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Encl: (1) Chronology of Significant Events  
(2) Narrative  
(3) USS EVERSOLE Familygram #1 of 1 March 1969  
(4) USS EVERSOLE Familygram #2 of 7 October 1969  
(5) Photograph of Commanding Officer  
(6) Commanding Officer's Biography  
(7) Photograph of USS EVERSOLE (DD-789)

1. Enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted in accordance with reference (a).

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R. W. ORTENGREN, JR.  
By direction

CHRONOLOGY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENTS</u>
1 JAN - 6 FEB	Inport Long Beach
7 FEB - 14 MAY	Three month overhaul U.S. Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, California
15 MAY	Inport Long Beach
7 JUL	Underway for Refresher Training, Fleet Training Group, San Diego, California
15 AUG	Inport Long Beach/Refresher Training Complete
21-22 AUG	[REDACTED]
25 AUG	Underway for exercise Beefmaster
29 AUG	Inport Long Beach
8 SEP	Underway for COMPTUEX
12 SEP	Inport Long Beach
17-18 SEP	[REDACTED]
26 SEP	Annual Administrative, Material and Personnel Inspections by COMDESRON 29
30 SEP	Annual Supply Inspection
4 OCT	Underway for Dependents Cruise
5 OCT	Inport Long Beach
8 OCT	Underway for operations in Western Pacific
14 OCT	ASWEX 1-69
17 OCT	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
21 OCT	Underway for Yokosuka, Japan
28 OCT	Inport Yokosuka, Japan
5 NOV	Underway for Subic Bay, R.P.
10 NOV	Inport Subic Bay, R.P.
16 NOV	Underway for Yankee Station, Gulf of Tonkin as a unit of TG 77.6
8 DEC	Inport Subic Bay, R.P.
18 DEC	Underway for Yankee Station, Gulf of Tonkin as a unit of TG 77.6
31 DEC	Special operations Yankee Station, Gulf of Tonkin as a unit of TG 77.6

## NARRATIVE

1. (a) Commanding Officer  
CDR R. R. POHLI  
555122 USN  
from: August 1968  
to: Present
- (b) Homeport  
Long Beach, California
- (c) Officers: (As of 31 DEC 1969)

Executive Officer:	LCDR R. W. ORTENGREN, JR., 639164, USN
Weapons Officer:	LT O. R. COLE, III, 704473, USN
Operations Officer:	LTJG W. B. JOHANNES, 715222, USNR
Engineering Officer:	LT N. S. SCOTT, 688018, USN
CIC Officer :	ENS T. C. HOWARD, 745180, USNR
Communications Officer:	LTJG J. T. NUGENT, 734558, USN
EMO:	LTJG C. P. SMITH, 734897, USNR
Signal Officer:	ENS R. F. ANDERSEN, 735179, USN
Navigator:	LTJG W. E. MORLOCK, 743071, USNR
Supply Officer:	LTJG M. E. MCWHERTER, 741847, USNR
ASW Officer:	ENS R. J. DOLIBOIS, 734809, USNR
Gunnery Officer:	LTJG M. S. OLASON, 751593, USNR
First Lieutenant:	ENS S. D. BARRETT, 750456, USNR
MPA:	LTJG D. E. BELIECH, 731345, USN
DCA:	LTJG J. R. LANDUA, 742453, USNR
Electrical Officer:	ENS D. M. LUMSDEN, 746828, USN

2. As of 31 December there were 267 enlisted men on board. This included 16 Chief Petty Officers.

3. The first day of 1969 found the USS EVERSOLE (DD-789) in port of Long Beach, California. The ship remained in port through February 6 except for five days of independent steaming. During this time, preparations for the EVERSOLE's coming overhaul were completed.

The EVERSOLE entered the Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, California, on February 7, and remained there through May 15. In the shipyard the Anti-Submarine Rocket (ASROC) Launcher and forward stack were removed and large holes were cut in the main deck to facilitate repairs. All engineering and electronic equipment was serviced and repaired. The ship's hull was thoroughly inspected and the entire ship was chipped, sanded and completely repainted.

The EVERSOLE departed the Naval Shipyard on May 15 and began eight weeks of post overhaul shakedown and inspection. The ship also spent brief periods in the Southern California Operation Area for independent exercises to prepare for refresher training.

On July 7, EVERSOLE began six weeks of intensive refresher training, near San Diego, California. The training period included all aspects of battle readiness with one week devoted solely to ASW Warfare. The EVERSOLE completed Refresher Training on August 15 and returned to Long Beach.

Enclosure (2)

On August 25, the EVERSOLE returned to sea for four days to participate in the Anti-Submarine Warfare phase of Operation Beefmaster. The ship received training in ASW tactics.

EVERSOLE returned to Long Beach for a period of upkeep and tender availability. The preparations for the ships fourthcoming deployment were begun at this time.

On August 21-22, EVERSOLE received a [REDACTED]. Discrepancies were noted, however, and the inspection was rescheduled for September 17-18.

EVERSOLE participated in the ASW phase of the COMPTUEX in the Southern California OP Area from September 8 to September 11.

On September 17-18, the [REDACTED] was administered. All discrepancies had been corrected and the EVERSOLE received a satisfactory grade.

The ships annual Administrative and Personnel inspections were administered on September 26-27. On September 27, the EVERSOLE was awarded Destroyer Squadron 29's ASW "A" for proficiency in ASW and the Battle Efficiency "E" for overall excellence. The annual Supply inspection was held on September 30.

EVERSOLE's annual dependent's cruise was held on October 4 during sea trials for the coming deployment. The ships teamed in company with the other units of DESRON 29.

USS EVERSOLE (DD-789) departed Long Beach, California on October 8, 1969 for her fourth deployment in the Western Pacific during the current Vietnam conflict. She transited as a unit of Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-NINE, composed of USS ALBERT DAVID (DE-1050), USS RAMSEY (DEG-2), USS O'BRIEN (DD-725), USS ALFRED A. CUNNINGHAM (DD-752) and USS BENNER (DD-807).

On October 14, the EVERSOLE and DESRON 29 along with Australian units and U.S. Destroyers from Pearl Harbor participated in ASWEX 69 near the Hawaiian Islands. After the three day exercise EVERSOLE spent four days at Pearl Harbor before continuing the transit.

After a brief fuel stop at Midway Island, the EVERSOLE arrived in Yokosuka, Japan on October 28 for seven days of upkeep and crew's recreation.

EVERSOLE was underway again on November 5 for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, where she spent four days preparing for the first major line period of the deployment.

EVERSOLE departed Subic Bay with the aircraft carrier USS RANGER (CVA-61) as a unit of Task Group 77.6 on November 16. The EVERSOLE provided plane guard services for RANGER during her special operations on Yankee Station, Gulf of Tonkin for the next 22 days.

Task Group 77.6 returned to Subic Bay on December 8 for ten days upkeep and crew's R & R. The EVERSOLE returned to Yankee Station with Task Group 77.6 on December 18. The EVERSOLE remained on Yankee Station with RANGER through 31 December, conducting special operations.