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**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

**USS OGDEN (LPD-5)**  
**FPO SAN FRANCISCO, CA 96674-1708**

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**From:** Commanding Officer, USS OGDEN (LPD-5)  
**To:** Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)

**Subj:** COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1989

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**Encl:** (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronology  
(3) Narrative  
(4) Supporting Documents

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

  
B. J. PHILLIPS

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## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

COMMANDED BY: CAPT R. T. MYERS, U.S. Navy, 1 January - 6 October 1989.  
CAPT B. J. PHILLIPS, U.S. Navy, 7 October - 31 December 1989.

HOMEPORT: Long Beach, California

ASSIGNED TO: 9th AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON, 3rd AMPHIBIOUS GROUP, 3rd FLEET, 1 Jan -  
31 Dec

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 landing craft, boats, amphibious vehicles and helicopters.

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COMMAND HISTORY CHRONOLOGY

JANUARY

- 1-24 Upkeep Long Beach
- 1-19 Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 9, Long Beach Naval Station
- 20 Dead stick move to Pier Echo, Berth 125, Long Beach Naval Station
- 20-24 Moored port side to Pier Echo
- 25-31 Underway KERNEL BLITZ 89-1
- 27 Commander FIFTH Marine Expeditionary Brigade visit
- 31 Commander Amphibious Group THREE visit

FEBRUARY

- 1-6 Underway KERNEL BLITZ 89-1
- 1 Launched a Remotely Piloted Vehicle (RPV), first time ever done from a US Naval Amphibious vessel
- Underway replenishment with USNS KAWISHIWI
- SNOOPY team called away for Soviet AGI?
- 7-20 Upkeep Long Beach
- Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 13 Long Beach Naval Station
- 21-22 Underway enroute to anchorage K-6 Long Beach for ammunition offload
- 22-23 Underway SOCAL
- 23-27 Upkeep Long Beach
- Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station
- 28 Underway SOCAL

## MARCH

### 1-7 Upkeep Long Beach

Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station

### 8-31 Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) Long Beach

21 Executive Officer, LCDR Mathews, checked out on leave; LCDR Finn, Operations Officer, assumed duties as Executive Officer

29 Executive Officer checked off of leave

31 Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE visit

## APRIL

### 1-30 SRA Long Beach

Moored port side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station

2 Advanced clocks 1 hour to +7 Tango Pacific Day Light Savings time

11 Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE visit

21 Class Alfa/Charlie fire on pier; Rescue and Assistance Detail called away

## MAY

### 1-31 SRA Long Beach

1 Moored port side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station

28 Fire onboard USS GARY (FFG-51); Rescue and Assistance Detail called away

## JUNE

### 1-21 SRA Long Beach

1 Moored port side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station

Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE visit

14 Commander Amphibious Group THREE visit

- 20 Fast Cruise
- 22 Underway SOCAL
- 23-25 Upkeep Long Beach  
Moored port side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station
- 26 Underway enroute to Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach  
Moored starboard side to ammo pier at Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach  
Commenced ammo onload
- 27 Completed ammo onload
- 28 Underway enroute to Long Beach Naval Station  
Moored starboard to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station
- 29-30 Upkeep Long Beach
- 29 Commander Amphibious Group THREE visit
- 30 Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE visit

JULY

- 1-2 Upkeep Long Beach  
Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station
- 3-31 NORPAC OPS, Prince William Sound, Alaska
- 3-9 Enroute Prince William Sound, Alaska to assist in oil spill clean up operations
- 6 Retard clocks one hour to 1800 to conform with + 8 Uniform time zone
- 9 Commander Amphibious Group THREE, Alaska MAGTAF and Commanding Officer USS CLEVELAND visit
- 9-23 Anchored in Upper Passage, Prince William Sound
- 10 Commander Amphibious Group THREE and Alaska MAGTAF visit
- 24 Underway enroute to Lower Passage, Prince William Sound

24-31 Anchored in Lower Passage, Prince William Sound

26 Rear Admiral Bunch, US Coast Guard visit

#### AUGUST

1-15 NORPAC OPS, Prince William Sound, Alaska

1-2 Anchored in Lower Passage, Prince William Sound

2 Commander Alaska MAGTAF visit

3 Underway enroute to Snug Harbor, Prince William Sound

3-5 Anchored in Snug Harbor, Prince William Sound

6 Underway enroute to Smith Island, Prince William Sound

6-15 Anchored at Smith Island, Prince William Sound

9 The Honorable Billy Tauzin, U. S. Representative (Louisiana); the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative (Alaska); and Federal On-Scene Commander visit

16 Secured NORPAC OPS; USS OGDEN relieved by USS Duluth (LPD-6)

16-21 Underway enroute to San Francisco CA

18 Advanced clocks one hour to 0800 to conform with +7 Tango time zone

19 Fired 3"/50 gun mounts 31 and 32

21-23 Port Visit San Francisco, CA

21 Moored starboard side to pier 45, San Francisco, CA

24-25 Underway enroute to Long Beach

25-31 Upkeep Long Beach

25 Moored starboard side to Pier Echo, Berth 127, Long Beach Naval shipyard

30 Dead stick move to Pier 9, Berth 14, Long Beach Naval Station

#### SEPTEMBER

1-24 Upkeep Long Beach

1 Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 14, Long Beach Naval Station

15 Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE visit

21 PCO CAPT Braden J. Phillips reported on board for duties assigned

- 22 Fast Cruise
- 25-29 Underway ISE SOCAL
- 26 Anchored FTG anchorage 213, San Diego, CA
- 27 Ship runs measured mile
- 29 Moored port side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station
- 30 Upkeep Long Beach

OCTOBER

- 1-10 Upkeep Long Beach
- 1 Moored port side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station
- 7 CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY  
CAPT B.J. Phillips relieved CAPT R.T. Myers; the following guests were in attendance:  
  
Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable H. Lawrence Garrett, III  
Commander First Marine Expeditionary Force  
Commander Amphibious Group THREE  
Commander Anti-Submarine Warfare Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet  
Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE  
Commander Assault Craft Unit ONE  
  
CAPT R. T. Myers, USN, departed
- 10-20 Underway Interim Refresher Training
- 12 Gunnery Exercises
- 13 "Accolades Parade of Ships", San Diego Harbor
- 18 UNREP with USNS KAWISHIWI (TAO-146)
- 19 UNREP with USNS KAWISHIWI (TAO-146)
- 20 Underway enroute Long Beach
- 21-31 Upkeep Long Beach

NOVEMBER

- 1-12 Upkeep Long Beach

- 1 Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 14, Long Beach Naval Station
- 13-16 Underway SOCAL
- 17-19 Upkeep Long Beach
- 17 Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station
- 18 Eagle Scout Ceremony for Boy Scout Troop 231 held onboard
- 20 Underway SOCAL
- 21-30 Upkeep Long Beach
- 21 Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station

#### DECEMBER

- 1-31 Upkeep Long Beach
- 1 Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station
- 14 Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE visit
- 18-31 Holiday Upkeep Long Beach

## OGDEN COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE

### JANUARY

The month of January was the first month in CONUS following WESTPAC 88. The ship participated in amphibious exercise Kernel Blitz 89-1. During the exercise, OGDEN demonstrated all of its various capabilities. While integrating with other amphibious units in a remarkable show of teamwork & spirit. The ship was visited by Commander Amphibious Group THREE and Commander FIFTH Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

### FEBRUARY

The month of February saw OGDEN launch a Remotely Piloted Vehicle (RPV) - the first time ever accomplished onboard a U.S. Navy Ship and complete the Kernel Blitz exercise. The ship also encountered a Soviet AGI while underway. Additionally, OGDEN completed pre-SRA offload of ammunition.

### MARCH

The month of March was operationally non-significant. OGDEN had limited at sea time. The ship began a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) inport Long Beach and was visited by Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE.

### APRIL

The month of April was a continuance of the Selected Restricted Availability. OGDEN exercised its Rescue and Assistance detail while containing and putting out a Class Alfa/Charlie fire on Pier Nine, Long Beach Naval Station.

### MAY

The month of May was a continuance of the Selected Restricted Availability. Once again, OGDEN exercised its Rescue and Assistance detail by aiding the USS GARY (FFG-51) in controlling a class Alfa fire.

### JUNE

The month of June was a continuance of the Selected Restricted Availability. OGDEN began work-ups for the upcoming NORPAC (Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Clean Up operations). The work-ups included an ammo onload and fast cruise. The ship was visited by Commander Amphibious Group THREE and Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE.

### JULY

The month of July ended the Selected Restricted Availability. The ship put to sea enroute Prince William Sound, Alaska. Embarked was the Marine Helicopter Detachment (HMM 268) and an Assault Boat Squadron. Upon arrival in Alaska, OGDEN reported for duties assigned and relieved USS CLEVELAND (LPD-7). OGDEN

anchored in Upper Passage of Prince William Sound. An advance force from USS CLEVELAND visited OGDEN in order to facilitate continuity of the Navy's role in the oil spill clean up operations. The ship was visited by Commander Amphibious Group THREE and Alaska MAGTAF.

#### AUGUST

The month of August was a continuance of the oil spill clean up operations. The ship shifted anchorages from Lower Passage to Snug Harbor to Smith Harbor in order to allow safer, easier accessibility to polluted coastlines. During the operations, OGDEN was visited by the Honorable Billy Tauzin, U.S. Representative from Louisiana; the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative from Alaska; and the Federal On-Scene Commander. While onboard, the aforementioned gentlemen presented OGDEN's crewmembers with the Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon.

Upon completion of assigned duties, OGDEN was relieved by USS DULUTH (LPD-6). OGDEN then set sail for a port visit in San Francisco. OGDEN returned to Long Beach following her port visit.

Special operations - OGDEN's mission was to assist in restoring the natural beauty to Alaska's scenic coastlines. The ship performed admirably by conducting hundreds of helicopter landings, logging more than 168 flying missions, carrying 1117 passengers and 111,500 pounds of cargo. OGDEN's crewmembers and an Assault Boat Squadron provided boat and maintenance personnel around the clock in support of the beach cleaning efforts. Additionally, OGDEN berthed and fed over 500 workers daily, serving over 85,000 meals and provided both medical and dental support for EXXON clean-up crews.

#### SEPTEMBER

The month of September welcomed aboard the PCO - Captain Braden J. Phillips. The ship got underway to afford the PCO an opportunity to view OGDEN's many capabilities. While underway, OGDEN conducted man overboard drills, anchorages, small boat launch and recovery, and ran the measured mile. OGDEN was visited by Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE.

#### OCTOBER

The month of October was characterized by a high OPTEMPO and Change of Command ceremony. Captain B.J. Phillips relieved Captain R.T. Myers during onboard Change of Command ceremonies attended by the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable H. Lawrence Garrett, III; Commander First Marine Expeditionary Force; Commander Anti-Submarine Warfare Wings, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Commander Amphibious Group THREE; and Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE.

The ship completed a highly successful Interim Refresher Training period and rounded out the month by returning to Long Beach.

#### NOVEMBER

The month of November was operationally non-significant. The ship had limited underway time. OGDEN hosted an Eagle Scout ceremony for Boy Scout Troop 231. The ship made preparations for an upcoming OPPE.

## DECEMBER

The month of December was operationally non-significant. The ship was moored throughout the month and commenced a holiday upkeep period. Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE visited OGDEN.

## COMMAND HISTORY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

### ENGINEERING

ENGINE MILES STEAMED	8,950.9 MILES
DFM USED FOR BOILERS	19,031,131.0 GALS
JP5 USED FOR DIESELS	1,128.0 GALS
LUBE OIL USED	1,210.0 GALS
FRESH WATER DISTILLED	1,756,730.0 GALS
FRESH WATER EXPENDED	1,786,965.0 GALS
FEEDWATER DISTILLED	1,963,270.0 GALS
FEEDWATER RECEIVED	703,000.0 GALS

### DECK

TOTAL NUMBER OF GUNFIRE EXERCISES DURING 1989:	3"/50 cal	Four
AMMUNITION EXPENDED:	3"/50 cal	44 rounds
	7.62	0 rounds
	12 GAUGE	210 rounds
	.45	1,945 rounds
	50 cal	850 rounds

### OPERATIONS

	NAVY	MARINES
RADIO MESSAGES SENT	4,500	700
RADIO MESSAGES RECEIVED	53,348	2,000

IN 1989 OGDEN DID NOT DEPLOY TO WESTPAC BUT DID SUPPORT THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL CLEAN UP EFFORT IN PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, ALASKA FOR 38 DAYS.

### AIR DEPARTMENT

LANDINGS	917
REFUELINGS	121
FUEL EXPENDED	19,432
PASSENGERS	1,967

### AIR ACHIEVEMENTS

LAUNCHED FIRST REMOTELY PILOTED VEHICLE (RPV) FROM AN AMPHIB - 1 FEB 89  
29,000 ACCIDENT FREE LANDING - 13 JULY 89

OPERATED WITH ARMY, MARINE, COAST GUARD AND CIVILIAN PILOTS DURING THE ALASKAN OIL SPILL OPERATIONS (9 JUL - 16 AUG 89): 430 LANDINGS, 84 WITH CIVILIAN HELICOPTERS.

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### MEDICAL

OUTPATIENT VISITS	535 BY NAVY	20 BY MARINES
PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS	109	
LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS	1,647	
X-RAYS	18	
IMMUNIZATIONS	640	
EYE GLASSES	79	

### DENTAL

OUTPATIENT VISITS	2,842
RESTORATIONS	952
EXTRACTIONS	41
CLEANING AND FLUORIDE	2,206

### CHAPLAIN

WORSHIP SERVICES (PROTESTANT)	56
SERVICES FOR OTHER FAITHS	34
COUNSELING (HRS)	485
NAVY RELIEF CASES (SHIP'S OFFICE)	18
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HRS)	98
PASTORAL CALLS (INCLUDES HOSPITAL AND BRIG)	28
SACRAMENT/PASTORAL ACTS	15
WORK AREA VISITATION (HRS)	780

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES:  
DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE (HOLOCAUST)  
MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY  
FAMILY RECOGNITION  
POW/MIA

VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	
MAN HRS LOGGED AT ADDAMS ELEMENTARY	748

**SUPPLY**

OPTAR DOLLARS SPENT:

REPAIR PARTS	\$519,656.05
CONSUMABLES	\$596,510.75
TOTAL	\$1,116,166.80

Total requisitions

**SHIP'S STORE SALES**

ACCOUNTING PERIOD	STORE SALES	VENDING MACHINES	AMUSEMENT GAMES
01 JAN - 31 MAY 88	\$47,250.95	\$26,805.25	\$3,440.50
01 JUN - 30 SEP 88	\$112,766.75	\$32,953.05	\$5,812.00
01 OCT - 31 DEC 89	\$27,318.75	\$14,327.85	\$4,451.00
Total sales	\$187,336.45	\$74,086.15	\$13,703.50

AMUSEMENT GAMES:	COLLECTION:	\$13,703.50
	PROFITS:	\$8,770.24

**TOTAL PROFITS**

SHIP'S STORE:	\$ 84,786.65
VENDING MACHINES:	\$ 28,470.01

TOTAL TRANSFERRED TO WELFARE AND RECREATION FUND: \$41,060.12

NOTE: CURRENT ACCOUNTING PERIOD RUNS THROUGH 31 JAN 90, THEREFORE FIGURES ARE SLIGHTLY UNDERESTIMATED.

**SELECTED ITEMS FROM SHIP'S STORE SALES**

CASSETTE TAPES, PRE-RECORDED	500
DUNGAREE SHIRTS	150
DUNGAREE PANTS	150
CANDY PARTS	16,500
CANS OF SODA	25,578
WATCHES	175

**FOOD SERVICE**

MEALS SERVED:	105,225 (RATIONS FED)
STORES CONSUMED:	\$ 395,787.00

## FOODS

HAMBURGER	3,168 LBS
BEEF STEAK	3,372 LBS
LOBSTER	416 LBS
CHICKEN	7,904 LBS
HASH BROWNS	5,231 LBS
FRENCH FRIES	2,073 LBS
POTATO CHIPS	510 LBS
FRESH POTATOES	12,465 LBS
TOTAL POTATOES	20,279 LBS
MILK: CHOCOLATE	2,532 GAL
WHITE	9,480 GAL
EGGS	14,024 DOZ
BACON	5,871 LBS