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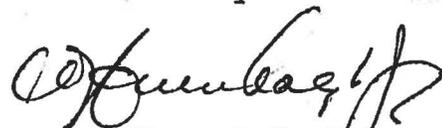
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Encl: (1) Chronology 1969
(2) Historical Narrative (1 JAN 69 to 31 DEC 69)
(3) Documentary Annex

1. In accordance with reference (a), an overall summary of CHEVALIER's activities and operations in the year 1969 is forwarded.



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CHRONOLOGY

U.S.S. CHEVALIER (DD-805)

1969

JANUARY 1969:

1 JAN: In-port, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California

FEBRUARY 1969:

3 FEB: Underway for local operations
7 FEB: In-port, San Diego, California
18 FEB: Underway for local operations
26 FEB: In-port, San Diego, California

MARCH 1969:

18 MAR: Departed San Diego in company with USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31), USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14), USS ROWAN (DD-782), and USS SOUTHERLAND (DD-743)
22 MAR: Arrived Pearl Harbor
31 MAR: Departed Pearl Harbor enroute to Yokosuka, Japan

APRIL 1969:

8 APR: Arrived Yokosuka, Japan
12 APR: Departed Yokosuka, Japan enroute Subic Bay, Philippines
15 APR: Arrived Subic Bay, Philippines
16 APR: Departed Subic Bay, Philippines enroute to Yankee Station
17 APR: Arrived Gulf of Tonkin to assume Yankee Station Plane Guard duties in support of USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31)
27 APR: Rescued downed F-8 pilot, LT [REDACTED], USN

MAY 1969:

6 MAY: Rescued downed A-4 pilot, LTJG [REDACTED], USN
13 MAY: Rescued man overboard from carrier, SA [REDACTED], at 0010
15 MAY: Arrived Subic Bay, Philippines

JUNE 1969:

1 JUN: Departed Subic Bay, Philippines enroute to Yankee Station
3 JUN: Arrived Gulf of Tonkin to assume Yankee Station Plane Guard Duties in support of USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN-65)
10 JUN: Detached from USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN-65) enroute for Positive Identification Radar Advisory Zone (PIRAZ); assumed duties as escort for USS CHICAGO (CG-11)
18 JUN: USS CHICAGO (CG-11) relieved by USS MAHAN (DLG-11), assumed duties as escort for USS MAHAN (DLG-11) on PIRAZ station

Enclosure (1)

CHRONOLOGY (CONT'D)

U.S.S. CHEVALIER (DD-805)

1969

JULY 1969:

- 5 JUL: Relieved by USS THOMAS (DD-833) on PIRAZ station, enroute to Hong Kong
- 7 JUL: Arrived Hong Kong
- 12 JUL: Departed Hong Kong enroute Gunline
- 14 JUL: Anchored in Da Nang Harbor, Republic of Vietnam. Underway for Naval Gunfire Support (NGFS).
- 28 JUL: Enroute to Bangkok, Thailand
- 31 JUL: Arrive Bangkok, Thailand

AUGUST 1969:

- 5 AUG: Departed Bangkok, Thailand enroute to Subic Bay, Philippines
- 8 AUG: Arrived Subic Bay, Philippines
- 14 AUG: Departed Subic Bay, Philippines underway for Sea of Japan operations with TF-71
- 17 AUG: Commenced operations with TF-71 in company with USS TICONDEROGA (CVA-14), USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14), USS RENSHAW (DD-499), USS MACKENZIE (DD-836), USS THOMAS (DD-833)
- 19 AUG: Evading typhoon CORA
- 25 AUG: Arrived Sasebo, Japan
- 30 AUG: Departed Sasebo, Japan enroute to Subic Bay, Philippines

SEPTEMBER 1969:

- 2 SEP: Arrived Subic Bay, Philippines
- 4 SEP: Departed Subic Bay, Philippines enroute San Diego, California
- 18 SEP: Arrived San Diego, California

OCTOBER 1969:

- 31 OCT: Commander G. L. PALATINI relieved by Commander W. T. GREENHALGH Jr. as Commanding Officer, USS CHEVALIER (DD-805)

NOVEMBER 1969:

- 3 NOV: Departed San Diego, California enroute to Seal Beach, California to take on ammunition and then conduct Shore Bombardment (SHOBOM) exercises off San Clemente island
- 6 NOV: Arrived U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California
- 12 NOV: Underway for Special Operations
- 15 NOV: Relieved USS ROWAN (DD-782) shadowing Russian trawler GAVRIL SARYCHEV
- 18 NOV: In-port San Diego, California

DECEMBER 1969:

- 3 DEC: Christmas Party on board for children from Balboa School

U.S.S. CHEVALIER (DD-805)

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

1 January 1969 - 31 December 1969

COMMANDING OFFICER

Commander G. L. PALATINI, USN, (relieved 31 OCT 69)

Commander W. T. GREENHALGH, USN, (assumed 31 OCT 69)

COMMISSIONED

9 January 1945

HOME PORT

San Diego, California

ON BOARD 31 DECEMBER 1969

Officers 15

Enlisted 275

DOCUMENTARY ANNEX

U.S.S. CHEVALIER (DD-805)

WESTPAC DEPLOYMENT SUMMARY

COMMANDER W. T. GREENHALGH'S BIOGRAPHY

Ship: U.S.S. CHEVALIER (DD-805)

Date of Commissioning: 9 January 1945

Commanding Officer: Commander Glenn Lee PALATINI

Local Address: [REDACTED] La Mesa, California 92041

Returning from fourth WESTPAC deployment in support of Vietnam Combat Action.

Length of deployment: 6 months

Duties during deployment: PIRAZ, Gunline, SAR, Yankee Station Plane Guard, Sea of Japan Operations (TF 71)

Significant accomplishments: Rescued 2 downed pilots from the USS BONHOMME RICHARD (CVA-31). Performed a night rescue of a man overboard from the USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31). While on gunline fired in support of troops of the Republic of Vietnam, Republic of Korea and U.S.

Significant events: Included visits from Vice Admiral BRINGLE, COMSEVENTHFLT, Vice Admiral BAUMBERGER, Deputy CINCPACFLT, and Rear Admiral FREEMAN, COMCRUDESAC.

Ports visited: Yokosuka, Japan, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, Hong Kong, B.C.C., Bangkok, Thailand and Sasebo, Japan.

Recuperating after three arduous months of Refresher Training, the USS CHEVALIER (DD-805) spent the month of January 1969 in port, U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

The ship did spend some time at sea in February. The first period of sea time, 3-7 February, was spent in company with the USS ROWAN (DD-782), USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14), USS SOUTHERLAND (DD-743), and the USS BLUEGILL (AGSS-242) conducting various ASW and gunnery exercises. During the week of 18-26 February the USS CHEVALIER (DD-805) conducted local operations as part of Task Group 170.8, in company with various other ships including the USS SAINT PAUL (CA-73) and the USS PROVIDENCE (CLG-6).

On 18 March, the USS CHEVALIER (DD-805) deployed to WESTPAC, leaving San Diego, California in company with the USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31), USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14), USS ROWAN (DD-782) and USS SOUTHERLAND (DD-743), and arriving at Pearl Harbor four days later. Most of the time from 22-31 March was spent underway on local operations in the Pearl Harbor area.

On the last day of March, the USS CHEVALIER (DD-805) departed Pearl Harbor arriving in Yokosuka, Japan the 8th of April. The ship remained in Yokosuka, Japan four days, getting underway for Subic Bay, Philippines on the 12th with Chaplain [REDACTED] embarked. The ship arrived in Subic Bay, Philippines on the 15th of April and anchored only to weigh anchor the following day enroute to the Gulf of Tonkin Yankee Station where she assumed plane guard duties in support of the USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31).

While on station, the services of the USS CHEVALIER (DD-805) were required on three occasions in support of the carrier. The first instance occurred 27 April 1969 when the USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31) lost an F-8 over the side and the task of rescuing its pilot fell on the USS CHEVALIER (DD-805). LT [REDACTED], USN, injured his knee but was extremely praising of the forcastle crew which effected his rescue. On 6 May, the USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31) lost an A-4 over the side, again the CHEVALIER did an exceptional job rescuing LTJG [REDACTED], USN, from the water. This time the USS CHEVALIER (DD-805) was called upon to sink the aircraft which was still afloat. The following week on 13 May, the USS CHEVALIER (DD-805) assisted in a midnight search for a man overboard from the same carrier. Again, the "CHEVY" came through, recovering Seaman Apprentice [REDACTED] at 0010 in the morning. The ship returned to Subic Bay, Philippines on the 13th.

The ship remained in the Philippines until the first of June when she departed again to Yankee Station for plane guard duties in support of the "Big E", USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN-65).

She remained in company with the USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN-65) until 10 June when she was detached for PIRAZ. On station the USS CHEVALIER (DD-805) assumed duties as escort for the USS CHICAGO (CG-11). On the 18th of June, the USS CHICAGO (CG-11) was relieved by the USS MAHAN (DLG-11), USS CHEVALIER (DD-805) remained on station in support of the USS MAHAN (DLG-11). On July 5th, the USS THOMAS (DD-833) relieved her and she headed for Hong Kong, arriving 7 July.

In departing Hong Kong on 13 July, the USS CHEVALIER (DD-805) anchored in Da Nang Harbor the following day, receiving COMDESDIV 152 on board as well as transferring one man to Da Nang Hospital. Underway the same day, the ship performed Naval Gunfire Support for troops of the Republic of Vietnam, Republic of Korea, and the United States until 28 July.

On 31 July, she arrived in Bangkok, Thailand, remaining in port until 5 August when she departed for Subic Bay, Philippines, arriving on 8 August and remained in port for five days.

In company with the USS TICONDEROGA (CVA-14), USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14), USS RENSHAW (DD-499), USS MACKENZIE (DD-836), and USS THOMAS (DD-833), the USS CHEVALIER (DD-805) commenced operations with Task Force 71 in the Sea of Japan on 17 August 1969. Unfortunately, operations were interrupted by the appearance of Typhoon CORA and the resulting evasive measures of the ships.

The ship arrived in Sasebo, Japan, on 25 August and departed on the 30 August for Subic Bay, Philippines. Arriving in Subic Bay, Philippines on the second of September, the crew anxiously prepared for getting underway on the fourth for San Diego, California, where she put in on 18 September thus completing her WESTPAC tour and earning for the crew a short period of in-port rest and leave.

In a change of command ceremony on board the ship, Commander W. T. GREENHALGH Jr. relieved Commander G. L. PALATINI as Commanding Officer of the USS CHEVALIER (DD-805) on 31 October.

The USS CHEVALIER (DD-805) spent four days at sea at the beginning of November conducting Shore Bombardment exercises for student spotters. The ship was praised for her accuracy and cooperation. Later in the month, the USS CHEVALIER (DD-805) was called upon to relieve the USS ROWAN (DD-782) off the coast of Southern California while shadowing a Russian trawler, the GAVRIL SARYCHEV, returning 18 November to commence a one-month holiday leave period.