

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8) FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96601



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Commanding Officer, USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8) From:

Director of Naval History (OP-09B9) To:

Subj: Command History; submission of (U)

(a) OPNAVINST 5750.12B Ref:

Encl: (1) Chronology of USS DUBUQUE's Movements during period 1 January 1976 to 31 December 1976

(U) In compliance with reference (a), the history of USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8) for period 1 January 1976 to 31 December 1976 is hereby submitted.

2. (C) Basic History

a. (U) Command Organization

(1) During this period, USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8) served as a unit of Amphibious Squadron ONE. The following officer commanded the ship:

> 1 January 1976 to 31 December 1976 Captain Andrew C. FERGUSON, USN,

(2) Designation of Units Assigned. The following units were embarked in USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8):

> 1st Battalion, 9th Marines 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine 1st Battalion, 12th Marines 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines ACU-1/BMU-1 SEABEES HMM 164 (Det) COMPHIBRON ONE TACRON ONE, UDT 11, PHIBRON 411, El Paso, TX,

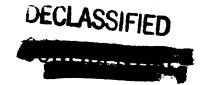
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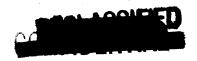
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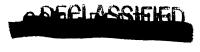


Chronology of USS DUBUQUE's Movements During Period 1 January 1976 to 31 December 1976

l January		Homeported, San Diego
6 January	0822	Underway. TYT Training Southern California.
8 January	1629	Moored Pier 6, Naval Station, San Diego, California
16 January	1240 1332	
19 January	1037	Underway for Buoy 19; local operations.
20 January	0642	Underway for local operations.
22 January	0830	Moored Buoys 19 and 20, San Diego, Caifornia
23 January	1447 1547	
1-19 February		Upkeep; San Diego, California
20 February	1045 1124	Underway cold for Pier 10. Moored Pier 10; San Diego, California.
1 March	0841	Underway for Refresher Training
2 March	1629 1746	
3 March	0656 0737 2010	Underway for local operations
4 March	1750	Underway for local operations
5 March	0723 0815 1728	
8 March	0909 1756 1803	Moored

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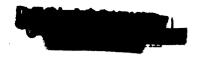
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9 March	0708	
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10 March	0657	Underway for local operations
11 March	2040 2119	
	2130	Moored
12 March	0756 1159	1 = = =
	1330 1508	Underway
16 March		
16 March	1545	Underway Moored Pier 4
29 March	0912	Underway for local operations
31 March	0756	Moored Starboard Side; Seal Beach, Anaheim Bay
	1530	Underway
02 April	1325	Moored Pier 4 Qutboard Point Defiance, San Diego, California
12 April	1702 1845	Underway for Amphibious Ref Training Anchored off Silver Strand, Coronado
13 April	1716 1955	
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15 April	0830 0918	Underway for local operations Anchored off Silver Strand, Coronado
16 April		Underway for local operations
	1143	Moored Pier 4 San Diego, California
19 April	1038 1254	Underway for Amphibious Ref Training Anchored off Silver Strand, Coronado
	1449	Underway for local operations
	1654	Anchored
21 April	0819	Underway for local operations
	0945	Anchored off Silver Strand, Coronado



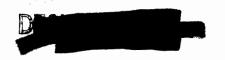


22 April	0858	Underway for Local Operations
22 APIII	1015	Anchored off Silver Strand, Coronado
	1431 1520	Underway Anchored off Silver Strand
23 April	0337	Underway for Final Battle Problem
25 APIII	0506	Anchored
	0740 0935	Underway Moored Pier 3; San Diego, California
24 April to 1 June		Upkeep period
02 June	1850	Underway for local operations
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03 June	1741	Moored Pier 3; San Diego, California
08 June to 5 August		Upkeep period
06 August	1017	Underway for local operations.
	1325	Anchored in Anchorage 150, Silver Strand for Amphibious Exercises
09 August	0717	Underway for Operations IAW CTF 176 OPORD 211A
13 August	1411	Anchored Anchorage 162, Silver Strand
14 August	0659	Underway
16 August	0533	Anchored off Ocean City Break Water
	2001	Light, Camp Delmar Underway
17	0843	Anchored off Silver Strand, Coronado
17 August	1330	Underway
18 August	0937	Anchored off Delmar Beach
19 August	0921	Underway
	1540	Moored Port Side Pier 3; 32nd Street Naval Station, San Diego, California
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20 August to 9 September		Upkeep period
10 September	0906 1653	Underway for Dependents' Cruise Moored
11 September to 24 Septe	ember	Upkeep period
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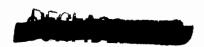
25 Septembe	r	Underway for Hawaii and WESTPAC
01 October	1654	Moored at Berth K-8; Naval Station; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
04 October	1322	Underway for Local Operations
07 October	1015	Moored Pier Ml and 2 U. S. Naval Station; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
16 October	1230	Underway for Inchon, South Korea
29 October	0900	Anchored in Inchon, South Korea
01 November	0710	Underway for Okinawa
03 November	1008	Moored at Okinawa
04 November	0907	Underway for Typhoon Evasion (3 days)
09 November	1400	Moored Subic Bay; Republic of Philippines
17 November	1305	Underway for Okinawa
20 November	0717 2055	Anchored Oura Wan Bay, Okinawa Underway for Numazu, Japan
24 November	0714	Anchored Numazu, Japan
25 November	0806	Underway for Iwakuni, Japan
27 November	0657 1530	Anchored Iwakuni, Japan Underway for Yokosuka, Japan
29 November	1124	Moored Yokosuka, Japan
30 November	to 8 December	Upkeep period
09 December	2142	Underway for Pohang, South Korea
12 December	1242 1629	Anchored Pohang, South Korea Underway Local Operations
13 December	1155 1779	Anchored Pohang, South Korea Underway Amphibious Operations
14 December	0422 1923	Anchored Underway for Night Steaming
15 December	0352	Anchored DECLASSIFIED

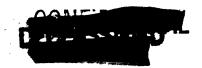


19 December 1601 Underway for Yokosuka, Japan

23 December 1035 Moored Yokosuka, Japan

24 December to 31 December Holiday Seasons





57 MAU HQ, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Tank Battalion, 4th RECON Battalion, and 25 Midshipmen

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b. (C) <u>Summary of Operations</u>

On 1 January 1976 DUBUQUE was moored at U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, California, her homeport. On 6 January DUBUQUE got underway for two days TYT training in the local operating area. During the remaining days of January and all of February, DUBUQUE enjoyed an extended period of upkeep.

For the months of March and most of April the ship was occupied in a variety of tasks. Refresher Training began on 1 March and lasted until 12 March when she moored at Broadway Pier and acted as the visit ship for the weekend. From 12 April until 23 April USS DUBUQUE was conducting Amphibious Refresher Training. From 24 April until 25 September she was in port for long periods of upkeep marked by very short periods of underway time as indicated below:

*8 June: Underway, for an Inspection and Survey.
*5-19 August: Participated in the Amphibious
exercise "Varsity Knight". During this period
officers and men from the following units were
aboard: TACRON ONE (9/11); UDT 11 (2/3); PHIBRON
411, El Paso, Texas (1/8); 57 MAU HQ 22/130: 2BN
24th Marines (31/381); 4th Tank Battalion (1/13);
4th RECON Battalion (1/22) and 25 Midshipmen.
*10 September: Conducted a dependents cruise.

On 25 September DUBUQUE set sail for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii enroute to WESTPAC for a seven and one-half month deployment. Shortly before arriving in Pearl Harbor, DUBUQUE suffered casaulties to three of her four main feed pumps which necessitated her being replaced in Operation Kangaroo TWO in Australia by the USS VANCOUVER (LPD-2). On 1 October she arrived and moored in Pearl Harbor. PHIBRON ONE transferred to the VANCOUVER on 2 October and set sail for the "land downunder". After correcting the engineering problems, training opportunities were provided for 1st Battalion, 12th Marines and 3rd AMTRACKS of the 1st Marine Brigade. DUBUQUE then got underway on 16 October for Inchon, Korea. Enroute DUBUQUE met the USS CLEVELAND (LPD-7), her sister ship, and assumed the duties of flagship for Amphibious Ready Group BRAVO.

Inchon, Korea was bitter cold when DUBUQUE arrived on 29 October. Her task was to embark the 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines for transport to Okinawa. With the USS FREDERICK (LST-1184) in company, the DUBUQUE departed Inchon, Korea on 1 November and off loaded the embarked Marines in Okinawa on 3 November. Upon departure



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on 4 November, Typhoon Louise directely interfered with DUBUQUE's transit to Subic Bay, R.P. and evasive action was taken by steaming back into the Yellow Sea near Korea. The ship arrived in Subic Bay, Philippines on 9 November.

After a week's stay in Subic Bay, the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines were loaded on 15 November to be transported to Okinawa. DUBUQUE got underway on 19 November and delivered BLT 1/9 to Okinawa on 20 November. That evening Rear Admiral MORRIS, Commander Amphibious Force Western Pacific visited the ship. DUBUQUE left Okinawa on 21 November and proceeded to Numazu, Japan. 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines were embarked on arrival on 24 November. On 25 November the ship proceeded to Iwakuni, Japan to conduct air operations. Unfortunately the operations were cancelled because of weather; whereupon DUBUQUE set course for Yokosuka, Japan. arrived on 29 November and departed on 9 December to participate in BLTEX 1-77, a joint U.S./Korea Exercise. Anchoring in Pohang Harbor on 13 December, a helicopter detachment of HMM-164 embarked to supply the needed air support for BLTEX 1-77. After a near perfect performance of all U.S. and ROK naval forces, the ship departed Pohang on 19 December. Christmas and the Holiday Season were spent in Yokosuka, Japan from 23 December through the end of the year.

