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SHEP'S HISTORY, USS WORDEN (DLG-18)
1 January 1967 - 31 December 1967

CHRONOLOGY:

January	
1-2	Inport San Diego
3-2	D/S 368-V SOCAL OP area
6	Missile Loadout, Seal Beach
7-13	D/S 368-V Pacific Missile Range
14-15	Inport San Diego
16	Missile Loadout, La Playa
16-20	D/S 368-V Pacific Missile Range
20-23	Inport San Diego
24	Missile Loadout, La Playa
24-28	D/S 368-V Pacific Missile Range
29 Jan - 5 Feb	Missile Loadout, Inport San Diego
February	
6-9	COMPTUEX 1-67
9	Missile Shoot, Pacific Missile Range
10-26	Inport San Diego
27 Feb - 1 Mar	ISE, FORACS

CHRONOLOGY:

March

2-12 Inport San Diego
13-17 COMPTUEX 2-67
15 Missile Shoot, Pacific Missile Range
16 Missile Loadout, Seal Beach
18 Mar - 7 Apr Inport San Diego

April

8 Underway enroute WESPAC - Pearl Harbor
14-16 Upkeep, Pearl Harbor
17-26 Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
30 Apr - 4 May Enroute Subic Bay, P. I.

May

2 Missile Shoot, Okinawa Missile Range
5-11 Upkeep and type training, Subic Bay, P. I.
12-13 Enroute Da Nang, RVN
14 Inport and SAR training, Da Nang, RVN
15 May - 8 Jun North SAR, Tonkin Gulf

June

8-13 Enroute Sasebo, Japan
25-30 Enroute and type training, Subic Bay

July

1-2 Enroute South SAR Via Da Nang
3 Jul - 3 Aug South SAR, Yankee Station

CHRONOLOGY:

August

3-4 Enroute Subic Bay, P. I.
5-9 Upkeep and type training, Subic Bay
10-11 Enroute Hong Kong, BCC
12-16 Port visit, Hong Kong, BCC
17-19 Enroute South SAR Via Subic Bay
19 Aug - 13 Sep South SAR, Yankee Station

September

14-30 Enroute San Diego Via Subic Bay, Yokosuka, and Pearl Harbor

October

1-6 Enroute San Diego, California
7-12 Leave and upkeep, San Diego
13-29 Underway, type training
30 Inport San Diego

December

2-3 Inport San Diego
4-5 Offload, Seal Beach
6-20 Tender availability, San Diego
21-31 Leave and upkeep, San Diego

HISTORY OF USS WORDEN (DLG-18)
1 January through 31 December 1967

The month of January, 1967 was spent providing services for Missile Test Project DS368 and FO - 215 in Southern California waters. These projects had begun in September and continued until 28 January.

Most of February was spent inport San Diego, training and preparing for the soon to come WESTPAC Deployment. WORDEN participated in composite training unit exercise 1-67 on 6-9 February. During this brief at sea period training was concentrated in the fields of AAW and ASW, including a missile shoot on PMR.

March came in like a lion but WORDEN remained pierside until the 13th, when the ship left San Diego to participate in the second COMTUEX of the year. Emphasis was placed on search and rescue training which would be WORDEN's assigned task in the Tonkin Gulf. The ship returned to San Diego on the 13th and continued preparations for Deployment.

The first week of April was busy with last minute preparations for Deployment. WORDEN left San Diego on the morning of 8 April for a six month tour of duty with forces of the U. S. SEVENTH Fleet. WORDEN arrived in Pearl Harbor on 14 April for three days upkeep prior to continuing on to Yokosuka, Japan. The ship arrived in Yoko 26 April for a three day visit.

May began with WORDEN enroute to Subic Bay via the Okinawa Missile Range. The ship arrived in Subic Bay, P. I. on 4 May and began seven days of upkeep, training, and liberty. WORDEN departed Subic for Da Nang on 12 May. Inport Da Nang on 14 May, WORDEN was briefed on SAR procedures. The next morning WORDEN got underway for North SAR. The rest of May was spent on SAR station.

The first eight days of June were spent on SAR. Helo flights, rescues and UNREPS were the words of the day, but a new word was being passed around the mess decks: "Liberty". WORDEN left SAR and arrived in Subic on 10 June, transferred the Helo Detachment ashore, and the next day got underway for Sasebo, Japan. The ship arrived in Sasebo on 14 June for twelve days of upkeep, rest, and relaxation. WORDEN left Sasebo enroute Subic on 25 June, arriving in the Philippines on the 29th.

WORDEN got underway on 1 July and anchored the following day in Da Nang Harbor. By 3 July the ship was back on SAR station. During this on station period, WORDEN participated in many SAR operations and coordinated two successful rescues. On 26 July, RADM W. A. COMBS, JR., COMCRUDESFLOT THREE, visited the ship to observe SAR operations.

ENCLOSURE (1)