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To: Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla TWO

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1. On 1 July 1970, as FY 71 began, USS HUGH PURVIS (DD709), an aging lady of the fleet, sat forlornly alongside pier one in Newport, Rhode Island. She had been in modified Cadre (reduced, but more correctly non-operational status) since November 1969. She had completed only 32% of her required exercises during fiscal year 1970, had an unsatisfactory annual supply inspection, had no chance to complete any operational inspections and seemed a forgotten unit of the fleet. Less than a year later, on 2 May 1971, she was to sail back into Newport, a proud fighting ship with the most enviable record achieved of any destroyer in recent years, including a highly successful Mediterranean deployment.

2. In November 1969, when HUGH PURVIS was placed in modified "cadre", she was subject to a draw down of petty officers in critical ratings. This depletion of talent and operation was almost disastrous in its consequences. This situation left HUGH PURVIS with a serious management problem. Unlike her sisters in modified Cadre, HUGH PURVIS was not even

