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Encl: (1) Ship's History, USS HERBERT J. THOMAS (DDR-833), for
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1. In compliance with reference (A), enclosure (1) is forwarded
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On 25 February 1963 the HERBERT J. THOMAS finished a yard overhaul period and Sea Trials. The THOMAS then commenced routine fleet underway training in the San Diego and Long Beach areas. Operations included Anti-Air Warfare, Anti-Submarine Warfare and gunnery training.

Upon completion of underway training and after a final upkeep period during which THOMAS received a pre-deployment inspection the THOMAS got underway for WESTPAC on 18 May 1963. The THOMAS sailed to WESTPAC in company with COMDESFLOT 7 and stopped at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and Midway Island enroute. THOMAS reported to COMSEVENTHFLT for duty on 4 June 1963. While operating with the SEVENTH Fleet the THOMAS visited, Yokosuka and Sasebo, Japan; Manila and Subic Bay, Philippine Islands; Hong Kong, B. C. C. and Buckner Bay, Okinawa. The area of operations stretched from South Korea to South Viet-Nam in company with three attack carriers, USS CONSTELLATION, USS HANCOCK and USS CORAL SEA.

On 9 November 1963 the THOMAS participated in a highly successful joint Navy-Air Force Anti-Air Warfare exercise with aircraft from Kaden Air Force Base, Okinawa.

On 17 November 1963 the THOMAS detached from the SEVENTH Fleet and proceeded to Long Beach Harbor on 26 November 1963 for an extensive and much deserved leave and upkeep period, upon completion of the more than 47,000 miles WESTPAC cruise.

Dec at Long Beach

Plane guard duty

Oct - op. off Japan

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