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E. S. BRIGGS

SHIP'S HISTORY 1971

I. Command Organization

A. Commanding Officers

1. Samuel L. GRAVELY, Jr., CAPT, USN to 2 June 1971
2. Edward S. BRIGGS, CAPT, USN, from 2 June 1971

B. Mission remains the same; however, during ROH these equipment modifications or additions were made:

1. LAMPS (Light-Airborne Multipurpose System)
2. ASMD (Anti-Ship Missile Defense)
3. Distillate Fuel Conversion

C. Composition of Command

1. Assigned to 7th Fleet from 12 October 1970 to 22 April 1971.
2. Detached from Destroyer Squadron ONE and assigned directly to COMCRUDESFLOT NINE on 1 April 1971.

II. Summary of operations

A. Seventh Fleet Operations

1. 1 January 1971 to 13 January 1971-PIRAZ/SSAR/ (Positive Identification and Radar Advisory Zone and South Search and Rescue Ship) in Tonkin Gulf.
2. 13 to 15 Jan enroute to Subic Bay
3. 15 Jan inport Subic Bay
4. 16 to 18 enroute to Singapore
5. 18 to 26 Jan inport Singapore
6. 26 to 29 Jan enroute to Subic Bay
7. 30 Jan to 5 Feb inport Subic Bay
8. 6 to 8 Feb enroute to Tonkin Gulf
9. 9 Feb to 9 Mar PIRAZ/SSAR in Tonkin Gulf
10. 9 to 10 Mar enroute Hong Kong
11. 11 to 17 Mar inport Hong Kong
12. 17 to 18 Mar enroute Subic Bay
13. 18 to 23 Mar inport Subic Bay
14. 23 to 27 Mar enroute Freemantle
15. 28 Mar inport Freemantle
16. 29 Mar to 2 Apr enroute Melbourne
17. 2 to 8 Apr inport Melbourne
18. 8 to 9 Apr enroute Hobart
19. 9 to 11 Apr inport Hobart
20. 12 to 15 Apr enroute Wellington
21. 15 to 19 Apr inport Wellington

22. 19 to 22 Apr enroute Pago Pago
23. 22 Apr inport Pago Pago (Assigned to First Fleet)

B. First Fleet Operations

1. 22 April to 1 May enroute to San Diego via Pearl Harbor on 27 April 1971
2. 1 May to 24 Jun inport San Diego
3. 2 Jun Change of Command
4. 24 Jun to 14 Dec Regular Overhaul (ROH) at Long Beach Naval Ship Yard
5. 14 to 31 Dec Leave and Upkeep in San Diego

C. Narrative Summary

1 January 1971 found USS JOUETT on station in the Gulf of Tonkin as PIRAZ/SSAR. When relieved of duties by USS CHICAGO, she visited Singapore for a ten day upkeep period which readied her for the third line period of the deployment. During this line period JOUETT's crew successfully made their 1000th safe helicopter recovery.

After a five day R&R visit to Hong Kong, a clean-up period was spent in Subic Bay in preparation for showing the flag in Australia and New Zealand.

JOUETT's first port call "down under" was a brief stop for fuel in Fremantle, Australia. In the 30 hour period JOUETT was in port her crew hosted over 1,100 people.

The next port call was Melbourne, Australia, for 6 days. During this time the crew hosted over 10,000 visitors, as the citizens of the two nations intermingled and exchanged ways of life in a truly people to people atmosphere. Easter weekend found JOUETT at Hobart, Tasmania, playing host to over 5,400 visitors in a three day period. JOUETT's last port call before the long transit home was Wellington, New Zealand as the ship spent four days there, hosting over 6,800 guests. She sailed for San Diego on 19 April via an overnight fuel stop in Pago Pago, Samoa, and a brief stop for fuel in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

During her third deployment, JOUETT steamed over 50,000 miles. The ship conducted 416 accident free helicopter landings in all kinds of weather conditions. More than 75 percent of the time away from San Diego was spent at sea. As a participant in Project Handclasp, JOUETT distributed over three tons of educational material, toiletries and toys to needy families in under-privileged parts of Southeast Asia and her crew donated 60 pints of blood in Hong Kong.

An additional excitement was added to JOUETT's return to San Diego on 1 May 1971. Shortly after leaving Pearl Harbor, her Commanding Officer, Captain Samuel L. GRAVELY, Jr., was informed by the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet that he

had been selected to join that distinct circle of Navymen with his appointment to Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy. It was an historic occasion as Captain GRAVELY was soon to become the first black Admiral in U.S. Navy history.

On 2 June 1971, Captain Edward S. BRIGGS relieved Captain GRAVELY and became JOUETT's fourth Commanding Officer. The occasion marked the frocking of Captain GRAVELY to Rear Admiral and he departed JOUETT to assume duties as head of the Navy's complex world-wide communications network.

JOUETT entered the Long Beach Naval Shipyard on 24⁸ June 1971 for her first major overhaul. During this period her capabilities were increased by the installation of LAMPS (Light Airborne Multipurpose System), ASMID (Anti-Ship Missile Defense) and distillate fuel conversion.

On 14 December 1971, JOUETT completed her overhaul and returned to her homeport of San Diego for the Holiday Season.