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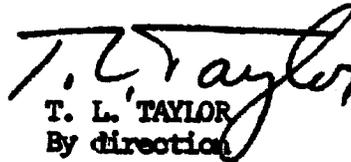
From: Commanding Officer, USS EPPERSON (DD 719)  
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-09B9)

Subj: EPPERSON's Command History

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12 (series)

Encl: (1) EPPERSON's Command History Chronology and Narrative  
(2) EPPERSON's Personnel Roster  
(3) Family Grams  
(4) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet

1. In accordance with reference (a), EPPERSON's Command History for the period encompassing January 1972 - December 1972 is herewith submitted. Enclosures (2) through (4) are included for amplification of the basic narrative report.

  
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After stops in Midway and Guam, the USS EPPERSON pulled into Subic Bay on 9 December. EPPE reported to Military Region FOUR off the coast of South Vietnam to relieve the USS RUPERTUS as a naval gunfire support unit on 16 December. EPPERSON finished the year on station providing support to the 21st ARVN Division.

1972 CHRONOLOGY OF HIGHLIGHTS

2-9 January	-	In-port Subic Bay
18-22 January	-	In-port Hong Kong
25-28 January	-	In-port Subic Bay
2 February	-	Out-chop SEVENTH Fleet
6 February	-	Arrived Pearl Harbor
15 April	-	Change of Command
19 April	-	Entered Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
25 April	-	Entered drydocks
7 June	-	Left drydocks
26 September	-	Left Shipyard
2 October	-	Commenced Ref-tre
20 November	-	Finished Ref-tre
24 November	-	Departed Pearl for WESTPAC deployment
2 December	-	In-chop SEVENTH Fleet
9-12 December	-	In-port Subic Bay
16-31 December	-	Naval Gunfire Support Military Region FOUR South Vietnam

TOTAL NAUTICAL MILES TRAVELED

January	6,372
February	3,034
March	0
April	0
May	0
June	0
July	0
August	180
September	172
October	2,930
November	5,501
December	<u>4,889</u>
TOTAL	23,078

COMMANDING OFFICERS OF USS EPPERSON (DD 719)

Mar 49 - Jun 50	Commander T. H. CONNER, USN
Jun 50 - Jan 52	Commander P. K. SHERMAN, USN
Jan 52 - Nov 53	Commander C. MEAD, USN
Nov 53 - Nov 55	Commander H. B. DAVIS, USN
Nov 55 - Jul 57	Commander D. C. KIRK, USN
Jul 57 - Aug 59	Commander B. McCAULEY, USN
Aug 59 - Sep 61	Commander G. J. ELLERBE, USN
Sep 61 - Feb 64	Commander T. A. BUSH, Jr., USN
Feb 64 - Sep 64	Lieutenant Commander C. C. DENMAN, USN
Sep 64 - Aug 66	Commander P. K. CLAUSEN, USN
Aug 66 - Jul 67	Commander R. E. WILSON, Jr., USN
Jul 67 - May 69	Commander C. S. WALLACE, USN
May 69 - Oct 70	Commander L. D. SMITH, USN
Oct 70 - Apr 72	Commander R. W. FREEMAN, USN
Apr 72 - Present	Commander G. M. ELLIOTT, USN