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OPERATIONS SUMMARY

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I. INTRODUCTION. The Operations portion of the Command History is an all encompassing view of the operations of the USS WADDELL since the date of its commissioning. A brief outline of events is given here as an introduction.

The USS WADDELL began its commissioned service on 28 August 1964 after construction in Todd Shipyard, Seattle, Washington. From October 1964 through 1 June 1965 WADDELL went through sea trials, ship qualification tests, radiation pattern tests, acceptance trials and ammunition/weapons load-outs. Shakedown training commenced 1 June 1965 and was completed on 17 July 1965. A Weapons Training Exercise took place from 19-23 August 1965 followed by a fleet exercise Hot Stove from 26 August-3 September 1965.

WADDELL's initial deployment began on 28 September 1965. She returned to her homeport of Long Beach on 8 April 1966.

After returning from the Western Pacific, EASTPAC operations kept WADDELL active at all times through participation in Holdex 4-66, COMPTUEX 12-66 and participation in the Fleet Exercise BASELINE II.

WADDELL's second deployment commenced on 27 December 1966 with the return to Long Beach taking place on 29 May 1967.

Following her return from the second Western Pacific deployment, WADDELL entered an extensive six month overhaul for numerous alterations and modifications.

II. Eastern Pacific Employment Schedule of USS WADDELL (DDG-24).

1. Employment Schedule.

1964

August

28 USS WADDELL (DDG-24) Commissioned

September Fitting out at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

October

1-28 Completion of fitting out and sea trials at Puget
Sound Naval Shipyard

28-31 Enroute from Puget Sound Naval Shipyard to Long Beach

November Missile Loadout, ASROC Loadout, Sea Trials, Missile

December Shipboard Qualification Tests, Sonar Radiation Tests,

1965

January and two weeks in port Long Beach

25-27 Final Acceptance Trials

28-31 In port Long Beach

February

1-7 In port Long Beach

8-9 Torpedo Firing Tests

10-11 Enroute to San Francisco

12-15 In port San Francisco

16-17 Enroute to Long Beach

19-23 Post Construction Availability

March Post Construction Availability

April Post Construction Availability

May

1-5 Post Construction Availability

6 Shakedown Readiness Inspection (COMBRSDIV 132)

May (Cont'd)

7-9	In port Long Beach
10-11	Ammunition Loadout Seal Beach
12	Enroute Concord
13-14	Missile Loadout Concord
15	Enroute Long Beach
16-31	ISE/RFS
June	Shakedown Training
July	
1-17	Shakedown Training
18-31	In port Long Beach
August	
1-8	ISE/Inport Long Beach
9	Pre-Deployment Ordnance Inspection
10-18	ISE/In port Long Beach
19-23	Weapons Exercises with USS TICONDEROGA (CVA-14) and USS SAMUEL N. MOORE (DD-747).
24	In port Long Beach
26-31	Fleet Exercise Hot Stove
September	
1-3	Fleet Exercise Hot Stove
4-27	Preparation for Overseas Movement (In port Long Beach)
28-30	Deployed
October	Deployed
November	Deployed
December	Deployed
<u>1966</u>	
January	Deployed

February	Deployed
March	Deployed
April	
1-8	Deployed
8-30	In port Long Beach
May	
1-23	In port Long Beach
23-31	Repair Availability Naval Shipyard Long Beach
June	
1-7	Repair Availability Naval Shipyard Long Beach
8-30	In port Long Beach
July	
1-31	Repair Availability Naval Shipyard Long Beach
August	
1-31	Repair Availability Naval Shipyard Long Beach
September	
1-30	Repair Availability Naval Shipyard Long Beach
October	
1-12	Type Training
13-21	Fleet Exercise Baseline II
22-31	Tender Availability
November	
1-6	Tender Availability
7-10	COMPTUEX 32-66
10-13	In port Long Beach
14-16	Pacific Missile Range
17-28	In port Long Beach

November (Cont'd)

29-30 Shore Bombardment Qualifications

December

1-2 Shore Bombardment Qualifications

3-26 Preparation for Overseas Movement (In port Long Beach)

27-31 Deployed

1967

January Deployed

February Deployed

March Deployed

April Deployed

May

1-26 Deployed

29-31 In port Long Beach

June In port Long Beach

July

1-10 In port Long Beach

11-14 ISE Southern California Operations Areas

15-31 In port Long Beach

August

1-3 In port Long Beach

4-31 Overhaul Long Beach Naval Shipyard

September Overhaul Long Beach Naval Shipyard

October Overhaul Long Beach Naval Shipyard

November Overhaul Long Beach Naval Shipyard

December Overhaul Long Beach Naval Shipyard

III. Western Pacific Employment Schedule of USS WADSWELL (DDG-24).

1965

28 SEP-3 OCT Enroute from Long Beach to Pearl Harbor (In company with TU 14.6.3)

4 OCT In port Pearl Harbor

5-8 OCT Type Training Pearl Harbor Operating Areas

9-17 OCT In port Pearl Harbor

18 OCT-1 NOV Enroute to Subic Bay (Chop to TG 77.5)

1 NOV In port Subic Bay

2 NOV-14 NOV Yankee Station (W-5) assigned TU 77.0.2 COMBESDIV 13 (TU 77.0.2)

15-18 NOV In port Subic Bay

19-21 NOV Local operations Subic Bay Operations Areas

22-24 NOV Enroute Danang (assigned TU 70.8.8)

24 NOV In port Danang

24-29 NOV Enroute Northern SAR Station

29 NOV-29 DEC Northern SAR (assigned TU 77.0.1) COMBESDIV 132 (TU 77.0.1)

1966

30 DEC-4 JAN Enroute Sasebo, Japan

4-15 JAN In port Sasebo

16-17 JAN Enroute Buckner Bay, Okinawa

17 JAN Missile Shoot Buckner Bay, Okinawa operations areas (two missiles)

18-20 JAN Enroute Hong Kong

21-24 JAN In port Hong Kong

25-28 JAN Enroute Danang

28 JAN	In port Denang
28-30 JAN	Enroute Northern SAR Station
31 JAN-4 FEB	Northern SAR (assigned TU 77.0.1) COMDESDIV 132 CTU 77.0.1)
4 FEB	Departed SAR station (collision with USS BRINKLEY BASS (DD-887)
4-7 FEB	Enroute Subic Bay
8-24 FEB	Repair Availability Subic Bay
25-26 FEB	Enroute III Corps
27 FEB-11 MAR	NGFS III Corps (assigned TU 70.8.9)
12-13 MAR	Enroute Subic Bay
14-18 MAR	In port Subic Bay
19-21 MAR	Enroute Guam
22 MAR	In port Guam (fuel)
22-27 MAR	Enroute Midway
28 MAR	In port Midway (fuel)
22-30 MAR	Enroute Pearl Harbor
31 MAR-1 APR	In port Pearl Harbor
2 APR-7 APR	Enroute Long Beach
8 APR	Arrive Long Beach

Narrative: WADDELL departed for her first WESTPAC Deployment in company with USS TICONDEROGA (CVA-14), USS BRINKLEY BASS (DD-887), USS HARRY E. HEBBARD (DD-746), USS SAMUEL N. MOORE (DD-747) with COMDESDIV 132 embarked on WADDELL. On Thursday, 21 October 1965, the USS WADDELL crossed the International Date Line for the first time. Ten days later, while steaming in company with the units listed above, a signal was received from a

Japanese Merchant ship, the TOKAI MARU, requesting the services of a doctor. WADDELL was detached to render whatever assistance would be needed. COMDESDIV 132's doctor was sent in the motor whale boat to aid. Upon arrival, he found three persons already dead and another seriously injured. He rendered assistance and provided medication for the ship. Another point of interest is a situation which occurred while the WADDELL and BRINKLEY BASS were assigned to TU 77.0.1, Northern SAR. On 7 December 1965, both ships were alongside the USS SACRAMENTO (AOE-1), WADDELL to port and BRINKLEY BASS to starboard. While receiving fuel, mail and etc the BRINKLEY BASS had a man overboard. WADDELL effected an emergency breakaway and picked the man from the water. Quite a large amount of action remained for the WADDELL and BRINKLEY BASS when they returned to resume duties on the Northern SAR Station on 31 January. At 1410, 1 February, WADDELL was advised that a pilot may be in the water. While proceeding to investigate the incident, surface action was noted to port. At 1501, WADDELL commenced shore bombardment to port. At 1515, WADDELL was taken under fire by shore batteries. WADDELL countered with counter battery fire. At 1545, WADDELL commenced shore bombardment again. This time the fire from the shore battery straddled WADDELL and she was forced to open range. This was the first time the USS WADDELL had ever been taken under fire.

On 4 February, after taking on fuel, WADDELL was involved in a collision with the BRINKLEY BASS.

Second WESTPAC Deployment

1966

17 DEC-1 JAN Enroute Pearl Harbor (In company with TU 15.8.5)
(COMDESDIV 132 CTU 15.8.5)

1967

2 JAN-4 JAN In port Pearl Harbor
5 JAN-7 JAN Enroute Midway
8 JAN Grounding at Midway
8 JAN-14 JAN In port Midway
15 JAN-22 JAN Enroute Pearl
23 JAN-26 FEB Repair Availability Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard
27 FEB-9 MAR Enroute Guam
9 MAR In port Guam (fuel)
9 MAR-12 MAR Enroute Subic Bay
13 MAR-17 MAR In port Subic Bay
18 MAR-20 MAR Enroute I Corps
20-21 MAR I Corps (gunline)
21-28 MAR Beacon Hill
29 MAR-6 APR Sea Dragon
7 APR-8 APR Enroute Subic Bay
8-11 APR In port Subic Bay
12-13 APR Enroute Task Force 77
13-24 APR Sea Dragon
24-27 APR I Corps
28-29 APR Enroute Subic Bay
29 APR-1 MAY In port Subic Bay
2-4 MAY Enroute Hong Kong
5-9 MAY In port Hong Kong
10-13 MAY Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
14-19 MAY In port Yokosuka, Japan
19-29 MAY Enroute Long Beach

(See enclosure 12 for message regarding actions of WADDELL during second deployment).

IV. Fleet Exercises, Composite Training Unit Exercises, and Holddown Exercises.

1. HOT STOVE

26 August-3 September 1965

Exercise Objective.AAW/EW

Narrative: The Fleet Exercise HOT STOVE was primarily Anti-Air Warfare and Electronic Warfare. WADDELL's functions in this exercise were divided among many phases of Naval Warfare. Throughout the exercise WADDELL steamed in company with USS TICONDEROGA (CVA-14) as a member of TG 13.1 and 13.3. WADDELL was assigned the mission of screening the TICONDEROGA in a simulated hostile submarine environment, providing medium range missile protection when in a simulated hostile Anti-Air Warfare environment, plane guard during flight operations and providing protection against simulated hostile surface contacts. WADDELL completed three underway replenishments: two refuelings and one simulated taking on ammunition. One simulated PT boat attack took place on 28 August which was successfully repelled. Two missiles were fired during this exercise.

2. BASELINE II

13-21 October 1966

Exercise Objective.Communications Improvement

Narrative: The Fleet Exercise BASELINE II was primarily oriented toward communications improvement in the Fleet. In order to achieve the full spectrum of communications requirements, it was necessary to simulate all

phases of Naval Warfare. WADDELL's functions were divided among the following three: SAR Element Alfa, Anti-Air Warfare Unit and the Amphibious Raid Group. Three SAR incidents took place while WADDELL was attached to the SAR unit, 18-19 October. On 18 October, at 1000 local time, WADDELL recovered four men from the water who were simulating downed pilots. The means of recovery used was a helicopter controlled by WADDELL. Throughout the exercise the threat of high speed surface contacts was always present. During the SAMTEX portion of the exercise, WADDELL registered two successful TARTAN firings.

3. HOLDEX 8-66

The classification of the report on HOLDEX 8-66 prohibits the use of its information.

4. COMPTUEX 32-66

COMPTUEX 32-66 was conducted in the Southern California operations areas from 7-9 November 1966. Units participating were USS ENGLAND (DLG-22), USS BRINKLEY BASS (DD-887), USS DUNCAN (DDR-874), USS THOMASON (DP-760), and USS WADDELL (DDG-24). COMDESDIV 132, embarked on WADDELL, was CTF 170.5.1.2.