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Encl: (1) Annual Command History
(2) Award Recipients for Performance of Duties during
Western Pacific Deployment 7 January - 5 August 1972
(3) Combat Action Ribbon Recipients
(4) Roster of Officers as of 31 December 1972
(5) Roster of Enlisted Men as of 31 December 1972

1. (U) Enclosures (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) are submitted in accordance with references (a) and (b).

G. D. ANDERSON

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USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 32)
ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY
1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 1972

I. Command Organization

1. Commanding Officers:

- a. LCDR Richard Allen CHRISTIAN, USN, [REDACTED] /
1110
- b. LCDR Gerald Duane ANDERSON, USN, [REDACTED] /1110
15 December - 31 December 1972

2. No change in assigned duty as Flag Ship of Destroyer Squadron NINE.

3. No organizational changes during the year 1972.

4. No change in homeport assignment.

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II. Chronological Summary of Operations

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1-6 JAN	Inport Long Beach TU 15.1.2
7-12 JAN	Enroute Pearl Harbor TU 17.4.2
13 JAN	Inport Pearl Harbor
14-16 JAN	Plane guard, USS HANCOCK (CVA-19)
17 JAN	Pacific Missile Range Facility-Ha.
18-21 JAN	Inport Pearl Harbor
22-JAN-2 FEB	Enroute U.S. Naval Base, Republic of the Philippines
28 JAN	CHOP SEVENTH FLEET
3-9 FEB	Upkeep Subic Bay, TG 70.8
10 FEB	Type Training Subic Bay, Local OPAREAS
11-12 FEB	Inport Subic Bay
13 FEB	Enroute, Manila Bay
14-15 FEB	Inport, Manila Bay
16-27 FEB	Participating in SEATO Exercise SEAHAWK
27 FEB	Anchored, Manila Bay, then enroute Subic Bay
28 FEB	Inport Subic Bay then enroute Kaohsiung, Republic of China, TG 70.8
29 FEB	Enroute, Kaohsiung Rep. of China, TG 72.1
1-3 MAR	Inport Kaohsiung
4-5 MAR	Enroute Yankee Station, Gulf of Tonkin
6-13 MAR	Plane guard USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43)
14-22 MAR	Plane guard USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64)
23-24 MAR	Enroute, Subic Bay
25 MAR	Inport, Subic Bay
26-30 MAR	Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
31 MAR-3 APR	Inport Yokosuka, TG 77.4
4-6 APR	Enroute Yankee Station, Gulf of Tonkin
7-19 APR	Plane guard, USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64)
20-27 APR	Naval Gun Fire Support, Rep. of Vietnam, TU 70.8.9
28 APR-2 MAY	Operation Freedom Train, TU 77.1.1
3-4 MAY	Enroute Subic Bay, TG 70.8
5-20 MAY	Inport, Subic Bay
21 MAY	Enroute South and Rescue Station, Gulf of Tonkin
22-23 MAY	South Search and Rescue Station, CTU 77.0.3
24-31 MAY	Naval Gunfire Support, Rep. of Vietnam, TU 70.8.9
1-4 JUN	Mutual Support Ship, USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19), TU 76.0.1
5-15 JUN	Naval Gunfire Support, Rep. of Vietnam
16 JUN	Mutual Support Ship, USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19)
17-19 JUN	Naval Gunfire Support, Rep. of Vietnam
20 JUN	Mutual Support Ship, USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19)
21-25 JUN	Naval Gunfire Support, Rep. of Vietnam

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
26 JUN	Enroute Gulf of Tonkin
27 JUN-7 JUL	North Search and Rescue Station, Gulf of Tonkin
8 JUL	Enroute Hong Kong, TG 70.8
9-11 JUL	Storm Evasion, Typhoon Susan
12 JUL	Enroute Subic Bay
13-17 JUL	Inport, Subic Bay
18-21 JUL	Enroute Guam and CHOP FIRST FLEET
22 JUL	Inport Guam
23-28 JUL	Enroute Pearl Harbor, TU 15.9.6
29 JUL	Inport Pearl Harbor
30 JUL-4AUG	Enroute Long Beach
5 AUG-4 SEP	Inport Long Beach, Leave and Upkeep, TU 52.1.2
6 SEP-26 OCT	Inport Long Beach
27 OCT	Independent Ship's Exercises, SOCIAL OPAREAS
28-29 OCT	Inport Long Beach
30 OCT	Independent Ship's Exercises, SOCIAL OPAREAS
31 OCT-1 NOV	Plane guard, USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) SOCAL OPAREAS
2 NOV	Enroute Long Beach
3-5 NOV	Inport Long Beach
6 NOV-31 DEC	Restricted Availability, Long Beach

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III. NARRATIVE.

USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 32) commenced the year finalizing preparations for her Western Pacific deployment and on schedule, 7 January, in company with USS HANCOCK (CVA-19), USS HIGBEE (DD-806), and USS FRANCIS HAMMOND (DE-1067) departed Long Beach, arriving in Subic Bay on the morning of 3 February.

JONES next entered a ten day upkeep period which was highlighted by the visit of Rear Admiral SYNNOT, of the Royal Australian Navy on 9 February. On the thirteenth of February, JONES departed Subic Bay and arrived in Manila Bay, commencing preparations for her role in a SEATO exercise code named SEAHAWK. JONES was joined in this exercise by some nineteen other ships representing the nations of Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, Thailand, and the Republic of the Philippines.

Upon completion of exercise SEAHAWK, on 26 February, JONES was enroute to her first WESTPAC liberty port, Kaohsiung, Republic of China, arriving 29 February. After four days of fun and relaxation, JONES was again underway this time enroute to the Gulf of Tonkin, where she assumed plane guard duties first for USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) and then for USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64). She continued in this status until departing the Gulf in company with CONSTELLATION for Yokosuka, Japan and a three day liberty/upkeep period. From Yokosuka, it was back to the Gulf of Tonkin, joining the Naval Forces there engaged in countering the renewal of the North Vietnamese Easter Invasion of South Vietnam. For the next thirty days, JONES provided gunfire support for the various operations both North and South of the seventeenth parallel, expending more than 5400 rounds of 5 inch 54 caliber ammunition in shore bombardment.

On 3 May, JONES returned to Subic Bay, remaining there in an upkeep status until 21 May when she assumed duty on the South SAR Station in the Gulf of Tonkin. On 24 May, JONES commenced her second tour on the gunline, just in time to provide gunfire support for the amphibious landing of the South Vietnamese Marines North of Hue. JONES continued her gunfire support operations until 25 June when she rendezvoused with USS ENGLAND (DLG-22) for North SAR Station operations in the Gulf of Tonkin. During her time on the gunline, JONES was taken under fire on fifteen separate occasions, but fortunately suffered no hits. Enclosures (2) and (3) are lists of those personnel on board JONES, who as a result of these operations, were given citations at an awards ceremony held on board JONES after her return from WESTPAC and were authorized to wear the Combat Action Ribbon respectively.

On completion of North SAR operations, JONES returned to Subic Bay, arriving 13 July for her last upkeep period prior to returning to Long Beach. On 18 July, she departed Subic Bay, enroute CONUS, stopping only in Guam and Pearl Harbor for fuel.

Arriving in Long Beach on 5 August, JONES commenced a thirty day standdown period, allowing the crew some much deserved and well earned leave. From 4 September, through 26 October, the crew was busily engaged in maintenance. On 27 October, JONES was underway for one day of sea trials and on 31 October, JONES was again at sea, this time serving as plane guard for CONSTELLATION.

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Returning to port on 2 November, JONES entered a restricted availability on 6 November which saw her through the year.

On 15 December 1972, LCDR G. D. ANDERSON relieved LCDR R. A. CHRISTIAN as Commanding Officer of JONES at ceremonies held on board.

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AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR PERFORMANCE OF
DUTIES DURING WESTERN PACIFIC DEPLOYMENT
7 JANUARY - 5 AUGUST

1. Navy Commendation Medal

LCDR DAVIS
LT SOLLENBERGER
LT BRANDENBURGER
LT PARRETTE
BT1 DAVIS
GMM3 HUNCHE

2. Navy Achievement Medal

LT KIRCHER
CWO2 MCDOLE
ETCS WEDGE
BTC ROMERO
MMC PONO
BTC QUIGG
SK1 COLLINS
MM2 SCHIEDLER
GMG2 TROXELL
RM2 MURNANE
GMM3 HOLTZ

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