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REPORT 5750-1

To: Commanding Officer, USS JUNEAU (LPD-10)
Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05D2)

Subject: Command History of USS JUNEAU (LPD-10) for 1972

(a) OPNAVINST 5750.12B

- (1) Chronology of events
- (2) Basic Narrative
- (3) Photograph and history of JUNEAU
- (4) Photograph and biography of Commanding Officer

In accordance with reference (a), the ¹⁹⁷²~~1973~~ Command History of USS JUNEAU (LPD-10) is submitted herewith as enclosures (1) through (4).

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USS JUNEAU (LPD-10)
CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS-1972

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1-9 Jan Inport California Shipyard for installation
of Naval Distillate Fuel System.

10 Jan Underway enroute Navy Fuel Depot, San Pedro,
California.

11-14 Jan Underway for Local Operations.

14-27 Jan Inport Long Beach.
17 Jan Inport Seal Beach to load Ammunition.
19 Jan Personnel Inspection by COMPHIBRON
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25 Jan Visit by COMFLTRAGRU.

27-28 Jan Underway for gunnery exercises.

29-30 Jan Inport San Diego.

31 Jan-13 Feb Underway for Local operations and special drills.

4-8 Feb Inport Long Beach.

9-17 Feb Underway for Local operations.

18-27 Feb Inport Long Beach.
24-25 Feb NTPI.

28-29 Feb Underway for Measured Mile Trials.

1-30 Mar Inport Long Beach.
29-30 Mar Load stores.

31 Mar- 6 Apr Underway for Pearl Harbor.

7-8 Apr Inport Pearl Harbor.

8-19 Apr Underway enroute WESTPAC.

20 Apr Inport Subic Bay.

21-23 Apr Underway enroute Okinawa.

24 Apr Inport White Beach.

25-26 Apr Underway enroute Numazu, Japan.

27 Apr Inport Numazu.

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28-29 Apr Underway enroute Okinawa.
30 Apr Inport White Beach.
1-2 May Underway enroute Sasebo, Japan.
2-7 May Inport Sasebo, Japan.
8-9 May Underway enroute Okinawa.
10-15 May Inport Okinawa.
16-19 May Underway enroute Subic Bay.
20-21 May Inport Subic Bay.
21-23 May Underway enroute GOT.
23 May-17 Jun Underway off Vietnam for Support Activities.
18 Jun Underway enroute Honk Kong.
19-24 Jun Inport Hong Kong.
24-25 Jun Underway enroute Okinawa.
25-29 Jun Underway enroute Subic Bay.
30 Jun Underway enroute GOT.
1-15 Jul Underway off Vietnam for Support Activities.
16-17 Jul Underway enroute Okinawa.
17-22 Jul Inport Okinawa.
23-24 Jul Underway enroute Subic Bay.
25 Jul-22 Aug Inport Subic Bay.
22 Aug Underway enroute GOT.
26 Aug-9 Oct Underway off Vietnam for Support Activities.
2 Sep Change of Command.
7-9 Sep Vietnamese Rangers aboard.
5 Oct 2000th Accident Free Helicopter Landing.
9-11 Oct Inport Subic Bay.
11-13 Oct Underway enroute Okinawa.
14-15 Oct Inport Okinawa.

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16-18 Oct Underway enroute Subic Bay.
19-26 Oct Inport Subic Bay.
27-28 Oct Underway enroute Okinawa.
29 Oct Inport Okinawa.
30 Oct-1 Nov Underway enroute Subic Bay.
2-19 Nov Inport Subic Bay.
20 Nov Underway GOT.
22-28 Nov Underway off Vietnam for Support Activities.
23 Nov Observed Thanksgiving.
30 Nov Inport Subic.
1-2 Dec Underway enroute Okinawa.
2-11 Dec Underway enroute Pearl Harbor.
11-16 Dec Underway enroute Long Beach, California.
16-31 Dec Inport Long Beach.

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USS JUNEAU (LPD-10)
BASIC NARRATIVE-1972

As the strains of Auld Lang Syne heralded the advent of the New Year, USS JUNEAU (LPD-10) was moored at California Shipyard, Long Beach, California, undergoing conversion to a Naval Distillate fuel system. Shortly after the first of the year, with her modifications complete, JUNEAU participated in various local operations and exercises with elements of Amphibious Force Pacific. During January and February, she was a familiar sight in waters off Southern California in company with such ships as USS OKINAWA (LPH-3), USS SAINT LOUIS (LKA-116), USS POINT DEFIANCE (LSD-31), USS ALAMO (LSD-33), USS SUMTER (LST-1187), and USS CAYUGA (LST 1181). Prior to her last local deployment, for measured mile tests, COMPHIBRON SEVEN/COMPHIBPAC Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspector Team inspected JUNEAU and found her to be satisfactory.

The month of March was spent in pre-deployment inport status, prior to JUNEAU's second WESTPAC deployment. After loading stores, JUNEAU was underway, on 31 March, for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, with an interim stop in San Diego. Two days in Hawaii passed quickly and JUNEAU was underway for Subic Bay Philippines, where she was moored on 20 April.

The remainder of April saw JUNEAU steaming back and forth between Okinawa and Japan, culminating with five days of welcomed rest and liberty in Sasebo Japan from 2 to 7 May. Early on 8 May she was underway for Okinawa to complete the loading of cargo and Marine BLT 2/9. From Okinawa she proceeded to the Philippines where, after several days of local operations and participation in an Amphibious Landing Exercise, JUNEAU anchored at Subic Bay P.I. on 20 May. After two days, she proceeded to the Gulf of Tonkin, where she remained until 18 June. 19 June found JUNEAU anchored off Hong Kong for a five day port call.

After brief calls at ~~White~~ Beach, Okinawa, and Subic Bay, P.I., JUNEAU was again underway for two weeks in the Amphibious Holding Area off the Vietnam coast. On 17 July, she was again at White Beach, Okinawa to off-load BLT 2/9 and load BLT 2/4. Upon completion of the onload, JUNEAU was underway for Subic Bay and a scheduled ten-day upkeep at the Subic Naval Repair Facility.

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During her upkeep period, which began on 26 July, a state of national emergency was declared in the Philippines, due to unseasonably heavy rainfall and extensive flooding and damage. JUNEAU was placed on standby for rescue operations. After involvement in an Amphibious Landing Exercise, JUNEAU again headed for the Gulf of Tonkin for what was to be fifty continuous days at sea. During this period CAPT L.H. GUERTIN relinquished command of JUNEAU to CAPT P.J. RYAN in change of command ceremonies on 2 September. From 7 September to 9 September JUNEAU was the floating home for 32nd Battalion Vietnamese Rangers, who were utilized in an Amphibious Exercise in support of U.S. and South Vietnamese forces at Quang Tri. On 5 October JUNEAU recognized her 2000th accident free helicopter landing in ceremonies on the flight deck.

The evening of 9 October found Juneau again steaming into Subic Bay, this time under clear skies. The remainder of October was spent steaming between Subic Bay and White Beach, Okinawa, participating in Amphibious Exercises.

Early November found JUNEAU at Subic Bay undergoing maintenance on her aviation fuel system and power plants. After unloading Marine BLT 3/4, she was again underway for the Vietnam coast for her last period "on the line" prior to departure for CONUS.

After brief stops at Subic Bay and Okinawa, JUNEAU was underway for Pearl Harbor on 2 December. With her crew cleared by U.S. Customs and a full load of fuel, JUNEAU got underway for Long Beach on 11 December. On the afternoon of 16 December, LPD-10 was moored at Pier 9, Naval Station Long Beach and was welcomed to her home port in ceremonies arranged by the USS ALAMO (LSD-33). JUNEAU's welcome home climaxed an eight and one half month deployment covering 55,600 miles, with a fuel expense of 6,000,000 gallons.

The final days of 1972 found JUNEAU in post deployment stand down status. As 1973 was ushered in, she stood as a silent sentinel in anticipation of once again proving her worth in the coming year.

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