

USS OGDEN (LPD-5)

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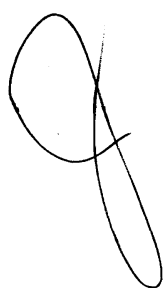
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Encl: (1) Basic Narrative for **1977**
(2) Statistical Data for 1977
(3) "Welcome Aboard" Pamphlet, 1977
(4) Basic Narrative for **1976**



1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.
2. Enclosure (4) is submitted in accordance with references (b) and (c).

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NARRATIVE HISTORY OF THE USS OGDEN (LPD-5)
FOR THE YEAR 1976

COMMANDED BY:

W. F. SAUBERS, Captain, USN.....1 Jan - 17 Jun
T. C. STEELE, Captain, USN.....17 Jun - 31 Dec

HOMEPORT:

San Diego, California

ASSIGNED TO:

Amphibious Squadron Three.....1 Jan - 31 Dec

MISSION:

The mission of the USS OGDEN (LPD-5) is to transport and land troops and their essential equipment and supplies by means of embarked landing craft, amphibious vehicles, and helicopters.

NARRATIVE:

On New Year's Day, 1976, the USS OGDEN was in the last weeks of her regular overhaul at Willamette Iron and Steel Company in Portland, Oregon. The ship got underway on 24 January and arrived at her home port of San Diego on the 28th. Once moored at the Naval Station, OGDEN began making final preparations for Interim REFTRA and her upcoming WESTPAC deployment.

On 2 February OGDEN got underway for local operations designed to test her newly-overhauled equipment and train her personnel. The ship returned to port on 13 February. Interim REFTRA began on 17 February and lasted until the 27th. OGDEN received only a short respite before her next commitment - onloading ammunition at Seal Beach, California - which lasted from 1-5 March. Arriving back in San Diego on 5 March, OGDEN began AMPIBREFTRA only three days later. Upon the successful completion of AMPHIBREFTRA on 17 March, the ship spent the remaining days of March and early April moored at the Naval Station.

OGDEN began her 1976 WESTPAC deployment by getting underway for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on 13 April. She steamed in company with the USS FRESNO, USS PEORIA, USS FREDERICK, USS POINT DEFIANCE and the USS COOK. The formation arrived in Pearl Harbor on 20 April, and OGDEN moored to supply pier K-11. The ship got underway again on 22 April, in company with the USS FRESNO and the USS POINT DEFIANCE. Arriving at Kwajalein Atoll on 28 April, the ship offloaded its opportune lift of twelve housetrailer, refueled, and got underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

The ship reached Okinawa on 6 May. Once there it quickly completed the necessary turnover with Phibron Five and headed south for the Philippines. OGDEN arrived in Subic Bay on 9 May and started a routine upkeep that lasted until the 17th. During the next week OGDEN participated in a LANDEX in the Subic Operating Area that quickly turned into a RESCUE-EX as high winds and seas caused an LSU to broach. OGDEN returned to Alava Pier at Subic on 22 May and finished out the remainder of the month performing routine upkeep.

ENCLOSURE (4)

OGDEN got underway on 17 June for an at-sea change-of-command as Captain Ted C. STEELE relieved Captain Walter F. SAUBERS as Commanding Officer. OGDEN returned to Subic Bay on 18 June to work on her evaporators prior to departing for a port visit to Kaohsiung, Taiwan. The ship got underway on the 19th and arrived at Kaohsiung on 21 June. After four days of liberty that included a ship's party at the Nancy Hotel, OGDEN departed Kaohsiung for the coast of Korea to participate in Exercise BEACON CHERRY.

On 8 July, having completed its part in BEACON CHERRY, OGDEN pulled into Inchon, Korea for five days liberty. The ship departed for Subic. and another upkeep period, on the 13th.

OGDEN got underway once more on 3 August, this time for liberty in Hong Kong. Arriving on the 5th, the ship was forced to depart Hong Kong on 6 August to evade a typhoon. Fortunately, the storm had passed by 7 August, and the OGDEN returned to Hong Kong until 10 August when it left for Subic Bay. OGDEN spent the remainder of August and most of September in upkeep.

On 17 September the ship steamed to Okinawa for a week of local operations. It then returned to Subic for the last time during this deployment. On the morning of 4 October OGDEN set sail for Australia. Reaching the equator on 12 October, the ship conducted the traditional "crossing the line" ceremonies. On the 15th the OGDEN rendezvoused with other units of the United States and Australian Navies to participate in Exercise KANGAROO II. Upon completion of this exercise on 29 October, the ship proceeded to Brisbane, Australia for five days of excellent liberty.

On 4 November OGDEN got underway for her return to the States. After a brief stop at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, the ship arrived in San Diego on 24 November, to be met by the usual water-streaming tugboats and "welcome home" signs. The OGDEN remained in port the remainder of the year.