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IN REPLY REFER TO

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Ser 09BH/SH/9U505895

The Honorable Asa Hutchinson
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
United States Federal Building
35 East Mountain, Room 423
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

This is in reply to your inquiry on behalf of Mr. Warren L. Gardenhire.

Our record of the auxiliary ship GRANVILLE S. HALL (YAG 40) is quite meager. A copy of the only command history written by that ship dealing with the period from 1963 through 1965 is enclosed. This simply lists various operations by name, with the time periods covered by each. Also enclosed is a 1968 letter from this office asking GRANVILLE S. HALL's commanding officer to indicate a source of specific information on her operations, with GRANVILLE S. HALL's reply stating that their missions were conducted for the Deseret Test Center, Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah, and that the reports of the tests were sent to that command and not to the ship. As is often the case with research projects, GRANVILLE S. HALL did not do the testing herself. Rather, she transported Army personnel and equipment from the Deseret Test Center, who did the actual test work.

The Deseret Test Center was an Army command. I am forwarding a copy of your inquiry to the Department of the Army in the hope that they may be able to identify the tests cited in Mr. Gardenhire's service record.

I hope that this will assist Mr. Gardenhire. If I can be of any further assistance please let me know.

Sincerely,

JAMES G. CARLTON
Commander, U.S. Navy
Deputy Director of Naval History

Enclosures

Copy to (w/cy basic ltr):
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Space and Special Weapons Division (DAMO-SSO)
400 Army Pentagon
Washington DC 20310-0400

U. S. S. GRANVILLE S. HALL (YAG-40)
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96601

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Ser 27
28 January 1967

From: Commanding Officer, USS GRANVILLE S. HALL (YAG40)
To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: History of USS GRANVILLE S. HALL (YAG40); submission of

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12 series

Encl: (1) History of USS GRANVILLE S. HALL (YAG40)

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

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HISTORY OF USS GRANVILLE S. HALL (YAG40)

The Liberty Ship S.S. GRANVILLE S. HALL was built for the United States Maritime Commission by J. A. Jones Construction Company Incorporated, Panama City, Florida and placed in service in October 1944. The HALL commenced operations under the administration of the War Shipping Administration, with Coast Wise Lines as General Agent, as a general cargo vessel. On 9 June 1952, HALL arrived at Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet for deactivation. In May 1953 HALL was transferred to the U. S. Navy, designated USS GRANVILLE S. HALL (YAG40) under an Officer-in-Charge and placed in service as a yard craft. After active service until 1957, HALL was deactivated at San Diego Reserve Fleet. HALL was ordered reactivated in May 1962 and commissioned on 20 October 1962 for active service with U. S. Service Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet and homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

HALL was re-commissioned on 20 October 1962 at Triple A Machine Shop, Pier 64, San Francisco, California. LCDR Homer Wendell KEPLER, 323152/1102, U. S. Navy was Commanding Officer until 3 March 1964. LCDR Roger Henry RUHSENBERGER, 568107/1100, U. S. Navy was Commanding Officer until 9 November 1966. LCDR Robert Burns KEISER, 594779/1100, U. S. Navy is the present Commanding Officer.

Principal ship movements and operations:

- 15 November - 24 November 1962 -- Enroute from San Francisco to Pearl Harbor.
- 26 November - 17 December 1962 - Underway training at Pearl Harbor.
- 1 January - 30 March 1963 - Operation "Eager Belle", Phase I and II (U).
- 3 May - 6 June 1963 - Operation "Autumn Gold" (U).
- 5 September - 20 September 1963 - Operation "Star Brite" (U).
- 1 November - 16 November 1963 - Operation "Star Brite" (U).
- 3 January - 18 January 1964 - Operation "Star Brite" (U).
- 18 February - 31 March 1964 - Operation "Flower Drum" (U).
- 4 May - 18 June 1964 - Operation "Red Beva" (U).
- 22 January - 9 April 1965 - Operation "Shady Grove" (U).
- 29 April - 19 June 1965 - Operation "Big Tom" (U).
- 2 August - 27 September 1965 - Operation "Fearless Johnny" (U).
- 30 November - 14 December 1965 - Operation "Star Brite" (U).
- 9 April - 24 April 1966 - Enroute from Pearl Harbor to Seattle.
- 30 April - 2 May 1966 - Enroute from Seattle to Portland, Oregon.

Enclosure (1)

HISTORY OF USS GRANVILLE S. HALL (YAG40) (CONT'D)

2 May - 23 July 1966 - Overhaul and modification Portland, Oregon.

23 July - 2 August 1966 - Enroute Portland to Pearl Harbor.

9 August - 30 September 1966 - Operation "Half Note" (U).

1 December - 18 December 1966 - Operation "Star Brite" (U).

All of the above listed operations, except the uneventful overhaul, were of a classified nature and cannot be enlarged upon without breaking their security requirements.

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Ser 2841P09B9
22 March 1968

From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: Commanding Officer, USS GRANVILLE S. HALL (YAG-40)
Subj: Command History

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12 (Change 1)
(b) CO, GRANVILLE S. HALL ltr ser 73 of 28 May 1967
(c) CO, GRANVILLE S. HALL ltr ser 116 of 5 Mar 1968

1. The nature of operations referred to in references (b) and (c) is understood, but the reports submitted do not provide for the retrieval of this information at a future date. Therefore, it is requested that information be forwarded on the serial, date, and, if possible the location, of the letters or documents that reports the results of special operations.

2. Since the primary aim of a command history is to provide a complete and accurate picture of activity during the previous year, it should include many items which are of a non-operational nature. The directives which omit the requirement for the submission of details on special operations should not be an excuse to omit information, whether classified or unclassified, on other subjects listed in reference (a).

*3/ J. Kent Loomer
by direction*

ORIG: LT HATTENDORF, OP-09B91SH, X-64551, typed J.Ward, 3/22/68
(Revised by Dr. Allard, OP-09B92)

U. S. S. GRANVILLE S. HALL (YAG-40)
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23 APR 1968

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From: Commanding Officer, USS GRANVILLE S. HALL (YAG-40)
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-09B9)

Subj: Command History

Ref: (a) CNO ltr OP-09B9LSH/jw ser 284LP09B9 of 22 Mar 68
(b) Conversation between Mr. Ed Dawson, DTC and Mr. Saari, CNO of
5 Apr 68

1. In reply to reference (a) and after discussions during reference (b),
the following is submitted:

a. The missions and accomplishments of the USS GRANVILLE S. HALL
(YAG-40) are under the security cognizance of the sponsoring agency,
Deseret Test Center, Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah. This command
does not receive the documents or letters that report the results of
these special operations. It is therefore recommended that Deseret Test
Center be contacted for the inputs concerning these operations.

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