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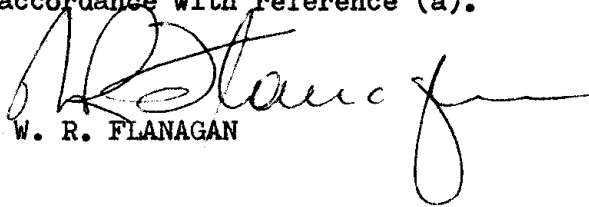
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1967 USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) COMMAND HISTORY

I

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
01 JAN - 12 FEB	Restricted Availability for upkeep and repair under control of Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet. Moored at NAS North Island, San Diego, California.
13 FEB	Underway for Fast Trials
14 FEB - 16 MAR	Inport San Diego
17 MAR - 23 MAR	Underway Southern California Operating Area for carrier qualifications and refresher training.
24 MAR - 27 MAR	Inport San Diego
28 MAR - 31 MAR	Underway in Southern California Operating Area for carrier qualifications and refresher training.
01 APR - 02 APR	Inport San Diego
03 APR - 06 APR	Underway in Southern California Operating Area for Competitive Training Exercise conducted by Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
07 APR - 10 APR	Inport San Diego
11 APR - 18 APR	Underway in Southern California Operating Area for Operational Readiness Exercise (BLUE CORAL) conducted by Commander First Fleet. COMCARDIV NINE embarked.
19 APR - 28 APR	Inport San Diego
29 APR	Departed San Diego for Western Pacific deployment. CO, USS CONSTELLATION as Commander Task Group ONE SEVEN Point EIGHT.
29 APR - 03 MAY	Enroute Hawaii
04 MAY	Inport Pearl Harbor
05 MAY - 07 MAY	Underway in the Hawaiian Operating Area for Operational Readiness Inspection conducted by Commander Fleet Air Hawaii.



08 MAY	Inport Pearl Harbor
09 MAY - 17 MAY	Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
15 MAY	Surveillance by Soviet Long Range Aviation Aircraft. Out-chop Commander First Fleet; In-chop Commander SEVENTH Fleet. CO, USS CONSTELLATION became Commander Task Group SEVENTY SEVEN Point FOUR.
18 MAY - 20 MAY	Inport Yokosuka, Japan
21 MAY - 25 MAY	Enroute Subic Bay, Philippines
26 MAY	Inport Subic Bay, Philippines. Embarked Commander Task Force SEVENTY SEVEN/COMCARDIV FIVE,
27 MAY - 28 MAY	Enroute Yankee Station, Gulf of Tonkin
29 MAY - 11 JUN	Conducted Special Operations on Yankee Station, Gulf of Tonkin.
12 JUN - 13 JUN	Enroute Subic Bay, Philippines
14 JUN - 16 JUN	Inport Subic Bay, Philippines
17 JUN - 18 JUN	Enroute Yankee Station, Gulf of Tonkin
19 JUN - 24 JUL	Conducted Special Operations on Yankee Station, Gulf of Tonkin.
25 JUL - 26 JUL	Enroute Subic Bay, Philippines
27 JUL - 30 JUL	Inport Subic Bay, Philippines
31 JUL - 01 AUG	Enroute Yankee Station, Gulf of Tonkin
02 AUG - 02 SEP	Conducted Special Operations on Yankee Station, Gulf of Tonkin.
04 SEP - 07 SEP	Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
07 SEP - 14 SEP	Inport Yokosuka, Japan
15 SEP - 17 SEP	Enroute Hong Kong, B. C. C.
19 SEP - 23 SEP	Inport Hong Kong, B. C. C.

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24 SEP - 25 SEP	Enroute Yankee Station, Gulf of Tonkin
26 SEP - 15 OCT	Conducted Special Operations on Yankee Station, Gulf of Tonkin.
16 OCT	Enroute Subic Bay, Philippines
17 OCT - 22 OCT	Inport Subic Bay, Philippines
23 OCT -24 OCT	Enroute Yankee Station, Gulf of Tonkin
25 OCT - 11 NOV	Conducted Special Operations on Yankee Station, Gulf of Tonkin.
12 NOV - 13 NOV	Enroute Subic Bay, Philippines
14 NOV - 15 NOV	Inport Subic Bay, Philippines
16 NOV - 20 NOV	Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
21 NOV - 23 NOV	Inport Yokosuka, Japan
23 NOV	Disembarked Commander Task Force SEVENTY SEVEN/ COMCARDIV FIVE.
24 NOV - 03 DEC	Enroute San Diego, California
26 NOV	Out-chop, Commander SEVENTH Fleet; In-chop, Commander FIRST Fleet. CO, USS CONSTELLATION became Commander, Task Group ONE SEVEN Point EIGHT.
04 DEC	Arrived NAS North Island, San Diego, California
04 DEC - 31 DEC	Moored NAS North Island, San Diego, California
11 DEC	Captain John M. THOMAS relieved by Captain William R. FLANAGAN in ceremonies on board. Commenced Restricted Availability for upkeep and repair under control Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

NARRATIVE

1. Command Organization and Relations.

a. Commanding Officers and dates of Command:

- (1) 1 January - 11 December: Captain John M. THOMAS, USN.
- (2) 11 December - 31 December: Captain William R. FLANAGAN, USN.

b. Location of Home Port: San Diego, California
Berth: NAS North Island, San Diego, California

c. Mission and Tasks of Command:

- (1) Mission: To support and operate aircraft, to engage in attacks on targets afloat and ashore which threaten our control of the sea, and to engage in sustained operations in support of other forces.
- (2) Tasks.
 - (a) To operate offensively by means of embarked aircraft, capable of delivering nuclear and non-nuclear weapons, against targets afloat and ashore which threaten our control of the sea.
 - (b) To operate offensively by means of embarked aircraft, capable of delivering nuclear and non-nuclear weapons against targets afloat and ashore in support of other forces.
 - (c) To defend against airborne, surface, and subsurface attack by means of embarked aircraft as part of a coordinated defense system.
 - (d) To control aircraft.
 - (e) To defend against airborne attack by means of ships' armament as part of a coordinated air defense system.
 - (f) To provide command facilities and accommodations for a task force commander and staff.

2. Operations.

From 1 January through 12 February CONSTELLATION was moored at NAS North Island, San Diego, California, for extensive upkeep and repair during a restricted availability period, under control of Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet. On 13 February the ship got underway for Fast Trials in

the Southern California Operating Area. From 17 through 23 March and from 28 through 31 March CONSTELLATION conducted carrier qualifications and the Fleet Training Group, San Diego conducted extensive shipboard refresher training. During the period 3 through 6 April Air Wing FOURTEEN was embarked for Competitive Training Exercises at sea in the Southern California Operating Area which emphasized all phases of training including air strike operations, air defense exercises, underway replenishments and communications and engineering casualty drills. All pre-deployment training was brought to its conclusion during the period 11 through 18 April when CONSTELLATION participated in Operation BLUE CORAL, an Operational Readiness Exercise conducted by Commander FIRST Fleet with Commander Carrier Division NINE embarked. On 29 April the ship departed San Diego for a deployment to the Western Pacific with Commanding Officer, USS CONSTELLATION as Commander Task Group ONE SEVEN Point EIGHT. From 5 through 7 May an Operational Readiness Inspection was conducted by Commander Fleet Air Hawaii in the Hawaiian Operating Area. On 15 May during CONSTELLATION's transit from Pearl Harbor to Yokosuka, Japan she came under operational control of Commander SEVENTH Fleet, and the Commanding Officer, USS CONSTELLATION became Commander Task Group SEVEN SEVEN Point FOUR. On 26 May while inport at Subic Bay, Philippines, Commander Task Force SEVEN SEVEN/Commander Carrier Division FIVE embarked. CONSTELLATION began the first of five periods of special operations on YANKEE Station, Gulf of Tonkin on 29 May, concluding the last period of operations on 11 November. For these operations CONSTELLATION was awarded the Naval Unit Commendation for her second consecutive deployment. On 23 November, Commander Task Force SEVEN SEVEN/Commander Carrier Division FIVE disembarked in Yokosuka, Japan. On 24 November CONSTELLATION commenced her transit to San Diego, coming under operational control of Commander FIRST Fleet on 26 November. At this time Commanding Officer, USS CONSTELLATION became Commander Task Group ONE SEVEN Point EIGHT. On 4 December CONSTELLATION arrived at NAS North Island, San Diego, California. During the deployment CONSTELLATION remained at sea 80.4 percent of the time, visiting the ports of Pearl Harbor (once), Yokosuka, Japan (three times), Hong Kong, B.C.C. (once) and Subic Bay, Philippines (five times); and steamed a total of 69,526 miles.

On 11 December Captain John M. THOMAS, USN was relieved by Captain William R. FLANAGAN, USN in ceremonies onboard. Also on 11 December CONSTELLATION entered a period of Restricted Availability for extensive upkeep and repair under control of Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.