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Encl: (1) Ship's History
(2) Press Kit

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded.

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R. S. WENTWORTH Jr.

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Enclosure (6)

THE STORY BEHIND THE SHIP'S INSIGNIA

The phrase "Proud to Serve" displayed on the proposed ships insignia has been chosen as the official motto of REEVES. The heraldic symbols appearing above the motto on the insignia are those which research showed to appear repetitively on the coats of arms of the REEVES' family and which have a military or naval significance.

The pheons symbolize the bearing of arms, and the lines trailing them further symbolize a missile capability. The chevron is of course a military device and the wavy upper edge additionally symbolizes the sea. The scallop shell represents both strength and the capability of the ship to strike beneath the seas. The eagle symbolizes the United States, and its place above the shield signifies the guardian role of U. S. Naval Forces. The mermaids symbolize the seas, the operating medium of the USS REEVES. The four stars appearing in the border symbolize the permanent rank achieved by Admiral Joseph M. REEVES.

The background of the insignia is light blue rimmed in a circle of gold.

In order to assure heraldic authenticity and dignity, the heraldic research and the development of the initial design was done for the USS REEVES by the U. S. Army Institute of Heraldry.

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SHIP'S HISTORY

USS REEVES (DLG-24)

Keel Laid-----1 July 1960
Launched-----12 May 1962
Commissioned-----15 May 1964

Built by Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington

Sponsor: Mrs. Joseph M. Reeves, Jr.

Home Port: Long Beach, California
Home Yard: Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, California

The commissioning ceremony signifies the beginning of a ship's career of service to our country. The breaking of the commission pennant at the main truck simultaneously with the hoisting of the national ensign and the union jack, officially mark the ship's status - "In Commission".

For REEVES, this event occurred at 1752 on 15 May 1964. At 1756, 15 May 1964, Captain Wynne A. STEVENS, Jr., USN, assumed command as the first Commanding Officer of the United States Ship REEVES (DLG-24). At 1758, the REEVES' first Executive Officer, Commander Felix S. VECCHIONE, U. S. Navy, set the first watch and REEVES officially became a unit of the United States Pacific Fleet and embarked on its future of service to the country. From that moment on, it became the responsibility of the Commanding Officer and the Ship's Company to bring REEVES to a peak of readiness equal to any demand that could be placed upon her by our country - in peace or war.

The commissioning ceremony itself was indicative of the solemnity and importance of the occasion. The principal speaker, the Honorable Cyrus R. VANCE, Deputy Secretary of Defense. Remarks were offered by Congressman Thor E. TOLLEFSON; Rear Admiral Floyd B. SHULTZ, USN, Commander, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard; Rear Admiral H. V. BIRD, USN, Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla ELEVEN; and Captain Richard E. HARMER, USN, Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District. Upon completion of the ceremony, REEVES' began its first year of service in the United States Navy.

REEVES' operating schedule during the remainder of 1964 was as follows:

15 May-28 August-----Fitting Out, PSNS, Bremerton, Washington.
7 and 10-13 August-----Preliminary Acceptance Trials.
17-18 August-----Self Noise Measurements, Carr Inlet.
19-20 August-----Sonar Alignment Tests, Dabob Bay.
29 August-1 September-----Enroute Long Beach.

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29-30 August-----Blast Tests.
2 September-----Ammunition Loadout, Seal Beach.
3 September-----First Arrival at Home Port: Long
Beach, California.
4-14 September-----Upkeep, Long Beach.
15 September-8 October-----ISE/SQT (Ship's Qualification Trials-
Terrier).
9-14 September-----In Port, Long Beach, Pre-Final Accept-
ance Trials Period.
15-21 October-----Final Acceptance Trials.
22 October-1 November-----In Port, Long Beach, Post Final
Acceptance Trials Period.
2 November-----ISE.
3-4 November-----DEPERM - San Diego.
5 November-----Ammunition Off-Load, Seal Beach.
6 November-----ISE.
7-15 November-----Pre-ASROC SQT Period.
16-19 November-----Ship's Qualification Trials - ASROC.
20-23 November-----Pre-PSA Period.
24 November-31 December-----Post-Shakedown Availability, Long
Beach Naval Shipyard.

During calendar year 1965, under the pressure of accelerated scheduling REEVES completed a Post-Shakedown Availability; underwent class standardization trials; seven weeks shakedown training; pre-deployment preparations and on 10 April, in less than eight months from the completion of the Fitting Out Period, REEVES deployed to the Western Pacific. While deployed, REEVES operated as an AAW picket, first with Task Group 77.3 and USS ORISKANY, and then with Task Group 77.6 and USS MIDWAY conducting strike force operations in support of the defense of the Republic of Viet-Nam. REEVES returned from deployment in November and spent the remainder of 1965 operating in and about its home port of Long Beach.

The major event of the year was the deployment. During the six and one half months between departure from Long Beach to return to Long Beach, REEVES spent 166 days out of 206 days underway for an average of a little better than 80.5 percent. During that time the ship steamed 63,038 miles; averaged 13.75 knots for 24 hours a day from Long Beach to Long Beach even with the days in port figured in; replenished at sea 71 times, receiving 5,386,464 gallons of Navy Standard Fuel Oil and 185 tons of provisions; served 210,000 meals; and disbursed \$459,800 in the pay line. Operationally, REEVES maintained a full AAW readiness posture at condition III for the entire deployment; fired three exercise missiles, knocking down two drones; entered port only seven times; and never suffered a significant casualty that required the ship to miss a commitment or make an unscheduled return to port.

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REEVES first change of command was held aboard ship in YOKOSUKA, Japan, on 17 July 1965. Captain Ralph S. WENTWORTH, Jr., USN relieved Captain Wynne A. STEVENS, Jr., USN in a formal ceremony on the fantail. Captain O.D. MAC MILLAN, USN, Commander, Destroyer Squadron NINE embarked in REEVES opened the ceremony with brief remarks and then read a letter of appreciation, written to Captain Stevens by RADM E. S. MILLER, USN, Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group, U. S. Seventh Fleet for services performed by REEVES in Task Force operations in support of the Republic of Viet-Nam.

REEVES' detailed operating schedule during 1965 was as follows:

1 Jan - 19 Jan - Post Shakedown Availability, Long Beach.
20 Jan - 21 Jan - Underway, SOCAL OP AREAS, ASWEX 1-65.
- 22 Jan - Missile and ammunition loadout, Seal Beach.
23 Jan - 24 Jan - In port, Long Beach.
25 Jan - 26 Jan - Underway, SOCAL OP AREAS, Standardization Trials and ISE.
27 Jan - 28 Jan - Underway, SOCAL OP AREAS, ASWEX 2-65.
29 Jan - 31 Jan - In port, San Diego.
1 Feb - 17 Mar - Shakedown Training.
15 Mar - 17 Mar - PMR, shakedown and annual training TERRIER firings.
18 Mar - 23 Mar - In port, Long Beach.
24 Mar - 26 Mar - NWAI (in port).
27 Mar - 28 Mar - In port, Long Beach.
29 Mar - 30 Mar - Missile and ammunition loadout, Seal Beach.
- 31 Mar - In port, Long Beach.
1 Apr - 9 Apr - In port, Long Beach.
10 Apr - 16 Apr - Underway, enroute Pearl Harbor.
17 Apr - 19 Apr - In port, Pearl Harbor.
20 Apr - 2 May - Underway, enroute Subic Bay.
3 May - - In port, Subic Bay.
4 May - 2 Jun - Underway, Task Force 77 operations.
3 Jun - 8 Jun - In port, Subic Bay.
9 Jun - 30 Jun - Underway, Task Force 77 operations.
1 Jul - - Underway, enroute Yokosuka.
2 Jul - 16 Jul - In port, Yokosuka.
17 Jul - 26 Aug - Underway, Task Force 77 operations.
27 Aug - 1 Sep - In port, Subic Bay.
2 Sep - 4 Sep - Underway, enroute Hong Kong.
5 Sep - 9 Sep - In port, Hong Kong.
10 Sep - 30 Sep - Underway, Task Force 77 operations.
1 Oct - 10 Oct - Underway, Task Force 77 operations.
11 Oct - 16 Oct - In port, Subic Bay.
17 Oct - 2 Nov - Underway for Long Beach.
3 Nov - 12 Dec - In port, Long Beach.
13 Dec - 16 Dec - Underway, ISE SOCAL OP AREAS.
17 Dec - 31 Dec - In port, Long Beach.