



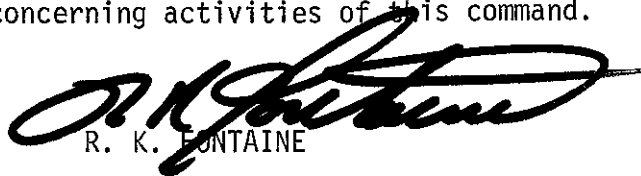
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1. The USS REEVES (DLG 24) Command History for calendar year 1973 is submitted to ensure the annual compilation and preservation of information of historical significance concerning activities of this command.



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## COMMAND ORGANIZATION

1. Captain Richard K. Fontaine, USN, assumed command on 24 November 1973, relieving Captain Lee Baggett Jr., USN, who had commanded REEVES since 31 May 1971.
2. Missions and functions of REEVES did not change in 1973.
3. REEVES was assigned to COMDESFLOT FIVE for administrative control until 1 July 1973, when REEVES was assigned to Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE.
4. Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, remained REEVES' homeport throughout 1973.

Enclosure (1)

## 1973 SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

The beginning of 1973 found REEVES operating in the Gulf of Tonkin as North Sar with USS BORDELON (DD-881) until 13 January when REEVES was relieved and sent to Subic Bay, Philippines. After a six day stay, REEVES again headed for the Gulf of Tonkin to resume North Sar duties. It was during this line period that the Vietnam Peace Treaty was initiated. REEVES had the honor of being the initial ship to track aircraft leaving Hanoi, North Vietnam, with our first returning prisoners of war. Upon completion of hostilities in February, REEVES was relieved on station earlier than scheduled and sailed to Sasebo, Japan for a twelve day up-keep period. A three day recreation visit to Keelung, Taiwan, was then enjoyed by REEVES' crew before once again returning to the Gulf of Tonkin for the last line period of her deployment.

On 8 March, REEVES was relieved for the last time, and after a one day stop in Subic Bay to off load equipment, headed for Yokosuka, Japan, for a three day port visit before outchopping Seventh Fleet and sailing to Pearl Harbor. REEVES returned to Hawaii on 24 March 1973.

The time following REEVES' return included a one month period for leave and upkeep, immediately followed by two months of Readiness and Improvement (READIMP) during which time REEVES remained in port. On 1 July 1973, upon reorganization of Cruiser-Destroyer Force, Pacific Fleet, REEVES was assigned to Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE. Several weeks in July and August were spent conducting local operation off Hawaii's coast during which five exercises were held utilizing all weapons systems. Successful weapons firings were accomplished with the 3"/50 guns, ASROC, torpedoes, and Terrier missiles. In addition to normal shipboard training, engineering exercises and training were extensively covered in preparation for REEVES' upcoming Propulsion Examining Board (PEB) inspection scheduled for September. REEVES was also a participant in MIDPACTRARON 73 when 43 NROTC Midshipman reported to REEVES for six weeks of training and orientation.

The month of September was devoted almost exclusively to the inspection by PEB and preparations for overhaul. The second week of October was the last sea period of 1973 for REEVES. ASW exercises and engineering drills again highlighted the week.

REEVES formally commenced her regular overhaul period on 19 November when she entered drydock in Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, where she would remain for the remainder of the calendar year.

On November 24, REEVES, had a Change of Command in which Captain Richard K. FONTAINE, USN, relieved Captain Lee BAGGETT, Jr. as Commanding Officer.

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