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USS NOA (DD 841)

SHIP'S HISTORY

1973

JANUARY 1973

- 1 - 5 JAN Continued preparations for overseas movement.
- 6 JAN Got underway enroute to the Mideast.
- 8 JAN Arrived Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Rendezvous of the NOA with the USS FISKE (DD 842).
- 20 JAN Departed Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Enroute to Port of Spain, Trinidad in company with USS FISKE.
- 23 JAN Arrived/Departed Port of Spain, Trinidad. Fuel Stop. Enroute to Recife, Brazil.
- 27 JAN Crossed the equator at vicinity of Longitude 00.
- 29 JAN Arrived Recife, Brazil.

FEBRUARY 1973

- 1 FEB        Departed Recife, Brazil. Enroute to Luanda,  
Angola, Africa.
- 9 FEB        Arrived Luanda, Angola, Africa
- 12 FEB       Departed Luanda, Angola, Africa. Enroute to  
Lourenco, Marques, Mozambique.
- 19 FEB       Arrived Lourenco Marques, Mozambique.
- 21 FEB       Departed Lourenco, Marques, Mozambique. Enroute  
Port Louis, Mauritius.
- 24 FEB       Arrived Port Louis, Mauritius.
- 26 FEB       Formal turnover, COMIDEASTFOR INCHOP, with the  
NOA relieving the USS CHARLES WARE and the FISKE  
relieving the USS SELLERS.
- 28 FEB       Departed Port Louis, Mauritius. Enroute to Diego  
Garcia.

MARCH 1973

- 3 MAR Arrived Diego Garcia, Chagos Archipelago.
- 5 MAR Departed Diego Garcia. Enroute Diego Suarez.
- 9 MAR Arrived Diego Suarez. Departed Diego Suarez.  
Enroute Victoria, Seychelles
- 11 MAR Arrived Victoria, Seychelles.
- 17 MAR Departed Victoria, Seychelles. Enroute Mombasa,  
Kenya. Refueled alongside HMAS Supply.
- 20 MAR Arrived Mombasa, Kenya.
- 25 MAR Departed Mombasa, Kenya. Enroute Massawa, Ethiopia.
- 31 MAR Arrived Massawa, Ethiopia. Commanding Officer de-  
parted for call on Naval Officer in Charge (NOIC)  
Haillse Selassie Imperial Naval Base and call on  
Governor of Massawa.

APRIL 1973

- 4 APR      Departed Massawa, Ethiopia. Enroute Bahrain.
- 10 -11 APR    Conduced operations in Bahrain Op Area with USS  
                 FISKE and the HMS LYNK.
- 12 APR      Arrived Bahrain. Commanding Officer departed ship  
                 for call on Rear Admiral HANKS.
- 13-26 APR    Moored outboard USS LASALLE for upkeep.
- 22 APR      Conducted Easter Egg Hunt aboard NOA
- 27 APR      Departed Bahrain. Enroute to Sir Abu Nu Air Island.  
                 Conducted Inflight refueling of USS LASALLE'S Heli-  
                 copter and conducted anti-submarine Air Control Ex-  
                 ercises with USS LASALLE'S Helicopter.
- 28 APR      Arrived Sir Abu Nu Air Island.
- 29 APR      Departed Sir Abu Nu Air Island. Enroute to Dubai.
- 30 APR      Arrived Dubai.

MAY 1973

- 2 MAY Departed Dubai. Enroute to Bandar Abbas, Iran. After departing Dubai, NOA received several messages congratulating the ship on its effective showing of the United States Colors in the Middle East. Two such messages were from CNO and CINCUSNAVEUR.
- 3 MAY Arrived Bandar Abbas, Iran
- 8 MAY Departed Bandar Abbas, Iran. Enroute to Djibouti.
- 13 MAY Arrived/Departed Djibouti. Fuel Stop. Enroute Mombasa, Africa.
- 18 MAY Arrived Mombasa, Africa.
- 21 MAY Departed Mombasa, Africa. Enroute Port Louis, Mauritius.
- 24 MAY Arrived Port Louis.
- 26 MAY Departed Port Louis. Enroute to Laurengo Marques, Monzanbique.
- 30 MAY Arrived Laurengo Marques, Monzanbique.
- 31 MAY Departed Laurengo Marques, Monzanbique. Enroute to Luanda, Angola.

JUNE 1973

- 7 JUN Arrived Luanda, Angola
- 8 JUN Departed Luanda, Angola. Enroute to Recife, Brazil
- 15 JUN Arrived Recife, Brazil.
- 18 - 20 JUN Conducted Brazilian Navy Operations with the USS FISKE, BNS PARAIBA (D 28), BNS PARANA (D 29), BNS PERNAMBUCO (D 30), and BNS GUANA BARA (S 10).
- 20 JUN Departed Recife, Brazil. Enroute to Port of Spain Trinidad.
- 25 JUN Arrived/Departed Port of Spain, Trinidad. Fuel stop. Enroute to Guantannamo Bay, Cuba.
- 28 JUN Arrived/Departed Guantannamo Bay, Cuba. Enroute to Mayport, Florida.
- 30 JUN Arrived Mayport, Florida



JULY 1973

1 - 31 JUL Conducted standown period.

AUGUST 1973

10 AUG Underway with DESRON 14 for day of drills

11 - 31 Preparations for turnover to Spanish

SEPTEMBER 1973

- 15 SEP CDR SOBRINO, LT BERCEIRO, and LT MAIZ of the Spanish Navy arrive to become the prospective Commanding Officer, Engineering Officer, and Supply Officer respectfully.
- 26 SEP CAPT ROHREIZ - DESRON 34; CDR ESKEW - CO MEREDITH lunch with Commanding Officer of NOA
- 28 SEP LCDR Raymond A. HELBY relieved CDR William H. PEERENBOOM as Commanding Officer

OCTOBER 1973

- 1 - 30 OCT Preparations for Decommissing of USS NOA for  
turnover to Spanish Navy.
- 31 OCT Decommissioned USS NOA (DD 841). Turned over  
to Spanish Navy to become BLAS DE LEZO (D 65)