

USS WARBLER (MSC206)

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From: Commanding Officer, USS WARBLER (MSC-206)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09B9)

Subj: USS WARBLER (MSC-206) Command History for 1967

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5720.12

Encl: (1) Roster of Personnel attached as of the end of the year 1967

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following USS WARBLER (MSC-206) Command History for 1967 is submitted:

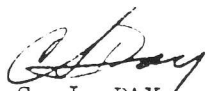
a. Chronology of Events:

January 1 - January 23Sasebo
January 23 - January 26Enroute Kaohsiung, Taiwan
January 26 - January 28Port visit Kaohsiung
January 28 - January 30Enroute Subic Bay
January 30 - February 2Enroute Market Time Patrol Area
February 2 - March 14Market Time Patrol
March 14 - March 17Enroute Hong Kong
March 17 - March 22Port visit Hong Kong
March 22 - March 27Enroute Sasebo
March 27 - April 10Sasebo
April 10 - April 20REFTRA
April 20 - June 6Sasebo
June 6 - June 17MINEK, Chinhae, Korea
June 17 - July 1Sasebo
July 1 - July 8Enroute Manila Bay
July 8 - July 10Port visit Manila Bay
July 10 - July 18MINEK, SEATO, Exercise "SEA DOG" R.F.I.
July 18 - July 23Enroute Sasebo
July 23 - August 19Sasebo
August 19 - August 28MCM, REFTRA, Okinawa
August 28 - September 5Sasebo
September 5 - September 9Enroute Kaohsiung
September 10 - September 18GRC MINEK, Taiwan
September 18 - September 21Enroute Sangley Point NAS, R.F.I.
September 21 - September 24Port visit Sangley Point
September 24 - October 8Subic Bay
October 8 - October 12Enroute Market Time Patrol Area
October 12 - November 12Market Time Patrol
November 12 - November 16Enroute Hong Kong
November 16 - November 22Port visit Hong Kong
November 22 - November 27Enroute Sasebo
November 27 - December 11Sasebo
December 11 - December 31Overhaul, Sasebo SRD

2. The year began with WARBLER in Sasebo. After celebrating the Christmas and New Year Holidays WARBLER headed "South" for a tour on Market Time Patrol. WARBLER had a brief liberty stop in Kaohsiung and all personnel touched solid earth for the last time until March 17th. The patrol was a rough one and boarding junks was near an impossibility since this was the northeast monsoon period. The ship and crew, nevertheless, faired well and looked forward to Hong Kong. During the patrol Ensign Maynard P. BELL, USNR, relieved LTJG Thomas DOYLE, USNR, as Operations Officer. On March 14th, WARBLER was relieved and headed for Hong Kong and R&R for five days, then returned to Sasebo, March 27th.

3. The next six months were spent in training, mostly on mine countermeasures, with several mine warfare exercises, affording the ship a chance to work with many fine ships from various countries. In April WARBLER went through REFTRA, followed by upkeep and independent ship's exercises to continue our training. In early June WARBLER left for a MINEX in Chinhae, Korea. The MINEX was quite beneficial for the Koreans, a tough well-trained minesweeping Navy. WARBLER returned to Sasebo in mid-June to prepare for the SEATO "Exercise SEA DOG" which was to take place in the Lingayen Gulf, Philippines in mid-July. WARBLER left Sasebo on 1 July and arrived in Manila Bay July 8th for R&R, and pre-MINEX conferences. On July 10th the combined exercise began with ships of the United States, United Kingdom, Republic of the Philippines, Royal Australian and Thailand Navies participating. The large scale MINEX created much work and long hours, but proved very beneficial in training and working with Navies of other countries. Late in July WARBLER returned to Sasebo and prepared for further training. In mid-August, WARBLER, along with four other units of MINEFLOT ONE, got underway for Okinawa and Mine Countermeasures REFTRIX. Our role was that of "Support ship" for those units actually being graded. However, WARBLER swept over 50% of the mines, and it seemed that the training was paying off. In late August WARBLER returned to Sasebo for a one week upkeep in preparation for a three month deployment which would include a MINEX, upkeep, Market Time Patrol and R&R.

4. WARBLER left Sasebo 5 September for Kaohsiung. After arrival in Taiwan, WARBLER was engaged in a joint exercise with the GRC Navy off the coast of Taiwan. After completion of the MINEX WARBLER then headed for Sangley Point NAS, R.P.I. for a four day port visit. WARBLER found Sangley Point an ideal R&R center with warm hospitality, enjoyable and plentiful base facilities and accessibility to Manila and other points of interest in the area. WARBLER then headed for Subic Bay for a two week upkeep in preparation for a Market Time Patrol. On October 12th WARBLER reported to Market Time Patrol Area #5 for a Market Time Patrol, and remained until 12 November. During the patrol LTJG Charles J. DAY, USN, relieved LT James M. GILES, USN, as Executive Officer. In mid-November WARBLER spent six days in Hong Kong on R&R. November 27th found the ship entering Sasebo for preyard upkeep and overhaul. WARBLER entered the overhaul period on 11 December. Christmas was spent by the crew and ship in Dry Dock One, Sasebo and we closed the year in overhaul status.


C. J. DAY
By direction

Roster of Personnel 31 December 1967

LT Stephen K. CHADWICK - Commanding Officer

LTJG Charles J. DAY	SK3 Herbert ZISKA
LTJG Richard D. PARRISH	YN3 James MILLER
ENS Maynard P. BELL	FN Calvin SMITH
ENS John M. MUTCHLER	TN Angel BAGAYAU
BMC Dale ABBOTT	RDSN Leo FUHRER
ENC Gerald LEONARD	SN Delroy CRAW
SM1 Terrance MILLER	SN Dennis FLANK
HM1 Homer EVANS	SN John HOEFFT
EN1 Edward PEED	SN Claude THOMASEE
EM1 Gerald PALMER	FA William PARKS
YN1 Gerald LIVERMORE	
ST1 Freddie TAPPER	
RD1 Alvin BARRETT	
CS1 Ronald COPAS	
QM2 Fermin TORREZ	
EM2 Larry BREINER	
DC2 Paul PETERSON	
RM2 Ray BRIONES	
EN2 John COLLIER	
BM3 Paul WAMSLEY	
EM3 Calvin JAY	
EN3 Stephen HAMILL	
RM3 Elwood THARP	

Enclosure (1)