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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded herewith.


G. G. ROBERTS

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ADDENDUM TO USS BOYD' HISTORY
1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1966

As 1966 began, the BOYD under the command of Commander E. A. SHORT was busily preparing for her upcoming WestPac cruise. The majority of January thru April was spent moored at U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, with intermittent sea exercises for Gunnery, Anti-Submarine Warfare, and Engineering.

On 20 April, 1966, BOYD departed San Diego on her 18th WestPac cruise. After stopovers at Pearl Harbor and Midway, BOYD crossed the International Date Line on 3 May. She arrived in Yokosuka, Japan in time to celebrate her 23rd birthday on 8 May. BOYD remained in Yokosuka until 21 May.

The ship then departed for Hong Kong where BOYD served as SOPA Admin for 16 days. On 30 May, 1966, a joint British-American commemoration of Memorial Day was held in Hong Kong with BOYD's Commanding Officer and landing party in attendance.

While moored in Hong Kong harbor on 9 June, Commander G. G. ROBERTS relieved Commander E. A. SHORT as Commanding Officer of BOYD.

The next stop was a short one at Kaoshiung, Taiwan, followed by operations with U. S. cruisers and aircraft carriers in the Gulf of Tonkin. On 12 July, BOYD was visited by Paul H. NITZE, Secretary of Defense, who came aboard via high line transfer from USS CHEMUNG (AO-30). After touring the ship and meeting many of the officers and men, Mr. NITZE complimented BOYD on her material condition and enthusiasm.

Next stop was Subic Bay, Philippine Islands where the ship underwent up-keep and the crew enjoyed rest and relaxation.

Following assignments included carrier operations with the USS Franklin D. ROOSEVELT (CVA-42) and the USS INTREPID (CVS-11). BOYD also took part in anti-submarine warfare exercises and six days of shore bombardment off the coast of Vietnam.

BOYD's next operation - Swordhilt - one with the Australian, British and New Zealand Navies. Following this she steamed up the Yarra River into Melbourne, Australia on 29 October.

The nine-day rest period in Melbourne was the highlight of the entire cruise for the majority of the crew.

After a short visit to Suva, Fiji Islands, on 13 November, BOYD returned home to San Diego on 25 November 1966. The remainder of the calendar year was devoted to leave and upkeep period.