

**USS LONG BEACH CGN-9**  
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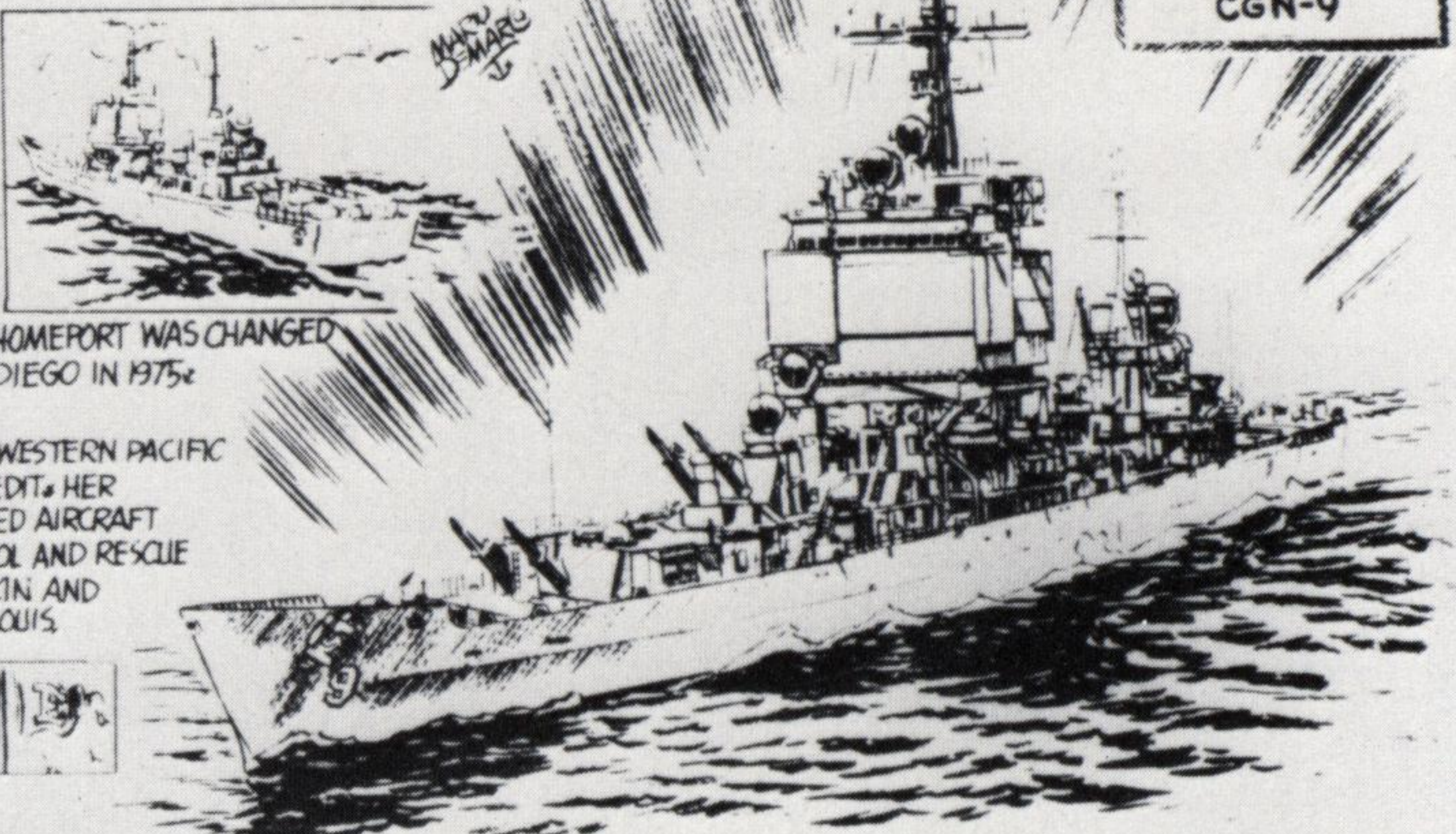
*LONG BEACH* IS THE FIRST NUCLEAR-POWERED CRUISER AND FIRST LARGE COMBATANT SHIP WITH A MAIN ARMAMENT CONSISTING EXCLUSIVELY OF GUIDED MISSILES. SHE WAS COMMISSIONED SEPT. 9, 1964, AT BOSTON NAVAL SHIPYARD. KEYNOTE SPEAKER WAS THEN-SECNAV JOHN B. CONNALLY.

*LONG BEACH* IS 721 FEET LONG AND 73 FEET WIDE. SHE DISPLACES 17,000 TONS. HER CREW CONSISTS OF ABOUT 70 OFFICERS AND 1000 ENLISTED MEN. HER ARMAMENT INCLUDES TERRIER, HARBOR AND ASROC MISSILES.

**FIRST** HOMEPORTED IN NORFOLK, *LONG BEACH* MADE A SIX-WEEK CRUISE TO EUROPE AND THEN HER FIRST CRUISE TO THE MEDITERRANEAN, WHERE SHE PARTICIPATED IN FLEET AND NATO EXERCISES. IN 1964, SHE JOINED TWO OTHER NAVY SHIPS ON A WORLD CRUISE STEAMING MORE THAN 30,000 MILES IN 58 DAYS. HER HOMEPORT WAS CHANGED TO LONG BEACH, CALIF., IN 1966 AND TO SAN DIEGO IN 1975.

*LONG BEACH* HAS EIGHT WESTERN PACIFIC DEPLOYMENTS TO HER CREDIT. HER ASSIGNMENTS HAVE INCLUDED AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL AND RESCUE DUTIES IN THE GULF OF TONKIN AND DISASTER RELIEF AT PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS, IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

THE SHIP HAS BEEN AWARDED THE COMMANDER NAVAL SURFACE FORCE ANTI-AIR WARFARE AWARD AND THE BATTLE EFFICIENCY.



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