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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the Command
History for USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CG-5) for the period
1 January 1978 through 31 December 1978 is submitted herewith
as enclosure (1).

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

JANUARY 1978

01-08 Upkeep Yokosuka
09-14 Underway
15-22 Upkeep Subic Bay
23-24 Underway
25-29 Protocol visit Hong Kong
30-31 Underway

FEBRUARY 1978

01-03 Underway, Naval Gunfire Support Qualifications
04-05 Upkeep Subic Bay
06-19 Underway, READEX
20-23 Protocol visit Keelung
24-26 Underway
27-28 Upkeep Yokosuka

MARCH 1978

01-31 Upkeep Yokosuka

APRIL 1978

01-02 Upkeep Yokosuka
03 Underway, AAWEX USMC
04-06 Protocol visit Kagoshima, Japan
07 Underway, Bilateral exercise with JMSDF SURF/AIR GUN
08-11 Protocol visit Pusan
12-13 Underway AAWEX USMC
14-21 Upkeep Yokosuka
22-24 Underway
25 Protocol visit Guam
26-30 Underway, Group sail with USS REASONER, Bilateral exercise with three RAN Destroyers and a RAN submarine

MAY 1978

01-03 Underway
04-08 Protocol visit Sydney
09 Underway, U. S. Ambassador aboard
10-11 Protocol visit Melbourne
12-15 Underway, group sail with USS REASONER
16-20 Protocol visit Fremantle
21-26 Underway, group-sail with USS REASONER, bilateral exercise with RAN P3 A/C
27-29 Protocol visit Jakarta
30-31 Underway, group sail with USS REASONER, Change of Command, COMSEVENTHFLT

JUNE 1978

01-04 Protocol visit Singapore
05-12 Underway, group sail with USS REASONER. Two days CVTG OPS with
CVN 65
13-14 Upkeep Subic Bay
15-18 Underway
19-30 Upkeep Yokosuka

JULY 1978

01-06 Upkeep Yokosuka
07-09 Underway, bilateral sail/exercise with JMSDF AKIZUKI
10-12 Protocol visit Sasebo
13-14 Underway, bilateral sail/exercise with JMSDF AKIZUKI
15-31 Upkeep Yokosuka, pre-LOE MTT

AUGUST 1978

01-24 Upkeep Yokosuka, TYCOM LOE
25 Underway, dependents cruise
26-27 Upkeep Yokosuka
28-31 Underway AAWEX USMC

SEPTEMBER 1978

01-04 Protocol visit Keelung
05-08 Underway MTT I
08-20 Upkeep Subic, CMD, CMS, PQS, 3M Inspections
21-30 Underway, FLEETEX, 4 TALOS

OCTOBER 1978

01 En route Inchon
02-06 Protocol visit Inchon
07-13 En route Yokosuka (MTT)
14-31 Upkeep Yokosuka

NOVEMBER 1978

01-06 Upkeep Yokosuka
07-10 En route South China Sea
11-13 TYT South China Sea
14-17 En route Penang
22-24 En route Pattaya Beach
25-28 Protocol visit Pattaya Beach
29-30 En route Subic OPAREA

DECEMBER 1978

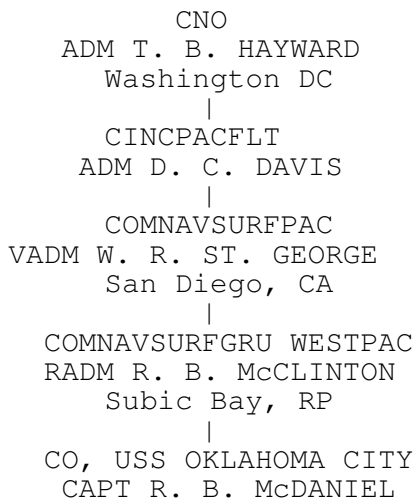
01-02 En route Subic OPAREA
03 TYT Subic OPAREA
04 BSP Subic. Alongside Leyte Pier/AAWEX
05 En route Hong Kong
06-10 Protocol visit Hong Kong. 10-OPPE
11-13 OPPE en route Okinawa--Helo pickup COMSEVENTHFLT
14-15 En route Iwakuni, 15-Helo depart COMSEVENTHFLT
16 Change of Command; arrive Yokosuka
17-31 Inport RAV Yokosuka

COMMAND ORGANIZATION AND RELATIONSHIP

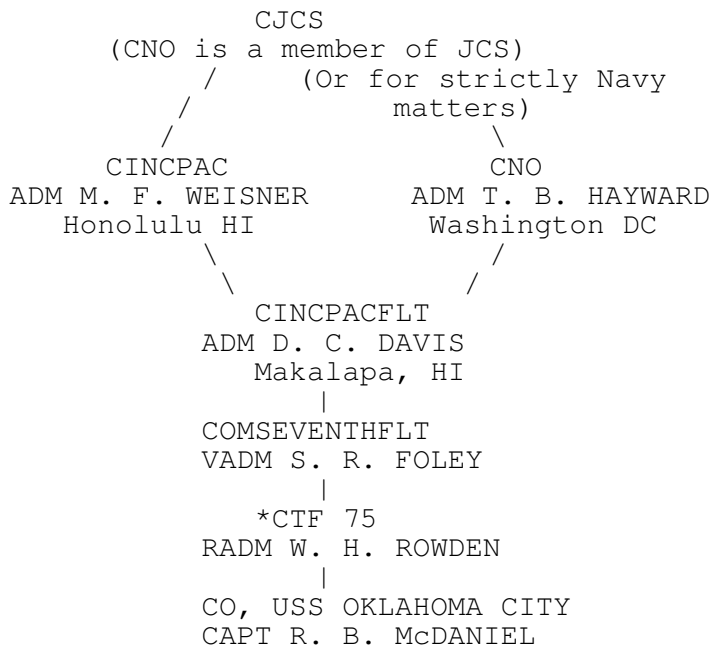
The Commanding Officer of the USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CG-5) is Captain Rodney Bonner McDANIEL, U. S. Navy. He relieved Captain Thomas R. COLLIGAN, U. S. Navy on 16 December, 1978. The ship's Executive Officer throughout the entire year has been Commander James Arthur SHRECKENGAUST, U. S. Navy.

USS OKLAHOMA CITY is under the Administrative Control of Commander, Naval Surface Group, Western Pacific. However, as a ship of the SEVENTH Fleet, Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force, SEVENTH Fleet serves as the immediate Unit Commander and schedules the ship for its various annual assist visits and inspections due to the remoteness of the Immediate Superior in Command. OKLAHOMA CITY is the Command Ship for, and is under the Operational Control of, Commander SEVENTH Fleet. As Command Ship, OKLAHOMA CITY is designated as SEVENTH Fleet Command Ship Group, TG 70.1, with the Commanding Officer as Task Group Commander. When involved with Naval Gunfire Support Operations, the ship is assigned to Task Force 75, Cruiser-Destroyer Force, SEVENTH Fleet. OKLAHOMA CITY's Operational, Administrative and Material/Logistics Chains of Command are depicted below:

ADMINISTRATIVE/LOGISTICS CHAIN



OPERATIONAL CHAIN



*And/or other operational Commanders as may be assigned.

OKLAHOMA CITY is homeported in Yokosuka, Japan, as a unit of the Overseas Family Residency Program.

Internally, OKLAHOMA CITY is organized into ten departments as follows:

Administrative

Navigation

Operations

Communications

Weapons

Engineering

Supply

Medical

Dental

Marine Detachment

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Following a period of holiday leave and upkeep, USS OKLAHOMA CITY remained at Berth 8, Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, Japan at the start of calendar year 1978. On 2 January, RADM John J. O'CONNOR, CHC, USN, Chief of Chaplains, paid a visit to the Commanding Officer, CAPT Thomas R. COLLIGAN. The ship got underway 9 January, arriving in the Subic Operating Areas 13 January for surface and air gunnery exercises. On 20 January, the Commanding Officer conducted an all-hands personnel inspection; and there was also a 3-M inspection administered by COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC. Between 23 and 25 January, the ship was en route to Hong Kong, pausing for Naval Gunfire Support exercises and a BUZZARD-EX during the transit.

Upon arrival at HMS TAMAR in Hong Kong, CDR Andrew J. L. MARX, RN, Executive and Chief Officer, HMS TAMAR, paid a call on CAPT COLLIGAN. Fifteen British Army and 15 RAF enlisted personnel toured the Flagship and crewmembers competed in softball and basketball games against local teams. Thirty-two men participated in a Civic Action Project at the St. Christopher's Home. The ship departed Hong Kong for Subic Bay on 30 January 1978.

The ship conducted NGFS qualifications during the transit, arriving 4 February for three days of upkeep at Subic Bay. At noon on 6 February, USS OKLAHOMA CITY proceeded to Poro Point for live firing exercises.

READEX 1-78, a six-day U. S. SEVENTH Fleet training exercise, began 12 February in international waters near Okinawa, Japan, included 29 U. S. Navy warships and 250 Navy aircraft, and provided a broad variety of anti-air and antisubmarine warfare exercises. Vice Admiral Robert B. BALDWIN, USN, COMSEVENTHFLT, coordinated the exercise from his Flagship, USS OKLAHOMA CITY.

READEX 1-78 was completed 17 February, and the ship anchored in Buckner Bay before continuing on to Keelung, Taiwan for a protocol visit from 20 to 23 February.

The following guests paid visits to Commander SEVENTH Fleet, while moored at Keelung: MGEN CHANG, Director, Foreign Affairs Service Department; Mr. CHEN, Chairman, Chinese Armed Forces Friendship Association; CAPT Roland J. CARR, USN, CO HEDSUPACT, Taipei. The Chinese-American Friendship Association staged a variety show at the Keelung Passenger Terminal for the benefit of officers and crew. In addition, the crew also participated in sporting events with local teams. The ship was open for General Visiting 22 February and a Civic Action Project was conducted at the Mustard Seed Orphanage, Inc.

USS OKLAHOMA CITY got underway 24 February for a month-long upkeep period in her homeport, Yokosuka, Japan. On 22 March, Vice Minister MARUYAMA, Japan Defense Agency; General KURISU, Chairman, Joint Staff Council; VADM SAITO, Commander in Chief, Self Defense Fleet; Mr. ODAT, Office of Foreign Relations, Japan Defense Agency; CAPT KANASAKI, JMSDF, and CAPT DUKE, U. S. Liaison Officer, American Embassy, Tokyo, met in

conference with Vice Admiral BALDWIN onboard. During the third week of March, the Fleet Training Group, WESTPAC, observed graded Damage Control Drills with excellent results. On 30 March, the Honorable Mike MANSFIELD and a Country Team visited Commander SEVENTH Fleet onboard.

At the beginning of the second quarter, USS OKLAHOMA CITY sojourned to Kagoshima, Japan, for a three-day visit. Liberty boats were in operation to ferry crew and officers ashore. Members of the press and small groups toured the ship, but no General Visiting was held due to boating conditions.

Between 8 and 12 April, the ship paid a protocol visit to Pusan, Korea. Commander SEVENTH Fleet and CO OKLAHOMA CITY were presented welcoming bouquets by Commodore Jeon WU SEONG, Commander SECOND Naval District, on arrival. Over 150 students, Midshipmen and orphans toured the Flagship and teams competed in softball, soccer and basketball. A Civic Action Project which included painting and sharing time with the children was held at the Sang Ji Orphanage.

The ship departed Pusan 12 April, set Condition III during anti-air warfare exercises, and arrived in Yokosuka on 15 April for one week of upkeep and preparation prior to departing for an extended cruise to include three port visits in Australia, the "land down under."

On 20 April, Rear Admiral Robert B. McCLINTON, USN, COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC, presented CAPT COLLIGAN with the Golden Anchor Award in recognition of excellence in career motivation and unusually high retention levels within the Pacific Fleet.

USS OKLAHOMA CITY made steam for Guam, USA 22 April. En route, she crossed the Equator and was visited by Davy Jones, emissary for King Neptune, Ruler of the Deep, whereby about 250 new "Shellbacks" were initiated amidst two days of ritual and festivities.

Governor BORDALLO and Mr. RASA, Speaker of the House, Guam Legislature, arrived via helicopter and were greeted on the flight deck by Vice Admiral BALDWIN on 25 April, and departed the ship after mooring later that day. A ship's party was held at a nearby beach, replete with Polynesian dancers. The one-day visit to Guam was all too short.

The next destination: Sydney, Australia--on 29 April, the ship rendezvoused with USS REASONER. On the way southward, both ships conducted various exercises including radio communications and flashing light drills, and bilateral exercises with three Royal Australian Navy (RAN) destroyers and a RAN submarine.

The ship steamed past Sydney Heads on the morning of 4 May and moored at the Garden Island Naval Dockyard. A program known as "Dial-a-Sailor" allowed crewmen to meet Australian citizens; both groups gave overwhelming support to the program. RADM R. DAVIDSON, RAN, Flag Officer Commanding East Australian Fleet, called on Commander SEVENTH Fleet. General and special group visiting were held, and a Civic Action Project team refurbished outbuildings at the Little

Sisters of the Poor Mission.

The ship was en route to Melbourne, 9-10 May, with Mr. Andrew KRUGER (Canberra Defense and Sydney Morning Herald) and Mr. Stephen NESBITT (Canberra Defense and Melbourne Age) onboard.

USS OKLAHOMA CITY visited Melbourne between 10-12 May. Guests of Commander SEVENTH Fleet included: His Excellency Sir Zelman COWEN, Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia; Mr. Peter ROSS-EDWARDS, Leader of Country Party; U. S. Ambassador ALSTON; Sir Kenneth WHEELER, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; Mr. James DINGWALL, Australian Department of Defense, Regional Secretary for Victoria; Air Commodore HENTZE (representing Vice Marshall BARNES); Colonel David McBRIDE, Chief Engineer, Headquarters THIRD Military District; Mr. Peter NOLAN, Secretary for the Australia Council of Trade, and Consul General POPPLE. Sporting events, including rugby, darts and chess were held, as well as General Visiting, which was somewhat hampered due to rain.

On 16 May, the Flagship entered Fremantle (Perth), her last Australian port-of-call. An enlisted men's dance was held at the Embassy Ballroom in Perth. A wreath commemorating the Battle of the Coral Sea was placed at the Fremantle War Memorial by Vice Admiral BALDWIN; the SEVENTH Fleet Band and a Marine Color Guard were also in attendance. In addition, a popular General Visiting and several sporting events were held.

USS OKLAHOMA CITY set sail for Jakarta, Indonesia on 21 May. During the transit, she refueled her escort, USS REASONER in a rare evolution known as "close-in" refueling and passed within easy sight of what is perhaps the world's most famous volcano: Mt. KRAKATOA. While in Jakarta, a group of sailors participated in a Civic Action Project at the Pondok Pinang Orphans' Home, a local mosque. Also, the ship was open for General Visiting, and there were several sporting events conducted.

On 30 May, Vice Admiral Robert B. BALDWIN was relieved as Commander SEVENTH Fleet at sea by Vice Admiral Sylvester R. FOLEY.

After a three-day transit, the ship entered Singapore harbor, along with USS REASONER, and moored at Sembawang. Vice Admiral FOLEY hosted local dignitaries at a luncheon onboard and the crew participated in games of sport and skill. No Civic Action Project was held in Singapore.

Operations with a Carrier Task Group, including six destroyers and one carrier, USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65), were commenced immediately after the ship departed Jakarta, 5 June. The ship arrived in Subic Bay 12 June, for seven days of upkeep. While the ship was moored at Alava Pier, the Honorable R. Thomas WOOLSEY, Under Secretary of the Navy toured the ship and advanced four First Class Petty Officers to the grade of Chief Petty Officer in a ceremony conducted onboard.

Since last seeing her homeport, USS OKLAHOMA CITY had steamed 11,878 nautical miles. She arrived back in Yokosuka 19 June for 17 days of upkeep.

A Go-Navy/Father & Son Cruise to Sasebo, Japan, commenced on 7 July. USS OKLAHOMA CITY's sister ship, JDS AKIZUKI, accompanied on the cruise. General Visiting and sporting events were held in Sasebo and a Civic Action Project at Suginoko Orphanage was also conducted. Vice Admiral FOLEY hosted the Honorable Ichizo TSUJI, Mayor of Sasebo onboard, and the ship departed for homeport 13 July.

Arriving on 15 July, USS OKLAHOMA CITY headed back out to sea for one day, 25 July, for a dependents' cruise through Tokyo Wan. Between 28 August and 1 September, the Flagship was en route to Keelung, Taiwan, during which time she participated in Anti-Air Warfare exercises with units of the U. S. Marine Corps. Four days, 1-4 September, were spent in Keelung. RADM HUA Shao-wu, Commander THIRD Naval District, called on Vice Admiral FOLEY. This period was also highlighted by the visit onboard of Chinese Premier CHIANG, arriving to a 19-gun salute, and the visit of Admiral TSOU Chien, Commander in Chief, Chinese Navy. Also visiting were Dr. CHEN, Chairman of the Armed Forces Friendship Association and MGEN CHANG, Director of Foreign Affairs Service Department, who presented the ship with a gift of 1,000 kilos of oranges. Local teams met with the crew in athletic competition and General Visiting was held.

Between 9-21 September, the ship remained in Subic Bay for upkeep and a Command Inspection. RADM R. B. McCLINTON, COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC, the ship's ISIC, led the inspection team and also conducted an all-hands personnel inspection. The Command Inspection was adjudged overall Excellent.

Four TALOS missiles were fired during the transit to Inchon, Korea (FLTEX), 24 September - 1 October. While in Inchon, 2-6 October, CAPT COLLIGAN hosted the Honorable Mr. WON Byun eui at a luncheon onboard and Vice Admiral FOLEY hosted several civilian and military officials at a luncheon in the Flag Mess. The Korean-American Friendship Association gave a colorful show on the fantail, featuring Korean singers and dancers. A Civic Action Project was held at the Hye Sin Won Orphanage in Seoul and the crew competed in many sporting events.

USS OKLAHOMA CITY was inport Yokosuka, Japan, for upkeep from 14 October to 6 November. Several thousand Japanese citizens toured the Flagship 15 October as part of "Navy Friendship Day II" activities. Both the Honorable Edward HIDALGO, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics and VADM SAITO, Commander in Chief, JMSDF, visited VADM FOLEY during this inport period.

On 7 November, the ship got underway for Penang, Malaysia; she anchored off Subic Bay to transfer typhoid patients to the Navy Regional Medical Center, Subic on 13 November. Four days later, the ship transited the historic Malacca and Singapore Straits, and moored at Penang the following morning. Highlighting the visit was a Commander SEVENTH

Fleet dinner reception attended by Tyi Tun Daluk Jaji SARDON bin Jaji Jabir, Governor of Penang and various other military and civilian officials. Over 120 special guests toured the Flagship and the crew participated in several sporting events.

The ship sailed from Malaysia on 22 November, anchoring at Pattaya Beach, Thailand on the 25th for a four-day visit. CAPT G. L. VANDER-WATER, USN, ALUSNA, was hosted onboard by Vice Admiral FOLEY. A special group tour was held onboard for 20 members of the press, but personnel had to be ferried ashore, and at low tide, literally splash onto the beach; therefore, no General Visiting was held. Crewmembers again participated in sporting events such as golf, tennis and soccer.

Hong Kong was the site of the ship's last protocol visit of 1978, 6-11 December, just in time for last-minute Christmas shopping. Upon approaching the pier, USS OKLAHOMA CITY and HMS TAMAR exchanged a 21-gun salute. On 6 December, then prospective Commanding Officer Rodney B. McDANIEL, USN, arrived onboard. Vice Admiral FOLEY hosted the Honorable Thomas P. SHOESMITH, U. S. Consul General, Hong Kong; Brigadier Derek T. CRABTREE, Deputy Commander, British Forces and six additional military and civilian officials at a reception held on the bullnose of HMS TAMAR. Teams competed in sporting events and General Visiting was conducted with over 6,000 visitors touring the main deck of the ship. A Civic Action Project was also conducted to help rejuvenate parts of the Serviceman's Center, known as Fenwick Pier.

Between 10-13 December, the Engineering Department successfully passed a critical Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) en route to Yokosuka. The examination was administered by the Pacific Fleet Propulsion Examining Board (PEB), a cross-section of engineers who are "experts in all phases of engineering." The Engineering Department fared well in the examination, culminating in the award of five Navy Achievement Medals to key personnel.

Captain Rodney B. McDANIEL relieved Captain Thomas R. COLLIGAN as Commanding Officer of USS OKLAHOMA CITY during an underway ceremony at 1300 on 16 December 1978. Captain COLLIGAN was helicoptered off the ship in order to meet a flight which would carry him to his next tour of duty.

The Flagship returned to Yokosuka the afternoon of 16 December with a new Commanding Officer for a period of holiday standdown and upkeep to finish out the remainder of 1978.

During Calendar Year 1978, the following awards were received by OKLAHOMA CITY's crewmembers:

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| Navy Achievement Medal..... | 10 |
| Good Conduct Medal..... | 72 |
| Letters of Commendation..... | 36 |
| Letters of Appreciation..... | 23 |
| Surface Warfare Officer Designation..... | 3 |

Promotions during Calendar Year 1978 include the following:

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| Commander..... | 1 |
| Lieutenant..... | 1 |
| Lieutenant (junior grade)..... | 9 |
| MCPO (temporary CWO)..... | 1 |
| SCPO (3 temporary CWOs)..... | 5 |
| CPO..... | 9 |
| PO1..... | 32 |
| PO2..... | 101 |
| PO3..... | 161 |

The following is a list of major casualties experienced during Calendar Year 1978:

| <u>JAN-MAR 78</u> | <u>MONTH</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| NR2 Main Evaporator | JAN |
| NRI Main Evaporator | JAN |
| NR4 Boiler | JAN |
| <u>APR-JUN 78</u> | <u>MONTH</u> |
| AN/SRA-33 Antenna Coupler | APR |
| Gas Turbine Solar NR5 SSTG | APR |
| TALOS Fire Control System MK77/MOD 0 | JUN |
| 5"/38 Twin Mount MK32/MOD 0 | JUN |
| <u>JUL-SEP 78</u> | <u>MONTH</u> |
| MK7/MOD 0 Missile Launching System | JUL |
| NR2 Generator Circuit Breaker | SEP |
| NRI Boiler | SEP |
| <u>OCT-DEC 78</u> | <u>MONTH</u> |
| NR4 Fire/Flushing Pump Controller | DEC |