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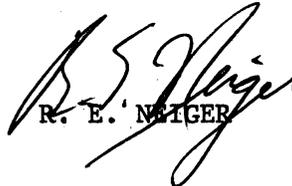
From: Commanding Officer, USS OGDEN (LPD 5)  
To: Director of Naval History

Subj: Command History for calendar year 1971; submission of

Ref: (a) OPNAV Instruction 5750.12B

Encl: (1) Chronology for calendar year 1971  
(2) Basic Narrative  
(3) Documentary Annexes

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2), and (3) are submitted.

  
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COMPHIBRON THREE  
COMPHIBPAC

USS OGDEN (LPD 5)  
1971 Chronology

JAN

- 01-31 RAV San Diego  
14 Communications Assistance Team Assist Visit  
15 Command PMS Inspection  
21 NTPI Technical Assist Visit  
21-22 Boiler Inspection  
26-28 Annual Supply Inspection  
28-29 NTPI

FEB

- 01-5 Upkeep San Diego  
01 Senior Naval Reserve Officer Orientation Visit  
09 Naval Security Group Training Visit  
15 PHIBRON NINE Disestablished, Chopped to PHIBRON THREE  
16-18 ISE Socal OPAREAS  
19-28 Upkeep San Diego  
22 Man On the Move tests conducted for LHA interior communications systems  
26 Received NEY award as best large mess in PHIBRON THREE

MAR

- 01-04 ISE Socal OPAREAS - Formation Steaming with the USS ELDORADO and USS LOCKWOOD  
05-21 Upkeep San Diego  
09 Received notification of receipt of Battle Efficiency Award  
22-25 ISE Socal OPAREAS  
24 CINCPACFLT and COMPHIBPAC aboard for visit  
26-31 Upkeep San Diego

Enclosure (1)

29 Captain J. C. BARROW reports aboard for duty

APR

01-18 RAV San Diego

05 Orom, Utah High School Choir sings on flight deck

08 Captain J. H. ALVIS relieved as Commanding Officer by Captain J. C. BARROW

14-15 Laundry Service Team assist visit

19-30 Underway for Subic Bay, RPI, as part of Operation Keystone Oriole

21-22 Rendezvous with Merchant Vessel LaPintada, MEDEVAC one merchant seaman by Coast Guard helo.

24 Rendezvous with USS MANATEE (AO 58) for UNREP

25 Picnic on flight deck

MAY

01-07 Enroute to Subic Bay, RPI

04 Diverted from track by CTF 76 to proceed through San Bernardino Straits to avoid typhoon BABE.

07-09 Inport Subic Bay, RPI

10-11 Underway for Danang, RVN

12 Inport Danang, completing load for Operation Keystone Oriole

13-23 Underway for Pearl Harbor

13 Rendezvous with USS HASSAYAMPA (AO 145) for fuel

24 Inport Pearl Harbor to offload portion of Keystone Oriole load.

24-29 Underway for San Diego

25 MedEvac USS OGDEN crewmember to Barber's Point

30-31 Inport San Diego

JUN

01-20 Upkeep San Diego

21-25 ISE SoCal OPAREAS  
22 Rendezvous with USS PINTADO (SS 672) to provide services  
26-30 Upkeep San Diego

JUL

01-05 Upkeep San Diego  
06-08 ISE SoCal OPAREAS  
07 6,000th Accident Free Helo Landing  
08 PAPA Services to Amphibious School, Coronado  
09-11 Inport San Diego  
09 Command PMS Zone Inspection  
12-15 Underway for PHIBRAIDEX  
16-31 Upkeep San Diego  
22 Ship's Picnic  
26-29 PACNARMID 71 Midshipman tours

AUG

01 Inport San Diego  
02-05 ISE SoCal OPAREAS  
04 Participated in SAR for lost T-28  
05 PAPA Services for Amphibious School, Coronado  
06-08 Inport San Diego  
09-12 Underway for unit training with units of PHIBRON THREE  
13-31 RAV San Diego  
23-24 Annual Supply Inspection Assist Visit  
27 Awards Ceremony  
23-31 Navy Food Management Team Assist Visit

SEP

01-08 RAV San Diego  
08 Load troops and vehicles for ROPEVAL 3-71  
09-17 Underway for ROPEVAL 3-71  
18-26 Upkeep San Diego  
20 Load first portion of L-FORM  
27-30 Underway for San Francisco via Seal Beach  
28 Load ammunition portion of L-FORM, depart for San Francisco

OCT

01-03 Inport San Francisco  
04-07 Underway for San Diego  
07 Arrival San Diego  
08-17 Upkeep San Diego  
14-15 NTPI Administration assist visit  
18-21 ISE SoCal OPAREAS  
18 PAPA services for Assault Craft Unit ONE  
19 Helicopter Qualifications for HC-3  
22 Underway for Dependent's Cruise  
23-31 Upkeep San Diego  
28-29 NTPI

NOV

01-07 Upkeep San Diego  
01 Acted as host ship for USS DUBUQUE  
05 Acted as host ship for USS VANCOUVER  
08-09 ISE SoCal OPAREAS  
08 Helicopter Qualifications for HML-267  
10-30 Upkeep San Diego

10-12 Naval Finance Center, San Diego, Audit of  
Disbursing Records

10 Naval Security Group Training Visit

15-18 INSURV Inspection

24 Registered Publications System Command Inspection

29-30 Technical Standardization Inspection

DEC

01-05 Upkeep San Diego

03-05 Training for 63 Reserves from Ogden, Utah

06-09 Underway for PHIBRAIDEX 4-71

10-31 Inport San Diego

11 Christmas Party for dependents of USS DENVER and USS DULUTH

12 Christmas Party for USS OGDEN dependents

USS OGDEN (LPD 5)

1971

NARRATIVE HISTORY FOR THE USS OGDEN (LPD 5)

FOR THE YEAR 1971

COMMANDED BY:

J. H. ALVIS, CAPTAIN, USN ..... 1 JAN - 8 APR

J. C. BARROW, CAPTAIN, USN ..... 8 APR - 31 DEC

HOMEPORT:

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

ASSIGNED TO:

AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON NINE ..... 01 JAN - 14 FEB

AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON THREE ..... 15 FEB - 31 DEC

MISSION:

*The mission of the USS OGDEN (LPD 5) is to transport and land troops and their essential equipment and supplies by means of embarked landing craft, amphibian vehicles, and helicopter lift.*

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enclosure (2)

removal of all Marines and their equipment from the Republic of Vietnam. On 21 April, two days out of San Diego, OGDEN was diverted south from her track to assist a seriously ill seaman on the merchant vessel La Pintada. After an examination of the seaman by the ship's doctor the man was transferred to the OGDEN by motorwhale boat. After the transfer, the OGDEN proceeded at top speed towards the California coast and a rendezvous with a Coast Guard helicopter. After the transfer of the seaman to the helicopter, on 22 April, OGDEN again turned west to continue the transit to Subic Bay, Republic of Phillipine Islands. On 24 April, an Underway replenishment was conducted from the USS MANATEE (AO 58) to top off fuel used during the La Pintada rescue. The transit was further interrupted when on 4 May Commander Task Force 76 ordered OGDEN to alter course to proceed through the San Bernardino Straits on the southern tip of Luzon to avoid typhoon BABE which was on a track around the northern tip of Luzon.

The weekend of 7-9 May was spent inport Subic Bay, RPI allowing some much needed rest and liberty for the crew and the loading of stores. OGDEN departed Subic Bay on 10 May and proceeded toward Danang, Republic of Vietnam. On arrival in Danang on 11 May, all preparations for the onload of troops and equipment on the 12th were made. The onload of retrograde vehicles, supplies, and troops was completed on the 12th and OGDEN was underway by first light on the 13th. Another underway replenishment was accomplished with the USS HASSAYAMPA (AO 145) immediately upon departure from Danang Harbor. The next stop on the trip was in Pearl Harbor on 24 May. The purpose of this stop was to offload a portion of the equipment. The eight hour stop completed, OGDEN proceeded toward San Diego. Eighteen hours after departure from Pearl Harbor, the second MEDEVAC of the trip was required. An OGDEN crewmember, who had been injured in a fall, had to be evacuated by helicopter to Barber's Point, Hawaii. After this MEDEVAC, the remainder of the transit continued uneventfully. OGDEN arrived in San Diego on 30 May and commenced a 20 day stand down for leave, rest and recreation.

OGDEN started her next underway period on 21 June. The purpose of this at sea period was two-fold; to provide services to the USS PINTADO (SS 672) and to conduct gunshoots and Junior Officer shiphandling evolutions.

On 6 July OGDEN got underway again in the SoCal OPAREAS to provide helicopter services, conduct Junior Officer shiphandling training, and provide services to the Amphibious School, Coronado. On 7 July the 6,000th accident free helicopter landing took place on the OGDEN and an appropriate cake cutting ceremony was held. Also, during this at sea period, on 8 July, PAPA services, involving assault boat control, were provided to Amphibious School, Coronado. On 12 July, OGDEN got underway as the sole Navy participant in PHIBRAIDEX 3-71. This operation involved a night amphibious assault and a night extraction of the assault force from the beach. Participating Marine units were Company I, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines and 1st Platoon Company A 3rd Amtrack Battalion. The month of July was closed out by a week (26-29 July) of tours given to over 350 midshipmen as part of PACNARMID 71.

While underway for ISE on 2-5 August, OGDEN joined the USS DENVER and other Pacific Fleet units in a SAR mission. The object of the search was a T-28 aircraft missing from NAS Miramar. On 5 August, PAPA services were again provided for the assault boats of Amphibious School, Coronado. On 9 August, OGDEN got underway for the first time with Amphibious Squadron THREE for formation steaming, gunnery exercises, and tactics in the SoCal OPAREAS. During this period, the OGDEN successfully qualified as a Naval Gunfire Support Ship (direct fire).

On 8 September, troops and equipment were embarked at San Diego in preparation for OGDEN's participation in a major Pacific Fleet exercise, ROPEVAL 3-71. This exercise took place 9-17 September and involved over 40 Pacific Fleet ships. VADM JOHNSON, COMPHIBPAC, ~~came aboard~~ OGDEN on 16 September to observe the high speed launch of LVTs during

the assault phase of the exercise. On 27 September, OGDEN got underway for San Francisco, with a stop at Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station on 27-28 September for the onload of Marine L-Form ammunition.

The weekend of 1-3 October was spent in port San Francisco for a rest and recreation weekend. OGDEN returned to San Diego on 7 October. The week of 18-22 October was another busy time with OGDEN again providing services to Assault Craft Unit ONE, providing a deck for helicopter qualifications and topping the week off with a Dependent's cruise on the 22nd. The Dependent's cruise included an anchoring evolution, lunch while at anchorage, helicopter demonstrations, well deck operation demonstrations, and a short trip around Point Loma and up the coast to La Jolla Cove. An NTPI was conducted on 28-29 October with a grade of Satisfactory for the ship.

On 1 and 5 November OGDEN acted as host ship for the return from WestPac of USS DUBUQUE and USS VANCOUVER respectively. A two day underway period (8-9 November) was spent with HML-267 from MAS El Toro for flight deck helicopter qualifications. The remainder of November was spent in port San Diego undergoing a series of training visits, assist visits, and inspections.

On 3-5 December OGDEN received and acted as host to a group of 63 Reserve personnel from Fleet Expansion Unit from OGDEN, Utah. Training was conducted and all personnel were reoriented and reacquainted with their respective jobs. On 6 December OGDEN was underway again as the sole Navy participant in PHIBRAIDEX 4-71. This was another night raid on an inland objective by Marine units. The participating Marine units were Company F, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines and 1st Platoon, Company A, 3rd Amtrack Battalion. The actual raid was conducted on the night of 9 December and was considered to be a successful raid. On 11 and 12 December Christmas parties were held on OGDEN's mess decks for dependents of the deployed USS DENVER and USS DULUTH and OGDEN's own dependents. Total attendance for both parties was around 300.