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CHRONOLOGY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1 JAN - 28 JAN	Inport Long Beach - this ship is flagship for COMDESRON 29
29 JAN	Underway for Vibration Tests
30 JAN	Underway for various shipboard exercises
31 JAN - 1 FEB	Inport Long Beach
2 FEB	Underway ISE
3 FEB - 6 FEB	Inport Long Beach
7 FEB	Underway to NWS Seal Beach to onload Ammunition
8 FEB - 11 FEB	Inport Long Beach
12 FEB - 16 FEB	Underway for Combined Training Unit Exercise 5-68
17 FEB - 18 FEB	Inport Long Beach
19 FEB - 26 FEB	Underway for Local Operations as a member of TG 14.3
27 FEB - 10 MAR	Inport Long Beach
11 MAR - 18 MAR	Underway for Local Operations as a member of TG 14.3
19 MAR - 25 MAR	Inport Long Beach
22 MAR	COMDESRON 29 Shifted Flag from USS EVERSOLE to USS RAMSEY (DEG-2)
26 MAR - 1 APR	Underway for Local Operations as a member of TG 14.3
2 APR - 4 APR	Inport San Francisco
5 APR - 6 APR	Underway for transit to Long Beach
6 APR - 16 APR	Inport Long Beach
17 APR	Underway for predeployment dependents cruise
18 APR - 29 APR	Inport Long Beach
30 APR - 5 MAY	Underway for 68 WESTPAC deployment as a member of TG 14.3/30.7
6 MAY	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
7 MAY - 14 MAY	Underway for Operational Readiness Evaluation
18 MAY - 19 MAY	Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
20 MAY - 28 MAY	Underway for Yokosuka, Japan
29 MAY - 30 MAY	Inport Yokosuka, Japan
31 MAY - 9 JUN	Underway for Sea of Japan Transit as a member of TG 36.7
10 JUN - 20 JUN	Inport Sasebo, Japan
21 JUN - 21 JUL	Underway for Yankee Station - South China Sea as a member of TG 70.4
22 JUL - 23 JUL	Inport Kao-Hsiung, Taiwan
23 JUL - 24 JUL	Underway for Hong Kong, B. C. C.
24 JUL - 26 JUL	Inport Hong Kong, B. C. C.
26 JUL - 27 JUL	Underway to avoid Tropical Storm Nadine
28 JUL	Inport Hong Kong, B. C. C.
29 JUL - 7 AUG	Underway for Sasebo, Japan
30 JUL	Joined TG 77.4 participated in Exercise Swift Move, an ASW Transit Exercise
7 AUG - 18 AUG	Inport Sasebo, Japan
19 AUG - 21 SEPT	Underway for Yankee Station, South China Sea as a member of TG 77.4
24 AUG - 2 SEPT	Supported U. S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade in Operation Bush-Master in Northern II Corps area of South Vietnam

Enclosure (1)

DATEEVENT

30 AUG	Change of Command - Commanding Officer of USS EVERSOLE
21 SEPT - 4 OCT	Inport Kao-Hsiung, Taiwan
5 OCT	Underway for Yankee Station - South China Sea
7 OCT - 14 OCT	Supported the Third Marine Division in the DMZ of Vietnam
15 OCT - 17 OCT-	Shifted from DMZ to the Hue/Phu Bai area of South Vietnam
17 OCT	Conducted Search and Rescue mission for downed Helo - rescued one crew member.
18 OCT - 24 OCT	Transit to Yokosuka, Japan
25 OCT - 28 OCT	Inport Yokosuka, Japan
27 OCT	Relieved by ASW Group 5
29 OCT - 9 NOV	Underway for CONUS
9 NOV - 15 DEC	Inport Long Beach
16 DEC	Underway for Pre-overhaul trials
17 DEC - 31 DEC	Inport Long Beach

NARRATIVE

1. (a) Commanding Officers
CAPT H. H. FREELAND
486952 USN
from: 29 July 1966
to: 27 August 1968
CDR R. R. POHLI
555122 USN
from: 30 August 1968
to: Present

(b) Homeport
Long Beach, California

(c) Officers:

Executive Officer:	LCDR R. F. BUTTS, 606917, USN
Weapons Officer:	LT J. A. FACHINGER, 656506, USN
Operations Officer:	LT J. H. STAGEMAN, 669563, USN
Engineering Officer:	LT J. L. WILKINS, 668422, USN
CIC Officer:	LTJG W. B. JOHANNES, 715222, USNR
Communications Officer:	LTJG I. D. WARDEN, 718751, USN
EMO:	LTJG D. A. BARRE, 717340, USN
Signal Officer:	ENS J. T. NUGENT, 734558, USN
Personnel Officer:	LTJG R. K. BENNETT, 710373, USNR
Navigator:	LTJG L. M. HANSON, 720826, USNR
Supply Officer:	LTJG F. L. TARANTINO, 711242, USNR
ASW Officer:	LTJG R. H. BURNS, 720636, USNR
Gunnery Officer:	ENS J. A. YOUNG, 732989, USN
First Lieutenant:	LTJG J. J. KLAUSER, 718336, USN
MPA:	ENS D. E. BELIECH, 731345, USN
DCA:	LTJG C. P. PEARL, 720541, USNR

2. As of 31 December there were 228 enlisted men on board. This included 12 Chief Petty Officers.

3. The first day of 1968 found the U.S.S. EVERSOLE (DD-789) (flagship for Commander Destroyer Squadron 29) in port at Long Beach, California. EVERSOLE remained in Long Beach - her home port - until 12 February except for four days of Independent Steaming.

On 12 February EVERSOLE participated in Combined Training Unit Exercise 5-68. This was a five day exercise consisting of damage control drills, gunnery exercises and squadron tactics. The next underway period was 19 - 26 February. This time EVERSOLE was a member of Task Group 14.3/ASW Group 3 operating in Southern California waters and familiarizing the crew with carrier operations.

The next at sea period was 11 - 18 March and was an ASW Exercise for Task Group 14.3. EVERSOLE returned to Long Beach on 19 March. On 22 March Commander Destroyer Squadron 29 shifted his flag from EVERSOLE to U.S.S. RAMSEY (DEG-2).

Enclosure (2)

Once again, on 26 March, EVERSOLE got underway to participate in another ASW exercise with ASW Group 3 and Task Group 14.3. On 26 March, EVERSOLE participated in a Search and Rescue for the crew of Helo 63 from the U.S.S. BENNINGTON (CVS-20) which crashed off our starboard beam. The co-pilot was recovered.

On 2 April, the ships of DESRON 29 put into San Francisco, California, for a three day visit. They departed San Francisco on 5 April, arriving in Long Beach on 6 April.

The period from 6 April to 29 April was spent in Long Beach, with the exception of a one day pre-deployment dependents' cruise on 17 April.

On 30 April, EVERSOLE began her 1968 WestPac deployment as a member of Task Group 14.3/30.7. She reached Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on 6 May. After one day in port, she was underway for an Operational Readiness Evaluation. The crew spent 15 - 19 May relaxing in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

On 20 May, EVERSOLE was again underway for another port. On 28 May she arrived at Yokosuka, Japan, for a one day stay before commencing a Sea of Japan transit as a member of Task Group 36.7. This transit consisted of a combined ASW Exercise with the Japanese Navy, EVERSOLE arrived in Sasebo, Japan, on 10 June for a ten day upkeep period.

On 21 June, EVERSOLE left Sasebo, Japan, enroute to Yankee Station. During the period between 21 June and 10 July EVERSOLE was assigned duties as a shadow to the Russian trawler AGI BAROGRAF as Task Unit 77.0.3.

On 12 July, EVERSOLE once again joined the BENNINGTON and on 15 July was detached to plane guard for the U.S.S. CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) as a member of Task Group 77.7. On 17 July EVERSOLE joined the BENNINGTON for one more day. On 18 July she was detached to proceed to Kao-Hsiung, Taiwan, arriving there on 22 July.

EVERSOLE left Kao-Hsiung on 23 July and arrived in Hong Kong, B. C. C., 24 July. EVERSOLE was to have been in Hong Kong for five days, but was forced to go to sea the 26th and 27th to avoid tropical storm Nadine. She was able to return the 28th, but departed Hong Kong for Sasebo, Japan, on 29 July.

EVERSOLE rejoined the BENNINGTON and Task Group 77.4 on the 30th to participate in ASW Exercise "Swift Move". She arrived in Sasebo on 7 August for a twelve day upkeep period.

EVERSOLE departed Sasebo on 19 August enroute to Yankee Station arriving in the II Corps area on the 24th. She supported the U. S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade in Operation "Bush-Master" until 2 September at which time she resumed planeguard duties.

During EVERSOLE's stay in II Corps area, Captain H. H. Freeland was relieved by CDR R. R. Pohli as Captain of the U.S.S. EVERSOLE.

EVERSOLE arrived in Kao-Hsiung, Taiwan, on 21 September for another upkeep period.

On 5 October, EVERSOLE left Taiwan for Yankee Station and the DMZ to support the Third Marine Division. On 15 October, EVERSOLE shifted from the DMZ to the Hue/Phu Bai area to support the 101st Airborne Division in Operation "Nevada Eagle". On 17 October, EVERSOLE participated in a search and rescue mission for the crew of a helo that had just left her decks. As a result of the crew's efforts, two men were picked up, one of whom survived.

The 18th of October found EVERSOLE underway for Yokosuka, Japan, to be relieved. She arrived in Yokosuka on the 25th, was relieved by ASW Group 5, and was underway for CONUS on 29 October.

EVERSOLE arrived in her home port of Long Beach on 9 November where she remained for the rest of the year except for the 16th of December when she was underway for a one day pre-overhaul engineering inspection.

During the past year, U.S.S. EVERSOLE conducted sixty-six successful underway replenishments without any injury to her crew.

A total of 4,792 rounds of 5"/38 ammunition were shot in support of our forces in Viet Nam.