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COMMAND HISTORY

OF

USS BROOKE (DEG 1)

1972

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USS BROOKE (DEG 1)

CHRONOLOGY OF HIGHLIGHTS

1972

1 - 10 JAN	Inport San Diego
10-14 JAN	COMPTUEX 1-72
14-24 JAN	Inport San Diego
24-28 JAN	TIDEGUAGE
25 JAN - 10 FEB	Inport San Diego
10-11 FEB	Navy League Cruise
11 FEB - 13 MAR	Inport San Diego
23-25 FEB	INSURV
13-17 MAR	COMPTUEX 4-72
17 MAR - 17 APR	Inport San Diego
13-14 APR	Naval Technical Proficiency Inspection
17-22 APR	COMPTUEX 10A-72
22-24 APR	Inport San Diego
28 APR - 19 JUN	Inport San Diego for upkeep and training
19-22 JUN	Local Ops, Southern California Operating Area
23-25 JUN	Inport San Diego
26 JUN - 1 JUL	Underway for Plane Guard Duties with USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN 65)
1 JUL - 10 JUL	Inport San Diego for upkeep
10-14 JUL	Underway for AN/SPS 52B Radar Technical Evaluations
14-17 JUL	Inport San Diego

17-21 JUL	Underway for AN/SPS 52B Radar Technical Evaluations
21-24 JUL	Inport San Diego
24 JUL	COMDESRON 7 Change of Command
24-27 JUL	Underway for AN/SPS 52B Radar Technical Evaluations
28 JUL - 14 AUG	Inport San Diego for upkeep
14-18 AUG	Underway for AN/SPS 52B Radar Operations Evaluation
18-21 AUG	Inport San Diego
28 AUG - 1 SEP	Underway for AN/SPS 52B Radar Operations Evaluations
1 SEP	Operational Readiness Inspection
1-5 SEP	Inport San Diego
5-8 SEP	Underway for AN/SPS 52B Radar Operations Evaluations
8 SEP - 20 OCT	Inport San Diego
11 SEP	Change of Command
20 SEP	Entered POM
20-25 OCT	Inport San Diego
20 OCT	Dependent's Cruise and Boiler Trials
25 OCT	Underway for Fourth WESTPAC Deployment
25 OCT - 3 NOV	Transit to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
3-5 NOV	Inport Pearl Harbor
5-7 NOV	Transit to Midway Island

7-8 NOV	Inport Midway Island
8-15 NOV	Transit to Guam
12 NOV	IN CHOP
15 NOV	Inport Guam - Brief Fuel Stop
15-17 NOV	Transit to Subic Bay
18-22 NOV	Inport Subic Bay
23 NOV - 15 DEC	PIRAZ Mutual Support Ship, Gulf of Tonkin
16-24 DEC	Upkeep Subic Bay
25-31 DEC	PIRAZ Mutual Support Ship, Gulf of Tonkin

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BASIC NARRATIVE

January

The New Year found BROOKE inport San Diego busily preparing for the crowded schedule of the upcoming year. On 10 January, BROOKE was underway for the first time in 1972 to participate in Competitive Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) 1-72, a comprehensive training exercise designed to provide practice in all phases of battle readiness. Having completed this exercise on the 14th, BROOKE was back in port again for a week's upkeep. On the 24th BROOKE was again underway, this time for TIDEGUAGE, an exercise designed to accomplish scientific data collection for the purpose of increasing ASW readiness. This assignment was completed on the 28th and BROOKE returned to port.

February

BROOKE spent most of the month of February inport, but it proved to be a busy month nonetheless. Only two days were spent underway, the 10th and the 11th for a Navy League Cruise and local training. The rest of the month was spent preparing for the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) which was conducted from the 23rd to the 25th. As a result of the INSURV, the Commanding Officer received a highly complimentary letter from the President of the Board of Inspection and Survey. (Enclosure (2))

March

With the exception of one week, most of the month of March was spent inport at San Diego for upkeep and training. The sole underway period was the week of the 13th, during which time BROOKE participated in COMPTUEX 4-72. Much of the month was spent preparing for the Naval Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI) the following month.

April

The first two weeks of April were spent making the final preparations for the Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection, which was conducted on the 13th and 14th. The hard work paid off handsomely since no procedural or administrative discrepancies were found. BROOKE received congratulatory letters from COMCRUDESPEC and COMCRUDESFLOT 9. (Enclosures 4 and 5). The last two weeks of the month were spent underway for participation in COMPTUEX 10A-72.

May

The month of May was a rather quiet month with no underway periods scheduled. For the period 27 April to 25 May BROOKE maintained a Zero error rate for 3M documents processed. COMDESRON THREE responded with a Well Done. (Enclosure 3). The entire month was spent in maintaining combat readiness through training and material maintenance.

June

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Op Area. BROOKE went back into port on the 22nd and was underway again on the 26th. The assignment this time was planeguarding for the USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN 65), while ENTERPRISE conducted carrier qualifications in the Northern California Op Areas. This assignment lasted until 1 July when BROOKE entered San Diego. For Fiscal Year 72 BROOKE maintained a 65% re-enlistment rate for which was awarded The GOLDEN ANCHOR Award. BROOKE received complementary remarks from CINCPACFLT, COMCRUDESFLT 11, and COMDESRON 3. (Enclosures 6, 7, and 8).

July

BROOKE spent most of the month of July underway for technical evaluation of the AN/SPS 52B radar. The 52B is an improved model of the AN/SPS 52 radar which is carried on this class of ship. The technical evaluation lasted three weeks. Also, on the 24th Captain MILLIGAN relieved Captain JOHNSON as COMDESRON SEVEN on board BROOKE.

August

Most of the month of August was spent underway for further testing of the 52B. This time it was the operational evaluation of the system. This underway time was also utilized in training the crew, many of whom were inexperienced, for the forthcoming WESTPAC deployment.

September

On September 1 the Operational Readiness Inspection, preparatory to deployment, was conducted by COMDESRON THREE. The ORI is a battle problem testing all phases of a ship's combat readiness. BROOKE scored well in all phases and was pronounced operational ready for deployment. The following week the testing of the 52B was completed. The 52B was removed and the ship's AN/SPS 52 radar was reinstalled. On the 11th, in a ceremony held at 32nd Street, Naval Station, Commander Carl J. ALBRECHT was relieved as Commanding Officer by Commander William D. PIVARNIK. On the 20th BROOKE entered POM, as the ship made the final preparations for the deployment.

October

POM lasted until October 20, when BROOKE was underway for a single day for boiler tests and a dependent's cruise. Having successfully cleared the final hurdle, BROOKE, under the command of Commander William D. PIVARNIK, USN, departed her homeport on 25 October to transit to the Pacific on her fourth WESTPAC deployment. She was in company with USS O'CALLAHAN (DE 1051). Embarked on BROOKE for the transit from San Diego to Pearl Harbor were two guests of the Secretary of the Navy. Mr. Jack OWENS and Mr. Harris JOHNSON. Due to an unusually high rate of fuel consumption the first day it was decided that BROOKE should part company with the USS O'CALLAHAN on October 27 and head for a rendezvous with USS

CAMDEN (AOE 2). Refueling took place early morning of October 29th. With full fuel tanks the BROOKE once again headed for Pearl. 31 October marked the end of competition for Battle Efficiency Awards. BROOKE fared well earning E's in Gunnery, Missile, ASW, Engineering and Operations. (Enclosure 9).

November

On the morning of 3 November BROOKE steamed into Pearl Harbor. The short two day stay in Hawaii was mainly for fuel and pre-deployment briefings by CINCPACFLT. With the two SECNAV guests disembarked BROOKE proceeded on 5 November toward Midway Island in company with USS PAUL (DE 1080), USS BORDELON (DD 881), USS RICH (DD 820), and USS BLANDY (DD 943), all four ships being from the East Coast. There was a brief overnight refueling stop at Midway Island on 7 November with an early morning departure on 8 November. On the 9th of November the BROOKE crossed the International Date Line. The 15th of November found BROOKE in Arpa Harbor, Guam for four hours for fuel before proceeding on towards Subic Bay. On 18 November, we arrived Subic Bay and inchopped to TF 75. The 18th marked the beginning of an eight week Indoctrination and Orientation Cruise on BROOKE for LTJG TUAN, ENS CHUAN, and ASP HOI, all South Vietnamese Naval Officers. While inport Subic Bay, the BROOKE received a Human Relations Inspection conducted by COMDESRON THIRTY-FIVE. On 23 November BROOKE was underway again, this time headed for the Gulf of Tonkin. On 25 November BROOKE arrived at Positive Identification Radar Advisory Zone (PIRAZ) and relieved USS GRAY (DE 1054) as PIRAZ Mutual Support Ship. The PIRAZ ship was USS

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JOUETT (DLG 29), CTU 77.0.2. She was later relieved by USS TRUXTUN (DLGN 35). Duties included air and surface surveillance, notification line procedures on numerous occasions and readiness to assist in search and rescue missions during Navy and Air Force strikes against North Vietnam.

December

The first 12 days of December were spent on station as PIRAZ Mutual Support Ship. On 13 December BROOKE departed the Gulf of Tonkin for Subic Bay for an upkeep period. BROOKE was diverted to DaNang to escort USS RICH (DD 820) and USS MACAFFERY (DD 860) back to Subic Bay. These ships were both experiencing evaporator problems, this task being completed on 16 December. BROOKE remained in Subic Bay until 25 December for a routine upkeep period. During this time she was assigned as "Host Ship" for USS ORLECK (DD 886) and conducted WESTPAC arrival briefings. A Human Relations/Equal Opportunity Inspection was conducted by COMDESRON SEVENTEEN. Christmas Day was spent preparing BROOKE to get underway to meet operational commitments in the Gulf of Tonkin. Late afternoon December 25th BROOKE departed Subic Bay. On 26 December, one day after departing Subic Bay enroute to PIRAZ station, BROOKE was diverted to escort USS ORISKANY (CVA 34) to Yankee Station to act as planeguard. Relieved of this task, BROOKE proceeded to PIRAZ, assuming duties as Mutual Support Ship for USS TRUXTUN (DLGN 35) on 27 December.