

Commander Destroyer Squadron Thirty-One



I want to express my personal appreciation to the officers and men of USS ELLIOT for your outstanding performance while serving as my flagship during our deployment with the United States Seventh Fleet from 21 February to 9 September 1979.

Your enthusiastic, cheerful support throughout the deployment, but particularly while in the Indian Ocean and the South Pacific, enabled my staff and me to perform our duties most effectively.

Thank you, and WELL DONE.

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