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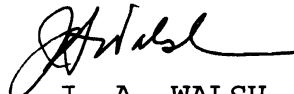
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Ref: (a) COMSUBLANTINST 5400.4L
(b) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Command History for 1994

1. The 1994 Command History for USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) is submitted in accordance with references (a) and (b).


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20 MAY	UNDERWAY, MEDITERRANEAN SEA DEPLOYMENT WITH GEORGE WASHINGTON BATTLE GROUP
27 MAY	VISIT BY RADM KREKICH, COMMANDER GEORGE WASHINGTON BATTLE GROUP
10 JUN - 14 JUN	NATO EXERCISE SWORDFISH
17 JUN - 20 JUN	UPKEEP, LA MADDALENA, ITALY
20 JUN - 07 JUL	OPERATIONS
08 JUL	VISIT BY RADM SANDERS, RN, COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES GIBRALTAR
27 JUL - 04 AUG	CNO OPERATIONS
19 AUG - 16 SEP	OPERATIONS
28 AUG	VISIT BY RADM BOLONGARO, COMMANDER MARINE FORCES WESTERN EUROPE
16 SEP - 24 SEP	UPKEEP, LA MADDALENA, ITALY
29 SEP - 15 OCT	DYNAMIC GUARD, NATO EXERCISE
15 OCT	VISIT BY ADM ANGELI, COMMANDER ALLIED FORCES, SOUTHERN EUROPE
17 OCT - 30 OCT	UPKEEP, LA MADDALENA, ITALY
30 OCT - 14 NOV	BATTLE GROUP ATLANTIC TRANSIT
14 NOV - 17 NOV	OPERATIONAL REACTOR SAFEGUARDS EXAMINATION
17 NOV - 01 DEC	POST DEPLOYMENT STAND DOWN
02 DEC	CHANGE OF COMMAND CDR J. A. WALSH RELIEVED CDR J. J. DONNELLY
03 DEC - 16 DEC	UPKEEP, NORFOLK VA
17 DEC - 03 JAN	HOLIDAY STAND DOWN
b. Port Visits:	
09 FEB - 12 FEB	ROOSEVELT ROADS P.R.
02 JUN - 09 JUN	LISBON, PORTUGAL (600TH BIRTHDAY OF PRINCE HENRY THE NAVIGATOR)
07 JUL - 14 JUL	GIBRALTAR, U.K.
18 JUL - 26 JUL	UPKEEP, LA MADDALENA, ITALY

05 AUG - 10 AUG	SOUDA BAY, CRETE
16 AUG - 19 AUG	TOULON, FRANCE (50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WWII LIBERATION OF SOUTHERN FRANCE)
26 SEP - 29 SEP	TARANTO, ITALY
OCT - OCT	UPKEEP, LA MADDALENA, ITALY

3. Narrative.

The ship spent the majority of the first quarter preparing for the Mediterranean Sea deployment with the GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group. Extensive training during this period included; COMPUDEX, FLEETEX and successful completion of a Tactical Readiness Evaluation.

During the second and third quarters, RICKOVER completed a highly successful Mediterranean Sea Deployment. On May 20, 1994 the ship set sail for the Mediterranean Sea in support the GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group and NATO operations. During the Mediterranean Sea deployment, RICKOVER demonstrated the versatility and superior war fighting capabilities of a 688 class SSN in support of national and battlegroup objectives.

From 24 - 27 July and 02 - 12 August 1994, RICKOVER provided the test platform for a CNO project. From mid August through mid September the ship conducted independent operations in support of national security objectives. During operation DYNAMIC GUARD, a coordinated NATO exercise (29 September - 15 October), RICKOVER operated in a dynamic tactical environment with numerous NATO warships, successfully demonstrating the superb ASW capability of a modern 688 class submarine.

With only two ten day upkeep periods during the entire deployment, this ship met 100% of it's operational commitments. Emergent repairs at sea to vital equipment were necessary on several occasions, and demonstrated the superb technical capabilities of the crew. The ship's crew enjoyed several Mediterranean port visits during the deployment, including "The Rock" of Gibraltar, British Crown Colony (BCC) to the white sands of Souda Bay, Crete. These excursions provided an excellent opportunity for the ship to serve as an ambassador of goodwill for the U.S. Navy. RICKOVER hosted numerous foreign dignitaries and NATO defense personnel during each of these visits.

Upon returning to the United States, RICKOVER successfully completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination given 14-17 November, and then spent the remainder of 1994 in Norfolk, VA.