

**U. S. S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5)**

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Encl: (1) Ship's History Changes; 1 Jan 1965 to 1 Jan 1966  
(2) Current ship's history  
(3) Current ship's photograph  
(4) Photograph of current Commanding Officer  
(5) Narrative biography of Commanding Officer  
(6) Welcome Aboard pamphlet  
(7) Current ship's cruisebook 1964-65

1. Enclosures (1) through (7) are forwarded in accordance with reference (a).

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CHANGES IN SHIP'S HISTORY; 1 January 1965 to 1 January 1966

A. Commanding Officers and periods served.

1. Capt. H. A. Seymour, 5 August 1964 to 12 July 1965
2. Capt. K. W. Simmons, 12 July 1965 to present

B. Principal ship movements and engagements.

1. Osaka, Japan 5-8 January 1965
2. Iwakuni, Japan 9-12 January 1965
3. Beppu, Japan 12-16 January 1965
4. Naha, Okinawa 19-22 February 1965
5. Manila, Philippines 31 March - 3 April 1965
6. Keelung, Taiwan 6-9 April 1965
7. Naha, Okinawa 10-12 April 1965
8. Hong Kong, B.C.C. 31 May - 7 June 1965
9. Subic Bay, Philippines 25 -29 May 1965
10. Naval Gunfire Support Mission 15 June 1965
11. Naval Gunfire Support Mission 19 June 1965
12. Naval Gunfire Support Mission 19-20 June 1965
13. Kaohsiung, Taiwan 23-27 August 1965
14. Naval Gunfire Support Mission 4 September 1965
15. Naval Gunfire Support Mission 5 September 1965
16. Cebu, Philippines 16-18 September 1965
17. Hong Kong, B.C.C. 23-23 October 1965
18. Subic Bay, Philippines 30 October - 8 November 1965
19. SAR Operations 3-10 December 1965

C. Major conversions and periods out of service.

NONE

D. Special awards or outstanding events.

See Enclosure (2), page 6, paragraphs 1 and 3

ENCLOSURE (1)

History, USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5)

The OKLAHOMA CITY arrived in Yokosuka, Japan on 7 July and relieved the USS PROVIDENCE (CLG-6) as flagship for Vice Admiral Roy L. Johnson, Commander, SEVENTH Fleet. The ship will remain flagship for the next thirty months.

On 5 August, Captain Emmett P. Bonner was relieved by Captain Harry A. Seymour as Commanding Officer of the OKLAHOMA CITY.

The following day, 6 August, the ship departed for a 25-day alert in the Gulf of Tonkin following the attacks of the North Vietnamese gunboats on the U.S.S TURNER JOY and the USS MADDOX.

Over the extended in-port period during the Christmas holiday period, the OKLAHOMA CITY added the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal to her other awards and decorations. The OKLAHOMA CITY received the medal for her part in the Tonkin Gulf incident in August and September.

During the first two months of 1965, the OKLAHOMA CITY continued making operational port visits to various ports of the Far East including Osaka, Beppu and Iwakuni, Japan and Naha, Okinawa.

On 1 March 1965, Vice Admiral Paul P. Blackburn, Jr. relieved Vice Admiral Roy L. Johnson as Commander SEVENTH Fleet.

In June 1965, when operating in the South China Sea, the honorable Paul Nitze, Secretary of the Navy, paid a visit to Vice Admiral Blackburn on board.

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On two separate occasions in June the Oklahoma City participated in Naval Gunfire Support missions off the coast of Viet Nam. A total of 123 rounds of 6"/47 ammunition and 63 rounds of 5"/38 ammunition were fired during these NGFS missions.

While in Yokosuka during July, the ship received a new Commanding Officer. Capt. Kendall W. Simmons relieved Captain Harry A. Seymour on 12 July, 1965.

In August and September, the OKLAHOMA CITY continued making operational port visits and participated in Naval Gunfire Support missions off the coast of Viet Nam. From 7-9 September, the OKLAHOMA CITY served as a Naval Gunfire Support vessel in "Operation Piranha", a large-scale amphibious assault in South Viet Nam. Captain Simmons acted as commander, of the gunfire support mission for the operation.

Admiral McDonald, Chief of Naval Operations and Vice Admiral Semmes, Chief of Naval Personnel were guests aboard the OKLAHOMA CITY on 12 Sept. During the visit, a birthday party was held for Admiral McDonald and both he and Vadm. Semmes addressed the crew.

The month of October was spent in Yokosuka, the South China Sea and in port visits to Hong Kong and the Philippines.

On 13 November 1965, the USS OKLAHOMA CITY returned to her homeport of Yokosuka, Japan for a normal upkeep period.

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The OKLAHOMA CITY has earned the following decorations and awards:

1. American Campaign Medal
2. Asiatic - Pacific Medal with two stars: Okinawa Gunto Operation.  
Assault and occupation  
of Okinawa Gunto  
  
Third Fleet Operations  
against Japan - 10 July to  
15 August 1945.
3. World War II Victory Medal
4. Navy Occupation Service (Asian) Medal
5. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Viet Nam)

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