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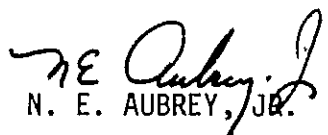
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COMMAND HISTORY - 1967 CHRONOLOGICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1-6 Jan	In Yokosuka, Japan
13-18 Jan	Special Operations and NGFS, South China Sea
20-25 Jan	In Hong Kong, B.C.C.
28 Jan - 5 Feb	In Subic Bay, P. I.
7-13 Feb	Special Operations and NGFS, South China Sea
13 Feb	Captain N. E. AUBREY, Jr., USN relieved Captain C. H. TISDALE, Jr. as Commanding Officer
14-20 Feb	SPECOPS and NGFS, South China Sea
24 Feb - 13 Mar	In Yokosuka, Japan
17-19 Mar	In Keelung, Taiwan
20 Mar - 10 Apr	SPECOPS and NGFS, South China Sea
13-16 Apr	In Cebu, Philippine Islands
21 Apr - 7 May	In Yokosuka, Japan
15-17 May	In Port Swettenham, Malaysia
19-21 May	In Singapore
22 May	Crossed the Equator
25 May	PROVIDENCE hit by enemy coastal defense batteries off Cap Lay, North Vietnam
25 May - 2 Jun	SPECOPS and NGFS, South China Sea
6-7 Jun	In Naha, Okinawa
9-18 Jun	In Yokosuka, Japan
20-23 Jun	At Iwakuni, Japan
24-26 Jun	At Beppu, Japan
27 Jun - 12 Jul	SPECOPS and NGFS, South China Sea
14-16 Jul	In Kaohsiung, Taiwan
20 Jul - 6 Aug	In Yokosuka, Japan
9-10 Aug	In Otaru, Japan
12-13 Aug	In Niigata, Japan
15 Aug - 4 Sep	SPECOPS and NGFS, South China Sea
6-11 Sep	In Hong Kong, B.C.C.
15-27 Sep	In Yokosuka, Japan
30 Sep - 2 Oct	In Sasebo, Japan
9-19 Oct	SPECOPS and NGFS, South China Sea
24 Oct - 9 Nov	In Yokosuka, Japan
6 Nov	VADM W. F. BRINGLE, USN relieved VADM J. J. HYLAND, USN as Commander SEVENTH Fleet on board
15-22 Nov	SPECOPS and NGFS, South China Sea
24-26 Nov	In Singapore
27 Nov	Crossed the equator
29 Nov - 13 Dec	SPECOPS and NGFS, South China Sea
15-16 Dec	In Subic Bay, P. I.
20-31 Dec	In Yokosuka, Japan

1967 CHRONOLOGICAL SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS - USS PROVIDENCE (CLG-6)

- 1 Jan 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan
- 2 Jan 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan
- 3 Jan 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan
- 4 Jan 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. Landing Ship Squadron NINE visited the ship for the day.
- 5 Jan 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 6 Jan 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 7 Jan 1967 Underway at 0900 for the Tonkin Gulf, for Special Ops.
- 8 Jan 1967 At sea enroute Okinawa.
- 9 Jan 1967 Missile Firing Exercise. Fired two TERRIER missile to starboard, operating off Buckner Bay, Okinawa.
- 10 Jan 1967 Underway in the Philippine Sea enroute Tonkin Gulf. Steaming independently.
- 11 Jan 1967 General Quarters. Commenced firing 5" mount for practice firing & target practice.
- 12 Jan 1967 Steaming independently as CTG 70.1 enroute YANKEE station. Made rendezvous with USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN-65). Refueled underway from USS TALUGA (AO-62).
- 13 Jan 1967 OTC at YANKEE station is RADM T. J. WALKER embarked in USS TICONDEROGA (CVA-14). VADM HYLAND visiting that ship for the day.
- 14 Jan 1967 Enroute Cape MIA for naval gunfire support. Provided NGFS.
- 15 Jan 1967 Steaming independently off coast of Vietnam for NGFS, in area of Cu Lao Re Island.
- 16 Jan 1967 Steaming independently off coast of Danang, Vietnam providing NGFS.
- 17 Jan 1967 NGFS missions off coast of Danang. Rearmed from USS PARRICUTIN (AE-18).
- 18 Jan 1967 Off coast of Vietnam for NGFS. Refueled from USS PONCHATOULA (AO-148).
- 19 Jan 1967 Departed TONKIN GULF enroute Hong Kong.

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20 Jan 1967 Underway for Hong Kong. Arrived Hong Kong at 0900. Commodore Hong Kong called on Commander SEVENTH Fleet. U. S. Consulate General Hong Kong, Mr. RICE made call also. Flag Officer of SECOND Command Far East Fleet arrived for informal call.

21 Jan 1967 Inport in Hong Kong, B.C.C. One hundred girls and boys from English college arrived to tour ship. In afternoon 100 boys from Rosary School arrived for tour.

22 Jan 1967 Inport in Hong Kong.

23 Jan 1967 Inport in Hong Kong.

24 Jan 1967 Inport in Hong Kong.

25 Jan 1967 Inport in Hong Kong.

26 Jan 1967 Underway at 0900 enroute Subic Bay, Philippine Islands.

27 Jan 1967 At sea enroute Subic Bay, P. I.

28 Jan 1967 Arrived Subic Bay. Commander Naval Base, Subic Bay arrived on board for call on COMSEVENTHFLT.

29 Jan 1967 Inport, Subic Bay.

30 Jan 1967 Inport, Subic Bay.

31 Jan 1967 Inport, Subic Bay.

1 Feb 1967 Inport, Subic Bay.

2 Feb 1967 Captain N. E. AUBREY, Jr., USN reported on board as Prospective Commanding Officer of USS PROVIDENCE.

3 Feb 1967 Inport in Subic Bay. Commenced Captain's Personnel Inspection at 1315.

4 Feb 1967 Inport in Subic Bay. Underway and moored to Buoy #25 at Subic Bay.

5 Feb 1967 Anchored in Subic Bay.

6 Feb 1967 Moved ship to Cubi Pier, Subic Bay. Moored Starboard side to. Underway for YANKEE Station.

7 Feb 1967 Steaming independently enroute YANKEE Station.

8 Feb 1967 At sea enroute Tonkin Gulf. Refueled from USS KENNEBEC (AO-36)

9 Feb 1967 Steaming in company with TF 77 in Tonkin Gulf. Rendezvous with USS ENTERPRISE (CVA(N)-65)

- 10 Feb 1967 Rendezvous with USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63). Departed YANKEE Station.
- 11 Feb 1967 At sea in South China Sea. Refueled from USS CALIENTE (AO-53). Enroute Danang.
- 12 Feb 1967 Steaming independently off coast of Danang, South Vietnam. Received NGFS missions, and fired 6 inch guns at various times during day.
- 13 Feb 1967 NGFS off coast of South Vietnam. At 1037, Captain Charles H. TISDALE, Jr., USN was relieved as Commanding Officer, USS PROVIDENCE by Captain Norbert E. AUBREY, Jr., USN. Commander THIRD Marine Amphibious Force arrived on board. In evening continued NGFS.
- 14 Feb 1967 Steaming independently off coast of South Vietnam at NGFS. Major General HOANG XUAN LAM, Commander SECOND Division of I Corps arrived on board. At 1921 departed NGFS at Danang enroute Cap Sa Hoi.
- 15 Feb 1967 Steaming independently as a member of TG 76.5 enroute from Danang to join TG 76.5 off Cap Sal Toi in South Vietnam for Operation DECKHOUSE VI. Approached the USS SHASTA (AE-6) for replenishment.
- 16 Feb 1967 Steaming with TG 76.5 off coast of South Vietnam. General Quarters. Fired 5 and 6-inch guns. Conducted VERTREP from USS MARS (AFS-1).
- 17 Feb 1967 Steaming in South China Sea on Operation DECKHOUSE VI. UNREP with USS MATTAPONI (AO-41). UNREP WITH USS FIREDRAKE (AE-14).
- 18 Feb 1967 Steaming in South China Sea on Operation DECKHOUSE VI. Gunfire support. UNREP with USS MAUNA KEA (AE-22).
- 19 Feb 1967 Rendezvous with USS H. B. WILSON (DDG-7) for exchange of materials and relief of NGFS ship TG 76.5. UNREP with USS VIRGO (AE-30) and USS KENNEBEC (AO-36). Enroute YANKEE Station.
- 20 Feb 1967 Steaming in company TF 77 on USS ENTERPRISE (CVA(N)-65)
- 21 Feb 1967 Enroute Yokosuka.
- 22 Feb 1967 At sea, enroute Yokosuka.
- 23 Feb 1967 At sea, enroute Yokosuka.
- 24 Feb 1967 Arrived Yokosuka, moored starboard side to at 0900.
- 25 Feb 1967 Service Force SEVENTH Fleet arrived on board for official visit.

26 Feb 1967 Inport, Yokosuka, Japan

27 Feb 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. Combat Camera Group arrived. Commanding Officer, USS JAMESTOWN arrived.

28 Feb 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. Landing Ship Squadron NINE arrived on board.

1 Mar 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. Fleet Marine Force SEVENTH Fleet arrived on board. Commanding Officer, USS CURRITUCK arrived on board.

2 Mar 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. Destroyer Squadron NINE arrived on board.

3 Mar 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. North American Affairs Bureau, Japanese Foreign Ministry arrived for official visit. Rear Admiral BARDSHAR of the JCS arrived on board.

4 Mar 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. Rear Admiral BARDSHAR again visited the ship.

5 Mar 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

6 Mar 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. Fleet Activities Yokosuka arrived on board for official visit. Patrol Force SEVENTH Fleet arrived on board for official visit.

7 Mar 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. Commander R. P. JONES, CO, USS BLUEBACK arrived on board for official visit.

8 Mar 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. Rear Admiral JOHNSON, Commander Naval Forces Japan arrived on board for official visit.

9 Mar 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan

10 Mar 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. Landing Ship Squadron NINE arrived on board for official visit.

11 Mar 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

12 Mar 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

13 Mar 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. FMF Pacific arrived on board. Commanding Officer, USS CARRONADE arrived on board.

14 Mar 1967 Underway from Yokosuka enroute Keelung, Taiwan.

15 Mar 1967 At sea enroute Keelung, Taiwan.

16 Mar 1967 At sea enroute Keelung, Taiwan.

17 Mar 1967 Arrived Keelung, Taiwan. THIRD Naval District, Rear Admiral CHIN arrived on official call to COMSEVENTHFLT. Mayor of Keelung arrived on board for official visit.

18 Mar 1967 Inport at Keelung, Taiwan. Held general visiting.

19 Mar 1967 Inport at Keelung, Taiwan. Six thousand visitors on board, general visiting.

20 Mar 1967 Departed Keelung enroute Yankee Station.

21 Mar 1967 At sea enroute Yankee PIM in Tonkin Gulf.

22 Mar 1967 Rendezvous with USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31) on Yankee PIM with TF 77.

23 Mar 1967 At sea in Tonkin Gulf with TF 77. Helo ops with USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63). Helo ops with USS ENTERPRISE (CVA(N)-65). UNREP with USS ZELIMA (AF-49).

24 Mar 1967 Steaming independently with TF 77 in Tonkin Gulf. UNREP with USS POLLUX (AKS-4). UNREP with USS PASSUMSIC (AO-107).

25 Mar 1967 Steaming independently with TF 77 in Tonkin Gulf.

26 Mar 1967 Steaming independently with TU 77.1.1 in Tonkin Gulf on Sea Dragon. High line operations with USS STODDARD (DD-566). Enroute North Vietnam for Special Ops.

27 Mar 1967 In company with TU 77.1.1 in Tonkin Gulf on Sea Dragon. North Vietnam, Special Ops.

28 Mar 1967 In Tonkin Gulf with TU 77.1.1 on Sea Dragon. UNREP with USS KENNEBEC (AO-36). UNREP with USS MOUNT RAINIER (AE-5).

29 Mar 1967 Steaming independently in Gulf of Tonkin. UNREP with USS TAPAHANNOCH (AO-43).

30 Mar 1967 Yankee Station with TF 77.

31 Mar 1967 Steaming with TU 77.1.1 in Tonkin Gulf on Sea Dragon. Special ops. UNREP with USS TAPAHANNOCH (AO-43). Proceeded to North Vietnam for NGFS.

1 Apr 1967 Steaming with TU 77.1.1 in Tonkin Gulf on Sea Dragon. Special Ops, North Vietnam.

2 Apr 1967 Steaming in formation with USS TURNER JOY (DD-951) and USS DUNCAN (DDR-874). Rendezvous with USS BENNINGTON (CVS-20). Helo ops. UNREP with USS GUADALOUPE (AO-32).

3 Apr 1967 Steaming independently in vicinity of TG 77.0 in Tonkin Gulf. UNREP with USS BELLETRIX (AF-62). UNREP with USS MOUNT RAINIER (AE-5).

4 Apr 1967 Steaming independently in Tonkin Gulf to the I Corps Area. NGFS in Danang.

5 Apr 1967 Steaming independently off South Vietnam for NGFS.

6 Apr 1967 Steaming independently off South Vietnam for NGFS.

7 Apr 1967 Steaming independently off South Vietnam for NGFS. UNREP with USS MAUNA KEA (AE-22).

8 Apr 1967 Steaming independently off South Vietnam for NGFS. UNREP with USS SHASTA (AE-6).

9 Apr 1967 Enroute from NGFS to Yankee PIM. UNREP with USS NAVASOTA (AO-106).

10 Apr 1967 Steaming with TF 77 at Yankee PIM. VERTREP with USS MARS (AFS-1).

11 Apr 1967 Enroute from Tonkin Gulf to Subic Bay.

12 Apr 1967 Moored Subic Bay.

13 Apr 1967 Enroute Cebu, Philippines Islands.

14 Apr 1967 Moored Cebu, Philippines Islands. American Consul of Cebu arrived for official visit. Brigadier General Antonio ROMERO, Commanding General THIRD Military Area arrived for official visit.

15 Apr 1967 U. S. Consul of Cebu arrived. Commanding Officer of U. S. Air Base in Maktan and the Mayor of Cebu arrived for official visit. Head of U. S. Information Service arrived. President of University of San Carlos arrived. Mayor of Cebu arrived. Governor of Cebu arrived. THIRD Philippines Constabulary Zone arrived. Mayor of Lapu, Lapu City arrived. Chinese Consul of Cebu arrived. Chief of Police of Cebu arrived. General visiting, 3,500 persons.

16 Apr 1967 Cebu City, Philippines. U. S. Consul of Cebu arrived on board. Rear Admiral GILKENSON, Commander Naval Base, Subic Bay arrived. General visiting, 3,411 persons.

17 Apr 1967 Underway for Yokosuka, Japan.

18 Apr 1967 At sea enroute Yokosuka, Japan.

19 Apr 1967 Enroute Yokosuka off Okinawa fired two TERRIER missiles. One long range, one short range.

20 Apr 1967 At sea enroute Yokosuka, Japan.

21 Apr 1967 Arrived Yokosuka.

22 Apr 1967 Anti-Submarine Group THREE arrived on board for official visit. Submarine Group SEVENTH Fleet arrived for official visit.

23 Apr 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

24 Apr 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. Naval Communications Philippines arrived on board. Commanding Officer USS POLLUX arrived onboard.

25 Apr 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. Commander ASW Group THREE, Rear Admiral HARTY arrived for visit.

26 Apr 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. Submarine Group SEVENTH Fleet arrived for official visit.

27 Apr 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. Commander Destroyer Squadron FIVE arrived on board for official visit.

28 Apr 1967 Inport Yokosuka, Japan. Commander R. L. WALTERS, USN, relieved Commander J. E. GUENTZ, USN as Executive Officer.

29 Apr 1967 Inport Yokosuka, Japan. Full dress ship in honor of the birthday of the Emperor of Japan.

30 Apr 1967 Inport Yokosuka, Japan.

1 May 1967 Inport Yokosuka, Japan.

2 May 1967 Inport Yokosuka, Japan. Conducted INREP with USS REGULUS (AF-57).

3 May 1967 Inport Yokosuka, Japan. Held awards ceremony on the fantail with Commander SEVENTH Fleet, Vice Admiral John J. HYLAND presenting awards as follows: Legion of Merit to Captain R. M. POND, Legion of Merit to Captain E. P. YEATS, Legion of Merit to Captain W. R. QUISENBURY, all recipients were members of Commander SEVENTH Fleet Staff.

4 May 1967 Inport Yokosuka, Japan. Received ammunition from the pier.

5 May 1967 Inport Yokosuka, Japan.

6 May 1967 Inport Yokosuka, Japan. Forty Girl Scouts toured the ship.

7 May 1967 Inport Yokosuka, Japan.

8 May 1967 Inport Yokosuka, Japan. Underway for sea at 0900. Received one UH2A Helicopter at 1000.

9 May 1967 At sea enroute Okinawa.

10 May 1967 At sea in vicinity of Okinawa. Vice Admiral HYLAND, Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed the ship by helicopter for Naha, Okinawa.

- 11 May 1967 At sea enroute Port Swettenham, Malaysia.
- 12 May 1967 At sea enroute Port Swettenham, Malaysia.
- 13 May 1967 At sea enroute Port Swettenham, Malaysia. Vice Admiral HYLAND, Commander SEVENTH Fleet returned on board 0930 from Saigon via helicopter. At 1300 refueled from USS GUADALUPE (AO-32).
- 14 May 1967 At sea enroute Port Swettenham, Malaysia.
- 15 May 1967 Rendered 21-gun national salute to Malaysia at 0850 and arrived in Port Swettenham, Malaysia at 0900. At 0940 Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed via helo for Kuala Lumpur to make official calls returning later in the day. Calls made were to: U. S. Ambassador James D. BELL; Malaysia Minister of Defense, TUN HAJI ABDUL RAZAK BIN HUSSAIN; Chief of Naval Staff, Commodore A. N. DOLLARD, RN; Acting Chief of Armed Forces Staff, Lieutenant General TAN SRI ABDVL HAMID bin BIDIN, Secretary for Defense, TAN SRI, ABOUL KADIR bin SHAMUDDIN and his Royal Highness Duli Yang Maha Mulia Sultan Sa'lahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Hisamuddin Alam Shah Al-Haj (Sultan of Selangor). Held special group visiting from 1330 to 1600. Ship and Staff officers attended a reception in Kuala Lumpur given by the Minister of Defense, Malaysia at 1900.
- 16 May 1967 Inport at Port Swettenham, Malaysia. From 1000 to 1100 held special group visiting for Malaysian Sea Scouts, Boy Scouts and high school students. From 1300 to 1600 held general visiting. At 1215 wardroom officers hosted a luncheon for 20 Malaysian guests. At 1530, Vice Admiral HYLAND, Commander SEVENTH Fleet held a press conference in the Flag Mess. Distributed Handclasp material to residents of "LBJ Village".
- 17 May 1967 Inport at Port Swettenham, Malaysia. Conducted special group visiting from 0930 to 1100 for members of the Royal Military College. At 1200 the ship's crew hosted 50 guests for luncheon in the crew's mess. At 1300 Vice Admiral HYLAND hosted a luncheon in the flag mess for the Sultan of Selangor and other distinguished guests including Ambassador and Mrs. BELL; Menteri Besar, Yang Berhormat Dats Harun bin Haji Isbis ad Datin Salmah; State Secretary, Yang Berhormat Tuan Haji Megat Mahmud bin Haji Megat Ismail and Isteri and U. S. Naval Attache, Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. J. F. CHESLEY. At 1900 the Flagship hosted a reception on forecastle for approximately 250 guests. At 2015 the Marine detachment performed a sunset parade on the pier.

- 18 May 1967 Underway at 1100 for Singapore.
- 19 May 1967 PROVIDENCE arrived in Singapore at 0900 and moored starboard side to Berth 8 HMS Terror (Royal Navy Dock yard). At 0945 Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed on official call. At 1045 the Fleet Commander Vice Admiral TWISS, Royal Navy returned COMSEVENTHFLT's call. At 1130 Captain AUBREY and Chief of Staff, Captain SELL departed for official calls. At 1145, Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed for a call on the United States Ambassador, His Excellency Mr. GALBRAITH. At 1200 PROVIDENCE and Staff Officers attended the luncheon aboard HMS KINT and at the Royal Navy Officer's club.
- 20 May 1967 Inport at Singapore. At 1130 PROVIDENCE and Staff Officers hosted a luncheon at the Royal Navy Officers Club for the HMS KINT.
- 21 May 1967 Inport at Singapore.
- 22 May 1967 Inport at Singapore. At 0800 dressed ship in honor of the U. S. Merchant Marines. At 0900 the ship got underway for the Tonkin Gulf via the Equator. At 1720 GOLF/HOTEL time the ship crossed the Equator at longitude 106⁰, 00 minutes east.
- 23 May 1967 At sea enroute Tonkin Gulf. Received Davy Jones, King Neptune and his Royal Party and conducted crossing the line initiation ceremony.
- 24 May 1967 At sea enroute Tonkin Gulf. At 1400, Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed the ship via helo to Saigon. At 1500 the ship refueled from the USS MISPILLION (AO-105). At 1600 the ship reported to Commander Task Unit 70.8.9 for Naval Gun Fire Support.
- 25 May 1967 At sea providing Naval Gunfire Support in the vicinity of the DMZ. At 1408 HOTEL, while providing Naval Gunfire support off the DMZ, in support of operations BEAU CHARGER, the ship received approximately 40 rounds of 85 millimeter projectiles from shore batteries located in the vicinity of Cap Lay. The ship at the time was operating in company with USS EDSON (DD-946) and the USS OZBOURN (DD-846). PROVIDENCE and OZBOURN returned the enemy fire and silenced the enemy shore batteries. PROVIDENCE received one hit, which caused extensive damage to the AN/SPS-8B radar antenna in the upper portion of the main mast. There were no personnel casualties. At 1600, Vice Admiral HYLAND returned on board via helicopter from Saigon.
- 26 May 1967 At sea on YANKEE Station. At 1000, Commander SEVENTH Fleet visited USS HORNET (CVS-12) via helicopter. In the afternoon the ship replenished provisions with USS ALUDRA (AF-55) and refueled from USS MISPILLION (AO-105).

- 27 May 1967 At sea on YANKEE PIM. Commander SEVENTH Fleet visited USS ENTERPRISE (CVA(N)-63) and USS HANCOCK (CVA-19) via helicopter. At 1600 the ship and Commander SEVENTH Fleet Staff witnessed a Fulton recovery from the fantail by U. S. Air Force C-130. At 1700 the ship replenished stores from USS CASTOR (ADS-1).
- 28 May 1967 At sea providing Naval Gunfire Support at the DMZ as a part of Task Unit 70.8.9. Naval Gunfire support was provided and in support of the THIRD Marine Division. At 1300 the ship refueled from USS KAWISHIWI (AO-146).
- 29 May 1967 At sea providing Naval Gunfire support in the Northern I Corps area in the vicinity of the DMZ. The ship rearmed from USS MOUNT RAINIER (AE-5).
- 30 May 1967 At sea providing Naval Gunfire Support in the Northern I Corps area in the vicinity of the DMZ, supporting the THIRD Marine Division. At 0820, Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed via helo for Danang. The ship refueled from USS TAPPAHANNOCK (AO-43).
- 31 May 1967 At sea providing Naval Support in the Northern I Corps area in the vicinity of the DMZ for the THIRD Marine Division. At 0600 the ship rearmed from USS MAUNA KEA (AE-22). From 1600 to 1800 the ship conducted helo operations in the vicinity of Danang. At 1725 Commander SEVENTH Fleet returned on board.
- 1 Jun 1967 At sea providing Naval gunfire support in I Corps area. Departing at 0400 for YANKEE PIM. Commander SEVENTH Fleet visited various CVA's, YANKEE PIM in the Tonkin Gulf. At 1600 the ship refueled with USS MANATEE (AO-58).
- 2 Jun 1967 At sea in the Tonkin Gulf. YANKEE TEAM OPS. Commander SEVENTH Fleet visited various CVA's on YANKEE TEAM OPS. At 1600 the ship departed YANKEE PIM enroute Naha, Okinawa.
- 3 Jun 1967 At sea enroute Naha, Okinawa.
- 4 Jun 1967 At sea enroute from Tonkin Gulf to Naha, Okinawa. At 1430 the crew held a steak fry on the fantail.
- 5 Jun 1967 At sea enroute from Tonkin Gulf to Naha, Okinawa.
- 6 Jun 1967 Arrived Naha, Okinawa moored port side to in the inner harbor at 0700. At 1000, Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed for official call on Mayor of Naha returning at 1400. At 1410 Brigadare General GLICK, USMC, called on Commander SEVENTH Fleet. At 1430, Major General PAGE, USAF, Commander 313th Air Division called on Commander SEVENTH Fleet. At 1545 Commander SEVENTH Fleet held a press conference in the Flag Mess. At 1800, Commander SEVENTH Fleet, members of the staff attended a reception at Kadena Air Force Base.

- 7 Jun 1967 Inport at Naha, Okinawa. From 1300 to 1600 the ship hosted 145 boy scouts for special tours.
- 8 Jun 1967 Underway from Naha, Okinawa at 0600. Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed by helo at 0730.
- 9 Jun 1967 At sea enroute Yokosuka, Japan. At 1550, Commander SEVENTH Fleet returned via helo. At 1800 the ship moored port side to berth 10 Yokosuka, Japan.
- 10 Jun 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 11 Jun 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 12 Jun 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 13 Jun 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 1400, Vice Admiral HYLAND, Commander SEVENTH Fleet presented the Commanding Officer, Captain N. E. AUBREY, Jr. with a gold star in lieu of a second Bronz Star Medal for meritorious service while serving as Commanding Officer, USS VANCOUVER (LPD-2).
- 14 Jun 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 15 Jun 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 16 Jun 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 1300 held a retirement ceremony for LT Maurice LE FAVE, USN.
- 17 Jun 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 18 Jun 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 1300 the ship took on fuel from the pier.
- 19 Jun 1967 Underway at 0900 from Yokosuka, Japan enroute Iwakuni, Japan.
- 20 Jun 1967 At sea enroute Iwakuni, Japan. At 1600 the ship anchored at anchorage "A" off Iwakuni, Japan.
- 21 Jun 1967 Anchored off Iwakuni, Japan. The Chief of Staff and Captain AUBREY made calls on the following: Vice Admiral YAKUSHIJIN, Commandant Kure Regional District; Rear Admiral ARAKI, COMSUBFLOT ONE; Vice Admiral TAKAHASHI, Superintendent 1st Service School; Rear Admiral HORIE, Superintendent OCS; Mayor ITO of Iwakuni.
- 22 Jun 1967 Anchored off Iwakuni, Japan. From 1300 to 1600 the ship hosted members of the Iwakuni Chamber of Commerce and City Council for special tours of the ship. Also receiving special tours of the ship were Marine Corps Air Station employees, students and dependents.

- 23 Jun 1967 Anchored off Iwakuni, Japan. At 0730 received over a hundred dependents aboard for dependents cruise to Beppu, Japan, across the inland sea. At 0900 the ship was underway for Beppu, Japan. Events for the day included showing of the movie "United States Arriving," Terrier Missile Demonstration on the fantail, a skeet shoot, small arms demonstration on the fantail, a buffet lunch in the wardroom, CPO mess and general mess for dependents and guests. In the afternoon a gun battery demonstration on the foc'sle, helicopter flight demonstration on the fantail and general tours of the ship. At 1500 the ship anchored off Beppu, Japan, and disembarked dependents. At 1600 Mayor ARAKANE of Beppu and Major General YAMADA arrived to call on COMSEVENTHFLT.
- 24 Jun 1967 Anchored off Beppu, Japan. COMSEVENTHFLT called on Mayor ARAKANE, Major General YAMADA, Mr. SHUTS (President of Chamber of Commerce), Mr. KUDO (Secretarial of the Prefecture) and Governor KINOSHITA.
- 25 Jun 1967 Anchored off Beppu, Japan.
- 26 Jun 1967 Underway at 0900 from Beppu, Japan, enroute Tonkin Gulf.
- 27 Jun 1967 At sea enroute Tonkin Gulf. Conducted Counter battery practice, surface firing with 5-inch and 6-inch battery.
- 28 Jun 1967 At sea enroute Tonkin Gulf.
- 29 Jun 1967 At sea enroute Tonkin Gulf. At 1300, conducted counter battery practice, surface firing with 5-inch and 6-inch battery.
- 30 Jun 1967 At sea enroute Tonkin Gulf. Refueled from USS KENNEBEC (AO-36).
- 1 Jul 1967 At sea on YANKEE PIM. Conducted flight operations with USS INTREPID, USS CONSTELLATION and conducted a vertical replenishment with USS MARS (AFS-1).
- 2 Jul 1967 The PROVIDENCE supported the special landing force Amphibious ready Group in the back-load of operation BEACON TORCH in the Danang area.
- 3 Jul 1967 At sea providing naval gunfire support with units of task Unit 70.8.9 in the northern I Corps in the vicinity of the DMZ for the THIRD MARDIV.
- 4 Jul 1967 At sea providing Naval gunfire support for the 12th Regiment, THIRD MARDIV in the DMZ area. Rearmed from USS MAUNA KEA (AE-22) and refueled from USS CHIPOLA (AO-63).
- 5 Jul 1967 At sea on YANKEE PIM. Conducted helo operations with USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) and USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31) also rearmed from USS VIRGO (AE-30).

- 6 Jul 1967 At sea providing Naval gunfire support in the Northern I Corps area. The ship was again subjected to enemy fire from the enemy coastal defense batteries in the vicinity of Gap Lay. PROVIDENCE came to the aid of USS SAINT PAUL who was under heavy enemy fire, shortly thereafter PROVIDENCE also came under fire. PROVIDENCE was successful in silencing both enemy positions which were firing on the SAINT PAUL and the PROVIDENCE. The ship sustained no damage and no casualties.
- 7 Jul 1967 At sea providing naval gunfire support for THIRD Marine Division in the vicinity of the DMZ.
- 8 Jul 1967 At sea providing naval gunfire support for THIRD Marine Division in the vicinity of the DMZ. At 0130 rearmed from USS MAUNA KEA (AE-22) and at 0300 refueled from USS CIMARRON (AO-22). Remainder of the day was providing naval gunfire support for the TWELFTH Marine Regiment, THIRD Division.
- 9 Jul 1967 At sea providing naval gunfire for the TWELFTH Marine Regiment THIRD Marines in the vicinity of the DMZ. At 0430 rearmed from USS MOUNT RAINIER (AE-5).
- 10 Jul 1967 At sea providing naval gunfire support in the vicinity of the DMZ for the THIRD Marine Division. At 0800 departed I Corps enroute YANKEE PIM. At 1400 arrived YANKEE PIM and conducted helo operations with CVA's.
- 11 Jul 1967 At sea on YANKEE PIM. Conducted helo operations with USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31) and USS INTREPID (CVA-11). At 1530 rearmed with USS PYRO (AE-24).
- 12 Jul 1967 At sea on YANKEE PIM. At 1030 replenished with USS PROCYON (AF-61). At 1515, boxing and wrestling smoker on the fantail for the crew.
- 13 Jul 1967 At sea enroute YANKEE PIM to Kaohsiung, Taiwan.
- 14 Jul 1967 At sea enroute Taiwan. At 0800 fired a 21-gun National salute to Taiwan. At 0900 arrived Kaohsiung, Taiwan, moored STBD side to berth 16. Rear Admiral WU NAI-HO (Commander Service Force, Chinese Navy) called on Vice Admiral HYLAND. At 0945, Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed on official calls. At 1105, Commander SEVENTH Fleet held a press conference in the flag mess. At 1130 ship officers hosted a luncheon in the wardroom for 20 members of the Chinese Navy. At 1230 Vice Admiral HYLAND hosted a luncheon in the flag mess, the guests included Lieutenant General YU HAO-CHANG (Commandant Chinese Marine Corps), other guests included Vice Admiral LI TUN-CHIEN (Fleet Commander), Vice Admiral SYN SHIH CHEIN (First Naval District), Major General KENG CHI-WEN

(Fleet Marine Force), Rear Admiral WU NAI-HO (Surface Force), Major General LIU CHING CEIH (Police Commissioner), Rear Admiral LEE LEIN-CHOIH (Harbor Bureau Director), Colonel John WHITE (Military Advisory Group) Captain BEHAN (MAAG), Captain BELT, Commanding Officer, USS DELTA and Commander KRAMER. At 1300 conducted a VERTREP with USS MARS (AFS-1).

- 15 Jul 1967 Inport at Kaohsiung, Taiwan. At 1130 the crew hosted 50 midshipman of the Chinese Naval Academy for luncheon on the mess decks. At 1200 the Commanding Officer hosted Rear Admiral CHOU, Commander Mine Force, Mr. HUANG, Mr. WANG, and Mr. MILLER. At 1300 to 1600 the ship conducted special tours including United Nations personnel, U. S. Military personnel and Chinese Military personnel.
- 16 Jul 1967 Inport at Kaohsiung, Taiwan. At 1300 to 1600 the ship entertained general visiting.
- 17 Jul 1967 The ship got underway at 0900 from Kaohsiung, Taiwan enroute to Yokosuka, Japan.
- 18 Jul 1967 At sea enroute from Kaohsiung, Taiwan to Yokosuka, Japan. From 1400 to 1700 the ship utilized Air Intercept control services of jet aircraft from Okinawa.
- 19 Jul 1967 At sea enroute Yokosuka, Japan. From 1600 to 2200 the ship conducted the 25-knot economy trial.
- 20 Jul 1967 At 1500 the ship arrived at Yokosuka, Japan moored port side to berth 10.
- 21 Jul 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 22 Jul 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 23 Jul 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 24 Jul 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 25 Jul 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 1030 Vice Admiral SATO, Commandant Yokosuka Regional District called on Vice Admiral HYLAND, Commander SEVENTH Fleet.
- 26 Jul 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 27 Jul 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 1130 Vice Admiral HYLAND, Commander SEVENTH Fleet returned the call to Vice Admiral SATO.
- 28 Jul 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 1430 a special group of 60 Japanese civilians visited the ship.
- 29 Jul 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

- 30 Jul 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 31 Jul 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 0845 the SEVENTH Fleet scheduling conference began.
- 1 Aug 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 2 Aug 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 3 Aug 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 0800 received ammunition from the pier.
- 4 Aug 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 1000 special tour was conducted for a group of Japanese Naval Officers.
- 5 Aug 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 6 Aug 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 7 Aug 1967 Underway at 0900 enroute Otaru, Japan.
- 8 Aug 1967 At sea enroute Otaru, Japan.
- 9 Aug 1967 At 0900 moored port side to pier 3 Otaru, Japan. At 0915 the American Council Mr. William T. BREER arrived to call on COMSEVENTHFLT. At 0950 Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed to make official calls. At 1130 wardroom officers hosted a luncheon on board for 20 guests, including military officers from the Japanese Self-Defense Force Northern Regional Area. From 1300 to 1500 the ship had general visiting. At 1700 the American Council had a reception at his residence for Vice Admiral and Mrs. HYLAND, Staff and Ship's officers.
- 10 Aug 1967 Inport at Otaru, Japan. At 0900 to 1030 special group visiting was conducted on the ship for the Otaru sea scouts, TOMIORA dress making school and the Otaru Junior Chamber of Commerce. At 1130 the ship's crew hosted a luncheon on the mess decks for 50 guests. At 1200 the Commanding Officer hosted a luncheon on board for four guests. At 1215 Commander SEVENTH Fleet hosted a luncheon on board in the flag mess, senior guests included Governor MACHIMURA and Lieutenant General HIROSE. At 1400 the ship presented Handclasp material to the Mayor in Otaru. At 1800 to 2000 the ship hosted about 250 guests on the foc'sle reception concluded by a sunset parade by the Marine detachment and band.
- 11 Aug 1967 Underway at 0900 enroute Niigata, Japan.
- 12 Aug 1967 At 0830 moored STBD side to North Pier, Niigata, Japan. The head of the American Cultural Center, Mr. Featherstone, an interpreter, two Fair Queens boarded shortly after arrival to present flowers to Vice Admiral HYLAND and Captain AUBREY.

- At 0950, Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed to make official calls accompanied by the Commanding Officer. At 1030 the ship presented Handclasp material to Mayor of Niigata. At 1130 the wardroom hosted a luncheon for twenty guests all former Japanese Imperial Naval Officers. At 1230 Commander SEVENTH Fleet hosted a luncheon in the flag mess, (principle guest being Vice Governor TAKEO KIMI and Mayor WATANABE). From 1300 to 1500 the ship conducted special group visiting. At 1530 Commander SEVENTH Fleet's band conducted a concert at the Niigata World Trade Fair.
- 13 Aug 1967 Inport at Niigata, Japan. At 1000 television crew taped Commander SEVENTH Fleet's interview and a band and combo performance for showing on local television stations. At 1130 the crew hosted 50 orphans from the MISONO TENSHIEN and WAKAKUSA RYO. At 1200 the Commanding Officer hosted four guests for lunch. From 1300 to 1600 the ship entertained general visiting. From 1800 to 2000, the ship held a foc'sle reception for approximately 250 guests, concluded by sunset parade performed by the marine detachment and band.
- 14 Aug 1967 Underway at 0900 from Niigata, Japan enroute to South China Sea.
- 15 Aug 1967 At sea enroute to South China Sea. At 1000 the ship refueled from USS MANATEE (AO-58).
- 16 Aug 1967 At sea enroute South China Sea. Conducted helo operations in the morning between the ship and Naha, Okinawa and attempted to fire two missile exercises.
- 17 Aug 1967 At sea enroute South China Sea YANKEE PIM. At 1215 refueled from USS KENNEBEC (AO-36).
- 18 Aug 1967 At sea enroute YANKEE PIM. Conducted gun firing exercises for counter battery and surface firing practice.
- 19 Aug 1967 At sea enroute YANKEE PIM. At 0700 arrived on YANKEE PIM, conducted flight operations with USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) and USS ORISKANY (CVA-34). At 1800 refueled with USS CHIPOLA (AO-63).
- 20 Aug 1967 At sea on YANKEE PIM. At 1200 departed YANKEE PIM enroute I Corps area in vicinity of Danang. At 1800 arrived vicinity Danang to provide Naval gunfire support as a unit of Task Unit 70.8.9 for the FIRST Marine Division.
- 21 Aug 1967 At sea in the I Corps area providing Naval gunfire support for the FIRST Battalion, SECOND Marines off Danang.

- 22 Aug 1967 At sea in I Corps providing Naval gunfire support for FIRST Battalion, SECOND Marines, South of Danang. Rearmed from USS DIAMOND HEAD (AE-19). Conducted helo operations in and out of Danang. Refueled from USS CACAPON (AO-52).
- 23 Aug 1967 At sea in the I Corps providing Naval gunfire support for FIRST Battalion, SECOND Marines off of Danang.
- 24 Aug 1967 At sea in the I Corps providing Naval gunfire support for FIRST Battalion, SECOND Marines south of Danang.
- 25 Aug 1967 At sea in the I Corps area providing Naval gunfire support for FIRST Battalion, SECOND Marines in the vicinity of Danang. At 1030 refueled with USS MANATEE (AO-58). At 1145 Rear Admiral LACY, Commander Naval Support Activity, Danang, arrived for lunch with Commander SEVENTH Fleet. At 1300 rearmed from USS DIAMOND HEAD (AE-19). At 2400 departed for YANKEE PIM.
- 26 Aug 1967 At sea on YANKEE PIM. Conducted helo operations with USS INTREPID (CVA-11). At 0845 Admiral James RUSSELL, USN, former Vice Chief of Naval Operations arrived to visit with Commander SEVENTH Fleet. At 1800 departed enroute northern I Corps area in the vicinity of the DMZ.
- 27 Aug 1967 At sea in I Corps Area providing naval gunfire support for FIRST Marine Division, in the vicinity of Danang. Conducted helo operations in and out of Danang. At 1930 refueled from USS CHEMUNG (AO-30) following refueling the ship rearmed from USS HALEAKALA (AE-25).
- 28 Aug 1967 At sea, I Corps area providing naval gunfire support, FIRST Marine Division, in the vicinity of Danang. Conducted helo operations with USS DU PONT (DD-946) and USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) in the vicinity of the DMZ.
- 29 Aug 1967 At sea in the I Corps area providing naval gunfire support for the FIRST Marine Division, in the vicinity of Danang. Conducted helo ops in and out of Danang. At 0810, Mr. SULLIVAN, Deputy Director DDR&E Southeast Asia, Colonel TESCH, USAF and representatives from Commander Task Group 70.8 and Commanding General of THIRD Marine Amphibious Force arrived for conferences with SEVENTH Fleet Staff. At 0905 Rear Admiral REEDY arrived by helo from Danang. At 1145 Lieutenant General CUSHMAN, USMC, Commanding General of THIRD MAF arrived by helo to confer with Commander SEVENTH Fleet. At 1300, the ship rearmed from USS DIAMOND HEAD (AE-19). At 1600 Mr. SULLIVAN and party departed by helo for Danang. At 1630 the ship replenished provisions from USS VEGA (AF-59).

- 30 Aug 1967 At sea in the I Corps Area providing naval gunfire support for FIRST Marine Division in the vicinity of Danang. Conducted helo operations in and out of Danang. At 1130 the ship refueled from USS CHIPOLA (AO-63). At 1500 the ship rearmed from USS MOUNT RAINIER (AE-5).
- 31 Aug 1967 At sea I Corps Area providing Naval gunfire support for the FIRST Marine Division in the vicinity of Danang. At 0745 the ship rearmed from USS PYRO (AE-24).
- 1 Sep 1967 At sea I Corps area providing Naval gunfire support for the FIRST Marine Division in the vicinity of Danang. Conducted helo operations in and out of Danang.
- 2 Sep 1967 At sea I Corps area providing Naval gunfire support for the FIRST Marine Division in the vicinity of Danang. Conducted helo operations in and out of Danang. At 1300 the ship rearmed from USS MOUNT RAINIER (AE-5). At 1500 the ship refueled from USS PLATTE (AO-24). At 2300 the ship departed the I Corps area for YANKEE PIM.
- 3 Sep 1967 At sea at YANKEE PIM. Conducted helo operations with the USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64), USS ORISKINAY (CVA-34) and replenished stores with USS POLLUX (AKS-4) and refueled from USS PLATTE (AO-24). At 2000 departed YANKEE PIM enroute to rendezvous with USS WAINWRIGHT (DLG-28).
- 4 Sep 1967 At sea in Tonkin Gulf. Conducted helo operations with USS WAINWRIGHT (DLG-28). Returned to YANKEE PIM and conducted helo ops with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43). At 1600 departed YANKEE PIM enroute Hong Kong. From 1700 to 1830 the ship held a talent show on the fantail with refreshments.
- 5 Sep 1967 At sea enroute Hong Kong.
- 6 Sep 1967 At 0900 moored STBD side to HMS TAMAR, Hong Kong B.C.C. At 1000 American Council General Mr. RICE arrived to call on Vice Admiral HYLAND. At 1030 Commodore T. H. P. WILSON, RN, called. At 1100 Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed on calls.
- 7 Sep 1967 Inport at Hong Kong. At 1230 Commander SEVENTH Fleet hosted a luncheon on board, guest of honor Lieutenant General WORSLEY, Commander British Forces Hong Kong.
- 8 Sep 1967 Inport at Hong Kong. At 1130 the crew hosted a luncheon for 50 guests who were boy scouts. At 1200 the wardroom hosted a luncheon for 20 British Military and Civilian guests. At 1230 the Commanding Officer hosted a luncheon in his cabin for four guests.
- 9 Sep 1967 Inport at Hong Kong. At 1000 the ship conducted special group visiting for dependents of the U. S. Consulate.

- 10 Sep 1967 Inport at Hong Kong.
- 11 Sep 1967 Inport at Hong Kong. At 0900 volunteers gave blood to the Hong Kong Red Cross.
- 12 Sep 1967 At 0900 the ship was underway from Hong Kong, enroute to Yokosuka, Japan.
- 13 Sep 1967 At sea enroute Yokosuka, Japan. At 1100 Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed via helo for Taipei.
- 14 Sep 1967 At sea enroute Yokosuka, Japan.
- 15 Sep 1967 At sea enroute Yokosuka, Japan. At 0730, Commander SEVENTH Fleet returned on board via helicopter. At 1030 the ship arrived Yokosuka, Japan, moored port side to berth 10.
- 16 Sep 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 17 Sep 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 18 Sep 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 19 Sep 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 0845 Rear Admiral MILLER, Chief of Naval Information and Rear Admiral TOWNSEND, Commander Fleet Air Wing, Western Pacific arrived to call on Admiral HYLAND.
- 20 Sep 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 0800 the ship loaded ammunition from the pier.
- 21 Sep 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 22 Sep 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 1430 Commander SEVENTH Fleet, Vice Admiral John J. HYLAND held an award ceremony on the fantail presenting the following awards; Captain L. H. SELL, Chief of Staff SEVENTH Fleet, Legion of Merit, Combat "V", Commander R. D. HAYS, SEVENTH Fleet Staff, Second Gold Star in lieu of Third distinguished Flying Cross and ELEVENTH Gold Star in lieu of the FOURTEENTH Air Medal, Lieutenant F. N. MANGOL, SEVENTH Fleet Staff, Bronz Star, Combat "V", Commander R. L. WALTERS, USS PROVIDENCE, Navy Commendation Medal, Combat "V", Lieutenant Commander L. K. RICE, SEVENTH Fleet Staff, Navy Commendation Medal, Combat "V", Lieutenant Commander C. R. PIERCY, SEVENTH Fleet Staff, Navy Commendation Medal, Combat "V".
- 23 Sep 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 24 Sep 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 1330 the ship conducted special tour for Japanese enterprises corporation students.
- 25 Sep 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.
- 26 Sep 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

27 Sep 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

28 Sep 1967 Underway at 0900 enroute to Sasebo, Japan. During the past inport period all three guns of 6"/47 turret and the two guns of the 5"/38 mount were replaced. At 1300 commenced gunnery exercises Z-24-G, Z-21-G and Z-23-G.

29 Sep 1967 At sea enroute Sasebo, Japan.

30 Sep 1967 At 0900 moored port side to berth India 6, Sasebo, Japan. At 1000 ICHIZO TSUJI, Mayor of Sasebo called on the Admiral. At 1030, Vice Admiral FUKUTACHI, Commandant Sasebo Regional District called on the Admiral. At 1115 Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed to make calls. At 1230 COMSEVENTHFLT hosted a stag luncheon on board in the flag mess. From 1300 to 1500 the ship conducted special group visiting.

1 Oct 1967 Inport Sasebo, Japan. From 1300 to 1600 the ship held general visiting. At 1800, Mayor of Sasebo held a reception for Commander SEVENTH Fleet and ship's officers.

2 Oct 1967 At 0930 Commander SEVENTH Fleet returned the call on Sasebo's Mayor. At 1030 unit commander's afloat in Sasebo, U. S. Navy paid a group call on Commander SEVENTH Fleet, approximately 15 attended. At 1130 the wardroom officers hosted a luncheon in the wardroom for 20 guests. At 1200 Commanding Officer hosted a luncheon for four guests; Mr. TANAKA, Vice President, Chamber of Commerce, Captain MISAGUCHI, Deputy Commandant Joint Maritime Self Defense Force, Mr. KIAMURA, Director Chamber of Commerce and Mr. TANAKA, Fire Marshal.

3 Oct 1967 At 0900 the ship was underway enroute Area "F". At 1300 made rendezvous with USS CREE (ATF-84) in area "F" and conducted gun calibration exercises Z-24-G.

4 Oct 1967 At sea enroute Okinawa. At 1100 COMSEVENTHFLT departed via helo.

5 Oct 1967 At sea enroute Tonkin Gulf.

6 Oct 1967 At sea enroute Tonkin Gulf.

7 Oct 1967 At sea. At 0600 arrived on YANKEE PIM. Conducted helo operations with USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64). At 0805 Commander SEVENTH Fleet returned on board via helo. In the afternoon conducted helo operations with USS INTREPID (CVA-11). ~~Rearmed with USS PYRO (AE-24) and refueled with USS KAWISHIWI (AO-146).~~

8 Oct 1967 At sea on YANKEE PIM. Conducted helo operations with USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64), USS ORISKANY (CVA-34), and USS ARLINGTON (AGMR-2). At 1630 was enroute to Danang.

- 9 Oct 1967 At sea I Corps vicinity, Danang, providing naval gunfire support for FIRST Marine Divison. In the afternoon conducted helo operations with USS OKINAWA (LPH-3).
- 10 Oct 1967 At sea I Corps providing Naval gunfire support for FIRST MARDIV in the vicinity of Danang. Conducted helo operations in and out of Danang. At 0830 Commander Task Force 76, Admiral BEHRENS arrived from USS MOUNT MC KINLEY (AGC-7) via helo. At 1230 rearmed from USS PYRO (AE-24), later refueled from USS MANATEE (AO-58).
- 11 Oct 1967 At sea I Corps providing naval gunfire support for FIRST MARDIV in the vicinity of Danang.
- 12 Oct 1967 At sea I Corps providing naval gunfire support for FIRST MARDIV in the vicinity of Danang. Conducted helo operations with USS ARLINGTON (AGMR-2).
- 13 Oct 1967 At sea I Corps providing naval gunfire support for FIRST MARDIV in the vicinity of Danang. At 1015 refueled from USS CHIPOLA (AO-63). At 1300 the advisor, Coastal Group FOURTEEN, the Vietnamese District Chief, and about twenty members of the Vietnamese Coastal Junk Group came aboard for a special tour and briefing. At 1600 the ship rearmed from USS HALEAKALA (AE-25).
- 14 Oct 1967 At sea in I Corps providing naval gunfire support for FIRST MARDIV in the vicinity of Danang. Conducted helo operations in and out of Danang.
- 15 Oct 1967 At sea in I Corps providing naval gunfire support for FIRST MARDIV in the vicinity of Danang. Conducted helo operations in and out of Danang.
- 16 Oct 1967 At sea I Corps providing naval gunfire support for FIRST MARDIV in the vicinity of Danang. At 0800 rearmed from USS MOUNT KATMAI (AE-16).
- 17 Oct 1967 At sea I Corps providing naval gunfire support for FIRST MARDIV in the vicinity of Danang. At 1900 refueled from USS NECHES (AO-47) and departed I Corps enroute YANKEE PIM.
- 18 Oct 1967 At sea on YANKEE PIM. Conducted helo operations with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43). Replenished provisions with USS GRAFFIAS (AF-29). Rearmed with USS PYRO (AE-24) and reprovisioned stores from USS POLLUX (AKS-4). Captain HOPESTRONG, prospective Chief of Staff, Commander FIRST Fleet arrived via helo for briefing from the staff.
- 19 Oct 1967 At sea on YANKEE PIM. Conducted helo operations with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43), and USS ORISKANY (CVA-34). Refueled from USS NECHES (AO-47) and reprovisioned from USS GRAFFIAS (AF-29). Departed YANKEE PIM enroute Yokosuka, Japan.

20 Oct 1967 At sea enroute Yokosuka, Japan. Held a barbecue cookout on top of the missile house for the crew, followed by a boxing and wrestling smoker on the fantail.

21 Oct 1967 At sea enroute Yokosuka, Japan. From 1600 to 2200 conducted 20-knot economy trial.

22 Oct 1967 At sea enroute Yokosuka, Japan. Conducted helo flight operations in and out of Naha, Okinawa.

23 Oct 1967 At sea enroute Yokosuka, Japan.

24 Oct 1967 At sea enroute Yokosuka, Japan. At 1100 moored STBD side to berth 8 Yokosuka, Japan.

25 Oct 1967 Inport Yokosuka, Japan.

26 Oct 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 1015 the ship entertained the special group visiting of 138 members of the Japanese Police Academy.

27 Oct 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. Commanding Officer hosted Captain CURRAN, Commander Fleet Activities, Yokosuka for lunch.

28 Oct 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

29 Oct 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 0800 dressed ship in honor of Navy Day. From 1300 to 1630 the ship had general visiting.

30 Oct 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 0845 SEVENTH Fleet Quarterly Scheduling conference commenced. At 1400 the crew was entertained by the USO show "Broadway Tonight."

31 Oct 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 0800 half-masted colors in honor of the memory of ex-Prime Minister YOSHITA of Japan. At 1130 the crew entertained the Green Park Wives Club for luncheon on the mess decks. At 1200 Rear Admiral Freeman, COMCRUDESPAC, and Rear Admiral KINNEY, COMCRUDEFLOT ELEVEN had luncheon with Commanding Officer.

1 Nov 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 0800 full dressed ship in honor of the Japanese Defense Force Anniversary. At 1100 the crew was entertained by USO show consisting of four major league baseball players, headed by Ralph KINER.

2 Nov 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

3 Nov 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 0730 Vice Admiral BRINGLE, USN, prospective Commander SEVENTH Fleet arrived on board. At 0800 full dressed ship in honor of Japanese culture day. At 0850 held retirement ceremony for Senior Chief Gunners Mate Bernard VISSER, Chief Gunners Mate Edwin William LIGHTER and Chief Machinist Mate John Joseph O'REILLY.

4 Nov 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

5 Nov 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

6 Nov 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 1000 held change of command ceremony for Commander SEVENTH Fleet on the fantail underneath the fantail awnings. Approximately 350 guests were in attendance, including many flag officers. The most senior of which Admiral ITAYA, Chief of Maritime Staff, Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force, was rendered a 19-gun salute during the ceremony. Vice Admiral KIM, Chief of Naval Operations, Republic of Korea Navy was also in attendance. Vice Admiral John J. HYLAND, USN was relieved by Vice Admiral William F. BRINGLE, USN, as Commander SEVENTH Fleet. During the ceremony Vice Admiral BRINGLE was presented with the Distinguished Service Medal during the ceremonies by Vice Admiral HYLAND.

7 Nov 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

8 Nov 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 0800 received ammunition from the pier.

9 Nov 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 0800 conducted retirement ceremony for Boatswains Mate First Class HORTON.

10 Nov 1967 Underway at 0900 enroute Okinawa. At 1330 held a cake cutting ceremony on the fantail with Commander SEVENTH Fleet in attendance in honor of the Marine Corps Birthday.

11 Nov 1967 At sea enroute YANKEE PIM via Okinawa. At 1630 rendezvous with USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148), received COMCRUDESFLT ELEVEN, Chief of Staff via helo.

12 Nov 1967 At sea enroute YANKEE PIM. At 0800 Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed via helo for Naha, Okinawa.

13 Nov 1967 At sea enroute YANKEE PIM.

14 Nov 1967 At sea enroute YANKEE PIM, Tonkin Gulf. At 1400 conducted a damage control package for score. Conducted surface firing, with 5" and 6" batteries for counter battery and surface target practice.

15 Nov 1967 At sea on YANKEE PIM. At 0805 Commander SEVENTH Fleet returned on board via helo from USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43).

- 16 Nov 1967 At sea on YANKEE PIM. Conducted helo ops with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) and replenished with USS GRAFFIAS (AF-29).
- 17 Nov 1967 At sea on YANKEE PIM. Conducted helo operations with USS INTREPID (CVA-11) and refueled from USS HASSAYAMPA (AO-145). Following, the ship departed YANKEE PIM enroute Danang.
- 18 Nov 1967 At sea I Corps providing naval gunfire support for FIRST MARDIV in the vicinity of Danang. Conducted helo ops in and out of Danang. Conducted helo ops with USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10), USS CLEVELAND (LPD-7) and USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2).
- 19 Nov 1967 At sea I Corps providing naval gunfire support for FIRST MARDIV in the vicinity of Danang. At 0915 Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed for briefing, THIRD MAF Headquarters, Danang. At 1140 COMSEVENTHFLT returned on board. Conducted helo operations with USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2).
- 20 Nov 1967 At sea I Corps providing naval gunfire support FIRST MARDIV in the vicinity of Danang. At 0830 Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed to Danang by helo then to Saigon.
- 21 Nov 1967 At sea I Corps providing naval gunfire support FIRST MARDIV in the vicinity of Danang. At 0800 the ship departed Danang enroute Vung Tau, Vietnam.
- 22 Nov 1967 At sea enroute Singapore via Vung Tau. At 0800 rearmed from USS MOUNT BAKER (AE-4). At 1605 Commander SEVENTH Fleet returned via helo from Vung Tau. At 1900 refueled from USS CACAPON (AO-52).
- 23 Nov 1967 At sea enroute Singapore. Celebrated Thanksgiving with holiday routine.
- 24 Nov 1967 At sea enroute Singapore. At 0800 conducted boat operations with HMAS PERTH. At 0900 arrived Singapore, moored port side to Berth 8 Royal Navy Dockyard. At 1230 Commander SEVENTH Fleet hosted a stag luncheon for 12 guests. Senior of whom was Vice Admiral W. D. O'BRIEN, RN, Commander Far Eastern Fleet. At 1830 a number of staff and ships officers attended a farewell party for Rear Admiral MASON, Royal Navy at HMS TERROR. The occasion was a formal dining-in.
- 25 Nov 1967 Inport at Singapore. At 1200 the wardroom officers hosted a luncheon on board for British officers. HMS TERROR and HMS LLANDAFF. At 1200 the Commanding Officer hosted a luncheon for Commander L. H. OLIPHANT, Royal Navy, Commander I. S. MCGILLIVARY, Royal Navy and Lieutenant Commander V. CARREY, Royal Navy. At 1300 to 1500 the ship had special group visiting. At 1830, HMS TERROR hosted a cocktail party for ship and staff officers.

- 26 Nov 1967 Inport at Singapore. From 1800 to 1930 the Commander SEVENTH Fleet held a Flagship reception for 200 guests at HMS TERROR Reserve Officers Club. At 1945 Commander SEVENTH Fleet hosted a dinner on board for 12 guests, including Vice Admiral O'BRIEN, Royal Navy.
- 27 Nov 1967 Inport at Singapore. At 0820 Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed the ship. At 0900 the ship was underway to YANKEE PIM via the Equator. At 1730 King Neptune, Davy Jones and the Royal Court arrived and were given appropriate honors. At 1800 the ship crossed the Equator at Longitude 106⁰ 00 minutes East.
- 28 Nov 1967 At sea enroute YANKEE PIM. In the morning held crossing the line ceremonies. At 2100 refueled from USS TOLOVANA (AO-64).
- 29 Nov 1967 At sea enroute YANKEE PIM. Conducted helo operations in and out of Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam.
- 30 Nov 1967 At sea on YANKEE PIM. Conducted helo operations with USS ORISKANY (CVA-34). At 1435 Commander SEVENTH Fleet returned on board via helo. Conducted helo operations with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43) and rearmed with USS CHARA (AE-31).
- 1 Dec 1967 At sea on YANKEE PIM. Conducted helo operations with USS ORISKANY (CVA-34) and USS KEARSARGE (CVS-33). At 1800 refueled from USS MATTAPONI (AO-41).
- 2 Dec 1967 At sea on YANKEE PIM. Conducted flight operations helo with USS ORISKANY (CVA-34).
- 3 Dec 1967 At sea, Tonkin Gulf, in the vicinity of PIRAZ, with USS CHICAGO (CG-11) and later on Sea Dragon in vicinity of USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148). Conducted helo operations with USS CHICAGO (CG-11) and USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148). Also conducted helo operations with USS RANGER (CVA-61).
- 4 Dec 1967 At sea YANKEE PIM. Conducted flight operations with USS RANGER (CVA-61) and refueled from USS NECHES (AO-47). Departed YANKEE PIM at 1600 enroute Danang for Naval Gunfire support.
- 5 Dec 1967 At sea I Corps Naval gunfire support for the FIRST MARDIV in vicinity Danang. Conducted helo ops in and out of Danang.
- 6 Dec 1967 At sea, YANKEE PIM. Conducted helo operations with USS KEARSARGE (CVS-33) and USS RANGER (CVA-61). Rearmed from USS CHARA (AE-31). At 2200 arrived back in the vicinity of Danang for Naval gunfire support.
- 7 Dec 1967 At sea, I Corps, providing naval gunfire support for FIRST MARDIV in the vicinity of Danang. At 1600 to 1800 conducted boat operations, Danang harbor to pick up members of staff.

- 8 Dec 1967 At sea I Corps, providing naval gunfire support for FIRST MARDIV in the vicinity of Danang. At 0630 refueled with USS MATTAPONI (AO-41). Conducted helo ops in and out of Danang. At 1150 Lieutenant General CUSHMAN, Commanding General, THIRD Marine Amphibious Force, and Rear Admiral LACEY, Commander Naval Support Activities, Danang, Rear Admiral BEHRENS, CTF 76 arrived for luncheon in the flag mess with Commander SEVENTH Fleet.
- 9 Dec 1967 At sea I Corps, providing naval gunfire support in the vicinity of Danang, FIRST Marine Division. At 0730 Commander SEVENTH Fleet departed by helo to confer with Commanding General THIRD MAF. At 0900 rearmed from USS FIREDRAKE (AE-14). At 1700 Commander SEVENTH Fleet returned from Danang via helo.
- 10 Dec 1967 At sea I Corps providing naval gunfire support for the FIRST MARDIV, vicinity of Danang. At 1130 Vice Admiral GENTNER arrived by helo to confer with Commander SEVENTH Fleet, and departed at 1600. At 2400 departed Danang enroute YANKEE PIM.
- 11 Dec 1967 At sea, vicinity YANKEE PIM. Conducted flight operations with USS RANGER (CVA-61). Replenished stores from USS CASTOR (AKS-1) and rearmed from USS MAUNA LOA (AE-8).
- 12 Dec 1967 At sea, YANKEE PIM. Conducted helo flight operations with USS RANGER (CVA-61) and refueled from USS PONCHATOULA (AO-148).
- 13 Dec 1967 At sea, YANKEE PIM. Conducted helo operations with USS RANGER (CVA-61) and USS ORISKANY (CVA-34). At 1700 departed YANKEE PIM for Subic Bay, Philippine Islands.
- 14 Dec 1967 At sea enroute Subic Bay. At 2200 to 0400 conducted 20-knot economy trial.
- 15 Dec 1967 At sea enroute Subic Bay, Philippine Islands. From 0600 to 0800 conducted Air Intercept exercises with F-4's from USS CORAL SEA. At 0645 commenced helo flight operations at Cubi Point. At 0915 rendezvous with USS LIPAN (ATF-85) to commence gunnery exercises Z-21/Z-23/Z-30-G. At 1500 moored port side to pier NAVSTA SUBIC.
- 16 Dec 1967 Inport Subic Bay. At 0855 Commander Naval Base, Subic; Commanding Officer, Ship Repair Facilities, Subic; Commanding Officer Naval Supply Depot, Subic; Commanding Officer, Naval Magazine, Subic; Commanding Officer Naval Air Station, Cubi Point, and the Officer in Charge FICPACFAC arrived for briefing by Commander SEVENTH Fleet. At 1015, Commanding Officer, Naval Station; Commanding Officer, Public Works Center, Subic; Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital, Subic and Commanding Officer Marine Barracks, Subic arrived to call on Commander SEVENTH Fleet. From 1200 to 1700 the crew enjoyed a ship's picnic at Grande Island.

17 Dec 1967 At 0730 underway enroute Yokosuka, Japan.

18 Dec 1967 At sea enroute Yokosuka, Japan.

19 Dec 1967 At sea enroute Yokosuka, Japan.

20 Dec 1967 At sea enroute Yokosuka, Japan. At 1300 the ship moored port side to berth #10, Yokosuka, Japan.

21 Dec 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 0630 commenced annual supply inspection.

22 Dec 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 0800 conducted a retirement ceremony for GMG1 R. L. JONES, USN. At 0900 volunteer officers wives wrapped Christmas presents in the Wardroom for ship's orphans party. From 1330 to 1530 the crew sponsored a Christmas party for a number of orphans from local orphanages, providing entertainment, refreshments, and presents.

23 Dec 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. From 1330 to 1530 the officers' and crew's dependent children enjoyed a Christmas party on board.

24 Dec 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

25 Dec 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

26 Dec 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

27 Dec 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

28 Dec 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. At 0930, Rear Admiral KINNEY, Cruiser-Destroyer Group SEVENTH Fleet, called on Vice Admiral BRINGLE.

29 Dec 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan. From 1800 to 2330 the crew held its annual ship's Christmas party at the Club Alliance.

30 Dec 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

31 Dec 1967 Inport at Yokosuka, Japan.

USS PROVIDENCE (CLG-6)

1967 Command History Narrative

For the greater part of January 1967, PROVIDENCE was away from her home port of Yokosuka, Japan continuing her duties as Flagship for Commander SEVENTH Fleet. Activities during the month included firing two TERRIER surface-to-air missiles at drone targets off Okinawa, naval gunfire support in Vietnam, Yankee Team operations in the Tonkin Gulf and port visits to Hong Kong and Subic Bay. During naval gunfire support missions, PROVIDENCE expended 425 rounds of 6"/47 and 295 rounds of 5"/38 for a total of 720 rounds. Much of the firing was for harrassment and interdiction, but known damage assessment resulting from observed call fire produced the following results: Nine VC killed in action (KIA), two pack animals killed, fifty nine structures destroyed or damaged, one road cut and one bridge damaged. During the at-sea period, the ship conducted twenty three helicopter operations, refueled twice, rearmed once and replenished provisions once. PROVIDENCE published a daily newspaper at sea, distributed Special Services brochures to the crew for the Hong Kong and Subic Bay visits and participated in project Handclasp in both ports.

February 1967 was a big month for PROVIDENCE. Change of Command and naval gunfire support were the two major events that occurred. The ship departed Subic Bay on 6 February, spent a few days on Yankee Station in the Tonkin Gulf then moved south into the Central I Corps Tactical Zone (ICTZ) of Vietnam. During the period 12-14 February, the ship participated in Operation STONE south of Danang inflicting the following observed results on the enemy: Twelve VC KIA, thirty six structures destroyed, eighteen caves and tunnels destroyed, six bunkers destroyed, one landing zone neutralized and three secondary explosions were observed along with the destruction of numerous huts. On 13 February, PROVIDENCE had a unique Change of Command Ceremony when Captain Norbert E. AUBREY, Jr., USN relieved Captain Charles H. TISDALE, Jr. on the wing of the bridge while the ship was conducting gunfire support missions south of Danang. The orders were read between fire missions in true "man of war" fashion. PROVIDENCE next participated in Operation DECKHOUSE VI in support of TG 76.5. The ship provided intensive preparation fire followed by call fire missions and harrassment and interdiction fire. Damage assessment during DECKHOUSE VI included twenty VC KIA, ten buildings destroyed, two caves closed and one trench line destroyed. The ship also briefly supported Operation DESOTO slightly north of the amphibious objective area on 18 February. During DECKHOUSE VI, the ship made a high speed rendezvous with PCF-85 to receive an electrical shock patient who had been injured aboard USS FIRM (MSO-44). During the month of February, the ship expended 1,024 rounds of 6"/47 and 554 rounds of 5"/38 for a total of 1,578 rounds of ammunition. PROVIDENCE conducted twenty nine helicopter operations, refueled at sea twice, rearmed three times, replenished twice alongside and had one vertical replenishment (VERTREP) by helicopters from USS MARS (AFS-1).

Most of March was spent in port at Yokosuka, Japan, in Keelung, Taiwan and in transit. The most significant operational event for PROVIDENCE was participation in Operation SEA DRAGON roaming the North Vietnamese coast as a part of TU 77.1.1. Weather hampered operations considerably and action was sparce. Nevertheless, the ship expended 202 rounds of 6"/47 and 25 rounds of 5"/38 for a total of 227 rounds on SEA DRAGON. Targets included highway ferrys,

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water borne logistic craft (WBLC) and enemy shore batteries. Damage inflicted was largely unobserved. During the month of March, PROVIDENCE conducted forty eight helicopter operations, refueled at sea three times and replenished at sea once each from an AKS and an AF.

PROVIDENCE completed SEA DRAGON operations on 3 April 1967 and moved south to support Operation CANYON involving elements of the FIRST Marine Division. Action commenced with PROVIDENCE preparing the beach for an amphibious landing, with targets for the operations consisting of Viet Cong (VC) assembly areas, mine fields, bunkers and various VC positions reported by the Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer (NGLO). PROVIDENCE expended 718 rounds in four days including prep fire. As a result of this fire, 160 VC suspects were captured and two secondary explosions were observed. Altogether the ship expended 604 rounds of 6"/47 and 212 rounds of 5"/38 for a total of 816 rounds during April. Other operational events included forty one helicopter operations, a VERTREP, three underway refuelings, three rearmings and one underway replenishment from an AKS. Of outstanding note was PROVIDENCE's visit to the port of Cebu, Philippines. This is an infrequently visited port and PROVIDENCE had a royal welcome and a most enjoyable visit. During the three day stay, 14-16 April, PROVIDENCE men competed in local athletic competitions, distributed Project Handclasp material, provided a party of volunteers to paint buildings at the Leprosarium and showed the ship to more than 7,500 visitors.

May 1967 was another big month for PROVIDENCE highlighted by port visits to Port Swettenham, Malaysia and Singapore and qualifying for a "man-of-war's" purple heart. Following an upkeep period in Yokosuka, Japan, PROVIDENCE proceeded south to Port Swettenham, Malaysia on the western side of Malaysia bordering the Malacca Straits. This was a rare and colorful port and the crew had relatively easy access to the many charms of the capitol city of Kuala Lumpur. Driving tropical rain storms did little to dampen the spirits of the crew or the thousands of visitors who thronged to visit the ship. Perhaps the most colorful events were the Minister of Defense's reception in Kuala Lumpur and Commander SEVENTH Fleet's forecandle reception aboard PROVIDENCE. Both occasions brought about a friendly personal exchange between the East and the West. Another colorful event was the arrival of the Sultan of Selangor and his entourage for a luncheon with Vice Admiral John J. HYLAND in the Flag Mess. Later, following a visit to the Sultan's Palace, Vice Admiral HYLAND was heard to remark "When I can no longer be Commander SEVENTH Fleet, I'd like to be the Sultan of Selangor". The usual round of luncheons, tours, general visiting, presentation of Project Handclasp material and sports events rounded out the visit. After a one-day trip, the ship next visited Singapore and had a merry exchange with the Royal Navy. On 22 May, the ship crossed the equator and the next day appropriately initiated nearly 900 pollywogs, thus cleaning the ship of all land lubbers and the like. It was a good thing because soon the ship was back in combat. On 25 May, while providing call fire missions for Operation BEAU CHARGER in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) dividing North and South Vietnam, the ship felt the sting of an enemy shell. Although the AN/SPS-8B radar was toppled from the main mast, shrapnel fell in harmless places resulting in only superficial damage and no personnel casualties. PROVIDENCE's gunners, aided by USS OZBOURN (DD-846) rapidly returned fire and silenced the enemy gun batteries. It was during this engagement that PROVIDENCE earned the enviable name of the "Fighting Flagship." During the

month of May, PROVIDENCE fired 876 rounds of 6"/47 and 244 rounds of 5"/38 for a total of 1,120 rounds at coastal defense batteries, artillery sites and enemy troop concentrations. The ship conducted forty eight helicopter operations, refueled at sea five times, rearmed at sea twice and replenished underway twice.

The first of June saw PROVIDENCE providing a day of NGFS support to the THIRD Marine Division, firing thirty rounds of 6"/47 ammunition prior to departing the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) for Naha, Okinawa, which she visited for two days. After a short upkeep period in Yokosuka, PROVIDENCE sailed for Iwakuni, Japan, where over 100 of her dependents met their husbands and fathers for a three day visit. The dependents then boarded the ship on 23 June for an eight hour cruise through the Inland Sea to Beppu, Japan. Following the Dependent's Day Cruise, PROVIDENCE departed for Special Operations (SPECOPS) in Vietnam. While in Iwakuni and Beppu, a total of 450 visitors toured PROVIDENCE.

Traveling from Beppu, PROVIDENCE once more lent her support in Vietnam on 1 July to the FIRST Marine Division whose troops were engaged in Operations BUFFALO, CIMARRON and HIGH RISE. During a twelve day period, interrupted only by brief trips to Yankee Station for Helo Operations, PROVIDENCE fired over 1,700 rounds of both 5"/38 and 6"/47 ammunition during seventy one missions. Included in this figure were a number of rounds expended in silencing a shore battery site which had fired, ineffectively, on both PROVIDENCE and ST. PAUL. The underway replenishment teams were kept busy during this month, restocking PROVIDENCE with stores, fuel and ammunition from thirteen ships. The crew was treated to a R & R visit from 14 July to 17 July at Kaohsiung, Taiwan. In this southern Chinese port, crewmembers were able to partake in the excellent buys afforded them. The ship played host to visiting dignitaries such as Lieutenant General YU HAO-CHANG (Commandant Chinese Marine Corps), Vice Admiral LI TUN-CHIEN (Fleet Commander) and others. From this beautiful port the ship once more made her way home and remained in Yokosuka for the remainder of the month.

The beginning of August was slow as the ship remained in upkeep in Yokosuka, yet there were plans in the making and on 7 August, PROVIDENCE set sail for Otaru, on the northernmost Japanese island of Hokkaido, arriving there 9 August. In Otaru, public relations activities dominated the agenda with the ship participating to the fullest in numerous luncheons and a special reception for 250 guests on her forecastle. Special group visiting was conducted in Otaru and Handclasp material was presented to the Mayor of Otaru by the Commanding Officer, Captain Norbert E. AUBREY, Jr. PROVIDENCE was honored to receive Governor MACHIMURA and Lieutenant General HIROSE on board for lunch. Public relations activities in Niigata, Japan, PROVIDENCE's next port-of-call once more were the highlight as the ship presented Handclasp material to the Mayor of that city. In spite of minor communist anti-war demonstrations, the ship held luncheons for seventy business and civic leaders of the community including Vice Governor TAKEO KIMI and the Mayor of Niigata, Mr. WATANABE. The second forecastle reception of the trip was held in Niigata for 250 persons and was concluded by a Sunset Parade performed impeccably by the Marine Detachment and the SEVENTH Fleet Band. During general visiting, 4,500 people toured the ship with numerous special groups also enjoying her hospitality. The entire second half of August, PROVIDENCE provided NGFS in

the I Corps Area of South Vietnam firing 136 missions with forty four structures destroyed, eighty structures damaged, sixteen bunkers destroyed, twelve bunkers damaged and nine Viet Cong killed in action (KIA), on a total of 4,487 rounds of 5"/38 and 6"/47 projectiles expended. The ship also held fourteen UNREPS and fifty eight helicopter operations in August.

Intensive support of the Third Marines in the vicinity of Danang was the keynote for the opening of September for PROVIDENCE as she fired 940 rounds in a three day period. On 4 September, PROVIDENCE set course for Hong Kong for her second visit to that city of unequalled bargains. In transit, a talent show and barbecue on the fantail provided PROVIDENCE men with additional entertainment. In Hong Kong, luncheons were hosted for seventy business and civic leaders of the British Crown Colony while the Commanding Officer, Captain AUBREY presented the Servicemen's Guides Association with 400 cubic tons of cement to be used in the construction of their new building.

After a six-day rest and recreation visit, the ship left for Yokosuka and a well-deserved in-port period. While in her homeport, PROVIDENCE found time to regun--changing her worn rifles for new, accurate barrels. On 29 September, the ship departed for Sasebo where she arrived on 30 September. During September, the ship rearmed once, refueled once and replenished once.

The first two days of October found PROVIDENCE still in Sasebo, Japan. The ship was open to the public to tour and a wardroom luncheon for twenty was hosted on board. Personnel also participated in athletic events and enjoyed sight-seeing trips to surrounding points of interest. On 7 October, PROVIDENCE, with her new guns calibrated, once more provided support for the THIRD Marine Amphibious Forces in the vicinity of Danang. This support consisted of firing 4,617 rounds of 5"/38 and 6"/47 projectiles during 168 missions. Fifty helicopter operations were staged and twelve unreps kept PROVIDENCE fully ready for all operational commitments. On 20 October, the ship left the "gunline" for Yokosuka where she stayed for the remainder of the month. At the end of the month, PROVIDENCE crewmembers were entertained by a lively USO troupe. Rear Admiral FREEMAN, COMCRUDESPEC, and Rear Admiral KINNEY, CRUDESFLT ELEVEN had lunch with the Commanding Officer.

The inport period of November was highlighted by the SEVENTH Fleet Change of Command ceremony. Vice Admiral William F. BRINGLE relieved Vice Admiral John J. HYLAND as Commander SEVENTH Fleet on the fantail of his flagship, USS PROVIDENCE. Approximately 350 guests attended this elaborate display, the most senior of which, Admiral ITAYA, Chief of Maritime Staff, Japanese Self Defense Force was rendered a 19-gun salute. Also in attendance was Vice Admiral KIM, Chief of Naval Operations, Republic of Korea Navy. From 15-21 November, PROVIDENCE was engaged in Special Operations (SPECOPS) in the Danang area expending 1,372 rounds of ammunition. Following this period, the ship journeyed to Singapore in order that Commander SEVENTH Fleet could have discussions with Vice Admiral O'BRIEN, R. N., Commander Far Eastern Fleet. In Singapore, mutual luncheons were exchanged with gusto by officers of PROVIDENCE and HMS TERROR, the finale of which was the Flagship Reception of 200 at HMS TERROR Reserve Officer's Club. Following the ship's departure from Singapore, another honored guest--a man whom all seafaring men revere--was received on board with appropriate honors. At 1800 on 27 November, while the ship crossed

the equator at longitude 106 degrees 00 minutes East, King Neptune, the Ruler of the Deep, and his Royal Court, presided over by Davey Jones, arrived to properly initiate all "pollywogs" to the Kingdom of the Sea. Following this traditional initiation the ship departed for Yankee Station fully manned by both new and old Royal Shellbacks. During the month of November, PROVIDENCE refueled four times, rearmed twice, and replenished twice.

At the beginning of December, PROVIDENCE continued her operations in the Yankee Team Operations Area with a short trip to the North to the PIRAZ Station. Later during the month, PROVIDENCE continued her support of the THIRD Marine Amphibious Force with 1,511 rounds of 5"/38 and 6"/47 ordnance at call targets and harrassment and interdiction (H & I) targets during ninety seven missions. Twenty-nine helo operations were conducted while nine UNREPS were performed. On 13 December, PROVIDENCE departed Yankee Station for Subic Bay, Philippine Islands where two days of recreation were scheduled for the crew, culminating in a ship's picnic at Grande Island. The ship arrived at her homeport laden with Christmas gifts for loved ones on 20 December. During this festive Yuletide vacation, working hours were shortened and a ship's party for local orphanages was given. Santa Claus was on hand distributing presents to large-eyed children from orphanages on 22 December, and then once more to dependents on 23 December. On 29 December, nearly 1,000 crew members and dependents enjoyed the annual Christmas Party held at the Enlisted Men's Club Alliance. Floor shows, comedy skits, and two orchestras completed the holiday atmosphere, providing a suitable ending to a fruitful year for PROVIDENCE.

1967 was a great year for PROVIDENCE as she ranged throughout the Western Pacific showing the flag in fourteen different ports and made significant contribution in support of friendly forces ashore in Vietnam. During combat operations PROVIDENCE fired 19,109 rounds of 5"/38 and 6"/47 ammunition from her single 5"/38 mount and 6"/47 turret. Units supported included the FIRST and THIRD U. S. Marine Divisions and the SEVENTH Fleet Amphibious Ready Group. On many occasions it was impossible to obtain gun damage assessment, nevertheless the following known damage to the enemy was logged during 1967: Ninety seven VC/NVN KIA (BC), forty three KIA (PROB), one-hundred sixty one structures were destroyed and one-hundred seventy one were damaged, thirty nine bunkers were destroyed and twenty two were damaged, three bridges were damaged, thirteen waterborne logistic craft (WBLC) were destroyed and one was damaged, six gun placements were destroyed and eight were damaged, twenty four caves were destroyed, two-hundred thirty meters of tree line/trenchline were destroyed and forty six secondary explosions were observed. The "Fighting Flagship" never missed a commitment and is charging in to 1968 ever ready to do bigger and better things.