



USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19)

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- Encl: (1) Addendum No. 1 - Distinguished Visitors during
Calendar Year 1979.
(2) Addendum No. 2 - Underway Replenishments and
Vertical Replenishments during Calendar Year
1979.
(3) Addendum No. 3 - Ammunition Expended during
Calendar Year 1979.
(4) Portrait of Captain D. L. Carlson, USN, Commanding
Officer, 1 January to 31 December 1979.
(5) Officer Biography of Captain D. L. Carlson, USN.
(6) Familygrams produced during Calendar Year 1979.
(7) Official Welcome Aboard Brochure used during
Calendar Year 1979.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following command history is submitted for the period of 1 January 1979 through 31 December 1979.

a. Command Organization: Commanding Officer: Captain D. L. Carlson, USN, from 1 January through 31 December 1979.

b. Summary Of Operation: Blue Ridge celebrated the beginning of the New Year 1979 moored at Pier Six, Naval Station, San Diego, California, preparing for a Planned Restricted Availability (PRAV) which began on 8 January. During this period Blue Ridge had major work performed by the Ship Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA), several civilian contractors and members of the crew. The Planned Restricted Availability (PRAV), originally scheduled to last only ten weeks, was extended when it was discovered that the ship's propeller was damaged and would have to be replaced. On 26 March the ship was moved to the Naval Station Dry Dock to facilitate the changing of the propeller and returned to Pier Six on 30 March. The PRAV period ended on 31 March and the ship remained in port through the 3rd of April.

On 4 April the ship departed for local operations in the Southern California Operating Area with members of the Pre-Overhaul Testing and Inspection (POT&I) Team embarked. During this time frame the ship conducted numerous drills before returning to port on 6 April. From 9 April to 13 April and again from 16 April to 19 April, the ship was underway in the San Diego OPAREAS conducting various drills and exercises with observers from Fleet Training Group (FTG) embarked. Blue Ridge again got underway on 25 April to conduct engineering drills and returned to Pier Six on 26 April, remaining inport through the 6th of May.

On 30 April, Blue Ridge hosted the COMPHIBGRU EASTPAC change of command ceremony on the ship's flight deck. Over 200 guests were present as Rear Admiral Donald G. Ramsey, USN, relieved Rear Admiral Richard A. Paddock, USN, as Commander Amphibious Group, Eastern Pacific. Vice Admiral W. R. St. George, Commander U. S. Naval Surface Forces Pacific Fleet, was the guest speaker.

Blue Ridge departed San Diego on 7 May to conduct various underway drills and exercises, returning to San Diego on 10 May where she remained through the rest of May.

June was an extremely busy month as Blue Ridge finalized preparations for its transit to Yokosuka, Japan, Blue Ridge's new homeport as Flagship of Commander Seventh Fleet. Blue Ridge hosted its final stateside Tiger Cruise incident to sea trials, departing San Diego on 20 June with 93 male relatives and guests embarked. The ship was underway overnight conducting various trials to ensure its readiness for the upcoming transit. During this short sea period dependents and guests of crewmembers observed their sponsors in action and experienced a brief period of life at sea. The ship returned to San Diego on 21 June, remaining until 2 July.

On 2 July, after nine years of operating from San Diego as homeport, Blue Ridge sailed for Yokosuka, Japan. After 15 days of smooth transit, Blue Ridge arrived at Yokosuka Naval Base on 17 July where she was greeted by Vice Admiral S. R. Foley, Commander United States Seventh Fleet, and numerous United States and Japanese Dignitaries, including RADM Lando W. Zech, COMNAVFORJAPAN, and Yokosuka Mayor Yokoyama. Blue Ridge enjoyed two weeks upkeep in Yokosuka through the 30th of July, much of the time being spent settling dependents in their new homes. Twenty-one Midshipmen embarked for their six week summer cruise indoctrination.

Blue Ridge departed Yokosuka on 31 July and arrived at White Beach, Okinawa on 2 August, with Rear Admiral D. S. Jones, Commander Amphibious Forces, U. S. Seventh Fleet, breaking his flag in Blue Ridge. The next day, August 3rd, Blue Ridge departed Okinawa, with COMPHIBFORSEVENTHFLT and Major General Maloney, CG, III MAW, embarked, for the British

Crown Colony of Hong Kong. Blue Ridge moored at HMS TAMAR on 6 August and departed Hong Kong for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, on 11 August. Blue Ridge arrived the 13th, embarked Major General Killen, CG III MAF, (CTF 79) and BGEN McMonagle, ADC First MARDIV, and got underway on 17 August to participate in the major fleet exercise Fortress Gale. Although the exercise was initially hampered by Typhoon Judy, Blue Ridge proceeded to Okinawa, supporting the landing operations. On 29 August the ship concluded its role in exercise Fortress Gale and entered Buckner Bay to offload CTF 76 and CTF 79 and their staffs. Blue Ridge departed Buckner Bay on the same day enroute Yokosuka, Japan.

Blue Ridge arrived in Yokosuka on 1 September and commenced the first increment of regular overhaul on 7 September. During this increment, Blue Ridge received extensive interior space modifications in preparation for permanent embarkation of Commander Seventh Fleet.

On 5 October Vice Admiral S. R. Foley Jr., Commander U. S. Seventh Fleet, broke his flag in Blue Ridge, marking a new role in primary mission for the ship.

On 10 October Blue Ridge conducted sea trials in the proximity of Yokosuka and concurrently conducted its first WESTPAC dependents cruise, returning to Yokosuka that afternoon. Sunday, 14 October, was Navy Friendship Day. As part of the day's events, Blue Ridge hosted over 10,000 Japanese who toured the ship between 1000 and 1700.

Blue Ridge departed Yokosuka on 22 October for her first cruise as the Seventh Fleet Flagship. The first port of call was Maizuru, Japan where the ship moored on 25 October. During the Sea of Japan portion of the transit Blue Ridge was accompanied by a Soviet Kresta II cruiser and overflowed by several Soviet TU-16 aircraft. The visit marked the first time a U. S. Navy ship had visited Maizuru in over sixteen years. During her stay the ship hosted many official functions including an open house on 28 October when 10,578 Japanese people enthusiastically toured the ship. On that evening, Vice Admiral Foley hosted over 120 members of the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force and Japanese Government at an on-board reception.

Blue Ridge departed Maizuru, Japan enroute Pusan, Korea on 29 October arriving in Pusan on 30 October to begin a four day visit. The ship's visit was relatively uneventful as many of the scheduled protocol functions had been cancelled due to the recent assassination of Korean President Park. The ship got underway on 3 November for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, arriving on 7 November for a short upkeep period.

Blue Ridge departed Subic Bay on 12 November enroute Yokosuka, Japan, arriving on the evening of 17 November, and remaining in upkeep until 3 December.

Blue Ridge got underway on 3 December for a goodwill visit to Sasebo, Japan, arriving on 5 December. During the five day visit, many official calls were made and received and on 8 December the ship conducted an open house during which 350 Japanese toured Blue Ridge. VADM Foley hosted a reception on board on the evening of the 8th for 120 Japanese and U. S. dignitaries.

Blue Ridge departed Sasebo on 9 December and arrived in Yokosuka, Japan on 11 December where she remained through the New Year.



D. L. CARLSON

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COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC
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CINCPACFLT

ADDENDUM NO. 1

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS DURING CALENDER YEAR 1979

A. HONG KONG:

(MAJOR GENERAL MALONEY/REAR ADMIRAL JONES, EMBARKED)

DATE: 7 AUGUST 1979

VISITOR: CAPTAIN BOB MOLAND, CAPIC, HONG KONG
CAPTAIN S. D. KELLY, USDLO, HONG KONG

DATE: 8 AUGUST 1979

VISITOR: MR. DAVID WILSON, POLITICAL ADVISOR, SECRETARY OF STATE
MR. R. G. B. BRIDGE, DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION
HONORABLE E. H. NICHOLS, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE/FISHERIES
MR. M. ALEXENDER, DIRECTOR OF MARINE
BRIGADIER GENERAL T. A. BOAM, DEPUTY COMMANDER BRITISH
FORCE
MR. G. T. BARNES, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SECURITY
MR. STAN BROOKS, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OFFICER, AMERICAN
CONSUL GENERAL

B. SUBIC BAY:

(MAJOR GENERAL MALONEY/REAR ADMIRAL JONES, EMBARKED)

DATE: 16 AUGUST 1979

VISITOR: MAJOR GENERAL KILLEEN, CG III MAF, EMBARKED
BRIGADIER GENERAL MCMONAGLE, EMBARKED

C. EXERCISE FORTRESS GALE:

DATE: 24 AUGUST 1979

VISITOR: VICE ADMIRAL S. R. FOLEY, COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET

DATE: 25 AUGUST 1979

VISITOR: LIEUTENANT GENERAL GINN, COMUSJAPAN
LIEUTENANT GENERAL HENION, CDR USARJ
GENERAL NAGANO, CHIEF OF STAFF JGSDF
VICE ADMIRAL SAKONJO, DIRECTOR JOS (JMSDF)
LIEUTENANT GENERAL MATSUI, CDR SW COMP AIR DIV, JASDF
REAR ADMIRAL KATAGIRI, J-3, JSD
MAJOR GENERAL HAMAYA, J-3, JSD
MAJOR GENERAL ANO, CG 1ST COMB BDG JGSDF
MR. STRAUSS, AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL
MR. HIGA, DEPUTY GOVERNOR
MR. NEMOTO, DIRECTOR NDFAB
CAPTAIN FUKAYA, CO, OKINAWA SUBAREA ACTIVITY
CAPTAIN SUZUKI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OPS/PLANS, MSD

D. YOKOSUKA:

DATE: 17 SEPTEMBER 1979

VISITOR: 50 JMSDF OFFICERS (0-4 AND 0-5)

DATE: 19 SEPTEMBER 1979

VISITOR: VICE ADMIRAL TSUNEHIRO, YOKOSUKA NAVAL DISTRICT
REAR ADMIRAL OKUTSU, CHIEF OF STAFF, YOKOSUKA NAVAL DISTRICT
REAR ADMIRAL ISHIKARA, SRF, JMSDF
CAPTAIN NARITA, LIAISON OFFICER

DATE: 20 SEPTEMBER 1979

VISITOR: REAR ADMIRAL HIRANO (RET), FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF, YND
MR. SEGURO TADAKATSU (COMMENTATOR, NHK)

DATE: 3 OCTOBER 1979

VISITOR: 19 JMSDF OFFICERS (0-6)

DATE: 9 OCTOBER 1979

VISITOR: REAR ADMIRAL BRIGGS, NAVAL LOGISTICS COMMAND, PEARL HARBOR

DATE: 10 OCTOBER 1979

VISITOR: DEPENDENT'S CRUISE
CAPTAIN & MRS. NARITA
CAPTAIN KONISHE
MR. TADAKATSU (COMMENTATOR, NHK)
MR. MASUOKA

DATE: 15 OCTOBER 1979

VISITOR: LIEUTENANT GENERAL DICKINSON, DIRECTOR C3 SYSTEM, JCS
DR. G. P. DINEEN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, C 3I
REAR ADMIRAL FRUDDEN, COMMANDER TASK FORCE 73
REAR ADMIRAL HOSTETTLER, COMMANDER, U. S. NAVAL FORCES
KOREA
REAR ADMIRAL JONES, COMMANDER TASK FORCE 76

DATE: 16 OCTOBER 1979

VISITOR: REAR ADMIRAL JONES, COMMANDER TASK FORCE 76
MAJOR GENERAL MALONEY, COMMANDER TASK FORCE 79
REAR ADMIRAL THUNMAN, COMMANDER SUBMARINE FORCE, U. S.
PACIFIC FLEET

DATE: 19 OCTOBER 1979

VISITOR: ADMIRAL COOGAN, COMMANDER NAVAL AIR FORCE, U. S.
PACIFIC FLEET

E. MAIZURU:

DATE: 26 OCTOBER 1979

VISITOR: MR. HIRONU NONAKA, VICE GOVERNOR
VICE ADMIRAL FUMIO SATO, COMMANDER MAIZURU DISTRICT
MR. HIDEMARU SENO, VICE MAYOR, MAIZURU
MR. GORO ADACHI, VICE CHAIRMAN, CITY COUNCIL
MR. SEIKI WATANABE, CHIEF EIGHTH REGION MARITIME SAFETY
HEADQUARTERS
REAR ADMIRAL EHIKO SHIKI, COFS, COMMANDER MAIZURU
DISTRICT
REAR ADMIRAL SHIRO RYUKO, COMMANDER ESCORT FLOTILLA 3
REAR ADMIRAL NOBORU SAKAMOTO, SUPERINTENDENT, JMSDF
FOURTH SERVICE SCHOOL

DATE: 27 OCTOBER 1979

VISITOR: CAPTAIN GOZI FUKUDA, COMMANDER, 31ST ESCORT DIVISION
MR. YUKIO AKAZAWA, CHIEF, MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY,
MAIZURU DEPARTMENT
SUPERINTENDENT EIICHI FAKAHASHI, CHIEF, EAST MAIZURU
POLICE STATION
SUPERINTENDENT SHUNZO HOTTA, CHIEF, WEST MAIZURU
POLICE STATION
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER YOSHIKIKO MOROZUMI, CO, JDS ISUZU

E. PUSAN:

DATE: 31 OCTOBER 1979

VISITOR: HONORABLE KIM SUNG JU, GOVERNOR, KYUNG NAM PROVINCE
HONORABLE CHOI SUK WON, MAJOR OF PUSAN
LIEUTENANT GENERAL PAK CHAN KYEUNG, COMMANDING GENERAL
ROKA LOGISTICS COMMAND
VICE ADMIRAL YI CHONG HO, COMMANDER, ROK FLEET
REAR ADMIRAL KO, CHUNG TOK, ROKN DCNO, OPERATIONS
REAR ADMIRAL HOSTETTLER, COMMANDER, NAVAL FORCES KOREA
COMO JEON WOO SUNG, COMMANDER, SECOND NAVAL SECTOR
MR. KIM SANG JIN, DIRECTOR, PUSAN PORT AUTHORITY

DATE: 1 NOVEMBER 1979

VISITOR: HONORABLE YI NAM DU, VICE GOVERNOR, KYUNG NAM PROVINCE
HONORABLE JUN YOUNG CHOON, VICE MAYOR OF PUSAN

BRIGADIER GENERAL IM YOUNG HOON, ROKA LOGISTICS COMMAND
TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
CAPTAIN HAN SOUNG WON, CHIEF OF STAFF, SECOND NAVAL SECTOR
CAPTAIN P. W. WEHRMAN, OINC CHINHAE DET

G. SUBIC BAY:

DATE: 7 NOVEMBER 1979

VISITOR: REAR ADMIRAL HORNE, MINEWARCOM

DATE: 8 NOVEMBER 1979

VISITOR: CAPTAIN KESTELOOT, NAVAL STATION, SUBIC BAY

DATE: 9 NOVEMBER 1979

VISITOR: REAR ADMIRAL PRINDLE, PATROL WINGS PACIFIC

H. YOKOSUKA:

DATE: 27 NOVEMBER 1979

VISITOR: MISS AMERICA CONTESTANTS

DATE: 28 NOVEMBER 1979

VISITOR: REAR ADMIRAL OKUTSU, CHIEF OF STAFF, COMMANDER YOKOSUKA DISTRICT
VICE ADMIRAL TERABE, PRESIDENT, JMSDF STAFF COLLEGE
21 JMSDF OFFICERS, (0-5/0-6)

DATE: 29 NOVEMBER 1979

VISITOR: REAR ADMIRAL INCE, COMNAVSECGRU
REAR ADMIRAL FRUDDEN, COMMANDER TASK FORCE 73

I. SASEBO:

DATE: 5 DECEMBER 1979

VISITOR: VICE ADMIRAL MASARU, COMMANDANT SASEBO DISTRICT
MR. KUMASHI KAKEHASHI, MAYOR OF SASEBO
REAR ADMIRAL KENZO SATO, CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, SASEBO DISTRICT
CAPTAIN DONALD F. X. MCPADDEN, CO, NAVAL ORDNANCE FACILITY, SASEBO
MR. TOKIYOSHI YOSHIDA, CHAIRMAN, SASEBO CITY ASSEMBLY
MR. SEIICHI IKEDA, VICE MAYOR OF SASEBO

MR. YASUHIKO KANDA, INTERPRETER
MR. ZENZABURO TANAKAMARU, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
TAMAYA DEPARTMENT STORE

DATE: 6 DECEMBER 1979

VISITOR: MR. KEIJI IBA, CHIEF, DEFENSE FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE, SASEBO
MR. NOBORU SHIRAKABE, CHIEF, SASEBO POLICE STATION
MR. HISAO AKAZAWA, CHIEF, SASEBO MARITIME SAFETY
OFFICE
COMMANDER PHILLIP ALVARADO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NAVAL
ORDNANCE FACILITY
MR. HIRAI, INTERPRETER
VICE ADMIRAL MASARU MAEDA, COMMANDANT SASEBO DISTRICT,
AND MRS. MAEDA
MR AND MRS TSUJI
MR SAKATA
CAPTAIN DONALD MCPADDEN, CO, NAVAL ORDNANCE FACILITY,
AND MRS. MCPADDEN
MR AND MRS MASUOKA
MR AND MRS HATANAKA

DATE: 8 DECEMBER 1979

VISITOR: MR AND MRS AKIRA FUKAGAWA
MR AND MRS IWAO FUKAGAWA
MR KUMASHI KAKEHASHI, MAYOR OF SASEBO, AND MRS KAKEHASHI
RADM KENZO SATO, CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, SASEBO DISTRICT
AND MRS SATO
MR SEIICHI IKEDA, VICE MAYOR OF SASEBO, AND MRS IKEDA

J. YOKOSUKA:

DATE: 17 DECEMBER 1979

VISITOR: CAPT KEIYU YOSHIKAWA, COMMANDING OFFICER, PROGRAM
GENERATION CENTER, JMSDF

DATE: 18 DECEMBER 1979

VISITOR: VADM WALLER, COMMANDER THIRD FLEET

DATE: 20 DECEMBER 1979

VISITOR: MR MACHIDA, MAYOR YOKOYOMA'S SECRETARY

DATE: 26 DECEMBER 1979

VISITOR: YOKOSUKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MR KOSANO
MR TSUNOI
MR INOUE
MR ISHIWATA
MR OKAMOTO
MR SEIKAMOTO

DATE: 28 DECEMBER 1979

VISITOR: VADM AONO, CHIEF OF STAFF, SELF DEFENSE FLEET
RADM MORIWAKI, CHIEF OF STAFF, YOKOSUKA DISTRICT

ADDENDUM NO. 2

UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENTS AND VERTICAL REPLENISHMENT. DURING
CALENDAR YEAR 1979

DATE: 12 April 1979
TYPE: UNREP
SHIP: USNS TALUGA (T-AO-62)

DATE: 9 May 1979
TYPE: UNREP
SHIP: USNS TALUGA (T-AO-62)

DATE: 20 June 1979
TYPE: VERTREP
SHIP: USS FLINT (AE-32)

DATE: 21 August 1979
TYPE: UNREP/VERTREP
SHIP: USS WABASH (AOR-5)

DATE: 28 August 1979
TYPE: UNREP
SHIP: USNS NAVASOTA (A)-106)

DATE: 3 November 1979
TYPE: UNREP
SHIP: USS WABASH (AOR-5)

ADDENDUM NO. 3

AMMUNITION EXPENDED DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1979

MOUNT 31 (LEFT GUN)

11 April 1979 16 ROUNDS
17 April 1979 8 ROUNDS
18 April 1979 18 ROUNDS
10 November 1979 5 ROUNDS

TOTAL ROUNDS: 47

MOUNT 32 (LEFT GUN)

11 April 1979 7 ROUNDS
17 April 1979 12 ROUNDS
10 November 1979 1 ROUNDS

TOTAL ROUNDS: 20

MOUNT 31 (RIGHT GUN)

11 April 1979 8 ROUNDS
17 April 1979 14 ROUNDS
18 April 1979 19 ROUNDS
10 November 1979 5 ROUNDS

TOTAL ROUNDS: 46

MOUNT 32 (RIGHT GUN)

11 April 1979 16 ROUNDS
17 April 1979 8 ROUNDS
20 August 1979 6 ROUNDS

TOTAL ROUNDS: 30

GRAND TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED: 143

Missiles - Sea Sparrow III fired from Basic Point Defensive Missile System.

DATE: 8 May 1979

Port Side - 1 Missile