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USS SALVOR (ARS-52)
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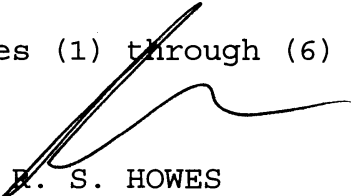
From: Commanding Officer, USS SALVOR (ARS 52)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)

Subj: 1994 COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV REPORT 5750-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Command History
(2) Biography of Commanding Officer
(3) Photograph of Commanding Officer
(4) Photograph of USS SALVOR (ARS 52)
(5) Results of Operational Inspections
(6) Commendatory Correspondence

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted.


R. S. HOWES

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COMMAND HISTORY

1. The Command History for USS SALVOR for 1994 is as follows:

a. Command Composition and Organization

(1) The mission of USS SALVOR is fourfold:

(a) Salvage of Stranded Vessels: SALVOR carries portable cutting and welding equipment, power sources, dewatering salvage pumps. She carries six legs of beach gear which can be rigged to exert over 300 tons of retracting force to the stranded vessel.

(b) Rescue and Assistance: For fighting fires alongside, SALVOR is equipped with two manually operated fire monitors on the signal bridge, and a manual portable monitor on the forecastle. These monitors can be supplied with 1,000 gallons per minute of sea water or fire fighting foam. SALVOR is also designed for open ocean towing. The power from her main engines is sufficient to tow a Nimitz class aircraft carrier at a speed of 3-5 knots.

(c) Recovery of Submerged Objects: SALVOR is equipped with a 7.5 ton capacity boom forward and a 40 ton capacity boom aft. A dynamic 150 ton lift is possible over the main bow or stern rollers using deck machinery and purchase tackle or hydraulic pullers. She can make a dynamic lift of 300 tons using the main bow rollers and stern rollers in unison.

(d) Manned Diving Operations: The MK21 MOD 1 diving system provides SALVOR divers the capacity of air diving to depths of 190 feet. The divers descend to depth on a diving stage lowered by a power davit. There is a hyperbaric chamber on board for diver recompression following a dive or for the treatment of divers suffering from decompression sickness. For shallow inspections, searches, and other tasks which require mobility, there is a full complement of SCUBA equipment on board.

(2) Administrative Chain of Command:

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(3) Internal Command Organization as of 31 December 1994:

Commanding Officer:	LCDR R. S. Howes
Executive Officer:	LT J. A. Romero
Operations Officer:	LTJG [REDACTED]
First Lieutenant:	CWO4 [REDACTED]
Chief Engineer:	CWO4 [REDACTED]
Supply Officer:	LTJG [REDACTED]

Enclosure (1)

Assistant Chief Engineer: LTJG [REDACTED]
Administrative Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]
Diving and Salvage Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]
Senior Enlisted Advisor: BMCS (MDV/SW) [REDACTED]

Enlisted Manpower assigned as of 31 December 1994:

Chiefs: 9 Total Enlisted: 96

(4) Home Port: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

JANUARY

01-09 Holiday Upkeep, Pearl Harbor, HI
10-17 Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
18-25 Enroute San Diego, CA
26-28 Inport San Diego, CA
29-31 Tow: Ex-USS PEORIA (LST 1183)

FEBRUARY

01-09 Tow: Ex-USS PEORIA (LST 1183)
10-21 Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
22-28 Enroute San Diego, CA

MARCH

01 Enroute San Diego, CA
02-04 Inport San Diego, CA
05-15 Tow: Ex-USS TUSCALOOSA (LST 1187)
16-27 Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
28-31 Logistics Management Assessment, Pearl Harbor, HI

APRIL

01-06 Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
07 Enroute Hilo, HI
08-10 Port visit: Hilo, HI for Merrie Monarch Festival
11 Enroute Lahaina, HI
12-14 Divops: Lahaina, HI
15 Enroute Pearl Harbor, HI
15-17 Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
18-30 Intermediate Maintenance Availability, Pearl Harbor, HI

MAY

01-20 Intermediate Maintenance Availability, Pearl Harbor, HI
21-30 Inport Pearl Harbor
31 RIMPAC 94

JUNE

01-19 RIMPAC 94
20-30 Planned Maintenance Availability, Pearl Harbor, HI

JULY

01-31 Planned Maintenance Availability, Pearl Harbor, HI

AUGUST

01-14 Planned Maintenance Availability, Pearl Harbor, HI
15 Sea trials
16-18 Inport Pearl Harbor
19-31 Enroute Acapulco, Mexico

SEPTEMBER

01-04 Inport, Acapulco, Mexico
05-11 Enroute: Rodman, Republic of Panama
12-14 Inport: Rodman, Republic of Panama
15-28 Tow: Ex-USS WOODROW WILSON (SSBN 624)
29-30 Inport San Diego, CA

OCTOBER

01-06 Tow: Ex-USS WOODROW WILSON (SSBN 624)
07 Inport Manchester, WA
08 Enroute Everett, WA
08-12 Inport Everett, WA
13 Enroute Vancouver, BC
14-20 Inport Vancouver, BC
21-23 Enroute Alameda, CA
24-25 Inport Alameda, CA
26-30 Tow: Ex-USS RICHARD B. RUSSELL (SSN 687)

NOVEMBER

01-02 Inport Bremerton, WA
03-04 Enroute Portland, OR
05-09 Inport Portland, OR
10-18 Enroute Pearl Harbor, HI
19-27 Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
28-30 Intermediate Maintenance Availability, Pearl Harbor, HI

DECEMBER

01-04 Intermediate Maintenance Availability, Pearl Harbor, HI
05-09 Salvage Training and Readiness Evaluation, Pearl Harbor, HI
10-15 Intermediate Maintenance Availability, Pearl Harbor, HI
16-31 Holiday Upkeep Pearl Harbor, HI