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Encl: (1) USS DE WERT (FFG 45) Command History for Calendar  
Year 1999  
(2) Unit SITREPS CY99  
(3) Personal For Messages CY99  
(4) Photograph of USS DE WERT  
(5) Photograph, and Bio of Commanding Officer, CDR  
T. K. Shannon, USN  
(6) 3½ inch Floppy Disk

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6)  
is forwarded.



T. K. SHANNON

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1. Command Composition and Organization

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

Commander: 01 Jan 99 - 03 Sep 99: CDR S. D. Grant, USN  
03 Sep 99 - 31 Dec 00: CDR T. K. Shannon, USN

Homeport: Mayport, FL

Aircraft: Embarked one (1) SH-60B LAMPS MK III Helicopter from HSL-42

2. (C) Chronology of significant events:

01JAN-10JAN/ IPT MAYPORT, FL HOL/LV/UPK  
11JAN/ DEPLOY TO SNFL  
11JAN-17JAN/ U/W MISSILEX / XSIT TO SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO  
14JAN/ SM-1 LIVE FIRING VERSUS DRONE  
15JAN/ 76MM/CIWS PACFIRE  
16JAN/ RDVU SNFL SHIPS  
18JAN-20JAN/ PVST SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO  
23JAN-28JAN/ U/W PUERTO RICAN OPERATIONS AREA WORK UPS  
24JAN/ 76MM/50CAL PACFIRE  
25JAN/ DEPLOYED TACTAS  
25JAN/ SM-1/CIWS/76MM/MT22 LIVE FIRE  
25JAN/ UNREP W/ USNS PATUXENT  
26JAN/ REXTORP EXERCISE/ 76MM PACFIRE  
29JAN-01FEB/ PVST FORT DE FRANCE, MARTINIQUE  
02FEB-07FEB/ CD OPS/XSIT TO NORFOLK  
04FEB/ UNREP W/ USNS PATUXENT  
07FEB/ DEPLOYED TACTAS  
08FEB-12FEB/ PVST (SMP & JTF-EX PREPS) NORFOLK, VA  
13FEB-26FEB/ U/W JTF-EX 99-1  
14FEB/ UNREP W/ HNLMS ZUIDERKRUIS  
19FEB/ DEPLOYED TACTASS  
19FEB/ UNREP W/ USNS PATUXENT  
21FEB/ TOWEX W/ USS PETERSON  
24FEB/ UNREP W/ USS ARCTIC  
24FEB/ 50CAL / DECEPTIVE LIGHTING EX  
26FEB/ UNREP W/ USS ARCTIC  
27FEB/ XSIT TO BUZZARD'S BAY, MASSACHUSETTS ANCHORAGE  
28FEB/ ANCHORED BUZZARD'S BAY, MASS  
01MAR-03MAR/ U/W EX W/ CANADIAN TASK GROUP  
02MAR/ UNREP W/ HMCS PRESERVER  
04MAR-08MAR/ PVST - HALIFAX, CANADA  
07MAR/ HOSTED STANAVFORLANT RECEPTION  
09MAR-10MAR/ U/W XSIT TO BALTIMORE, MD  
11MAR/ XSIT CHESEPEAKE-DELAWARE CANAL  
11MAR-15MAR/ PVST BALTIMORE, MD  
16MAR-17MAR/ U/W XSIT HAMILTON, BERMUDA  
17MAR/ 50 CAL PACFIRE  
18MAR-21MAR/ PVST HAMILTON, BERMUDA  
22MAR-02APR/ U/W XSIT TO ATLANTIC OCEAN  
24MAR/ CHAFF EX / 50 CAL/MT21 PACFIRE  
25MAR/ UNREP FGS RHOEN  
26MAR/ 76MM/ HIGHLINE XFER W/ FGS SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN  
27MAR/ UNREP W/ FGS RHOEN  
28MAR/ HOSTED COMSTANAVFORLANT  
28MAR/ M-60 PACFIRE  
29MAR/ 76MM PACFIRE

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29MAR/ UNREP W/ FGS RHOEN  
 01APR/ DECEPTIVE LIGHTING EXERCISE / SURFEX  
 01APR/ UNREP W/ FGS RHOEN  
 03APR-19APR/ MAINTENANCE PERIOD WILHELMSHAVEN, GERMANY  
 16APR/ COMSTANAVFORLANT CHANGE OF COMMAND  
 20APR-27APR/ U/W GERMAN WORK-UPS (SUBS AND FAST PATROL BOATS)  
 20APR/ UNREP W/ FGS RHOEN  
 22APR/ 76MM PACFIRE / UNREP W/ FGS RHOEN  
 23APR/ HOSTED COMSTANAVFORLANT  
 24APR/ UNREP W/ FGS RHOEN  
 28APR-02MAY/ PVST AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS  
 03MAY-06MAY/ U/W FLAG OFFICER SEA TRAINING  
 04MAY/ UNREP W/ FGS RHOEN  
 07MAY-13MAY/ U/W XSIT TO LISBON, PORTUGAL  
 08MAY/ UNREP W/ FGS RHOEN  
 09MAY/ SMALL ARMS PACFIRE  
 10MAY/ 76MM PACFIRE  
 11MAY/ 50 CAL PACFIRE  
 12MAY/ UNREP W/ FGS RHOEN  
 14MAY-23MAY/ MAINTENANCE PERIOD LISBON, PORTUGAL  
 24MAY/ UNREP W/ USNS LARAMIE  
 24MAY-27MAY/ XSIT TO NAPLES, IT  
 28MAY-30MAY/ PVST NAPLES, IT  
 31MAY-21JUN/ U/W ADRIATIC OPS - ALLIED FORCE  
 11JUN/ BSF BRINDISI, IT  
 22JUN/ BSF BARI, IT  
 23JUN-24JUN/ U/W ADRIATIC OPS - ALLIED FORCE  
 25JUN/ PVST PALERMO, SICILY  
 26JUN/ DETACH FROM SNFL  
 26JUN-27JUN/ U/W ENROUTE ROTA, SPAIN  
 28JUN-29JUN/ PVST ROTA, SPAIN / TOVR W/ USS STEPHEN W. GROVES  
 30JUN-09JUL/ U/W RTN TO MAYPORT, FL / XSIT ATLANTIC OCEAN  
 07JUL/ BSF BERMUDA  
 07JUL-09JUL/ TIGER CRUISE  
 10JUL/ DE WERT HOMECOMING  
 10JUL-08AUG/ POST-DEPLOYMENT LV/UPK PERIOD  
 09AUG-15AUG/ IPT MAYPORT, FL  
 16AUG-02SEP/ IMAV 922 / IPT MAYPORT, FL  
 23AUG-27AUG/ UNDERWATER HULL CLEANING  
 03SEP/ U/W PCO OPS / SEA TRIALS  
 03SEP/ CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY  
 03SEP/ ANCHORED ATG #1  
 03SEP/ IPT MAYPORT, FL  
 13SEP/ U/W JAXOA  
 14SEP/ 76MM PACFIRE  
 14SEP/ MT 21 PACFIRE  
 16SEP/ UNREP USNS LARAMIE  
 17SEP/ IPT MAYPORT, FL  
 27SEP-29SEP/ U/W ENR NAVAL WEAPONS STATION YORKTOWN, VA  
 29SEP/ AMMO OFFLOAD YORKTOWN, VA  
 29SEP-30SEP/ U/W ENR GLOUCESTER, MASS  
 01OCT-03OCT/ PVST GLOUCESTER, MASS  
 02OCT/ HOSTED STATE SENATOR TARR, COMMONWEALTH OF MASS  
 04OCT-06OCT/ U/W ENR MAYPORT, FL  
 06OCT/ MEDIVAC FN WITH COAST GUARD CUTTER 47211  
 07OCT-17OCT/ IPT MAYPORT, FL  
 16OCT/ LINE 1 PARTED DUE TO ROUGH WEATHER ASSOCIATED WITH  
 HURRICANE BONNIE  
 18OCT/ U/W TO ATLANTIC DRYDOCK LARGE SHIP PIER  
 18OCT-14DEC/ IPT ATLANTIC DRYDOCK/SRA

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15NOV/	HOSTED COMDESRON FOURTEEN AND HSL 43
15DEC/	U/W ENR MAYPORT, FL
15DEC-16DEC/	IPT MAYPORT, FL
17DEC-18DEC/	U/W JAXOA/READY FOR SEA ASSESSMENT
19DEC-31DEC/	IPT MAYPORT/HOLIDAY LEAVE AND STAND-DOWN

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NARRATIVE:

The first of the year saw DE WERT inport, Mayport, Florida, for holiday, leave, and upkeep. On January 11<sup>th</sup>, DE WERT deployed from Florida to rendezvous with the Standing Naval Forces Atlantic (SNFL). Prior to meeting up with SNFL, DE WERT completed a successful SM-1 missile shoot on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, DE WERT conducted a PACFIRE of the Mk75 76mm main gun and the Mk15 Close-In-Weapons-System. Leaving the Puerto Rican OPAREA, DE WERT then joined the SNFL on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

DE WERT was in the port of San Juan, Puerto Rico for a visit from the 18<sup>th</sup> of January to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. From the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January to the 28<sup>th</sup>, DE WERT executed SNFL work-ups in the Puerto Rican operations area. While there, DE WERT conducted firings of both the 76MM and the 50 caliber batteries on January 24<sup>th</sup> versus air and surface towed targets. On January 25<sup>th</sup>, DE WERT participated in a Missile-Ex versus an Exocet fired by FGS SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN. The Exocet was engaged by 20 rounds from the Mk 75 gun. Bridge-wing witnesses observed pieces of the missile hit the water after direct hits were made. Later that day, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, DE WERT replenished with the USNS PATUXENT. January 26<sup>th</sup> started off with the launch of a remote exercise torpedo and continued on to a 76MM pacfire. DE WERT was in Fort de France, Martinique, from January 29<sup>th</sup> to the first of February.

While transiting to Norfolk from February 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>, DE WERT and SNFL participated in Counter Drug OPS reporting of high-interest vessels. During this period (February 4<sup>th</sup>), DE WERT took part in an Underway Replenishment (UNREP) with the USNS PATUXENT in the Windward Passage. DE WERT also deployed TACTAS in a passive tracking exercise versus a MK39 training target. From the 8<sup>th</sup> of February to the 12<sup>th</sup>, DE WERT visited the port of Norfolk, Virginia, for a Self-Maintenance Period and Joint Tactical Force Exercise preparations. DE WERT and SNFL participated in JTFEX 99-1 from 13 to 26 February. During this time, DE WERT completed an underway replenishment with

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the HNLMS ZUIDERKRUIS on the 14<sup>th</sup>, deployed TACTAS, refueled with USNS PATUXENT on the 19<sup>th</sup>, took part in a towing exercise with the USS PETERSON on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and completed an underway replenishment with USS ARCTIC, a 50 caliber gunfire, and a deceptive lighting on the 24<sup>th</sup>. DE WERT detached from SNFL and departed the Virginia Capes OPAREA enroute to work-ups with the Canadian Navy on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February. On the 28<sup>th</sup>, DE WERT anchored at Buzzard's Bay, Massachusetts for a respite and CO's meetings. March 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, DE WERT was underway for combined ASW exercises with a Canadian task group. During this time, DE WERT completed a refueling at sea with the HMCS PRESERVER. During a port visit from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of March in Halifax, Canada, DE WERT hosted STANAVFORLANT's reception. From the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, DE WERT transited to Baltimore, MD. DE WERT transited the Chesapeake-Delaware Canal on the 11<sup>th</sup>, where she then entered the port of Baltimore, MD, for a visit from March 11th to 15<sup>th</sup>. From the 18th to the 21st, DE WERT stayed in Hamilton, Bermuda. The month closed out with DE WERT transiting across the Atlantic Ocean from March 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. DE WERT completed a chaff exercise and 50 caliber, and MT22 pacfire. DE WERT completed an underway replenishment with the FGS RHOEN on the 25<sup>th</sup>. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, DE WERT fired the 76MM and participated in a highline transfer with the FGS SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN. DE WERT replenished once again from the FGS RHOEN on the 27<sup>th</sup>. DE WERT then hosted COMSTANAVFORLANT on the 28<sup>th</sup> and also conducted an M-60 pacfire. A 76MM pacfire was conducted on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, after which DE WERT participated in an underway replenishment with the FGS RHOEN. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of April a deceptive lighting was set for a surface warfare exercise, which was followed by another underway replenishment with FGS RHOEN. DE WERT then underwent a maintenance period in Wilhelmshaven, Germany from April 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, STANAVFORLANT had a Change of Command ceremony as the German Admiral was relieved by a Canadian Commodore.

DE WERT then proceeded to the Skaggerak for work-ups (diesel subs and

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fast patrol boats) from April 20<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>. A 76 MM firing on a towed target and an underway replenishment were accomplished on the day of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, DE WERT hosted the new COMSTANAVFORLANT. DE WERT underwent replenishment with FGS RHOEN again on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The month ended with a port visit to Amsterdam, Netherlands, from the 28<sup>th</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, where the crew enjoyed Holland's biggest holiday, the Queen's Day celebration. From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, DE WERT and SNFL took part in Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST), a multi-warfare exercise hosted by the Royal Navy. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, DE WERT took on fuel from the FGS RHOEN. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, SNFL departed FOST and transited to Lisbon, Portugal, which lasted to the 13<sup>th</sup>. DE WERT completed a successful underway replenishment with the FGS RHOEN on the 8<sup>th</sup> and a small arms pacfire on the 9<sup>th</sup>. On May 10<sup>th</sup>, a 76MM firing was conducted against both air and surface targets, followed by a 50 caliber pacfire on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Another underway replenishment was conducted with FGS RHOEN on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. SNFL arrived in Lisbon, Portugal, for a maintenance period, which lasted from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, during which time the SNFL schedule was changed to prepare for emergent operations in the Adriatic.

DE WERT's transit to Naples, Italy upon completion of the maintenance work in Lisbon, include a replenishment with the USNS LARAMIE on the 26<sup>th</sup>. DE WERT transited to Naples, Italy, prior to arriving on 28 May. After meetings at COMNAVSOUTH headquarters in Pozzouli, the crew enjoyed a port visit to Naples from 28 to 30 May. The month ended with DE WERT joining the Adriatic Operation Allied Force which lasted to the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. While in the Adriatic, a brief stop for fuel(BSF) was completed on June 11 in Brindisi, Italy. Another BSF took place on June 22 in Bari, Italy. After departing the Adriatic with SNFL, DE WERT then visited the port of Palermo, Sicily on the 25<sup>th</sup>. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, DE WERT detached from Standing Naval Forces Atlantic and transited to Rota, Spain. DE WERT had a short port visit in Rota, Spain from the 28<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> where she turned over SNFL duties to USS STEPHEN W. GROVES. From June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 9<sup>th</sup>, DE WERT transited the Atlantic Ocean for

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her return to Mayport, Florida. A brief fueling stop was conducted in Bermuda on the 7<sup>th</sup>, as well as the embarkation of eleven Tigers. The Tigers rode from Bermuda to Mayport and enjoyed DE WERT's July 10<sup>th</sup> homecoming from her decks.

DE WERT was in post deployment leave and upkeep period from 11 July to the 8 August. From August 16<sup>th</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, DE WERT completed a three week IMAV inport Mayport, Florida. A hull cleaning was completed from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of August.

The Prospective Commanding Officer, CDR Thomas K. Shannon, reported aboard 01 September. Following PCO Operations on 03 September in the Jacksonville OPAREA, he assumed command of DE WERT in a brief ceremony held on the flight deck. Immediately following, the new Commanding Officer had the pleasure of seeing his crew anchor in ATG Anchorage #1 and proceed into port.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of September, DE WERT was once again underway in the Jacksonville operating area. During this underway period, DE WERT conducted 76mm and MT 21 pac-fires. DE WERT also conducted an underway replenishment with the USNS Laramie. DE WERT returned to port on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September.

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, DE WERT left for an ammunition offload in Weapons Station Yorktown, Virginia. After a successful offload on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September, DE WERT continued on to Gloucester, Massachusetts, where she anchored from October 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup>. DE WERT participated in the historic town's annual Seafood Festival. Two of the highlights of the weekend were hosting State Senator Tarr and winning the blind man's dory competition.

On October 6<sup>th</sup> while transiting back to Mayport, a DE WERT sailor was injured and Medivaced off by Coast Guard Cutter 47211. DE WERT returned to homeport on 7 October. Hurricane Bonnie passed through and caused a little excitement on October 16<sup>th</sup>, as it parted line 1.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, DE WERT shifted to Atlantic Drydock's large ship pier and entered her Selected Restricted Availability (SRA). On the 15<sup>th</sup> of

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November, DE WERT hosted COMDESRON Fourteen and HSL 43. DE WERT completed the Ready for Sea Assessment on December 15<sup>th</sup> and returned to Mayport. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, DE WERT was underway in the Jacksonville operating area for its Sea Trials and returned to Mayport on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The remainder of the year was dedicated to the holiday, leave, and stand-down period.

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