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OPNAV REPORT 5750-1

FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER, USS JUNEAU (LPD 10)
TO: DIRECTOR OF NAVAL HISTORY (OP-09B9)

SUBJ: COMMAND HISTORY OF USS JUNEAU (LPD 10) FOR 1979

REF (a): OPNAVINST 5750.12B

ENCL: (1) CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS FOR 1979
(2) BASIC NARRATIVE
(3) CHANGE OF COMMAND PAMPHLET
(4) PHOTOGRAPH OF PRESENT COMMANDING OFFICER

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (a) THE 1979 COMMAND HISTORY OF USS JUNEAU IS SUBMITTED HEREWITH AS ENCLOSURES (1) THROUGH (4)


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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS FOR 1979

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
01 JAN - 11 MAR 79	ASSIGNED TO TU 53.6.3
01 JAN - 08 JAN 79	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
09 JAN - 11 JAN 79	UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREA/MTT PHASE I
12 JAN 79	ANCHORED OFF CORONADO, CA/BOAT OPS
12 JAN - 12 MAR 79	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
14 JAN 79	STACK EXPLOSION NR 1 BOILER, 1 MINOR INJURY, CAPT. MCINTYRE ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATION
15 JAN - 31 JAN 79	SIMA AVAILABILITY
6 FEB 79	TRAINING READINESS EVALUATION (TRE)
9 FEB - 10 MAR 79	COMPHIBRON FIVE EMBARKS IN JUNEAU
28 FEB - 7 MAR	NAVY FOOD MANAGEMENT TEAM ASSIST VISIT
1 MAR - 2 MAR 79	NWAT
10 MAR 79	OPERATIONAL TEST OF NR 1 BOILER
12 MAR - 30 MAR 79	ASSIGNED TO TG 54.1 FOR REFRESHER TRAINING
12 MAR - 22 MAR 79	UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREAS FOR REFRESHER TRAINING
23 MAR - 24 MAR 79	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
25 MAR - 30 MAR 79	UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREAS FOR REFRESHER TRAINING
30 MAR 79	FINAL BATTLE PROBLEM
30 MAR - 08 APRIL 79	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
31 MAR - 30 JUN 79	ASSIGNED TO TG 36.4
09 APRIL - 13 APRIL 79	PHIBRON FIVE GROUP SAIL TO VANCOUVER B.C. MTT PHASE II ENROUTE
14 APRIL - 16 APRIL 79	PORT VISIT VANCOUVER B.C.
16 APRIL - 21 APRIL 79	COMPHIBRON FIVE EMBARKS IN JUNEAU
17 APRIL - 21 APRIL 79	PHIBRON FIVE GROUP SAIL TO SAN DIEGO, CA
21 APRIL - 22 APRIL 79	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
23 APRIL - 4 MAY 79	AMPHIBIOUS REFRESHER TRAINING
23 APRIL - 27 APRIL 79	UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREAS FOR AMPHIB REFTRA
28 APRIL - 29 APRIL 79	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
30 APRIL - 4 MAY 79	UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREAS FOR AMPHIB REFTRA
05 MAY - 06 MAY 79	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
07 MAY - 21 MAY 79	UPKEEP SAN DIEGO, CA
07 MAY - 11 MAY 79	3-M ASSIST VISIT
13 MAY - 20 MAY 79	COMPHIBRON FIVE EMBARKS IN JUNEAU
15 MAY 79	COMNAVSURFPAC PRE-DEPLOYMENT BOILER INSPECTIONS
16 MAY - 17 MAY 79	COMNAVSURFPAC SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INSPECTION (SMI)
21 MAY 79	UNDERWAY FOR SEAL BEACH/SESI

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22 MAY - 23 MAY 79 L-FORM ONLOAD AT NAVAL WEAPONS STATION, SEAL BEACH, CA
 23 MAY - 24 MAY 79 ENROUTE SAN DIEGO, CA
 25 MAY - 29 MAY 79 INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
 30 MAY - 1 JUN 79 UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREAS FOR OPPE
 2 JUN - 21 JUN 79 UPKEEP SAN DIEGO, CA
 5 JUN 79 MEDICAL READINESS EVALUATION
 4 JUN 79 SESI
 4 JUN - 8 JUN 79 3-M INSPECTION
 4 JUN - 9 JUN 79 CSRT
 22 JUN - 16 JUL 79 SIMA AVAILABILITY
 1 JUL - 22 AUG 79 ASSIGNED TO TG 36.3
 3 JUL 79 SHIPS SIGNAL EXPLOITATION SPACE INSPECTION (SSES)
 12 JUL - 16 JUL 79 SCAMP CLEANING
 17 JUL - 18 JUL 79 UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREAS FOR TYPE TRAINING
 18 JUL - 19 JUL 79 COMPHIBRON FIVE EMBARKS IN JUNEAU
 19 JUL - 22 JUL 79 INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
 23 JUL - 16 AUG 79 ASSIGNED TO TU 36.9.1
 23 JUL - 29 JUL 79 TRANSIT EX EASTPAC, GROUP SAIL WITH PHIBRON FIVE UNITS
 30 JUL - 2 AUG 79 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI/LOAD BLT 1/9
 3 AUG - 5 AUG 79 UNDERWAY TO KAWOOLAWI, HI FOR EXERCISE FORTRESS GALE
 REHEARSAL
 6 AUG - 7 AUG 79 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
 8 AUG - 16 AUG 79 TRANSITEX MIDPAC 9-79
 13 AUG 79 CROSSED INTERNATIONAL DATELINE HEADED WEST
 17 AUG 79 INCHOP SEVENTHFLT
 17 AUG - 31 AUG 79 ASSIGNED COMMANDER TU 76.9.3
 18 AUG - 23 AUG 79 TYPHOON EVASION (JUDY 79) CANCELS EXERCISE FORTRESS GALE
 24 AUG 79 INPORT NAHA, JA/OFFLOAD ELEMENTS BLT 1/9
 25 AUG - 28 AUG 79 MAFLEX 2-79/BLUE BEACH, KIN WAN, OKINAWA, JA
 29 AUG - 31 AUG 79 INPORT WHITE BEACH, OK/PHIBRON SEVEN TURN OVER
 1 SEP - 31 DEC 79 ASSIGNED COMMANDER TG 76.4
 1 SEP - 2 SEP 79 ENROUTE BEPPU, JA
 3 SEP - 6 SEP 79 PORT VISIT BEPPU, JA
 7 SEP 79 ENROUTE SASEBO, JA
 8 SEP - 23 SEP 79 UPKEEP SASEBO, JA
 24 SEP - 25 SEP 79 ENROUTE OKINAWA, JA
 26 SEP - 30 SEP 79 TYPHOON EVASION (OWEN 79) CANCELS LANDEX AT RED BEACH,
 KIN WAN OKINAWA, JA
 30 SEP - 1 OCT 79 INPORT WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA, JA/LOAD BLT 2/4
 2 OCT 79 ENROUTE KAGOSHIMA, JA
 3 OCT - 5 OCT 79 PORT VISIT KAGOSHIMA, JA
 6 OCT - 7 OCT 79 ENROUTE NUMAZU, JA
 8 OCT - 9 OCT 79 ANCHORED NUMAZU, JA/OFFLOAD BLT 2/4

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10 OCT - 12 OCT 79 ENROUTE OKINAWA, JA
13 OCT 79 INPORT WHITE BEACH OKINAWA, JA/ONLOAD ELEMENTS BLT/25
AND 3RD RECON BATT.
14 OCT - 16 NOV 79 COMPHIBGRU ONE EMBARKS IN JUNEAU
14 OCT - 16 OCT 79 ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, RP
16 OCT 79 JUNEAU LOGS 7000 ACCIDENT FREE HELO LANDING
17 OCT - 27 OCT 79 UPKEEP SUBIC BAY, RP
23 OCT 79 CAPT. CHARLES R. FLATHER RELIEVES CAPT. RICHARD
F. GREEN AS COMMANDING OFFICER USS JUNEAU
28 OCT - 1 NOV 79 ENROUTE SINGAPORE/REFUGEE OPS
30 OCT 79 PASSEX WITH JAS KATORI AND JAS MUCHISURI
31 OCT 79 JUNEAU REFUELS USS FRANCIS HAMMOND
1 NOV 79 1730H CROSSED EQUATOR AT 105-15E
2 NOV - 5 NOV 79 PORT VISIT SINGAPORE
6 NOV - 7 NOV 79 ENROUTE PHATTAYA BEACH, TH
6 NOV 79 JUNEAU RESCUES 43 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES
8 NOV - 11 NOV 79 PORT VISIT PHATTAYA BEACH, TH/DEBARK REFUGEES
12 NOV - 15 NOV 79 ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, RP
16 NOV - 24 NOV 79 UPKEEP SUBIC BAY, RP
25 NOV - 27 NOV 79 ENROUTE OKINAWA, JA
28 NOV - 29 NOV 79 INPORT WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA, JA/ONLOAD
30 NOV - 1 DEC 79 MAGEX 1-80/ENROUTE INCHON, KS
2 DEC - 3 DEC 79 INPORT INCHON, KS/OFFLOAD BLT
4 DEC - 6 DEC 79 ENROUTE OKINAWA, JA
7 DEC - 8 DEC 79 INPORT WHITE BEACH OKINAWA, JA/ONLOAD BLT 1/9
9 DEC - 11 DEC 79 ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, RP/ARG BROVA GROUP SAIL
TYPHOON EVASION (ABBAY 79)
12 DEC - 18 DEC 79 BLTEX 1-80 BOTOLAN, RP
19 DEC - 25 DEC 79 UPKEEP SUBIC BAY, RP
26 DEC - 27 DEC 79 ENROUTE HONG KONG, BCC/ARG BRAVO GROUP SAIL
28 DEC - 2 JAN 79 PORT VISIT HONG KONG, BCC

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BASIC NARRATIVE

JANUARY 1, 1979 FOUND JUNEAU AT NAVAL STATION, SAN DIEGO, CA IN A POST-OVERHAUL AVAILABILITY, PREPARING FOR THE UPCOMING OPERATIONAL PROPULSION PLANT EXAMINATION (OPPE) AND REFRESHER TRAINING (REFTRA). JUNEAU WAS UNDERWAY 9-12 JANUARY FOR AN EVALUATION BY COMNAVSURFPAC MOBILE TRAINING TEAM (MTT). DURING THIS UNDERWAY PERIOD THE ENGINEERS DEMONSTRATED THEIR CASUALTY CONTROL PROCEDURES AND THE DECK DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED BOAT OPERATIONS IN PREPARATION FOR REFTRA. JUNEAU RETURNED TO PORT ON THE 12TH DAY OF JANUARY AND WAS PREPARING TO GET UNDERWAY FOR MORE LOCAL OPERATIONS WHEN SHE SUSTAINED A MAJOR BOILER EXPLOSION AS A RESULT OF IMPROPER OPERATION OF THE BOILER FUEL SYSTEM. LUCKILY, ONLY ONE MINOR INJURY RESULTED FROM THE EXPLOSION WHICH HEAVILY DAMAGED NUMBER ONE BOILER AND STACK. JUNEAU WOULD EVENTUALLY BE SHIFTED FROM PIER TO PIER AT THE NAVSTA WHILE WORK CONTINUED ON THIS BOILER THROUGH 1 MARCH 1979.

CONCURRENT WITH THE BOILER REPAIR, JUNEAU WAS ASSIGNED A SIMA AVAILABILITY AND AN RAV. JUNEAU CONTINUED HER PRE-DEPLOYMENT EVALUATIONS DURING THIS ALONG-SIDE PERIOD. FEBRUARY 6TH WAS THE TRAINING READINESS EVALUATION (TRE) AND THE NAVY FOOD MANAGEMENT TEAM PAID AN ASSIST VISIT TO THE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT FROM 28 FEBRUARY TO 7 MARCH.

COMPHIBRON FIVE EMBARKED IN JUNEAU ON 9 FEBRUARY . AND REMAINED EMBARKED UNTIL 10 MARCH. THE LATTER PART OF FEBRUARY WAS DEVOTED TO PREPARATION FOR THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ASSISTANCE TEAM (NWAT) VISIT WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 1-2 MARCH AND THE FINAL PREPARATION FOR REFTRA WHICH TOOK PLACE 12-30 MARCH.

ON THE MORNING OF 9 MARCH THE BODY OF A YOUNG MAN WAS DISCOVERED, FLOATING IN THE WATER BETWEEN PIERS 2 AND 3 OF THE NAVAL STATION, BY MEMBERS OF THE JUNEAU CREW.

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A MOTOR WHALEBOAT WAS DETACHED, THE BODY WAS RECOVERED AND TURNED OVER TO THE NAVAL STATION SECURITY PERSONNEL.

FROM THE 9TH TO THE 11TH OF MARCH THE AIR DEPARTMENT'S CRASH CREW ATTENDED THE AVIATION FIRE FIGHTING COURSE OFFERED BY THE LOCAL NAVY FIRE-FIGHTING SCHOOL.

ON 10 MARCH FIRES WERE ONCE AGAIN LIGHTED IN JUNEAU'S BOILERS AND WITH HER PROPULSION CAPABILITIES RESTORED SHE SET TO SEA ON 12 MARCH FOR REFRESHER TRAINING.

DURING THE THREE WEEKS OF REFRESHER TRAINING JUNEAU EXERCISED ALL THE CAPABILITIES OF A FLAG CONFIGURED LPD. SHE WENT TO SEA EACH MORNING, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, PICKING UP THE REFTRA OBSERVERS IN THE MORNING AT THE NORTH ISLAND TURNING BASIN AND RETURNING THEM LATE IN THE EVENING. JUNEAU WOULD THEN EITHER MOOR TO THE REFTRA BUOYS OR NIGHT STEAM. SOME OF THE EXERCISES CONDUCTED DURING REFTRA WERE; NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT EXERCISES OFF SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND, LEAP FROG EXERCISES WITH THE USNS TALUGA AND THE USS MT. VERNON, TOWING EXERCISES WITH THE USS THOMASTON, UNREP WITH THE USS SACRAMENTO, FIRING AT SLED TOWED BY THE USS LIPON, ENGINEERING CASUALTY CONTROL DRILLS AND DAMAGE CONTROL DRILLS. THIS TRAINING CLIMAXED WITH THE FINAL GRADED BATTLE PROBLEM ON 30 MARCH. COMPHIBRON FIVE OBSERVED JUNEAU'S SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE FINAL BATTLE PROBLEM AND JUNEAU RETURNED TO PORT WHERE SHE ENTERED ON AN UPKEEP PERIOD THAT LASTED UNTIL 9 APRIL.

ON 9 APRIL, JUNEAU SET TO SEA WITH THE OTHER UNITS OF PHIBRON FIVE FOR A GROUP SAIL TO VANCOUVER, B.C. THE MTT PHASE II VISIT WAS CONDUCTED ENROUTE TO VANCOUVER. ON THE 12 OF APRIL JUNEAU EXPERIENCED HEAVY WEATHER OFF THE COAST OF OREGON. ROLLING IN EXCESS OF 40 DEGREES RESULTED IN SOME STRUCTURAL

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DAMAGE TO THE MESSDECKS AND NUMEROUS MINOR INJURIES TO THE CREW.

THE 14TH THROUGH THE 16TH OF APRIL WAS SPENT IN THE SPECTACULAR CITY OF VANCOUVER, B.C. THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF ALL THE PHIBRON FIVE UNITS WILL LONG REMEMBER THE BEAUTIFUL TRANSIT THROUGH THE CANADIAN WATERWAYS AND THE WARM RECEPTION BY OUR CANADIAN HOSTS.

ON 16 APRIL COMPHIBRON FIVE SHIFTED HIS FLAG TO JUNEAU FOR THE TRANSIT BACK TO SAN DIEGO. DURING THE RETURN TRIP EXTENSIVE TYPE TRAINING WAS CONDUCTED BY ALL UNITS. THIS INCLUDED COMPETITIVE GUNFIRE EXERCISES, FORMATION STEAMING AND LEAP FROG DRILLS. ON 19 APRIL JUNEAU REPLENISHED FROM THE USS WABASH AND ON 21 APRIL, THE PHIBRON MOORED AT NAVSTA, SAN DIEGO, CA.

JUNEAU SPENT THE 23RD OF APRIL TO THE 4TH OF MAY IN AMPHIBIOUS REFRESHER TRAINING. THIS TIME WAS DEVOTED TO EXTENSIVE BOAT OPERATIONS OFF CORONADO ROADS AND WHITE BEACH, CAMP PENDLETON, CA.

THIS TRAINING WAS CONCLUDED ON THE 4TH OF MAY WITH A GRADED AMPHIBIOUS LANDING AT CORONADO ROADS. JUNEAU RETURNED TO NAVSTA, SAN DIEGO ON THE 5TH OF MAY AND ON 7 MAY ENTERED AN UPKEEP PERIOD WHICH LASTED UNTIL THE 21ST OF MAY. DURING THIS UPKEEP JUNEAU RECEIVED A 3M ASSIST VISIT (7-11 MAY), A COMNAVSURFPAC SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INSPECTION (SMI) (16-17 MAY), COMNAVSURFPAC PRE-DEPLOYMENT BOILER INSPECTION (15 MAY) AND A TROOP SPACE INSPECTION. COMPHIBRON FIVE EMBARKED IN JUNEAU 13-20 MAY.

FROM 21-24 MAY JUNEAU MADE A TRIP TO NAVAL WEAPONS STATION, SEAL BEACH CA FOR A L-FORM ONLOAD. ENGINEERING DRILLS WERE CONDUCTED ON BOTH TRANSITS IN PREPARATION FOR THE OPERATIONAL PROPULSION PLANT EXAMINATION (OPPE) WHICH TOOK PLACE 30 MAY TO 1 JUNE IN THE SOCIAL OPAREAS.

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THE MONTH OF JUNE 1979 WAS DEVOTED TO PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING WESTPAC DEPLOYMENT. DURING THE UPKEEP PERIOD WHICH LASTED FROM THE 2ND TO THE 21ST OF JUNE, JUNEAU RECEIVED AN EXPLOSIVE SAFETY INSPECTION (SESI ON 4 JUNE), A 3M INSPECTION (4-8 JUNE), A MEDICAL READINESS INSPECTION (5 JUNE) AND A COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS TEST (CSRT, 4-9 JUNE).

THROUGHOUT THE SIMA AVAILABILITY (22 JUNE-16 JULY) INSPECTIONS AND TRAINING CONTINUED. THE SHIPS SIGNAL EXPLOITATION SPACE (SSES) INSPECTION WAS CONDUCTED ON 3 JULY AND THE WEEK OF 12 JULY JUNEAU RECEIVED AN UNDERWATER HULL CLEANING (SCAMP).

JUNEAU CONDUCTED A SHAKEDOWN CRUISE ON THE 17TH OF JULY IN THE SOCIAL OPAREAS. THIS INCLUDED A GUNFIRE EXERCISE AND HELO OPERATIONS WITH THE 3RD MARINE AIR WING.

JUNEAU RETURNED TO PORT, EMBARKED COMPHIBRON FIVE AND SET TO SEA ON THE 18TH OF JULY FOR BOAT OPERATIONS AND MORE HELO QUALIFICATION. JUNEAU RETURNED TO PORT ON THE EVENING OF 18 JULY AND REMAINED INPORT UNTIL THE 23RD OF JULY.

ON 23 JULY AS A MEMBER OF TASK UNIT 36.9.1 JUNEAU LEFT HER HOMEPORT HEADED WEST ON HER FIFTH WESTPAC DEPLOYMENT. SHE WOULD NOT RETURN TO SAN DIEGO UNTIL 14 FEBRUARY 1980. FROM 23-30 JULY, JUNEAU WAS ENGAGED IN TRANSIT EXERCISE EASTPAC. JUNEAU TRANSITED TO HAWAII IN COMPANY WITH USS TRIPOLI (LPH 10), USS DULUTH (LPD 6), USS MOUNT VERNON (LSD 39), USS THOMASTON (LSD 28), USS BRISTOL COUNTY (LST 1189), AND USS TUSCALOOSA (LST 1187). DURING THIS TRANSIT, EXTENSIVE TRAINING TOOK PLACE AROUND THE CLOCK TO POLISH THE CREW IN ALL AREAS OF COMMAND AND CONTROL.

THE SQUADRON ARRIVED IN PEARL HARBOR, HI ON 31 JULY IMMEDIATELY REFUELING AND REPLENISHING FOR THE UPCOMING AMPHIBIOUS LANDING REHEARSAL AND THE NEXT LEG OF THE JOURNEY WEST. IN PEARL HARBOR JUNEAU UNLOADED BLT 1-9.

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THE EXERCISE FORTRESS GALE REHEARSAL (3-5 JULY) OFF KAWOOLAWI, HI WAS HAMPERED SLIGHTLY BY INCLEMENT WEATHER. ON 3 JULY, COMTHIRDFLT, VADM MCKEE, PAID A VISIT TO JUNEAU.

THE 6TH AND 7TH OF JULY JUNEAU'S CREW SAMPLED THE HOSPITALITY OF OAHU, HI AND MADE LAST MINUTE PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEXT LEG OF THE JOURNEY, TRANSIT EX MIDPAC 9-79.

THE SQUADRON DEPARTED PEARL HARBOR ON 8 JULY AND FORMATION STEAMED UNTIL 17 JULY WHEN IT INCHOPPED 7TH FLEET. EXTENSIVE COMMAND AND CONTROL TRAINING CONTINUED DURING THIS PERIOD. ON 11 JULY JUNEAU CONDUCTED A HIGHLINE TRANSFER WITH USS TUSCALOOSA AND ON 13 JULY THE SQUADRON ENTERED THE DOMAIN OF THE GOLDEN DRAGON WHEN IT CROSSED THE INTERNATIONAL DATELINE HEADED WEST.

ON 17 JULY, AS PART OF OPERATION FORTRESS GALE, JUNEAU AND TUSCALOOSA WERE DETACHED FROM THE SQUADRON WITH ORDERS TO SHADOW THE OTHER UNITS WHILE ACTING AS OPPOSING FORCES. TUSCALOOSA STAYED WITHIN VISUAL RANGE OF THE SQUADRON RELAYING ITS POSITION TO JUNEAU WHO WAS PARALLELING ITS COURSE SOME 150 NM TO THE NORTH. THIS OPERATION WAS CANCELLED ON 18 JULY WHEN THE SQUADRON WAS ORDERED TO ACTIVELY EVADE TYPHOON JUDY. JUNEAU REJOINED THE OTHER PHIBRON FIVE UNITS ON 20 JULY. AFTER REPLENISHING ALONGSIDE THE USNS NAVASOTA ON 22 JULY, JUNEAU AND TUSCALOOSA DETACHED ONCE AGAIN AND PROCEEDED TO THE PORT OF NAHA, JA TO OFFLOAD ELEMENTS OF BLT 1-9 (24 JULY).

SHORTLY AFTER GETTING UNDERWAY ON THE 25TH OF JULY JUNEAU RECEIVED A HELICOPTER BEARING COMSEVENTHFLT, VADM S.R. FOLEY, TO WELCOME HER TO THE SEVENTH FLEET AND DISCUSS HER NEXT OPERATION, MAFLEX, OKINAWA 2-79 (24-31 JULY).

FOR MAFLEX 2-79 JUNEAU CONDUCTED AN AMPHIBIOUS OFFLOAD WHILE AT ANCHOR OFF BLUE BEACH, KIN WAN OKINAWA (26-27 JULY). JUNEAU PROCEEDED TO SEA ON THE 28TH

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AND ONCE AGAIN REFUELED ALONGSIDE USNS NAVASOTA. JUNEAU STEAMED INTO WHITE BEACH OKINAWA ON 29 JULY WHERE SHE WAS GREETED BY COMPHIBFORCE 7TH FLEET, RADM D. JONES AND THE UNITS OF PHIBRON SEVEN THAT SHE WAS RELIEVING.

ON 30 AUG. JUNEAU RELIEVED HER COUNTERPART FROM PHIBRON SEVEN AND THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF JUNEAU TOOK TACTICAL CONTROL OF AMPHIBIOUS TASK GROUP 76.4.

JUNEAU'S FIRST COMMITMENT AS FLAGSHIP OF AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP BRAVO (ARG B) WAS A PORT VISIT TO BEPPU, JA (36 SEP). WHILE SOME OF THE CREW TOURED THIS BEAUTIFUL JAPANESE TOURIST ATTRACTION; OTHERS PARTICIPATED IN ACTIVITIES AIMED AT SUSTAINING THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS ENJOYED BETWEEN THE US NAVY AND THE CITY OF BEPPU. MEMBERS OF THE CREW REPAIRED AND PAINTED A LOCAL ORPHANAGE AND THE JUNEAU SOFTBALL TEAM PLAYED BEPPU'S JAPANESE NATIONAL DEFENSE LEAGUE SOFTBALL TEAM. AFTER THIS MUCH-NEEDED REST, JUNEAU TRANSITED TO SASEBO, JA FOR AN UPKEEP PERIOD WHICH LASTED FROM 8 TO 23 SEP.

WHILE THE JUNEAU WAS IN UPKEEP THE PLANS WERE BEING DEVELOPED FOR HER NEXT MAJOR OPERATION, A LANDING EXERCISE AT RED BEACH, KIN WAN, OKINAWA WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE 28-30 SEP. ON 24 SEP. JUNEAU GOT UNDERWAY FROM SASEBO, LATER RENDEZVOUSING WITH USS THOMASTON (LSD 28) AND USS TUSCALOOSA (LSD 28) ON 25 SEP. TO PROCEED TO OKINAWA, JA FOR THE LANDEX.

THE LANDING EXERCISE WAS CANCELLED AS JUNEAU AND THE OTHER UNITS OF ARG B STARTED ACTIVE EVASION OF TYPHOON OWEN (25-30 SEP.), A SUPER TYPHOON WHICH HAD PEAK ACCOMPANYING WINDS OF OVER 200 KNOTS.

AFTER OWEN WAS SAFELY PAST OKINAWA, JUNEAU PROCEEDED INTO WHITE BEACH, ANCHORING FOR A SHORT TIME AT ORAWAN, OKINAWA TO UNLOAD ELEMENTS OF BLT 2/4, BEFORE MOORING TO NAVY PIER WHERE SHE WOULD LOAD THE REMAINING MEN AND EQUIPMENT OF THIS BLT (30 SEP-1 OCT).

FULLY LOADED WITH MARINES, JUNEAU SET TO SEA ON 2 SEP FOR A PORT VISIT TO THE

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RESORT CITY OF KAGOSHIMA, JA (3-6 OCT) AND THEN PROCEEDED NORTH TO NUMAZU, JA, WHERE SHE OFFLOADED BLT 2/4 AT THIER CAMP FUJI MARINE TRAINING FACILITY (8-10 OCT).

FROM 10-12 OCT JUNEAU TRANSITED FROM NUMAZU, JA TO WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA. THERE SHE ONLOADED ELEMENTS OF BLT 2/5 AND THE 3RD RECON. BATTALION AND EMBARKED COMPHIBFORCE SEVENTH FLEET: RADM D. JONES BEFORE TRANSITING TO SUBIC BAY, R.P. (14-16 OCT).

ON 16 OCT, JUST PRIOR TO ENTERING SUBIC BAY FOR AN UPKEEP PERIOD WHICH WAS TO LAST UNTIL 28 OCT, JUNEAU'S AIR DEPARTMENT LOGGED HER 7000TH ACCIDENT-FREE HELO LANDING.

DURING THIS SUBIC UPKEEP PERIOD, ON 23 OCT AT 1025, CAPT. CHARLES R. FLATHER RELIEVED CAPT. RICHARD F. GREEN AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF USS JUNEAU. THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THIS CHANGE OF COMMAND WAS COMPHIBGRU ONE AND THE GUEST LIST INCLUDED COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC, COMPHIBFORCE SEVENTHFLT, CO FIFTH MARINES AND CO HENRY B. WILSON.

FROM 28 OCT TO 2 NOV, JUNEAU TRANSITED TO SINGAPORE ENGAGED IN REFUGEE SURVEILLANCE OPERATION. ENROUTE A TRACKING EXERCISE WAS CONDUCTED WITH JAS KATORI AN JAS MUCHIZURI (30 OCT) AND JUNEAU WAS ALSO DIVERTED TO THE SOUTHERN TIP OF VIETNAM TO REFUEL THE USS FRANCIS HAMMOND ON 31 OCT.

THE DAY OF 1 NOV. WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED BY SOME 322 POLLYWOGS AS JUNEAU DETOURED SOUTH TO CROSS THE EQUATOR AND TRANSFORM THIS UNWORTHY GROUP INTO TRUSTY SHELLBACKS. THE ACTUAL CROSSING WAS AT 1730H, LATITUDE 105-15 EAST.

JUNEAU RESTED AT ANCHOR IN THE EASTERN WORKING ANCHORAGE OF SINGAPORE, (2-5 NOV) WHILE HER CREW ENJOYED LIBERTY IN ONE OF THE CLEANEST CITIES IN THE WORLD.

ON NOVEMBER 6, WHILE ENROUTE FROM SINGAPORE TO PATTAYA, TH, APPROXIMATELY

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50 NAUTICAL MILES NORTHEAST OF SINGAPORE A SMALL FISHING VESSEL WAS SIGHTED WITH PASSENGERS WAVING THEIR ARMS. UPON INVESTIGATION, A SMALL GROUP OF VIETNAMESE WERE DISCOVERED DRIFTING IN A BOAT WITH AN IRREPARABLY DAMAGED ENGINE.

FORTY-THREE REFUGEES WERE EMBARKED ON THE JUNEAU, THIRTY-SIX MALES AND SEVEN WOMEN, RANGING IN AGE FROM 10 TO 59 YEARS OLD. ALL SUFFERED FROM DEHYDRATION AND MALNUTRITION, EXPERIENCED FROM BEING AT SEA THIRTY-ONE DAYS, THE LAST TEN WITHOUT WATER (EXCEPT RAINWATER). THE GROUP INCLUDED TWO PREGNANT FEMALES.

JUNEAU CONTINUED HER SURVEILLANCE EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE TRANSIT OF THE GULF OF THAILAND (6-7 NOV). THE SHIP ANCHORED OFF THE BEAUTIFUL BEACHES OF PATTAYA, THAILAND (8-11 NOV) AND, AFTER DISEMBARKING THE REFUGEES, THE CREW HAD A MOST ENJOYABLE PORT VISIT.

ON THE TRANSIT BACK TO SUBI BAY, R.P. (12-15 NOV) JUNEAU CONTINUED REFUGEE SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS WHILE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE TRANSIT TO CONDUCT EXTENSIVE TYPE TRAINING. JUNEAU STAYED IN SUBIC BAY, R.P. FOR A SHORT UPKEEP PERIOD (16-24 NOV) BEFORE MAKING THE TRANSIT BACK TO OKINAWA (25-27 NOV). IN SUBIC BAY, COMPHIBFORCE SEVENTH FLEET SHIFTED HIS FLAG AND JUNEAU UNLOADED ELEMENTS OF BLT 2/5 FOR TRANSIT BACK TO OKINAWA. ONCE IN WHITE BEACH, JUNEAU OFFLOADED BLT 2/5 AND UNLOADED THE 3RD MAB (28-29 NOV) FOR TRANSIT TO INCHON, KOREA.

JUNEAU GROUP SAILED TO INCHON (30NOV-1 DEC) WITH THE OTHER ARG B UNITS. THE TREACHEROUS CURRENTS ENCOUNTERED ON THE INLAND WATERWAYS OF KOREA AND THE CRAMPED CONFINES OF THE LOCKS LEADING TO THE INCHON TIDAL BASIN MADE FOR A MEMORABLE TRANSIT. ARG B UNITS OFFLOADED THE 3RD MAB UNITS (2-3 DEC) AND GROUP SAILED FOR OKINAWA.

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ON 4 DEC, OFF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF KOREA, THOMASTON DETACHED AND JUNEAU, IN COMPANU OF TUSCALOOSA, PROCEEDED TO WHITE BEACH. PRIOR TO ENTERING PORT, JUNEAU ANCHORED OFF ORAWAN, OKINAWA TO ONLOAD THE TRACKED VEHICLES OF BLT 1/9 (7 DEC).

JUNEAU LOADED THE REMAINING ELEMENTS OF BLT 1/9 (7-8 DEC) IN WHITE BEACH AND AGAIN IN THE COMPANY OF THE OTHER ARG B UNITS, TRANSITED TO SUBIC BAY, R.P. (9-11 DEC) TO CONDUCT A BLT LANDING EXERCISE.

ON THIS TRANSIT, JUNEAU ONCE AGAIN WAS REQUIRED TO ACTIVELY AVOID A TYPHOON (ABBY-79) BUT ON 12 DEC SHE WAS AT ANCHOR IN SUBIC BAY, R.P. TO RECEIVE COMMANDER OF THE 3RD MAF AND COMPHIBRON FIVE TO DISCUSS THE UPCOMING OPERATION.

ON THE TRANSIT TO SUBIC BAY, THOMASTON SUFFERED A BOILER CASUALTY WHICH NECESSITATED JUNEAU GETTING UNDERWAY AT NIGHT FROM ANCHOR TO INSERT UDT PERSONNEL AT BOTOLAN (12 DEC). ON THE 13TH OF DEC TWO LANDING REHEARSALS WERE HELD IN SUBIC BAY AND ON 14 DEC JUNEAU CONDUCTED A GUNFIRE EXERCISE WITH PHILIPPINE NAVY UNITS OFF THE LEON CREEK FIRING RANGE.

DURING THE ACTUAL LANDING EXERCISE (15-18 DEC) JUNEAU ANCHORED OFF BOTOLAN, R.P. WHILE JUNEAU'S MARINE COMPONENT WAS BUSY CAPTURING IT'S OBJECTIVES ON THE BEACH, HER CREW ENGAGED ITSELF IN HELPING OUT THE PEOPLE OF BOTOLAN. THE SHIP'S DOCTOR AND DENTIST GAVE MUCH NEEDED CARE TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS REMOTE HAMLET WHILE CREWMEMBERS REPAIRED AND PAINTED A SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE. THE SHIP PRESENTED THE PEOPLE OF BOTOLAN WITH VARIOUS OPERATION HANDCLASP ITEMS WHICH INCLUDED BOOKS, TOYS, SEEDS, CLOTH AND A SEWING MACHINE. THESE GRATEFUL PEOPLE REPAID THIS KINDNESS BY HOSTING A PARTY IN THE TOWN SQUARE WHICH 50 OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE JUNEAU ATTENDED.

ON 19 DEC, JUNEAU SAILED INTO SUBIC BAY FOR A SHORT UPKEEP PERIOD (19-26 DEC). THERE, ARG B UNITS PARTICIPATED IN THE PROFESSIONAL OLYMPICS (24 DEC)

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AND THEN THE CREWS OBSERVED THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BEFORE GETTING UNDERWAY
FOR A GROUP SAIL TO HONG KONG, B.C.C. (26-27 DEC).

JUNEAU OBSERVED THE NEW YEAR ARRIVAL WHILE SHE WAS MOORED TO A BOUY IN
THE ROYAL NAVY YACHT BASIN (28 DEC-2 JAN) AND HER CREW WAS ENJOYING THE
EXOTIC CITY OF HONG KONG.

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