



# USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19) ✓

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- Encl:
- (1) Underway Replenishments and Vertical Replenishments during calendar year 1984
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  - (3) Portrait of Captain Thomas D. PAULSEN, USN
  - (4) Official Biography of Captain Thomas D. PAULSEN, USN
  - (5) Change of Command Ceremony Brochure, 6 January 1984
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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following command history for the period 1 January 1984 through 31 December 1984 is submitted.

a. Command Organization: Commanding Officer: Captain William D. FRANCIS from 1 January 1984 to 6 January 1984. Captain Thomas D. PAULSEN from 6 January 1984 to 31 December 1984.

b. Summary of Operations: BLUE RIDGE, in her role as flagship for Commander SEVENTH Fleet, began the new year in her homeport of Yokosuka, Japan. On 4 January, she got underway for sea trials upon completion of SRA 84-5. After completing sea trials in Sagami Wan, BLUE RIDGE returned to Yokosuka that evening. On 6 January, Captain Thomas D. PAULSEN relieved Captain William C. FRANCIS as Commanding Officer of BLUE RIDGE in a change of command ceremony.

On 9 January, BLUE RIDGE got underway, this time enroute Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan. Arriving on 11 January, BLUE RIDGE moored briefly to embark CTF 76 and CTF 79 with their respective staffs and then got underway for the Okinawa operating areas. From 11 to 14 January, the ship conducted a Marine Amphibious Force Command Post Exercise (CPX) which exercised all areas of the ship's command and control capabilities, and served as a warm-up for the larger TEAM SPIRIT 84 Exercise scheduled for later in the year. On 14 January BLUE RIDGE pulled into Buckner Bay to debark CTF 76 and CTF 79 and their staffs, and then began a short transit to Manila, Republic of the Philippines. On 16

January, the ship conducted an underway refueling and lightline transfer with the USS HASSAYAMPA (T-AO 145). The ship arrived in Manila South Harbor on 17 January. When BLUE RIDGE got underway on 20 January, after a three day port visit, enroute to Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, more than 450 Philippine and U.S. Civilian and Military guests were embarked for a guest cruise. The highlight of the cruise was an air power demonstration provided by VC-5 from Cubi Point Naval Air Station. The ship arrived in Subic Bay that same afternoon and began a sixteen day upkeep. During this period, BLUE RIDGE hosted the SEVENTH Fleet Seminar War Games from 23 to 25 January, SEVENTH Fleet Readiness Board from 26 to 28 January and SEVENTH Fleet FY-84 Third Quarter Scheduling Conference from 30 January to 3 February. On 4 February, BLUE RIDGE got underway for Sea Trials in Subic Bay and local operations in the South China Sea before proceeding to Singapore. On 4 February, BLUE RIDGE conducted a stores vertical replenishment with the USS CAMDEN (AOE 2). On 6 February, BLUE RIDGE conducted a Gunnery Exercise with the USNS CATAWBA (T-ATF 168) and an underway refueling and re-armament with the USS CAMDEN (AOE 2). On 13 February, the ship anchored in Man-O'-War Anchorage, Singapore for a four-day port visit. On 17 February, the ship got underway for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. On 18 February, while enroute to Subic Bay, the ship conducted a "Crossing-the Line" Ceremony. BLUE RIDGE crossed the Equator at 0135, on 17 February at 105-30' minutes east longitude. On 20 February, BLUE RIDGE conducted a refueling and highline transfer with the USNS MISPELLION (T-AO 106). On 21 February, the ship moored at Alava Wharf, Subic Bay to embark Mobile Training Team for Phase II Training, and departed later that afternoon enroute to Yokosuka, Japan. On 27 February, the ship conducted a LINKEX with a JMSDF P-3C "ORION" Aircraft and Helicopter Operations with a JMSDF HH-3 Helicopter. The ship moored at berth eight, Yokosuka, Japan on 27 February for a ten-day upkeep.

On 9 March, the ship got underway and on 11 March arrived at Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan. BLUE RIDGE embarked CTF 76 and CTF 79 and their respective staffs for TEAM SPIRIT 84, a major Amphibious Exercise to be conducted in the vicinity of Pohang, Republic of Korea. On 12 March, the ship conducted TEAM SPIRIT 84 rehearsals with various other U.S. Navy Units involved in the exercise and conducted an Underway Refueling with the USNS PASSUMPSIC (T-AO 107). On 14 March, the ship conducted a Damage Control Stand-Down and received an injured man via highline transfer with the USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) who was later transferred off by Helicopter for treatment. On 15 March, BLUE RIDGE and various U.S. Navy and ROK Navy ships anchored in Pohang Harbor, Republic of Korea to conduct a Pre-Sail Conference. On 18 March, all ships got underway for transit to the Exercise Area near Tok Sok RI, Republic of Korea, with U.S. Navy and ROK Navy Ships following separate tracks. BLUE RIDGE conducted an underway replenishment with USNS PASSUMPSIC (T-AO 107) on 19 March. BLUE RIDGE was involved in the exercise from 20 to 26

March. On 26 March, the ship was detached and she proceeded to Pusan, Republic of Korea for a four-day port visit, arriving on 27 March. On 26 March, BLUE RIDGE conducted an underway replenishment with the USNS PASSUMPSIC (T-AO 107). On 31 March, the ship got underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan. After disembarking CTF 76 and CTF 79 and their respective staffs on 2 April, the ship proceeded to Yokosuka Japan. BLUE RIDGE arrived on 4 April for a nineteen day upkeep. From 16 to 21 April, BLUE RIDGE hosted the SEVENTH Fleet Scheduling Conference. On 23 April, the ship got underway for local operations in the Philippine Sea for Sea Trials and returned the afternoon of the next day.

On 27 April, BLUE RIDGE got underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan with the Operational Propulsion Re-examination (OPPRE) Team. BLUE RIDGE moored on 1 May at Buckner Bay to disembark the OPPRE Team, embark CTF 76 and his staff and proceeded the same day for a port visit to Pattaya, Thailand. On 6 May, the ship refueled with the USNS NAVASOTA (T-AO 106). On 7 May, the ship anchored off of Pattaya, Thailand for a five-day port visit. On 12 May, the ship got underway for Hong Kong, British Crown Colony. The ship conducted a refueling with the USS PASSUMPSIC (T-AO 107) and stores replenishment with the USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3) on 14 May. At 1652, on 15 May, the ship rescued 35 Vietnamese Refugees in the South China Sea, 350 NM Northeast of Cam Rahn Bay. BLUE RIDGE moored at HMS Tamar, Hong Kong, B.C.C. for a six-day port visit on 17 May and disembarked all refugees. The ship also embarked a group of First and Third Class Midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy and Naval ROTC Units for Phase I Summer Training. On 23 May, the ship got underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan. The ship moored at East Navy Pier on 26 May and disembarked CTF-76 and his staff. The ship also hosted a visit by the Undersecretary of the Navy Goodrich. BLUE RIDGE got underway that day for Inchon, Republic of Korea. On 28 May, the ship anchored off of Inchon for a four-day port visit. On 1 June, BLUE RIDGE got underway for Yokosuka, Japan. The ship moored to berth eight, Yokosuka on 4 June for a seven-week availability. During SRA 84-6, the ship conducted SECAS Validation on 5 June, SEVENTH Fleet Readiness Board from 6 to 9 July and SEVENTH Fleet Scheduling Conference from 9 to 13 July. On 24 June, the ship debarked all Phase I Midshipmen. On 29 June, the ship participated in the Eleventh Annual George I. PURDY Motor Whale Boat Race which was held in Yokosuka. BLUE RIDGE got underway on 27 July to conduct Sea Trials and host a Father/Daughter Cruise in Sagami Wan. BLUE RIDGE returned later that afternoon. On 28 July, the ship embarked a group of First and Third Class Midshipmen from various Naval ROTC Units for Phase III Summer Training. On 31 July, BLUE RIDGE departed Yokosuka for a Japanese Sister-Ship Cruise. On 2 August, BLUE RIDGE conducted a tow and be-towed exercise with the USS CATAWBA (T-ATF 168). BLUE RIDGE and her Sister Ship, JMS SHIRANE (DDH-143) visited Sasebo from 3 to 7 August, Maizuru from 9 to 12 August and Muroran from 14 to 17 August. On 8 August, General LIVSEY, Combined Forces Commander/United Nation Command, and

Eighth Army Commander visited the ship. The ship was open for general visiting on 16 August while in Muroran. On 12 August both ships received fuel and conducted a Highline Transfer from USNS HASSAYAMPA (T-AO 145). BLUE RIDGE and SHIRANE conducted a personnel transfer via highline on 18 August. Both ships moored in Yokosuka on 19 August. On 23 August, the ship debarked all Phase III Midshipmen. On 27 August, the Navy's Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) arrived and the following day the ship conducted a one-day Sea Trial in Sagami Wan. The INSURV Board departed 31 August. The ship completed a 3-M Inspection on 10 September and a one-day Sea Trial on 14 September. After completing a four-week upkeep, the ship got underway for Chinhae, Republic of Korea. The ship visited Chinhae for one day and proceeded to Pusan, Korea for a two-day port visit. The ship departed Pusan for Buckner Bay, Okinawa on 25 September. On 26 September, BLUE RIDGE conducted a Damage Control Stand-Down. BLUE RIDGE arrived in Okinawa on 27 September and embarked CTF-76 and his staff. The ship departed the same morning for a port visit to Penang, Malaysia. On 28 and 30 September, BLUE RIDGE refueled with USNS HASSAYAMPA (T-AO 145). On 30 September, the ship assisted five Philippine fishermen whose boat engine suffered a casualty 75 NM west of Subic Bay. Their boat was repaired and they proceeded to Subic Bay. On 3 October, the ship assisted a group of Vietnamese refugees with food, water and maps off the Malaya Peninsula in the South China Sea. BLUE RIDGE anchored at Man-O'-War anchorage in Penang Harbor on 5 October for a three-day port visit. The ship got underway on 8 October for a port visit to Singapore. The ship moored at Sembawang Base, Singapore on 9 October for a four-day port visit. BLUE RIDGE proceeded on 13 October for Subic Bay, R.P. and that evening "Crossed the Line" at 2106, at 106-04' east longitude and held the appropriate ceremony to cleanse the ship of all Slimey Pollywogs the next morning. BLUE RIDGE moored on 17 October in Subic Bay. The ship hosted the SEVENTH Fleet Readiness Board (18-19 October) and SEVENTH Fleet Scheduling Conference (22-26 October). The ship embarked CTF-79.1 on 24 October and departed for Hong Kong, B.C.C. on 27 October. The ship arrived in Hong Kong on 29 October for a five-day port visit. BLUE RIDGE departed on 3 November and transited the Taiwan Straits to Pohang, Republic of Korea. The ship moored in Pohang on 7 November for VALIANT BLITZ 85-1. The ship got underway that afternoon for operations off the Tok Sok RI during exercise VALIANT BLITZ 85-1. On 10 November, BLUE RIDGE refueled with USNS NAVASOTA (T-AO 106). The ship moored in Pohang on 1 November and proceeded underway later that afternoon for Pusan. The ship arrived on 12 November for a two-day port visit and then got underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan. The ship debarked CTF-76 and CTF-79.1 on 16 November and departed for FLEETEX 85 the following day. The ship remained in the vicinity of Okinawa until 21 November to avoid Typhoons Bill and Clara. On 24 November, BLUE RIDGE refueled and conducted a highline transfer with the USNS PASSUMPSIC (T-AO 107), conducted an Ammunition Vertrep on 25 November with USS KISKA (AE-35) and conducted a refueling with the USS KANSAS CITY

(AOR-3) on 26 November. BLUE RIDGE participated in FLEETEX until 26 November when she was detached and arrived in Yokosuka on 30 November. BLUE RIDGE spent the remainder of the year in port for SRA 85-7.



T. D. PAULSEN

UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENTS AND VERTICAL REPLENISHMENTS  
CONDUCTED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 1984

16 January 1984  
USS HASSAYAMPA (T-AO 145)  
Fuel UNREP/Highline Transfer

4 February 1984  
USNS PASSUMPSIC (T-AO 107)  
Stores VERTREP

6 February 1984  
USS CAMDEN (AOE 2)  
Fuel UNREP/Highline Transfer

20 February 1984  
USNS MISPILLION (T-AO 105)  
Fuel UNREP/Highline Transfer

12 March 1984  
USNS PASSUMPSIC (T-AO 107)  
Fuel UNREP

19 March 1984  
USNS PASSUMPSIC (T-AO 107)  
Fuel UNREP

26 March 1984  
USNS PASSUMPSIC (T-AO 107)  
Fuel UNREP

6 May 1984  
USNS NAVASOTA (T-AO 106)  
Fuel UNREP

14 May 1984  
USNS PASSUMPSIC (T-AO 107)  
Fuel UNREP

14 May 1984  
USS NIAGARA FALLS (AFS 3)  
Stores UNREP

12 August 1984  
USNS HASSAYAMPA (T-AO 145)  
Fuel UNREP/Highline Transfer

28 September 1984  
USNS HASSAYAMPA (T-AO 145)  
Fuel UNREP

30 September 1984  
USNS HASSAYAMPA (T-AO 145)  
Fuel UNREP

10 November 1984  
USNS NAVASOTA (T-AO 106)  
Fuel UNREP

24 November 1984  
USNS PASSUMPSIC (T-AO 107)  
Fuel UNREP/Highline Transfer

25 November 1984  
USS KISKA (AE 35)  
Ammunition VERTREP

26 November 1984  
USS KANSAS CITY (AOR 3)  
Fuel UNREP (Steam)

Enclosure (1)

AMMUNITION EXPENDED DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1984

MOUNT 31 LEFT GUN

10 JAN	5 rounds
06 FEB	12 rounds
26 MAR	6 rounds
14 MAY	6 rounds
15 MAY	6 rounds
15 MAY	1 round
25 MAY	10 rounds
19 SEP	3 rounds
20 SEP	6 rounds
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Total	55 rounds

MOUNT 31 RIGHT GUN

10 JAN	5 rounds
06 FEB	15 rounds
26 MAR	7 rounds
14 MAY	5 rounds
15 MAY	6 rounds
25 MAY	9 rounds
19 SEP	3 rounds
20 SEP	12 rounds
03 OCT	6 rounds
16 OCT	8 rounds
10 NOV	5 rounds
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Total	81 rounds

MOUNT 32 LEFT GUN

10 JAN	5 rounds
06 FEB	12 rounds
26 MAR	3 rounds
15 MAY	6 rounds
25 MAY	5 rounds
02 AUG	6 rounds
19 SEP	3 rounds
20 SEP	6 rounds
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Total	46 rounds

MOUNT 32 RIGHT GUN

10 JAN	5 rounds
26 MAR	6 rounds
15 MAY	6 rounds
25 MAY	9 rounds
02 AUG	6 rounds
19 SEP	3 rounds
20 SEP	12 rounds
03 OCT	6 rounds
16 OCT	15 rounds
10 NOV	5 rounds
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Total	73 rounds

MISSILES

None

SRBOC

30 NOV 10 rounds

LIST OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS - 1984

MANILA (17-20 January)

RADM Simeon M. ALEJANDRO, AFP, Flag Officer in Command Philippine Navy

COMO Brillante C. OCHOCO, AFP, Commandant Philippine Coast Guard and Vice Commander of the Philippine Navy

COMO Roberto M. AMPIG, AFP

MANILA-SUBIC BAY GUEST CRUISE (20 January)

The Honorable Richard J. GORDON, Mayor of Olongapo

SINGAPORE (13-17 February)

MGEN Winston CHOO, Chief of General Staff, Singapore Armed Forces

BRIGADIER I. H. BURROWS, Commanding Officer, New Zealand Forces, Southeast Asia

PUSAN (27-31 March)

LTGEN KIM, Jong Jin, Commander, Republic of Korea Army Logistic Command

MGEN LIM Byung Hwa, Commander, 53RD Republic of Korea Army Infantry Division

COMO BAEK Seog Ki, Commander, Second Naval Sector

GEN LEE Yung Chang, Chief of Pusan Police

BGEN LEE Jae Kym, Commander, 5th Tactical Air Wing

PATTAYA (7-12 May)

ADM PANDIT Suvongse, Commander-In-Chief, Royal Thai Navy Fleet

VADM PRASOB Udnoon, Deputy Commander-In-Chief, Royal Thai Navy Fleet

VADM CHONG Choon-ngan, Deputy Commander-In-Chief, Royal Thai Navy Fleet

VADM PRASERT Noikamsiri, Commandant, Royal Thai Marine Corps

VADM KONG Lee Lanond, Commandant, Naval Base Sattahip

RADM KASEM Mekloy, Deputy Commandant Royal Thai Marine Corps

RADM KITTI Nakage, Deputy Commandant, Naval Base Sattahip

MAYOR ANUSAK Rodboonmee, Mayor Pattaya

HONG KONG (17-23 May)

HONORABLE Sir John BREMRIDGE, K.B.E., J.P., Financial Secretary Hong Kong

HONORABLE Michael BAMBERG, Judge of the High Court

OKINAWA (26 May)

Undersecretary of the Navy Goodrich

INCHON (28 May-1 June)

ADM OH Kyung Hwan, Chief of Naval Operations, Korean Navy

Mr. KIM Chan-Hoe, Mayor Inchon

MGEN CHANG Myung Bok, Commanding General, Korean Army 17th



Division  
GEN R.W. SENNEWALD, Combined Forces Commander, United Nations  
Command  
RADM C. F. HORNE, Commander Naval Forces Korea

SASEBO (3-6 August)

MAYOR K. KAKEHASHI, Mayor of Sasebo  
VADM M. SHIGENO, Commandant, Sasebo District JMSDF

MAIZURU (9-11 August)

Mr. MACII, Mayor of Maizuru  
VADM SUGATA, Commandant, Maizuru District  
VADM NOZU, COMFLT/CORTFORCE JMSDF  
RADM YASUMURA, Superintendent, Fourth Service School

MURORAN (14-17 August)

Mr. Hiroshi IWATA, Mayor of Muroran  
VADM Nagayasu NOZU, Commander, Fleet Escort Force

CHINHAE/PUSAN (21-25 September)

VADM KIM, Chong Ho, Commander, ROK Fleet  
RADM KIM, Hyung Jin, Commander, Naval Base Chinhae  
COMO KIM, Yong Jo, Deputy Commander ROK Fleet  
COMO KIM, Hung Kil, Chief of Staff, ROK Fleet  
Mr. AHN, Kil Hyun, Mayor Chinhae

PENANG (5-8 October)

DATO KOH, Ark Kim, Rep/Acting Chief Minister of Penang  
MGEN DATO YAACOB Bin Hohamad Zain, Commanding General, Second  
Division  
Air Vice Marshall W. H. SIMMONS, RAAF, Commanding General,  
Integrated Air Defense System  
COMO M. W. ALVISSE, Asst Chief of Navy for Plans  
Air Como R. W. BRADFORD, Commanding Officer, RAAF Butterworth

SINGAPORE (9-13 October)

BGEN Ian BURROWS, Commander, New Zealand Forces, South Sea Asia  
Dr. Yeo Ning Hong, 2ND Minister of Defense  
Mr. Lim Siong Guan, 1ST Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defense

HONG KONG (29 October-3 November)

MGEN The HONORABLE Derek BOORMAN, Commander, British Forces  
BRIG A. B. CROWFOOT, Deputy Commander, British Forces  
Mr. R. J. T. MCLAREN, Political Advisor to the Governor  
The HONORABLE Mr. Justice Miles JACKSON-LIPKIN, Judge of the High  
Court  
Chief Superintendent John L. J. MACDONALD, Royal Hong Kong  
Police, Deputy Regional Commander (Marine)

PUSAN (12-14 November)

Honorable CHOI, Jong Ho, Mayor of Pusan  
BGEN YI, Jae Kyu, Commander 5TH TACTICAL FLIGHT GROUP  
COMO PAIK, Seog Ki, Commander, Second Naval Sector  
LTGEN KIM, Yong-Jin, Commander Army Logistics Command

Enclosure (7)