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USS JOUETT (CG-29)

SHIP'S HISTORY 1975

I. Command Organization

a. Commanding Officer:

R. F. STALDER, Jr., USN, Captain

b. Mission remains the same

c. Composition of Command

Assigned to the U. S. Third Fleet

d. Homeport

1. San Diego to 29 April 1975
2. Long Beach from 29 April through the end of the year

II. Summary of Operations

a. Operating Schedule

1. Inport San Diego 1 Jan - 20 February
2. Underway - Engineering School Ship - 21 February
3. Inport San Diego 22 - 23 February
4. Underway enroute Hawaii area 24 February - 2 March
5. READIEX 3A-75 3 - 7 March
6. Inport Pearl Harbor 8 - 10 March
7. RIMPAC 1-75 11 - 22 March
8. Inport Pearl Harbor 22 - 23 March
9. Underway enroute San Diego 23 - 28 March
10. Inport San Diego 29 March - 1 April
11. Underway (Offload at Seal Beach) 2 April
12. Family Cruise 3 April
13. Inport San Diego 3 - 24 April
14. Underway enroute Long Beach 24 - 25 April
15. Arrive Long Beach Naval Shipyard 25 April
16. Host LBNSY Workers and Families for Open House 27 April
17. USS JOUETT (DLG-29) becomes USS JOUETT (CG-29) 1 July
18. Enter Drydock 5 June
19. Leave Drydock 29 July
20. SMI 17 October
21. Call on SOPA (CO, USS JOUETT) by Commander, Japanese Training Squadron, RADM Eiich TSUNEHIRO and CO, KATORI and CO, YAMAGUMO 15 October
22. RADM E. S. BRIGGS, COMCRUDESGRU THREE visit 16 October
23. 1200 PSI MTT Pre-LOE Assist Visit 23 - 24 October

24. Mess Decks Re-opened 24 October
25. Light-Off Examination Aft 20 - 21 November
26. LOE Critique 21 November
27. LOE Forward 26 November
28. Light-Off Aft 2 December
29. VADM E. H. TIDD, COMNAVSURFPAC visit 15 December
30. First Sea Trial 18-19 December
31. Inport 19 December through end of year

III. Narrative History

JOUETT began 1975 enjoying a post-deployment leave and liberty period after returning from a WESTPAC deployment on 24 December 1974. It was a well deserved rest for the crew, who had worked very hard at keeping her fine reputation intact. The remainder of January was spent in upkeep.

Two special visits were made to JOUETT in January. First, the Defense Manpower Commission, a blue-ribbon panel headed by General PALMER, USA (Ret.), met with the officers and men to discuss manpower problems and solutions.

On January 31, Admiral James HOLLOWAY, III, the Chief of Naval Operations, made an informal visit to JOUETT. His visit included discussions with the Commanding Officer and a brief tour of the ship. Speaking to the crew, Admiral HOLLOWAY stated that he was impressed by the condition of JOUETT and her crew.

In February, JOUETT was selected as Engineering School Ship. "Hands-On" experience was given to students of the Development and Training Center's Engineering School in the operation of a complex engineering plant.

In the midst of planning for her second regular overhaul, JOUETT sailed on 25 February to participate in RIMPAC 75. RIMPAC--for the four "Rim of the Pacific" nations of Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the United States --was an exercise in readiness and capabilities involving surface, subsurface, and air units of the participating nations. Conducted in Hawaiian waters, RIMPAC enabled JOUETT to once more flex her muscles before overhaul.

From 23-29 March, JOUETT hosted "Operation Tiger", a Navy program that enabled guests of crewmembers to ride the ship from Pearl Harbor to San Diego. Six guests lived and learned with JOUETT's crew during the transit. Various evolutions in Combat Systems, Navigation and Engineering were specially designed for JOUETT's Tigers.

Returning to California, JOUETT proceeded to Seal Beach to offload ammunition in preparation for overhaul. On April 2, JOUETT welcomed families and friends aboard for a Family Cruise, the last opportunity for sometime.

April was spent making final preparations for entering overhaul. The 5" 54 gun mount was removed, along with various components of the propulsion plant.

On 21 April, the Naval Inspector General, Rear Admiral SHEPPARD, accompanied by Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE, Rear Admiral THOMAS, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy WHITTET and assisting inspectors visited JOUETT. Following a brief with the Commanding Officer, the group toured various spaces of the ship. RADM SHEPPARD stated that he was favorably impressed with the ship, particularly considering the amount of pre-ROH work in progress. MCPON WHITTET met with the ship's CPO's and discussed a broad spectrum of subjects. He expressed his opinion that crew morale appeared high and that the ship's Striker Selection, Human Relations, and Career Counseling programs were very effective.

On 23 April, JOUETT was towed to the Long Beach Naval Shipyard for regular overhaul. April 27 was "Open House" day aboard ship. Held for Long Beach Naval Shipyard personnel, the open house gave them a good look at the ship and a chance to acquaint their families with the type of work that they do.

During this overhaul, lasting through the end of the year, JOUETT received major modifications and refurbishment in all living and working spaces and installed equipment. Habitability improvements included modification and redecoration of the Enlisted Dining Facility, Chief Petty Officer's Mess and Wardroom Mess; the installation of a First Class Lounge; and the painting and tiling of all berthing spaces, and installation of additional personal lockers. The Engineering propulsion systems, auxiliary systems and hotel service system were completely refurbished and restored to full operational condition. Ship Alteration installations included the Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) twin agent firefighting system, electronic Cathodic Protection, Morpholine injection, and the Collection, Holding and Transfer environmental protection system. JOUETT's Combat Systems received extensive repairs and modernization. Major changes included the installation of the SPS-48A moving target indicator modification; Digital Terrier Fire Control System; Continuous Wave Acquisition and Track (CWAT) modifications to the AW/SPS-55B radar, and the MK42 (MOD 10) 5 inch 54 gun mount. Additionally, the phase III MOD 3 Naval Tactical Data System program was implemented.

USS JOUETT (DLG-29) became USS JOUETT (CG-29) on 1 July 1975 as the result of a Navy-wide change in designations of several ship classes.

Several official visits occurred as the result of JOUETT being SOPA. A courtesy call was made to Captain STALDER by the Commander of the Japanese Training Squadron, RADM Eiichi TSUNEHIRO and the Commanding Officers of KATORI and YAMAGUMO on 15 October. The following day, RADM E. S. BRIGGS, COMCRUDESGRU 3 visited JOUETT.

Each month, JOUETT named an outstanding person as JOUETT Shipyard Worker of the Month. The selection was keyed to the worker who made the most significant impact or who had demonstrated the most initiative and excellence throughout the month. Each recipient of the honor was invited to lunch with the Captain, shipyard dignataries, and the cognizant department head. This proved to be a valuable incentive and morale booster, and played a part in JOUETT's ability to complete jobs early. In what was to become a general practice for job completion, the enlisted dining facility was re-opened ten days ahead of schedule on 24 October. Light Off Examinations were moved ahead from 25 November and 18 December for the after and forward plants respectfully, to 19 November so that the first sea trial could be held before the Christmas leave period on 18 and 19 December instead of 21 January 1976. The accomplishment of these goals was a major step requiring an all-hands effort and great cooperation between ship's force personnel and shipyard workers.

JOUETT ended the year still in the Long Beach Naval Shipyard, but well ahead of schedule.