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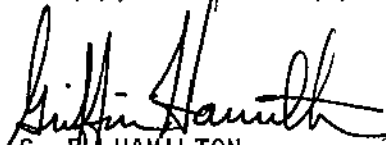
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Encl: (1) Ship's History, Parts I, II, and III (Chronology, Narrative,  
Documentary Annexes)

1. (U) In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby  
submitted.

  
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## REPORT OF SHIP'S HISTORY

## PART I

## CHRONOLOGY OF HIGHLIGHTS

- 01-05 JAN - Inport San Diego for holiday upkeep.
- 06-08 JAN - Underway for independent steaming in local OP areas.
- 09-24 JAN - Inport San Diego for upkeep and Preparations for Overseas Movement (POM).
- 25-27 JAN - Underway for pre-deployment training.
- 28 JAN-07 FEB - Inport San Diego for final POM preparations.
- 08-13 FEB - Enroute Pearl Harbor and WESTPAC with USS HAMNER and USS LOCKWOOD.
- 14-15 FEB - Inport Pearl Harbor for fuel and WESTPAC briefs.
- 16-18 FEB - Enroute Midway Island for brief fuel stop.
- 19 FEB - Inport Midway Island for fueling. Underway for Guam for brief fuel stop.
- 24 FEB - Chop to COMSEVENTHFLT.
- 26 FEB - Inport Guam for fueling. Underway.
- 26-30 FEB - Enroute Subic Bay R.P.I.
- 01-04 MAR - Inport Subic Bay for onload of WESTPAC pool equipment.
- 05-26 MAR - Underway enroute Yankee Station. Escort for USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63).
- 27 MAR-01 APR - Inport Subic Bay for upkeep.
- 02-06 APR - Underway for Yankee Station. Escort for USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63).
- 07-14 APR - PIRAZ shotgun for USS CHICAGO (CG 11).
- 15 APR - South Talos shotgun for USS CHICAGO (CG 11).
- 16 APR - Enroute gunline for MGFS support in Military Region I.
- 17-23 APR - Conducted NGFS support Military Region I. Received approximately 15 rounds of hostile fire from vicinity of Cua Viet River.
- 24-26 APR - Escort for USS HANCOCK (CVA 19).
- 27-28 APR - Inport Da Nang, South Vietnam for gun repairs. Underway each night in vicinity of Da Nang.
- 29 APR-05 MAY - Conducted NGFS support Military Region I.
- 05 MAY - Change of Command conducted on the gunline.
- 06-14 MAY - Escort for USS MIDWAY (CVA 41) operating at Dixie Station.
- 15-16 MAY - Enroute Subic Bay.
- 17-28 MAY - Inport Subic Bay for upkeep and onload of HSL 31 Detachment 3.
- 23-28 MAY - Assigned escort for USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63) inport Subic.
- 28-29 MAY - Enroute North SAR Station. Assigned shotgun for USS BIDDLE (DLG 34).
- 30 MAY-24 JUN - North SAR shotgun for USS BIDDLE (DLG 34).
- 24-26 JUN - North SAR shotgun for USS ENGLAND (DLG 22).
- 26 JUN-09 JUL - Escort for USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63).

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26-27 JUN - Enroute Subic Bay.  
28 JUN - Inport Subic Bay for fueling.  
29 JUN - Enroute Hong Kong.  
30 JUN-07 JUL - Inport Hong Kong. Assigned duties of SOPA ADMIN.  
08 JUL - Enroute Yankee Station.  
09-13 JUL - PIRAZ shotgun for USS BIDDLE (DLG 34).  
14-21 JUL - PIRAZ shotgun for USS LONG BEACH (CGN 9).  
21-14 JUL - Conducted NGFS Support Military Region I.  
25-26 JUL - Escort for USS AMERICA (CVA 66). Enroute Subic Bay.  
26 JUL - Inport Subic Bay. Offloaded HSL31 DET3.  
26-28 JUL - Enroute gunline for NGFS Support Military Region I.  
28 JUL-06 AUG - Conducted NGFS Military Region I.  
07-08 AUG - Enroute Subic Bay.  
08 AUG - Inport Subic Bay. Offload WESTPAC pool equipment.  
09-14 AUG - Inport Subic Bay, Pre-outchop upkeep.  
15-18 AUG - Enroute Guam for a brief fuel stop.  
18 AUG - Inport Guam for refueling.  
19-22 AUG - Enroute Midway Island for a brief fuel stop.  
23 AUG - Inport Midway Island for refueling.  
24-25 AUG - Enroute Pearl Harbor.  
26 AUG - Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for fueling and customs inspection.  
27-30 AUG - Enroute San Diego.  
31 AUG - Inport San Diego, California.  
31 AUG-30 SEP - Leave and upkeep period in San Diego.  
01-08 OCT - Upkeep San Diego.  
09-13 OCT - Underway. Escort for USS RANGER (CVA 61) in local OP areas.  
14-16 OCT - Upkeep San Diego.  
17-18 OCT - Underway conducting RECONEX 1-72.  
19-23 OCT - Upkeep San Diego.  
24-25 OCT - Underway. Escort for USS CONSTELLATION (CVA 64).  
26-29 OCT - Upkeep San Diego.  
30 OCT-08 NOV - Underway. Participating in UPTIDE 3B.  
28 NOV - Change of Command.  
09 NOV-31 DEC - Upkeep San Diego.

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## REPORT OF SHIP'S HISTORY

## PART II

## BASIC NARRATIVE

SECTION I - COMMAND ORGANIZATION AND RELATIONS

- A. Commander Arthur S. MOREAU, Jr., USN, commanded USS ROARK (DE 1053) from 2 January 1972 until 5 May 1972. Commander Robert J. KERRIGAN, USN, commanded USS ROARK (DE 1053) from 5 May 1972 until 28 November 1972. Lieutenant Commander Griffin F. HAMILTON, USN, commanded USS ROARK (DE 1053) from 28 November 1972 until 31 December 1972.
- B. During 1972 USS ROARK was homeported in San Diego, California.
- C. During 1972 administrative organization was Destroyer Squadron THIRTY-ONE, Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla NINE.

SECTION II - GENERAL

- A. The month of January 1972 was spent making final preparations for ROARK's second WESTPAC deployment. The preparations included an independent steaming period on 6 January for a systems check, and an underway period on 25 January conducting exercises with other units from Destroyer Squadron THIRTY-ONE.
- B. ROARK departed San Diego on 8 February 1972 for her second deployment to the Western Pacific.
- C. On 5 March 1972, ROARK commenced her first WESTPAC line period of the deployment. During this period ROARK escorted and acted as Screen Commander for USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63).
- D. At 0300 on 2 April 1972, with the outbreak of major hostilities in South Vietnam, ROARK began her second line period again as escort for USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63). This line period consisted of 46 days and contained assignments as PIRAZ and South Talos escort for USS CHICAGO (CG 11), ROARK's first gunline tour and escort duties for USS HANCOCK (CVA 19), and USS MIDWAY (CVA 41).
- E. A record of the hostile fire received by ROARK on 17 April 1972 is contained in the Documenting Annexes.
- F. On 5 May 1972, Commander Robert J. KERRIGAN, USN relieved Commander Arthur S. MOREAU, Jr., USN as Commanding Officer of ROARK. This change of command was conducted in a waiting station on the gunline.

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G. On 18 May 1972, while in port Subic Bay, ROARK embarked HSL 31 Detachment 3 and, upon entry into the combat zone on 29 May, became the first Destroyer Escort to carry a helicopter detachment in the combat zone.

H. The third line period of this deployment ROARK was assigned as shotgun for USS BIDDLE (DLG 34) and USS ENGLAND (DLG 22) on North SAR station.

I. At the end of the third line period ROARK was assigned escort for USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63) and proceeded to Hong Kong via Subic Bay.

J. While in Hong Kong 20 June thru 7 July 1972, ROARK acted as SOPA ADMIN for all U.S. Navy ships present.

K. Upon departure from Hong Kong ROARK proceeded to PIRAZ station and acted as shotgun for USS BIDDLE (DLG 34) and USS LONG BEACH (CGN 9). When detached by USS LONG BEACH (CGN 9), ROARK proceeded to the gunline and conducted NGFS until 6 August 1972. The gunline tour completed ROARK's fourth and final line period for this cruise.

L. On 26 July 1972 HSL 31 Detachment 3 was off loaded in Subic Bay to await the arrival of USS TRUXTON (DLGN 35).

M. On 15 August 1972 ROARK departed Subic Bay enroute CONUS.

N. On 31 August 1972 ROARK arrived in San Diego terminating her second Western Pacific Deployment.

O. After a thirty day post deployment stand down period for leave/upkeep and an additional two weeks in port, ROARK was underway on 9 October 1972 escorting USS RANGER (CVA 61) for five days.

P. After a few days in port ROARK was underway on 17 October 1972 to conduct RECONEX 1-72. This exercise was proposed to test the concept of insertion and support of a Marine Reconnaissance force by a Destroyer Escort.

Q. After a short time in port ROARK was again underway to participate in UPTIDE 3B from 30 October thru 8 November 1972. This exercise was part of a continuing program to evaluate the capabilities of the AN/SQS-26 Sonar in convergence zone mode of operation and examine and test proposed and recently developed ASW tactics.

R. On 28 November 1972 Lieutenant Commander Griffin HAMILTON, USN, relieved Commander Robert J. KERRIGAN, USN, as Commanding Officer of ROARK. This change of command was conducted in San Diego, California.

S. Upon completion of UPTIDE 3B ROARK remained in port through 31 December 1972 for upkeep and holiday leave.

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