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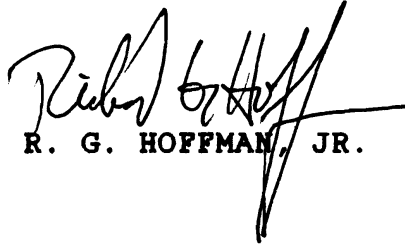
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A. Command composition and organization

Mission: AAW and ASW with secondary mission areas in ASUW, ELW and CCC.

Commander: CDR J. M. Kenny, USN,

Home Port: Charleston, S. C.

Aircraft: Embarked an SH-60B Lamps MK III Helicopter from HSL-46 Det 8 (various tail numbers)

B. (C) Chronology of significant events:

11 JAN - NAVAL STATION VISIT SHIP
21 JAN - FAST CRUISE / CO VISIT CDS 6
22 JAN - U/W ENROUTE NAVAL WEAPONS STATION CHARLESTON FOR AMMUNITION OFFLOAD
23 JAN - AWARDS CEREMONY : MED 2-91
27 JAN - RAVIR VAN
28JAN-11FEB - IMAV WITH SIMA CHARLESTON
04 FEB - OBT INSTALLATION / GALLEY SERVICES CLOSED / CHAFF LOCKER INSTALLATION
10 FEB - MK76 GUN ASSIST / PRT
11FEB-20APR - SELECTED RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY (SRA)
19 FEB - CDS 6 VISIT / JOTS II INSTALLATION
21 FEB - HOST SHIP FOR HMCS MARGAREE
25 FEB - INTEL OVERSIGHT INSPECTION
03 MAR - SELF TRE / SSDF TRAINING SHIP
11 MAR - CO SIMA CHARLESTON VISIT
12 MAR - HAZMAT STANDDOWN AND ANNUAL INVENTORY
16 MAR - CDR KENNY (PCO) ARRIVES
17 MAR - CDR KENNY (PCO) RIDES USS NICHOLAS
23 MAR - SLQ 32 PRE-RAC INSPECTION
24 MAR - SLQ 4 ANTENNA CHANGE OUT
27 MAR - CHANGE OF COMMAND (CDR KENNY RELIEVES CDR MEYERS)
01 - 06 APR - CDS 6 FLAGSHIP
06 APR - EMTT / CNO PROJECT HULL COATING / CMEO ASSESSMENT
13 APR - ILO ONLOAD / BOSS VALIDATION
14 APR - AMMUNITION ONLOAD
15 APR - AVIATION TECH ASSIST VISIT / SPORTS DAY (USS DE WERT)
20 APR - FAST CRUISE
21 APR - U/W JAX OPAREA FOR TYPE COMMANDER'S TRAINING
22 APR - U/W ECONOMY TRIALS / CHAFF FIRING / TORPEX
24 APR - INPORT UPKEEP CHARLESTON
27 APR - SWTW COMPETITION/ CSOSS IMPLEMENTATION / POST SRA IMAV
02 MAY - AVCERT INSPECTION / HARPOON MATERIAL ASSESSMENT CERT / LCDR MCDONALD RELIEVES LCDR ROSE AS XO
11 MAY - JOTS II INSTALLATION / USS DE WERT SMOKE OUT DAY
15 MAY - U/W CHASN OPAREA FOR DOYLE REUNION / DEPENDENTS CRUISE / MOORED CHASN FOR OFFLOAD OF PASSENGERS

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16 - 19 MAY - U/W JAX OPAREA FOR DECK LANDING QUALS (DLQS) / OPPE PREPS
17 MAY - FULL POWER RUN
20 MAY - USS DE WERT GOLF TOURNEY STONO FERRY / ENROUTE CHASN
21 - 25 MAY - INPORT UPKEEP CHARLESTON
26 - 28 MAY - U/W OPPE PREPS
27 MAY - HURRICANE EXERCISE 92
28 MAY - INPORT CHASN MOORED O/B USS HALYBURTON / AMMO ONLOAD NAVAL WEAPON STATION CHASN / DEPENDENTS CRUISE
29 - 01 JUN - UPKEEP CHARLESTON
01 JUN - USS KLAKRING HOMECOMING SPONSOR / OPPE REHEARSAL
01 - 05 JUN - UNDERWATER HULL CLEANING
02 JUN - CIWS / MK 75 PACFIRE
02 - 04 JUN - OPPE REHERSAL / U/W JAX/CHARLESTON OPAREA
05 - 15 JUN - UPKEEP CHARLESTON
08 - 13 JUN - ISA ASSIST VISIT
10 JUN - USS DE WERT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
11 JUN - GALLEY ASSIST VISIT
25 - 26 JUN - RESERVES ONBOARD IDT (RESERVE ACTDUTRA)
16 - 18 JUN - PROPULSION EXAMINING BOARD OPPE
17 - 18 JUN - U/W CHASN OPAREA FOR OPPE
19 JUN - AWARDS CEREMONY / CDS-6 VISIT
20 - 23 JUN - UPKEEP CHARLESTON
24 - 26 JUN - U/W JAX OPAREA FOR DLQS/ ULM 4 RANGE / SSRNM TESTS
29 JUN - SAFETY STANDDOWN
02 JUL - OPPE PREPS AND MAIN SPACE FIRE DRILL
06 - 10 JUL - INSURV
07 JUL - U/W CHASN OPAREA FOR INSURV / FULL POWER RUN
11 - 19 JUL - UPKEEP CHARLESTON
13 JUL - BERTH SHIFT
13 - 15 JUL - AVIATION ONLOAD
16 - 17 JUL - ISA ASSIST VISIT
20 - 24 JUL - LIMITED CSRR
24 JUL - EMBARK HSL 46 DET 2
25 - 30 JUL - U/W ENROUTE CDOPS / WEEK ONE WORK UP
29 JUL - TRANSIT BAHAMA STRAITS
30 JUL - MOORED GUANTANAMO BAY CUBA - BSF /INCHOP CTG 4.1
31JUL-13AUG - U/W/ CD OPS / EMBARK COAST GUARD LEDET
05 AUG - SSRNM TEST
09 AUG - RAS AND VERTREP WITH USS SAVANNAH / RDV MV POOR BOY
11 - 16 AUG - HARPOON TACTICAL QUAL (11-16)
13 AUG - LEDET TRANSFER TO USS DOYLE / OUTCHOP CTG 4.1
14 AUG - TRANSIT OLD BAHAMA CHANNEL
17 AUG - INPORT UPKEEP CHARLESTON / HELO DET OFFLOAD
19 - 21 AUG - HARPOON TACTICAL ASSIST
25 - 30 AUG - U/W ENROUTE AUTEC RANGE BAHAMAS
26 - 27 AUG - ASW EXERCISE WITH USS ARLIEGH BURKE, USS FLYING FISH AND USS ALEXANDRIA
28 AUG - VERTREP EXTORP TO USS ARLIEGH BURKE / ONLOAD IASW RIDERS / SSRNM AT AUTEC RANGE / RDV USS ARLIEGH BURKE
29 - 30 AUG - ASW EXERCISE USS ARLIEGH BURKE

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30 AUG - U/W ENROUTE CHASN / TACTAS OPS
01 SEP - INPORT UPKEEP CHARLESTON
02 - 04 SEP - HARPOON TACTICAL ASSIST VISIT
07 SEP - AMMUNITION TRANSFER
08 SEP - ADMIRAL MCDEVITT (CRUDESGRU TWO) VISITS USS DE WERT
09 - 10 SEP - U/W JAX/CHASN FOR DLQS / RLQS / EMBARK HSL46 DET 8 /
10 - 12 SEP - MTT VISIT / HARPOON TACTICAL ASSIST VISIT
12 SEP - SPACE SHUTTLE OPS/ INPORT UPKEEP CHARLESTON
14 - 16 SEP - ISA INSPECTION (SMI AND 3M INSPECTION)
16 SEP - U/W ENROUTE COUNTER DRUG OPERATIONS
18 - 19 SEP - PQS STANDDOWN
20 SEP - MOORED GITMO FOR REFUELING
21 - 30 SEP - U/W CD OPS / INCHOP CTG 4.1 / LEDET EMBARKED
25 - 05 OCT - COUNTER DRUG OPERATIONS
27 SEP - REFUELING AT SEA (RAS) WITH HMS ORANGELEAF
03 OCT - RAS WITH USS SEATTLE
05 OCT - OUTCHOP CTG 4.1
06 OCT - U/W ENROUTE CHARLESTON
08 OCT - INPORT UPKEEP CHASN / OFFLOAD AIR DET
13 - 16 OCT - CSRR I VISIT / ASRR VISIT / PMT VISIT / SMALL BOAT
ENGINEERING EXPORTABLE TRAINER HOST
13 - 30 OCT - IMAV WITH SIMA CHARLESTON
16 - 23 OCT - CSRR II
24 OCT - NAVAL STATION VISIT SHIP
26 OCT - ENGINEERING TRAINING TEAM (ETG) VISIT
27 - 30 OCT - MEF BOARDING TRAINING / ETG
13NOV-14DEC - U/W ENROUTE COMPTUEX (MED 2-93) NPROA
15 - 22 NOV - ASW PROFICIENCY TEST - ASWPT 2-93
18 NOV - EMBARKED HSL 48 DET 8
23 NOV - TOWEX / VSBB TRAINING WITH USS PETERSON
24 NOV - STANDARD MISSILE FIRING
26 NOV - TOWEX WITH USS HAWES/ VBSS WITH USS PETERSON
28 NOV - SSRNM / NGFS / TORPEX
29 NOV - RAS WITH USS SEATTLE / RDV WITH USS ROOSEVELT
FOR ASWEX AND EOD MINEX
30 NOV - RAS WITH USS ROOSEVELT / STANDARD MISSILE FIRING /
SEAL TEAM TRAINING / DETACH FROM ROOSEVELT BG
01 DEC - RAS WITH USS SEATTLE
01 - 03 DEC - PORT VISIT ST. KITTS
04 DEC - U/W ENROUTE CHARLESTON
03 - 06 DEC - ETG VISIT
05 DEC - RAS WITH USS SEATTLE
08 DEC - THANKSGIVING DAY OBSERVANCE
09 DEC - INPORT UPKEEP CHASN / AIR DET OFFLOAD
10 - 12 DEC - MINI IMAV WITH SIMA CHARLESTON
14 DEC - FROCKING CEREMONY
15 - 17 DEC - PROPULSION EXAMINING BOARD OPPE
16 - 17 DEC - U/W CHARLESTON OPAREA
16 DEC - FULL POWER RUN
17 DEC - INPORT LEAVE AND UPKEEP CHASN
18 DEC - START HOLIDAY LEAVE AND STANDDOWN
21 - 24 DEC - IMAV WITH USS SIERRA

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25 DEC - CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVANCE
28 - 31 DEC - IMAV SIMA CHARLESTON

C. (C) Narrative:

DE WERT began the new year inport Charleston, SC in leave and upkeep. On 11 January the ship was designated as Naval Station visit ship. A fast cruise was conducted on 21 January and later that day the Commanding Officer paid a visit to COMDESRON SIX. On 22 January the ship was underway enroute to the Charleston Naval Weapons Station for an ammunition offload in preparation for Selected Restricted Availability (SRA). On 23 January the ship returned to Charleston Naval Station Pier Zulu and an awards ceremony was held on the flight deck to recognize crewmembers during MEF 2-91 deployment. On the 28th of January DE WERT started a pre SRA IMAV with SIMA Charleston through 11 February. On 29 January a Sailor of the Year board was convened.

On the 4th of February On Board Trainer (OBT) installations began as well as chaff locker installations and the ship's galley was secured for deck covering installation. The semiannual PRT was conducted the week of the 10th and MK 75 Gun Assist Visit began. On 11 February DE WERT's SRA began and was completed on 20 April. COMDESRON six visited the ship on 19 February and JOTS II installation began 23 -31 February. On the 21st of February the Canadian Frigate HMCS Margaree arrived at pier N3A for a port visit. DE WERT was designated as host ship and various sporting and social events were scheduled for the week. On 23 February through the 13 April the ship started a concurrent IMAV with SIMA Charleston and began CART phase two and 2M inspection. A COSMIC/Top Secret inspection and Intel Oversight inspection was conducted on the 25th of February.

On 3 March DE WERT began self Training and Readiness Evaluation (TRE) and Ship's Self Defense Force training. Commanding Officer SIMA Charleston paid a visit on 11 March and on 12 March the ship conducted a Hazardous Material standdown followed by an annual inventory of all Hazmat. On 16th of March Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO), CDR J. M. Kenny reported on board and commenced his turnover. The PCO rode USS Nicholas for a familiarization cruise on 17 March. The SLQ 32 Pre-rac inspection and Underwater Hull cleaning began on 23 March and SLQ 4 antenna installation began on 24 March. The Navy Rights and Responsibility workshop was conducted on 26 March. DE WERT's change of command ceremony was held at Cochrane Hall as CDR J. E. Meyers was relieved by CDR J. M. Kenny as Commanding Officer of USS DE WERT. A Captain's Call was held on the flight deck on 31 March.

DE WERT assumed flagship for COMDESRON SIX 1-6 April. The ship received a type II EMTT Visit 6-10 April and CNO Hull Coating

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Project and CMEO assessment began. On 13 April the ship conducted an Integrated Logistic (ILO) Onload and EOSS validation followed by a shipwide zone inspection. DE WERT got underway enroute to Charleston Naval Weapons Station for a complete ammunition onload and returned to the Naval Station that afternoon. An aviation Technical Assist visit was conducted on 15 April in preparation for the Aviation Certification (AVCERT) and DE WERT Held a ship's sports day at the base recreation field. A fast cruise was conducted on 20 April in preparation for the underway in the Jacksonville, Florida Operations Area (OPAREA) to conduct post SRA sea trails. The ship conducted equipment test including an economy trail, chaff firing, torpedo exercise, general quarters and basic engineering casualty control exercises. The underway period concluded with a burial at sea ceremony and a steel beach picnic to celebrate the first underway period since SRA. On the 24th of April the ship returned to Charleston for an upkeep period. The ship participated in the Surface Warfare Training Week (SWTW) competition and CSOSS implementation and Post SRA IMAV started with SIMA Charleston.

On 2 May DE WERT began her Aviation Certification (AVCERT) inspection, Harpoon Material Assessment and LCDR D. M. McDonald relieved LCDR K. C. Rose as Executive Officer. JOTS II installation 11-15 May and DE WERT great smoke out day. The ship got underway in Charleston OPAREA with former crewmembers of the USS Doyle reunion and treated DE WERT family members to a dependents cruise on 15 May. Later that day, the ship returned to Charleston to off load passengers and got underway for Operational Propulsion Plant Exam (OPPE) preparations and Deck Landing Qualifications (DLQs) with HSL 48 Det 2 on 16-19 May. On 17 May the ship conducted a full power demonstration and on 18 May conducted BECCES, small arms training and a Close in Weapon System (CIWS) pacfire. A main space fire drill was conducted on 19 May and DE WERT returned to Charleston on 20 May with a ship sponsored golf tournament at Stono Ferry later that afternoon. The ship was in upkeep 21-25 May and underway 26-28 May in Charleston OPAREA for OPPE preparations. DE WERT participated in Hurricane Exercise 92 and returned to Naval Weapons Station for an ammunition onload. the ship returned to Charleston Naval base later that afternoon and moored outside USS Halyburton on 28 May.

On 29 May- 1 June the ship was in an upkeep period and on 1 June DE WERT sponsored homecoming for the USS Klakring and began Underwater Hull Cleaning 1-6 June. DE WERT got underway 2-4 June for OPPE preparations and later that day the ship conducted a CIWS and MK 75 gun pacfire. On 5 June the ship returned to Charleston and on 8-13 June the Integrated Supply Assessment (ISA) assist began. The ship refueled on 9 June and DE WERT celebrated her 8th birthday on 10 June. The ship conducted a galley assist visit on

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11 June, Main Space fire drill on 12 June, and BECCES on 13 June. Navy Reserve personnel reported on board 15-26 June for active duty training. All the OPPE preparations came to culminations for Propulsion Examining Board (PEB) OPPE 16-18 June. DE WERT was underway 17-18 June for underway portion of OPPE. An awards ceremony was conducted on the flight deck on 19 June and Commander Destroyer Squadron Six (CDS-6) paid a visit later that same day. On 24-26 June the ship was underway for DLQs and conducted test on the ULM-4 range and SSRNM. A shipwide safety standdown was conducted on 29 June.

On 6-10 July SURFLANT's Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) began their 5 day inspection of the entire ship's material condition. The ship got underway on 7 July for INSURV underway material inspection including a full power demonstration and returned to Charleston later that same day. On 13 July the ship shifted berths in preparation for the aviation onload 13-15 July. On 16-17 July Supply department began the ISA inspection. A limited Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR) was conducted the period of 20-24 July. On 24 July HSL 48 Detachment 2 embarked on DE WERT and the ship got underway on 25 July for Helicopter operations familiarization (Week One Work Ups) enroute to Caribbean Counter Drug Operations (CDOPS) 31 July-13 August. On 29 July the ship transited the Bahama Straits and on 30 July DE WERT moored in Guantanamo Bay (GITMO), Cuba to refuel. On 31 July the ship got underway from GITMO with a Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) and officially in chopped to CTG 4.1.

The beginning of August was spent on CDOPS with an SSRNM test on 5 August and BECCES on 6 August. A refueling at sea (RAS) and vertical replenishment (VERTREP) was conducted on 9 August with the USS Savannah and later that day the ship rendezvoused with the Motor Vessel Poor Boy to assist with diesel maintenance, refuel, and tow the M/V Poor Boy. A harpoon tactical qualification 11-16 August and on 13 August DE WERT transferred the LEDET to the USS Doyle, out chopped from CTG 4.1 and began our transit back to Charleston. On 14 August the ship transited the Old Bahama channel and on 15 August the ship conducted a MK 75 gun pacfire. DE WERT returned to Charleston on 17 August and off loaded the Helo det. The ship refueled on 19 August. The Harpoon tactical assist began on 19-21 August. Again the ship was underway, this time enroute to the Autec range in the Bahamas to conducted ASW exercises and testing (25-30 August). On 26-27 August the ship conducted ASW exercises with the USS Arliegh Burke, USS Flying Fish, and the USS Alexandria. An exercise torpedo was transferred by Helicopter to the USS Arliegh Burke on 28 August and later that day DE WERT on loaded the noise assessment team from the Autec range. That day concluded with a SSRNM run through the Autec range. On 29-30 August DE WERT conducted ASW tactics with the USS Arliegh Burke and

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detached. The ship proceeded towards Charleston conducting Tactical Towed Array Sonar (TACTAS) along the way.

On 1 September the ship arrived at Charleston Naval Station and began a Harpoon tactical assist visit 2-4 August. An ammunition transfer was conducted on 7 September. Stores Onload and JP5 refueling was conducted on the morning of 8 September and Admiral McDevitt, COMCRUDESGRU TWO paid an official visit to DE WERT. 9-10 September the ship was underway in the Charleston/Jacksonville Oparea to conduct DLQs and RAS landing qualifications (RLQS) with HSL 48 Det 8. On 10-12 September, Charleston Engineering Material Training Team (EMTT) conducted a visit of the Engineering department. On 12 September, DE WERT conducted Space Shuttle launch duties off of Cape Canaveral and returned to Charleston that afternoon. The ISA inspection began 14-16 September and the ship refueled on 15 September. The ship got underway on the 16 of September enroute to the Caribbean for CDOPS. A PQS standdown was conducted on 18-19 September to review shipwide personnel qualification. DE WERT arrived in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for a Brief Stop for Fuel (BSF) on 20 September. The ship got underway on the morning of 21 September enroute CDOPS 21 September - 05 October with coast guard law enforcement detachment embarked and inchooped to CTG 4.1. On 27 September DE WERT conducted a RAS with the Canadian ship HMS Orangeleaf and on 29 September the ship conducted an abandon ship drill. The fiscal year was closed out on 30 September.

On 3 October DE WERT conducted a RAS with USS Seattle taking fuel for the return to Charleston. The ship left the Caribbean for and out chopped from CTG 4.1 on 5 October. DE WERT returned to Charleston from a highly successful CDOPS and began her inport upkeep period and Air Detachment offload of HSL 48 Det 8. On 13 - 16 October the ship began Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR I) visit, Auxiliary System Readiness Review (ASRR) visit, Performance Monitoring Team visit (PMT) to test and inspect combat systems and engineering equipment. Additionally the ship hosted the small boat engineering exportable trainer. The ship refueled on 13 October and began an IMAV with SIMA Charleston 13 - 30 October. The second half of CSRR II visit was conducted on 16-23 October. DE WERT participated in SWTW week 26-30 October and was the Naval station visit ship on 24 October. The Charleston Engineering Training Group (ETG) came aboard on 26 October to conduct a visit and DE WERT was underway for Maritime Interception Force boarding training in the JAX/CHASN OPAREA 27-30 October.

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The beginning of November the ship was in an upkeep period in Charleston and on 13 November DE WERT was underway enroute to Commander's Type Exercise (COMPTUEX - MED 2-93) 13 November - 14 December with the ROOSEVELT battle group in the Puerto Rican Operations Area (PROA). On 15 November the ship began the Anti-Submarine Warfare Proficiency Training (ASWPT) 15-22 November enroute to PROA and on 18 November HSL46 DET8 embarked on board. On 23 November the ship conducted a towing exercise (TOWEX) with the USS Peterson and conducted boarding drills (VSBG). The ship participated in a Anti-Aircraft Warfare (AAW) training engagement with a telemetry standard missile on the launcher. On 24 November a Surface Action Group gunnery exercise (SAGUNEX) was conducted on 25 November and another TOWEX with the USS Hawes and a VBSS drill with the USS Peterson. The ship participated in a SAGUNEX and an SSRNM in the Underwater Training (UT) Range in the PROA on 27 November. On the 28 November the ship was involved in another SSRNM followed by a torpedo exercise and conducted a live firing with the 76 mm gun on the Naval Gunfire Fire Support (NGFS) range on the island of Vieques. On the 29th of November the ship conducted a RAS with the USS Seattle and later that afternoon the ship rendezvoused with the USS Roosevelt and conducted EOD Mine Exercise and more ASW exercises. On the morning of 30 November the ship conducted a RAS with the USS Roosevelt and a standard missile exercise. DE WERT detached from the USS Theodore Roosevelt later that evening. The end of November marked the final operational exercises before deploying to the Persian Gulf in 1993.

On 1 December DE WERT conducted a RAS with the USS Seattle and enjoyed a short port visit at St. Kitts island (1-3 December). The Charleston Engineering Training Group (ETG) came aboard on 3 December and the ship was underway enroute to Charleston on 4 December. On 5 December the ship conducted a RAS with the USS Seattle and observed Thanksgiving dinner on 8 December. The ship returned to Charleston on 9 December and began a mini IMAV with SIMA Charleston 10 - 12 December in preparations for OPPE inspection. A frocking ceremony was conducted on the flight deck with the Commanding Officer on 14 December. On 15 -17 December the Propulsion Examining Board conducted a surprise OPPE inspection on DE WERT. The ship was underway on the morning of 15 December and conducted a full power run. The ship returned to Charleston on 17 December and commenced her holiday leave and upkeep period after successfully completing the OPPE. An IMAV period began with the USS Sierra on 21 - 24 December. Christmas was observed on 25 December with a small mass ceremony. On 28-31 the ship was in an IMAV with SIMA Charleston in preparation for the MEF 2-93 deployment. BM1 (SW) [REDACTED] was selected as DE WERT's Sailor of the Year.

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