

U. S. S. CONSTANT (MSO-427)

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From: Commanding Officer, USS CONSTANT (MSO427)
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Subj: Ship's History; submission of additional information for

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.7
(b) COMINPACINST 5720.3A

Encl: (1) Ship's History for the period of 16 Aug 1951 to 31 Dec 1963

1. In compliance with the provisions contained in references (a) and (b), the following addition to the history of the USS CONSTANT (MSO427) is submitted for the period 31 December 1963 to 31 December 1964.

a. Commanding Officers and periods served

(1) LCDR R. A. H. MURLINE was commanding officer for the period 20 July 1961 to 21 May 1963.

(2) LCDR R. B. MOORE assumed command on 21 May 1963 and presently commanding officer.

b. Upon returning from her Western Pacific Deployment in 1962-63, where the CONSTANT, as a unit of Mine Division NINETY TWO, visited Pearl Harbor, Midway, Guam, Subic Bay, Sasebo, Kaohsiung, Hong Kong, and Manila, she began a leave and upkeep period ending in March 1963. The months of May & June saw her busied in routine upkeep and type training.

c. On 21 May 1963, LCDR R. B. MOORE, USN, relieved CDR R. A. H. MURLINE, USN as commanding officer.

d. In June the CONSTANT, as a unit of Mine Division NINETY TWO, attended the Portland Rose Festival, an annual celebration attended by ships of the U. S. Pacific Fleet.

e. The months of October and November were spent in San Diego and Long Beach for underway training and mine countermeasures refresher training, respectively. Upon completion of these trainings, the CONSTANT was assigned holiday leave and upkeep period for the remainder of the year.

f. The first part of January 1964 was spent in port and the latter part and beginning of February conducting type training.

g. On February 15, the CONSTANT departed Long Beach for Pearl Harbor, with other units of Mine Division NINETY TWO, to participate in a Pacific Fleet Mine Test. Upon successful completion of this test of her minesweeping capabilities, she returned to Long Beach arriving there on 18 March 1964.

- h. The rest of March and first part of April were spent conducting routine upkeep and local operations in the Long Beach area.
- i. On 17 April the CONSTANT with other units of Mine Division NINETY TWO participated in MINEX "PRAIRIE DOG".
- j. The rest of April was spent preparing for the ship's annual Administrative Inspection which was held on the first part of May.
- k. On the last part of May and first part of June, the CONSTANT was assigned a special mission. Several Russian Trawlers were operating off the California Coast and the CONSTANT was ordered to keep close surveillance over them.
- l. On 18 June the CONSTANT with units of the First Fleet participated in an Opposed Sortie to test ASW Techniques.
- m. The rest of June to September ^{was} were primarily spent in port conducting routine maintenance and local operations in the Long Beach area.
- n. The CONSTANT participated in a MINEX off San Clemente, California, with other units of Mine Division NINETY TWO during the week of 8 September through 11 September 1964.
- o. On 22 September the CONSTANT hosted the wives and children of her crew and officers to a Dependent's Cruise prior her deployment to Western Pacific on 28 September.
- p. After completion of extensive preparations the CONSTANT departed Long Beach on 28 September 1964, as a unit of Mine Division NINETY TWO, for a 7 months Western Pacific Cruise.
- q. On 19 November 1964, the CONSTANT arrived in Sasebo, Japan via Hawaii, Guam, and Okinawa for an Interim Dry Docking period.
- r. On 7 December, the CONSTANT departed Sasebo for Kaohsiung, Taiwan where she participated in a MINEX, as a unit of MINDIV 92, with GRC Forces.
- s. On 18 December, the CONSTANT departed for Hong Kong, BCC for rest and recreation for her crew during the Christmas Holidays. She remained in Hong Kong until 27 December when she sailed for Subic Bay, Philippines where she arrived on the 30th for a Restricted Tender Availability and routine upkeep.


R. B. MOORE