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Encl: (1) Ship's Picture  
(2) Change of Command Pamphlet  
(3) Ship's History for Calendar Year 1964

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

  
R. D. GREER, Jr.

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SHIP'S HISTORY  
Calendar Year 1964

On 28 January 1964 MAGOFFIN deployed to WestPac for a six month tour with Amphibious Squadron FIVE.

Upon arrival in the Western Pacific, MAGOFFIN participated in Operation "BACK PACK" conducted on the southern end of Taiwan. This was the largest amphibious exercise held since the end of World War II.

Upon completion of "Back Pack", the ship relieved the USS OKANAGON of Amphibious Squadron SEVEN as a member of the Seventh Fleet Amphibious Ready Group. During her cruise as a member of the ready force, MAGOFFIN paid visits to Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, Okinawa, and spent a considerable amount of time in Subic Bay, Philippines.

While on a visit to Manila, the crew of MAGOFFIN donated 73 pints of blood to the Philippine Red Cross.

From 28 May to 12 June MAGOFFIN participated in Operation "LIGTAS", a SEATO exercise conducted in the Philippine Islands.

During Squadron competition conducted during the summer, MAGOFFIN qualified for the Green "E" for Operations excellence and attained a grade of 96, to qualify for the Amphibious Assault Award.

On 3 August MAGOFFIN departed Yokosuka, Japan in company with the USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) for the long voyage to San Diego.

Three days out, the ship received orders to turn around. MAGOFFIN proceeded to the South China Sea with a stop in Okinawa to load troops and reported to CTG 76 for duty. MAGOFFIN steamed for fifty-four days off the coast of Vietnam, qualifying for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

On 13 October the ship once again departed WestPac, and this time arrived in San Diego on 27 October having completed a cruise of nine months.

On 4 December, Captain Richard D. GREER, Jr. relieved Captain Lawrence SAVADIN as Commanding Officer.

On 11 December, after a week of ISE, MAGOFFIN entered her holiday leave period moored at the Naval Station in San Diego.

Enclosure (3)