zlatopper, Commander Carrier Group SEVEN.

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- 6-19: Conducted Carrier Escort Operations.
Transitted Strait of Hormuz.
- 19-24: Transitted to Red Sea with USS VREELAND.
- 24: Transitted Straits of Bab Al Mandeb.
- 28: Arrived on station in the Red Sea for
Maritime Interdiction Force Operations.
Boarded Merchant Vessel "Adyos".
Transferred four Kurdish refugees from USS
LEYTE GULF to USS HAWES.
- 29: Boarded Merchant Vessel "Fengyi" and
Merchant Vessel "Lucy".

(5) May

Maritime Interdiction Force Operations continued in May. Several more vessels were boarded. Steaming time was interrupted by two port calls to Hurghada, Egypt, and Multinational Exercises / Exchanges.

- 1: Transferred four Kurdish refugees from USS
HAWES to USS LEYTE GULF.
- 4-9: Port Call Hurghada, Egypt.
- 19: Boarded Merchant Vessel "Ranger" to complete
the ten thousandth interception action since
the operation began on 12 August 1990.
- 24: Held at sea award ceremony.
- 24-29: Port Call Hurghada, Egypt.

(6) June

June was the end of deployment. HAWES transited the Suez Canal from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea enroute to Charleston, South Carolina. A failure in Gas Turbine Engine Number 1A caused HAWES to make an unscheduled stop in Catania, Sicily to change out the engine. After repairs were made, HAWES returned to sea and arrived home at the end of the month.

- 7: Awarded Southwest Asia Service Medal.
- 12: Transitted Suez Canal.
- 14: Failure of Gas Turbine Engine number 1A.
- 15: Port Call Catania, Sicily for repairs.
- 30: Return to Charleston Naval Station,
Charleston, South Carolina.

(7) July

The month of July was spent in a post deployment stand-down period. The crew received two weeks leave and some deserved

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rest. HAWES also entered an Intermediate Maintenance Availability period to make repairs to systems that were well used on deployment. The end of the month saw the arrival of Commander Francis D. DeMasi, who took command.

- 1: Start Post Deployment Stand-down.
- 1-15: First leave period.
- 9-26: Intermediate Maintenance Availability with Shore Intermediate Maintenance Facility Charleston, South Carolina.
- 15-29: Second leave period.
- 29: End Post Deployment Stand-down. Underway for Perspective Commanding Officer's Cruise.
- 31: Commander Francis D. DeMasi, USN, took command of USS HAWES (FFG 53).

(8) August

HAWES was away from homeport the majority of August. The month began by conducting Midshipmen training exercises and included port calls to Fall River, MA, New York and Miami. HAWES also conducted a tiger cruise during the transit from Fall River to Charleston. Of note during the month, the ship welcomed onboard LT Commander R. A. Bogdanowicz who assumed the duties of Executive Officer.

- 5-6: Underway in the Charleston Navy Operational Area for Midshipmen training with USS BLAKELY, USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON and USS FAHRION.
- 9-12: Port Call Fall River, Massachusetts.
- 13: Refueled at sea with USNS JOSHUA HUMPHRIES.
- 19: LT Commander Robert A. Bogdanowicz, USN, assumed duties as Executive Officer of USS HAWES (FFG 53).
- 22: Buried at sea Evelyn Ruth James Cardani, Chief Petty Officer Yeoman, Retired and Charles Andy Pemberton, Petty Officer First Class Yeoman, Retired.
- 23-26: Port Call Naval Station Staten Island, New York, New York.
- 26: Munitions off load in Naval Weapon Station Earl Colts Neck, Earl, New Jersey.
- 30-31: Port Call Miami, Florida.

(9) September

September saw the completion of a port visit to Miami and

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valuable deck landing qualification support for several helicopter squadrons off of Mayport, Florida, during HAWES' return trip to Charleston. Also during the month, HAWES had a successful Supply Management Inspection and a successful 3-M Inspection. September ended with the start of a Selected Restricted Availability period.

- 1-3: Port Call Miami, Florida.
- 9-12: Maintenance Material Management (3-M) Inspection.
- 17-18: Supply Management Inspection.
- 30: Start Selected Restricted Availability Period.

(10) October

HAWES continued her Selected Restricted Availability period in October.

- 1-31: Selected Restricted Availability Period.

(11) November

As with October, November had HAWES in a Selected Restricted Availability period. Also during the month, Captain J. F. Amerault, Commander, Destroyer Squadron SIX, broke his flag in HAWES.

- 1-30: Flag Ship duties for Captain J. F. Amerault, Commander, Destroyer Squadron SIX.
- 1-30: Selected Restricted Availability Period.

(12) December

The Selected Restricted Availability period continued in December, along with Commander, Destroyer Squadron SIX Flag Ship duties. The month also consisted of a holiday stand-down period and two leave periods.

- 1-31: Flag Ship duties for Captain J. F. Amerault, Commander, Destroyer Squadron SIX.
- 1-31: Selected Restricted Availability Period.
- 13-27: First holiday leave period.
- 27-31: Second holiday leave period.

c. (C) Narrative

During the 1991 calendar year HAWES completed a six-month

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deployment to the Middle East in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Completing over 150 days at sea, HAWES proved her versatility and dependability in many areas. During Operation Desert Storm, HAWES performed escort duties for supply ships and three carrier battle groups. Escort service was also provided to various units transiting the mine danger area of the Northern Arabian Gulf. During several of these transits, HAWES sighted and directly participated in the destruction of four drifting and moored mines. After departing the Persian Gulf in mid-April, HAWES joined the Multi-National Forces that were conducting Maritime Interception Operations in the Red Sea. During 32 days on station, HAWES completed boardings for cargo inspection of 61 merchant ships. One of these boardings marked the 10,000th interception action by United States and Allied forces since the August 1990 sanctions were enacted by the United Nations. HAWES returned home to a hero's welcome at the end of June. She immediately entered a post-deployment stand down and an Intermediate Maintenance Availability. At the end of this period, HAWES welcomed a new commanding officer. The rest of the summer was spent training and making port calls in the United States. Several of the cities that were visited are Fall River, MA; New York; Miami; and Earl, NJ. HAWES then entered a Selected Restricted Availability period. This period lasted the remainder of the year and was interrupted only by the Maintenance Material Management Inspection, the Supply Management Inspection and duty as Commander, Destroyer Squadron SIX flagship. All in all, 1991 was a very exciting and successful year.

d. (C) Supporting Documents: Provided for in enclosures (1-15).



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