

U.S.S. ALBERT DAVID (DE-1050)

FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96601

DE1050:00:PAC:dy

5000

Ser 331

21 JUL 1971

From: Commanding Officer, USS ALBERT DAVID (DE-1050)
To: Chief of Naval Personnel, Washington, D. C.
Via: ENS P. A. CRYSTAL, USS ALBERT DAVID (DE-1050)

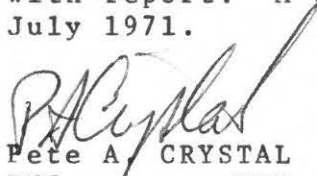
Subj: Command History; report of

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12A of 20 May 1971
(b) Your ltr ser 1491 of 1 July 1971

Enc: (1) Copy of Command History for USS ALBERT DAVID (DE-1050)
for year 1970

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted to be reviewed and retained.

2. Commanding Officer's photo reflects no change from prior year therefore it was not included with report. A change of command scheduled to take place on 30 July 1971.


Pete A. CRYSTAL
ENS USN
Ship's Historian

By direction of the Commanding Of

Copy to:
COMNAVHIST
CINCPACFLT
CNO
COMCRUDESAC



714

1970

USS ALBERT DAVID (DE-1050)
FPO, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 96601

CHRONOLOGY OF HIGHLIGHTS

1970

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPERATION</u>
1-18 JAN	PLANE GUARD DUTY WITH USS COROL SEA
18-28 JAN	PLANE GUARD DUTY WITH USS CONSTELLATI
28 JAN - 3 FEB	PLANE GUARD DUTY WITH USS RANGER
4-9 FEB	INPORT IN SUBIC BAY, P. I.
9-11 FEB	ISE AND ENROUTE TO HONG KONG, B.C.C.
11-16 FEB	INPORT IN HONG KONG
16-18 FEB	ASW EX AND ENROUTE FOR OKINAWA
18-19 FEB	INPORT IN OKINAWA
19-23 FEB	ASW EX 3-70
23-24 FEB	INPORT IN OKINAWA
24 FEB - 8 MAR	ON THE GUNLINE
8-11 MAR	SAR MISSION FOR A DOWNED F4K FROM USS
11-15 MAR	PLANE GUARD DUTY WITH USS RANGER
16-17 MAR	ENROUTE TO CAMBODIA BECAUSE OF THE SS COLUMBIA EAGLE
17-19 MAR	ENROUTE TO SUBIC BAY
19-21 MAR	INPORT IN SUBIC BAY
21-25 MAR	ENROUTE TO GUAM
25-30 MAR	ENROUTE TO MIDWAY ISLAND
30 MAR - 2 APR	ENROUTE TO PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII
2-3 APR	INPORT IN PEARL HARBOR
3-9 APR	ENROUTE TO LONG BEACH, CALIF.
9 APR - 12 MAY	INPORT IN LONG BEACH
12-15 MAY	INPORT IN NAVAL SHIPYARDS, LONG BEACH
15 MAY	SHAKEDOWN CRUISE
15-18 MAY	INPORT IN LONG BEACH
18 MAY	SEA TRIAL IN LOCAL OPERATIONS AREA
18-20 MAY	INPORT IN LONG BEACH
20-28 MAY	ISE IN SOUTHERN CALIF. OPERATING AREA
28 MAY - 3 JUN	INPORT IN LONG BEACH
3 JUN	OFF-LOADED AMMO AT SEAL BEACH
3 JUN - 16 JUL	INPORT IN NAVAL SHIPYARDS, LONG BEACH
16 JUL	SEA TRIALS
16-20 JUL	INPORT IN NAVAL SHIPYARDS, LONG BEACH
20-24 JUL	PLANE GUARD DUTY WITH USS KITTY HAWK
24 JUL - 7 AUG	INPORT IN LONG BEACH
7 AUG	LOAD AMMO AT SEAL BEACH
7-16 AUG	INPORT IN LONG BEACH
16-21 AUG	ISE IN SOUTHERN CALIF. OPERATING AREA
21-24 AUG	INPORT IN LONG BEACH
24 AUG - 1 SEP	COMPTUEX
1-8 SEP	INPORT IN LONG BEACH
8-18 SEP	PLANE GUARD DUTY WITH USS KITTY HAWK
18 SEP - 1 OCT	INPORT IN LONG BEACH
1 OCT	PRE-OVERHAUL SHAKEDOWN CRUISE AND DEPENDENT'S CRUISE
1-16 OCT	INPORT IN LONG BEACH
16-19 OCT	INPORT IN PORT OF LA FOR FISHERMEN'S 1

DATE

OPERATIONS:

19 OCT - 2 NOV
2-25 NOV
25 NOV -31 DEC

INPORT IN LONG BEACH
INPORT IN NAVAL SHIPYARDS, LONG BEACH
IN DRYDOCK AT NAVAL SHIPYARDS, LONG BE

BASIC NARRATIVE

The first day of the new decade found the ALBERT DAVID on Ya Station. She was in Task Group 77.5 and plane guarding of the CORAL SEA (CVA-43). The ALBERT DAVID was commanded by Commander Roy S. REYNOLDS. COMDESRON 29 is aboard.

18 January we were detached from the USS CORAL SEA and directed to join the USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) of Task Group 73. Two days later the ALBERT DAVID was detached from the CONSTELLATION and joined the USS HANCOCK (CVA-19) CTG 77.4. DESRON 29 moved his flag to the USS RAMSEY (DEG-2). On 26 January CDR J. J. ZABLE, who is Captain REYNOLD'S relief arrived on board at 1313.

The ALBERT DAVID was scheduled to go to HONG KONG on 29 January however, on the 28th a schedule change directed us to plane guard for the USS RANGER (CVA-61), CTG 77.6, until 3 February and then steam to Subic Bay, Philippine Islands.

On 31 January the change of command ceremonies were held while with the USS RANGER. At 1013 CDR J. J. ZABLE (015865-40) USN, relieved CDR R. S. REYNOLDS (004326-50) USN, as Commanding Officer of the USS ALBERT DAVID. CDR REYNOLDS departed the ship by helicopter to the RANGER for further transfer to the U. S. A. and then to Brussels, Belgium for his next duty station. CDR ZABLE came to the ALBERT DAVID from the USS ZELLERS (DD-777).

After forty-one days of continuous sea-time, the ALBERT DAVID entered Subic Bay on Thursday, 4 February. We moored at 1330, Starboard side to the USS CUNNINGHAM (DD-752) at Rivera Point Berth 11, Subic Bay.

After three full days of much deserved liberty in Subic Bay, the ALBERT DAVID went underway at noon on Monday, 9 February, to steam independently for Hong Kong, B.C.C. We arrived in Hong Kong on 16 February at 0853 and moored to Buoy B-29.

The ALBERT DAVID left Hong Kong at 0730, 16 February headed independently for Buckner Bay, Naha, Okinawa via the Taiwan Strait. We practiced a few ASW drills enroute. The ALBERT DAVID moored to Berth 7, Naha, Okinawa at 0909, 18 February.

The ship departed Okinawa at 0628, 19 Feb. for ASWEX 3-70. That night one of the men of the crew, STG3 [REDACTED] became ill. It was believed he had a ruptured appendix. He was given penicillin intravenously while waiting for the transfer of a doctor from the USS RAMSEY (DEG-2). We received the doctor via high-line at 2200. Upon receipt of the doctor we changed our course for Buckner Bay to transfer the medical patient. We re-entered Buckner and arrived at anchorage B-29 at 0438 on 20 February. We received a Mike 1 alongside which took our patient at 0452. At 0454 we were underway again to return to our Operating Area for the ASWEX.

Two days later, on Sunday, 22 February, a suspected Russian AGI Tr was sighted. ALBERT DAVID closed the AGI at about 1726 to photograph her. We were about 600 yards from her at 1745 and took photograph Her hull number was C5-28. We completed our ASWEX and proceeded to Buckner Bay again after clearing the AGI without an incident at We tied up to the Navy Pier at 0738 on 23 February.

After staying one day in Okinawa we departed for Da Nang, Vie Steaming independently we had a couple of gunnery shoots and a calibration test. We entered Da Nang Harbor at 1514, 27 February to p UP mail. After the mail pick-up we left the harbor and entered th line area. Saturday, 28 February we were lying to in Da Nang for harassment and interdiction firing mission which began at about 22 and lasted until about 0300. This was to be the routine for nine as we operated in this area for Naval Gun fire support. Expending 1470 rounds.

On 8 March we departed the gunline area and steamed to a rend point to meet the USS RANGER in the Tonkin Gulf. Two days later t ALBERT DAVID was assigned to a search and rescue mission, looking a downed aircraft, a F4K, in Task Group 77.6 on 11 March.

The refueling with the USS PASSUMPSIC (AO-107) on 15 March wa have been our last refueling before we started our trip back to Lo Beach and home. "Last Day" banners were happily displayed on the DAVID. The following morning we received word about the mutiny of SS COLUMBIA EAGLE, and were directed to head South for the coast o Cambodia. At 1200 on the 17th we were detached from the EAGLE inc and directed us to head for Subic Bay, P. I..

We arrived in Subic only one day behind the original schedule at Berth 11, Subic Bay Naval Station on 19 March to off load ammun and turn-over items. DESRON 29 moved his flag to the ALBERT DAVID After two days the ship got underway for Guam via the San Bernadin Straits steaming in company with the USS CUNNINGHAM (DD-752), USS SOLE (DD-789) and USS BENNER (DD-807). We arrived at Guam on the stayed long enough to refuel, and we were on our way to Midway Isl Another brief stop at Midway for refueling on the 30th and we were for Pearl Harbor. We arrived in Pearl on 2 April and started the leg to home on 3 April. We arrived in Long Beach on 9 April at 09 after covering 49,000 miles in 153 underway days.

After being tied up on Pier 15 for over a month we got underw across the harbor to Pier E in the Naval Shipyard for repair avail on 12 May. On the 15th we went on a one-day shake down cruise and moored back at Pier 15. We went out again on the 18th for machine test when a bellow in boiler 1A ruptured. We returned to Pier 15. Repairs to the bellow were completed on

We got underway again on 26 May for the Southern Calif. Opera area, spending two days out at the ECM range and conducting ISE.

We returned to Long Beach on the 28th. 3 June we went to Seal Beach off load ammunition. Then it was back to the Shipyards at Pier 1 a restricted availability.

We completed our yard availability on 20 July and got underway plane guarding for the USS KITTY HAWK in the Southern Calif. Oper Area. We came back to port on 24 July.

On 7 August we went to Seal Beach for a day to load ammunition.

We got underway for the So. Cal. Op. Area on 16 August. We operated independently and conducted various drills and exercises. We returned to port on 21 August.

The ALBERT DAVID participated in a COMPTUEX that commenced on 1 August. We operated with Task Group 178.2 and conducted ASW exercises. We went to San Clemente and conducted gunnery exercises. We joined the rest of the Task Group for HUK ASWEX 2-70. After 4 days conducting ASWEX's we returned to port on 1 September.

We were in port for a week and then we went out for the So. Cal. Op. Area on 8 September for plane guard duty for the KITTY HAWK. Some of the Officers were flown to the KITTY HAWK to see what life was like on the "bird farms". Although awed by the size and magnitude of a carrier, these Officers brought back an appreciation for being on a destroyer. We were detached from KITTY HAWK on 18 September and proceeded to return to Long Beach.

On 1 October ALBERT DAVID got underway for a dependent's cruise in the local Op. Area. We had 178 Guests on board. The next day we loaded ammunition at Seal Beach.

16 October was the last time we went out past the break water. We were invited to participate in the annual Fishermen's Fiesta in San Pedro. We held Open House on board and received numerous curious and interested people aboard. We stayed in San Pedro on Pier 1, Berth 57, Port of Los Angeles until Monday, 19 October, at which time we returned to Long Beach. It was an interesting and a well spent weekend for all hands.

On 2 November we entered the Naval Shipyard on Pier 1, Berth 57 for overhaul. On 25 November we entered into drydock at Drydock #3 for normal repairs, dome grooming, and primarily for repairs on the rudder and finished out the year on the blocks.

During the year of 1970, ALBERT DAVID fired 1,598 rounds of 5 inch projectiles. We replenished underway 25 times and took 1,367,303 gallons of JP-5. She spent 137 days underway.

- 3 Jan. 70 USS KAWISHIWI JP-5 75,197; 1038 commenced receiving fuel; Operations at sea. AO-146; 1146 Secured from refueling.
- 6 Jan 70 USS MISPELLION JP-5 23,390; 1017 commenced receiving fuel; Operations at sea. AO-105; 1115 secured from refueling.
- 8 Jan 70 USS MISPELLION JP-5 38,214; 0924 commenced receiving fuel; Operations at sea. AO-105; 1023
- 11 Jan 70 USS MISPELLION (AO-105) JP-5 41,215; 1020 commenced receiving fuel; Operations at Sea. 1101 Secured from refueling.
- 13 Jan 70 USS HASSAYAMPA (AO-145); JP-5 30,020; 1122 commenced receiving fuel; Operations at sea. 1213 Secured from refueling.
- 16 Jan 70 USS CAMDEN (AOE-2) JP-5 46,780; 1727 commenced receiving fuel; Operations at Sea. Planeguarding with USS CORAL SEA (CVA-19). Secured from refueling 1848.
- 18 Jan 70 USS CAMDEN (AOE-2) JP-5 78,000; 0825 commenced receiving fuel; Operations at Sea. With Company USS CORAL SEA. 0940 Secured from refueling.
- 19 Jan 70 USS CAMDEN (AOE-2) JP-5 47,000; 1515 commenced receiving fuel; operations at sea. Operating with USS CONSTELLATION. 1530 Secured from refueling.
- 21 Jan 70 USS CAMDEN (AOE-2) JP-5 68,000; 0840 commenced receiving fuel/ operations at sea. Planeguarding the USS HANCOCK. 0900 secured from refueling.
- 22 Jan 70 USS CAMDEN (AOE-2) JP-5 60,000; 1401 commenced receiving fuel. Underway steaming. 1435 Secured from refueling.
- 24 Jan 70 USS CAMDEN (AOE-2) JP-5 41,800; 0522 commenced receiving fuel. Steaming with company USS HANCOCK. 0541 Secured from refueling.
- 28 Jan 70 USS MISPELLION (AO-105) JP-5 76,000; steaming with company USS HANCOCK. No time on refueling.
- 29 Jan 70 USS MISPELLION (AO-105) JP-5 41,816; 0625 commenced receiving fuel. Ship underway. 0652 Secured from refueling.
-
- 2 Feb 70 USS MISPELLION (AO-105) JP-5 72,034; 0923 commenced receiving fuel; ship operating with company of USS RANGER: 1030 Secured from refueling detail.
- 27 Feb 70 USS CAMDEN (AOE-2) JP-5 77,705; 0955 commenced receiving fuel; Ship operating at sea. 1115 secured from refueling detail.
-
- 1 Mar 70 USS MATTOPONAI (AO-41) JP-5 38,172; 0615 commenced receiving fuel; Ship Naval Gunfire Support Vietnam. 0745 secured from refueling.

6 Mar 70 USS PASSUMPSIC (AO-107) JP-5 51,122; 0650 commenced tak
on fuel; Ship operating at sea. 0736 secured from refueling.

9 Mar 70 USS PASSUMPSIC (AO-107) JP-5 52,035; 1057 commenced tak
fuel; ship underway steaming. 1206 secured from refueling.

12 Mar. 70 USS PASSUMPSIC (AO-107) JP-5 58,307; 0839 commenced t
on fuel; ship planeguarding USS RANGER. 0922 secured from refue

15 Mar 70 USS PASSUMPSIC (AO-107) JP-5 52,336; 1458 commenced ta
on fuel. Planeguarding USS RANGER. 1521 secured from refueling

17 Mar70 USS MATTOPONAI (AO-41) JP-5 48,489; 1035 commenced rece
fuel; underway steaming. 1203 secured from refueling.

APRIL no underway refueling

May no underway refueling

June no underway refueling.

21 Jul 70 USS MISSPILLION (AO-105) JP-5 21,212; 1758 commenced t
on fuel; Operating off the coast Southern California.

27 Aug 70 USS MANATEE (AO-58) JP-5 58,829; 2118 commenced receiv
fuel. 2200 secured from refueling. Operating off the coast of

11

11 Sep 70 USS DETROIT (AOE-4) JP-5 77,500; 0843 commenced refuel
1045 secured from refueling.

15 Sep 70 USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) JP-5 91,530; 0954 commenced ta
on fuel; 1115 secured from refueling; Planeguarding USS KITTY

Amount of JP-5 received for the year of 1970:

1,367,303 gallons

3,746.04 per day

156.09 per hour

2.6 per minute

.04 per second