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1. In compliance with reference (a), the history of USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8) for the period of 1 January 1982 through 31 December 1982 is hereby submitted.

2. BASIC HISTORY

a. Command Organization

1. During this period, USS DUBUQUE served as a unit of AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON ONE. The ship was commanded by Captain Jefferson R. DENNIS, USN,

2. Designation of units assigned. The following units were embarked on DUBUQUE.

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| a. TACRON 12 Det | 01 JAN - 15 MAY |
| b. ACU-1 (LCU-1665) | 01 JAN - 15 MAY |

Elements of:

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| c. BLT 3/2, 9th Eng Bn, 3rd Maint Bn, LSU9 | 06 JAN - 13 JAN |
| d. BLT 2/7, CSSD-32, 8 in 2/12, L2/12,
F2/12, E2/12, HQ2/12 | 15 JAN - 19 JAN |
| e. CAFEX "A" CMD, ECHO BTRY 2/12, CSSD-32
CAFEX AIR HQ, HMM 164(det) HAMS-36(Det)
MABS-36(Det), MWSG-17(Det) | 22 JAN - 25 JAN |
| f. BLT 2/7, 1st TRACVEHBN, 2/12, 2/7 | 26 JAN - 21 FEB |
| g. CTF 76 | 26 JAN - 21 FEB |
| h. 3rd FSSG FWD | 21 FEB - 24 FEB |

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| i. MACS-18 | 13 MAR - 17 MAR |
| j. 9th MAB, "I" 3/12, 3/5 | 20 MAR - 07 APR |
| k. CPR-1 | 11 JUN - 25 JUN |

3. Commanding Officer, USS DUBUQUE was assigned additional duties as CTG 76.7 from 01 JAN to 01 MAY.

HISTORICAL NARRATION

On 1 January 1982, DUBUQUE was moored to Army Pier 8, Pusan, Korea. Also in company was USS FREDERICK (LST-1184) as a unit of TG76.7 the separate operating group. On 3 January FREDERICK was detached and DUBUQUE proceeded independently to Yokohama, Japan. On 4 January DUBUQUE successfully participated in a mid-sea rendezvous and package pick-up with a USAF KC-130 aircraft from Okinawa, Japan. DUBUQUE arrived in Yokohama, Japan on 6 January, mooring to berth H, north pier, to pick up US Marines and equipment for transfer to Okinawa. Underway on 7 January, DUBUQUE arrived at Navy Pier, White Beach, Okinawa, Japan, On 10 January. Upon completion of offload, DUBUQUE got underway for CAFEX 1-82 on 11 January, arriving in Pohang, Korea on 13 January. Embarking US Marines and equipment, DUBUQUE departed the same day for CAFEX 2-82 and Inchon, Korea, arriving 15 January. Joined once again by FREDERICK as a unit of TG76.7, DUBUQUE embarked additional Marines and equipment, and on 16 January departed for Okinawa. On 18 January DUBUQUE and FREDERICK conducted an underway refueling with USNS PASSUMPSIC (TAO-107). Detaching FREDERICK on 19 January, DUBUQUE conducted an underway launch of US Marine LVT's off Oura Wan, Okinawa and then proceeded to White Beach. After offloading Marines and equipment, DUBUQUE got underway on 20 January for CAFEX 3-82 and Inchon, Korea. Arriving in Inchon on 22 January, DUBUQUE onloaded Marines and equipment, and departed on 23 January for return to Okinawa. Arriving on 25 January, DUBUQUE offloaded Marines and equipment and commenced backload of elements of BLT 2/7. On 26 January DUBUQUE became flagship of CTF 76, as RADM G. B. SCHICK Jr. embarked with his staff. On 26 January, after an underway onload of Marine LVT's off Oura Wan, DUBUQUE proceeded to Subic Bay, R.P., arriving on 29 January for upkeep. While in Subic Bay, DUBUQUE received official VIP visits from Asst SECNAV John S. Harrington on 1 February, and Sealift Amphibious Commander for the Philippines, Captain Dela Cruz on 9 February. Underway on 10 February, DUBUQUE conducted a surface gunnery exercise, and then proceeded to Hong Kong, BCC, arriving on 12 February. As CTF 76 flagship, DUBUQUE moored at HMS TAMAR. Upon arrival the Captain of the Port, Captain A. A. Waugh, RN, made an official call on RADM Schick. On 18 February DUBUQUE departed

Hong Kong enroute Okinawa, via the Bashi Channel. On 19 February there were numerous low flyovers by a Taiwanese C-119, with no incident. DUBUQUE rendezvoused with USNS Passumpsic on 20 February for an underway refueling. Arriving off Oura Wan Okinawa on 21 February, DUBUQUE offloaded LVT's and proceeded into port. CTF 76, RADM Schick shifted his flag and staff ashore upon arrival. After offloading Marines and equipment, DUBUQUE backloaded elements of 3rd FSSG FWD for transfer to Pohang, Korea. Underway on 22 February, DUBUQUE conducted brief helicopter operations with MCAS FUTEMA, and continued on to Pohang. Offloading Marines and equipment in Pohang upon arrival on 24 February, DUBUQUE departed on 25 February for Sasebo, Japan. On 26 February, DUBUQUE arrived in Sasebo for upkeep. Film crews from the Nagasaki Broadcasting Company (Ch. 6) arrived on board 6 March to film a news article about Japanese contract workers aboard US Navy ships. On 8 March DUBUQUE received an official visit from VADM ABE, JMSDF (Sasebo District). Upon completion of upkeep on 11 March, DUBUQUE got underway for Okinawa, Japan. Only hours out of port a Medivac helicopter was called up to transfer CWO2 R. W. Mattoon to Nagasaki, Japan for observation and treatment of a possible heart attack. Arriving in Okinawa on 13 March, DUBUQUE was joined by FREDERICK, and on 14 March departed for Pohang, Korea. Upon rendezvous with USS MARS (AFS-1), DUBUQUE conducted a vertical replenishment on 16 March. On 17 March, DUBUQUE arrived in Pohang, offloaded US Marines and equipment, and departed the same day for return to Okinawa. On 18 March DUBUQUE encountered a Russian Minesweeper which passed 500 yards astern with no incident. DUBUQUE backloaded Marine LVT's off Oura Wan, Okinawa on 20 March, and then proceeded into port. There DUBUQUE joined the remainder of Amphibious Squadron ONE and screening units under overall control of CTF 76 embarked in USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19). After backloading US Marine equipment and personnel, DUBUQUE proceeded to anchorage in Buckner Bay to commence Team Spirit 82. On 22 March DUBUQUE got underway for rehearsal landings on Blue Beach, Kin Wan, Okinawa, Japan. Following rehearsal, all units including DUBUQUE got underway for an opposed transit to Pohang, Korea. On 23 March, DUBUQUE conducted an underway refueling from USNS Passumpsic. Upon arrival in Pohang on 25 March, DUBUQUE proceeded to anchorage for pre-D-Day briefs and a night at anchor. On 26 March, DUBUQUE got underway to anchor off Tok Sok Ri, Korea for assault rehearsal. Following rehearsal, DUBUQUE got underway for the opposed transit. On 27 March DUBUQUE conducted a refueling from USNS Mispillion (TAO-105) and vertical replenishment from USS MARS. D-Day on 28 March, DUBUQUE proceeded to anchorage off Tok Sok Ri for the amphibious assault. Underway on 29 March for ISE, DUBUQUE returned to anchor the same day. On 30 March COMSEVENTHFLT, VADM Holcomb made an informal inspection tour of DUBUQUE after which DUBUQUE got underway for refueling from USNS Mispillion, and returned to anchorage.

Underway for ISE 1 April, DUBUQUE sighted a Russian Kara-class cruiser, hull no. 565, apparently shadowing the task force. DUBUQUE returned to anchorage off Tok Sok Ri that day. Finex for Team Spirit 82 on 4 April and DUBUQUE entered Pohang, Korea for backload of US Marines and equipment. Underway the same day, DUBUQUE proceeded independently to Okinawa, arriving on 6 April to offload Marines and equipment. On 7 April, in company with FREDERICK, DUBUQUE got underway, returning to Pohang on 9 April. After detaching FREDERICK and backloading Marines and equipment, DUBUQUE got underway on 10 April to return to Okinawa. On 12 April, prior to entering port, DUBUQUE sighted JDS diesel submarine Uzushia on the surface. Remaining in Okinawa for offload, DUBUQUE was joined by FREDERICK, and on 13 April got underway for Subic Bay, R.P. DUBUQUE test fired guns in a surface mine shoot on 14 April, and arrived in Subic Bay on 16 April. Notification was received on 17 April that DUBUQUE had won the Amphibious Squadron ONE Battle Efficiency "E", Communication "C", Engineering "E", Damage Control "DC", Amphibious Assault Award and Electronics Warfare "EW" awards. In addition, LCU-1665, attached to DUBUQUE, won the Engineering "E", and Amphibious Assault Award. On 22 April DUBUQUE, in company with Amphibious Squadron ONE, got underway for Pearl Harbor, Hi. DUBUQUE outchopped 7th FLT on 1 May and became a unit of the US Third Fleet in a turnover rendezvous with Amphibious Squadron SEVEN. On 7 May DUBUQUE arrived at Pearl Harbor, Hi for a two day port visit. Additionally, 45 Tiger Cruise participants and 28 Supship representatives and civilian contractors boarded for return trip to San Diego. DUBUQUE arrived in her homeport of San Diego on 15 May and commenced a 30 day standdown. On 4 June, Capt D.R. Morris, prospective Commander, Amphibious Squadron ONE, visited on board. On 11 June, now Commodore D.R. Morris, CPR-1, broke his flag on board DUBUQUE, remaining on board with his staff until 25 June. In an awards ceremony on board on 29 June, DUBUQUE was officially presented the Battle Efficiency "E" by RADM Walsh, Commander, Amphibious Group Eastern Pacific, with Commodore Morris also in attendance. Underway for local ops 30 June, DUBUQUE returned to San Diego on 1 July in preparation for INSURV. The INSURV board embarked on 2 July, and remained on board until 9 July. On 6 July DUBUQUE got underway for INSURV checks, returning to port the same day. Underway on 21 July, DUBUQUE stopped shortly at La Playa pier, San Diego for MOGAS offload, and proceeded to sea to conduct a burial at sea for ADC David Stewart, USN, formerly attached to HSL-31. Night steaming in the SOCAL Ops Areas, DUBUQUE arrived at Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, Ca on 22 July for LFORM and ammunition offload. DUBUQUE got underway on 23 July to return to San Diego, arriving at pier 10, NAVSTA San Diego the same day. On 11 August all fuel was offloaded to a barge in preparation for overhaul, and on 15 August DUBUQUE moved to pier 5, NAVSTA. On 30 August DUBUQUE commenced Regular Overhaul, Arcwel Corp. as primary contractor.

On September 15, due to an excessively high tide, the ship's brow fell, causing ABF2 J. M. Felton to fall, seriously injuring him. He was transferred to Balboa Naval Hospital for treatment. The ship's crew berthing and messing facilities were moved to APL-4 on 29 September, the barge moored to the quaywall astern the ship. DUBUQUE was moved to drydock at NAVSTA San Diego as part of ROH. A class B fire broke out in no. 2 Main Machinery Room in the early hours of 23 October. With the aid of rescue and assistance teams from nearby ships the fire was extinguished, with serious injury to two civilian contract workers. The cause of the fire was traced to ignition of cleaning solvents in the space. On 5 November CDR W. P. Fini was relieved as Executive Officer by CDR R. L. Stark. Leaving drydock on 4 December, DUBUQUE returned to pier 5 to continue ROH. Commencing the holiday leave period on 15 December, DUBUQUE closed out the year at pier 5 NAVSTA San Diego.


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