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C O M M A N D H I S T O R Y
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CHRONOLOGY

- 1967
- January - Captain Ireland president Sub-Board of inspection survey, Pearl Harbor arrived on board for INSERV inspection.
 - 16 January - UNREP USS HANCOCK (CVA-19) and her escorts.
 - 5 February - UNREP USS ENGLAND (DLG-22).
 - 6 February - UNREP USS BON HOMM RICHARD and her escorts.
 - 19 February - UNREP USS CORAL SEA and her escorts.
 - 20 March - Underway to "Clean Tanks".
 - 27 March - Off loaded all ammunition in preparation for yard period.
 - 28 March - Commenced regular yard overhaul at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.
 - 25 April - Entered dry dock number 4.
 - 26 May - Commander, Naval Ship Yard, Pearl Harbor, returned a call made by the Commanding Officer.
 - June - Left dry dock in cold iron status and continued yard period.
 - 31 July - Underway for sea trials.
 - 4 August - Completed yard overhaul.
 - 14 August - UNREP USS OBANNON (DD-450) and USS COCHRANE (DDG-21).
 - 14 September - UNREP HMCS ST. CROIX (DE-256) and HMCS YUKON (DE263).
 - 26 September - Departed Pearl Harbor for WESTPAC.
 - 28 September - UNREP USS WORDEN (DLG-18).
 - 29 September - Crossed International Date Line Lat. 23°-46'2N Long 180°-00'0.
 - 2 October - UNREP USS KING (DLG-10), USS L. F. MASON (DD-852), USS ORLECK (DD-886), USS WILTSIE (DD-716), and USS BUCK (DD-761). USS BUCK (DD-761) collided with this vessel STBD side amidships.
 - 3 October - USS BUCK (DD-761) and USS BELKNAP (DLG-26)
 - 11 October - Entered Subic for first time of 67-68 deployment.

23 October - COMSERVRON FIVE broke his flag on this vessel.

24 October - COMSERVRON FIVE hauled down his flag.

24 October - UNREP USS ORISKANY (CVA-34) and her escorts, USS WILTSIE (DD-716), USS KING (DLG-10), USS PICKAWAY (APA-22), USS F. KNOW (DDR-282), and the USS POLLUK (KS-4).

22 October - UNREP USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43), USS HENRY J. TUCKER (DD-875), USS MAC KENZIE (DD-836), USS PLATTE (AO-24), and USS HAMMER (DD-718).

23 October - UNREP USS ORLECK (DD-886), HMAS PERTH (D-38), USS ROGERS (DD-876), USS REPERTUS (DD-851), and USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148).

24 October - UNREP USS ORISKANY (CVA-34) and her escorts, as well as USS ARLINGTON (AGMR-2).

25 October - UNREP USS ORISKANY (CVA-34) and her escorts, USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) and her escorts.

2 November - UNREP USS ORISKANY (CVA-34) and her escorts.

3 November - UNREP USS INTREPID (CVS-11) and her escorts.

4 November - UNREP USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) and her escorts. USS INTREPID (CVS-11) and her escorts. USS CANBERRA (CAG-2)

5 November - UNREP USS KING (DLG-10), and USS WILTSIE (DD-716).

7 November - UNREP USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) and her escorts.

17 November - UNREP USS BELKNAP (DLG-26).

18 November - UNREP USS INTREPID (CVS-11).

20 November - UNREP USS ORISKANY (CVA-34), and her escorts. USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) and her escorts.

21 November - UNREP USS ROWAN (DD-872), and USS FRANK EVANS (DD-754)

22 November - UNREP USS ORISKANY (CVA-34) and her escorts. UNREP USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) and her escorts.

8 December - UNREP USS KEARSEARGE (CVS-33) and her escorts.

9 December - UNREP USS RANCHER (CVA-61) and her escorts. UNREP USS MATTOPONI (AO-41)

11 December - UNREP USS ORISKANY (CVA-34) and her escorts. UNREP USS CHICAGO (CG-11)

16 December - UNREP USS FRANK KNCK (DDR-742)
 UNREP USS THOMASON (DD-760)
 UNREP USS ORLECK (DD-886)

19 December - UNREP USS KEARSARGE (CVS-33) and her escorts.
 UNREP USS HOLLISTER (DD-588)
 UNREP USS MCCORMICK (DLG-87)
 UNREP USS THOMASON (DD-760)
 UNREP USS WALKE (DD-877)
 UNREP USS FERKINS (DD-877)

20 December - UNREP USS BELKNAP (DLG-26)
 UNREP USS DALE (DLG-19)
 UNREP USS HIGBEE (DD-806)
 UNREP USS KING (DLG-10)
 UNREP USS WILTSIE (DD-716)

21 December - UNREP IBS CACAPON (AO-52)

22 December - UNREP USS PRITCHETT (DD-561)

27 December - Commander Services Group THREE arrived on board for
 official visit.

With Captain George D. Harrelson in command, the HASSAYAMPA commenced

1967.

On January 9th, 1967 HASSAYAMPA received an INSERV inspection which crystallized for all of us the problem areas we needed to concentrate on to bring the HASSAYAMPA to maximum material readiness.

February saw the HASSAYAMPA performing her primary mission, replenishing ships underway, as she serviced ships in MID-PAC area.

On the 20th of March the HASSAYAMPA was underway to clean tanks. All ammunition was then off-loaded, and the HASSAYAMPA commenced her regular yard overhaul period.

On April 25th 1967 HASSAYAMPA entered dry dock number four to begin a period of major overhaul. During this period the sides were taken down, red leaded and 116-D primer applied, finishing off with coats of hard grey paint. The underwater hull was sandblasted and repainted. Also, the well deck, anchors and anchor chain were sandblasted. General repair work was started on number one and two boilers with new tubes installed. A six foot section was also added to the yardarms. The radar repeaters in CIC were taken out to be recalibrated, also all FT radar and equipment were revised. Seven new teletypes were installed in radio central. Complete rearrangement of antenna system was completed and ET's installed new low frequency transmitters and U. H. F. transceivers. On June 5th HASSAYAMPA left dry dock number four in cold iron status and moved to port side of berth Bravo-1 for continuation of overhaul. While at berth Bravo-1 all booms, winches and guns were removed and taken to various shipyard shops for overhaul.

On the 31st of July sea trials were commenced. Following the sea trials, the HASSAYAMPA completed her regular overhaul on 4 August.

On 21 August HASSAYAMPA commenced Refresher Training with the Fleet Training Group, Pearl Harbor. During this time the ship and crew were put through all drills and exercises needed to bring her training readiness to a peak. On 16 September, all hands breathed a sigh of relief as we successfully completed the Final Battle Problem and finished REFTRA.

On September 26th the "HASS" departed Pearl for Westpac. The trip to Subic Bay was uneventful except that a minor collision occurred between the HASSAYAMPA and the USS BUCK (DD-761) when the Buck experienced rudder control problems while she was alongside refueling.

On September the 29th the "HASS" crossed the International Date Line and into the Domain of the Golden Dragon. Then, on the second of October our logistic support in the Western Pacific commenced with the refueling of the USS KING (DLG-10).

On October 11th the "HASS" pulled into what the majority of sailors call her "Home away from Home" -Subic Bay, Republic of Philippines.

On the 18th of October the HASSAYAMPA departed Subic to perform logistic support in the Tonkin Gulf.

The 28th of October the HASS entered Subic Bay to replenish her oil supply, as well as to stock up on Fleet Freight & Mail for her many customers out "on the line". She departed Subic Bay on the 30th of October for the Tonkin Gulf not to return to Subic until the 10th of November.

On the 10th of November we again entered Subic to "fill up", departing for "Yankee Station" on 15 November.

December 14th the "HASS" pulled into Subic Bay. Christmas was celebrated quietly in Subic on December 25th. The remainder of 1967 was spent in Subic getting ready for yet another trip to the "line"!