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(2) Change of Command Pamphlet
(3) Ship's History for Calendar Year 1963

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2), and (3) are forwarded.


A. F. RAWSON, Jr.

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SHIP'S HISTORY
Calendar Year 1963

The Magoffin was in a leave and upkeep status on 1 January 1963 after returning from West Pac on 10 December 1962. She remained in port San Diego for upkeep until 25 February 1963, at which time she departed for Long Beach Naval Shipyard for an overhaul period.

The ship was in overhaul and drydock from 28 February to 6 May. All boats were overhauled and the engineering plant improved during this overhaul period.. The ship returned to San Diego on 6 May 1963.

On 27 May the ship commenced a refresher training period with the final Battle Problem held on 21 June 1963.

On 15 July 1963, Magoffin commenced Amphibious Refresher Training which lasted through 26 July 1963. After satisfactorily completing the final Battle Problem she was released for fleet operations.

On 3 August, Magoffin went to sea for weekly local operations and Marine services. During the month of August the ship operated independently and continued upkeep period.

On 19 September, Magoffin participated in Operation Merit Badge under command of Commander Amphibious Group Three off Camp Pendleton, California. Eight ships participated in this full scale amphibious exercise. Operation Merit Badge was completed on 27 September and the ship returned to San Diego.

The remainder of the month of September and the first part of October was spent at sea operating independently and conducting training exercises.

On 7 October the ship was underway to Camp Pendleton in company with U.S.S. SEMINOLE (AKA 104) for a week's operations. She returned to San Diego on 10 October and remained there until 4 November 1963.

On 4 November the ship joined Amphibious Squadron Five for Operation Fiveron Traex off Camp Del Mar, California. Four APA's, two AKA's, four LSD's, and one LST participated in this simulated wartime exercise and a full scale amphibious assault on the beaches of Camp Pendleton. On 7 November the formation steamed to San Francisco for a port visit 9-11 November, 1963.

On 22 November Magoffin performed a burial-at-sea ceremony off San Diego, California, for the remains of a retired Chief Radioman.

Upon return to port Magoffin commenced her holiday leave period. The ship remained in port for the remainder of the calendar year. Captain Lawrence Savadkin relieved Captain A. F. RAWSON, Jr., as Commanding Officer, U.S.S. MAGOFFIN on 16 December 1963. Captain Rawson served as Commanding Officer from October 1962 to 16 December 1963.

Enclosure (3)