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ANNUAL REVISION TO
USS MANSFIELD (DD-728)
SHIP'S HISTORY 1965

The year 1965 began for the USS MANSFIELD (DD-728) under the command of Commander Robert C. MARSHALL, USN at Hunter's Point Naval Ship Yard, San Francisco, California in an overhaul period. After completion of her overhaul, MANSFIELD proceeded south to San Diego, California for six weeks of refresher training. Between successful completion of refresher training and her upcoming deployment to the Western Pacific Area, MANSFIELD continued to maintain a high degree of readiness through periods of upkeep, inport training and local operations.

August 20, 1965 found MANSFIELD enroute to Yokosuka, Japan on the first leg of a six month deployment to the SEVENTH Fleet. She arrived in Yokosuka fifteen days later and departed to rendezvous with operating units of the SEVENTH Fleet. After thirty-three days of fast carrier operations with the USS MIDWAY (CVA-41), MANSFIELD entered Subic Bay, Philippines for a week of tender availability.

During this first period of SEVENTH Fleet operations, on September 8, 1965, Commander Donald P. NELLIS, USN relieved Commander Robert C. MARSHALL, USN as commanding officer.

MANSFIELD departed Subic Bay on October 17, 1965 and joined the MIDWAY (CVA-41). During the remainder of October and early November, MANSFIELD operated with members of the South Vietnamese III and IV Corps spotting teams while assigned to Naval gunfire support. These assignments on one occasion took MANSFIELD thirteen miles up the Saigon River to places no other destroyer had been. In sixteen Naval gunfire support missions, MANSFIELD fired 4,360 rounds of 5"/38 ammunition causing damage or destruction to one bridge, five junks, eight sampans and 357 Viet Cong structures.

Upon completion of Naval gunfire support, MANSFIELD stopped briefly in Subic Bay, Philippines before proceeding to Hong Kong, B.C.C. for five days rest and recreation. Departing Hong Kong on November 21, 1965 MANSFIELD joined the USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63). Fast carrier operations continued until the ship arrived at Yokosuka on December 28, 1965 for a sorely needed upkeep period.

During the year MANSFIELD steamed 45,239.26 navigational miles. The ship was in her home port 75 days or 20% of the time; 51% or 186 days was spent at sea and the remaining 105 days for rest and recreation visits to ports other than home port.

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