

USS BADGER (DE-1071)  
COMMAND HIGHLIGHTS

1 January 1972 - 31 December 1972

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
3 JAN	Underway for San Diego and first refresher training period.
11 FEB	Completion of REFTRA and return to Long Beach. Commence preparation for overseas movement (POM).
16 MAR	Underway independently for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. BADGER's maiden deployment commences.
23 MAR	Arrived Pearl Harbor.
25 MAR	Departed Pearl Harbor with USS BENJAMIN STODDERT (DDG-22) enroute Midway Island. Assumed CTU 15.8.6.
28 MAR	Arrived Midway Island. Underway five hours later for Guam.
2 APR	Crossed International Date Line. Assumed CTU 70.0.6.
4 APR	Arrived Guam. Underway five hours later for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, with 22 knot SOA.
7 APR	Arrived Subic Bay, R. P..
8 APR	Underway independently for Da Nang Harbor, Republic of Vietnam.
10 APR	Arrived Da Nang Harbor. Embarked media personnel and proceeded to gunline in vicinity of Cua Viet River (TU 70.8.9).
11 APR	BADGER fires first of over 6,000 combat rounds.
13 APR	Debarked media personnel in Da Nang. Returned to gunline and received first counterbattery.
19 APR	Detached from gunline for escort duties with USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64). Assumed CTU 77.4.2.
17 MAY	Relieved by USS ALBERT DAVID (DE-1050). Proceeding to Sasebo, Japan.
22 MAY	Arrived Sasebo, Japan.

Enclosure (1)

29 MAY Departed Sasebo, Japan.

2 JUN Joined USS STERETT (DLG-31) on Middle SAR Station (TU 77.0.4).

6 JUN Relieved by USS DAVIDSON (DE-1045). Proceeding to escort USS TICONDEROGA (CVS-14) (TG 70.4).

26 JUN Detached by COMASWGRU THREE and enroute to gunline (Pt Allison) (TU 70.8.9).

30 JUN Prospective Commanding Officer arrives aboard.

3 JUL CDR Robert Stephen MALONE relieves CDR William Lawson BRITTON as Commanding Officer.

7 JUL Relieved on gunline by USS DAVIDSON (DE-1045) and proceeding to escort USS MIDWAY (CVA-41) (CTG 77.3) to Subic Bay.

8 JUL Arrived Subic Bay.

17 JUL Underway for gunline (MR I) (TU 70.8.9).

25 JUL Departed MR I enroute to NGFS duties in MR II (TU 70.8.2).

8 AUG Detached to proceed to Pt Angela and resume NGFS duties in MR I.

12 AUG Detached to escort USS MIDWAY (CVA-41) (CTG 77.3) enroute Subic Bay.

14 AUG Arrived Subic Bay.

15 AUG Underway with USS MIDWAY for Hong Kong, B.C.C.

17 AUG Arrived Hong Kong.

23 AUG Underway with USS MIDWAY for Subic Bay.

24 AUG Arrived Subic Bay.

30 AUG Underway independently for gunline (TU 70.8.9).

31 AUG Ordered to Middle SAR Station.

1 SEP Assumed Middle SAR Escort duties for USS LONG BEACH (CGN-9) (TU 77.0.4).

2 SEP Commenced TF 77 evasion of Typhoon Elsie.

10 SEP Proceeding to escort duties with USS HANCOCK (CVA-19) (CTG 77.5).

14 SEP HANCOCK completes last air strikes of war. Proceeding to Subic Bay.  
15 SEP Arrived Subic Bay.  
18 SEP Underway with USS HANCOCK for Yokosuka, Japan.  
22 SEP Arrived Yokosuka.  
23 SEP Underway with USS HANCOCK for home.  
2 OCT Detached by USS HANCOCK to proceed independently to Long Beach,  
California.  
4 OCT Arrived Long Beach. Commence leave/upkeep period (TU 52.1.2).