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Encl: (1) Chronology of USS DUBUQUE's movements during period  
1 January 1979 to 31 December 1979  
(2) Copy of DUBUQUE Welcome Aboard pamphlet

1. In compliance with reference (a), the history of USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8) for period 1 January to 31 December 1979 is hereby submitted.

2. Basic History.

a. Command Organization.

(1) During this period, USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8) served as a unit of Amphibious Squadron ONE. From 1 January to 9 February 1979 the ship was commanded by Captain David E. SIGSWORTH, USN, [REDACTED] and for the remainder of the year by Captain Charles W. CULLEN, USN, [REDACTED]

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

(a) 1st Battalion, 9th Marines	1 JAN - 15 JAN
(b) 1st Battalion, 9th Marines	28 JAN - 23 FEB
(c) 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines	23 FEB - 10 MAR
(d) TACRON ONE	1 JAN - 11 APR
(e) ACU ONE	1 JAN - 11 APR
(f) Elements of 4th Marines	14 SEP - 18 SEP
(g) 3rd Marine Division	3 OCT - 10 OCT
(h) Elements of: ACU ONE; "B" Company 1st Battalion, 4th Marines; Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines	7 NOV - 17 NOV

b. Historical Narrative.

(1) On 1 January 1979 DUBUQUE was moored to buoy A-35 in Hong Kong Harbor for a port visit that lasted until 4 January when DUBUQUE got underway for Okinawa, Japan. DUBUQUE arrived in Okinawa on 9 January, embarked Commander Task Force 76, RADM Donald S. JONES and his staff, and departed for Subic Bay, R.P. the following day. After an upkeep period in Subic Bay, R.P. DUBUQUE got underway on 4 February for Okinawa, Japan arriving on 8 February where CTF 76 and his staff debarked. On 9 February while in Okinawa Captain Charles W. CULLEN relieved Captain David E. SIGSWORTH as Commanding Officer during Change of Command ceremonies onboard DUBUQUE. The following day DUBUQUE got underway arriving in Sasebo, Japan on 12 February for a port visit and availability period that lasted until 20 February when DUBUQUE departed for Okinawa, Japan. DUBUQUE arrived in Okinawa on 22 February and unloaded the Marines from 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines departing on 24 February for Operation Team Spirit off the South Korean Coast. USS CAYUGA and USS FRESNO steamed in company with DUBUQUE to Pohang Harbor, South Korea where DUBUQUE anchored on 26 February along with other members of the Amphibious Task Force involved in the exercise. That evening DUBUQUE along with other members of the U.S. Amphibious Task Force got underway and steamed in company to the Amphibious Objective Area arriving the next morning. Exercise Team Spirit lasted until 6 March and involved combined amphibious assaults with other 7th Fleet units and Republic of Korean units. This exercise included 112,000 Republic of Korea Army, Air Force, and Navy personnel along with 48,000 U.S. personnel under the operational control of ROK/US Combined Forces Command. With the exercise completed DUBUQUE steamed in company with USS DURHAM, USS CAYUGA and USS FRESNO to Okinawa, Japan and then to Subic Bay, R.P. arriving on 13 March. In Subic Bay DUBUQUE loaded the flight deck with a CONUS Opportune lift before commencing the journey home on 18 March. Steaming independantly from Subic Bay, R.P. to Apra Harbor, Guam DUBUQUE encountered an unseasonal tropical storm. Despite the 60 knot winds and heavy seas DUBUQUE transited the storm without damage and arrived on time in Apra Harbor, Guam on 23 March. Departing the same day DUBUQUE steamed in company with USS VANCOUVER to Eniwetok Atoll, where Squadron change-over was completed with Amphibious Squadron SEVEN ships on 26 March. DUBUQUE steamed in company with the other ships of Amphibious Squadron ONE the remainder of the transit to San Diego. Arriving in San Diego on 11 April DUBUQUE settled into a post deployment period of 30 days for maximum leave and liberty.

After an inspection in June by the Board of Inspection and Survey, DUBUQUE commenced a planned restricted availability period lasting until late August. During September DUBUQUE got underway for local operations which included engineering training and amphibious operations conducted at White Beach, Camp Pendelton, California. On 1 October DUBUQUE got underway for a port visit in Monterey, California. The transit included amphibious operations off Camp Pendelton, California, engineering drills and a training battle problem. After a three day visit in Monterey, DUBUQUE got underway on 8 October with four members of the Monterey Navy League onboard as "Guests of the Navy". DUBUQUE's transit to San Diego included shipboard drills and some brief amphibious operations off Camp Pendelton, California. After conducting operations in the Southern California operation area in late October, DUBUQUE again got underway on 5 November for a port visit to San Francisco. This underway period was packed with shipboard drills and exercises including shore bombardment exercises off San Clemente Island and amphibious operations at Camp Pendelton, California. The transit north was made with the USS VANCOUVER and USS OKINAWA with Commander Amphibious Squadron ONE embarked. After a four day port visit in San Francisco, DUBUQUE returned to San Diego stopping at Camp Pendelton for amphibious operations on the way. The engineering training that DUBUQUE conducted during these underway periods was tested on 6 and 7 December during DUBUQUE's Propulsion Engineering Exam which was successfully completed on 7 December 1979.



CHARLES W. CULLEN

CHRONOLOGY OF USS DUBUQUE'S MOVEMENTS DURING PERIOD  
OF 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1979

1 JAN	0000	Moored to buoy A-35 Hong Kong Harbor.
4 JAN	0856	Underway en route Okinawa, Japan.
9 JAN	0757	Moored Navy Pier Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan.
10 JAN	1600	Underway for Subic Bay, R.P.
14 JAN	0822	Moored Alava Pier Subic Bay, R.P.
4 FEB	0918	Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan.
8 FEB	0801	Moored Navy Pier Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan.
10 FEB	0858	Underway for Sasebo, Japan.
12 FEB	0904	Moored Berth 8 India Basin, Sasebo, Japan.
20 FEB	1303	Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan.
22 FEB	1158	Moored Navy Pier Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan.
24 FEB	0759	Underway for Ops off the Coast of Pohang, Korea (Team Spirit 79').
26 FEB	1226 1946	Anchored Pohang, Harbor, Korea. Underway to conduct Amphib. Ops.
27 FEB	0846	Anchored Kuiu Point, Korea
3 MAR	1814	Underway for local ops.
4 MAR	0642	Anchored Pohang, Korea

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6 MAR	1001	Underway for Kin Wan Bay, Okinawa, Japan.
8 MAR	0716	Anchored Kin Wan Bay, Okinawa, Japan.
	0750	Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan.
	1020	Moored Army Pier, Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan.
10 MAR	0757	Underway for Subic Bay, R.P.
13 MAR	0904	Moored Bravo Pier Subic Bay, R.P.
18 MAR	0730	Underway for Apra Harbor, Guam.
23 MAR	1026	Anchored Apra Harbor, Guam.
	1058	Underway for Pier Sierra.
	1141	Moored Pier Sierra Apra Harbor, Guam.
	1653	Underway for Eniwetok Atoll.
26 MAR	0737	Anchored Eniwetok Atoll.
	1426	Underway for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, USA
2 APR	1421	Moored Pier K-7 Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
4 APR	1231	Underway for San Diego, Ca.
11 APR	0957	Moored Pier #6 San Diego, CA
15 MAY	0832	Underway for local ops, Socal Op. areas.
	1423	Anchored off of Camp Pendelton, CA.
16 MAY	1047	Underway for Wilson Cove, San Clemente, Island.
	1515	Anchored Wilson Cove, San Clemente, Island.
17 MAY	0125	Underway for White Beach, Camp Pendelton, CA
	0626	Anchored White Beach, Camp Pendelton, CA
	1612	Underway for Socal Op. areas.
18 MAY	1402	Moored Pier 6 San Diego, CA.
21 MAY	1033	Underway for local ops, Socal Op areas
25 MAY	0723	Moored to La Playa Pier Ballast Point, San Diego, CA

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25 MAY	1305	Underway for Pier 6 San Diego, CA.
	1424	Moored Pier 10 San Diego, CA.
4 JUN	1327	Underway Cold Iron for Pier 6, NAVSTA, San Diego, CA.
	1433	Moored Pier 6 San Diego, CA
18 JUL	1300	Underway Cold Iron for Pier 8, NAVSTA, San Diego, CA
	1420	Moored Pier 8, NAVSTA, San Diego, CA
4 SEP	1516	Underway local ops, Socal Op, areas.
5 SEP	1405	Moored Pier 8, San Diego, CA.
10 SEP	1630	Underway for local ops, Socal Op areas.
13 SEP	0728	Anchored at White Beach, Camp Pendelton, CA.
14 SEP	0743	Underway for Amphib. ops. on White Beach, Camp Pendelton, CA
	1456	Moored Pier 8, San Diego, CA.
1 OCT	1345	Underway for Monterey, CA.
5 OCT	0915	Anchored Monterey, CA.
8 OCT	1712	Underway for Blue Beach, Camp Pendelton, CA.
9 OCT	1615	Offloaded LVT's, commenced heading for socal op. areas.
10 OCT	0855	Moored Pier 8, San Diego, CA.
30 OCT	1833	Underway for Socal Op. areas.
2 NOV	1335	Moored to Pier 8, San Diego, CA.
5 NOV	0915	Underway for Blue Beach, Camp Pendelton, CA.
	1626	Anchored Blue Beach, Camp Pendelton, CA
	1814	Underway for San Francisco, CA.
9 NOV	1458	Moored Pier 31, San Francisco, CA.

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13 NOV	1248	Underway for Socal Op. areas.
16 NOV	1504	Moored to Pier 8, San Diego, CA.
6 DEC	0253	Underway Socal Op. areas.
7 DEC	1149	Moored to Pier 8, San Diego, CA.

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