

August 21, KYES transited from Kaohsiung to Hong Kong for a week of liberty.

August 28th it was back to business enroute Subic Bay, R. P. On 30 August, KYES began 10 days of tender availability and much needed general upkeep. KYES joined USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) on 9 September for a transit to Yokosuka, Japan. She shared plane guard duties with USS PARKS (DD884) until 15 September when the group entered port. On September 19 KYES left Yokosuka, for ASW exercises with USS SCHOFIELD (DEG-3) and USS BRONSTEIN (DE-1037). 26 September USS MEDREGAL (SS-480) arrived to participate in the ASW evolutions. September 27 KYES left the area and on 29 September was again inport Yokosuka, Japan.

KYES next saw action on 4 October, in heavy seas she rendezvoused with CONSTELLATION and on October 6 commenced a transit to Sasebo, Japan in company with WALKER, USS HANSON (DD-832), USS EPERSON (DD-719), USS WADSWELL (DDG-24) and CONSTELLATION.

KYES moored in Sasebo on 8 October. On the 16th, she commenced operations in the Sea of Japan lasting until 24 October. While participating she became eligible for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea). KYES also served as rescue destroyer for CONSTELLATION as she launched numerous strike training missions. USS MACKENZIE (DD-836) served as the second plane guard.

October 21st the Soviet Union DLG KASHIN patrolled in the vicinity and KYES observed her refuel bow to stern with a Russian oiler. October 24th KYES ended her operations in the Sea of Japan and returned to Sasebo. October 28th KYES sortied with WALKER and HANSON enroute to Okinawa but on the 29th received a change of orders and returned to Yokosuka, Japan.

30 October to 6 November were spent in final preparation for release from deployed duty and the trip home. KYES left Yokosuka on the 6th of November with COMDESRON 23 aboard, in company with SCHOFIELD, BRONSTEIN, and WALKER. She reached Midway Island on 11 November, made a brief fuel stop and continued eastward. The next day, November 11th recurred. On 14 November KYES received her PCO, CDR. P. H. EDMUNDS aboard, cleared customs, refueled, reprovisioned and the next day sailed for Long Beach. At 0700 on 21 November KYES enjoyed her 15th change of command and greeted her 16th Commanding Officer. At 1000 that same morning Long Beach greeted her. She tied up at Pier 15, U. S. Naval Station, Long Beach.

KYES remained in-port through Christmas for a well deserved rest and up-keep period.