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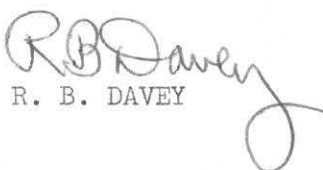
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Encl: (1) USS HECTOR Command History for 1972

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


R. B. DAVEY

PART II
NARRATIVE

1. Command Organization

a. Commanding Officer: Captain J. E. MAGEE, USN, [REDACTED]/1120 from 19 June 1970 to 15 September 1972.

b. Commanding Officer: Captain R. B. DAVEY, USN, [REDACTED]/1120 from 15 September 1972 to present.

c. Executive Officer: Commander E. E. STEINBRINK, USN, [REDACTED]/1110 from 31 July 1971 to present.

d. Homeport: Long Beach, California.

e. Mission and Function: As a unit of the Mobile Logistic Support Force, to furnish repair force, repair force, repair facilities, and limited support to various types of ships of the fleet, and function as a Flagship for Service Group Commanders.

2. Summary of Operation

The year began with HECTOR inport at Long Beach, California providing Fleet Repair Services (FRS) to the fleet and preparation for overseas movement. On 3 January 1972 HECTOR departed from her homeport for an extended deployment as a unit under the operational control of Commander Service Group THREE providing fleet repair services to units of Commander Seventh Fleet and the Republic of Vietnam.

On 3 January 1972, HECTOR commenced her voyage to WESTPAC towing a Korean PG, PAEK-KU (PGM-11) (EX-BENECIA PG-96) to Sasebo, Japan via Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On 12 January 1972, HECTOR moored to M-3 berth, Naval Station, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for an overnight stay. On 13 January 1972, HECTOR was underway for Sasebo, Japan leaving behind the Korean PG for repair on damages encountered while enroute.

On 26 January 1972, HECTOR moored at Berth 9, India Basin, Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan.

On 27 January 1972, USS JASON (AR-8) completed turn-over of Commander Service Group THREE Staff to USS HECTOR (AR-7) and HECTOR assumed Flagship function and Fleet Repair Service until 17 February 1972.

On 17 February 1972, HECTOR underway for Vung Tau, RVN to provide repair services to units of the Vietnamese Navy.

On 23 February 1972, HECTOR anchored at B-17 Vung Tau, RVN and immediately provided repair services to units of Vietnamese Navy. On 14 March 1972, HECTOR completed repair services, underway for Hong Kong for rest and recreation.

On 17 March 1972, HECTOR arrived Hong Kong and moored to Buoy No. 2.

PART I
CHRONOLOGY OF HIGHLIGHTS
1972

1 Jan 72 POM LBeach Pier 7
3 Jan 72 Underway for WESTPAC towing Korean PG PAEK-KU (PGM-11)
(EX-BENECIA PG96) to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
12 Jan 72 Moored M-3 Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
13 Jan 72 Underway for Sasebo, Japan
26 Jan 72 Moored Berth 9 Sasebo, Japan at India Basin
17 Feb 72 Underway for Vung Tau, RVN
23 Feb 72 Inport Vung Tau anchored in Anch. B-17 providing Fleet Repair
Services (FRS) for RVN Navy
14 Mar 72 Underway for Hong Kong
17 Mar 72 R&R Hong Kong, B.C.C. moored buoy #2
23 Mar 72 Underway for Sasebo, Japan
26 Mar 72 Inport Sasebo, Japan providing FRS
11 Apr 72 Underway from Sasebo to Danang
15 Apr 72 At anchor providing FRS and battle damage repairs in Danang,
Vietnam. Steaming out at night for local ops.
29 Apr 72 Underway from Danang to Subic Bay
1 May 72 Inport Subic Bay
5 May 72 Underway for Sasebo
9 May 72 Inport Sasebo, Japan providing FRS
13 May 72 Underway for Buckner Bay
14 May 72 FRS Buckner Bay
16 May 72 Underway for Sasebo, Japan
18 May 72 FRS Sasebo, Japan
2 Jul 72 Underway for Subic Bay, PI
6 Jul 72 FRS Subic Bay
10 Jul 72 Underway for Danang, Vietnam
12 Jul 72 Anchored Danang for FRS steaming at night in local area
15 Jul 72 Underway for Keelung
18 Jul 72 R & R Keelung
21 Jul 72 Underway for Sasebo, Japan, Typhoon evasion during this under-
way time
23 Jul 72 FRS Sasebo, Japan
26 Aug 72 Underway for Long Beach
9 Sep 72 Arrived LBeach Pier 7E, commenced standdown
9 Oct 72 FRS LBeach
5 Dec 72 Underway for local operations
6 Dec 72 FRS LBeach

On 23 March 1972, HECTOR underway for Sasebo, Japan and arrived Sasebo on 26 March 1972. On 26 March 1972, inport Sasebo, Japan, and commenced Fleet Repair Services to units of Seventh Fleet until 11 April 1972.

On 11 April 1972, HECTOR was directed to proceed immediately to Danang, RVN to provide emergency battle damage repair services to units of Seventh Fleet engaging in Gun Fire Support operations off the coast of Vietnam.

On 15 April 1972, HECTOR moored at anchored in Danang, RVN harbor and immediately provided emergency battle damage repair services to units of Seventh Fleet. At sunset every day HECTOR was underway for night steaming operations until first light the following morning before entering Danang harbor to continue emergency repair services.

On 29 April 1972, HECTOR was underway from Danang, RVN and proceeded to Subic Bay, P.I. for resupply.

On 1 May 1972, HECTOR moored at Naval Station, Subic Bay.

On 5 May 1972, HECTOR underway for Sasebo, Japan.

On 9 May 1972, HECTOR moored at Berth 9, India Basin, Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan and commenced Fleet Repair Services.

On 13 May 1972, HECTOR underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

On 14 May 1972, moored at White Beach Pier, Buckner Bay, Okinawa providing Fleet Repair Services.

On 16 May 1972, HECTOR underway for Sasebo, Japan and arrived Sasebo, Japan on 18 May 1972.

On 18 May 1972, HECTOR moored at India Basin, Fleet Activities Sasebo and commenced fleet repair services to units of Seventh Fleet until 2 July 1972.

On 2 July 1972, HECTOR underway for Danang, RVN via Subic Bay, P.I. On 6 July 1972 moored at Batan Wharf, Subic Bay, P.I.

On 10 July 1972, HECTOR underway for Danang, RVN for emergency battle damage repair services.

On 12 July 1972, HECTOR moored at anchorage in Danang harbor. HECTOR engaged in emergency battle damage repair services support until 15 July 1972.

On 15 July 1972, HECTOR underway for Keelung, Taiwan for rest and recreation.

On 18 July 1972, HECTOR arrived Keelung, Taiwan.

On 21 July 1972, HECTOR underway for Sasebo, Japan.

On 23 July 1972, HECTOR moored India Basin Pier and immediately commenced fleet repair services to units of Seventh Fleet until 26 August 1972.

On 25 August 1972, HECTOR transferred the Flagship function of Commander Service Group THREE and Staff to USS JASON (AR-8).

On 26 August 1972, HECTOR underway for her homeport of Long Beach, California.

On 9 September 1972, HECTOR arrived at her homeport of Long Beach, California.

On 9 September 1972, HECTOR commenced stand-down period inport until 9 October 1972.

On 10 October 1972, HECTOR commenced fleet repair services to units of First Fleet until 5 December 1972.

On 5 December 1972, HECTOR underway for local operation in SOCAL local operations area.

On 6 December 1972, HECTOR returned from local operations and moored to Pier 7E, Naval Station, Long Beach, California and resumed fleet repair services until 31 December 1972.

ROSTER OF OFFICERS ONBOARD IN 1972

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>
CAPT	Jack E. MAGEE	LTJG	James M. GREEN
CAPT	Richard B. DAVEY	LTJG	James R. HIGGINS
CDR	Earl E. STEINBRINK	LTJG	Kevin M. MCCARTHY
CDR	Donald E. MEISTER	LTJG	Thomas C. SCOTT
CDR	Gary B. NUSS	LTJG	Timothy R. GENIAC
LCDR	Veldon B. DOBBS	LTJG	James D. RICHARDSON
LCDR	Charles A. BARTHOLOMEW	LTJG	William S. BROWN
LCDR	Raymond J. HUBER	ENS	David C. JAMES
LT	Samuel B. ELMORE	ENS	David R. BULLOCK
LT	Roy E. ISAKSEN	ENS	Edwin A. MURRAY
LT	Charles W. BRADLEY	ENS	George W. WILSON
LT	Domingo H. SANCHEZ	CWO2	John S. LIVINGSTON
LT	Floyd D. SHIRK	CWO2	William MILLWOOD
LT	Daniel W. HANEY	CWO2	Ray B. NEWELL
LT	Leo B. SIMMONS	CWO2	Mark H. WITMER
LT	Bruce P. MACHAFFIE	CWO2	William H. PAUL
LT	Frank S. WOOD	CWO2	Gerald W. JENKINS
LTJG	Philip A. ERICKSON		