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From: Commanding Officer, USS Reeves (DLG-24)

To: *Recipient*

Subj: Letter of Commendation

Ref: (a) COMCRUDESPAC msg 120002Z Aug 66

1. Reference (a) awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" to USS Reeves (DLG-24) for competition within Destroyer Squadron Nine during the competitive period ending 30 June 1966. Reference (a) also contains the following personal message from Rear Admiral W. H. Baumberger, USN, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet:

"I wish to extend my congratulations to the award winner - - winning these awards is obviously the result of superior leadership, hard work, and a united effort by all hands. Winners should be extremely proud of their achievement. I share this pride. Well done."

2. The award of the Battle Efficiency "E" to REEVES reflects not only creditable performance by an outstanding crew but most importantly the sustained superior performance of the leaders - - the officers, chief petty officers and first class petty officers - - who succeeded in the face of a demanding pace of training, inspections, and operational commitments in achieving a high state of administrative and operational readiness. As _____, you played a significant role in contributing to the overall excellence of REEVES during the competitive period ending 30 June 1966 and for such outstanding performance you are commended.

Gordon R. HOPWOOD

This is a transcription of the original letter signed by CAPT Hopwood.

Each crew member received this letter for the Battle "E" award that should have been included in their service record.

A copy of this source can be obtained from the Association historian.