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PART I

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

1-6 January	Inport San Diego, Holiday Upkeep
7-29 January	Inport San Diego, regular upkeep, preparations for ROH
30 January	Enroute Long Beach, towed by USS Apache (ATF-67) for commencement of ROH
31 January	Arrive Long Beach
1 February	Commence Regular Overhaul (ROH), Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, California
2 February-4 April	Inport, Naval Shipyard Long Beach, California
5 April-21 June	Drydocked in drydock Number 2, Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, California
26 April	Change of Command: CAPT Philip K. Collins relieved CAPT Herbert E. Reichert
21 JUNE-17 November	Undocked from drydock Number two NSYLB, inport Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, continuing ROH
22 August	Host ship for HMAS PERTH (D-38)
27 September	1200 PSI Propulsion Examining Board light off Examination (forward plant)
21-23 October	1200 PSI Propulsion Examining Board Light off Examination (after plant)
11 November	Fast Cruise, inport Long Beach
18-22 November	Underway, Southern California Operating Areas for Sea Trials
23-30 November	Inport Long Beach
1 December	Inport Long Beach
2-3 December	Underway, SOCAL Operating Areas, Sea Trials
4 December	Inport, Long Beach
5-6 December	Underway, SOCAL Operating Areas, Sea Trials

7-10 December	Inport Long Beach
11 December	Underway SOCAL Operating Areas, Sea Trials
12-13 December	Inport, Seal Beach, California; Ammo onload
14-15 December	Inport Long Beach
16-18 December	Underway, fro Fleet Operational Readiness Accuracy Checks (FORACS) at Wilson Cove, San Cl Clemente Island
19 December	End Regular Overhaul, enroute to San Diego
20-31 December	Inport San Diego, Holiday Upkeep

Narrative History

Almost the entire period of STERETT's history in 1974 was devoted to one evolution. From 1 February to 19 December, STERETT completed a ten month Regular Overhaul period at Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, California. Although final figures are still not yet compiled, approximately one quarter million man hours (both shipyard and ship's force) were devoted to the overhaul.

Among the many work items completed during the overhaul, and most likely most significant to future missions, was the reconfiguration of STERETT for enhanced command and control facilities as a task force flagship. This modification included the addition of new flag/staff operating spaces in the after superstructure (03 level between the after mack and Mk 68 director) - Expanded communications facilities and reorganized berthing arrangements were made to better accommodate the embarked flag officer.

The crew's berthing spaces also received an extensive "habitability" modernization, with flamproof paneling, head modernization new lockers and bunks, and refurnished living areas among the many items done. During the overhaul, STERETT's crew had to move ashore to barracks, due to the total reworking of the berthing spaces. The galley and mess deck spaces also received a complete modernization including new booths, tables and chairs; two new lounge areas; new ovens, and a complete new serving line including soft drink, ice, milk and tea dispensers.

To enhance her combat capabilities, STERETT received a third computer for the Naval Tactical Data System complex. A new NTDS program to match the enlarged computer facilities was also included. The new fast reaction, multi-threat capable program is designed to enable STERETT to fight several air, surface or sub-surface targets simultaneously. STERETT also received digital and continuous wave acquisition and track modification to the Terrier Missile System..

The Engineering department received a major portion of overhaul attention. Almost all major engineering equipment and nearly every valve was scheduled for cyclical overhaul and maintenance. Engineering work alone in man hours involved equaled all the other departments combined.

During the overhaul, CAPT Philip K. COLLINS relieved CAPT Herbert E. REICHERT in a change of command ceremony while STERETT was still in drydock.