

USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8)  
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OPNAV REPORT 5750-1

From: Commanding Officer, USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8)  
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09B9), Washington Navy Yard,  
Washington, D. C. 20390

Subj: Command History; submission of (U)

Ref: (a) OPNAV INST 5750.12A  
(b) CINCPACFLT INST 5750.2B

Encl: (1) Rosters of Officers and Men  
(2) Complete Chronology of USS DUBUQUE's Movements  
(3) Copies of Citations and Congratulatory Messages  
(4) Copy of Public Orientation Handout  
(5) Copies of Family Grams  
(6) Copy of Cruise Book - *filed OP-09B93*  
(7) Change of Command Program Containing Pictures and Bibliographies  
of the Commanding Officers Assigned During 1970

1. (U) In compliance with references (a) and (b), the history of USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8) for the period 1 January 1970 to 31 December 1970 is hereby submitted.

2. (C) Chronology of Highlights

- 02 JAN R & R stop in Cam Rahn Bay.
- 10 JAN Ship conducted battle problem which was observed by COMPHIBFORSEVENTHFLT.
- 16 JAN Ship moored at Berth 17, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Calls were made by CTF 76 and the Commanding Officer of DUBUQUE on Chinese Navy SOPA, RADM HSIEH, KE-WU; Kaohsiung Mayor, YANG, CHIN-HU; Fleet Commander, VADM HSIEH, CHU-NIEN; First Naval District Commandant, RADM HO, SHI-TU; Commander, Chinese Amphibious Force, VADM HUANG, HSI-LIN; Commandant, Chinese Naval Academy, VADM CHANG, JEN-YAO.
- 17 JAN 110 Chinese Naval Academy Midshipmen visited DUBUQUE. 140 visitors to the ship from Rotary Club and Kaohsiung Junior Chamber of Commerce.
- 18 JAN 145 visitors to the ship from Lions, Toastmasters, and Kaohsiung Export Processing Zone.

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19 JAN 150 officer students from the Chinese Technical Schools Command visited the ship.

21 FEB CTF 76 disembarked.

25 FEB Marines from various units of the First Marine Air Wing and equipment loaded aboard in DaNang. 198 enlisted and 4 officers. Cargo consisted of 227 vehicles and 34 large skids. (Bound for Iwakuni.)

27 FEB - 04 MAR R & R visit to Hong Kong.

15 MAR 268 Marines from First Marine Tank Battalion and 83 vehicles loaded aboard.

15 MAR - 01 APR Enroute to CONUS.

23 APR - 05 MAY COMPHIBRON THREE embarked.

04 MAY - 06 MAY Team of officers from the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) conducted material inspection.

25 MAY - 27 MAY Administrative Inspection by COMPHIBRON ONE. Grade, excellent.

28 MAY Change of Command. Captain Donald A. SMITH relieved Captain Paul J. HARTLEY, Jr. as Commanding Officer, USS DUBUQUE.

01 JUN - 06 JUN Operation "BEAGLE HOUSE".

16 JUN Awards presentation by COMPHIBGRU THREE.

18 JUN - 19 JUN 200 Marine Reservists and various vehicles lifted to Camp Pendleton.

29 JUN - 30 JUN Enroute to San Francisco. Dependents and privately owned automobiles embarked in ship.

30 JUN - 02 OCT Moored at U. S. Naval Shipyard, Hunters Point, San Francisco for overhaul.

10 JUL - 21 AUG Ship in drydock.

29 AUG DUBUQUE celebrated third birthday.

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18 SEP Sea Trials.  
25 SEP Sea Trials.  
02 OCT Sea Trials.  
05 OCT - 06 OCT Moored at Mare Island to load ammunition.  
08 OCT - 09 OCT Underway for San Diego. Dependents and privately owned automobiles embarked in ship.  
15 OCT - 16 OCT 61 Marines aboard conducting LVT operations.  
26 OCT - 20 NOV Refresher Training under Commander Fleet Training Group, San Diego.  
23 NOV Battle Efficiency Award presented by Rear Admiral GADDIS, COMPHIBGRU ONE, for competitive period 1 April 1969 to 30 June 1970.  
30 NOV - 11 DEC Amphibious Refresher Training. 200 Marines embarked from 7 until 11 December.  
14 DEC COMPHIBRON ONE embarked. DUBUQUE hosted a brief demonstration of amphibious operations for Chairman of Italian Defense Staff, General Enzo MARCHESI.  
11 DEC - 31 DEC Leave and upkeep in San Diego.  
22 DEC Christmas Party. DUBUQUE was host ship for dependent wives and children of USS CLEVELAND (LPD-7) and COMPHIBRON THREE.

3. (C) Basic Narrative

a. Command Organization and Relations

(1) USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8) served as a unit of Amphibious Squadron ONE. The following officers commanded the ship:

1 January 1970 - 28 May 1970; CAPT P. J. HARTLEY, JR., USN,  
474535/1310

28 May 1970 - 31 December 1970; CAPT D. A. SMITH, USN,  
521868/1100

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09 FEB

0742 Anchored at U. S. Naval Station, Danang, R. V. N.

1600 Underway for local operations.

11 FEB

0816 Anchored at Anchorage 13, U. S. Naval Station, Danang, R. V. N.

1823 Underway for night operations.

12 FEB

0830 Moored port side to South Pier #1, U. S. Naval Station,  
Danang, R. V. N.

1821 Underway for Subic Bay, P. I.

14 FEB

1238 Moored port side to Alava Pier, U. S. Naval Station, Subic  
Bay, P. I.

22 FEB

0907 Underway to breast out alongside USS ELDORADO.

1011 Moored starboard side to USS ELDORADO, Alava Pier, U. S.  
Naval Station, Subic Bay, P. I.

1919 Underway for Danang, R. V. N.

24 FEB

1447 Moored starboard side to Deep Water Pier, U. S. Naval  
Station, Danang, R. V. N.

25 FEB

1849 Underway for Hong Kong

27 FEB

1004 Moored to Mooring Buoy One in Hong Kong Harbor.

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04 MAR

1948 Underway for Iwakuni, Japan.

08 MAR

0822 Anchored in Anchorage Bravo in Iwakuni, Japan.

09 MAR

1422 Underway for Subic Bay, P. I.

13 MAR

0653 Moored at POL Pier, U. S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, P. I.

1505 Underway for Danang, R. V. N.

15 MAR

0726 Moored at Deep Water Pier, U. S. Naval Station, Danang, R. V. N.

2205 Underway for Guam.

21 MAR

0325 Moored starboard side to Delta Wharf Fuel Pier, Appra Harbor, Guam

0736 Underway for Del Mar, California.

01 APR

2203 Anchored off Del Mar, California.

02 APR

1204 Underway for San Diego, California.

1508 Moored starboard side to Pier 5, Berth #51, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

20 MAY

1003 Underway for independent ship operations.

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21 MAY

1620 Anchored by starboard anchor in Coronado Boat Lane 4, off Red Beach 2.

22 MAY

1137 Underway for operations.

1515 Moored starboard side to Pier 5, Berth #51, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

01 JUN

0925 Underway for Del Mar, California.

1445 Anchored off Del Mar Boat Basin.

02 JUN

1148 Underway for local operations.

03 JUN

1113 Anchored at Coronado Roads, Anchorage 152.

1643 Underway for local operations.

04 JUN

1243 Anchored off Del Mar Boat Basin.

1827 Underway to change anchorages.

1850 Anchored off Camp Del Mar, Oceanside.

06 JUN

1105 Underway for San Diego, California.

1537 Moored starboard side to Pier 5, Berth #51, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

22 JUN

1710 Underway for Camp Pendleton, California.

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23 JUN

- 0752 Anchored off Del Mar Boat Basin, Camp Pendleton, California.
- 1319 Underway for Seal Beach, U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot.
- 1718 Moored starboard side to Seal Beach Ammunition Pier.

24 JUN

- 1227 Underway for San Diego, California.
- 2016 Moored starboard side to Pier 5, Berth #51, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

29 JUN

- 1010 Underway for San Francisco, California.

30 JUN

- 1538 Moored starboard side to Berth 3, San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard, Hunters Point.

10 JUL

- 1029 Underway to Drydock #3.

21 AUG

- 1039 Underway for Berth #3.
- 1101 Moored starboard side to Berth 3, Pier 3, U. S. Naval Shipyard, Hunters Point.

10 SEP

- 0911 Underway (cold plant) to Berth 13, U. S. Naval Shipyard, Hunters Point.
- 0945 Moored starboard side to Berth 13, U. S. Naval Shipyard, Hunters Point.

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18 SEP

0804 Underway for Sea Trials.

2154 Moored port side to Berth 13, U. S. Naval Shipyard,  
Hunters Point.

25 SEP

0402 Underway for operations at sea.

26 SEP

0428 Moored port side to Berth 13, U. S. Naval Shipyard,  
Hunters Point.

02 OCT

0722 Underway for Sea Trials.

2005 Moored starboard side to Berth 13, U. S. Naval Shipyard,  
Hunters Point.

05 OCT

0859 Underway for Mare Island, California.

1203 Moored starboard side to Pier 35, Mare Island, California.

06 OCT

1210 Underway for Hunters Point.

1516 Moored port side to Pier 1, Berth 23, U. S. Naval Shipyard,  
Hunters Point.

08 OCT

0900 Underway for San Diego, California.

09 OCT

1434 Moored starboard side to Pier 4, U. S. Naval Station,  
San Diego, California.

13 OCT

1604 Underway for local operations.

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14 OCT

2052 Anchored off Del Mar Boat Basin, Camp Pendleton, California.

16 OCT

0803 Underway for San Diego, California.

1315 Moored starboard side to Pier 4, U. S. Naval Station,  
San Diego, California.

23 OCT

0834 Underway for San Diego Harbor.

0923 Moored to Buoys 25 and 26, San Diego Harbor.

02 NOV

0837 Underway for Refresher Training.

1532 Anchored in Anchorage 212, San Diego Harbor.

1700 Underway for Buoys 25 and 26, San Diego Harbor.

1746 Moored to Buoys 25 and 26, San Diego Harbor.

03 NOV

0638 Underway for Refresher Training.

1703 Moored to Buoys 25 and 26, San Diego Harbor.

04 NOV

0436 Underway for Refresher Training.

06 NOV

1521 Moored to Buoys 25 and 26, San Diego Harbor.

09 NOV

0825 Underway for Refresher Training.

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10 NOV

1430 Moored to Buoys 25 and 26, San Diego Harbor.

12 NOV

0826 Underway for Refresher Training.

13 NOV

1630 Moored to Buoys 25 and 26, San Diego Harbor.

16 NOV

0910 Underway for Refresher Training.

17 NOV

1711 Moored to Buoys 25 and 26, San Diego Harbor.

18 NOV

0712 Underway for Refresher Training.

19 NOV

1800 Moored to Buoys 25 and 26, San Diego Harbor.

20 NOV

0828 Underway for Refresher Training.

1222 Anchored in San Diego Harbor.

1355 Underway for Pier 6, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, Calif.

1452 Moored port side to Pier 6, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

30 NOV

1018 Underway to anchorage.

1142 Anchored right flank Boat Lane #5, Coronado Roads, off North Island, San Diego, California.

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02 DEC

- 0609 Underway for Amphibious Refresher Training.
- 0835 Anchored Right Flank Boat Lane #5, Coronado Roads, off North Island, San Diego, California.
- 1200 Underway.
- 1426 Anchored Right Flank Boat Lane #5, Coronado Roads, off North Island, San Diego, California.

03 DEC

- 0805 Underway.
- 0932 Moored to Buoys 27 and 28, San Diego Harbor.
- 1503 Underway.
- 1613 Moored port side to Pier 8, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

07 DEC

- 0831 Underway to Camp Pendleton, California.
- 1218 Anchored on Right Flank of Blue Beach, Camp Pendleton, California.

08 DEC

- 0733 Underway for Amphibious Refresher Training.
- 0910 Anchored on Left Flank of Blue Beach, Camp Pendleton, California.
- 1422 Underway.
- 1550 Anchored on Left Flank of Blue Beach, Camp Pnedleton, California.

09 DEC

- 0754 Underway for Amphibious Refresher Training.
- 0921 Anchored on Right Flank Blue Beach, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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10 DEC

0813 Underway for Amphibious Refresher Training.

0951 Anchored on Right Flank Blue Beach, Camp Pendelton, Calif.

11 DEC

0638 Underway for San Diego, California.

1252 Moored port side to Pier 8, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

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Citations and Congratulatory Messages

March 1970 From: COMSEVENTHFLT

Upon departure from the Western Pacific I wish to commend COMPHIBRON ONE, his staff and the officers and men of NEW ORLEANS, VANCOUVER, THOMASTON, and DUBUQUE for an excellent record of achievement while completing a variety of tasks with the SEVENTH Fleet. Performance truly indicative of a high degree of dedication and efficiency was clearly evidenced in the participation of NEW ORLEANS, VANCOUVER, THOMASTON and DUBUQUE in redeployment operations in Southeast Asia. Versatility and laudable professionalism were evidenced by participation in such achievements as the Vietnam Awards Ceremony and numerous VIP demonstrations while maintaining a high state of readiness for RVN operations. These efforts have contributed significantly toward the achievement of the U. S. mission in WESTPAC. Please convey my appreciation to all hands for a job well done. Best wishes for fair winds and following seas enroute to a well deserved reunion with friends and loved ones.

March 1970 From: COMPHIBPAC

Welcome home after a most successful deployment with SEVENTHFLT Forces in support of our nation's effort and that of the free world in the Republic of Vietnam. The professionalism and can-do spirit demonstrated by each of you in the successful execution of the many tasks assigned are indicative of a proud ship and a fine crew. From all here, our best wishes to each of you for a joyous reunion with families and loved ones.

May 1970 From: Servicemen's Guides Association, Hong Kong

I wish to extend my congratulations to each of your officers and men for the meritorious conduct ashore award reported by reference (a). Although desired of all units, the accomplishment of a blemish-free conduct record in Hong Kong is regrettably not a commonplace occurrence. The conscientious effort required by all hands to maintain such a record is sincerely appreciated. While exemplary conduct is always desired wherever SEVENTHFLT personnel go ashore, it is particularly essential in Hong Kong. WELL DONE!

June 1970 From: COMPHIBGRU THREE on "Operation Beagle House"

The professionalism, flexibility and ever increasing ability to work as a team that was demonstrated by participating forces, which included a wide diversity of ship and aircraft types and capabilities, was most heartening. I was pleased to note not only this steady improvement in task force operations, but also the professional execution of D-Day operations with the assault groups and supporting forces carrying out highly complex evolutions with maximum effect and minimum coordinating communications. "Beagle House" provided a positive indication to me that our Navy is ready to carry out its assigned responsibilities.

Enclosure (3)

August 1970 From: COMPHIBPAC

1. COMPHIBPAC proudly announces DUBUQUE (LPD-8) as winner of the PHIBRON ONE Battle Efficiency Award for the competitive period 1 April 1969 thru 30 June 1970.
2. DUBUQUE is authorized to display the Battle Efficiency pennant and the crew may wear the appropriate "E" insignia on their uniform, as authorized by references (a) and (b).
3. Congratulations to the Commanding Officer, officers and men of DUBUQUE for this most significant achievement. The excellence displayed by all of you is indicative of outstanding professional competence and a dedicated team spirit second to none.