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Encl: (1) Command History of USS JOUETT (DLG-29) for Calendar Year
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(2) Documentary Annexes.

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Command History of USS JOUETT (DLG-29)
For Calendar Year 1968

I. Chronology of Highlights

- 16 JAN-18 JUL Deployment to Western Pacific. During three periods on the line as South SAR Station Ship, a total of 98 days were spent in Tonkin Gulf Combat Zone.
- 18 JUL-24 OCT Restricted availability in San Diego while undergoing Standard Missile Installation. Successfully proved out by Navy's first operational Standard Missile firings on 24 OCT.
- 11 OCT Navy Unit Commendation and 76 individual awards presented by Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla Eleven, in ceremony on board, San Diego.
- 23 NOV Dependents Cruise. 450 dependents and guests spend a day at sea.
- 27 NOV Change of Command. Capt. Robert S. Hayes, USN, relieved by Capt. Robert C. Barnhart, Jr., USN, in ceremony on board, San Diego.
- 28 NOV-1 DEC Underway on two hours notice, Thanksgiving Day, to provide Emergency Medical Evacuation of ill crewman on Navy minesweeper ACME, 1000 miles from San Diego. Patient safely delivered Balboa Hospital, San Diego, 1 DEC.
- 4-9 DEC Participated in Commander First Fleet's Strike Exercise 4-68 ("Beef Trust").
- 14-31 DEC Holiday leave period, in port, San Diego.
- 31 DEC Competitive cycle completed. JOUETT awarded Battle Efficiency "E" Award for Destroyer Squadron One, plus all departmental "E" awards.

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(ENCLOSURE 1)

II. BASIC NARRATIVE

JOUETT spent the first two weeks of January completing final preparations for her first Westpac deployment. COMDESRON ONE also completed his administrative Inspection of JOUETT and on 16 January JOUETT cast off her lines from San Diego and headed West to the Pacific and South East Asia. JOUETT stopped at Pearl Harbor on 21 January for CINCPACFLT briefings and liberty. She got underway on 25 January and again in company with USS PREBLE (DLG15) and USS HULL (DD945), JOUETT continued her journey Westward to Vietnam. After a brief 10 hour fueling stop in Guam on 3 February, JOUETT pulled into Subic Bay, P. I., on 7 February for minor maintenance and type training. Underway on 13 February, JOUETT continued Westward and on 15 February she anchored in Danang harbor, South Vietnam. Selected officers and key enlisted men attended briefings on Monkey Mountain by the Air Force, and on 16 February JOUETT left Danang and proceeded north to the Gulf of Tonkin, where she relieved the USS HALSEY (DLG23) as South SAR (Search and Rescue) Station ship on 18 February. Equipped with a UH-2 helicopter, flown and maintained by two officers and eight enlisted men, JOUETT remained on SSAR station until 23 March. JOUETT, with the SAR Commander, COMDESRON ONE embarked, participated in twelve SAR's during this first line period.

JOUETT was relieved as SSAR station ship on 23 March by HALSEY, and after a 12 hour layover in Subic Bay for fuel on 24 March, JOUETT set her course north to Yokosuka Japan. She arrived in Yokosuka on 28 March for a ten day visit. During this brief pause, JOUETTmen conducted a People-to-People community relations project, reconditioning two churches, a parsonage and various church grounds during three days of work.

II. BASIC NARRATIVE (CONT)

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JOUETT left Yokosuka on 7 April and returned to Subic Bay for five days, the 11th through the 15th, for supplies and type training.

Underway on 15 April JOUETT again visited Danang, South Vietnam, for briefings, but was clear of Danang harbor on the night of 16 April and relieved HALSEY as SSAR station ship on 17 April.

The historic Presidential "bombing pause" took place while JOUETT was in Yokosuka and upon returning to SSAR station JOUETT found that the majority of the Air Force and Navy strikes were being conducted in the Vinh area which is adjacent to the SSAR station. Consequently, JOUETT was considerably more active not only as SAR ship but also as Strike Support Ship (SSS). While on station, during this, her second line period, from 17 April to 17 May, the DESRON ONE/JOUETT Team was personally responsible for the rescue of 5 downed aviators:

A. LCDR D. E. HERNANDEZ and LTJG D. J. LORTSCHER, F-4 Phantom, from the USS RANGER (CVA61) on 28 April.

B. LCDR Ejnar S. CHRISTENSEN and LTJG Worth A. KRAMER, F-4 Phantom, from the USS ENTERPRISE (CVA(N)65) on 7 May.

C. LT Dennis A. Lawrence, A-7 Skyhawk, from the USS ENTERPRISE (CVA(N)65) on 8 May.

JOUETT, as Strike Support Ship, assisted the strike pilots from the Yankee station carriers by providing navigational data, target data and warnings of enemy activity. A very effective rapport was established between the strike pilots and JOUETT's strike followers which was further cemented by continual exchange visits.

On 17 May, JOUETT was again relieved by HALSEY as SSAR station ship and again she proceeded to Subic Bay to off-load her UH-2 helicopter and detachment. In and out of Subic Bay on the same day, 18 May,

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JOUETT steamed across the South China Sea to Hong Kong BCC where she visited from 21 to 25 May. Returning to Subic for four days, 28 May to 31 May, to load her helicopter, helo detachment and various other supplies, JOUETT once more headed west to Danang. She anchored in Danang harbor on the morning of 1 June, and after routine briefings, left that same night.

JOUETT relieved HALSEY as SSAR station ship on 3 June and remained on station until 30 June. During her third line period the COMDESRON ONE/JOUETT Team rescued three more downed aviators.

A. LTJG COLLINS, F-4 Phantom radar operator, from the USS AMERICA (CVA66) on 4 June.

B. LCDR John HOLTZCLAW and LCDR John BURNS, F-4 Phantom, from the USS AMERICA (CVA66) on 19 June.

JOUETT also was extremely busy with Strike Support Ship functions, continuously assisting the strike aircraft in their missions.

During this last line period JOUETT conducted seven MIG/CAP controlled intercepts and on 26 June, Richard TANNER, RD1, one of JOUETT's many expert AIC's (Air Intercept Controller) executed an intercept that resulted in the destruction of one MIG-21.

Due to increased MIG activity in the Vinh area, which was detrimental to the Navy bombing strikes, JOUETT was given a special assignment as AAW Picket ship just off the coast at 19N/106E, during the latter two weeks of June. On 17 June JOUETT fired a two missile salvo of Terrier HTR missiles at a flight of two MIG-21 aircraft and again on 22 June JOUETT fired two more salvos of two and one Terrier HTR missiles at a flight of three MIG-21 aircraft. However, JOUETT did not hit any of the enemy aircraft due to extreme range and evasive tactics on the

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part of the enemy.

CINCPACFLT, COMSEVENTHFLT, and COMNAVIV FIVE (CTF 77) visited JOUETT on 20 June for briefings. CINCPACFLT spoke to the assembled men on JOUETT briefly, expressing appreciation for the fine job they were doing on station.

JOUETT was relieved for the third and final time as USAR station ship on 30 June by the USS HORNE (DLG30), she then returned to Subic Bay, arriving on 2 July, where she off-loaded her helicopter detachment and on-loaded supplies and fuel. JOUETT left Subic Bay that same day and turned her bow westward for San Diego. She stopped briefly (six hours) at Guam for fuel on 5 July and then continued her homeward journey. A detour to the equator at the 180th meridian on 9 July provided JOUETT with an opportunity to initiate many new Golden Shellbacks and on 13 July she arrived in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

JOUETT refueled and left Pearl that same day and arrived in her home port of San Diego, California on 18 July.

Upon her return to the United States on 18 July, JOUETT entered a period of Restricted Availability at Pier Two, Naval Station, San Diego. While many of the crew took leave or attended various schools ashore, the ship received the Standard Missile installation. A package of over 30 ORDAITS modernized the ship's Mark 76 Mod 4 Guided Missile Fire Control System and adapted it to employ the Standard Missile. The majority of the ORDAITS affected the AN/SWG-558 Missile Fire Control Radars and the Mark 119 Mod 4 Computers.

Since the ship had the capability to fire only three different types of Terrier Missile, the Conventional BT Terrier Missile capability was sacrificed to make room for the Standard Missile. Thus the ship

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was left with the nuclear, beam-riding Terrier (BTN), the homing retrofit Terrier (HTR), and the Standard Missile. The new Standard Missile is very similar to the HTR Terrier Missile, and shares the same range capabilities and flight characteristics. It incorporates certain design improvements over the HTR, and is expected to have greater reliability and lower cost.

The Standard Missile Installation was temporarily suspended from 19-22 August, when the ship got underway to participate in Southeast Asia Interface Tests.

Upon return to San Diego on 22 August, the Standard Missile Installation was proved out 22-24 October, when JOUETT fired a total of five missiles on the Pacific Missile Range. Of two Standard Missiles expended, one was a success and one was undetermined; two HTR missiles expended were both successes; one BT (N) Exercise missile was a failure.

Riding the ship during the week of the Missile Firings (21-25 October), were three guests of the Secretary of the Navy. JOUETT's objectives in hosting these prominent civilian personnel from the California area were threefold:

- (1) To acquaint them with the Navy and the role of sea power as it relates to national security.
- (2) To promote an understanding of the Navy, its relations with other services, overall capabilities, striking power and flexibility, and the sophisticated level of modern weaponry.
- (3) To focus attention on the importance of people in the Navy, their competence and high degree of responsibility and level of training.

The guests were Mr. Frank H. THOMAS of San Diego; Honorable George

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CRAWFORD, Municipal Court, San Diego Judicial District, San Diego; and Mr. Edmund W. BAKER of West Covina, California. During their week at sea, the guests toured the ship, observed gun and missile firings, and had the opportunity to talk at length with both officers and crew.

One other noteworthy event occurred during the Standard Missile Installation period. In a ceremony held on board on 11 October, Rear Admiral Sheldon H. KINNEY, Commander of Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla Eleven, presented the Navy Unit Commendation Pennant to the ship after reading the following commendation from the Secretary of the Navy:

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TAKES PLEASURE IN COMMENDING USS JOUETT (DLG-29) FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE FROM 18 FEBRUARY THROUGH 29 JUNE 1968 WHILE ENGAGED IN OPERATIONS AGAINST ENEMY AGGRESSOR FORCES IN THE WATERS CONTIGUOUS TO HOSTILE COASTLINE OF NORTH VIETNAM. AS A PRINCIPAL UNIT OF TASK FORCE SEVENTY-SEVEN'S SEARCH AND RESCUE FORCES, USS JOUETT CARRIED OUT DAY AND NIGHT SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS, CONTROL OF COMBAT AIR PATROL, STRIKE-FOLLOWING DUTIES, AND AIR DEFENSE OPERATIONS AGAINST HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS, INVOLVING PILOTS DOWNED IN NORTH VIETNAM, REFLECTS THE SKILLFUL PLANNING AND EXTENSIVE TRAINING AND PREPARATION ACCOMPLISHED BY THE SHIP'S PERSONNEL IN THE FACE OF AN EXTREMELY HOSTILE ENEMY ENVIRONMENT. AFTER ARRIVAL IN THE GULF OF TONKIN, JOUETT PERSONNEL QUICKLY BECAME NOTED FOR THE PROFESSIONAL MANNER AND EXACTING THOROUGHNESS WITH WHICH THEY CONTROLLED COMBAT AIR PATROL OVER NORTH VIETNAM AND PROVIDED STRIKE-FOLLOWING SERVICES TO CARRIER AIRCRAFT INTERDICTION NORTH VIETNAMESE SUPPLY LINES. ADDITIONALLY, JOUETT'S AGGRESSIVE AND HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TECHNIQUES IN COUNTERING ENEMY AIRCRAFT CONTRIBUTED IN LARGE MEASURE TO THE TO THE SECURITY OF NAVAL SHIPS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. THE COURAGE, STAMINA, PROFESSIONALISM, AND DEDICATION DISPLAYED BY THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF USS JOUETT EARNED THE ADMIRATION AND GRATITUDE OF THE PILOTS AND AIR CREWMEN OF TASK FORCE SEVENTY-SEVEN, AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES

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NAVAL SERVICE. ALL PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO AND SERVING ON BOARD USS JOUETT (DLG-29) DURING THE ABOVE-DESIGNATED PERIOD, OR ANY PART THEREOF, ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO WEAR THE NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION RIBBON.

At the same ceremony, Admiral KINNEY presented 76 individual awards to officers and crewmembers of JOUETT. These awards, 42 of which were medals, were presented for meritorious individual performances during the deployment.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

CAPT ROBERT S. HAYES, USN
LCDR JERRY M. LOVELESS, USN

NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL

CDR JOHN F. ADDAMS, USN
CDR JOHN A. WALKER JR., USN
LCDR ROBERT E. LANTSBERGER, USN
LCDR HAROLD B. RUSSELL, USN
LCDR ROBERT S. MALONE, USN
LT ROBERT T. DOAN, USN
LT FREDERICK D. SALEEP, USN
CWO THEODORE C. SCHELIN, USN
RD3 DONALD N. DOCKERY, USN
RD1 RICHARD F. TANNER, USN
RD1 JOSEPH T. WHITFILL, USN
RD2 JON E. LARSON, USN

NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

LT WAYNE H. BOSTIC, USN
LT HOWARD D. HOPKINS, USN
LT ROBERT I. VICKERS, USN
LT DONALD G. AUSTIN, USN
LT ALLEN E. BAUMRUCKER, USN
LT BRUCE K. WOOD, USN
LT JOHN W. BARR, USN
ENS DAVID A. STRAUS, USN
CWO J. D. HOLDER, USN
RDC BRUCE A. ROEB, USN
RD1 GLENN R. NEWSOM, USN
RD1 WILBERT L. STAMNITZ, USN
SKCS JOSEPH S. HARRIS JR., USN
FTCS WILLIAM B. KENDALL, USN
STC LAWRENCE J. R. MARTIN JR., USN
RMC RAYMOND G. PARKER JR., USN
ETC WILLIAM B. KENDALL, USN

NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (CONT)

FTMC ROBERT L. GASKILL, USN
QMC RICHARD L. ROHR, USN
HMC WILLIAM H. FORD, USN
RD2 CHARLES L. STRACKE, USN
RM2 VINCENT A. LODGE, USN
DS2 JERRY A. CHRISTENSEN, USN
RD2 RICHARD N. CARRIKER, USN
RD2 WILLIAM R. SMITH, USN
ETR2 ROY V. SIFERT, USN
ETM3 ROY E. WEST, USN
RU3 PAUL E. NANCE, USN

SEVENTH FLT LETTER OF COMMENDATION

LT THEODORE W. HUCKABONE, USN
LT CARL JAFFEE, USN
LT EDWARD W. WITHROW JR., USN
LT ROBERT N. JAMES, USN
LT ROBERT J. TERHUNE, USN
LTJG RICHARD F. McCORMICK, USNR
ENS PAUL C. METTA, USNR
GMM1 GEORGE "R" BESHEARS, USN
GMM1 CLAUDE H. GUNNERSEN, USN
RD1 DANIEL E. WHITE, USN
RD2 ERIC K. JUPITER, USN
RD2 BRUCE L. MORRISON, USN
RDC THOMAS E. CREW, USN
FTGO GLENN H. UNDERWOOD, USN
SHC LYNN E. NEWTON, USN
DSC JAMES E. BOWERS, USN
SMC MAXIE L. DAUGHERTY, USN
ETC BROOKE E. FOX, USN
PC1 CLAYTON O. CHILDS, USN
CS1 MICHAEL F. COLLINS, USN
MP1 ALLEN F. HARRIS, USN
RD1 DOUGLAS E. WALKINGSTICK, USN
FTM1 DENNIS M. BIELINSKI, USN

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II. BASIC NARRATIVE (CON'T)

SEVENTH FLT LETTER OF COMMENDATION (CON'T)

FTM1 FRANS A. VAN GELDER, USN
RM2 DONALD C. LA FLAMME, USN
DS2 RONALD L. RODDEWIG, USN
HM2 ERNEST F. PAYTON, USN
STG2 DANIEL M. CARTY, USN
RD2 KENNETH L. EATON, USN

RD2 TED W. MERRITT, USN
STG3 WAYNE M. SEMENKOW, USN
RM3 GORDON S. GANTT, USNR
RM3 DAVID F. FARIDONI, USN
SN SCOTT C. JONES, USN

Personnel stability was high in the first half of 1968, with little turnover in assigned personnel during deployment. However, upon JOUETT'S return to the United States in July, a rapid turnover commenced which amounted to roughly one quarter of the crew by November. Six officers and 104 enlisted men were detached during this period; eight officers and enlisted men reported aboard as replacements. The turnover in personnel culminated with the arrival of the perspective Commanding Officer, Capt. Robert C. BARNHART, Jr., USN. Captain BARNHART came to JOUETT from a tour of duty in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Prior to that he was Commanding Officer of the USS TURNER JOY (DD951). He was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat Distinguishing Device for meritorious service in an engagement with North Vietnamese motor torpedo boats which attacked the TURNER JOY in the Gulf of Tonkin on 4 August 1964.

On 27 November, at 1000, in a ceremony held on board, Captain Robert S. HAYES, USN, was relieved by Captain BARNHART as Commanding Officer. From JOUETT Captain HAYES proceeded to Washington, D. C., for duty as a Program Analyst in the office of the Secretary of the Navy.

The day after the change of command was Thanksgiving, but in the ship's history it will be remembered as the day of the "ACME Rescue Mission". Aboard the USS ACME (MSO508), a small Navy Minesweeper in

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transit from Pearl Harbor to Long Beach, and 1000 miles out from San Diego, a crewman was stricken with a severe abdominal attack. JOUETT was chosen by Commander First Fleet to steam to the rescue and provide medical evacuation. Crewmen were recalled to the ship by radio and television bulletins. By 1330, two and half hours after notification, JOUETT was underway. One half of the crew was aboard, with supplements borrowed from the duty sections of other guided-missile ships: HALSEY, PREBLE, DALE, and WILSON. As JOUETT cleared Point Loma, a rescue helicopter from HC-5, Naval Air Station, Imperial Beach, landed on her flight deck. Pilot and Officer-in-Charge of the helicopter detachment was LT. John PASSIGLIA. An emergency medical team from Balboa Naval Hospital was on board, ready to perform surgery if needed.

On the ACME, Hospitalman First Class Walter W. HORTMAN, the stricken crewmember, and the only medical specialist available on the small ship, diagnosed his own condition as an apparent perforation of the stomach.

JOUETT proceeded west at 27 knots. When range to the ACME had closed to 135 miles, at 1530 on 29 November, the rescue helicopter was launched. An hour later, the helicopter sighted the minesweeper in the approaching darkness. HORTMAN was evacuated and returned to JOUETT without mishap. The surgeons determined that emergency surgery was not necessary. When JOUETT returned to San Diego late on the night of 30 November, HORTMAN was transferred to Balboa Naval Hospital. There he made a successful recovery without the need for emergency surgery.

Because of the unscheduled ACME MEDEVAC, and the resultant underway time over Thanksgiving, JOUETT was exempted from participation in the first days of COMFIRSTFLT's Strikez 4-68. Getting underway on 4 Dec vice 2 Dec, JOUETT participated in the remainder of "Beef Trust" training

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exercise. She returned to San Diego on 9 Dec. On 14 Dec, JOUETT commenced a holiday leave period which continued through 6 January 1969.

Upon completion of her first competitive cycle since commissioning, JOUETT was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" Award for Destroyer Squadron One. In addition, JOUETT won departmental "E" Awards for excellence in Engineering, Operations, and Weapons. The Weapons Department awards included "E's" for Gunnery and Missiles, and the "A" Award for ASW. Having the Terrier/Asroc dual launcher system, JOUETT believes she is the first ship in the Navy to wear both the "A" and the "E" (for missiles) Awards on the same launcher system.