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Encl: (1) Chronology of Events in 1971
(2) Narrative History of TICONDEROGA in 1971
(3) Biography and Photograph of Captain Edward A. Boyd,
Commanding Officer
(4) Biography and Photograph of Executive Officers, 1971

1. In compliance with references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded.


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COMASWGRU THREE (less encl. 3 and 4)

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN 1971

1 JAN In port San Diego

5 JAN COMASWGRU THREE shifts flag to TICONDEROGA

7 JAN Enroute Pearl Harbor for HUKASWEX 1-71 (UPTIDE 2E) and Operational Readiness Evaluation (ORE). Following ten SECNAV guests embarked:

NAME	POSITION/LOCATION
Mr. Clyde Anderson	County Commissioner, El Paso, Texas
Dr. G.W. Archer	M.D., Anchorage, Alaska
Mr. E.J. Cantos	Judge, San Diego, California
Mr. R. Barron	Editor, Kankakee, Illinois
Mr. T.R. Zweifel	Hotel President, Evanston, Ill.
Mr. F.T. Fee	Insurance Investments, Hutchinson, Kansas
Mr. A. Barkules	President, Ada Metal Products Co., Glenview, Illinois
Dr. P.H. Cashman	Educator, University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minnesota
Mr. R.E. Veach	Mayor, Klamath Falls, Oregon
Mr. J.Y. Lansing	Vice President, Pacific Power & Light Co., Portland, Oregon

13 JAN Arrive Pearl Harbor

15-25 JAN HUKASWEX 1-71 (UPTIDE 2E) and ORE

26-31 JAN In port Pearl Harbor

1-6 FEB Enroute San Diego

6 FEB COMASWGRU THREE, as Chief Inspector, conducted Personnel Inspection portion of TICONDEROGA's Command Inspection

7-16 FEB Upkeep, in port San Diego

17-19 FEB Type training SOCAL OPAREA

19-22 FEB In port San Diego

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23 FEB-3 MAR ADMIXTURE Exercise, SOCIAL OPAREA

28 FEB El-B Crash, LCDR Carl L. Haskins and LTJG Thomas M. Cleveland killed

4-10 MAR Upkeep, San Diego, final preparations for WestPac

11 MAR Depart San Diego for WestPac

12-16 MAR Enroute Pearl Harbor, conduct equipment checks and training enroute

17-18 MAR In port Pearl Harbor

19-27 MAR Enroute to Subic Bay with DESRON 23, USS McCLAIN, DDG-36, with COMDESRON 23 aboard, USS SCHOLFIELD, DEG-3; USS JAMES E. KYES, DD-787; USS MEYERKORD, DD-1058; and USS BRONSTEIN, DE-1037.

27-29 MAR Conduct special ASW exercise in Philippine Sea against unidentified submarine contact.

30 MAR- 2 APR Enroute South China Sea

3-5 APR ASW exercises in South China Sea

5-6 APR Enroute Subic Bay

7-11 APR In port Naval Station, Subic Bay, Republic of the Phi.

12-15 APR Enroute to Singapore

15 APR Crossed the Equator at 105° 15'E Longitude. Held "crossing the line" ceremonies

16 APR Anchored at Man O' War Anchorage, Singapore while taking on fuel

17-18 APR Enroute Indian Ocean via Karimata and Sunda Straits

19-23 APR ASWGRU THREE (less USS KYES) conducted ASW exercises in Indian Ocean with USS CAIMAN (SS-323) and VP Units from Thailand

24-25 APR Enroute Singapore, held ceremony in Sundra Strait commemorating loss of USS HOUSTON and HMAS PERTH, lost in battle in 1942.

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26-30 APR	In port Singapore
1-4 MAY	Enroute Hong Kong, BGC
5-10 MAY	In port Hong Kong, crew enjoys maximum liberty
11 MAY	Depart Hong Kong enroute South China Sea
12-13 MAY	Conduct special operations and ASW operations with USS GREYBACK
14-18 MAY	Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
19-25 MAY	In port Yokosuka
26-27 MAY	Depart Yokosuka, enroute to Sea of Japan
28 MAY-4 JUNE	Sea of Japan operation with Japanese Maritime Defense Force
5 JUNE	Arrive Sasebo, Japan
6-14 JUNE	In port Sasebo
15 JUNE	Depart Sasebo and head home via Northern Pacific and Bering Sea
16-21 JUNE	Enroute NORPAC
22-25 JUNE	NORPAC Ops conducted in heavy fog
26 JUNE	Enroute San Diego via North Pacific and Bering Sea
27 JUNE	Cross International Dateline, conduct two Holiday Routines
28-31 JUNE	Enroute San Diego
1-2 JULY	Enroute San Diego
3 JULY	COMASWGRU THREE departs ship for NAS North Island via COD
4-5 JULY	CAG-59 Fly-off to San Diego
6 JULY	TICONDEROGA arrives NAS North Island completing her first WestPac as a CVS

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7-26 JULY	In port San Diego
27 JULY	RADM Longino relieved as COMASWGRU THREE by RADM Carl J. Seiberlich aboard TICONDEROGA
28-31 JULY	Depart San Diego for Carrier Qualifications with CVSGR 80
1 AUG	Arrive San Diego
3-5 AUG	ORI with CVSGR 80 in SOCIAL OPAREA
6 AUG	Arrive San Diego
7-15 AUG	In port San Diego
16-20 AUG	Carrier Qualifications
21-22 AUG	Upkeep San Diego
23-25 AUG	Carrier Qualifications
26 AUG	In port San Diego
27 AUG	Dependents Day Cruise
28-31 AUG	Upkeep San Diego
1-7 SEPT	Upkeep San Diego
8-16 SEPT	Underway with USS MEYERKORD, USS KYES, USS GRIDLEY, and USS McCLAIN to take part in ROPEVAL 3-71 exercise
17-28 SEPT	Upkeep San Diego
29-30 SEPT	Transiting to UPTIDE 3A exercise area
1-7 OCT	Participating in UPTIDE 3A along with the USS ALBERT DAVID, USS ROARK, USS McCLAIN, USS CLEVELAND, USS MANATEE, USS HAMMOND, USS HEPBURN and USS MEYERKORD. The opposition was represented by the USS TURNER JOY, USS LARSON, USS SNOOK and USS SCULPIN
8 OCT	Arrive San Diego
9-27 OCT	Upkeep in San Diego, making final preparations to sail for Hawaii

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28 OCT	Depart San Diego enroute to Pearl Harbor
29-31 OCT	Enroute Pearl Harbor
1-2 NOV	Enroute Pearl Harbor
3-7 NOV	In port Pearl Harbor
8-17 NOV	Participated in RIMPAC '71 along with ships of the Canadian, Australian and Japanese Navies
18-25 NOV	In port Pearl Harbor
26-30 NOV	Enroute to San Diego, conducting an Air Intercept exercise with the USS DARTER along the way
1 DEC	Arrive San Diego
2-17 DEC	In port San Diego for upkeep and Christmas leave period
18 DEC	TICONDEROGA once again played host for a Christmas party for children of POW's and MIA's
19-31 DEC	In port San Diego for upkeep and Christmas leave period

ENCLOSURE 1

As 1971 began, the USS TICONDEROGA (CVS-14) was preparing for a Western Pacific deployment as the flagship of Commander, Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Group Three, Rear Admiral James C. Longino. On 5 January COMASWGRU Three broke his flag aboard the TICONDEROGA.

On 7 January TICO sailed for Hawaii under the command of Captain Edward A. Boyd with Commander John K. Thomas as the Executive Officer, Carrier Air Group 59 made up of VS-33, VS-37, VS-38, HS-4, HS-8 and VAW-111 DET 3, was embarked aboard. The ship was sailing in company of Destroyer Squadron 23. Although the deployment was originally scheduled to extend through June, by the time of sailing it was anticipated that the group would return to the Eastern Pacific following the Mid-Pacific operational readiness (UPTIDE 2E) exercise in order to participate in ADMIXTURE, a CNO sponsored exercise which involved a large number of First Fleet units. This proved a reality, and TICO returned to San Diego from Hawaii 6 February, and the WestPac Deployment was replanned for March to early July. While entering San Diego, COMASWGRU Three held the Personnel Inspection portion of TICONDEROGA's Command Inspection.

TICONDEROGA began her '71 WestPac deployment once again on 11 March and transited to Pearl Harbor. After two days of briefings at CINCPACFLT Headquarters, TICO, with the rest of the ASW Group, sailed for Subic Bay on 19 March. The ship chopped to Operational Command of Commander Seventh Fleet on 26 March.

Since this was the first WestPac cruise for an ASW Group since late 1968, it was almost totally directed to ASW. ASW operations and exercises were conducted in the Philippine Sea, Gulf of Tonkin, Indian Ocean, Sea of Japan, Northern Pacific and Bering Sea. Some of these were scheduled training periods with U.S. submarines; others were actual prosecutions using out-of-area Soviet submarines as targets of opportunity.

After leaving Subic Bay, the ship crossed the Equator on her way to Singapore at 105°-15'E longitude. Traditional "crossing the line" ceremonies were held aboard with Capt. Boyd leading almost 2,000 pollywogs to becoming shellbacks. The ceremony took most of the morning 15 April.

After a brief fuel stop in Singapore at the Man O' War Anchorage, TICO became part of the first large group of U.S. warships to enter the Indian Ocean in seven years. Originally scheduled to go up through the Malacca Straits, plans were changed for political considerations and the task force headed south through the Karimata and Sunda Straits. With ideal weather and calm seas extensive ASW exercises were conducted with the USS CALMAN (SS-323) and VP Units staging from Thailand.

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On the return transit to Singapore, ASWGRU Three conducted ceremonies to commemorate the sinking of the USS HOUSTON and the HMAS PERTH, which were sunk in 1942. The ships of DESRON 23, (less the USS SKYES which had not made the excursion) formed a cross around the TICONDEROGA. All ships manned the rails while RADM Longino read an historical description of the battle to all crews over TICO's 1 and 5 MC's. Taps was played and a rifle salute was given by the Marine Honor Guard as a home-made wreath was dropped into the Java Sea from a helicopter.

After a five day visit to Singapore, TICONDEROGA headed for Hong Kong where approximately 200 wives of crewmembers were gathered to meet the ship. During the stay in Hong Kong, CDR Thomas was relieved by CDR William S. Myers as Executive Officer.

The Sea of Japan transit, from Yokosuka to Sasebo with the units of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force, was the highlight of the second half of the deployment. It stimulated continuous surveillance by air and surface units of the Soviet Union as well as coverage in the official press of almost all the Communist nations.

While in Sasebo the ship was opened to visitors on 5 June. During the hours of visiting over seven thousand of our Japanese hosts toured the TICONDEROGA.

TICONDEROGA returned to San Diego via the Bering Sea on 6 July. ASWGRU Three and CVSG 59 both disembarked from the ship on 7 July and the ship began her stand-down period. On 27 July RADM Carl J. Seiberlich relieved RADM Longino as COMASWGRU Three in ceremonies on TICO's flight deck. RADM Seiberlich became the 27th commander of the group since it was commissioned in 1946.

On 28 July TICO once again went to sea to participate in a Naval first. Reserve Air Group 80 became the first reserve air group to go to sea and operate as a unit. During this period, in addition to pilot CarQuals, a successful operational readiness was held for the air group.

Between CarQual periods the annual Dependents' Day Cruise was held on 27 August. In addition to ships' company dependents, those of COMASWGRU Three's staff and CVSG 59 were also invited. Dependents were given an excellent chance to view not only the launching and recovery of aircraft, but also the internal operation of the ship.

During September, TICONDEROGA joined 41 other ships of the First Fleet and the Canadian Navy for ROPEVAL 3-71. This exercise lasted from 8-16 September and was closely followed by HUKASWEX 2-71 (UPTIDE 3A). This later exercise was another step forward in the UPTIDE series as it evaluated the UPTIDE concepts as they apply to a moving (vice stationary) PIM for high value targets.

On 28 October, TICONDEROGA, with the rest of ASWGRU Three, returned to Hawaii for RIMPAC '71. The name means "rim of the Pacific" and comes from the fact that it consisted of Navies of Canada, Australia and New Zealand in addition to ASWGRU Three. The operation, held in Hawaiian waters, exercised each of the Navies in coordinated ASW operations. There were even cross-deckings between the TICO and HMAS MELBOURNE aircraft. The TICONDEROGA returned to San Diego 1 December for a well deserved rest and holiday leave period.

On 14 December, Capt. Boyd celebrated his first anniversary as commanding officer of the Big T.

With actor Robert Middleton playing the role of Santa Claus for the third year, TICONDEROGA held her annual Christmas Party for the crews' children and those children of MIA's and POW's in the San Diego area. It was a joyous end to a demanding year.

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