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I. Command Composition and Organization:

a. Command Mission Statement.

(1) The mission of HUE CITY is to conduct prompt, sustained combat operations at sea in support of a carrier battle group or amphibious assault group. HUE CITY has been designed to defend against coordinated saturation attacks involving enemy surface ships, submarines, aircraft, and missiles; and engage in offensive actions against the enemy through employment of long range anti-shiping and land attack missiles as well as naval gunfire support for Marines and Soldiers on the beach.

(2) USS HUE CITY is the twentieth of the Ticonderoga Class cruisers. The Aegis Weapons System is a significant advance in fleet air defense, with capability to counter all current and projected threats to the United States Navy's battle force. The Aegis Weapon System can rapidly fire and put in flight, more missiles with greater accuracy than any other combat system.

(3) With the Aegis computer controlled combat system that includes the SPY-1B Radar System, Vertical Launching System, and Light Airborne Multi-Purpose Systems (LAMPS MK III), USS HUE CITY is one of the world's most capable surface combatants.

b. Command Organization Structure:

- (1) ISIC - Commander, Carrier Group Eight
- (2) Commanding Officer - Captain Thomas I. Eubanks, USN (1/93-7/93)  
- Captain Clement H. Ward, USN (7/93-12/93)
- (3) Executive Officer - Lieutenant Commander Eric L. Sweigard, USN
- (4) Navigator - Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (5) Administrative Officer - Lieutenant Junior Grade [REDACTED], USN
- (6) Operations Officer - Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (7) Combat Information Center Officer - Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (8) OI Division - Lieutenant Junior Grade [REDACTED], USN  
- Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (9) Communications Officer - Lieutenant Junior Grade [REDACTED], USN
- (10) Electronic Warfare Officer - Chief Warrant Officer [REDACTED], USN
- (11) First Lieutenant - Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (12) Combat System Officer - Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (13) Fire Control Officer - Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (14) Electronic Maintenance Officer - Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN  
- Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (15) System Test Officer - Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (16) Weapons Control Officer - Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (17) Strike/Missiles Officer - Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (18) Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer - Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (19) Gunnery Officer - Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (20) Chief Engineer - Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED], USN  
- Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (21) Damage Control Assistant - Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (22) Main Propulsion Assistant - Lieutenant [REDACTED], USNR
- (23) Auxiliary Officer - Lieutenant Junior Grade [REDACTED], USN
- (24) Electrical Officer - Chief Warrant Officer [REDACTED], USN
- (25) Supply Officer - Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED], USN
- (26) Disbursing Officer - Lieutenant Junior Grade [REDACTED], USN
- (27) Food Service Officer - Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (28) Chaplain - Lieutenant [REDACTED], USN
- (29) Command Master Chief - QMCM(SW) John A. Davis, USN

Chronological Listing of Major Events

January 1993

1-14 Inport: Mayport, FL  
4-8 PMT  
4 Reenlistment Ceremony for FN [REDACTED]  
5-8 SLAMEX Teleconference  
7 TRBATGRU SLAMEX (TLAM) Strike Basic  
8 Reenlistment Ceremony for SM3 [REDACTED]  
11-14 PARSE  
CSRR Phase I  
ASRR  
BGIT  
12-14 Laundry Assist Team  
12 Fast Cruise  
14 Ammo On Load  
15-27 Underway: FLEETEX/SPMAGTF  
16 TRBATGRU SLAMEX  
21 CPO Exam  
22 PAC Fire/50 Cal GUNEX  
27 Arrive: Norfolk, VA  
28-31 Inport: Norfolk, VA  
29 SMA  
29 Awards Ceremony  
31 Battle OF Hue Memorial Service

February 1993

1 Depart: Norfolk, VA  
2-11 Underway: FLEETEX  
9-12 EMAT  
12 Arrive: Mayport  
Commence IMAV  
Reenlistment Ceremony for HT1 [REDACTED]  
13-21 Inport: Mayport, FL  
22 Underway: Enroute Charleston, SC  
23 Arrive: Charleston, SC  
23-24 Ammo On-Load  
25 Arrive: Mayport, FL  
26-28 Inport: Mayport, FL  
26 Pre-Deployment Brief  
CSRR  
CAT Visit  
Retirement Ceremony CTCR [REDACTED]

March 1993

1-10 Inport: Mayport, FL  
CSRR Phase II  
2 SLAMEX Working Group  
2-5 P and E Shipcheck  
3 Dependents' Cruise  
5 Retirement Ceremony for MACM(SW) [REDACTED]  
11 Deployed MED 2-93  
15 UNREP w/USN MILWAUKEE  
15-21 PUBEX-World Wide OPTASKS  
18 FAS w/USN MILWAUKEE  
EP-3J Training  
OTH-T Exercise  
19 ROE Exercise  
Intel Exercise  
Surface Gunex  
ASUW Trackex  
20 Sonar Trackex  
21 AAWEX

23 Transit Strait of Gibraltar  
Inchop Med  
Awards Ceremony  
25 Transit Strait of Messina  
Turnover  
29 EOD Exercise  
31 PUBEX

April 1993

1-12 Underway: MED 2-93  
6 ASW Exercises  
7 FAS w/USS MILWAUKEE  
8-9 Safety Stand Down  
11 FAS w/USS MILWAUKEE  
12 Arrive: Venice, Italy  
13-18 Inport: Venice, Italy  
19 Depart: Venice, Italy  
OHTT Exercise  
20 Awards Ceremony  
20-21 EW Cross-Ex  
EW PUBEX  
ASMDEX  
22-30 Underway: MED 2-93  
26 FAS w/USS SEATTLE

May 1993

1-14 Underway: MED 2-93  
1 FAS w/USS SEATTLE  
5 NY Times Reporter Visit  
RADM Martinotti Visit  
6 FAS w/USS SEATTLE  
14 Arrive: Augusta Bay  
14-19 Inport: Augusta Bay  
19 Underway: Enroute Corfu, GK  
20 Arrive: Corfu, GK  
21-26 Inport: Corfu, GK  
26-31 Underway: MED 2-93  
26 FAS w/USS SEATTLE  
27 Assume Adriatic CG Duties  
31 Reenlistment Ceremony for IC2 [REDACTED]

June 1993

1-21 Underway: MED 2-93  
1 Reenlistment Ceremony for RM3 [REDACTED]  
Reenlistment Ceremony for EM1 [REDACTED]  
2 UNREP w/ITS STROMBOLI  
4 UNREP w/USNS KANAWA  
7 Reenlistment Ceremony for DC1(SW) [REDACTED]  
7-11 ETG Visit  
12 RAS w/USS SEATTLE  
ASWEX  
15 CCG 8 Visit (RADM Johnson)  
16 Turnover Adriatic CG  
17 UNREP w/USS SEATTLE  
18 CTF 432 Visit  
21 Arrive: Trieste, IT  
21-25 Inport: Trieste, IT  
22 Reenlistment Ceremony for OS2 [REDACTED]  
25-30 Underway: MED 2-93  
26 Assume Adriatic CG Duties  
30 Awards Ceremony

July 1993

1-12 MED 2-93/Adriatic CG  
2 RAS with USNS KANAWA  
Cross Deck w/HMS BROADSWORD  
4 Reenlistment Ceremony for RMC [REDACTED]  
6 FAS w/USNS KANAWHA  
Cross Deck w/HMS BROADSWORD  
Reenlistment Ceremonies for SK1 [REDACTED] & BM2 [REDACTED]  
9 CINCUSNAVEUR (ADM Boorda)/DCI Visit  
Adriatic CG turnover with Richmond K. Turner  
10 VERTREP w/USNS CONCORD  
11 Transit the Strait of Messina  
Reenlistment Ceremonies for SKC [REDACTED] & SK2 [REDACTED]  
12 Transit Strait of Bonafacio  
FAS w/USNS KANAWA  
12-19 Inport: Cannes, FR  
14 Bastille Day  
16 Frocking Ceremony  
17 CAPT Ward reports aboard  
19 Enroute: Theoule, FR  
Guest Cruise (USDAO Paris/AMCONSUL Marseille)  
19-29 Inport: Theoule, FR  
26 Personnel Inspection/Awards Ceremony  
27 Change of Command  
29 Enroute: La Maddalena, IT  
30-31 Inport: La Maddalena, IT  
COMSUBRON 22 Capt McGahan Visits  
Commence IMAV w/USNS SIMON LAKE

August 1993

1-4 Inport: La Maddalena, IT  
3 CDS-22 Engineering Reps Visit  
CO, USS NORFOLK Visit  
4 Underway: MED 2-93  
5 Transit Strait of Messina  
6 FAS w/USNS SEATTLE  
Resume Adriatic CG/Redcrown  
CDS-22 (CAPT Fidyk) Visit  
Retirement Ceremony for BMC [REDACTED]  
10 Personnel Highline Transfer w/ITS VENETO  
11 GUNEX  
12 RADM Pellegrino (CTG 440.01) Visit  
13 FAS w/USNS SEATTLE  
COMCARGRU 8 & CO of the Marine Special MAGTF Visit  
16 FAS w/USNS SEATTLE  
17 Cross Deck w/USNS T. ROOSEVELT  
Surface Gunex w/ITS DRIADE  
18 RAS w/USNS CONCORD  
19 ASWEX w/USNS NORFOLK  
20 Reenlistment Ceremony for YN1(SW) [REDACTED]  
21 Reenlistment Ceremony for HM3 [REDACTED]  
23 RAS w/USNS BIG HORN  
26 Turnover Adriatic CG/Redcrown w/USNS NORMANDY  
RAS w/USNS BIG HORN  
29 Out Chop MED  
RAS/FAS w/USNS SEATTLE

September 1993

1 Enroute: Mayport, FL  
FAS w/USNS SEATTLE  
2 CINCLANTFLT PEB Arrives

2-5 OPPE  
 5 Anchor Bermuda  
 Embark Tigers  
 RAS w/USSEATLE  
 Reenlistment Ceremony for GSE1 [REDACTED]  
 8 Homecoming from MED 2-93  
 Inport: Mayport, FL  
 14-16 Rooftop (ASW training)  
 16 CPO Initiation  
 17 SLAMEX  
 24 Reenlistment Ceremony for EW2(SW) [REDACTED]  
 27 Reenlistment Ceremony for OSC(SW) [REDACTED]  
 28 Reenlistment Ceremony for BM1 [REDACTED]  
 28-30 Rooftop (ASW training)  
 30 Reenlistment Ceremony for FC3(SW) [REDACTED]

October 1993

5-7 Rooftop (ASW training)  
 7 Reenlistment Ceremony for SK2 [REDACTED]  
 12-24 Pre-SRA IMAV  
 13 HUE CITY Golf Tournament  
 14-24 SLAMEX  
 USAF War College Visit  
 15 Reenlistment Ceremony for BM1(SW) [REDACTED]  
 20 Awards Ceremony  
 21 Fast Cruise  
 25 Enroute: Charleston, SC  
 Burial At Sea  
 Tiger Cruise  
 26 Inport: Charleston, SC  
 26-28 Ammo Offload  
 28 Enroute: Mayport, FL  
 29 Arrive: Mayport, FL  
 Underway: Dependent's Cruise (JAXOA)  
 Arrive: Mayport, FL

November 1993

3 Enroute: Pensacola, FL  
 ETG  
 5 Inport: Pensacola, FL  
 7 Underway: TLAM Exercise  
 9 TLAM Shot (OTL-164Q)  
 Command Assessment Survey  
 10 Arrive: Mayport, FL  
 13 Family and Friends Fall Festival  
 15 NAVALEX Visit (Tempest)  
 Commence SRA  
 17 Reenlistment Ceremony for STG1(SW) [REDACTED]  
 19 Reenlistment Ceremony for GMG2 [REDACTED]  
 29 EOSS Shipcheck  
 Food Service Management Assist

December 1993

1 SRA (Continues)  
 Food Service Management Assist (Continues)  
 EOSS Shipcheck (Continues)  
 7 CNSL N-14 Visit (CDR [REDACTED])  
 ACTEP  
 10 Reenlistment Ceremony for PNSN [REDACTED]  
 Awards Ceremony  
 Christmas Party at Sawgrass  
 13 ETG Visit

14 Reenlistment Ceremony for STG1(SW) [REDACTED]  
Spot Phase II  
AVCERT Assist  
15 Reenlistment Ceremony for QM3 [REDACTED]  
16 Frocking Ceremony  
17 Holiday Leave Commenced (First Period)  
29 Reenlistment Ceremony for SH1 [REDACTED]

## SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE/FLEET EXERCISE

During January and February 1993, USS HUE CITY completed her final training in preparation for her Mediterranean deployment. This was done during Fleet Exercise which was preceded by a test of a new concept designed to give the Carrier Battle Group flexibility to conduct limited ground operations. Under that new organization, called the Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force (SPMAGTF), the battle group commander had about 400 Marines and several CH-53 transport helicopters available to him for conducting limited amphibious raids or to make up security forces. USS HUE CITY's role in the SPMAGTF operational testing was to provide exercise Naval Gunfire Support (NGFS).

When the SPMAGTF testing completed, HUE CITY made a port visit in Norfolk, VA, for pre-deployment meetings with the other battle group commanders. Afterwards, the battle group commenced Fleet Exercise 2-93 as the final preparation for Med 2-93. FleetEx was used to test the battle group's ability to conduct simultaneous warfare in Anti-Air Warfare (AAW), Anti-Surface Warfare (ASUW), Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), and Strike Warfare (STW). Additionally, it was HUE CITY's last opportunity to hone her skills as the Anti-Air Warfare Coordinator (AAWC) prior to deployment.



## MEDITERRANEAN DEPLOYMENT 2-93

On 11 March 1993, USS HUE CITY (CG 66) get underway from Mayport, FL, and commenced Med 2-93. The first few days of the transit were uneventful and were filled with training and getting settled into the underway routine. However, as the battle group moved into the Eastern Atlantic, the ships encountered a storm that lasted for several days. HUE CITY was detached after the first couple of days to proceed southeast with the USS MILWAUKEE who was having difficulty proceeding northeast in the rough seas. After the weather settled, the battle group moved back together and chopped into the Sixth fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR).

On 26 March, an E-2 Hawkeye aircraft off the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT crashed into the Ionian sea shortly after midnight. The USS HUE CITY searched through the night and most of the next day until worsening weather made continued efforts unfeasible. Although pieces of the aircraft were recovered, all five crewmembers were lost.

The next day HUE CITY received an order from CTF-60 to respond to a distress call from the French sailing vessel TAGHEUER. The USS MILWAUKEE (AOR 2) was already on scene and was waiting for HUE CITY to relieve her as Scene of Action Commander. Because the TAGHEUER crew did not wish to abandon the vessel despite the bad weather, MILWAUKEE was detached. HUE CITY remained with the vessel, prepared to evacuate the crew should it become necessary, for 30 hours in the 50 knot winds and 12-15 foot seas. Finally, the Italian tug VINIZIO BARETTA arrived and towed the stricken sailing vessel to Brindisi.

When HUE CITY detached she proceeded north to rejoin the other ships operating in support of Operation Provide Promise. She spent the next three weeks filling the duty as "Shotgun" for the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT and then went to her first port visit, Venice, Italy. The week was spent touring the historic districts, skiing in the Alps, shopping, and enjoying good Italian food.

HUE CITY reported back on station and relieved USS RICHMOND K. TURNER as the Adriatic Cruiser. The Adriatic Cruiser's mission was to identify the numerous aircraft in the area and to sort the unknowns. Additionally, the Adriatic Cruiser provided the very important Data Link Connectivity between CTF-60 and CTF-432 (commander of NATO ships enforcing the sanctions along of the former Yugoslavia). Finally, the role involved monitoring the relief flights for Operation Provide Promise and monitoring the no-fly zone coincident with Operation Deny Flight.

The Adriatic CG's mission was broadened 27 April as HUE CITY began operating in support of Operation Maritime Guard. This was very unique as HUE CITY became the first AEGIS cruiser to come under Tactical Control of a NATO commander. The ship's embarked SH-60 helicopters were used daily to locate and monitor merchant vessels transiting Adriatic Sea. HUE CITY's involvement in these three different operations resulted in fast paced and challenging operations for the CIC watchstanders.

On 14 May, HUE CITY arrived in Augusta Bay for a brief Maintenance period alongside the USS SHENANDOAH. This was unique because both ship's were at anchor side-by-side during the IMAV. HUE CITY went to Corfu, Greece, after the five day maintenance period for a port visit. The crew celebrated the Greek island's Independence Day with the townspeople of Corfu and enjoyed traditional and modern Greek dancers, musicians and a parade with fireworks. Departing Corfu, HUE CITY returned to her station in the Adriatic Sea.

Early June was spent preparing for an Engineering Training Group visit the week of 7 June. The ETG team embarked and provided watchstanders with

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refresher training. RADM Johnson, CTF-60, visited HUE CITY and spoke with the crew prior to the ship checking off station for her second port visit in Italy. Trieste provided crewmembers the opportunity to tour ancient Roman ruins and traditional Italian Cathedrals. Many crewmembers also took the opportunity to tour the nearby countries of Austria and Germany.

After another stint on station in the Adriatic, as well as a visit and awards ceremony held by CINCUSNAVEUR, ADM Boorda, and Mr. James Woolsey, Director of the CIA, HUE CITY proceeded to Southern France. The crew enjoyed nearly three uninterrupted weeks of Riviera sun between the ports of Cannes and Theole sur-Mer. The visits were a tremendous diplomatic successes as crewmembers hosted or participated in numerous activities with the civic, business, and civilian organizations in the area. On 27 July, Captain Clement H. Ward relieved Captain Thomas I. Eubanks of command in a ceremony which was attended by many local residents including several French Veterans of the Indochina War who had fought near the City of Hue. They arrived in uniform and stood proudly in ranks alongside HUE CITY crewmembers.

HUE CITY departed France 29 July and spent the last two days of July in La Maddalena, Italy, where the ship conducted her second deployment IMAV. This IMAV was unique because it the first time a surface ship was tended by the submarine tender USS SIMON LAKE.

The ship got underway 4 August and returned for her final assignment the Adriatic. After a personnel highline transfer with ITS VITTORIO VENETO and a visit by RADM Pellegrino, CTG 440.01, HUE CITY left the Mediterranean on 29 August.

While enroute Mayport, FL, CINCLANTFLT Propulsion Examination Board arrived to conduct the Operational Propulsion Plant Exam. The last operation of the deployment was a Tiger Cruise from Bermuda to Mayport. We arrived in homeport 8 September, 180 days after departing.

#### OPERATIONAL TEST LAUNCH 164Q

On 3 November, HUE CITY got underway enroute Pensacola, FL. The purpose of the visit was for pre fire briefs and planning prior to conducting an Operational Test Launch of a Tomahawk Land Attack Cruise Missile. Although the weapon did not have a warhead, the planning and execution of the test was carried out as a nuclear weapon launch. The launch took place as scheduled at 9 November in the Gulf of Mexico. The "target" was Eglin AFB. The countdown was smooth and the launch was flawless as the Launch Control Operator pressed the fire button.

SELECTIVE RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY 1-93

SRA 1-93 was USS HUE CITY's first major maintenance period. Because the ship was only two years old at the start of SRA 1-93, there were not many major work items in the package. The installed Halon fire-fighting system received a shipalt which enhanced the system by providing new actuation locations. Additionally, the fuel tanks were cleaned and many interior and exterior decks were refurbished which improved the habitability. A significant new communication system was installed which adds EHF capability. HUE CITY is one of the first platforms in the Navy to receive this system.