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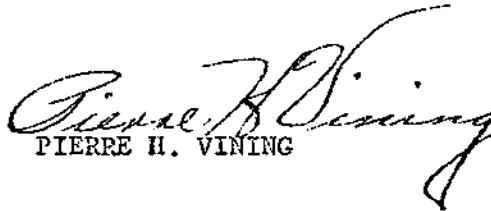
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PIERRE H. VINING

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COMCRUDESFLOT SIX
COMDESRON FOUR
COMDESRON SIX

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS 1969

- 1 Jan ----- On station (PIRAZ) in the Gulf of Tonkin
- 3 Jan ----- Departed PIRAZ station for Subic Bay, Philippines
- 5 Jan ----- Arrived Subic Bay
- 9 Jan ----- Departed Subic Bay enroute to Sidney, Australia
- 12 Jan ----- Crossed Equator at 126° 00' 30" E
- 18 Jan ----- Arrived Sidney, Australia
- 21 Jan ----- Departed Sidney enroute to Auckland, New Zealand
- 25 Jan ----- Arrived Auckland, New Zealand
- 27 Jan ----- Departed Auckland enroute to Panama Canal Zone
- 30 Jan ----- Refueled at Papeete, Tahiti
- 11 Feb ----- Passed through Panama Canal
- 15 Feb ----- Arrived St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
- 17 Feb ----- Underway for missile exercise at AFW and enroute JAX OPAREA
- 19 Feb ----- Commenced anti-submarine exercises in JAX Op Area
- 20 Feb ----- Completed anti-submarine exercises - departed for Charleston, S. C.
- 21 Feb ----- Arrived Charleston, S.C. for leave and upkeep
- 11 Mar ----- Received COMCRUDESFLT SIX Personnel Retention Award
- 1 Apr ----- Commenced INSURV Inspection by SUBINSURVBOARD Atlantic
- 3 Apr ----- Completed INSURV Inspection
- 10 Apr ----- Flagship for COMCRUDESFLT SIX Change of Command Ceremony
- 21 Apr ----- Commenced Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection by COMDESRON FOUR and NUCWEPTRACENLANT Inspection Team
- 23 Apr ----- Completed Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection
- 1 May ----- Commenced Administrative Inspection by COMDESRON SIX
- 3 May ----- Completed Administrative Inspection
- 8 May ----- Ammunition loading at Naval Weapons Station, Charleston

12 May ----- Departed Charleston enroute to Norfolk, Va.

14 May ----- Arrived Norfolk, Va.

15 May ----- Departed Norfolk for Presidential Sea Power Demonstration
in Virginia Capes Operating Area

17 May ----- Participated in Presidential Sea Power Demonstration,
returning to Norfolk upon completion

19 May ----- Departed Norfolk for Operation EXOTIC DANCER

20 May ----- Commenced EXOTIC DANCER

29 May ----- Arrived Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico

30 May ----- Departed Roosevelt Roads

2 Jun ----- Completed EXOTIC DANCER - Arrived San Juan, Puerto Rico

5 Jun ----- Departed San Juan for NATO Exercise SPARK PLUG

6 Jun ----- Commenced SPARK PLUG

11 Jun ----- Completed SPARK PLUG - departed for Newport, R. I.

13 Jun ----- Arrived Newport, R. I.

14 Jun ----- Departed Newport enroute to Charleston, S.C.

16 Jun ----- Arrived Charleston, S.C.

1 Jul ----- Reassigned from Destroyer Squadron SIX to Destroyer Squadron
FOUR. Captain F. E. MCKENZIE, COMDESRON FOUR broke his
flag on board

15 Jul ----- Commenced NTDS Programming Evaluation in Virginia Capes
Op Area with USS BELKNAP (DLG-26)

17 Jul ----- Completed NTDS Evaluation - returned to Charleston, S.C.

29 Jul ----- Celebration of Fiftieth Birthday of Destroyer Squadron FOUR
on board WAINWRIGHT. Captain I. A. JOHNSON awarded the Bronze
Star

18 Aug ----- Commenced Shipyard Overhaul, Charleston Naval Shipyard

10 Sep ----- Change of Command - CAPT I. A. JOHNSON relieved by CAPT
P. H. VINING

16 Sep ----- Entered Drydock - Charleston Naval Shipyard

29 Oct ----- Foreign Supply Officers visit ship
23 Nov ----- Reception for Shipyard workers
17 Dec ----- Undocking
19 Dec ----- Dock Trials conducted successfully

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS FOR 1969

DAYS IN NAVY YARD	135
DAYS IN DRYDOCK	62
DAYS IN HOMEPORT	268
DAYS IN PORT (OTHER THAN HOMEPORT)	18
DAYS AT SEA	79
REPLENISHMENTS AT SEA	5
MISSILE FIRINGS	20
VOLUME OF COMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC (APPROX)	
MESSAGES RECEIVED	28,000
MESSAGES SENT	4,000
TOTAL MESSAGES HANDLED	32,000
MILES TRAVELED	20,265
GALLONS OF FUEL OIL USED	2,798,524
HELICOPTER LANDINGS	10

WAINWRIGHT OFFICERS
ON 31 DEC 1969

COMMANDING OFFICER	CDR P. H. VINING, USN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	CDR R. R. HATCH, USN
OPERATIONS OFFICER	LCDR T. K. ANDERSON, USN
WEAPONS OFFICER	LCDR W. M. TRUESDELL, USN
ENGINEERING OFFICER	LCDR R. L. TOWLE, USN
CIC OFFICER	LCDR J. J. MAGEE, USN
SUPPLY OFFICER	LT B. N. WINGARD, USN
DAMAGE CONTROL OFFICER	LT D. C. WALKER, USN
NAVIGATOR	LT H. H. NEWMAN, USNR
ASW OFFICER	LT S. W. CALDWELL, USN
ASS'T CIC OFFICER	LT H. S. MCPHATTER, USNR
MISSILE OFFICER	LT L. L. WAGENSELL, USN
FIRST LIEUTENANT	LT C. J. WEEKS, USN
ENGINEERING ASSISTANT	LTJG D. L. CLARY, USN
DISBURSING OFFICER	LTJG J. A. JONES, USNR
MISSILE ORDNANCE OFFICER	LTJG J. K. SANDS, USN
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	LTJG J. F. REINHARDT, USN
MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT	LTJG D. D. FOX, USN
NTDS OFFICER	LTJG J. W. CALDWELL, USN
ASS'T NTDS OFFICER	LTJG J. L. HERRIFORD, USN
ELECTRICAL OFFICER	LTJG R. E. RUSSELL, USN
GUNNERY OFFICER	LTJG C. D. RITCHIE, USN
SONAR OFFICER	ENS W. F. MEHLMAN, USNR
ELECTRONICS MATERIAL OFFICER	W-1 J. R. MUTCH, USN

NARRATIVE

Ship's History for 1969

The beginning of the year found USS WAINWRIGHT in the last of three line periods on PIRAZ (Positive Radar Advisory Zone), in which she served as an aircraft identification and control ship for the Northern waters of Tonkin Gulf and its immediate coastline. Upon completion of a success-studded Southeast Asia deployment on January 3, WAINWRIGHT departed PIRAZ station for Subic Bay, Philippines, arriving on the 5th. WAINWRIGHT left Subic Bay on 9 January enroute to Sidney, Australia for a recreational visit. She crossed the equator on 12 January at 126° 00' 30" E and all new Polliwogs were initiated into the Ancient Order of the Deep. WAINWRIGHT was in Sidney from 18-21 January, proceeding from there to Auckland, New Zealand for another recreational visit, this one for two days. Then, on 27 January the ship left Auckland enroute to the Panama Canal Zone. She refueled in Papeete, Tahiti on 30 January, passed through the Panama Canal on 11 February, and arrived at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands on 15 February. On 17 February WAINWRIGHT got underway for a missile exercise at the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range, Puerto Rico, and then proceeded to the Jacksonville Op Area to train in antisubmarine exercises which commenced on 19 February. At the completion of the exercises, on 20 February, WAINWRIGHT departed for Charleston, S.C. The happy homecoming occurred 21 February after an absence from Charleston of 241 days.

The Flotilla Personnel Retention Award was awarded to WAINWRIGHT on 11 March by RADM V. P. HEALY, COMCRUDESFLT SIX. From 1 April to 4 April WAINWRIGHT was inspected by SUBINSURV BOARD Atlantic. On 4 April SDC Charlie COGGINS, Jr. was transferred to the U.S. Fleet Reserve after 20 years of Naval service. On 10 April WAINWRIGHT served as Flotilla Flagship when RADM L. E. HUBBELL relieved RADM V. P. HEALY as COMCRUDESFLT SIX. Among the distinguished guests were Chairman L. Mendel RIVERS of the House Armed Services Committee, ADM T. H. MOORER - Chief of Naval Operations, and RADM C. J. VAN ARSDALL, Jr. - Commander Cruiser Destroyer Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. From 21 to 23 April WAINWRIGHT was given a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection by the COMDESRON FOUR and the NUCWEPTRA-CENLAN inspection team and a grade of 94.5 was assigned. On 22 April BTCS A. K. WELCOME also was transferred to the U.S. Naval Fleet Reserve after 20 years of Naval service.

From 1 May to 4 May WAINWRIGHT was given an Administrative Inspection by COMDESRON SIX and received a grade of 97.6. On 8 May WAINWRIGHT went up the Cooper River to the Naval Weapons Station to replenish missiles and gun ammunition. She then left Charleston on 12 May for Norfolk, Virginia, arriving on the 14th. She departed Norfolk on the 15th to participate in a Presidential Sea Power Demonstration in the Virginia Capes Operating Area. On 17 May, WAINWRIGHT, in company with one carrier, two cruisers, six guided missile ships and other units of the Atlantic Fleet, presented a sea power demonstration for the President of the United States. WAINWRIGHT was designated to fire at two drones, and destroyed each with the first missile fired. For this performance, WAINWRIGHT was commended

by Commander Destroyer Squadron SIX, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Flotilla SIX, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Force Atlantic Fleet, and Commander Second Fleet. On 19 May WAINWRIGHT departed for Operation EXOTIC DANCER, which took place off the southeastern coast of the United States and in the Caribbean. During this operation, WAINWRIGHT served as Flagship for RADM L. E. HUBBELL, COMCRUDESFLOT SIX. VADM B. J. SEMMES, COMSECONDFLT and RADM WELCH, COMPHIBGRU FOUR, visited the ship while the operation was in progress. On 29 May WAINWRIGHT entered Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for radar alignment checks, departing the next day to continue in EXOTIC DANCER. As a part of the operations, WAINWRIGHT fired 12 Terrier missiles on the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range at various targets, including low flying drones, long range targets, and a hulk - the ex (DE) USS KILLEN. Upon completion of the missile shoot and Operation EXOTIC DANCER on 2 June, WAINWRIGHT visited San Juan, P. R.

WAINWRIGHT left San Juan on 5 June, with RADM E. W. DOBIE, COMCRUDESFLOT TWO embarked, to participate in Operation SPARK PLUG, a NATO ASW exercise with ships from Canada, Great Britain, Holland and Portugal. RADM DOBIE was OTC. The purpose of the exercise was to provide intensive exercise play for submarine and international antisubmarine forces in a convoy situation. SPARK PLUG was completed on 11 June and WAINWRIGHT proceeded to Newport, R. I. She arrived in Newport on 13 June, disembarked COMCRUDESFLOT TWO, and departed the next day for Charleston, arriving on 16 June.

CAPT F. E. MCKENZIE broke his flag on board on 1 July when WAINWRIGHT was reassigned from Destroyer Squadron SIX to Destroyer Squadron FOUR. On 15 July, WAINWRIGHT was underway again and commenced a two-day NTDS Programming Evaluation in the Virginia Capes Op Area with USS BELKNAP (DLG-26). The NTDS evaluation was completed on 17 July and WAINWRIGHT returned to Charleston. The celebration of the fiftieth birthday of Destroyer Squadron FOUR was held in WAINWRIGHT on 29 July. As an added touch to the ceremonies, CAPT IVAR A. JOHNSON was presented the Bronze Star by CAPT F. E. MCKENZIE, COMDESRON FOUR, for meritorious performance in WAINWRIGHT during the Vietnam Conflict.

On 18 August WAINWRIGHT entered the Charleston Naval Shipyard and commenced her first regular shipyard overhaul, an overhaul calculated to take six months and cost over \$2.5 million dollars.

On 10 September, CAPT P. H. VINING relieved CAPT I. A. JOHNSON, who was transferred to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D. C. CAPT VINING reported to WAINWRIGHT from the Staff of COMCRUDESFLOT TWO, where he served as Chief of Staff and Aide. After the relieving ceremony, RADM L. E. HUBBELL, COMCRUDESFLOT SIX presented WAINWRIGHT with the Flotilla Commander Electronics Warfare Award. Six days later WAINWRIGHT entered drydock in the Charleston Naval Shipyard.

On October 29, WAINWRIGHT's Supply spaces were toured by foreign Supply Officers from Chile, Dominican Republic, Germany, Iran, Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam. WAINWRIGHT left drydock on 17 November and was moored alongside Pier F for continuation of her overhaul. On 23 November a tour for shipyard workers and their families was held in appreciation for the excellent work being performed by the Yard.

On 1 December QMC M. D. WILBANKS was transferred to the U. S. Naval Fleet Reserve after 20 years of Naval service. Later in December, on the 16th, LCDR T. K. ANDERSON, WAINWRIGHT's Operations Officer, was awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star Medals for services as Commander River Division 531 in Vietnam.

The year ended with WAINWRIGHT in the final phases of her overhaul, directing major effort toward resuming operational status.