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1 January through 31 December 1962

1. In compliance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is
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SHIP'S HISTORY (ANNUAL REVISION)

U.S.S. MAGOFFIN (APA-199)

CALENDAR YEAR 1962

HOME PORT: San Diego, California

On 1 January 1962, U.S.S. MAGOFFIN (APA-199) was moored at Pier 4, in her home port at San Diego under command of Captain Francis J. FITZPATRICK, USN. Her men were enjoying a leave and upkeep period, which gave way to Refresher Training, commencing 17 January and lasting for nearly one month. This training was the prelude to the major Amphibious Exercise POTSHOT, which took place in March 1962 off the Southern coast of California and culminated in the landing of embarked troops on the beach near Camp Pendleton.

Following Operation POTSHOT, MAGOFFIN returned to San Diego for local operations and to prepare for deployment to the Western Pacific. With troops of the June Replacement Draft embarked and with two holds occupied by HANDCLASF material (destined for worthy recipients of needed clothing and equipment in WESTPAC), the ship sailed on 11 June 1962 from San Diego for Pearl Harbor, in company with other ships of Amphibious Squadron FIVE. Upon arrival at Pearl Harbor, the Squadron embarked Marines based on Oahu for a brief exercise at sea and an amphibious landing on the Island. The replacement draft was then re-embarked, as the ship prepared to sail with the Squadron for the Far East.

Next port of call was Naha, Okinawa, where the Replacement Draft was debarked before the ship continued on to Subic Bay, Philippines. There, MAGOFFIN operated locally until the end of August 1962.

While in Subic Bay, the ship participated in a search and rescue mission; the object of her search was a P5M sea plane and its 12 crewmen and passengers. The downed aircraft was finally located after a two day search, but all hands were lost. MAGOFFIN also responded to the needs of relief of flood victims of Southern Luzon, donating money and clothes to the worthy cause.

The highlight of the cruise came in early September when MAGOFFIN steamed into Hong Kong for a well earned R & R period. She was host for 169 dependents from Japan. While she was in Hong Kong, the crew invited 20 Chinese youngsters from a local welfare center to spend an afternoon aboard our ship. MAGOFFIN departed Hong Kong 17 September 1962.

Next stop was Sasebo, Japan where MAGOFFIN had a week's upkeep period. On 4 October 1962, she departed Sasebo for Buckner Bay, Okinawa, evaded Typhoon Gilda on the way; and arrived in Buckner Bay 7 October. On 13 October MAGOFFIN got underway with other ships of Amphibious Squadron FIVE for operation LONE EAGLE off the coast of Okinawa.

ENCLOSURE (1)

On 18 October 1962, with an amphibious landing in progress, Captain A. F. RAWSON, Jr., USN became MAGOFFIN's Commanding Officer.

On 4 November, MAGOFFIN arrived in Numazu and offloaded troops and departed for Subic Bay. She departed Subic Bay on 16 November, bound for CONUS via Pearl Harbor.

Arriving in home port at San Diego on 10 December 1962, MAGOFFIN's crew rejoined friends and families for a 30 day leave and upkeep period.