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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1993 (OPNAV 5750-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) HAWES Welcome Aboard Pamphlet.  
(2) F. D. DeMasi Biography/Picture.  
(3) R. P. Donahue Biography/Picture.  
(4) Ship's Picture.  
(5) USS HAWES 251820Z MAR 93, HAWES Arrives on station  
(6) Il Piccolo article, "USS HAWES, una sosta fuori dai  
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(7) USS HAWES 191650Z APR 93, Il Piccolo article  
translation.  
(8) USS HAWES 231015Z APR 93, "HAWES receives new  
Commanding Officer".  
(9) Bow Hook article, "R.P. Donahue Takes Command of  
HAWES".  
(10) USS HAWES 241250Z APR 93, Port Visit Report - Trieste,  
Italy.  
(11) USS HAWES 021735Z MAY 93, NAVEUR News Service  
Submissions.  
(12) USS HAWES 161840Z MAY 93, Port Visit Report - Ancona,  
Italy.  
(13) USS HAWES 172000Z MAY 93, HAWES Awards its Own.  
(14) USS HAWES 020800Z JUN 93, Patrol Boat Incident  
Summary.  
(15) USS HAWES 040700Z JUN 93, HAWES Performs Rescue.  
(16) Bow Hook article, "HAWES Helicopter Crew Rescues Two  
Men Off Coast of Former Yugoslavia".  
(17) USS HAWES 091325Z JUN 93, Port Visit Report - Augusta,  
Italy.  
(18) USS HAWES 150200Z JUN 93, COMCARGRU EIGHT Visits  
HAWES.  
(19) USS HAWES 241030Z JUN 93, Port Visit Report - Catania,  
Italy.  
(20) USS HAWES 101730Z JUL 93, Port Visit Report - Souda  
Bay, Greece.  
(21) USS HAWES 211350Z JUL 93, HAWES Conducts Search.  
(22) COMSIXTHFLT 231754Z JUL 93, USS HAWES Bulgaria/Turkey  
Exercise.  
(23) USS HAWES 141230Z AUG 93, Port Visit Report - Malaga,  
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- (24) CTU TWO FOUR PT FOUR PT TWO 171320Z AUG 93, Proposed Homecoming Press Release.
- (25) USS HAWES 181400Z AUG 93, HAWES Deployment Summary.
- (26) Post and Courier article, "Ship Saves 3 on Way Home".
- (27) "North Shore Star"- Staten Island article, "This is it - Your Chance To Visit Frigate at the Homeport".

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 FOUR.

(3) Commanding Officer: 01 January to 23 April 1993, Francis D. DeMasi, Captain, United States Navy, and 23 April to 31 December 1993, Raymond P. Donahue, Commander, United States Navy.

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

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

b. (C) Chronology

(1) January:

USS HAWES began 1993 in a holiday stand-down period. After this was over the ship entered a maintenance period so that final repairs could be made in preparation for HAWES' upcoming Mediterranean Sea deployment.

1-7: Holiday Leave and Upkeep.

18-31: Intermediate Maintenance Availability.

(2) February

February saw HAWES continuing its final preparations for deployment. The last of the deployment prerequisites were met with the qualification of the ship's Combat Systems Department and the ship's participation in the Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group's Fleet Exercise.

3-12: Participate in Fleet Exercise 2-93.

16-18: Conducted Combat Systems Qualification.

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(3) March

In March, HAWES departed Charleston, South Carolina, en route to the Adriatic Sea as part of the Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group. After arrival in the Mediterranean Sea, HAWES relieved USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8) in the NATO Standing Naval Force Mediterranean Sea. The ship then continued on to the Adriatic Sea where it finished the month by boarding and searching 3 motor vessels. The boardings were conducted in order to support United Nations resolutions against the former Yugoslavian republics of Serbia and Montenegro.

- 11: Underway from Charleston for MED 2-93.
- 11-22: Transited to Mediterranean Sea.
- 22: Transited Strait of Gibraltar and entered Mediterranean Sea.
- 24-25: Port Visit in Palma De Mallorca, Spain. Relieved USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8) in NATO Standing Naval Force Mediterranean Sea.
- 25-27: Transited to Adriatic Sea.
- 27: Entered Adriatic Sea.
- 30: Boarded Motor Vessels Hoss M and Spiridom.
- 31: Boarded Motor Vessel Osiris-1.

(4) April

HAWES continued her Adriatic operations in April. The month saw 4 more boardings, flag ship duty, several underway replenishments, and the first escort of a known arms carrier from the Adriatic Sea under U.N. guidelines. Also, HAWES visited the Italian ports of Bari, and Trieste. While in Trieste Commander R. P. Donahue relieved Captain F. D. Demasi as Commanding Officer.

- 2-7: Port Visit in Bari, Italy.
- 9-12: Embarked Commander, NATO Standing Naval Force Mediterranean Sea, Rear Admiral Martinotti, Italian Navy.
- 8: Refueled At Sea with RFA OLWEN (AOA 122).
- 10: Boarded Motor Vessels Nissos Delos and Jane Stowe.
- 11: Refueled At Sea with RFA OLWEN (AOA 122).
- 12: Boarded Motor Vessel Alandia Pride.
- 12-16: Embarked 2 Albanian Naval Officers as observers.
- 16: Refueled At Sea with USNS JOSHUA HUMPHREYS.
- 17-23: Port Visit in Trieste, Italy.
- 23: Commander Raymond P. Donahue, USN, took command of USS HAWES (FFG 53).

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- 23-24: Escorted Motor Vessel Imzhemer Yermoshkn out of Adriatic Sea.
  - 26: Boarded Motor Vessel Tomori.
  - 27: Refueled At Sea with USS MILWAUKEE.
  - 30: Conducted Vertical Replenishment with USS SEATTLE.

(5) May

NATO Standing Naval Force Mediterranean Sea operations continued in May. 1 more vessel was boarded and seized, while another was escorted through Croatian waters to ensure it did not violate the United Nations Resolutions. Steaming time was interrupted by port calls to Bari, and Ancona, Italy.

- 1: Refueled At Sea with USS MILWAUKEE.
- 7: Refueled At Sea with USNS JOSHUA HUMPHREYS.
- 6-7: Boarded and Seized Motor Vessel Quebec. Escorted vessel to Brindisi, Italy and turned over to Italian Authorities.
- 9-16: Port Visit in Ancona, Italy.
- 12-13: Conducted Physical Readiness Test for crew.
- 19: Conducted Connected Replenishment with USNS SATURN.
- 20: Refueled At Sea with ITS STROMBOLI.
- 21-25: Port Visit in Bari, Italy.
- 25: Conducted Vertical Replenishment and Refueled At Sea with USS SEATTLE.
- 27: Escorted Motor Vessel Blue Cloud into Dubrovnik, Croatia.
- 27-29: Maintained watch on Motor Vessel Blue Cloud.
- 29: Escorted Motor Vessel Blue Cloud past Island Mljet, enroute to Split, Croatia.
- 31: Refueled At Sea with ITS STROMBOLI.

(6) June

HAWES continued its sanction enforcement operations in June by boarding 1 more vessel. In the beginning of the month, HAWES' embarked helicopter detachment evacuated 2 wounded fishermen for medical treatment. Also, HAWES visited Augusta, Italy, to conduct mid-deployment repairs. At the end of the month a port visit was paid to the Italian port of Catania, Sicily.

- 2: Evacuated 2 Italian fishermen after their vessel was attacked by Serbian/Montenagria naval vessels.
- 3-9: Port Visit in Augusta, Italy to conduct

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- Intermediate Maintenance Availability along  
side USS SHENANDOAH.
- 11: Refueled At Sea with ITS STROMBOLI.
  - 12: Celebrated Half-Way Day.
  - 14: Hosted visit of Commander, Task Force 60,  
Rear Admiral Johnson.
  - 15: Conducted Connected Replenishment with USNS  
SATURN.
  - 17-24: Port Visit in Catania, Italy.
  - 25: Refueled At Sea with USS SEATTLE
  - 26: Boarded Motor Vessel Sipan and escorted it  
to Dubrovnik, Croatia.

(7) July

The month of July saw an increase in the operational tempo. 21 vessels were boarded this month. At the end of the month NATO Standing Naval Force Mediterranean duties were turned over to USS NICHOLAS. En route to the Black Sea duties, HAWES responded to a man overboard report from an Italian ferry but regrettably did not find the missing man. HAWES then proceeded to the Black Sea where it visited Burgas, Bulgaria. While there, the ship participated in and observed the Bulgarian Exercise "Breeze 93". USS HAWES was the first U.S. ship (representing 6th Fleet) to participate in this trilateral exercise between the U.S., Bulgaria, and Turkey. HAWES hosted the Bulgarian CJCS and CNO as well as an international observer team during the exercise.

- 2: Refueled At Sea with ITS STROMBOLI
- 4: Celebrated American Independence Day with  
crew members from HMS CARDIFF and HS  
KOUNTOURIOTIS.
- 5-10: Port Visit in Souda Bay, Greece.
- 13: Boarded Motor Vessels Strana Sovetov and  
Punta Verde.
- 14: Boarded Motor Vessels Rabunion 16 and  
Slanic.
- 15: Boarded Motor Vessels St Christopher,  
Divemar, Jin An, and Rubino.
- 16: Boarded Motor Vessels Sea Luck, Guapa, and  
Alhajjsaid. Refueled At Sea with USNS  
KANAWA.
- 17: Boarded Motor Vessels Cetina, Preslav, and  
Biograd. Supported SPS BALEARES with forced  
boarding of Motor Vessel Vega.
- 18: Boarded Motor Vessel Sara II.
- 19: Boarded Motor Vessels Chrissie P, Jorund,  
and Gianna.

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- 20: Boarded Motor Vessels Mare Nostrum, Hvar, and Joule. Conducted turn-over of NATO Standing Naval Force Mediterranean Sea duties to USS NICHOLAS. Left Adriatic Sea, returned to U.S. operational control, and Embarked 2 Turkish Midshipmen for training.
- 21: Conducted Search and Rescue for man-overboard from ferry.
- 22: Refueled at Souda Bay, Greece.
- 24: Transited Dardanelles, Sea of Marmara, and Bosphorus Straits. Entered Black Sea.
- 25-31: Port Visit in Burgas, Bulgaria.
- 28-29: Participated in Bulgarian Naval Exercise Breeze 93.

(8) August

HAWES finished up its deployment in August. Port visits were made in Istanbul, Turkey, and Malaga, Spain. The ship then exited the Mediterranean Sea and arrived home in Charleston, South Carolina. En route to Charleston, HAWES rescued three (3) fishermen from their sinking boat approximately 170 nautical miles from Charleston and returned home on 24 August. Once home HAWES entered a stand-down period.

- 1: Port Visit in Burgas, Bulgaria.
- 2: Exited Black Sea and transited Bosphorus Straits.
- 2-6: Port Visit in Istanbul, Turkey.
- 6: Transited Sea of Marmara and Dardanelles.
- 9: Conducted Vertical Replenishment and Refueled At Sea with USNS CONCORD.
- 11-13: Port Visit in Malaga, Spain.
- 14: Exited Mediterranean Sea.
- 17: Refueled At Sea with USNS KANAWA.
- 21: Refueled At Sea with USNS KANAWA.
- 23: Rescued 3 fishermen from sinking boat.
- 24: Arrived in Charleston, South Carolina.
- 24-31: First Post Deployment Stand-Down leave period.

(9) September

September consisted of a post-deployment stand-down period.

- 1-6: First Post Deployment Stand-Down leave period.
- 6-19: Second Post Deployment Stand-Down leave

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period.

(10) October

HAWES visited New York City and conducted a weapons off-load at the Naval Weapons Station in Earle, New Jersey in October. Engineering Training Group visits and a Tiger Cruise for ten dependents were included in this underway period.

- 14-18: Port Visit to New York, New York.
- 18-19: Weapons Offload at Naval Weapons Station, Earle, New Jersey.

(11) November

In November HAWES successfully completed a Logistics Management Assessment. The ship then moved from Naval Station, Charleston to Detyen's Shipyard to conduct a Drydocking Selected Restricted Availability.

- 8-12: Logistics Management Assessment
- 16: Moved to Detyen's Shipyard, Charleston, South Carolina.
- 16-30: Started Drydocking Selected Restricted Availability Period.

(12) December

The Drydocking Selected Restricted Availability period continued in December. The month also consisted of a holiday stand-down period and two leave periods.

- 1-31: Drydocking Selected Restricted Availability Period.
- 18-31: Holiday Leave and Upkeep.

c. (C) Narrative

During the 1993 calendar year HAWES started and completed a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea. Completing over 150 days at sea, HAWES proved her versatility and dependability in many areas. During the deployment, HAWES enforced United Nations resolutions in the Adriatic Sea as part of the NATO Standing Naval Force Mediterranean Sea. In doing so, HAWES challenged 310 vessels, boarded 30 vessels, and seized 1 vessel. After departing the Adriatic Sea at the end of July, HAWES conducted freedom of navigation exercises in the Black Sea and participated in the Bulgarian Exercise "Breeze 93". While on station, HAWES

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traveled over 26,000 miles, had 800 mishap free flight hours including over 1000 landings, completed over 20 underway replenishments, and had 11 different port visits in 5 different countries. Upon return to the United States, HAWES entered a Drydocking Selected Restricted Availability Period at Detyen's Shipyard in Charleston, South Carolina.

d. (C) Supporting Documents: Provided for in enclosures (1-27).



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