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COMMAND HISTORY

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I. CHRONOLOGY OF HIGHLIGHTS

1 JAN - Inport Yokosuka, Japan serving as FRS as a member of TU 73.1.5.  
Commanding Officer: E. C. MAUPIN, CAPT., USN, 439724.

16 JAN - Underway enroute Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

19 JAN - Anchored Buckner Bay, Okinawa to MEDEVAC patient.

19 JAN - Underway again for Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

21 JAN - Inport Kaohsiung, commenced FRS.

24 MAR - Underway, enroute Hong Kong, B. C. C.

25 MAR - Inport Hong Kong for R & R.

30 MAR - Underway, enroute Vung Tau, Vietnam.

2 APR - Anchored Vung Tau harbor, commenced FRS.

23 APR - Underway, enroute Subic Bay P. I.

26 APR - Inport Subic Bay, commenced FRS.

18 MAY - Underway, enroute Pearl Harbor.

26 MAY - Chopped to First FLT; assumed duties as CTU 13.9.4.

1 JUN - Inport Pearl Harbor for ship check and pre-arrival conference.

5 JUN - Underway, enroute homeport, San Diego.

12 JUN - Inport San Diego ending Seventh Fleet deployment that commenced  
14 November 1968.

16-18 JUN - Annual Supply Inspection.

24 JUN - Underway, enroute Long Beach, Cal. to begin major overhaul.

24 JUN - Inport Long Beach.

25 JUN - Commenced overhaul.

26 JUL - COMSERVPAC announced KLONDIKE had won Battle Efficiency "E"  
and Supply "E" for fiscal year 1969.

29 SEP - Underway from Long Beach for local operations.

9 OCT - Inport San Diego.

10 OCT - Captain J. S. OLLER, JR., USN, COMSERVGRU ONE, broke his flag  
in KLONDIKE.

13 OCT - Commenced FRS San Diego.

27 OCT - Presentation of Battle Efficiency "E" and Supply "E" by  
COMSERVGRU ONE.

## II. BASIC NARRATIVE

A. Command Organization

1. Commanding Officer and dates of command:  
Captain Elwin C. MAUPIN, USN - 18 December to date.
2. Homeport: San Diego, California.
3. Mission: As a unit of the mobile logistics support force, to furnish repair facilities, and limited support to various types of ships of the fleet.
4. Composition of command as of December 1969:

	<u>Complement</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>On Board Count</u>
Officers	24	24	25
Enlisted	651	560	673
Total	675	584	698



## B. Operations

The beginning of calendar year 1969 found KLONDIKE in Yokosuka Japan actively pursuing her primary mission: the repair of ships. The workload was heavy, KLONDIKE averaging well over 100 per cent utilization of manpower. Specifically, KLONDIKE's repair department utilized 2,104 productive mandays while providing Fleet Repair Services in Yokosuka during January.

On the 16th of January KLONDIKE sailed for Kaohsiung, Taiwan but due to the need for an emergency appendectomy for one of the crew, the ship detoured to Buckner Bay, Okinawa where the patient was MedeVac(ed). KLONDIKE then continued on to Kaohsiung where she commenced FRS on 21 January.

During the end of January and the first of February the repair department again worked at above 100 per cent manpower utilization. The workload declined during the Chinese New Year's period in February; after the holiday period and for the remainder of KLONDIKE's stay in Kaohsiung the workload was light to moderate. KLONDIKE did, however, accomplish 8,065 mandays of repair work during the nine week stay in Kaohsiung.

On 24 March, KLONDIKE sailed for Hong Kong for a five day rest and relaxation visit for the crew. Then on the 30th of March KLONDIKE headed for Vung Tau, RVN, and her first appearance in the hostile fire zone. During the nineteen days in Vietnam, KLONDIKE utilized 3,129.5 productive mandays in providing fleet repair services. In addition, KLONDIKE dentists provided dental care for approximately two-hundred-fifty (250) Vietnamese nationals.

Departing Vung Tau on 22 April, KLONDIKE headed for Subic Bay, the Philippines, her last stop in Westpac. During the three week stay, the Repair Department averaged over 100 per cent manpower utilization and accomplished 2,544 mandays of repair work.

On 18 May, KLONDIKE got underway and headed homeward to San Diego, via Pearl Harbor where she stopped for ship check and pre-arrival conference necessitated by the scheduled overhaul.

Finally, on 12 June KLONDIKE arrived in her homeport after a seven month deployment. During the deployment the Repair Department completed 9,204 job orders of the 9,979 job orders accepted. To accomplish this work, KLONDIKE expended 19,994 mandays and spent \$253,236 in customer service.

The Engineering Department provided customer ships with A.C. and D.C. electrical power in addition to low pressure steam, thus, enabling the overworked ships' engineering plants to take a rest for required maintenance during their alongside availability. Also, the Engineering Department provided 291,376 gallons of fresh feed water to various ships of the Seventh Fleet.

In the Medical Department, sick call visits over the deployment totalled 3,704. In addition, 3,724 immunizations were given; 3,304 prescriptions were filled; 1,539 laboratory tests were made; 610 x-ray examinations were taken, and 203 annual and reenlistment physicals were given.

The dental department treated 2,035 patients, 5,286 treatments being rendered. (An average of 20 patients a day were served.)

The stay in San Diego was short, but busy especially for the Supply Department; from 16-18 June the Annual Supply Inspection was conducted by members of COMSERVGRU ONE staff with KLONDIKE's Supply Department receiving an adjectival grade of Outstanding and a numerical grade of 95.9.

On 24 June KLONDIKE departed San Diego for Long Beach to commence a three month overhaul. \$1,863,800 was spent for the overhaul, during which 180 job orders were completed by the Long Beach Naval Shipyard and 127 job orders were completed by ship's force. In addition to the above money spent on the overhaul, \$37,900 was spent to accomplish ship alterations (SHIPALTS).

On 26 July COMSERVPAC announced that KLONDIKE had won the Battle Efficiency "E" (second consecutive year) and the Supply "E" for fiscal year 1969.

On the 29th of September KLONDIKE left the "yards" at Long Beach and on 9 October returned to Pier 1, San Diego Naval Station after conducting underway training operations enroute.

On 10 October, Captain J. S. OLLER, JR., USN, Commander Service Group ONE broke his flag in KLONDIKE; and on 13 October KLONDIKE resumed her primary mission, that of providing repair services to the fleet (FRS). In that capacity she served for the remainder of the calendar year, providing repair services to 103 ships, expending over 11,000 mandays and completing 2,906 job orders during that time.

The final highlight of the year was the presentation by COMSERVGRU ONE, on 27 October of the Battle Efficiency "E" and the Supply "E", symbolic of KLONDIKE's excellence in these two areas.

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CAPTAIN E. C. MAUPIN, USN

Captain MAUPIN was born in Morland, Kansas. He entered the Regular Navy in December 1941. After initial training he served as an aviation ordnanceman in a Fleet Air Detachment, NAS North Island and later at NAS Melbourne, Florida. Upon selection from the Fleet as a candidate for the Navy V-12 College Training he attended the University of South Carolina. He was graduated and commissioned Ensign USNR at the Naval Midshipman School, Columbia University, New York on 26 April 1945.

Following commissioning Captain MAUPIN served in the ex-Battleship USS WYOMING (EAG-17) in the Gunnery Department. He attended the General Line School, Newport, Rhode Island in 1947/48 following another period of Navy sponsored education at the University of South Carolina. A second tour in an ex-Battleship USS MISSISSIPPI (EAG-128) spanned 1948/49 and in June 1949 he entered the U. S. Naval Submarine School, New London, Connecticut.

Upon completion of submarine training he served three years in the Norfolk, Virginia based submarines USS CONGER (SS-477) and USS COBBLER (SS-344), units of SUBRON SIX. Duty as Department Head in Supply, Communications, Operations and Navigation, Torpedo and Engineering in these ships was followed by a two year tour (1953/54) as an instructor in the Tactical Department of the U. S. Naval Submarine School, New London, Connecticut. Upon completion of shore duty Captain MAUPIN served as Executive Officer of the New London based submarine USS TUSK (SS-426). In May of 1957 he took command of the Pearl Harbor based Regulus Missile Guidance Submarine USS CARBONERO (SS-337). Upon completion of this command tour he returned to New London for duty as the Assistant Ordnance Officer on the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. Staff duty was followed by a three year tour in the Undersea Warfare Directorate, Bureau of Naval Weapons, Washington, D. C. Upon completion of Bureau duty he attended the U. S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Upon graduation he remained at Carlisle Barracks until July 1965 completing a course of study with the George Washington University at U. S. Army War College. That summer he was ordered as Executive Officer of the New London based submarine tender USS FULTON (AS-11). Captain MAUPIN joined USS KLONDIKE (AR-22) having recently completed a tour as Director of Plans and Programs Division, Undersea Warfare Systems Directorate, Naval Ordnance Systems Command Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Captain MAUPIN has received the following awards and qualifications: Qualified for command of submarines (1956), Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Star, and the Vietnam Service Medal with one Bronze Star.

Captain MAUPIN is married to the former Bertie Glenn Hatcher of Screven, Georgia, and they have three children, Mrs. R. L. HART of Gales Ferry, Connecticut; Mrs. W. L. TANKERSLEY III of Greenville, South Carolina; and Glen C. who is attending college.