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PART I

BRIEF CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

JANUARY 1970

- 1-5 Upkeep at Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka, Japan.
- 6 Underway for Vietnam Combat Zone.
- 11 Arrived at Yankee Station.
- 12-21 Conducted Naval Gunfire Support Operations in the vicinity of Danang, and the Demilitarized Zone.
- 21 Departed Combat Zone for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.
- 24-31 Inport Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

FEBRUARY 1970

- 1 Inport Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.
- 2 Underway for Hong Kong, BCC
- 3-9 Inport Hong Kong, BCC
- 10 Underway for Special Operations in Vietnam Combat Zone
- 11-15 Conducted Naval Gunfire Support Operations in vicinity of Demilitarized Zone.
- 15 Departed Vietnam Combat Zone enroute Yokosuka, Japan, via Okinawa.
- 20-28 Inport Yokosuka, Japan at Ship Repair Facility.

MARCH 1970

- 1-15 Inport Yokosuka, Japan at Ship Repair Facility.
- 16-21 Enroute Vietnam Combat Zone for Special Operations.
- 22-27 On South Search and Rescue Station.
- 28-29 Enroute Sattahip, Thailand.
- 30-31 Inport Sattahip, Thailand.

APRIL 1970

- 1-2 Inport Sattahip, Thailand.

APRIL 1970

- 3-4 Enroute Vietnam Combat Zone.
- 5 Arrived Vietnam Combat Zone.
- 6-14 Conducted Special Operations on PIRAZ Station, Tonkin Gulf.
- 15-16 Enroute Keelung, Taiwan. Conducted Taiwan Straits Patrol.
- 17-19 Inport Keelung, Taiwan. II
- 20-23 Underway for Yokosuka, Japan, via Okinawa.
- 23 Fleet Training Group WESTPAC conducted Operational Readiness Inspection.
- 24-30 Inport Yokosuka, Japan.
- 28-30 DESRON 3 conducted Administrative inspection.

MAY 1970

- 1-13 Upkeep and maintenance at Ship Repair Facility Yokosuka, Japan.
- 14-15 Enroute Iwakuni, Japan. Commenced Dependents Cruise.
- 16 Inport Iwakuni, Japan.
- 17 Enroute Beppu, Japan.
- 18-19 Inport Beppu, Japan.
- 20 Enroute Tonkin Gulf for Special Operations.
- 24-29 Conducted Special Operations in Gulf of Tonkin.
- 29-31 Enroute Singapore.

JUNE 1970

- 1-3 Inport Singapore.
- 4 Underway from Singapore enroute to Port Swettenham, Malaysia.
- 5-7 Moored at Port Swettenham, Malaysia.
- 8-11 Enroute from Port Swettenham, Malaysia to Vietnam Combat Zone. Crossed Equator at Latitude 00°0'0", Longitude 105°.

JUNE 1970

- 12-17 On SAR Station in Vietnam Combat Zone.
- 18-22 Enroute from SAR Station to Yokosuka, Japan, via Subic Bay and Okinawa operating areas.
- 23-30 Upkeep and maintenance at Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka, Japan.

JULY 1970

- 1-12 Upkeep and maintenance at Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka, Japan.
- 13 Enroute Kobe, Japan.
- 14-16 Inport Kobe, Japan.
- 17-22 Enroute Special Operations in Vietnam Combat Zone.
- 22-31 Conducting Special Operations in Vietnam Combat Zone.

AUGUST 1970

- 1-7 Conducting Special Operations in Vietnam Combat Zone.
- 8-10 Enroute Yokosuka, Japan.
- 11-31 Upkeep and maintenance at Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka, Japan.

SEPTEMBER 1970

- 1-6 Routine upkeep and maintenance at Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka, Japan.
- 7-9 Enroute Kaohsiung, Taiwan.
- 10-12 Inport Kaohsiung, Taiwan.
- 13-14 Enroute Hong Kong, B.C.C.
- 15-20 Inport Hong Kong, B.C.C.
- 21 Enroute Vietnam Combat Zone.
- 22-30 Conducting Special Operations in Vietnam Combat Zone.

OCTOBER 1970

- 1-7 Conducting Special Operations in Vietnam Combat Zone.
- 8-11 Enroute Inchon, Korea, via Okinawa Operation Areas.
- 12-14 Inport Inchon, Korea.
- 15-16 Enroute Yokosuka, Japan.
- 7-31 Conducting routine upkeep and maintenance at Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka, Japan.

NOVEMBER 1970

- 1-13 Conducting routine upkeep and maintenance at Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka, Japan.
- 14-15 Enroute Sasebo, Japan.
- 16-18 Inport Sasebo, Japan.
- 19-22 Enroute Vietnam Combat Zone for Special Operations.
- 23-30 Conducting Special Operations in the Vietnam Combat Zone.

DECEMBER 1970

- 1-8 Conducting Naval Gunfire Support in the vicinity of Danang, Republic of Vietnam.
- 9-10 Enroute from Vietnam Combat Zone to Manila, Republic of the Philippines.
- 11-13 Inport Manila, Republic of the Philippines.
- 14-17 Underway from Manila, Republic of the Philippines, enroute Yokosuka, Japan via Okinawa Operating Area.
- 18-31 Routine upkeep and maintenance at Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka, Japan.

PART II

COMMAND ORGANIZATION AND RELATIONSHIP

The present Commanding Officer of the USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5) is Captain Jay Stanley HOWELL, U. S. Navy. He assumed command of the OKLAHOMA CITY on 29 September 1969, relieving Captain Wayne Douglas SURFACE, U. S. Navy. The ship's Executive Officer is Commander Rodney Lee STEWART, U. S. Navy. Commander STEWART relieved Captain John Farwell DANIS, U. S. Navy as Executive Officer in July 1970.

OKLAHOMA CITY is under the Administrative control of Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet and Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla NINE. Both Commanders have headquarters in San Diego, California.

OKLAHOMA CITY is Command Ship and under the operational control of Commander SEVENTH Fleet. Also, while in the Western Pacific, OKLAHOMA CITY reports to Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group SEVENTH Fleet for administrative purposes.

As Command Ship for Commander SEVENTH Fleet, OKLAHOMA CITY is designated SEVENTHFLT COMMANDSHIP GROUP OKLAHOMA CITY CLG 5, TG 70.1 with the Commanding Officer as Commander of the Group. OKLAHOMA CITY additionally serves as a unit of TG 70.8.9 while involved in Special Operations off the coast of Vietnam providing gunfire support.

OKLAHOMA CITY is homeported in Yokosuka, Japan.

Internally, OKLAHOMA CITY is organized into nine Departments as follows:

- Executive
- Weapons
- Supply
- Operations
- Engineering
- Navigation
- Medical
- Dental
- Communications

PART II, TAB B

Operations and Activities

The period 1-5 January 1970 found USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5) in routine upkeep and maintenance at the Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka, Japan. On 5 January, Captain KODIS, COMINFLOT ONE called on COMSEVENTHFLT embarked in OKLAHOMA CITY. The following day, the OKCITY departed Yokosuka enroute to the Vietnam combat zone via Okinawa where she was to conduct various shipboard drills and type training exercises. On Sunday, 11 January, VADM BRINGLE, COMSEVENTHFLT, departed the Command Ship for the USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) for a brief visit and returned shortly thereafter to receive a visit by VADM WEISNER, CTF 77, embarked in USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64). The remainder of the day was spent conducting air intercept controller exercises and refueling from USS MISPELLION (AO-105). The OKCITY departed Yankee Station for Danang Harbor where she arrived on Monday, 12 January to commence naval gunfire support for the FIRST Marine Division, 26th Marine Regiment. While in Danang Harbor, VADM BRINGLE exchanged visits with shore elements. RADM GRANTHAM and RADM JACKSON came aboard to conduct a briefing on the 3M system for ship's company and staff personnel. Naval gunfire support operations continued on 13 January interrupted only long enough to rearm from USS MT. KATMAI (AE-16). Gunfire support continued through 16 January at which time the USS HALEAKALA (AE25) rearmed her. During the period 13 January-16 January the ship expended 552 rounds of ammunition. The 17th saw the OKCITY move her gunfire support from Danang Harbor to the vicinity of the Demilitarized Zone, 17th parallel of the Republic of South Vietnam for the U. S. Army's First Brigade of the Fifth Mechanized Infantry. The Naval gunfire spotter's gun damage assessment indicated that movement had ceased, four secondary explosions occurred, and the ship had provided "excellent coverage on target." Gunfire support continued through 18 January and on 19 January the ship proceeded to the vicinity of Danang where she conducted vertical replenishment from USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS-3). Seventy-five thousand pounds of foodstuffs and ten thousand pounds of general stores were taken aboard. Following rearmament from USS RAINIER (AE-5), the OKCITY proceeded south to conduct gunfire support for the Second Battalion, First Marine Division. Gunfire spotters noted one secondary explosion, possibly two other secondary explosions, and "excellent coverage" during the day's gunfire. On 20 January the OKCITY paused from gunfire support long enough to rearm from USS RAINIER (AE-5) and refuel from USS MANATEE (AO-66). Once back on station, BGEN

BURKE, USA, CG First Brigade, Fifth Infantry (Mechanized) visited the ship to tour gunfire support stations. Gunfire support operations continued through 21 January. The OKCITY fired 1,417 rounds of ammunition during the period 13 January-21 January.

On 22 January a congratulatory message was received from CG First Brigade, 5th Infantry (Mechanized) stating his appreciation for NGF support which made his unit's task easier. The remainder of the day and 23 January saw the OKCITY conducting various drills and exercises en route to Subic Bay, P. I. When the ship arrived Subic, she conducted a ULM-4 test of the active ECM, and was visited by Commander, Naval Base, Subic Bay. VADM BRINGLE, COMSEVENTHFLT; CAPT WENTWORTH, Chief of Staff; and CAPT HOWELL, Commanding Officer departed the ship for Baguio, P. I. for the SEVENTH Fleet scheduling conference. The ship commenced routine upkeep and maintenance which continued through the end of the month. Upkeep and maintenance continued at Subic Bay, P. I. through 1 February.

On 2 February the ship left Subic Bay conducting a satisfactory full power run en route to Hong Kong, BCC. The ship arrived in Hong Kong on 3 February where she was moored at HMS TAMAR. Commodore P. R. C. HIGHAM, R. N., Commodore, Hong Kong called on COMSEVENTHFLT. The ship was visited by various VIPs in addition to the Commodore, Hong Kong for formal protocol purposes. Luncheons and receptions were hosted individually and/or jointly by COMSEVENTHFLT and the flag-ship Captain and wardrooms. The visit was a busy one which saw the OKCITY involved in numerous protocol functions and sporting competitions ending on 10 February when she sailed to resume special operations in the Vietnam Combat Zone. After arrival in the vicinity of Danang, the OKCITY rearmed from USS CHARA (AE-31) after which she proceeded to the vicinity of the DMZ to provide gunfire support for the U. S. Army First Brigade of the Fifth Mechanized Infantry Division. Helo operation requirements for 12 February took her to Danang Harbor where she also refueled from USS MISPELLION (AO-105). VADM BRINGLE departed the Command ship for a visit on board USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8) after which the Command ship returned to the vicinity of the DMZ to continue gunfire support. Later the same day the OKCITY proceeded south to conduct a search and rescue (SAR) mission for a downed Marine F-4 aircraft. This mission continued through 13 February assisted by the USS COLLETT (DD-730), two helicopters and two WPBs. The search proved to be negative so the ship again took station in the vicinity of the DMZ to conduct

Naval gunfire support. On 14 February the ship returned to Danang Harbor to allow COMSEVENTHFLT to attend briefings at III MAF and FIRST MAW, then returned to the vicinity of the DMZ where she provided gunfire support until detached from Task Unit 70.8.9. Once detached from the task unit OKCITY conducted a vertical replenishment from USS MARS (AFS-1) where she received 70,000 pounds of foodstuffs and five thousand pounds of general stores. Other evolutions included rearming from USS CHARA (AE-31) and refueling from USS CAMDEN (AOE-2). On the same day, VADM BRINGLE, COMSEVENTHFLT returned to the Command Ship in company with VADM WEISNER from USS RANGER (CVA-61) after visiting RADM DONALDSON, COMCARDIV THREE. With the admiral on board, the ship proceeded to Yokosuka via Okinawa. On 18 February she arrived off Okinawa where VADM BRINGLE departed the ship for a visit to Naha. The ship remained in the area until the following morning conducting gunnery exercises and engineering casualty control drills. After the day's training, the voyage to Yokosuka, Japan was resumed on 19 February. Upon arrival in Yokosuka on 20 February, she conducted an ULM-4 test of the active ECM equipment, then moored at Pier 10, Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka to commence routine upkeep and maintenance. Upkeep and maintenance continued through 28 February and proved to be a routine period except that it was highlighted by a number of protocol activities. Washington's Birthday on 22 February was honored with a 21-gun salute from the flagship and on 27 February a number of visitors toured the ship. Visitors included fifteen members of the Japanese National Defense League, including ADM HOSHINA, President of the League; RADM SMITH, USN, COMNAVFORJAPAN; and BGEN BARLOW, USMC.

March began with the ship still in an upkeep and maintenance period at SRF, Yokosuka where it remained through 15 March. On 6 March VADM BRINGLE was visited by the prospective COMSEVENTHFLT, VADM M. F. WEISNER, USN and COMCARDIV FIVE, VADM BARDSHAW. VADM WEISNER reported to COMSEVENTHFLT on 7 March for duty as Commander SEVENTH Fleet. The remainder of the inport period was busy with numerous protocol visits for COMSEVENTHFLT including hosting various receptions and luncheons, centered around the Change of Command. The next three days found the OKCITY again en route to the Vietnam combat zone delaying long enough at Okinawa to conduct two surface to air missile exercises, air intercept controller exercises, and to allow COMSEVENTHFLT to visit CTF 72. On 20 March the command ship continued toward Vietnam conducting engineering damage control drills, internal anti-air warfare drills, and a Commanding Officer's Material Zone Inspection. After arrival in Vietnam waters the ship refueled from USS MISPILLION (AO-104) then relieved USS A. J. ISBELL (DD-869) as "shotgun" for the USS HORNE (CLG-30) on SAR Station until 27 March to rendezvous with the USS SACRAMENTO (AOE-1) for refueling. While alongside the OKCITY

off-loaded two missiles and received 38,000 pounds of dry, frozen and fresh provisions. VADM WEISNER visited the USS CORAL SEA and USS CONSTELLATION prior to departing Vietnam en route to Sattahip, Thailand. En route various drills and exercises were conducted. The ship arrived at Sattahip on 30 March then began the sundry protocol functions in Bangkok which a visit of this nature entails. VADM WEISNER made calls on ADM CHAROON, CINC, RTN, ADM CHERDCHAT, CINC, RTF, BGEN PESTANA, Deputy Secretary General, SEATO, and MGEN SEITH, COMUSMACTHAI. He then attended a luncheon hosted by the Royal Thai Navy. CAPT HOWELL, Commanding Officer, exchanged calls with CAPT Uthai WICHAITANAPAT, Deputy Commander, Royal Thai Navy, Sattahip Naval Station after which CAPT HOWELL hosted a luncheon for CAPT WICHAITANAPAT; CAPT Sudjit THONGPEW, Deputy Chief of Staff, Sattahip Naval Station; LCOL R. W. BADEKER, USMC, Assistant Naval Attache; and LCDR J. W. VINCENT, USN, Senior Naval Advisor, Sattahip. On 31 March VADM WEISNER called on Field Marshall THANOM, The Prime Minister, and GEN PRAPAS CHAUSATHIARA, Deputy Prime Minister.

On 3 April the OKCITY departed Sattahip for the Tonkin Gulf for special operation. She entered the combat zone on 5 April operating in the vicinity of Danang Harbor. VADM WEISNER, COMSEVENTHFLT exchanged calls with RADM DYBDAL, COMPHIBGRU ONE embarked on USS ELDORADO. The flagship conducted underway replenishment from USS SACRAMENTO (AOE-1) receiving fuel and 6,000 pounds of dry, frozen, and fresh provisions plus two rim 8-G missiles. On 6 April the OKCITY arrived on PIRAZ Station, Tonkin Gulf where she reported for duty as a unit of Task Unit 77.0.2. The ship commenced a series of general quarters drills in preparation for a forthcoming Operational Readiness Inspection. On 7 and 8 April the ship continued its special operations on PIRAZ station refueling on the latter day from USS PASSUMPSIC (A)-107). The OKCITY remained on PIRAZ station until 14 April at which time she proceeded to Keelung, Taiwan arriving on 17 April for a three-day visit with protocol functions, luncheons, receptions and general visiting. The Flagship departed Keelung on 20 April en route to Yokosuka, Japan via Okinawa. She arrived at the breakwater off Yokosuka on 23 April, embarked the operational readiness inspectors, departed for Op Area CHARLIE and began the full power run, and surface gunnery calibration exercise. As the ship entered Yokosuka Harbor 24 April, she conducted a minefield transit exercise to complete the Operational Readiness Inspection. On arrival, RADM PLATE, COMCRUDESPEC

called on CAPT HOWELL, Commanding Officer, USS OKLAHOMA CITY. The following day, 25 April, RADM BAGLEY, COMCRUDESFLT NINE called on COMSEVENTHFLT. While in port Yokosuka VADM WEISNER received calls from VADM BARDSHAR, COMCARDIV FIVE; RADM PLATE, COMCRUDESFLT; MAJ GEN L. H. WILSON, USMC, CG THIRD Marine Division; RADM CARMODY, COMNAVFORMARIANNAS; and RADM DYBDAL, COMPHIBGRU ONE. On 29 April CAPT CARPENTER, COMDESRON THREE arrived on board to conduct an Administrative Inspection which was completed on 30 April.

May found the OKCITY still in her homeport in a period of upkeep and maintenance. An inspection of COMSEVENTHFLT Staff was conducted on 4 May by RADM DOBIE, Inspector General. On 6 and 7 May RADM SMALL, Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet and RADM MOORE, Commander Military Sea Transport Service, Far East. On 11 May COMSEVENTHFLT hosted a luncheon for various U. S. and foreign military officials. The ship's upkeep period ended on 14 May at which time she got underway en route to Iwakuni, Japan for the first phase of a dependents' cruise. The ship anchored off Iwakuni on 16 May and BGEN JOHNSON, USMC, Commander FIRST Marine Air Wing (Rear) called on VADM WEISNER. VADM WEISNER hosted a luncheon aboard the Command Ship for twelve guests, including BGEN JOHNSON, and various Japanese military and civilian leaders from the Iwakuni and Hiroshima area. RADM FREEMAN called on VADM WEISNER, accompanied by Joint Chiefs of Staff/CINCPAC Command and Control Briefing Team. The second phase of the dependents' cruise was conducted on 17 May while underway from Iwakuni to Beppu, Japan. The flagship anchored off Beppu where the dependents' cruise ended and VADM WEISNER departed the Command Ship for official calls on the Vice Governor, OITA Prefecture, the Mayor of Oita City and the Mayor of Beppu. VADM WEISNER hosted a luncheon aboard the Command Ship for thirteen Japanese officials from the Beppu area. Once underway from Beppu on 20 May, the ship left dependent guests behind and proceeded to the Gulf of Tonkin via the Taiwan Straits. The ship entered the combat zone on 24 May and refueled from the USS PONCHATOULA (AO-148) while COMSEVENTHFLT met with VADM BAUMBERGER, Deputy commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet on board the USS SHANGRI-LA (CVA-38). While on PIRAZ station the ship again refueled from USS PONCHATOULA (AO-148) on 27 May. On 28 May VADM WEISNER visited the USS HORNE (DLG-30) and USS STRAUSS (DDG-16) by high line transfer. The ship departed PIRAZ station on 29 May and received underway replenishment from USS SACRAMENTO (AOE-1) taking on 83,966 gallons of fuel oil, two TALOS RIM-8G missiles, three TALOS boosters, 26,000 pounds of dry provisions, 30,000 pounds of fresh provisions, 200 pounds of ship's store stock and 1200 pounds of general

stores. VADM WEISNER departed the Command Ship by helo to meet with ADM HYLAND, CINCPACFLT on board the USS AMERICA (CVA-66). On 30 May, VADM WEISNER returned to the Command Ship from Camh Ron Bay, Republic of Vietnam as the command ship continued her journey to Singapore.

The Command Ship arrived at Her Majesty's Naval Base, Singapore on 1 June where she commenced a three-day visit. On arrival CAPT HOWELL, Commanding Officer, USS OKLAHOMA CITY; and CAPT WENTWORTH, Chief of Staff, SEVENTH Fleet made a joint call on VADM EMPSON, Royal Navy, Commander Far East Fleet. VADM EMPSON made a return call on COMSEVENTHFLT and remained on board for a luncheon hosted by COMSEVENTHFLT. VADM WEISNER called on Mr. Charles T. Cross, U. S. Ambassador to Singapore and the Honorable Lim Kim San, Minister for Interior and Defense, Government of Singapore. On 3 June VADM WEISNER attended a luncheon in honor of Air Chief Marshall Sir Brian BURNETT, Commander in Chief Far East. The Command Ship got underway on 4 June and proceeded to Port Swettenham, Malaysia, arriving on 5 June. VADM WEISNER departed the ship via helo for Kuala Lumpur where he called on CAPT J. M. JESSOP, RMN, the Honorable J. W. LYDMAN, U. S. Ambassador to Malaysia, LT GEN UNGKU NASARUDDIN, Chief of the General Staff and ENCHE RASTAM BIN HADI, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Defense. CO, OKCITY called on General Manager, Port Swettenham, Port Authority, Director of Marine and Harbor Master. On 6 June COMSEVENTHFLT and CO, OKCITY made a joint call on the Sultan of Selangor who returned the call on board and attended a luncheon hosted by COMSEVENTHFLT--which also honored the U. S. Ambassador to Malaysia. On 8 June the Command Ship was again underway en route to the Vietnam combat zone via the Equator and the Royal Domain of Neptunus Rex. Davey Jones, Royal Scribe for his majesty Neptunus Rex boarded to deliver a summons to all Pollywogs. The ship arrived at the Equator on 9 June at which time His Majesty Neptunus Rex came aboard to supervise the initiation of all lowly Pollywogs into the mysteries of the Deep. Full honors were rendered and, after the initiation, Neptunus Rex departed the Command Ship. The 1000th helo landing during the current WESTPAC deployment was celebrated on 10 June as the ship steered toward Vietnam. Helo operations for the 1970 calendar year totaled 402. COMSEVENTHFLT departed the ship via helo to Cam Ranh Bay when she entered the combat zone. On 12 June the Command Ship arrived on SAR Station to assume duties as shotgun for Task Unit 77.0.1. COMSEVENTHFLT returned aboard and the ship conducted underway replenishment from USS SACRAMENTO (AOE-1) at which time she received 702,353 gallons of fuel oil and 24,00 pounds of stores.

During the period 13 to 15 June, the ship was employed at SAR station and conducted engineering casualty control drills. The OKCITY departed SAR station on 17 June en route to the Subic Bay operating area. While en route she again replenished from USS SACRAMENTO taking on fuel oil and conducting a training missile transfer. After arriving in the Subic Bay operating area on 19 June, COMSEVENTHFLT departed via helo for Manila to call on RADM MUSE, USN, COMNAVFORPHIL and Ambassador Byroade, Manila. The ship conducted air intercept control exercises on 19 June received VADM WEISNER back on board, and departed the Subic Bay operating area en route to the Okinawa operating area. On 21 June, while in the Okinawa operating area, the Command Ship conducted a long range missile firing exercise. The missile system functioned perfectly allowing a very successful 80.5 mile intercept with an estimated miss distance of 24 feet. With completion of a successful missile shot, the ship continued her voyage to Yokosuka, Japan. On 23 June the ship arrived at the U. S. Fleet Activities, Yokosuka where she commenced a routine upkeep and maintenance period. ADM J. J. HYLAND, Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet came aboard on 25 June to attend the COMSEVENTHFLT staff briefing. A Class "A" fire in compartment A-0201-L caused by welding lead flareback, required the ship to go to general quarters. The fire was soon out with no significant damage. During the remainder of June, VADM WEISNER received calls from VADM HAMAGUCHI, Commander 2nd Service School Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force; VADM TAKEYAMA, Commandant Yokosuka Regional District JMSDF; and VADM IBUKI, Commander Self Defense Fleet. As the month ended, the Command Ship was in her homeport at Yokosuka where she spent the last few days conducting in port graded emergency drills.

The normal routine of upkeep in Yokosuka was interrupted only by calls on COMSEVENTHFLT by RADM SMITH, COMNAVFORJAPAN on 8 and 13 July and to conduct inport fire and collision drills for score. Satisfactory grades were attained on these drills with an overall grade for the three days (7-9 July) standing at 92.5. On 13 July the Command Ship departed Yokosuka en route to Kobe, Japan for a three day visit to include a visit to Expo 70. During the Kobe Visit CAPT John F. DANIS was relieved by CDR R. L. STEWART as Executive Officer, USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5). With a three day pleasure stop behind, there was work to be done as the ship got underway for the Vietnam combat zone. On 19 July the ship conducted various exercises, including a high speed surface target gunnery exercise, air intercept controlling training, and a helo inflight refueling exercise. The following day the OKCITY conducted a 25 knot economy trial attaining a grade of 90.6. Upon arrival in the combat zone on 22 July underway replenishment was conducted from USS SACRAMENTO (AOE-1) during which the ship received 389,339 gallons of fuel oil and one complete TALOS missile.

Additionally she received a total of 24,000 pounds of fresh frozen and dry provisions and 6,000 pounds of general stores. The same day the OKCITY rearmed from the USS WICHITA (AOR-1) after which she proceeded to PIRAZ station to assume shotgun for USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (DLG-27). The next three days were spent quietly patrolling on PIRAZ station followed on 26 July by the relief of COMSEVENTHFLT Chief of Staff, RADM WENTWORTH by CAPT George MITCHELL. The Command Ship refueled from USS WICHITA (AOR-1) and continued her duties on PIRAZ Station. On 27 July RADM CARMODY, COMCARDIV ONE called on COMSEVENTHFLT. The remainder of the month was spent on PIRAZ station conducting special operations and engineering casualty control drills. The ship conducted underway replenishment from USS SACRAMENTO (AOE-1), receiving fuel oil and conducting a missile transfer training exercise.

July closed and August opened with the Command Ship conducting special operations on PIRAZ station. These operations continued until 7 August at which time the Command Ship departed the combat zone of Vietnam en route to Yokosuka, Japan via Okinawa. On 9 August she arrived in the Okinawa operating area and proceeded toward Yokosuka via a storm evasion route arriving at the Fleet Activities, Yokosuka on 11 August. Once settled at SRF the ship began a routine upkeep and maintenance period which lasted through the remainder of the month of August. On 12 August COMSEVENTHFLT was called on by COMNAVFORJAPAN, this being an official call as opposed to the informal one on 11 August. Also calling on Admiral WEISNER was the Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla NINE. On 18 August COMSEVENTHFLT was called on by COMNAVFORKOREA and on 25 August the Commander Japan Defense Academy paid an official call. The major part of August was relatively uneventful and the OKCITY received a much needed upkeep and maintenance period unobstructed by large numbers of protocol and operational commitments.

September was begun with a continuation of the necessary chores of repair and upkeep. She got underway on 7 September from Yokosuka en route to Kaoshiung, Taiwan. Her first day underway was marred by a Class "A" fire in the ship's overtaxed incinerator burn room B-01. Cause of the fire was determined to be from flare-back in the incinerator which ignited burn bags in the room. The fire was extinguished approximately five minutes after it started, and equipment damage consisted of charred wiring, grounded connection boxes, and a burned out vent motor controller. While continuing en route to Kaohsiung the ship

conducted an aircraft tracking exercise with an average score of 99.5. The ship arrived in Kaohsiung on 10 September wherein COMSEVENTHFLT was called on by RADM HSIEM, Chinese Navy; RADM PY-CHON, Commander Amphibious Forces, Chinese Navy; ADM SOONG, Chinese Navy; VADM CHEN, Chinese Navy; the Mayor of Kaohsiung; and Kaohsiung Harbor Bureau. The 10th, 11th, and 12th saw the crew of OKCITY enjoying the friendly atmosphere of the Chinese city of Kaohsiung. On 13 September the command Ship left Kaohsiung en route to a favorite spot of most sailors -- Hong Kong. Arrival time Hong Kong was 0900, 15 September. The ship moored at HMS TAMAR where COMSEVENTHFLT was called on by Commodore WYKES_SNEYD, Commodore Hong Kong; COMPHIBRON FIVE; and Commander Submarine Forces Pacific. On 18 September fire struck again, this time a Class "C" fire in the after switchboard. It was caused by a fire main valve leak and caused damage to various circuit breakers. Timely repairs were made by OKCITY's resourceful engineers using parts from spare circuit breakers. The 21st of September brought the Hong Kong visit to an end and the ship was once again en route to the Vietnam combat zone. The ship entered the combat zone on 22 September where she conducted special operations on PIRAZ station, refueled from USS CAMDEN (AOE-2) and rearmed from USS VIRGO (AE-30). The ship again refueled on 25 September, this time from the USS NAVASOTA (AO-106). In addition to the foregoing replenishments she took on 15,000 pounds of dry provisions, 15,000 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables, 13,000 pounds of stores, and 18,000 pounds of supplies from the USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS-4). The remainder of September was spent on PIRAZ station conducting special operations, rearming from USS VIRGO (AE-30), conducting engineering casualty control drills, exercising at general quarters, and conducting a nuclear battle problem walk through.

On 1 October the OKLAHOMA CITY was still conducting special operations at PIRAZ station during which time she had an underway replenishment with USS CAMDEN (AOE-2). During this evolution she received 9,000 pounds of fresh vegetables, 5,000 pounds of frozen vegetables, 98,619 gallons of fuel oil, and conducted a missile transfer. The ship conducted engineering casualty control drills and a nuclear battle problem on 2 October and refueled from the USS KAWISHIWI (AO-146) on 3 October. On 4 October the ship proceeded to Danang Harbor to commence Naval gunfire support. While in the area RADM RUBEL, Commander Amphibious Force SEVENTH Fleet called on COMSEVENTHFLT. Prior to departure from the

Danang area on 7 October the ship refueled from USS GUADALUPE (A)-32), then proceeded to Inchon, Korea. En route the ship exercised the crew at general quarters for organization and indoctrination, conducted a 20 knot economy trial and conducted missile radar acquisition and tracking, for which an overall grade of 85 was attained. Upon arrival Inchon 12 October, 1970 the ship anchored for what was expected to be a rather dismal visit but which turned out to be one that the crew held to be memorable. On 15 October the ship was again underway en route to Yokosuka via the Shiminoseki Straits. During transit, the crew was exercised at general quarters and a satisfactory test of the water washdown system was conducted. The Command Ship moored at the Ship Repair Facility Yokosuka to commence a routine upkeep and maintenance period. During the period 17-26 October the ship remained at SRF Yokosuka with only routine upkeep duties filling the schedule. On 27 October RADM PLATE, Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force Pacific and VADM RICHARDSON, Deputy Commander in Chief Pacific paid official calls on VADM WEISNER, COMSEVENTHFLT. The ship continued her upkeep and maintenance through 31 October with no significant interruptions.

For the first eight days of November there were few official protocol functions with primary concern centered around readying the ship for her next line period. On 9 November RADM BASS, Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group SEVENTH Fleet and RADM COOPER, Commander Carrier Division NINE called on COMSEVENTHFLT. COMCRUDESGRUSEVENTHFLT, RADM COX, made an official call on COMSEVENTHFLT. Dock trials were conducted on 12 November in addition to a 3-M inspection in which the ship received a grade of 89.3. Her upkeep period at an end, the OKCITY got underway on 14 November en route to Sasebo, Japan during which time she conducted general quarters and abandon ship drills. Once moored in Sasebo on 16 November, COMSEVENTHFLT hosted a luncheon attended by RADM COLE, Commander Service Group THREE; RADM MIZUTANI, Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force, District Headquarters; MAJ GEN YASUMOTO, JMSDF, Training Command THREE; and Mayor TSUJI, Mayor Sasebo City. Commander Mine Flotilla ONE, CAPT KODIS, called on VADM WEISNER on 18 November and on 19 November the ship sailed for the Vietnam combat zone. COMSEVENTHFLT made his usual call at Naha on 20 November as the ship passed en route to the combat zone. A surface-to-air missile exercise was conducted but due to director loss of the target shortly after firing an unsuccessful flight resulted. The ship then continued toward the combat zone and refueled from the USS KAWISHIWI (AO-146) on arrival receiving 391,407 gallons of fuel oil. After refueling, the OKCITY took

position in the vicinity of Danang Harbor where she provided gunfire support for the FIRST Marine Division. On 26 November the ship rearmed from USS MAUNA KEA (AE-22) and conducted a missile transfer. COMSEVENTHFLT was visited on 27 November by LT GEN McCUTCHON, Commanding General FIRST Marine Division; and MAJ GEN WIDDECK. Naval gunfire support was provided on 28 and 29 November in support of the 23rd Infantry Division and FIRST Marine Division, respectively. On 30 November Naval gunfire support continued with 220 rounds of 5"/38 and 712 rounds of 6"/47 expended during the month. VADM EMSON, Commander Far East Fleet, Royal Navy, Captain LEPPARD, Royal Navy, and Commander HAMES Royal Navy visited the Command Ship.

December opened with the Command Ship still in the vicinity of Danang Harbor providing Naval gunfire support for the FIRST Marine Division. In addition to its regular duties of gunfire support, the ship exercised at general quarters and refueled from the USS CAMDEN (AOE-2) receiving 283,780 gallons of fuel oil and 6,788 pounds of provisions. During rearmament on 3 December from USS KILAUEA (AE-26) SA J. L. VALLEJO, USN, fell overboard from the forward rearming station. The two ships executed emergency break away and recovered the man in 11 minutes and 45 seconds. Until 9 December, the ship remained on station in the vicinity of Danang Harbor where she conducted various exercises, drills and replenishments with USS VEGA (AF-59), USS KILAUEA (AE-26) and USS WICHITA (AOR-1). On 9 December the ship proceeded to Manila, P. I. conducting general quarters drills, practice battle problems and engineering casualty control drills which received an overall score of 94.5. The COMSEVENTHFLT Command Ship arrived in Manila on 11 December for a three day visit. GEN Manuel T. YAN, Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines; Mr. A. W. FORD, Secretary, U. S. Embassy, Manila; Mr. H. A. BYROADE, U. S. Ambassador to the Philippines; and MAJ GEN Romeo C. ESPONA, Home defense Force called on VADM WEISNER, COMSEVENTHFLT. While in port Manila the Command Ship participated in protocol, people to people, and general goodwill activities to the maximum extent and general and group visiting was held each of the three days. On 14 December the ship got underway en route to Yokosuka, Japan for a short period of upkeep and maintenance and a chance for the crew to be with family and friends over the Christmas/New Year holiday. She arrived Yokosuka on 18 December remaining in port in an upkeep status through the rest of the month. The ship's annual Christmas party was held on 22 December and 23 December at the Club Alliance for all officers and men of the USS OKLAHOMA CITY AND SEVENTHFLT Staff and their ladies. Christmas Eve dinners were served

in the wardroom and on the mess decks followed by a carolling service on the mess deck where the Japanese Christian High School Choir of Yokosuka presented traditional carols in English, ending the program with the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

During the 1970 calendar year, the following awards and promotions were received by OKLAHOMA CITY crewmembers:

<u>A W A R D</u>	<u>N U M B E R</u>
Advancements/Promotions	169
Navy Commendation Medals	4
Navy Achievement Medals	10
SEVENTHFLT Letters of Commendation	5
Combat Action Ribbons	20
Meritorious Unit Commendations	4
Expert Pistol Awards	3
Good Conduct Medals	69
Surface Warfare Officer Designates	13
Joint Service Commendation	1
Commanding Officer Letters of Commendation	19
Air Medal	1
Purple Heart	1
Unit Citation	1
Navy Unit Commendation	1
Letters of Appreciation	17