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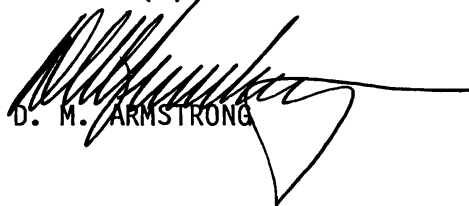
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Encl: (1) USS DE WERT (FFG 45) Command History for Calendar Year 1984.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.


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USS DE WERT (FFG 45) Command History for Calendar Year 1984

1. Narrative:

After Commissioning on 19 November 1983, and subsequent training, the ship completed Crew Certification under the auspices of Commander, Destroyer Squadron Six from 9 through 11 Jan 1984. The ship's first underway period as a commissioned unit commenced on 16 January upon departure from Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine enroute to Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, Virginia, with a brief stop at Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia, where the ship hosted the Portuguese Minister of Defense for a tour on 19 January. DE WERT arrived in her homeport of Charleston, SC, on 23 January, and began preparation for Shakedown Training. During this period the ship was underway from 7-9 February for training with the Gas Turbine Mobile Training Team, embarked Commander, Destroyer Squadron Six from 26 January through 6 February, completed a Training Readiness Evaluation conducted by Fleet and Mine Warfare Training Center, 1-2 February; completed Aviation Readiness Evaluation 13-14 February and completed Departure Material Status Review on 21 February. DE WERT departed Charleston 24 February and arrived Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on 27 February, where she completed three weeks of Shakedown Training conducted by the Fleet Training Group. Departing Cuba on 15 March, DE WERT made a port visit to Port Everglades, Florida 18-22 March, and then sailed to Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center, Andros Island, Bahamas for completion of Weapon Systems Acquisition Trials, 23-25 March, and sailed for Charleston on 31 March, arriving on 2 April at the Naval Weapons Station. The ship embarked Commander, Destroyer Squadron Six from 2 April through 15 April. DE WERT started Combat Systems Ship Qualification Trials on 10 April, a major post-commissioning test and evaluation of all weapons systems. The ship conducted the underway portions of CSSQT in the Charleston and Jacksonville operating areas during 17-19 April, 24-26 April, 1-3 May, and 7-10 May. Included in this period was a port visit to Port Everglades, Florida, 4-6 May. The ship departed Charleston 14 May for the culmination of CSSQT, a missile exercise at Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, conducted 17-22 May. DE WERT successfully shot two missiles in a forty-five minute time period. During this period DE WERT also conducted her first helicopter operations with an H-3 from Fleet Composite Squadron Eight. A second port visit to Nassau was made 23-25 May. During the transit to Charleston from Nassau, the ship conducted her first underway replenishment, receiving fuel from USNS PAWCATUCK. Arrival in Charleston was on 29 May. DE WERT then began preparations for Final Contract Trials. From 29 May until 19 June, the ship remained inport Charleston with the exception of two days spent underway participating in Surface Warfare Training Week with USS BOWEN (FF-1089). DE WERT also completed her first Type Commander's Communications Exercise and Harpoon Certification. The Naval Board of Inspection and Survey, with Admiral J. T. Bulkeley embarked, conducted a Final Contract Trial in DE WERT, in port and at sea, on 18 through 21 June. DE WERT departed Charleston 27 June enroute to Bath, Maine. Along the way she paid port visits to Boston, Massachusetts 30 June - 3 July and New London, Connecticut 4-6 July. Ship's company conducted a "Tiger Cruise" enroute with 20 relatives embarked. The ship arrived in Bath, Maine and commenced Post Shakedown Availability on 8 July. Ship's company moved to shoreside berthing on 13 July. DE WERT entered dry dock 28 July and undocked 25 August. The crew moved back aboard 19 September. DE WERT successfully completed a Light-Off Examination conducted by the Type Commander and NAVSURFLANT Gas Turbine Mobile Training Team (Mayport) on 19 and 20 November. The ship conducted

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sea trials on 5 and 6 December, completed PSA on 12 December, and sailed for Charleston on 12 December. Enroute DE WERT conducted her first operations with a Lamps III helicopter, with a detachment from VX-1, Patuxent River, Maryland, and departed at the deperming facility in Norfolk, VA. DE WERT returned to homeport on 19 December and spent the remainder of the year in a holiday leave and upkeep period.

2. Special Topics:

a. Commanding Officer: Commander Douglas M. Armstrong, USN, 19 November 1983 to present.

b. Major Equipment: During Post Shakedown Availability DE WERT received the balance of the systems and equipment scheduled for the Third Flight Units of the FFG-7 Class. These include:

- (1) Fin stabilization installation
- (2) AN/SQQ-28 Sonar Acoustic Processor
- (3) Recovery Assist, Securing and Traversing System.
(Two installations; one for each helicopter hanger)
- (4) Modified AFFF fire extinguishing system and Halon
- (5) Berthing modifications to increase officer accommodations to a total of 19.
- (6) AN/SQR-4 Antenna System for Helicopter Data Link
- (7) AN/SSQ-88 Communications Quality Monitoring System
- (8) Near Term Improvement Package to MK92 Fire Control System, including Radar Video Processing and Automatic Detector Tracking capabilities.

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