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USS Wood SK 71-74

Welcome !!! I have added this little page in the Willie Wood's History. I wanted to know what had happened to the ships that were in [DESRON 12](#). The squadron that was homeported in Athens, Greece. We eventually had piers built for us in Elefsina, Which was a short cruise up the channel from Athens. It was a very nice little greek community, I remember the people were always friendly towards us, even though some of us acted a little Less than appropriately at times (uh-hum...).

We had 6 ships in our group.

- 1: [USS Sampson DDG-10](#)
- 2: [USS Page DEG-5](#)
- 3: [USS Vreeland FF-1068](#)
- 4: [USS Barry DD-933](#)
- 5: [USS Manley DD-940](#)
- 6: [USS Wood DD-715](#)

This is what has happened to each of these ships:

- 1: [USS Sampson DDG-10](#)  
Decommissioned on 11-20-92; Sold for scrap on 12-16-94.
- 2: [USS Page DEG-5](#)  
Decommissioned on 09-30-88; Leased to Pakistan on 03-31-89. Renamed TABUK. Returned on 01-12-94. Sold for scrap on 03-29-94.
- 3: [USS Vreeland FF-1068](#)

Decommissioned on 06-30-92; Leased to Greece on 06-30-92.  
Renamed MAKEDONIA. Renewed lease on 06-30-96.  
Record ends there.

4: [USS Barry DD-933](#)

Decommissioned on 11-82; 01-83 towed to Washington, D.C.;  
Moored in Washington Naval Shipyard as display ship.  
The 4th USS Barry is DDG-52 !!

5: [USS Manley DD-940](#)

Decommissioned On 03-04-83; Sold for scrap on 06-30-94.

6: [USS Wood DD-715](#)

Decommissioned in 1976; In 1983 towed to Puerto Rico and used in  
Missile exercises. After the exercises were over, she was  
Sank. The William M. Wood Association is currently in the the process  
Of getting a new ship named after Dr. William M. Wood.

I visited several sites for information on our fellow ships.  
Most of them have reunion organizations like ours.  
Wouldn't it be great if we had a reunion of all the ships in our  
Group in 1 place.....that would be a party to remember !!