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USS OGDEN (LPD-5)
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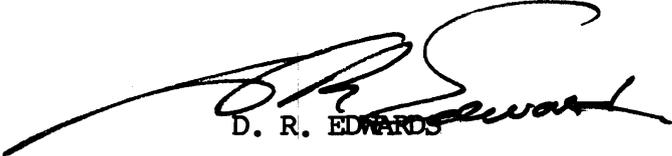
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From: Commanding Officer, USS OGDEN (LPD-5)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)
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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

Encl: (1) Basic Narrative
(2) Statistical Data
(3) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(4) Change of Command Pamphlet

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.


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COMMANDED BY:

Steven R. BRIGGS, Captain, USN, 14 August 1982 - 24
February 1984
David R. EDWARDS, Captain, USN, 24 February 1984 - 31
December 1984

HOMEPORT:

Long Beach, California

ASSIGNED TO:

Amphibious Squadron ONE, 1 December 1983 - 1 April 1984
Amphibious Squadron SEVEN, 1 April 1984 - 31 December 1984

MISSION:

The primary mission of USS OGDEN (LPD-5) is to transport
and land Marine units along with their essential equipment
and supplies by means of boats, landing craft, amphibious
vehicles and helicopters.

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JANUARY:

1-31 USS OGDEN began the New Year as a unit of Amphibious Squadron ONE, moored port side to pier one, berth fourteen, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, CA and remained so for the month undergoing overhaul.

FEBRUARY:

1-14 Moored port side to pier one, berth fourteen, Long Beach Naval shipyard, Long Beach, CA.

15 0830 Underway for SOCAL operations area for sea trails.

15-17 Sea trials in SOCAL operations area.

17 1700 Moored port side to pier one, berth fourteen, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, CA.

17-29 Moored port side to pier one, berth fourteen, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, CA.

22 0730 Personnel inspection and awards ceremony on OGDEN flight deck. Ship's company inspected by Commanding Officer, CAPT Steven R. BRIGGS, and the prospective Commanding Officer, CAPT David R. EDWARDS.

24 1030 Change of Command ceremony on OGDEN's flight deck. CAPT David R. EDWARDS relieved CAPT Steven R. BRIGGS as Commanding Officer of USS OGDEN. Official guests included COMMODORE Bruce R. BOLAND, COMPHIBGRUEASTPAC, and CAPT Everette D. DEWEESE, COMPHIBRON ONE.

MARCH:

1-9 Moored port side to pier one, berth fourteen, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, CA.

9 0903 Underway for SOCAL operations area for anchoring and ballasting exercises.

9-18 Moored starboard side to pier fifteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

19 1449 Underway to US Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, CA for ammunition onload.

19 1644 Moored starboard side to weapons pier, US Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, CA for ammunition onload.

20-21 Ammunition onload.

- 21 1608 Underway from US Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, CA to SOCAL operations area.
- 21-22 Steaming independently in SOCAL Operations area.
- 22 1749 Moored starboard side to pier fifteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 23-25 Moored starboard side to pier fifteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 26 0800 Underway for SOCAL operations area to conduct routine training evolutions.
- 27 0730 Anchored off Coronado Roads to conduct amphibious training exercises.
- 28 0755 Underway replenishment with USNS Kawishiwi (AO-145).
0939 Secured from underway replenishment having taken on 63,910 gallons of fuel.
- 29 Secretary of the Navy, John F. LEHMAN Jr., temporarily on active duty for training as a Commander and naval aviator in the US Naval Air Reserve, visited OGDEN during operations off the Southern California coast. Other dignitaries onboard were Vice Admiral Harry D. SCHRADER Jr., COMNAVSURFPAC, Commodore Bruce R. BOLAND, COMPHIBGRUEASTPAC, Commodore Bruce D. DEWEESE, COMPHIBRON ONE.
- 30 1521 Moored portside to pier fifteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

APRIL:

- 1 USS OGDEN changed administrative and operational control to Amphibious Squadron SEVEN.
- 1-4 Moored port side to pier fifteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 5 1257 Underway for ship turn-around
1353 Moored starboard side to pier fifteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 6-22 Moored starboard side to pier fifteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 23 1557 Underway for SOCAL operations area.
1753 Conducted burial at sea services.
- 23-27 Underway SOCAL operations area conducting routine training evolutions.
- 25 0800 Underway replenishment with USNS Kawishiwi (AO-145)
1000 Secured from underway replenishment having taken on 166,601 gallons of fuel.

27 1523 Moored starboard side to pier nine, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

28-29 Moored starboard side to pier nine, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

30 1359 Underway for SOCAL operations area.

MAY:

1-4 Underway SOCAL operations area conducting routine training exercises.

3 USS OGDEN logged its 18,000 accident-free landing when it guided to a safe touchdown an H-46A utility helicopter of Helicopter Support Squadron Eleven, Naval Air Station, North Island, CA.

4 1800 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

5-6 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

7 0659 Underway SOCAL operations area.

9 0624 Underway replenishment with USS Roanoke.
0810 Secured from underway replenishment having taken onboard 125,343 gallons of DFM.

11 1805 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

11-28 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

19 USS OGDEN was host to over 200 visitors during Open House activities in honor of Armed Forces Day. OGDEN was one of several ships available for public tour.

29 0729 Underway for SOCAL operations area.

29-31 Underway steaming independently in SOCAL operations area conducting routine training evolutions.

JUNE:

1 Underway steaming independently in SOCAL Operations area.

2 1459 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

2-5 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

- 6 1152 Underway for Operational Propulsion Plant examination.
- 7 Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.
1632 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 7-24 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 16 OGDEN was host to over 400 Orange County Boy Scouts who gathered onboard for the second annual God and Country Award Ceremony sponsored by the Orange County Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Highlights included a ship tour and flight deck cookout.
- 18 Midshipmen reported aboard for Summer training
- 19 OGDEN officially opens its Navy Relief Office.

JULY:

- 1-9 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 10 0758 Underway for SOCAL operations area.
- 11 Underway SOCAL operations area conducting routine training operations.
- 12 1655 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 12-16 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 17 2342 Underway to SOCAL operations area to conduct Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.
- 18 0007 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 18-31 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 19 OGDEN held ship's party at Mole Pier, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

AUGUST:

- 1-5 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 3 Dependents' Cruise to Catalina Island.
- 5 1917 Underway for SOCAL operations area for Refresher Training.

- 6-10 Refresher Training SOCAL operations area.
- 10 Two of five survivors from a commercial fishing boat that sank Friday, August 10 southwest of San Diego and 80 miles out to sea were rescued in a joint effort between USS OGDEN and a helo from Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Three from NAS North Island, San Diego, CA.
- 11-12 Inport San Diego.
- 13 0637 Underway SOCAL operations area for Refresher Training.
- 13-17 Underway SOCAL operations area conducting Refresher Training
- 17 1721 Moored starboard side to Broadway Pier, San Diego, CA.
- 18-19 Inport San Diego, Broadway Pier. USS OGDEN was host ship to over 3,000 visitors during open house activities. The visitors were given guided tours of the ship. The itinerary included the signal bridge, pilot house, 3"/.50 cal. gun mounts, medical/dental spaces and the well deck.
- 20 0658 Underway SOCAL operations area.
- 20-24 Refresher Training SOCAL operations area.
- 24 1936 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 25-31 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

SEPTEMBER:

- 1-30 Moored pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 23 USS OGDEN was host to nearly 120 visitors during guest ship activities at Long Beach Naval Station. Among the groups visiting OGDEN were Hispanic educators from the Los Angeles area, delayed entry naval personnel from NRS Whittier and Laguna Hills, and the Chosan Young Marines from Upland Hills, CA.

OCTOBER:

- 1-3 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 4 0805 Underway SOCAL operations area to conduct routine training.
- 5 1630 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

- 6-8 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 9 1348 Underway SOCAL operations area to conduct underway material inspection by Board of Investigation and Survey.
2347 Moored port side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 10-28 Moored portside to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 29 0537 Underway for Amphibious Refresher Training in SOCAL operations area.
- 29-31 Underway for Amphibious Refresher Training off Camp Pendleton, CA.
- 31 Received 600 Marines from Camp Pendleton, CA for participation in Amphibious Training exercises.

NOVEMBER:

- 1-2 Underway for Amphibious Refresher Training off Camp Pendleton, CA.
- 2 Debarked Marines at Camp Pendleton, enroute Long Beach.
- 2 1638 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 3-4 Moored pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 5 0620 Underway for continuation of Amphibious Refresher Training, SOCAL operations area.
- 5-9 Underway for Refresher Training off Coronado, CA.
- 9 1406 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 10-12 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
- 13 0700 Underway for Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, CA for LFORM loadout.
- 13-16 LFORM loadout, Seal Beach, CA.
- 16 1032 Underway for US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.
1202 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

16-29 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, CA.

30 0915 Underway for Pier Echo, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, CA.

DECEMBER:

1-5 Moored starboard side to Pier Echo, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, CA for onload of 11th Marine Amphibious Unit prior to Kernel Usher 85-1.

6 1054 Underway for Exercise Kernel Usher 85-1.

6-16 USS OGDEN was one of several Amphibious Squadron Seven ships involved in the Exercise Kernel Usher 85-1. Other units participating were the 11th MAU and a carrier group led by USS CONSTELLATION.

The exercise, involving more than 10,000 Marines and sailors and 20 ships, involved the embarkation of Marines, at-sea operations with the carrier battle group and amphibious assault operations ashore.

This Third Fleet exercise set the precedent for being the first such operation in recent history to load out the amphibious units and begin the training evolution from the homeport of the participating amphibious squadron. Also, the embarked troops from the 11th MAU will be the same personnel who will be deploying with OGDEN and other units of Amphibious Squadron SEVEN to the Pacific in 1985.

During Kernel Usher 85-1, USS OGDEN was the Primary Control Ship for all amphibious landings and withdrawals. It was OGDEN's responsibility to coordinate all boat and amphibious vehicle movement ashore. These precise evolutions were conducted both day and night, often during inclement weather.

OGDEN air operations included aviation ordnance handling in support of Marine AHLJ Cobra gunships, the first time this has ever been done onboard a U.S. Navy LPD class ship.

The arming of the helos was undertaken by temporarily assigned aviation ordnancemen from the USS PELELIU and gunner's mates from the OGDEN. The successful completion of the aviation ordnance evolutions demonstrated the flexibility of LPD class ships in supporting amphibious air operations.

OGDEN also logged 128 safe helo landings and take-offs in support of the landing forces on the beach. The flight operations included troop movements to the beach and resupply.

16 1246 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

16-23 Moored starboard side to pier nine, berth thirteen, US Naval Station, Long Beach, CA.

COMMAND HISTORY DATA FOR 1984

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT:

Radio Messages Sent2,069
Radio Messages Received.....15,750
In 1984 USS OGDEN spent 67 days in overhaul, 222 days in port, 77 days at sea.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

Engine Miles Steamed.....13330.9
DFM Used for Boilers.....1,475,853 GAL
Fuel Economy.....110 GAL
JP5 Used for Diesels.....1,015 GAL
Lube Oil Used.....1,640 GAL
Fresh Water Distilled.....1,552,516 GAL
Fresh Water Received.....387,245 GAL
Fresh Water Expended.....1,967,331 GAL
Feedwater Distilled.....2,333,933 GAL
Feedwater Received.....416,838 GAL
Feedwater Expended.....2,737,892 GAL

DECK DEPARTMENT:

Number of times anchor and chain used during 1984:

PORT.....16 Times - 630 Fathoms of Chain - 3780 Ft.
STARBOARD.....14 Times - 745 Fathoms of Chain - 4470 ft.
PAINT USED - Haze Gray.....700 GAL
 White.....1,170 GAL
Total number of gunfire exercises during 1984.....20
Ammunition expended: 3'/.50 cal.....269 Rounds
 7.62 MM.....280 Rounds
 12 Gauge.....315 Rounds
 45 Cal.....2,821 Rounds

AIR DEPARTMENT:

Helicopter Landings.....1,335
Vertical Replenishments.....570
Helicopter Refuelings..... 136
Fuel Expended.....26,660 GAL

CHAPLAIN:

Number of Services Conducted.....90
Funeral/Memorial/Burial at Sea.....3

SELECTED ITEMS FROM THE SHIP'S STORE 1984 SALES

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY SOLD</u>
Cassette Tapes.....	845
Dungaree Shirts.....	280
Dungaree Pants.....	393
Candy Bars.....	16,000
Timex Watches.....	88
Cans of Soda.....	175,545

Ship's Services:

Laundry Processed.....	109,200 LBS
Haircuts Given.....	3,900

SHIP'S SERVICES:

<u>ACCOUNTING PERIOD</u>	<u>SHIP'S STORE SALES</u>	<u>VENDING MACHINE SALES</u>
1 JAN 84 - 31 MAY 84	\$60,649.02	\$28,504.20
1 JUN 84 - 30 SEP 84	52,295.59	22,016.30
1 OCT 84 - 31 DEC 84	45,134.05	15,415.40

<u>ACCOUNTING PERIOD</u>	<u>SHIP'S STORE/VENDING MACHINES PROFITS</u>
1 JAN 84 - 31 MAY 84	\$11,882.68
1 JUN 84 - 30 SEP 84	11,688.61
1 OCT 84 - 31 DEC 84	8,476.91 (estimated)**

Total Sales.....	\$224,014.56
Total Profits.....	33,048.20 (estimated)**

Amusement Games: collection.....	\$12,203.00
profits.....	8,200.42

Total profits available to Welfare & Recreation: \$44,737.60 (estimated)**

**1 OCT 84 - 31 DEC 84 profits are estimated since returns are not completed until the accounting period ends 31 JAN 85.