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BAGLEY'S SEVENTH FLEET CRUISER-DESTROYER GROUP

WITH THE SEVENTH FLEET IN THE TONKIN GULF, Oct. 7--Rear Admiral David H. Bagley, a former commanding officer of the cruiser Oklahoma City, is the new commander of the 70-ship Seventh Fleet Cruiser-Destroyer Group.

Bagley, who also heads Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla Nine of San Diego, took over the Western Pacific command today from Rear Admiral Sam H. Moore.

Moore, who had held the post since last May 1, heads for Yokohama, Japan, for duty as Commander, Military Sea Transport Service.

In his new post Admiral Bagley will direct the operations of all cruisers and destroyers participating in the Vietnam war effort. He will head the ships of the Navy's Operation Sea Dragon--a mission designed to stop the flow of waterborne supply craft from North to South Vietnam and to strike military strongholds in North Vietnam.

Additionally he will control an average of nine ships a day that serve on naval gunfire support operations from Vietnam's Demilitarized Zone southward. These ships fire thousands of rounds of ammunition a day in direct support of Allied ground forces.

Besides providing naval gunfire in North and South Vietnam, cruisers and destroyers fill search and rescue stations in the Tonkin Gulf, serve as plane guards for Seventh Fleet aircraft carriers, provide radar and air controlling assistance to aircraft striking targets in North Vietnam and patrol the Straits of Taiwan.

The new task group commander has broken his flag in the cruiser Canberra, which joined the Seventh Fleet last week.