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USS PASSUMPSIC (AO 107)  
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COMMANDING OFFICERS OF USS PASSUMPSIC

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY  
USS PASSUMPSIC (AO 107)

JAN

- 1 Underway Vietnam combat zone (Yankee Station) operations, UNREP USS CORAL SEA (CVA 46), USS McCARD (DD 822) and USS BORDELON (DD 881)  
Consolidate from USS CHEMUNG (AO 30)
- 2 UNREP USS ORISKANY (CVA 34), USS CHEVALIER (DD 805) and USS RADFORD (DD 446)
- 3 UNREP USS GURKE (DD 783), USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63), USS BUCK (DD 761), USS STRONG (DD 758), USS CANBERRA (CAG 2), USS CHANDLER (DD 717), USS CHEVALIER (DD 805) and USS GOLDSBOROUGH (DCG 20)
- 4 UNREP USS BELKNAP (DLG 26), USS DALE (DLG 19), USS HIGBEE (DD 806), USS KING (DLG 10) and USS WILTSIE (DD 716)
- 5 Underway Yankee Station
- 6 UNREP USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63), USS PRICHETT (DD 561) and USS BUCK (DD 761)  
Transferred personnel by helo to USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63)
- 7 Enroute Subic Bay
- 8 Moored U. S. Naval Base POL pier, Subic Bay, R. P.
- 9-10 Inport Subic Bay, R. P.
- 11 Shifted to Ammo Anchorage  
Shifted to Bouy E-15
- 12-14 Enroute Market Time Operations Area to provide combat support
- 15 UNREP USS MASON (DD 852), USCGS BERING STRAIT (W 362), USS DYNAMIC (MSO 432) and USS LOFBERG (DD 759)
- 16 UNREP USS WHIPPOORWILL (MSC 207), USS ORLECK (DD 886), USS INFLECT (MSO 456), USS COOK (APD 130), USS RADFORD (DD 446), USS GURKE (DD 783) and USCG CAMPBELL (W 32)
- 17 UNREP USS CHANDLER (DD 717), USS FALGOUT (DER 324) and USS IMPERVIOUS (MSO 449)

- 18 UNREP USS ENGAGE (MSO 433), USS GALLUP (PGM 85),  
USS SANCTUARY (AH 17), USS PERKINS (DD 877),  
USS NAVARRO (APA 215), USS CAMP (DER 251),  
USS COMSTOCK (LSD 19), USS IWO JIMA (LPH 2),
- 19 UNREP USS MANLEY (DD 940), USS KEARSARGE (CVS 33),  
USS THOMASON (DD 760), USS EVANS (DD 754),  
USS OWENS (DD 776), USS McCORMICK (DDG 8),  
USS JOHNSTON (DD 821), and transferred personnel to  
USS ANNAPOLIS (AGR 1) by utility boat
- 20 UNREP USS CORAL SEA (CVA 43), USS McCARD (DD 822) and  
USS STRONG (DD 758)
- 21 UNREP USS BLUE (DD 744), USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA 148),  
USS OWENS (DD 776), USS BORDELON (DD 881),  
HMAS PERTH (D 38), USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63),  
USS PERKINS (DD 877), USS PRITCHETT (DD 561) and  
USS ROGERS (DD 876)
- 22 Consolidate from USS NECHES (AO 47)  
UNREP USS CHICAGO (CG 11), USS DEWEY (DLG 14),  
USS CONE (DD 866), USS REEVES (DLG 24) and  
USS DEHAVEN (DD 727)
- 23 Consolidate from USS NECHES (AO 47) and USS TALUGA (AO 62)  
UNREP USS CORAL SEA (CVA 43), USS STRONG (DD 758) and  
USS McCARD (DD 822)
- 24 UNREP USS PROVIDENCE (CLG 6), USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63),  
USS PERKINS (DD 877), USS ROGERS (DD 876) and  
USS PRITCHETT (DD 561)
- 25 UNREP USS RANGER (CVA 61), USS ROWAN (DD 782),  
USS JOHNSTON (DD 821) and USS MANSFIELD (DD 728)
- 26 Enroute Subic Bay, R. P.
- 27 Moored U. S. Naval Base POL pier, Subic Bay, R. P.
- 28 Inport Subic Bay, R. P.
- 29 Shifted to Alava Pier, Subic Bay, R. P.
- 30 Shifted to Ammo Anchorage
- 31 Enroute Market Time Operation Area to provide  
combat support
- FEB
- 1-2 Enroute Market Time operations

- 3 UNREP USS DYNAMIC (MSO 432), USS SUMMIT COUNTY (LST 1146),  
USS WHIPPOORWILL (MSO 207), USS ORLECK (DD 866) and  
USS CHEVALIER (DD 805)
- 4 UNREP USS INFLICT (MSO 455), USS EVANS (DD 754),  
USCG MINNETONKA (WHEC 67), USS JAMESTOWN (AGTR 3),  
USS IMPERVIOUS (MSO 499) and USS FALGOUT (DER 324)
- 5 UNREP USCG DUANE (WHEC 33), USS FORTIFY (MSO 446),  
USS WALKER (DD 723), USS GALLUP (PGM 85),  
USS ANNAPOLIS (AGMR 1), USS MASON (DD 862),  
USS COMSTOCK (LSD 16), USS LOWE (DER 325),  
USS McCORMICK (DDG 8), USS CLEVELAND (LPD 7),  
USS IWO JIMA (LPH 2), USS MANSFIELD (DD 728),  
USS EDWARDS (DD 950), and USS NAVARRO (APA 215)
- 6 UNREP USS HAMMER (DD 718), USS PROVIDENCE (CLG 6),  
USS MANLEY (DD 940), USS LOFBERG (DD 759), and  
USS DALE (DLG 19)
- 7 UNREP USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14), USS STRONG (DD 758),  
USS HOLLISTER (DD 788) and USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63)  
Personnel transferred to USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63) and  
USS CORAL SEA (CVA 43) by helo.  
UNREP USS CORAL SEA (CVA 43), USS DEHAVEN (DD 727),  
USS McCARD (DD 822) and consolidate from USS NECHES (AO 47)
- 8 UNREP USS HOEL (DDG 13), USS BORDELON (DD 881) and  
USS MANSFIELD (DD 728)
- 9 UNREP USS CASTOR (AKA 1), USS BELKNAP (DLG 26),  
USS HALSEY (DLG 23), USS GURKE (DD 783),  
USS KING (DLG 10) and USS WILTSIE (DD 716)
- 10 UNREP USS KEARSARGE (CVS 33), USS KEYES (DD 787),  
USS THOMASON (DD 760). Transferred personnel to  
USS KEARSARGE (CVS 33) by helo. Consolidate to  
USS PONCHATOULA (AO 148) and UNREP USS CHICAGO (CG 11)
- 11-12 Enroute Subic Bay, R. P.
- 13 Conducted gunnery exercise enroute Subic  
Moored POL pier, U. S. Naval Base, Subic Bay, R. P.
- 14 Shifted to Alava Pier, Subic Bay, R. P.
- 15-18 Inport Subic Bay, R. P.
- 19-21 Enroute Yankee Station Operation Area for combat  
support operations

- 22 UNREP USS BUCKLEY (DD 808)
- 23 UNREP USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14), and personnel transfer by helo. UNREP USS DEHAVEN (DD 727), USS PREBLE (DLG 15) and USS UHLMANN (DD 687)
- 24 UNREP USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA 31), USS BUCKLEY (DD 808) and USS UHLMANN (DD 687)
- 25 UNREP USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN 65), USS O'BANNON (DD 450), USS REEVES (DLG 24) and consolidate to USS HASSAYAMPA (AO 145)
- 26 Consolidate from USS TOLOVANA (AO 64)
- 27 UNREP USS UHLMANN (DD 687). Personnel transferred to USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA 31) by helo. UNREP USS BUCKLEY (DD 808) and USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA 31)
- 28 UNREP USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN 65), USS O'BANNON (DD 450), USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14), USS DEHAVEN (DD 727), and USS GURKE (DD 783)
- 29 UNREP USS ARLINGTON (AGMR 2). Consolidate from USS TALUGA (AO 62)

MAR

- 1 UNREP USS BLUE (DD 784), USS BEXAR (APA 237), USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14), USS DEHAVEN (DD 727) and USS GURKE (DD 783). Personnel transferred to USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14) by helo
- 2 Underway off coast of Vietnam
- 3 UNREP USS MOUNT KATMAI (AE 16), USS GURKE (DD 783), USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14) and USS DEHAVEN (DD 727)
- 4 UNREP USS COLLETT (DD 730), USS CHICAGO (CG 11), USS SUTHERLAND (DD 743), USS REEVES (DLG 24) and USS CHANDLER (DD 717)
- 5 Consolidate to USS PONCHATULA (AO 148)
- 6-7 Enroute Subic Bay, R. P.
- 8 Moored POL pier, U. S. Naval Base, Subic Bay, R. P.
- 9 Shifted to Alava Pier, Subic Bay, R. P.

- 10 Inport Subic Bay, R. P.
- 11-14 Enroute to Sea of Japan Operations Area
- 15 UNREP USS RANGER (CVA 61) and transferred personnel by helo
- 16 UNREP USS CORAL SEA (CVA 43), USS LOFBERG (DD 759), USS ROGERS (DD 876), USS PERKINS (DD 877). Transferred personnel to USS CORAL SEA (CVA 43) by helo. UNREP USS MARS (AFS 1)
- 17 UNREP USS EVANS (DD 754), USS WALKER (DD 723), USS ROWAN (DD 782), USS PREBLE (DLG 15), and transferred personnel to USS KEARSARGE (CVS 33) by helo. UNREP USS KEYES (DD 787), USS THOMASON (DD 760), USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14), USS PICKING (DD 685), USS GURKE (DD 783) and USS CRAIG (DD 885)
- 18 Underway Sea of Japan Operation Area
- 19 UNREP USS KEARSARGE (CVS 33), USS McCORMICK (DDG 8), USS LARSON (DD 830) and USS KEYES (DD 787)
- 20 UNREP USS THOMASON (DD 760), USS ROWAN (DD 782), USS PREBLE (DLG 15), USS EVANS (DD 754), USS WALKER (DD 723), USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14), USS GURKE (DD 783), USS CRAIG (DD 885), and USS PICKING (DD 685)
- 21 Enroute to Sasebo, Japan  
Moorad to Yokose Fuel Pier, Sasebo, Japan
- 22 Shifted to Bouy #17, Sasebo, Japan
- 23-26 Inport Sasebo, Japan
- 27 Enroute Sea of Japan Operation Area
- 28 Operated with units of Republic of Korea Navy - (APD 81), (PCEC 51), (PCEC 52), (DE 72) - Conducted underway refueling exercises
- 29 Operated with units of Republic of Korea Navy - (PG 86), (DE 71), (PG 85), (PCEC 58), PF 65) - Conducted refueling exercises
- 30 Enroute to Sasebo, Japan  
Anchored in Anchorage #39, Sasebo, Japan
- 31 Shifted to Yokose Fuel Pier, Sasebo, Japan

APR

- 1 Shifted to India Basin, Pier #3, Sasebo, Japan for upkeep period
- 2-14 Inport Sasebo, Japan
- 15 Shifted to Yokose Fuel Pier, Sasebo, Japan
- 16 Shifted to Bouy #15, Sasebo, Japan
- 17 Underway for Subic Bay, R. P.
- 19 Diverted to Yankee Station Operations Area by schedule change
- 20-21 Enroute Yankee Station
- 22 UNREP USS RANGER (CVA 61), USS DEWEY (DLG 14), USS OWENS (DD 776) and USS JOHNSTON (DD 828)
- 23 UNREP USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63), USS BORDELON (DD 881) and USS OSBOURN (DD 846)
- 24 UNREP USS GRIDLEY (DLG 21), USS PARKS (DD 884), USS JOUETT (DLG 29) and USS BUCKLEY (DD 808)
- 25 Transferred lube oil to USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) by helo
- 26 UNREP USS DEWEY (DLG 14), USS COLLETT (DD 730), HMAS HOBART (DD 39), USS RANGER (CVA 61), USS J.C. OWENS (DD 776), USS JOHNSTON (DD 821) and consolidate from USS TOLOVANA (AO 64)
- 27 UNREP USS BIDDLE (DLG 34), USS GRIDLEY (DLG 21), USS PARKS (DD 884), and USS BUCKLEY (DD 808)
- 28 Underway Yankee Station Operation Area
- 29 UNREP USS RANGER (CVA 61), USS OWENS (DD 776), USS JOHNSTON (DD 821) and USS PREBLE (DLG 15)
- 30 Enroute Subic Bay, R. P.

MAY

- 1 Moored to POL pier, U. S. Naval Base, Subic Bay, R. P.
- 2 Shifted to Alava Pier, Subic Bay, R. P.
- 3 Enroute Market Time Operation Area  
Conducted gunnery exercise off Subic Bay entrance

- 4-5 Enroute Market Time Operation Area
- 6 UNREP USCG HENNETONKA (WMEC 67), USS JAMESTOWN (AGTR 2) and USS EMBATTLE (MSO 434)
- 7 UNREP USS LOYALTY (MSO 457), USS THOMAS (DD 833), USS UHLMANN (DD 687), USS ALBATROS (MSC 289) and USS KOINER (DER 331)
- 8 UNREP USS CAVALIER (APA 37), USS WARBIER (MSC 206), USS EPPERSON (DD 719), USS VANCE (DER 327) and USS BRISTER (DER 327)
- 9 UNREP USS CRAIG (DD 805), USS FIRM (MSO 444), USS EPPING FOREST (MSC 7), USS FORESTER (DER 334), USS THOMASTON (LSD 28), USS EDSON (DD 946), USS PICKING (DD 685), USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH 8), USS HULL (DD 945), USS BLUE (DD 744), USS ALAMO (LSD 33) and USS SUTHERLAND (DD 743)
- 10 UNREP USS BOSTON (CAG 1), USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN 65), USS COCHRANE (DLG 21), USS PREELE (DLG 15), USS ARLINGTON (AGMR 2), USS BOLE (DD 755), USS BELLATRIX (AF 62), USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14), USS FLETCHER (DD 445) and USS RENSHAW (DD 499).  
Transferred personnel to USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14) by helo.  
UNREP USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA 31), USS BOYD (DD 544) and USS HENDERSON (DD 685)
- 11 UNREP USS BRANDLEY (DER 1041), USS COLLETT (DD 730), USS COCHRANE (DLG 21), USS YORKTOWN (CVS 10), USS TAUSSIG (DD 746) and USS BROOKE (DEG 1)
- 12 UNREP USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14), USS FLETCHER (DD 445) and USS RENSHAW (DD 499)
- 13 Enroute Hong Kong, B. C.
- 14-18 Inport Hong Kong, B. C. for rest and relaxation
- 19-20 Enroute Subic Bay, R. P.
- 21 Moored POL pier, U. S. Naval Base, Subic Bay, R. P.  
Shifted to Anchorage E-21, Subic Bay, R. P.
- 22-23 Enroute Yankee Station Operation Area
- 24 UNREP USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14), USS BUCHANAN (DDG 14) and USS RENSHAW (DD 499)

- 25 UNREP USS RICH (DD 820), USS STEINACKER (DD 863),  
 USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA 31), USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63),  
 USS BORIE (DD 704) and USS HOLLISTER (DD 778).  
 Transferred personnel to USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63) by helo.  
 UNREP USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14), Consolidate from  
 USS PONCHATOULA (AO 148) and UNREP USS RENSHAW (DD 499)
- 26 Transferred mail and personnel to USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63)  
 by helo, UNREP USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA 31),  
 USS RICH (DD 820) and USS STEINACKER (DD 863)
- 27 UNREP USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14) and USS COCHRANE (DD 621).  
 Transferred personnel to USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14) by  
 helo. UNREP USS REEVES (DLG 24), USS NICHOLAS (DD 449),  
 USS MANSFIELD (DD 728), USS HANSON (DD 832) and  
 USS HALSEY (DLG 23)
- 28 UNREP USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63), USS BORIE (DD 704) and  
 USS HOLLISTER (DD 788)
- 29 Enroute Subic Bay, R.P.
- 30 Moored POL pier, U. S. Naval Base, Subic Bay, R. P.
- 31 Inport Subic Bay, R. P.
- JUN
- 1 Underway for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
- 2 Enroute Pearl Harbor
- 3 Rendered medical assistance to SS BESSEMER VICTORY
- 8 Changed operational control to COMFIRSTFLT
- 11 Crossed International Dateline
- 14 Moored to Pier K-3, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
- 15 Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii  
 Visit by Commander Service Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet -  
 RADM W. V. COMBS
- 16 Departed Pearl Harbor for Long Beach, California
- 17-18 Enroute Long Beach
- 19 UNREP USS IMPERVIOUS (MSO 499), USS FORTIFY (MSO 446),  
 USS ENGAGE (MSO 433), USS INFLICT (MSO 456) and  
 USS DYNAMIC (MSO 432)

- 23 Moored Pier 9, U. S. Naval Station, Long Beach, California
- 24-30 Inport Long Beach, leave and upkeep
- JUL
- 1-21 Inport Long Beach, leave and upkeep
- 22 Underway to off-load ammunition. Off-loaded ammunition at Anchorage #35, Long Beach Harbor. Moored Navy Fuel Depot, San Pedro, California
- 23 Underway for Southern California Operation Area (15 E)
- 23-28 Cleaned tanks at sea in preparation for restricted availability period
- 29 Moored to Pier 3, Bethlehem Steel Company, San Pedro, California. Commenced restricted availability
- 30-31 Restricted availability, Bethlehem Steel Co., San Pedro
- AUG
- 1-29 Restricted availability, Bethlehem Steel Co., San Pedro
- 30 Captain H. P. GLINDEMAN, JR., USN, relieved Captain R. R. HALE, USN, as Commanding Officer
- 31 Restricted availability, Bethlehem Steel Co., San Pedro
- SEP
- 1-5 Restricted availability, Bethlehem Steel Co., San Pedro
- 6 Underway for sea trials. Moored to Pier 4 Bethlehem Steel Co., San Pedro
- 7-11 Restricted availability, Bethlehem Steel Co., San Pedro
- 12 Shifted to Navy Fuel Pier, San Pedro
- 13 Shifted to Pier 4, Bethlehem Steel Co., San Pedro
- 14-17 Inport San Pedro
- 18 Shifted to Ammunition Anchorage, Long Beach Harbor. Loaded ammunition. Underway for Southern California Operation Area (ISE)
- 19 Conducted surface gunnery exercise. UNREP USS PRITCHETT (DD 561)

- 21-22 Moored to Pier 9, Naval Station, Long Beach
- 23 Underway, enroute services for FTG San Diego. UNREP  
USS J.P. JONES (DDG 34)
- 24 UNREP USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63), USS WALKER (DD 723)  
and conducted surface gunnery exercise
- 25 UNREP USS BRONSTEIN (DE 1037), USS READY (PG 87) and  
USS CANON (PG 90)
- 26 UNREP USS PROCYON (AF 61)
- 27 Moored Navy Fuel Depot, San Pedro, California
- 28 Underway for Southern California Operation Area
- 30 UNREP USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN 65)
- OCT
- 1 Moored Navy Fuel Depot, San Pedro, California
- 2 Underway for Southern California Operation Area  
UNREP USS O'CALLAHAN (DE 1051), USS SOMERS (DDG 34)
- 3 UNREP USS YORKTOWN (CVS 10)  
Moored Bouys #26 and 27 San Diego Harbor
- 4-6 Inport San Diego
- 7-8 Training readiness evaluation inspection conducted by  
FTG San Diego
- 9 Commenced Refresher Training. Underway for FTG exercises
- 10-11 Underway for FTG exercises
- 11 Moored Bouys #26 and 27 San Diego Harbor
- 12-13 Inport San Diego
- 14 Underway for FTG exercises  
Moored Bouy #26 and 27 San Diego Harbor
- 16 Underway for FTG exercises  
UNREP USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN 65), USS STODDARD (DDG 22)
- 17 Underway for FTG exercises  
Moored to Bouys #26 and 27 San Diego Harbor

- 18 Underway for final battle program. Brief turn around San Diego Harbor. Underway for Long Beach. Moored to Pier #9 U. S. Naval Station, Long Beach
- 19-21 Inport Naval Station, Long Beach
- 21-25 Repair availability with USS HECTOR (AR 7)
- 22 Commenced pre-deployment inspection by COMSERVGRU ONE Staff
- 23 COMSERVGRU ONE, Captain A. F. BETZEL, conducted pre-deployment inspection and presented the Meritorious Unit Citation to PASSUMPSIC
- 26 Dependent's Cruise - Cancelled due to low visibility
- 28 Underway for Southern California Operation Area. Services FTG San Diego.
- 29 UNREP USS PAUL REVERE (APA 248), USS GURKE (DD 783), USS MOUNT MCKINLEY (AGC 7) and USS KING (DLG 10)
- 30 UNREP USS BRONSTEIN (DE 1037), USCGC RESOLUTE (WMEC 620), USS AGERHOLM (DD 826), USS LOFBERG (DD 759) and USS DUNCAN (DDR 874)
- 31 Conducted air gunnery exercises  
UNREP USS KEARSARGE (CVS 33) and USS MORTON (DD 948)  
Moored Navy Fuel Depot, San Pedro, California
- NOV
- 1 Shifted berths to Pier #9 U. S. Naval Station, Long Beach
- 2-12 Inport Long Beach  
Visit by COMSERVGRU ONE, Captain A. F. BETZEL
- 13 Underway for Southern California Operation Area. Services to FTG San Diego. UNREP USS ESTEEM (MSO 438), USS ENDURANCE (MSO 435), USS WHETSTONE (LSD 27), USS HIGSEE (DD 806) and USS HECTOR (AR 7)
- 14 UNREP USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14), USS DALE (DLG 19), USS GURKE (DD 783), USS WALKER (DD 723), USS O'CALLAHAN (DE 1051) and USS BRONSTEIN (DE 1037)
- 16 UNREP USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN 65) and USS DEHAVEN (DD 727)  
Moored Navy Fuel Depot, San Pedro
- 17 Underway for Southern California Operation Area

- 18 UNREP USS KITTY HAWK (CVA 63) and USS PERKINS (DD 877)  
Moored Navy Fuel Depot, San Pedro
- 19 Shifted to Pier #9 Naval Station, Long Beach
- 20-26 Inport Long Beach. Preparations for WESTPAC deployment
- 27 Shifted to Navy Fuel Depot, San Pedro, California
- 28 Inport San Pedro
- 29 Underway for Subic Bay, R. P. Consolidate from  
USS ASHTABULA (AO 51)
- DEC
- 8 Crossed International Dateline
- 13 Change OPCON to COMSEVENTHFLT
- 20 Moored POL pier, U. S. Naval Base, Subic Bay, R. P.  
Shifted to Bouy #25, Subic Bay
- 21-23 Inport Subic Bay for voyage repairs
- 24 Underway for combat support operations - Market Time Area
- 26 UNREP USS HUBBARD (DD 748)
- 27 UNREP USS WARBLER (MSC 206), USCGC INGHAM (WHEC 35),  
USS HOPEWELL (DD 681), USS PIVOT (MSO 436), USS WEISS (APD 135)  
and USCGC WACHUSETT (WHEC 44)
- 28 UNREP USS TERRELL COUNTY (LST 1157), USS NEWPORT NEW (CA 148),  
USS SAMUEL N. MOORE (DD 947) and USS WARBLER (MSC 206)
- 29 UNREP USS HUBBARD (DD 748), USS FALGOUT (DER 324) and  
USS FLETCHER )DD 445)
- 30 UNREP USS ENERGY (MSO 436), USS CONSTANT (MSO 427),  
USS JENKINS ( DD 447), USS WILHOITE (DER 397),  
USS BRINKLEY BASS (DD 887), USS DULUTH (LPD 6)  
and USS DAVIS (DD 937)
- 31 UNREP USS ADVANCE (MSO 510) and USS STRAUSS (DDG 16)

## NARRATIVE

The USS PASSUMPSIC celebrated New Years Day by conducting replenishment operations in the combat zone off North Vietnam (Yankee Station). During this period conducting combat support operations, PASSUMPSIC replenished forty-one ships and transferred over eight million gallons of fuel.

From 9-11 January, PASSUMPSIC reloaded in Subic Bay and brought ammunition aboard for the various ships operating in the Market Time area of operations off the coast of South Vietnam.

Underway 12 January for the Combat Zone. Mobile logistic support was provided to various units off South Vietnam (Market Time) from the Gulf of Siam to the Gulf of Tonkin and to units of Task Force 77 on Yankee Station. Sixty-one ships were replenished during this period.

Returning to Subic Bay on 27 January, PASSUMPSIC again reloaded for another swing through Market Time and Yankee Station. From 31 January to 10 February, PASSUMPSIC refueled forty-nine ships and transferred over five million gallons of fuel. An air gunnery exercise was conducted prior to entering Subic on 13 February.

From 22 February to 5 March PASSUMPSIC replenished thirty-four units of Task Force 77 on Yankee Station. From Yankee Station, PASSUMPSIC returned to Subic Bay for four days of preparations for her upcoming trip to the Sea of Japan Operating Area.

Underway for the Sea of Japan on 11 March. Replenishments were conducted with three carrier groups from 15 to 20 March before entering the Japanese port of Sasebo on 21 March.

Sasebo proved to be an interesting and exciting port for the crew. The majority of the liberty hours were spent looking at the sights of Sasebo and purchasing the fine, low-priced Japanese merchandise. The ship sponsored an enjoyable tour to Unzen National Park and Nagasaki.

PASSUMPSIC departed Sasebo 26 March for two days of operations with the Republic of Korea Navy on 28 and 29 March. Replenishment at sea and personnel transfer were the main exercises conducted. Officers and petty officers from the Korean Navy were transferred to PASSUMPSIC. The Korean Navy was found to be highly skilled and well trained in transfer at sea operations.

PASSUMPSIC returned to Sasebo 29 March and commenced a two week upkeep period. This inport period provided the

opportunity to accomplish long needed repairs to the ship and also for the crew to enjoy sightseeing and shopping. Another tour was made to Nagasaki and Unzen.

On 17 April, PASSUMPSIC departed Sasebo for Subic Bay. However, on 19 April a schedule change was received directing PASSUMPSIC to Yankee Station. During this trip to Yankee Station it was decided by the crew that the official nickname for PASSUMPSIC personnel would be the Pumping PASSUMPSIC Polcats.

From 22 to 28 April PASSUMPSIC replenished twenty-five units of Task Force 77 on Yankee Station and arrived back in Subic Bay on 30 April for four days of upkeep. After loading cargo ammunition on 3 May, PASSUMPSIC headed for another full swing through Market Time and Yankee Station. Between 7 and 12 May, PASSUMPSIC replenished 49 ships and transferred over five million gallons of fuel.

On 14 May the ship entered Hong Kong Harbor for a deserved five days of rest and relaxation. The stay was short but the crew thoroughly enjoyed it. Every nook and cranny on board seemed crammed with the various bargains available in Hong Kong.

From Hong Kong, PASSUMPSIC sailed to Subic Bay for a one-day turn-around before heading to the "line" for the last time during this deployment.

From 24 to 28 May, PASSUMPSIC carried the replenishment load alone on Yankee Station. Twenty-five ships were replenished making a grand total of 362 underway replenishments for the deployment and pumping over forty-nine million gallons of fuel.

Entering Subic Bay for the last time on 30 May, preparations were made for departing WESTPAC. PASSUMPSIC departed for home on 1 June. Passage through San Bernadino Straits was made and the great circle to Hawaii lay ahead.

On 3 June the ship received a message indicating that a freighter, the SS BESSEMER VICTORY, required medical assistance. A rendezvous was effected and the Chief Hospital Corpsman was sent to the freighter by motor whaleboat. Medical assistance was rendered and PASSUMPSIC continued on to Pearl Harbor.

With favorable seas and full power, lost time was quickly recouped. Cargo fuel tanks were cleaned and much administrative and maintenance work was accomplished prior to arrival at Pearl Harbor, as scheduled, on 14 June.

The first leave party departed for CONUS at Pearl Harbor. COMSERVPAC, RADM W.V. COMES, JR., conducted a brief inspection of the ship. Several members of the Admiral's staff boarded for briefings on WESTPAC operations.

16 to 23 June enroute Long Beach. On this last leg home, five ships of MINEDIV 71 enroute from WESTPAC to Long Beach were replenished.

23 June; home at last. For the first few weeks the duty sections maintained the ship while those in a liberty status left the ship after morning muster to enjoy being home after a seven month deployment. The second and third leave parties took their turn during this period.

The ship remained moored at Long Beach until 22 July when we got underway to off-load ammunition and spend six days at sea cleaning tanks in preparation for the restricted availability period.

On 29 July, PASSUMPSIC entered the Bethlehem Steel Co. Shipyard, San Pedro for a restricted availability. Along with planned ship's force work and followup on yard work, personnel were sent to school and preparations made for Refresher Training.

On 30 August CAPT H. P. GLINDEMAN, JR. relieved CAPT R. R. HALE as Commanding Officer of PASSUMPSIC.

Sea trials were conducted on 6 September. For the most part, the trials were successful although several items required additional attention. PASSUMPSIC remained at the Bethlehem Steel Co. Shipyard until 17 September when the ship got underway for two days of independent operations.

Underway 23 September to provide services to Fleet Training Group, San Diego. These services not only helped the ships undergoing refresher/shakedown training but also provided invaluable training for the many new PASSUMPSIC men who had replaced experienced personnel. Services were provided for eleven ships during the periods of 23-26, 28-30 September and 1-2 October. Short stops at Long Beach or at the Fuel Depot, San Pedro filled the interim.

The ship entered San Diego Harbor 3 October in preparation for Refresher Training. Fleet Training Group observers conducted a Training Readiness Evaluation on 7 and 8 October. Some discrepancies were found, however, due to extensive preparation, the ship was found ready in all respects to commence

training. Underway Training commenced 9 October and continued through 19 October. PASSUMPSIC was one of the few ships fortunate to pass the Damage Control phase of training during REFTRA and received an overall grade of Good. Upon completion of the final battle problem and critique, FTG observers debarked and a course was set for Long Beach.

From 21 to 25 October PASSUMPSIC was in a RAV status with assistance from USS HECTOR (AR 7). On 22 October, the staff of COMSERVGRU ONE commenced a two day pre-deployment inspection. COMSERVGRU ONE, CAPT A. F. BETZEL, arrived 23 October to complete the inspection and to award PASSUMPSIC the Meritorious Unit Commendation in recognition of outstanding support during her 1967-68 WESTPAC cruise.

26 October was set aside for PASSUMPSIC's dependents cruise but due to heavy fog and low visibility the cruise off Catalina Island was cancelled.

From 28 to 31 October the ship again provided services to FTG San Diego. Eleven ships were replenished during this period.

PASSUMPSIC remained inport Long Beach from 1 to 12 November. Services were again provided to FTG San Diego from 13-18 November. Thirteen ships were replenished.

Preparations for overseas movement began 19 November while in Long Beach. Provisions, supplies, and 224 class stock was loaded. Last minute repairs were also accomplished before deploying.

On 27 November the ship shifted to Navy Fuel Pier, San Pedro to load cargo fuel and remained there until 29 November.

Friday morning, 29 November, underway for WESTPAC. With families and friends standing on the pier, PASSUMPSIC slipped quietly away from Long Beach. USS ASHTABULA (AO 51) rendezvoused outside the breakwater for a consolidation to top off cargo fuel for the transit west.

Rough seas and heavy weather was the order of the day for the western transit. Due to the low freeboard, extensive water damage to spaces on the main deck was encountered. The ship slowly fell behind the position of intended movement. However, near the end of the crossing, the seas calmed and lost time was gradually regained. PASSUMPSIC transited the Straits of San Bernardino and arrived at Subic Bay on 20 December.

We remained in Subic Bay until Christmas Eve for voyage repairs. Mail, cargo, and additional deck load items were brought aboard.

Underway 24 December for Market Time Operations. No UNREPS were scheduled Christmas Day and the crew relaxed after feasting on the traditional holiday meal.

1968 came to a close with PASSUMPSIC providing combat support to naval units on Market Time patrol. Twenty-three replenishments were made this time on the line with a swing through Yankee Station scheduled before returning to Subic Bay.

1968 was a year in which PASSUMPSIC never missed a scheduled commitment and a year in which the crew was rewarded for her fine support with the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

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