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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the Command History for
USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5) for the period 1 January 1974 through 31 Decem-
ber 1974 is submitted as enclosure (1).

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BRIEF CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

JANUARY 1974

- 1-6 Holiday Leave and Upkeep at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 7-11 En Route from Yokosuka, Japan, to Subic Bay, RP, Via Okinawa Op Areas.
- 12-20 In Port Subic Bay, RP.
- 21-25 En Route from Subic Bay, RP, to Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Via Subic Bay Op Areas.
- 26-28 In Port Kaohsiung, Taiwan.
- 29-31 En Route from Kaohsiung, Taiwan, to Sasebo, Japan.

FEBRUARY 1974

- 1-3 In Port Sasebo, Japan.
- 4-5 En Route from Sasebo, Japan, to Yokosuka, Japan.
- 6-28 In Port Yokosuka, Japan, Restricted Availability and Drydock Period.

MARCH 1974

- 1-29 In Port Yokosuka, Japan, Restricted Availability and Drydock Period.
- 30-31 En Route from Yokosuka, Japan, to Subic Bay, RP.

APRIL 1974

- 1-3 En Route Subic Bay, RP.
- 4 Anchored Subic Bay, RP, for Refueling.
- 4-9 En Route Sattahip, Thailand.
- 9-14 In Port Sattahip, Thailand.
- 15-16 En Route Penang, Malaysia.
- 17-21 In Port Penang, Malaysia.
- 22-26 En Route Subic Bay, RP.
- 27-30 In Port Subic Bay, RP.

MAY 1974

1~3 In Port Subic Bay, RP.
4-6 En Route Pusan, Korea.
7-10 In Port Pusan, Korea.
11-12 En Route Yokosuka, Japan.
13-31 In Port Yokosuka, Japan, Restricted Availability and Drydock Period.

JUNE 1974

1-20 In Port Yokosuka, Japan, Restricted Availability and Drydock Period.
20 Sea Trails Tokyo Bay.
20-30 In Port Yokosuka, Japan, Restricted Availability and Drydock Period.

JULY 1974

1-7 Upkeep Yokosuka, Japan.
8-11 En Route from Yokosuka, Japan, to Otaru, Japan.
12-15 In Port Otaru, Japan.
16-23 Operations with Task Group 77.4 in Northern Japan Op Areas.
24-31 Upkeep Yokosuka, Japan.

AUGUST 1974

1-4 Upkeep Yokosuka, Japan.
5-15 Operations with Task Group 77.4 in Japan Op Areas.
16-31 Upkeep Yokosuka, Japan.

SEPTEMBER 1974

1-30 In Port Yokosuka, Japan, Restricted Availability and Drydock Period.

OCTOBER 1974

1-15 In Port Yokosuka, Japan.
4 Change of Command Ceremony.
16-18 Sea Trails.
19-20 In Port Yokosuka, Japan.
21-22 Underway, INSURV/Underway Material Inspection.
23-25 In Port Yokosuka, Japan, INSURV Inspection.
26-31 In Port Yokosuka, Japan.

NOVEMBER 1974

1-4 In Port Yokosuka, Japan.
5-8 Underway, Interim Refresher Training, Yokosuka Op Areas.
9-10 In Port Yokosuka, Japan.
11-15 Underway, Interim Refresher Training, Subic Op Areas.
16-17 In Port Subic Bay, RP.
18-23 Underway, Interim Refresher Training, Subic Op Areas.
24 In Port Subic Bay, RP.
25-26 En Route Hong Kong, BCC.
27-31 In Port Hong Kong, BCC.

DECEMBER 1974

1 Emergency Typhoon Evasion out of Hong Kong, BCC.
2-3 Returned to Hong Kong, continued Protocal Visit.
4-8 En Route Yokosuka, Japan.
9-31 In Port Yokosuka, Japan, Restricted Availability Period.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

OKLAHOMA CITY began 1974 in its homeport of Yokosuka, Japan in a holiday leave and upkeep status. VADM G.P. STEELE, USN, Commander SEVENTH Fleet and his staff was embarked. On 7 January, the ship departed homeport and sailed for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. Training exercises were conducted in Okinawa operating areas while en route, in support of OKLAHOMA CITY's Operational Readiness Inspection. After nine days in Subic Bay the ship sailed for a protocol visit to Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Republic of China, conducting underway training en route in the Subic operating areas. During the Kaohsiung protocol visit the ship was met by RADM SHEN, Commander Service Squadron and SOPA Kaohsiung. Additional dignitaries who called on Commander SEVENTH Fleet and toured the ship included: GEN LAI, Chief of the General Staff; ADM SOONG, Commander in Chief, Chinese Navy; MAYOR WANG, Mayor of Kaohsiung; VADM LI, Commander Fleet Command, Chinese Navy; LTGEN HO, Commandant Chinese Marine Corps; RADM CHU, Commanding Officer, Communication and Electronics School, and RADM LEE, Director, Kaohsiung Harbor Bureau (CN RET). The ship was visited by numerous special tour groups including those from the China Youth Corps and the Chinese Naval Academy. Additionally, during the one-day which general visiting approximately 8,500 Chinese Nationalist citizens toured the command ship of the SEVENTH Fleet. On 29 January OKLAHOMA CITY departed Kaohsiung for a protocol visit to Sasebo, Japan. The following dignitaries made calls on VADM STEELE during the visit: RADM J.D. JOHNSON, USN, COMSERVGRU THREE; The Honorable KAKEHASHI, Vice Governor Nagasaki Prefecture; The Honorable TSUJI, Mayor of Sasebo; RADM TOKI, Chief of Staff, Sasebo Regional District Headquarters; Mr. TANAKAMARU, President Tamaya Department Store; Mr. KITAMURA, Vice President, Chamber of Commerce; CAPT L.E. MAYES, USN, COMFLEACTS Sasebo; and COL SAKAGUCHI, Commanding Officer, Fifth Sargeant Training Unit, Camp Ainowa. In addition to special group tours, general visiting was held on board one day with approximately 3,000 Japanese National citizens touring the OKLAHOMA CITY. On 6 February OKLAHOMA CITY arrived at her homeport in Yokosuka, Japan for a seven week restricted availability and drydock period in preparation for Navy Distillate (ND) fuel conversion. On 30 March the ship departed homeport and sailed for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

OKLAHOMA CITY made a brief fuel stop in Subic Bay on 4 April, and continued en route for Sattahip, Thailand. CAPT WATANAPHEL Saneewong, RTN, Commanding Officer of Port of Sattahip met the command ship upon arrival on 8 April. The ship was also visited by thirty Thai officers. After five days in port, the ship sailed for Penang, Malaysia via the Straits of Mallacca refueling en route from the Royal Navy oiler, RFA TIDESPING (A 75) on 15 April 1975. During the 17-21 April visit to Penang, the ship was met by LT WONG, Malaysian Resident Naval Officer (RNO) and COL D.F. LOYNER, USAF, Air Attache, USDAO, Kuala Lumpur. Special group visiting was conducted for men of the KD SRI PENANG and the Malaysian Army. On 27 April OKLAHOMA CITY returned to Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines for fuel and supplies and to conduct exercises in the Subic Bay operating areas. VADM R.S. SALZER, USN, COMPHIBPAC, the Honorable J.C. BOWERS, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Logistics, RADM W.F. CLIFFORD, USN and BGEN G.R. BRIAN, USMC made calls on VADM STEELE. On 2 May RADM G.E.R. KINNEAR II, USN, COMCARGRU ONE, CAPT K.L. SHUGART, USN, Chief of Staff, CARGRU ONE, CAPT R.E. KIRKSEY, USN, CO, USS KITTY HAWK, and CAPT R.C. CONOLLY II, USN, COMDESRON 23 made calls on the command ship. After a brief transit the ship arrived at

Pusan, Republic of Korea on 7 May. During this final port visit of the cruise special group visiting was conducted for men and officers of CHINHAE ROK NAVY, and several ROK generals, naval officers and retired colonels. On 11 May OKLAHOMA CITY departed Pusan and arriving in Yokosuka, Japan for a nine week upkeep and dry dock period in incident to fuel conversion. On 20 June the ship was underway for six hours of sea trails before returning to Yokosuka, Japan. During July, a protocol visit was made to the northern Japanese cities of Otaru and Sapporo. The command ship hosted visits by city officials and several groups of students. The crew spent off-duty time sightseeing in the beautiful country side and, in particular, visited the site of the 1972 Sapporo Winter Olympics.

On 16 July, OKLAHOMA CITY set sail for the northern Japan operating areas to join with Task Group 77.4, comprising of USS MIDWAY, USS ROWAN, USS R. B. ANDERSON, and USS WORDEN, for intensive training. After a brief upkeep period, the ship again joined TG 77.4 for more training. Submarine USS POGY joined the task group for valuable ASW and electronic warfare training.

Returning to port on 15 August, the emphasis changed to completing the ship's conversion to distillate fuel and preparation for the change of command in October.

OKLAHOMA CITY began the fourth quarter of 1974 in its homeport of Yokosuka, Japan completing the final stages of the ship's conversion Navy Distillate (ND) fuel.

On 4 October, CAPT P. D. BUTCHER, USN, relieved CAPT W. A. KANAKANUI, JR, USN, as Commanding Officer of USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5), command ship of the Commander SEVENTH Fleet, in ceremonies held on board. Honored guests and dignitaries in attendance included: ADM and Mrs. Suteo USHIDA, JMSDF (RET); VADM and Mrs. G. P. STEELE, USN, COMSEVENTHFLT, the principal guest speaker; RADM W. HALEY ROGERS, USN, COMNAVFORJAPAN; Mayor and Mrs. Kazuo YOKOYAMA of Yokosuka, Japan and Mr. M. KOSONO, President, Chamber of Commerce, Yokosuka, Japan. During the change of command ceremony, OKLAHOMA CITY was awarded the RVN Meritorious Unit Citation Gallantry Cross with Palm by the Chief of the Joint General Staff, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces for outstanding accomplishment achieved during the period from 5 April to 20 October 1972 while operating in Southeast Asia. VADM STEELE made the presentation to Captain KANAKANUI during the Change of Command ceremony. Also, the Battle Efficiency "E" was presented for competitive cycle ending 30 June 1974 concurrently with Gunnery, Missile, Operations and Engineering Departmental E's.

RADM J. M. TIERNEY, USN, COMMATVAQWINGPAC and RADM S. T. COUNTS, USN, NAVSEASYS COM made calls on VADM STEELE during this inport period.

Subsequent to completion of the fuel conversion, the engineering plant was lighted off on 9 October. The ship got underway on 16 October for sea trials and local operations in the Japan operating areas and remained at sea through 17 October.

OKLAHOMA CITY returned to Yokosuka, Japan on 18 October and got underway 21 October commencing its post-overhaul INSURV Inspection. The INSURV/Underway materiel Inspection was completed on 25 October with the ship being judged "fit to perform with the fleet in all duties and assignments".

The following notable dignitaries called upon VADM STEELE during the time frame of 5 through 29 October: RADM R. P. COOGAN, USN, COMCARGRU THREE (11 October); RADM M. W. WOODS, USN, COMCRUDESPEC (23 October); RADM J. D. JOHNSON, USN, COMSERVGRU THREE/CTF 73 (23 October). RADM WOODS also called on CAPT BUTCHER during his visit of 23 October. On 31 October ADM M. F. WEISNER, USN, CINCPACFLT and RADM W. HALEY ROGERS, USN, COMNAVFORJAPAN called upon VADM STEELE. On 5 November OKLAHOMA CITY got underway from Yokosuka, commencing Interim Refresher Training (REFTRA). The ship returned to Yokosuka on 10 November after completing a portion of Interim REFTRA. Grades assigned are as follows: Navigation -- OUTSTANDING; Ship Control -- GOOD; Electronic Warfare -- EXCELLENT; Electronics -- EXCELLENT; C. I. C. -- GOOD; Damage Control -- UNSATISFACTORY and Engineering -- GOOD.

The command ship departed Yokosuka, Japan on 11 November en route Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. Underway replenishments were conducted with USS PYRO (AE-24) and USS GUADALUPE (AO-32) on 15 November. Several training exercises were completed during the transit.

The ship returned to sea on 18 November for 6 days of extensive training in the Subic operating areas. Noteworthy training accomplished included: underway replenishments from USS SHASTA (AE-33), including day and night transfers; Z-23, 30-G surface firing exercises; Z-11, 40-EW exercises; Z-4, 6, 7-GM; Z-30, 31 GM missile firing exercises and mutual cross training with the Royal Navy frigate, HMS MERMAID. This completed a period of extensive independent exercises and REFTRA requirements.

On 21 November CAPT BUTCHER was awarded a Gold Star in lieu of a second Legion of Merit by VADM STEELE for duties performed in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations from July 1973 until July 1974 as Special Assistant to CNO for JCS Matters.

A night UNREP/refueling was conducted 23 November with USS KANSAS CITY (AOR-3).

OKLAHOMA CITY returned to Subic Bay 24 November and departed 25 November en route to a protocol visit in Hong Kong, B.C.C. The command ship arrived in Hong Kong, B.C.C. 27 November and was met by the HMS TAMAR Officer of the Guard.

While in port Hong Kong the following dignitaries called upon VADM STEELE: Commodore Hong Kong; RADM W. A. MYERS, III, USN, COMCRUDESFORSEVENTHFLT/CTF 75, and the Governor of Hong Kong. Additionally, the command ship was toured by officers and enlisted personnel of HMS TAMAR on 29 November.

The close proximity of typhoon IRMA to Hong Kong necessitated the OKLAHOMA CITY getting underway the afternoon of 1 December and returning to Hong Kong the next afternoon to complete the scheduled visit.

OKLAHOMA CITY departed Hong Kong, B.C.C. on 4 December en route Yokosuka, Japan. The command ship arrived in its homeport on 9 December and commenced its holiday leave and upkeep period.

December 22 marked the 30th anniversary of the OKLAHOMA CITY's commissioning. The occasion was celebrated at a joint Christmas/Birthday Party held at the Club Alliance in Yokosuka, Japan. Honored guests included: VADM and Mrs. STEELE and the ship's Commanding Officer, Captain BUTCHER.

Noteworthy calls made on VADM STEELE during the time frame 10-31 December included: MGEN POGGEMEYER, CG III MAF; RADM KIYOSHI SHIMIZU, Commander Escort Flotilla One, JMSDF and VADM J. H. DOYLE, JR., USN, COMTHIRDFLT.

During calendar year 1974 the following awards and promotions were received by OKLAHOMA CITY's crew members:

Legion of Merit	1
Meritorious Service Medal	2
Navy Commendation Medal	3
Navy Achievement Medal	5
Letter of Commendation	11
Letter of Appreciation	32
Petty Officer/Sailor of the Quarter	1
Promotions and Advancements -- Petty Officer only	264

VIETNAMESE AWARDS

National Order of Vietnam, Fifth Class	1
RVN Gallantry Cross with Palm	1
RVN Meritorious Unit Citation Gallantry Cross with Palm (This total represents those personnel of ship's company who were attached and serving in OKLAHOMA CITY during period from 5 April to 29 October 1972 -- the period of the citation.)	895
RVN Technical Service Medal, Second Class	1

In addition to the individual awards enumerated above, OKLAHOMA CITY was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" for Fiscal Year 1974 concurrently with the Operations (Fourth Award), Gunnery (Third Award), Missile (Third Award), and Engineering (Fourth Award) departmental awards. Additionally, high honors were received as semifinalist in the 1974 NEY Memorial Awards Program for significant achievement in food service management in the crew's dining facility and as recipient of the Golden Anchor Award in recognition of excellence in Command Career Motivation Programs for personnel retention endeavors.