



Ms. Jane Babcock, CVSO  
Manitowoc County Veterans Services  
4319 Expo Drive  
P.O. Box 935  
Manitowoc, WI 54221-0935  
(920) 683-4055

December 21, 2011

Dear Ms. Babcock:

This is in response to your recent inquiry to the National Archives related to the Navy Deck Logs of the USS *Surfbird* (ADG-383) for the time periods of August 2 – 22, 1966, September 7, 1966 – October 7, 1966 and September 8 – 15, 1967. We have located the records relevant to your request.

After a detailed search of the Deck Logs during the requested time period, the ship anchored or moored in Viet Nam on August 2, 4, 7, 12 and 16, 1966, September 17, 18, 26, 28 – 30, 1966, October 1 – 7, 1966 and September 8 – 16, 1967, and enclosed are complimentary copies of those dates.

For cases relating to either Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and/or “Agent Orange” and its related medical conditions, please contact the primary source for such research, as they may are in charge of “the list” and may already have the proof needed: U.S. Armed Services Center for Unit Records Research (USASCURR or CURR), 7701 Telegraph Road, Kingman Building, Room 2CO8, Alexandria, VA 22315 or at (703) 428-6801.

Sincerely,

PAUL A. COGAN  
Archives II Reference Section (RD-DC/2400)  
Textual Archives Services Division  
RDDC-12-02681

## DECK LOG - REMARKS SHEET

USS SURFBIRD (ADG-383) ZONE DESCRIPTION -8H DATE FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER 19 66  
 AT/PASSAGE FROM VUNG TAU, S. Vietnam TO SASEBO, JAPAN (Day) (Date) (Month)

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
0800	BY _____	BY _____
L _____	BY _____	BY _____
A _____	BY _____	BY _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
1200	BY _____	BY _____
L _____	BY _____	BY _____
A _____	BY _____	BY _____

POSITION	ZONE	TIME
2000	BY _____	BY _____
L _____	BY _____	BY _____
A _____	BY _____	BY _____

LEGEND:	
1.	CELESTIAL
2.	ELECTRONIC
3.	VISUAL
4.	D. R.

## REMARKS

00-04 Anchored off the coast of South Vietnam near Long Kei in 3 fathoms of water and mud bottom with 80 fathoms of chain out aft to the STBD bower anchor, 45 fathoms of chain out forward to the port bower anchor and 60 ft. of 1" wire out aft to the STBD anchor chain. Material Condition: Yoke and condition of readiness III are set. Weather: overcast, wind 0550 12 Kts.

H. A. Long, ENS, USNR

04-08 ANCHORED AS BEFORE P445 STATIONED THE RANGE HANDLING DETAIL, COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR RECOVERING THE RANGE 0700 COMMENCED MANEUVER MANEUVERING INTO POSITION TO RECOVER RANGE 0755 SHIP IN POSITION TO RECOVER RANGE

J. J. Alamel, ENS, USNR

08-12 ANCHORED IN POSITION TO RECOVER RANGE 0800 RANGE ROOM HOOKED TO THE RANGE COMMENCED HEAVING IN ON RANGE 0819 RANGE IS ON DECK 0820 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING UNDERWAY. MANEUVER MANEUVERING TO RECOVER PORT AND STBD PORTABLE ANCHORS 1015 COMMENCED HEAVING IN ON THE STBD BOWER ANCHOR 1039 PORTABLE ANCHORS ON DECK 1042 SECURED RANGE HANDLING DETAIL AND STATIONED THE SPECIAL SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL 1059 ~~STBD PORT~~ PORT BOWER ANCHOR AWEIGH UNDERWAY FOR VUNG TAU HARBOUR STEERING VARIOUS AT VARIOUS SPEEDS.

1153 CAPTAIN ASSUMED THE COPY J. J. Alamel, ENS, USNR

12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE 1200 LET GO STBD BOWER ANCHOR 1201 ANCHORED AT VUNG TAU HARBOUR, IN 6 FATHOMS OF WATER, MUD BOTTOM WITH 45 FATHOMS OF CHAIN TO THE STBD BOWER ANCHOR ON THE FOLLOWING BEARINGS: MUI VUNG TAU 116° ~~SSE~~ GOVERNORS VLA OIA FOAT 261.5 1213 PROBABLY RELIEVED BY 1716 R.M. REMINGTON USNR

J. J. Alamel, ENS, USNR

1213 ASSUMED THE WATCH. ANCHORED AS BEFORE

R. Remington, USNR

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

U. S. N. COMMANDING

U. S. N. NAVIGATOR

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

USS SURFBIRD (ADG-383)DATE Friday 7 October, 19 66  
(Day) (Date) (Month)

REMARKS-CONTINUED

16-20 ANCHORED AS BEFOREC. A. Long, ENS, USNR

20-21 Anchored as before. 2000 Stationed the special sea and anchor detail 2020 completed preparations for getting underway. Captain and navigator on the bridge, door 9'10" at 18'. 2022 commenced heaving the 5th anchor in. 2030 anchor awash. Underway in accordance with COMSVENTHFLT employment schedule 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter FY 1967. Manuevering on various courses at various speeds standing out at Long Tan, South Vietnam harbor. 2050 with MM1 Wing Tan Point bearing 000° distance 1.6 miles took departure for Sasebo, Japan on course 290° speed 15 knots. 2130 5/4 080°.

C. A. Longman, LT, USN

APPROVED:



U. S. N. COMMANDING

EXAMINED:



U. S. N. NAVIGATOR