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Encl: (1) Command History

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the Command History for USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5) for the period 1 January through 31 December 1973 is submitted as enclosure (1).

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## BRIEF CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

### January 1973

- 1-7 Holiday leave and upkeep at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 8-12 Enroute from Yokosuka, Japan to Subic Bay, RP via Okinawa Op Areas.
- 13-19 In port Subic Bay, RP.
- 20-21 En route from Subic Bay, RP to Hong Kong, BCC.
- 22-28 Visit Hong Kong, BCC.
- 29-30 En route from Hong Kong, BCC to Subic Bay, RP.
- 31 In port Subic Bay, RP.

### February 1973

- 1-5 In port Subic Bay, RP.
- 6 Transit to and arrive at Manila, RP.
- 7-8 Visit Manila, RP.
- 9 En route to and arrive at Subic Bay, RP.
- 10-14 In port Subic Bay, RP.
- 14-15 En route to Kaohsiung, ROC.
- 16-18 Visit Kaohsiung, ROC.
- 19-20 En route to Gulf of Tonkin.
- 21-28 Special operations in Gulf of Tonkin.

### March 1973

- 1-2 Special operations in Gulf of Tonkin.
- 2-5 En route to Yokosuka, Japan.
- 6-31 In port Yokosuka, Japan.

April 1973

1-12 In port Yokosuka, Japan.  
13 En route Nagoya, Japan.  
14-16 Visit Nagoya, Japan.  
16-17 En route Kobe, Japan.  
18-19 Visit Kobe, Japan.  
20-21 En route Yokosuka, Japan.  
21-30 In port Yokosuka, Japan.

May 1973

1-6 In port Yokosuka, Japan.  
7-11 En route Yankee Station via Okinawa Op Area.  
12-13 Special operations in Gulf of Tonkin.  
14-15 En route Subic Bay, RP.  
16 Visit Subic Bay, RP.  
17-18 Type training in Subic Bay Op Areas.  
19-20 En route Sattahip, Thailand.  
21-25 Visit Sattahip, Thailand.  
26-29 En route Hong Kong, BCC.  
30-31 Visit Hong Kong, BCC.

June 1973

1-4 Visit Hong Kong, BCC.  
5-7 En route Inchon, Korea.  
8-10 Visit Inchon, Korea.  
11-13 En route Yokosuka, Japan via Shimonoseki Straits.  
14-30 In port Yokosuka, Japan.

July 1973

1-10 In port Yokosuka, Japan.  
11-12 En route Sasebo, Japan.  
13-15 Visit Sasebo, Japan.  
16-17 En route Yokosuka, Japan.  
18-31 In port Yokosuka, Japan.

August 1973

1-27 In port Yokosuka, Japan  
28 Sea trials in Sagami Wan.  
29-31 In port Yokosuka, Japan.

September 1973

1-3 In port Yokosuka, Japan.  
4-10 En route Subic Bay, RP via Subic Bay Op Area.  
11-16 Visit Subic Bay, RP.  
17-19 En route Singapore.  
20-24 Visit Singapore.  
25-28 En route Keelung, ROC via the Equator where "Crossing the Line" ceremony was conducted.  
29-30 Visit Keelung, ROC.

October 1973

1-2 Visit Keelung, ROC.  
3-4 En route Yokosuka, Japan.  
5-31 In port Yokosuka, Japan.

November 1973

- 1-8 In port Yokosuka, Japan.
- 9-12 En route Hong Kong, BCC.
- 13-18 Visit Hong Kong, BCC.
- 19-20 En route Manila, RP.
- 21-26 Visit Manila, RP.
- 27-30 En route Yokosuka, Japan via Subic Bay Op Area.

December 1973

- 1-2 Enroute Yokosuka, Japan.
- 3-31 In port Yokosuka, Japan.

COMMAND ORGANIZATION AND RELATIONSHIP

The present Commanding Officer of the USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5) is Captain William Atherton KANAKANUI, Jr., U. S. Navy. He held command during the entire year. The ship's Executive Officer is Commander Ralph Farrington DOE, U. S. Navy. Commander DOE relieved Commander Joseph Donald FAIRCHILD, U. S. Navy on 8 November 1973.

OKLAHOMA CITY began the year under the direct administrative control of Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet. In accordance with CNO 141307Z JUN 73 and effective 30 June 1973, OKLAHOMA CITY was placed under the administrative control of Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE whose headquarters is located in San Diego, California.

OKLAHOMA CITY is the Command Ship for, and is under the operational control of, Commander SEVENTH Fleet. As Command Ship, OKLAHOMA CITY is designated SEVENTHFLT COMMAND SHIP GROUP, TG 70.1, with the Commanding Officer as Task Group Commander. When the ship is involved with Naval Gunfire Support Operations, it becomes a part of Task Force 75--CRUISER-DESTROYER FORCE, SEVENTHFLT.

OKLAHOMA CITY is homeported in Yokosuka, Japan.

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

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

## SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

OKLAHOMA CITY began 1973 in its homeport of Yokosuka, Japan in a holiday leave and upkeep status. VADM J. L. HOLLOWAY, III, USN, Commander SEVENTH Fleet and his staff are embarked. On 8 January, the ship departed homeport and sailed for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. Training exercises were conducted in Okinawa Op Areas en route. After a one week stay, the ship sailed for Hong Kong for a protocol visit. During this visit the ship was visited by Commodore J. K. STEVENS, HMS, Commodore Hong Kong who was received with full honors. The formal cease fire in the Vietnam conflict was announced while the ship was in Hong Kong. OKLAHOMA CITY then returned to Subic Bay for a week. On 6 February, she sailed to Manila. While in Manila, an estimated total attendance of 16,000 Filipino citizens toured the Command Ship of the SEVENTH Fleet during the two days in which general visiting was conducted. The OKLAHOMA CITY returned to Subic Bay for five days and then sailed to Kaohsiung, Republic of China for a protocol visit. The following dignitaries visited the Command Ship to call on VADM HOLLOWAY: RADM LUI, Fourth Naval Shipyard, Republic of China; LGEN KENG, Deputy Chinese Marine Corps; VADM PAI, Superintendent, Chinese Naval Academy; VADM MOU, Commander Logistics; RADM HSIEH, Commander First Naval District; VADM CHEN, Commander Fleet Command; GEN LAI, Chief of General Staff; ADM SOONG, Chinese Navy and Mr. WANG, Mayor of Kaohsiung. On 19 February, the ship sailed for special operations in the Gulf of Tonkin. On 5 March, the OKLAHOMA CITY arrived at her homeport in Yokosuka, Japan and began a six week restricted availability and drydock period.

The first half of the month of April was a continuation of the six week drydock and repair period for USS OKLAHOMA CITY. Major repairs were made to the propulsion system and the underwater portions of the hull. With all repairs accomplished on schedule, the ship conducted a successful two-day sea trials in Sagami-Wan. On April 13, OKLAHOMA CITY sailed for Nagoya and Kobe, Japan with an addition of over 200 OKLAHOMA CITY family members and guests including 30 members of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Fleet on a dependents' cruise. General visiting was offered to the citizens of both Japanese cities with an excellent attendance in each case. The ship returned to Yokosuka on 21 April and remained in port for a two week upkeep. On 7 May the ship sailed South for operational and protocol commitments. While en route to an assignment in the Gulf of Tonkin, several TALOS missile and gunnery exercises were conducted in the Okinawa and Subic Bay Op Areas. After completing operational commitments in the Gulf of Tonkin, the ship made an overnight stop at Subic Bay and then transitted to Sattahip, Thailand and Hong Kong, British Crown Colony for protocol visits. The Command Ship received the Chief of Staff Royal Thailand Marine Corps, Commodore and the Consul General of Hong Kong respectively, during these visits.

On 5 June the ship sailed from Hong Kong to Inchon, South Korea. Upon arrival in Inchon, protocol exchanges were made and on 9 June the Command Ship received the Honorable Ju Jae Hung, Minister of National Defense, South Korea. The OKLAHOMA CITY left Inchon and sailed for Yokosuka via the Shimonoseki Straits and arrived on 14 June. While in Yokosuka, the Command

Ship received Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Japan and RADM Ishino, Commander Training Squadron, Japanese Maritime Self Defense Fleet.

During the first week of July while in Yokosuka, Japan, the Command Ship observed the Nation's birthday by firing a 21-gun salute. The OKLAHOMA CITY was underway 11 July for a protocol port call at Sasebo, Japan. The following visitors paid calls during the visit: Mayor of Sasebo, Commander, Third Training Brigade, and Commander, Sasebo Regional District. OKLAHOMA CITY departed Sasebo for Yokosuka a day early on 15 July to evade an expected typhoon.

Vice Admiral James L. HOLLOWAY, III, U. S. Navy was relieved by Vice Admiral George P. STEELE, U. S. Navy, as Commander SEVENTH Fleet in ceremonies on the fantail on 28 July. The principal speaker was Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet, Admiral Bernard A. CLAREY, U. S. Navy. During the ceremonies Vice Admiral HOLLOWAY, on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet and Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force, SEVENTH Fleet, presented the Navy Unit Commendation citation to OKLAHOMA CITY for exceptionally meritorious service from 5 April to 7 December 1972 while participating in combat operations in Southeast Asia.

Most of August was spent in Dry Dock Number 5, at U. S. Naval Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka as work progressed on the first increment of the Navy Distillate (ND) fuel conversion. On 9 and 10 August OKLAHOMA CITY received a Nuclear Weapons Technical Inspection which was conducted under the auspices of Nuclear Weapons Training Group, Pacific. An overall grade of outstanding in both administrative and technical/operations areas was assigned. This grade was subsequently approved by the type commander. OKLAHOMA CITY embarked twenty-seven Japanese civilian guests on 28 August for a one-day cruise while conducting sea trials. These guests were representatives of the Japanese business community in the Kanto Plains area.

OKLAHOMA CITY was underway on 4 September for scheduled training and protocol commitments. Training exercises were conducted in the Subic Bay Op Area. From 11-16 September the ship was in port in Subic Bay for upkeep. Upon completion of the upkeep, the Command Ship transitted to Singapore for a protocol visit arriving 20 September. After departing Singapore on 24 September, the ship crossed the Equator the next day with all the traditional ceremonies. After King Neptune had properly initiated the polywogs and with a full crew of shellbacks, the OKLAHOMA CITY proceeded to Keelung, Republic of China for a protocol visit arriving on 29 September. During this third quarter cruise OKLAHOMA CITY rearmed and refueled from the USS HALEAKALA (AE-25) and conducted vertical replenishment (VERTREP) with the USS MARS (AFS-1).

The start of the fourth quarter found the Command Ship continuing her visit in Keelung, Republic of China where the following guests and dignitaries were received: Commander U. S. Taiwan Defense Command, Commander General Staff Taiwan, Commander, Chinese Air Force, Commander, Chinese Navy, and Premier Chiang of the Republic of China. OKLAHOMA CITY transitted to Yokosuka and spent the rest of October and first part of November in upkeep status.

The next cruise began on 9 November when the OKLAHOMA CITY got underway for Hong Kong, British Crown Colony. Rest and relaxation was the keynote of the Command Ship's six-day protocol visit in Hong Kong from 13-18 November. Numerous distinguished guests were received including Commodore Hong Kong, Bishop of Hong Kong, and members of the Executive Council of Hong Kong. During the visit the ship hosted two days of general visiting during which 14-15 thousand persons toured the ship. The ship then transitted to Manila arriving on 21 November. Nine thousand visitors toured the ship during general visiting held over the weekend.

From 27 November through 2 December the Command Ship transitted to Yokosuka, Japan. Several training exercises were conducted in the Subic Bay Ops Areas en route. These included gunnery exercises with the 5 inch and 6 inch guns and multiple replenishment exercises with USS CAMDEN (AOE-2). In the Okinawa Op Area the ship conducted a successful surface to air missile firing exercise.

After arrival in her home port of Yokosuka, the ship spent the rest of the year in a holiday leave and upkeep status.

During Calendar Year 1973 the following awards and promotions were received by OKLAHOMA CITY's crew members:

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| Bronze Star Medal   | 1   |
| Meritorious Service Medal   | 1   |
| Navy Commendation Medal   | 4   |
| Navy Achievement Medal  | 12  |
| Navy Unit Commendation  | 895 |
| (This total represents those personnel of ship's company who earned this award as a result of their services on board from 5 April to 4 December 1972--the period of the citation.) |     |
| COMSEVENTHFLT Letter of Commendation  | 7   |
| Petty Officer/Sailor of the Quarter   | 3   |
| Letter of Appreciation  | 21  |
| Commendation for Civic Action Project Participation   | 27  |
| Helicopter Rescue Award Certificate   | 1   |
| OKLAHOMA CITY Letter of Noteworthy Accomplishment   | 1   |
| Promotions and Advancements   | 197 |

#### VIETNAMESE AWARDS

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| National Order of Vietnam, Fifth Class | 1 |
| Gallantry Cross with palm              | 1 |

## ENGINEERING STATISTICS

### JANUARY 1973

1. During the month the ship distilled 836,810 gallons of fresh and feed water, utilizing no. 1 evaporator for 337 hours, no. 2 for 341 hours, no. 3 for 135 hours and no. 4 for 9 hours.
2. 26,044 gallons of JP-5 were expended by the helicopter and gas turbine generator. 25,307 gallons were received.
3. 669,131 gallons of NSFO were received while 610,653 gallons were expended.
4. The ship steamed 173 hours underway and 519 hours not underway.
5. No. 1 boiler was steamed 228.6 hours, no. 2 was steamed 263.4 hours, no. 3 was steamed 145.7 hours and no. 4 was steamed 276.7 hours.

### FEBRUARY 1973

1. During the month the ship distilled 1,328,780 gallons of fresh and feed water, utilizing no. 1 evaporator for 396 hours, no. 2 for 417 hours, no. 3 for 235 hours and no. 4 for 73 hours.
2. 24,859 gallons of JP-5 were expended by the helicopter and gas turbine generator. 20,521 gallons were received.
3. 638,069 gallons of NSFO were received while 593,083 gallons were expended.
4. The ship steamed 273 hours underway and 399 hours not underway.
5. No. 1 boiler was steamed 213.1 hours, no. 2 was steamed 273.2 hours, no. 3 was steamed 288.9 hours and no. 4 was steamed 206.2 hours.

### MARCH 1973

1. During the month the ship distilled 317,270 gallons of fresh and feed water, utilizing no. 1 evaporator for 106 hours, no. 2 for 106 hours, no. 3 for 78 hours, and no. 4 for 0 hours.
2. 8,895 gallons of JP-5 were expended by the helicopter and gas turbine generator. 11,678 gallons were received.
3. 18,787 gallons of NSFO were received while 514,603 gallons were expended.

MARCH 1973 (cont'd)

4. The ship steamed 106 hours underway and 6 hours not underway.
5. No. 1 boiler was steamed 33.5 hours, no. 2 was steamed 80.5 hours, no. 3 was steamed 3.0 hours and no. 4 was steamed 105.7 hours

APRIL 1973

1. During the month the ship distilled 452,050 gallons of fresh and feed water, utilizing no. 1 evaporator for 191 hours, no. 2 for 205 hours, no. 3 for 66 hours, and no. 4 for 0 hours.
2. 16,055 gallons of JP-5 were expended by the helicopter and gas turbine generator. 40,258 gallons were received.
3. 615,699 gallons of NSFO were received while 246,069 gallons were expended.
4. The ship steamed 73 hours underway and 312 hours not underway.
5. No. 1 boiler was steamed 100.6 hours, no. 2 was steamed 221.0 hours, no. 3 was steamed 150.2 hours, and no. 4 was steamed 8.9 hours.

MAY 1973

1. During the month the ship distilled 1,267,990 gallons of fresh and feed water, utilizing no. 1 evaporator for 485 hours, no. 2 for 587 hours, no. 3 for 328 hours and no. 4 for 32 hours.
2. 4336 gallons of JP-5 were expended by the helicopter and gas turbine generator. 4399 gallons were received.
3. 753,078 gallons of NSFO were received while 862,849 were expended.
4. The ship steamed 370 hours underway and 329 hours not underway.
5. No. 1 boiler was steamed 242.8 hours, no. 2 was steamed 256 hours, no. 3 was steamed 327.5 hours and no. 4 was steamed 283.6 hours.

JUNE 1973

1. During the month the ship distilled 411,010 gallons of fresh and feed water, utilizing no. 1 evaporator for 205 hours, no. 2 for 197 hours, no.3 for 122 hours, and no. 4 for 73 hours.

2. 1338 gallons of JP-5 were expended by the helicopter and gas turbine generator. There were no receipts.

3. 296,420 gallons of NSFO were received while 401,746 were expended.

4. The ship steamed 127 hours underway and 180 hours not underway.

5. No. 1 boiler was steamed 134.7 hours, no. 2 was steamed 81.5 hours, no. 3 was steamed 74.5 hours and no. 4 was steamed 153.6 hours.

#### JULY 1973

1. During the month the ship distilled 445,660 gallons of fresh and feed water, utilizing no. 1 evaporator for 189 hours, no. 2 for 186 hours, no. 3 for 104 hours and no. 4 for 71 hours.

2. 14,464 gallons of JP-5 were expended by the helicopter and gas turbine generator. 6324 gallons were received.

3. 401,894 gallons of NSFO were received while 404,507 were expended.

4. The Ship steamed 121 hours underway and 185 hours not underway.

5. No. 1 boiler was steamed 154.2 hours, no. 2 was steamed 63.9 hours, no. 3 was steamed 149.9 hours and no. 4 was steamed 39.5 hours.

#### AUGUST 1973

1. During the month the ship distilled 231,600 gallons of fresh and feed water, utilizing no. 1 evaporator for 162 hours, no. 2 for 161 hours, and no. 3 and no. 4 were not used during the month.

2. 16,715 gallons of JP-5 were expended by the helicopter and gas turbine generator. 29,938 gallons were received.

3. 322,166 gallons of NSFO were received while 116,223 were expended.

4. The ship steamed 6 hours underway and 223 hours not underway.

5. No. 1 boiler was steamed 14.5 hours, no. 2 was steamed 2.3 hours, no. 3 was steamed 151.4 hours, and no. 4 was steamed 86.3 hours.

SEPTEMBER 1973

1. During the month the ship distilled 1,322,930 gallons of fresh and feed water, utilizing no. 1 evaporator for 501 hours, no. 2 for 485 hours, no. 3 for 369 hours and no. 4 for 147 hours.
2. 35,950 gallons of JP-5 were expended by the helicopter and gas turbine generator. 10,750 gallons were received.
3. 864,044 gallons of NSFO were received while 897,245 gallons were expended.
4. The ship steamed 372 hours underway and 349 hours not underway.
5. No. 1 boiler was steamed 226.1 hours, no. 2 was steamed 370.0 hours, no. 3 was steamed 297.1 hours, and no. 4 was steamed 241.3 hours.

OCTOBER 1973

1. During the month the ship distilled 259,360 gallons of fresh and feed water, utilizing no. 1 evaporator for 129 hours, no. 2 for 118 hours, no. 3 for 46 hours and no. 4 for 24 hours.
2. 11,207 gallons of JP-5 were expended by the helicopter and gas turbine generator. 21,504 gallons were received.
3. 339,163 gallons of NSFO were received while 304,724 gallons were expended.
4. The ship steamed 59.5 hours underway and 199.5 hours not underway.
5. No. 1 boiler was steamed 138.0 hours, no. 2 was steamed 42.0 hours, no. 3 was steamed 0.0 hours and no. 4 was steamed 106.4 hours.

NOVEMBER 1973

1. During the month the ship distilled 994,150 gallons of fresh and feed water, utilizing no. 1 evaporator for 412 hours, no. 2 for 417 hours, no. 3 for 186 hours, and no. 4 for 31 hours.
2. 8,895 gallons of JP-5 were expended by the helicopter and gas turbine generator. There were no receipts during the month.
3. 597,354 gallons of NSFO were received while 714,290 gallons were expended.

4. The ship steamed 228 hours underway and 492 hours not underway.

5. No. 1 boiler was steamed 252.0 hours, no. 2 was steamed 154.7 hours, no. 3 was steamed 263.1 hours and no. 4 was steamed 325.7 hours.

DECEMBER 1973

1. During the month the ship distilled 184,090 gallons of fresh and feed water, utilizing no. 1 evaporator for 62 hours, no. 2 for 65 hours, no. 3 for 55 hours and no. 4 for 55 hours.

2. 1,760 gallons of JP-5 were expended by the helicopter and gas turbine generator. There were no receipts during the month.

3. 153,095 gallons of NSFO were expended. There were no receipts during the month.

4. The ship steamed 57 hours underway and 11 hours not underway.

5. No. 1 boiler was steamed 67.1 hours, no. 2 was steamed 0 hours, no. 3 was steamed 6.8 hours and no. 4 was steamed 56.6 hours.