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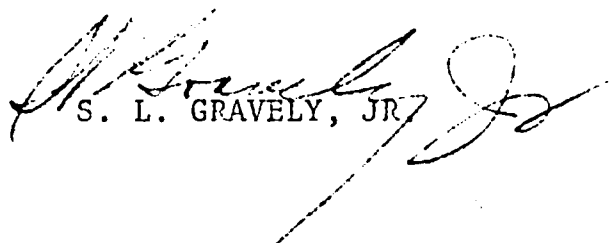
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COMMAND HISTORY OF USS JONETT (DLG-29)
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1970

I. Chronological Highlights:

01-10 JAN On station as PIPAZ, TF 77, Gulf of Tonkin;
COMDESPON ONE embarked

12-24 JAN Visits to Kaohsiung, Hong Kong, and Subic Bay

25 JAN - 12 FEB Transit to San Diego with units of DESRON ONE.
Stops in Guam and Pearl Harbor

12 FEB - 31 MAR Leave and upkeep, San Diego

01-02 APR INSURV, San Diego

03 APR - 31 MAY Upkeep and tender availabilities, San Diego

13 MAY NTPI

22 MAY Change of Command

01 JUN - 15 JUL Local operations including: Operation Beagle
House, NAGES qualification, FORACS range, ROPEVAL
3-70 (COMFIRSTELT embarked) and ORI

04-07 JUL Visit to San Francisco

16-27 JUL Upkeep San Diego

28 JUL Ammunition off-load, Seal Beach

29 JUL - 08 SEP Interim dry-docking, Long Beach NSY

09 SEP Ammunition on-load, Seal Beach

10 SEP - 01 OCT POM period, San Diego, and Command Inspection

26 SEP Family Cruise

02-22 OCT Enroute independently to Subic Bay, with stops in
Pearl Harbor and Guam. No flag embarked

23-28 OCT Voyage repairs, Subic Bay

29 OCT Stop in DaNang: COMDESPON FIFTEEN embarks

01-22 NOV On station as PIPAZ, TF 77, Gulf of Tonkin

25 NOV Brief stop Subic- COMDESPON FIFTEEN debarked,
COMDESPON SEVEN embarked.

01-03 DEC Visit to Kobe

05-15 DEC Visit to Sasebo

19-31 DEC On station as PIPAZ, TF 77, Gulf of Tonkin

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II. Basic Narrative

The year opened with JOUETT, COMDESRON ONE embarked, finishing her last line period as PIRAZ in the Gulf of Tonkin in support of CTF 77 air operations from Yankee Station. On 10 January she was relieved by the USS TRUXTUN (DLGN-35) and proceeded for a three day port visit to Kaohsiung, 12-14 January. While in this port, JOUETT received aboard a large group of midshipmen from the Chinese National Naval Academy.

Next followed a visit to Hong Kong, from 15-21 January, which was marked by a highly successful campaign for blood donations to the local Red Cross, and also by a number of joint activities with the crews of the French training ships JEANNE D'ARCH and VICTOR SCHOELCHER, also in Hong Kong during this period.

JOUETT rejoined her squadron-mates D.J. BUCKLEY, F.B. PARKS, and HANSON in Subic Bay, and after completing load-out, the ships headed for San Diego on 25 January. The passage home was punctuated by a brief fuel stop in Guam, an underway refueling from the USS PASSUMPSIC (AO-107) and the joining of HULL, after which the Squadron proceeded to outchop on 31 January. A twenty-four hour stop in Pearl Harbor was then made on 5 February, with arrival in the home port of San Diego on 12 February. The commendatory messages received from COMSEVENTHFLT and COMCRUDESGRUSEVENTHFLT underlined the exceptional accomplishments JOUETT had made during her months away from home.

There followed a lengthy period of post-deployment leave and upkeep. JOUETT was able to secure her engineering plant for the first time in a year and thus accomplish much needed maintenance.

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During this period also, various ordnance alterations were accomplished on the missile battery, to keep the installation current with the state of the art. On 11 March, JOUETT was proud to receive the Israeli ambassador-at-large Nahum Astar, who came aboard for tour of the ship and lunch. Then, as a fitting climax to the previous year's operation, COMCRUDESPAC approved the awarding of Efficiency "E's" to all departments.

The published annual schedule indicated that JOUETT would go in July for her first overhaul since commissioning. Accordingly, an INSURV inspection was scheduled and conducted on 1 and 2 April, with CAPT F.J. PETERSON as senior member of the Pacific Sub-Board. At the critique, CAPT PETERSON declared JOUETT ready for combat operations and then went on to remark that he had been very favorably impressed by the conditions he and his fellow inspectors had found.

No sooner was the INSURV completed, however, than word was received that JOUETT would again deploy in the Fall, and that the yard overhaul would be postponed until the middle of 1971. It was nevertheless clear that some maintenance work was required, and so an interim dry-docking at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard was scheduled for the month of August, and the upkeep and tender availability time in-port in San Diego was extended into May.

There followed a period of inspections required by the Type Commander: Annual Supply on 25 March, Medical and Sanitation (25 March) and 3-M (26 March). All were completed with grades reflecting great credit on the ship. The next major event was the Naval Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI) required annually

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of all nuclear capable ships. Drills and rehearsals started early in April, and on 13 May, the Nuclear Weapons Training Center, Pacific, completed the inspection, finding JOUETT satisfactory in all respects.

On 15 May, CAPT S.L. GRAVELY, JR., USN, reported aboard as

prospective Commanding Officer. Then, on 22 May, in colorful ceremonies on board, CAPT GRAVELY relieved CAPT R.C. BARNHART, JR., USN, as JOUETT's third Commanding Officer.

JOUETT commenced operating again on 1 June. Her first assignment was to participate in the major amphibious exercise MEBLEX 1-70 (Operation Beagle House) as an AAW unit. JOUETT's Naval Tactical Data System (NTDS) integrated smoothly with MACRON 7's TDS installation ashore, reaffirming the utility of such joint operations in amphibious warfare.

After a brief return to port, JOUETT went to sea the next week for a variety of seamanship and gunnery exercises, including qualification for Naval Gunfire Support at the San Clemente Island range on 11 June. Also that week she calibrated her various sensors on the FORACS range at San Clemente (10 June) and participated in a very large Air Force air-defense exercise call AMALGAMUTE 70-3W. For her significant contribution as an early-warning unit in this operational test, she received a warmly commendatory message from CINCNORAD. During the next few days, member of JOUETT's duty section made a vital contribution by assisting the USS PEORIA (LST-1183) to extinguish a major fire on her tank deck. Letters of commendation were later received by a number of personnel who assisted. Also in this period, JOUETT participated in the

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operational test of a Navy communications satellite terminal designed for use in increasing flexibility of the broadcast; demonstrating the feasibility of the concept in an operational environment.

One week of in-port training preceded the major operational event of this period: participation in the First Fleet exercise ROPEVAL 3-70 (29 June - 3 July). VADM I.C. KIDD, JR., COMFIRSTFLT, broke his flag in JOUETT for the exercise. During these five days, JOUETT took part in ASW operations, effected the transfer at sea of 17 missiles, steamed in total electronic silence for the majority of the time, was taken in tow, extinguished a simulated fire on a cruiser, and fired 16 missiles at drone targets on the Pacific Missile Range. This was perhaps the most realistic training JOUETT has experienced, and at the end, the resounding "Well Done" from both VADM KIDD and the exercise umpire were sources of great pride.

As soon as the observers could be disembarked after the exercise, JOUETT set a course for San Francisco, where she spent the Fourth of July weekend. This was a short respite, however, as the following week was spent in final preparations for the Operational Readiness Inspection, conducted by COMDESRON ONE on 14 and 15 July. Satisfactory completion of this significant test finished the last operational requirement for the competitive year. In six weeks of operating, JOUETT has gone through virtually an entire year's training schedule, with uniformly successful results. Now attention could be turned to the business of maintenance during the forthcoming period in Long Beach. There was just time, however, for JOUETT to act as host ship to the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force Training Squadron which visited San Diego 17-20 July.

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Ammunition was off-loaded at the Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, on 28 and 29 July, followed by a shift of berths to the shipyard in Long Beach. Entering dry-dock on 1 August, JOUETT remained on the blocks until the 24th, only to have to reenter the same dry dock several days later because of a leak around the rudder post seals. Besides a refurbishing of the underbody, almost twenty tons of ballast were added to the bilges to compensate for all the lighter distillate fuel scheduled to replace NSFO as JOUETT's standard fuel after the next regular overhaul.

On 8 September JOUETT undocked again, successfully completed a half-day's sea trial and went to Seal Beach to load her ammunition again on the 9th before arriving back in San Diego the following day.

Scheduled to deploy on 2 October, the next three weeks were consumed in final preparations, as well as in the accomplishment of the Command Inspection. This involved extensive reviews of all phases of the ship, including ordnance, electronic, 3-M, medical and boilers. This culminated in a formal Admin Inspection by COMDESRON ONE on 17 and 18 September. A two day at-sea period 22 and 23 September gave a final check to all equipments, and on the 26th JOUETT embarked about 600 family members and friends for a five-hour cruise off San Diego under optimum weather. This most successful event was a fitting climax to the hectic weeks of preparation, and set the stage for departure on 2 October and the commencement of JOUETT's third deployment since commissioning.

Steaming independently, and with no flag embarked, JOUETT arrived on the Hawaiian missile range 7 October for a surface-to-

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surface firing. This successfully completed, she entered Pearl Harbor that afternoon. After two days of briefings at Fleet Headquarters, JOUETT resumed her transit, arriving in Subic Bay on 23 October, having stopped for fuel in Guam on the 19th.

In Subic, the young high school student, Archimedes Fortalezga, whose education is sponsored by JOUETT through Operation School House, came aboard. After several days, JOUETT again was underway to relieve the USS CHICAGO (CG-11) on PIRAZ station in the Gulf of Tonkin on 1 November. A stop of a few hours in DaNang enroute had permitted her officers ashore for further briefings, and also the embarkation of COMDESRON 15 and his staff. The routine on station soon proved familiar, except that about half way through the line period the President announced his intention of maintaining only one CVA on Yankee station during certain periods. This affected the geographic positioning of the PIRAZ station, as well as certain duties. On 9 November, a visit by RADM WELLS, of the Royal Australian Navy, provided a welcome break in the routine.

JOUETT turned over PIRAZ to CHICAGO on 23 November and refueled in Subic on Thanksgiving Day, when COMDESRON SEVEN replaced COMDESRON 15 as the embarked flag. JOUETT arrived in Kobe on 1 December for a 3-day stay. Before leaving San Diego, a quantity of HANDCLASP material had been put on board. Part of this had already been distributed through the Naval Station in Subic, and through the Commanding Officer of the Communications Station in San Miguel, but in Kobe, distribution was arranged to three orphanages. The reception was heartwarming in all places, and again underlined the significance of this program.

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On 5 December, JOUETT entered Sasebo harbor for a ten-day upkeep period. On the 15th, it was again time to head back for PIRAZ station, where JOUETT relieved CHICAGO on the 19th. This line period, from an operational point of view, was much like the last. The event of major significance was, however, the arrival on board of 14 stars over Christmas. ADM CLAREY, CINCPACFLT, visited on the 24th accompanied by VADM WEISNER, COMSEVENTHFLT. Then on the day after Christmas ADM MCEAIN, CINCPAC, came aboard with VADM BARDSHAR, CTF 77.

The year closed with JOUETT exactly where she had been the year before. By now the plank owners had been reduced to four, but the same pride and professionalism was still abundantly evident.

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