



**USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19)**

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From: Commanding Officer, USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19)  
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Officer  
(6) Official Biography of Captain J. G. McINTYRE, USN

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is  
submitted for the period 1 January through 31 December 1977.

a. COMMAND ORGANIZATION: Commanding Officer: Captain  
J. G. McINTYRE, USN, 1 January through 31 December 1977.

b. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: BLUE RIDGE began 1977 at  
White Beach, Okinawa, serving as Flagship for Rear Admiral  
J. H. MORRIS, Commander Amphibious Forces, U. S. Seventh  
Fleet. The ship departed White Beach 11 January and arrived  
in the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong on the 14th for a  
five day port visit. On the 19th she sailed for Subic Bay,  
Republic of the Philippines, arriving there 21 January.  
While moored in Subic Bay BLUE RIDGE served as host ship for  
the SEVENTH Fleet Scheduling Conference on 27 January, and  
hosted Admiral Thomas B. HAYWARD, USN, Commander in Chief,  
U. S. Pacific Fleet, and Vice Admiral Robert B. BALDWIN,  
USN, Commander U. S. SEVENTH Fleet, plus numerous commanding  
officers.

The ship remained in Subic Bay until 11 February, when  
she sailed for White Beach, Okinawa, arriving on the 14th.  
On the 16th, during the three day inport period, RADM MORRIS  
presented the Meritorious Unit Citation to BLUE RIDGE for the  
ship's participation in Operation Eagle Pull, the evacuation  
of Americans and foreign Nationals from Cambodia.

BLUE RIDGE departed White Beach on 16 February enroute home. She left WESTPAC officially on 22 February and arrived at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on the 28th.

The morning of 1 March the ship left Hawaii bound for San Diego, California with 62 "Tigers", male dependents and guests of crewmen who embarked for the voyage to the ship's home port. At 1059, 8 March 1977 BLUE RIDGE moored at Pier 6 of the 32nd Street Naval Station and ended her fourth Western Pacific deployment. This was followed by a week of stand down and an upkeep period for the rest of the month.

Rear Admiral Richard A. PADDOCK, USN, Commander Amphibious Group Eastern Pacific embarked aboard BLUE RIDGE on 18 April 1977.

The ship conducted local operations the week of 9 to 13 May and 16 to 20 May. The morning of 20 May BLUE RIDGE received a request to assist the U. S. Coast Guard by providing fueling facilities for a helicopter engaged in a rescue mission with the sailing vessel Nixie. The Coast Guard helicopter refueled aboard the ship both enroute to the Nixie and again during the return portion of the mission. BLUE RIDGE's medical department provided communications and controlling functions to keep the helicopter in communications with its home base.

After a week inport BLUE RIDGE conducted local operations off the Southern California coast between 1 and 3 June and upon return she moored at the Navy Pier at the foot of Broadway in downtown San Diego, and conducted an open house on the weekend of 4-5 June. During the two days of general visiting, 1457 visitors visited the ship. The morning of 6 June BLUE RIDGE moved from the Broadway Pier to the Naval Station's Pier 6, and remained there until the morning of the 13th when she again conducted local at sea operations. Returning to port on the 17th, the ship embarked RADM K. J. CHRISTOPH, USN, Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE and his staff on the 20th. On 22 June BLUE RIDGE again got underway and participated in Operation READIEX 4-77, which consisted of 25 ships, 100 aircraft, and 10,000 men from the U.S. THIRD Fleet.

The ship returned to the San Diego Naval Station on 1 July and remained in port for most of the month, with the exception of a short underway period 5 to 7 July.

On 5 August BLUE RIDGE conducted sea trails and returned to port the morning of the 6th to embark 620 guests of the crew for a dependent's day cruise.

The ship's Rescue and Assistance Team aided the USS FRESNO (LST-1183) to help with a fire in the latter's Engine room on 7 August.

BLUE RIDGE was underway between 8 and 11 August for an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE).

BLUE RIDGE started her fifth Western Pacific deployment the morning of 24 August when she left San Diego, bound for Pearl Harbor, in company with the USS AJAX (AR-6). Embarked were Mr. Ed Leland and Mr. Dennis Jana, two Guests of the Navy, who rode the ship to Pearl Harbor. Pearl was reached on 31 August.

The morning of 3 September the ship departed Pearl Harbor and inchooped to the U.S. SEVENTH Fleet on the 12th. She arrived at White Beach, Okinawa on 17 September and again became Flagship for RADM J. H. MORRIS, Commander Amphibious Forces, U.S. Seventh Fleet. The following afternoon the ship got underway for local operations and returned briefly to White Beach the afternoon of the 20th to embark 122 members of the various services in a Sea the World III Cruise. BLUE RIDGE proceeded to Manila, Republic of the Philippines arriving the morning of the 23rd and remaining in Manila until the 27th. On that date she got underway in the morning for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. Embarked were 130 dependent's and guests for the one day trip.

The ship remained in Subic Bay until 4 September when she again got underway for White Beach, arriving there on 7 September. At this time the Sea the World III Cruise participants were disembarked. The following day VADM Robert B. BALDWIN, USN, Commander, U.S. SEVENTH Fleet, made an unofficial visit to the ship. The same day, four members of the Tokyo Broadcasting System (TBS) had a two and a half hour visit and lunch aboard BLUE RIDGE

BLUE RIDGE was underway from Okinawa the morning of 9 October with Commander Task Force-76, Commander Task Force-79/Commanding General Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade embarked for Operation Bayanihan IV/Fortress Lightning. The exercise was highlighted by a major amphibious landing on the Island of Mindoro, Republic of the Philippines on 16 October, involving 30 ships, 130 aircraft, 20,000 men and more than 100 different commands. On 15 October the ship hosted members of the press, including NBC-TV, the Korean Broadcasting System, Washington Post and Associated Press.

The ship ended the operation on 23 October and steamed back to Okinawa, arriving there on the 26th. RADM MORRIS

hauled down his flag upon arrival, and the following day BLUE RIDGE departed White Beach for a one day transit and a three day visit to Keelung, Taiwan. On the 31st the ship left Keelung and steamed east, outchopping on the 4th and arriving in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on 11 November. BLUE RIDGE moored at the Naval Shipyard to repair ruptured boiler tubes and departed on 15 November, with 62 "Tigers" embarked for the trip back to San Diego.

BLUE RIDGE's fifth deployment to the Western Pacific ended at 1552, Sunday, 20 November when she moored at Pier 4 U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California. The ship conducted a stand down for the rest of the month.

BLUE RIDGE again set sail on 7 Decmeber to participate in Operation READIEX 1-78 an eight day exercise. She returned to San Diego and moored at Pier 6 on 15 December, where she remained for the holiday period.

  
J. G. MCINTYRE

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ADDENDUM NO. 1

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1977

A. DATE: 27 January 1977

VISITOR: ADM Thomas B. HAYWARD, USN, Commander in Chief,  
U.S. Pacific Fleet

VADM Robert B. BALDWIN, USN, Commander, U.S.  
SEVENTH Fleet

PURPOSE OF VISIT: Official

B. DATE: 24 - 31 August 1977

VISITOR: Mr. Ed Leland

Mr. Dennis Jana

PURPOSE OF VISIT: Guest of the Navy

C. DATE: 8 September 1977

VISITOR: VADM Robert B. BALDWIN, USN, Commander, U.S.  
SEVENTH Fleet

PURPOSE OF VISIT: Official

ADDENDUM NO. 2

UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENTS AND VERTICAL REPLENISHMENTS DURING CALENDAR  
YEAR 1977

- A. DATE: 20 January 1977  
TYPE: UNREP  
SHIP: USS KANSAS CITY (AOR-3)
- B. DATE: 12 February 1977  
TYPE: UNREP  
SHIP: USS KANSAS CITY (AOR-3)
- C. DATE: 18 May 1977  
TYPE: UNREP  
SHIP: USNS TALUGA (T-AO-62)
- D. DATE: 25 June 1977  
TYPE: UNREP  
SHIP: USNS TALUGA (T-AO-62)
- E. DATE: 9 August 1977  
TYPE: UNREP  
SHIP: USNS TALUGA (T-AO-62)
- F. DATE: 7 September 1977  
TYPE: UNREP  
SHIP: USS AJAX (AR-6)
- G. DATE: 11 October 1977  
TYPE: UNREP  
SHIP: USNS MISPELLION (T-AO-105)

- H. DATE: 11 October 1977  
TYPE: UNREP/VERTREP  
SHIP: USS SAN JOSE (AFS-7)
- I. DATE: 11 October 1977  
TYPE: UNREP  
SHIP: USS MOBILE (LKA-115)
- J. DATE: 11 December 1977  
TYPE: UNREP  
SHIP: USNS TALUGA (T-AO-62)

ADDENDUM NO. 3

AMMUNITION EXPENDED IN CALENDAR YEAR 1977

- A. DATE: 17 FEBRUARY 1977  
MOUNT: 31 - 29 ROUNDS  
MOUNT: 32 - 10 ROUNDS
- B. DATE: 3 MARCH 1977  
MOUNT: 31 - 12 ROUNDS  
MOUNT: 32 - 12 ROUND
- C. DATE: 10 MAY 1977  
MOUNT: 32 - 42 ROUNDS
- D. DATE: 19 MAY 1977  
MOUNT: 31 - 42 ROUNDS  
MOUNT: 32 - 6 ROUNDS
- E. DATE: 2 JUNE 1977  
MOUNT: 32 - 30 ROUNDS
- F. DATE: 9 JUNE 1977  
MOUNT: 31 - 10 ROUNDS  
MOUNT: 32 - 20 ROUNDS
- G. DATE: 9 AUGUST 1977  
MOUNT: 31 - 12 ROUNDS  
MOUNT: 32 - 18 ROUNDS
- H. DATE: 30 AUGUST 1977  
MOUNT: 31 - 10 ROUNDS  
MOUNT: 32 - 10 ROUNDS
- I. DATE: 16 SEPTEMBER 1977  
MOUNT: 31 - 10 ROUNDS  
MOUNT: 32 - 10 ROUNDS



J. DATE: 4 OCTOBER 1977

MOUNT: 31 - 10 ROUNDS

MOUNT: 32 - 10 ROUNDS

K. DATE: 17 NOVEMBER 1977

MOUNT: 31 - 10 ROUNDS

MOUNT: 32 - 10 ROUNDS

MISSILES - SEA SPARROW III FIRED FROM BASIC POINT DEFENSE MISSILE SYSTEM:

L. DATE: 10 AUGUST 1977

PORT SIDE - 2 MISSILES

M. DATE: 4 OCTOBER 1977

STARBOARD SIDE - 2 MISSILES