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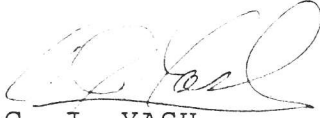
From: Officer in Charge, USS WARBLER (MSC 206)
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Encl: (1) Black and White Photograph of Current OINC
(2) Current History of the Command
(3) Current Officer Biography Sheet (NAVPERS 5720/1)
of the OINC

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) thru (3) are hereby forwarded.



C. J. YASH

USS WARBLER (MSC 206)
COMMAND HISTORY

The USS WARBLER (MSC 206) was built by the Bellingham Shipyard Company of Bellingham, Washington. The keel was laid 2 NOV 1953 and she was launched on 18 June 1954. The wooden hulled coastal minesweeper was placed in commission at the U.S. Naval Station, Tacoma, Washington, on 26 July 1955. WARBLER returned to Seattle, Washington on October 16, 1970 from a fifteen year deployment in the Far East during which she was homeported in Sasebo, Japan. On October 1, 1970 WARBLER was decommissioned and changed in status to a Naval Reserve Training Ship. While in WESTPAC the ship participated in Market Time Operations off the coast of Vietnam and was involved in numerous Mine Warfare exercises with the navies of Great Britain, Korea, Japan, Thailand, Republic of China, and the Philippines.

As an NRF ship WARBLER carries an active duty crew of one officer and nineteen enlisted and has a reserve crew of four officers and twenty-two enlisted. The ship's primary mission is the training of her assigned RESCREW and the maintenance of a high state of combat readiness to be prepared for mobilization on short notice.

In September 1972, the WARBLER entered Lake Union Drydock at Seattle, Washington to commence her regular overhaul. After coming out of the yards in January, 1973, the WARBLER completed full power and economy runs during the Reserve weekend thus becoming the first MSC homeported in Seattle to complete these runs.

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On 16 March, 1973, LT Charles J. YASH reported on board from the USS BERKLEY (DDG-15) which had just returned from the Gulf of Tonkin. LT YASH received his commission from the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1970 and became a man of many talents aboard the BERKLEY where his billets included First Lieutenant, Missile Officer, Fire Control Officer and CIC Officer. On 22 March, LT YASH relieved LT J. M. MCINTOSH, USN as Active Duty Officer in Charge/XO.

In April, the WARBLER got underway with the Nucleus Crew for degaussing in Esquimalt, Canada for five days and, later in the month, with the integrated crew on board, underwent an Operational Readiness Inspection. During the Command Inspection in April, SK1 HINCH won for the WARBLER the Supply "E" for his outstanding work in the supply department.

During the ACDUTRA period, the WARBLER got underway for Juneau, Alaska via Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia arriving in Juneau 10 days later on 14 June. Upon returning to Seattle in the third Weekend in June, the WARBLER completed the ORI by participating in a formation sweep in the Straits of Juan De Fuca. After the Reserve Crew debarked in Seattle, the WARBLER returned to the "Straits" to recover the mines that had been laid for the ORI. All 16 Mines were recovered within two days and returned to Indian Island Ammunition Depot.

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The September Reserve weekend was set aside for a dependent's cruise during which the integrated crew and their families spent Sunday afternoon cruising Puget Sound.

On 1 October, LCDR G.D. VAUGHAN, Reserve C.O., was relieved by LCDR R. E. PARKS. During the November and December drill weekends, the integrated crew participated in many underway drills designed to maintain their operational and Mine Warfare expertise and during the week, the nucleus crew was assigned the task of maintaining the ship in its already present high degree of readiness.