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SHIP'S HISTORY 1970
USS HENDERSON (DD-785)

PART I - CHRONOLOGY OF HIGHLIGHTS 1970

JANUARY 1970

- 1 - Steaming in the Sea of Japan as an element of Task Unit 71.0.9, in company with USS BELKNAP (DLG-26). CTU is C.O. BELKNAP.
- 5 - Relieved by USS ORLECK (DD-886). Moored Sasebo, Japan for TAV with USS AJAX (AR-6).
- 12 - Underway for Keelung, Taiwan.
- 14 - Inport Keelung, Taiwan for R & R.
- 17 - Underway for Yankee Station Ops. Assumed Taiwan Sts. Patrol in transit.
- 19 - Assumed plane guard duties as element of TU 77.3.2 with USS CUNNINGHAM (DD-752). C.O. CUNNINGHAM is CTU 77.3.2. CTG 77.3 is embarked in USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64).
- 21 - Detached from TU 77.3.2 to join TU 77.0.1.
- 23 - Detached TU 77.0.1 to rejoin TU 77.3.2.
- 31 - Enroute Subic Bay, RPI.

FEBRUARY 1970

- 2 - Inport Subic Bay, RPI for RAV with USS JASON (AR-8).
- 6 - Nuclear Safety Survey conducted by CDR 29.
- 7-8 - Ship's party at Grande Island.
- 10 - Loaded ammunition, then underway for TG 77.3 at Yankee Station.
- 11 - Yankee Station Ops as an element of TG 77.3
- 20 - Rescued 6 survivors from crash of SH3 Helicopter enroute USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) from Danang, RVN. 10 of 11 persons aboard finally rescued by various elements of TG 77.3.

FEBRUARY 1970 CONTINUED

- 21 - C.O. DEHAVEN (DD-727) relieved C.O. CUNNINGHAM (DD-757) as Screen Commander.
- 23 - USS EVERSOLE (DD-789) joined TU 77.3.2.
- 25 - Detached from TG 77.3; enroute gunline, I CORPS. Conducted 20 kts economy run.
- 27 - Joined TU 70.8.0. Embarked COMDESDIV 212, acting Gunline Commander.

MARCH 1970

- 8 - Debarked COMDESDIV 212.
- 19 - BRIG General CUNNINGHAM, C.O. U.S. Army 173rd Airborne Brigade and 5 members of his staff flew aboard for lunch by helicopter.
- 25 - Embarked DESRON 19 Chaplain and Doctor.
- 26 - Detached from TU 70.8.0. Enroute Subic Bay, RPI.
- 28 - Inport Subic Bay, RPI.
- 29 - Underway for Hong Kong, B.C.
- 31 - Inport Hong Kong, B.C. for R & R.

APRIL 1970

- 6 - Underway from Hong Kong for YANKEE Station.
- 7 - Joined TG 77.3 with CTG 77.3 embarked in USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64).
- 10 - Embarked COMDESDIV 192 and staff. COMDESDIV 192 assumed duties as Screen Commander.
- 11 - Commenced Operation RINGMASTER 1. Participants: TG 77.3 and TG 77.4.
- 15 - CAPT R. E. PYLE, USN, and briefing team came aboard to give briefing "The Brownwater Navy". Finished Operation RINGMASTER 1 this date.

APRIL 1970 CONTINUED

- 17 - Detached from TG 77.3. Enroute Kaohsiung, Taiwan.
- 19 - Arrived Kaohsiung; debarked COMDESDIV 192 and staff.
- 21 - Underway for Subic Bay, RPI.
- 22 - Off loaded ammunition at NAVMAG Subic, then shifted berths to Rivera Pier.
- 24 - Underway for Long Beach, Calif as an element of TU 77.3.2 in company with USS SOMERS (DDG-39) with COMDESRON 19 in SOMERS as CTU 77.3.2 and C.O. CONSTELLATION as CTG 77.3.
- 26 - Became TU 70.0.1.
- 30 - Chopped to COMFIRSTFLT. Became an element of TU 17.8.2.

MAY 1970

- 7 - USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) detached from TG 17.8 to proceed to San Diego, Calif.
- 8 - Arrived Long Beach, Calif. Commenced RAV. Commenced leave and upkeep period.
- 13 - Off loaded ammo at NWS Seal Beach, then moored LBNSY for RAV.

JUNE 1970

- 9 - Inspection of #2 boiler.
- 16 - Underway for ASW Ops in SOCAL OPAREAS.
- 19 - Arrived NWS Seal Beach, then shifted to NAVSTA Long Beach, Calif.
- 20-21 Acted as Naval Station visit ship.

JULY 1970

- 1 - Commenced TAV with USS ISLE ROYALE (AD-29).
- 13 - TAV completed.
- 15 - PMS Inspection by CDS 19.
- 20 - Commenced INSURV Inspection.

JULY 1970 CONTINUED

- 22 - Finished INSURV Inspection. Embarked Midshipmen for 6 weeks of training.
- 23 - Change of Command: CDR Robert H. SULLIVAN relieved CDR Robert A. MESLER, as Commanding Officer.
- 27 - Underway for Seattle Sea Fair.
- 30 - Inport Seattle, Wash.

AUGUST 1970

- 1 - Celebrated 25th Anniversary of USS HENDERSON's commissioning.
- 3 - Underway for Long Beach, Calif in company with USS LANG (DE-1060) and USS BRAINE (DD-630).
- 6 - Arrived Long Beach, Calif.
- 15 - Ship held 25th Anniversary party-dinner dance.
- 17 - Underway for ISE in SOCAL OPAREAS.
- 21 - Arrived Long Beach, Calif.
- 24 -
- 1 SEP Participated in HUKASWEX 2-70.

SEPTEMBER 1970

- 1 - Arrived NWS Seal Beach, Calif for ammo off load.
- 2 - Moored LBNSY for RAV.
- 22 - Completed RAV. Transited to NWS Seal Beach for ammo on load.
- 22 -
- 2 OCT Participated in ROPEVAL 4-70.

OCTOBER 1970

- 2 - Arrived Long Beach, Calif for upkeep period.
- 14-15 Conducted successful NTPI Inspection with CDS 19 as Chief Observer.
- 20-21 Conducted successful ASI and TSI.
- 24-25 Acted as Naval Station visit ship.
- 26 Underway for SOCAL OPAREAS.

OCTOBER 1970 CONTINUED

- 29 - Checked sensors on FORACS Range.
- 30 - Conducted successful ORI, observed by COMDESRON 19.

NOVEMBER 1970

- 3 - Conducted successful CCDP PMS Inspection.
- 6 - COMDESRON 19 inspected the crew and awarded HENDERSON the Squadron Battle Efficiency "E" for competitive year 1970.
- 16-20 Participated in COMPTUEX 20A-70.
- 20 - Off loaded ammunition at NWS Seal Beach, inport Long Beach, Calif.
- 23 - Underway as NGFS school ship, enroute San Clemente Island.
- 25 - Inport Long Beach, Calif.
- 30 - #2 boiler was inspected.

DECEMBER 1970

- 4-18 - TAV USS PRAIRIE (AD-15).
- 22 -
- 1 JAN Commenced holiday leave period.

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PART II - BASIC NARRATIVE

1. COMMAND ORGANIZATION AND RELATIONS.

a. USS HENDERSON (DD-785) was commanded by Commander Robert A. MESLER, USN, 574999/1100 from 1 January 1970 to 23 July 1970. On 23 July 1970 Commander Robert H. SULLIVAN, USN, 508750/1100 assumed command.

b. The ship was a unit of Destroyer Squadron NINETEEN under the administrative command of Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla SEVEN and homeported in Long Beach, California.

c. The missions and functions of the command were those normally assigned a general purpose destroyer. During 1970 they included various destroyer operations in the Western Pacific, and participation in a ROPEVAL, HUKASWEX, and a COMPTUEX while in the Eastern Pacific. The last part of the year was spent in preparations for deployment slated for January 1971.

2. OPERATIONS.

SEA OF JAPAN OPERATIONS

The new year found HENDERSON steaming in company with USS BELKNAP (DLG-26) as an element of Task Unit 71.0.4, Sea of Japan. HENDERSON was relieved on 5 January by USS ORLECK (DD-886) and proceeded to Sasebo, Japan. That evening HENDERSON tied up at India Basin to commence a six day availability period with USS AJAX (AR-6).

On the morning of 12 January, HENDERSON stood out of Sasebo Harbor enroute to Keelung, Taiwan where the crew enjoyed a three day R & R period from 14-17 January. During this time several divisional parties were held. On 17 January HENDERSON left Keelung Harbor and steamed down the Eastern Coast of Taiwan.

YANKEE STATION OPERATIONS

On 19 January HENDERSON joined Task Group 77.3 composed of USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) and USS CUNNINGHAM (DD-752). HENDERSON shared plane guard duties with CUNNINGHAM until 21 January when the ship was detached to relieve USS DEHAVEN (DD-727) as an element of TU 77.0.1 composed of USS STERETT (DLG-31), with STERETT as CTU. After two days HENDERSON was detached to resume her planeguard duties with the USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64). On 24 January, CAPT J.M. TIERNEY relieved CAPT J.S. CHRISTIANSEN as Commanding Officer of CONSTELLATION and assumed duties as CTG 77.3.

YANKEE STATION OPERATIONS - CONTINUED

On the morning of 31 January TG 77.3 proceeded to Subic Bay, RPI for an inport and upkeep period. HENDERSON delayed in the Subic OPAREAS long enough to fire a Z-24-G gunfire calibration exercise.

The morning of 2 February saw HENDERSON enter Subic Bay and moor outboard of USS JASON (AR-8) to begin an RAV period. The week in port was an active one as the ship prepared for and received a nuclear safety survey on 6-7 February with COMDESRON 29 as Chief Inspector. In addition, the amidships passageway and mess decks were retiled and a two day ship's party was held at Grande Island. On 10 February, with many needed jobs accomplished by the JASON, and a great deal of required maintenance completed, HENDERSON proceeded to the ammunition anchorage and then stood out of Subic Bay to rendezvous with TG 77.3 and once again proceeded to YANKEE Station.

For over a week HENDERSON carried out her duties as plane guard for the CONSTELLATION with no incidents. Then on 20 February a helicopter making an approach on the carrier fell into the water. Immediately the trained plane guard detail on HENDERSON made preparations for recovery of survivors. Within a few minutes HENDERSON's motor whale boat was in the water proceeding to the downed helicopter. In moderate seas, the excellent boat handling of HENDERSON's coxwain paid off as six survivors were quickly rescued and returned to HENDERSON for medical treatment. A rescue helicopter from CONSTELLATION and CUNNINGHAM's motor whale boat each accounted for two more survivors; in all 10 of the 11 persons aboard were saved. For her swift and positive action, HENDERSON received congratulatory messages from several sources including COMSEVENTHFLT.

The following day USS DEHAVEN (DD-727) joined TG 77.3 and relieved CUNNINGHAM as CTU 77.3.2. USS EVERSOLE (DD-789) joined TG 77.3 on 23 February, and on 25 February HENDERSON was detached to proceed to the gunline. Enroute HENDERSON conducted a 20 kt economy run.

NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

Arriving in Danang Harbor early on the morning of 27 February, HENDERSON joined TU 70.8.9 and embarked COMDESDIV 212, acting Gunline Commander. Not wasting any time, HENDERSON proceeded North and fired her first gunline mission of 1970 in Northern I CORPS. For the next month, HENDERSON fired Naval Gunfire Support from as far North as the DMZ to as far South as Phan Thiet in Southern II CORPS. With the aid of air spotters HENDERSON fired several call

NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT - CONTINUED

for fire missions during daylight hours, resulting in an eventual GDA of 29 structures and 24 bunkers destroyed with 33 structures and 24 bunkers damaged. Also 1180 meters of trail were interdicted and 7 secondary fires, 7 secondary explosions, and 10 KIA's resulted from the 77 missions which HENDERSON fired. During the nighttime hours HENDERSON fired her guns at many H & I targets. Often these targets were either in the Danang area or further north near the DMZ. GDA was not available for these missions, but movement of enemy troops was effectively stopped as was intended.

During her gunline tour, HENDERSON made every effort to improve her understanding of upcoming missions, frequently inviting the spotters out to the ship prior to a mission. On one such occasion, on 18 March, the spotter invited his commanding officer - Brigadier General Hubert S. CUNNINGHAM, Commanding General 173rd Airborne Brigade - to accompany him to the ship. Along with the Brigade Chaplain and other officers of his staff, the General spent an enjoyable two hours onboard inspecting the ship's gunfire system and later dining in the wardroom.

Finally on 26 March, thirty days after she came to the gunline, HENDERSON was detached from TU 70.8.9 and proceeded to Subic Bay, RPI to spend Easter Sunday in port. Arriving on the morning of the 28th, HENDERSON remained in port until the evening of the 29th before leaving for Hong Kong, B.C.

PORT VISITS AND YANKEE STATION OPS

Arriving in Hong Kong, B.C. on the morning of 31 March, HENDERSON moored alongside USS MCKENZIE (DD-836) and commenced a six day rest and relaxation period. Tours were arranged daily, with many members of the crew traveling throughout the island and nearby provinces. For almost a week the officers and men of HENDERSON basked in the splendor and fascination of Hong Kong, until 6 April, when the ship stood out of the harbor and proceeded independently to the Gulf of Tonkin.

Arriving on YANKEE Station the afternoon of 7 April, HENDERSON joined Task Group 77.3 and resumed plane guard duties for USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64). On 10 April HENDERSON embarked Captain P. E. SMITH, COMDESDIV 192, who assumed duties as CTU 77.3.2; then on 11 April Task Group 77.3 and 77.4 combined to participate in Exercise RINGMASTER 1, a five day exercise designed to develop and improve the carrier task group's preparation and performance under enemy multi-threat attack.

PORT VISITS AND YANKEE STATION OPS - CONTINUED

With the exercise over on 15 April, HENDERSON detached Task Group 77.3 on 17 April and proceeded independently to Kaohsiung, Taiwan for a brief two day visit. COMDESDIV 192 debarked at this time. With a rested crew HENDERSON stood out of Kaohsiung Harbor on 21 April and proceeded independently to Subic Bay, RPI. Arriving the next morning the ship first tied up at the ammunition pier to off load her WESTPAC allowance, and then crossed the harbor, tying up in a nest of destroyers outboard of USS SAMUEL GOMPERS (AD-37).

TRANSIT HOME

On the morning of 24 April, HENDERSON finally left Subic Bay as an element of Task Group 77.3, proceeding directly to Long Beach, California. In company with USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) and USS SOMERS (DDG-34) HENDERSON proceeded south in sight of the Philippine Islands, before turning east and passing through the beautiful San Bernadino Straits.

Changing operational command to FIRST Fleet on 2 May, HENDERSON continued steaming home, though now as an element of Task Group 17.8. On 7 May USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) was detached from TG 17.8, and proceeded south to San Diego. Then on the morning of 8 May, HENDERSON's crew manned the rail to see their friends and loved ones as the ship entered Long Beach Harbor after a long but highly successful and rewarding deployment. Boatloads of HENDERSON's friends came out to escort the ship to her pier, and soon the long awaited reunion of HENDERSON's families took place.

INPORT AND EASTPAC OPS

For the next month the ship was in an RAV status, most of which was spent at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard. While many of the crew were enjoying their hard earned leave, the remaining men accomplished some much needed repairs to the ship. The availability period was over on 15 June, and with the crew back from leave, HENDERSON went to sea for three days of ASW Operations in the Southern California OPAREAS. The sea period was climaxed by a successful exercise ASROC firing at a live submarine.

After an ammunition off load at Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station, the ship tied up at the "mole" in Long Beach Harbor

INPORT AND EASTPAC OPS - CONTINUED

and began preparations for an in-service inspection to be held one month later. Taking a brief respite from preparing for the INSURV, HENDERSON was nominated by the Naval Station as visit ship on 20 and 21 June. From 1-13 July further repairs were accomplished during a TAV with the USS ISLE ROYALE (AD-29). After a PMS inspection on 15 July, HENDERSON received the INSURV board on 20-22 July. The results of this inspection were rewarding for the entire crew.

On 22 July HENDERSON welcomed twenty-four midshipmen on their summer cruise. Then on the following day, the midshipmen, officers, and men of HENDERSON assembled on the flight deck, and the flight deck of the USS LANG (DE-1060), to witness the relief of CDR Robert MESLER, USN, 574999/1100, by CDR Robert SULLIVAN, USN, 508750/1100, as Commanding Officer of USS HENDERSON (DD-785).

In the eleven months that CDR MESLER served as Commanding Officer of HENDERSON the ship had excelled in all forms of destroyer operations. For the professionalism she demonstrated, HENDERSON was awarded the Squadron Battle Efficiency "E" for competitive year 1970, along with the Squadron "E's" for Engineering, Gunnery, Operations, and ASW. The actual presentation of the Battle Efficiency "E" was made by Captain W. D. ALTOFF, COMDESRON 19 in a formal ceremony on 6 November 1970.

With her new Captain, the ship got underway on 27 July for the Seattle Sea Fair in Seattle, Washington. Upon arriving on 30 July the ship was greeted by a host of dignitaries who saw to it that the men of HENDERSON had a gala time in their city. It was a rare honor as well when STG2 Christopher SHULTZ of this ship was selected as Sea Prince for the festival. Leaving Seattle on 3 August in company with USS LANG (DE-1060) HENDERSON celebrated her 25th Anniversary at sea on the 4th of August. The ship again tied up in Long Beach on 6 August. While inport, the ship officially celebrated her 25th birthday with a large dinner-dance for the entire crew and their ladies.

On 17 August HENDERSON stood out of Long Beach Harbor for a four day ISE period during which several gunnery exercises were completed off of San Clemente Island. Returning to port on 21 August, the ship again got underway on 24 August; this time for HUKASWEX 2-70. Operating as an element of Task Unit 14.1.2 with Commander Destroyer Squadron 23 as CTU, HENDERSON benefitted from four phases of the anti-submarine exercise. Upon completion of HUKASWEX 2-70 on 31 August, the ship proceeded to Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station for an ammunition off load on 1 September, and then to Long Beach Naval Shipyard for a restricted availability to last until 22 September.

INPORT AND EASTPAC OPS - CONTINUED

After accomplishing some much needed repairs, including a retubing of #2 boiler, the ship shifted to NWS Seal Beach on 22 September for an ammo onload, and then proceeded out to sea for ROPEVAL 4-70. HENDERSON rendezvoused with the USS RANGER (CVA-61) on 23 September and commenced plane guarding for the carrier. Operating with COMASWGRU 3 as CTG 177.2, Commanding Officer HENDERSON assumed duties as CTU 177.2.2; The exercise continued for ten days, with HENDERSON performing plane guard, picket, and SAR duties. During the course of the exercise much added experience was gained in the ASW and ECM fields. The ship returned to Long Beach on 2 October, mooring at pier 15 at the Naval Station, and commenced an upkeep period to last until 26 October. On 14 and 15 October the inport period was highlighted by a successful NTPI Inspection, with COMDESRON 19 as Chief Observer. Then the following week successful ASI and TSI Inspections were also conducted.

HENDERSON hosted as visit ship on 24 and 25 October, a duty which turned into a great success as over 800 persons came aboard for the two days. Then on 26 October the ship got underway for four days of ISE. The time was primarily used in accomplishing gun shoots and in preparing for an ORI scheduled for 30 October. HENDERSON ran the FORACS range on 29 October then entered port on 30 October to embark observers for the ORI. The Operational Readiness Inspection was a successful one, with several departments gaining excellent grades.

On 3 November the CCDP PMS team came onboard and gave the ship its quarterly inspection. A Commodore's personnel inspection followed later that week on 6 November. Then an upkeep period commenced until 16 November, when the ship left with several other ships of the squadron for COMPTUEX 20A-70. Highpoints of the COMPTUEX were a successful full power run and the accomplishment of several gunnery exercises. The ship returned to Seal Beach on the morning of the 20th to onload exercise ammunition for the following week, then returned to Long Beach Harbor.

Underway again on 23 November, HENDERSON acted as NGFS school ship for three days, firing simple to complex NGFS missions, while the student observers on the beach practiced calling fire and spotting rounds. The ship returned to Long Beach on 25 November, and began preparations for the forthcoming TAV with the USS PRAIRIE (AD-15) from 4 to 18 December.

INPORT AND EASTPAC OPS - CONTINUED

The TAV was a great help as the ship was now looking forward to correcting all discrepancies prior to her forthcoming deployment to WESTPAC.

Following the TAV the ship commenced a holiday leave period which saw many of the men go home to once again be united with their families. For those who stayed onboard for the holidays, the spirit of Christmas ran equally high as the ship won the Long Beach Christmas lighting contest. The year ended with HENDERSON moored in Long Beach, in a holiday leave status, but looking forward to her forthcoming return to the Western Pacific.

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PART III - SPECIAL TOPICS

A. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS

I. EMPLOYMENT DATA

- (1) Not underway - 222 days
 - (a) 112.5 days inport - homeport
 - (b) 4.7 days inport - not homeport
 - (c) 27.8 days inport in 7th Fleet
 - (d) 72.1 days overhaul - homeport
 - (e) 4.7 days miscellaneous evolutions
- (2) Underway - 143 days
 - (a) 67.5 days ready duty
 - (b) 37.6 days transit
 - (c) 18.9 days minor fleet exercises
 - (d) 18.1 days major fleet exercises

II. FUEL CONSUMED: 4,251,357 GALLONS NSFO

III. UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENTS - 36

5 JAN USS CHIPOLA (AO-63)
19 JAN USS CAMDEN (AOE-2)
22 JAN USS HASSAYAMPA (AO-145)
24 JAN USS CAMDEN (AOE-2)
27 JAN USS MISPILLION (AO-105)
28 JAN USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS-4)
30 JAN USS MISPILLION (AO-105)
12 FEB USS HASSAYAMPA (AO-145)
14 FEB USS MARS (AFS-1)
15 FEB USS CAMDEN (AOE-2)
17 FEB USS CAMDEN (AOE-2)
19 FEB USS CAMDEN (AOE-2)
21 FEB USS CAMDEN (AOE-2)

24 FEB USS CAMDEN (AOE-2) UNREP & VERTREP
 1 MAR USS HASSAYAMPA (AO-145)
 USS VESSUVIUS (AE-15)
 3 MAR USS VESSUVIUS (AE-15)
 5 MAR USS RAINIER (AE-5)
 USS PASSUMPSIC (AO-107)
 11 MAR USS TOLOVANA (AO-64)
 USS PYRO (AE-24)
 13 MAR USS CHARA (AE-31)
 16 MAR USS PYRO (AE-24)
 21 MAR USS CHARA (AE-31)
 26 MAR USS VESSUVIUS (AE-15)
 8 APR USS SACRAMENTO (AOE-1)
 10 APR USS SACRAMENTO (AOE-1)
 12 APR USS PASSUMPSIC (AO-107)
 14 APR USS PASSUMPSIC (AO-107)
 16 APR USS PASSUMPSIC (AO-107)
 26 APR USS PASSUMPSIC (AO-107)
 2 MAY USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64)
 3 MAY USS KAWISHIWI (AO-146)
 6 MAY USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64)
 27 OCT USS HASSAYAMPA (AO-145)
 19 NOV USS PYRO (AE-24)

B. PERSONNEL MATTERS

I. Enlisted advancements:

(1) During 1970 a total of 70 men were authorized advancement to the grade of E-4 or above. Authorized advancements were as follows:

Master Chief Petty Officer	1
Senior Chief Petty Officer	0
Chief Petty Officer	1
First Class Petty Officer	4
Second Class Petty Officer	24
Third Class Petty Officer	40

II. Medals, Awards, and Commendations:

(1) During 1970 the following distinctions were awarded to the officers and men serving in HENDERSON:

Meritorious Service Medal	1
Bronze Star	1
Navy Commendation Medal	8
Navy Achievement Medal	7
Navy Unit Citation	1
Good Conduct Award	18
Letters of Commendation	39

III. Officer Personnel Status:

During 1970 a total of 22 officers served on HENDERSON. The following officers were detached during the year, and do not appear on the year end social roster included in Part IV:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ser/File No.</u>	<u>Detached</u>
LTJG Thomas E. SPEERS, USN	732037/1100	July
CDR Robert A. MESLER, USN	574999/1100	July
LTJG Philip J. HUGHES, USNR	724021/1105	July
LTJG William H. ALLEN, USNR, SC	739712/3105	November
LTJG John D. H. KANE, III, USN	746739/1100	December
LTJG Jeffrey S. HIRSCHL, USN	747379/1100	December
LTJG Frank WOODLIFF, III, USNR	755340/1105	December

IV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For HENDERSON 1970 was a vintage year in Public Affairs. Some 200 individual news releases were submitted (in addition to several Fleet Home Town News releases covering each man in the crew). Many of these releases were published and during the year articles about the ship or members of the crew appears in "Vigilance" (6 times), "All Hands", the Long Beach "Independent Press Telegram", the "Seattle Times", the "Seattle Post-Intelligence", "Stars and Stripes" and dozens of local newspapers throughout the country.

Most of the public affairs activity occurred during the ship's deployment to the Western Pacific. In the course of the month spent in Naval Gunfire Support off the coast of Vietnam, more than 30 news releases were submitted covering in detail the ship's contribution to the war effort. The public affairs highlight of the cruise came after the ship's departure from the gunline when HENDERSON received the Cruiser-Destroyer Group Seventh Fleet Public Affairs Award for March.

Another highlight of the year came in July when the ship made a port visit to Seattle, Washington to participate in the city's Seafair festivities. While there, HENDERSON celebrated its 25th Anniversary (the ship was built in Seattle). Several articles about the ship appears in Seattle papers including a front page story covering HENDERSON's arrival. Two days before leaving Seattle a 25th anniversary ceremony was held aboard which was covered by three television stations and two newspapers.

Other public affairs activities for the year included the mailing of three familygrams and a cruise book covering the ship's deployment. Several tours of the ship were also sponsored for organizations and school groups.