

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF THE USS OGDEN (LPD-5)  
FOR THE YEAR 1977

COMMANDED BY:

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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:

From 1-16 January the OGDEN was moored at the Naval Station, San Diego. On 17 January the ship got underway for independent steaming exercises in the southern California operating areas. She conducted an underway replenishment with the USS SAN JOSE on 19 January, and held gunnery exercises at San Clemente Island on the 20th. OGDEN returned to San Diego on 21 January and held "visit ship" at Broadway Pier.

OGDEN next got underway on 24 January and proceeded to Camp Pendleton. The ship spent three hours at anchor off the Camp, unloading equipment for delivery to Bangor and San Francisco. Arriving at Bangor, Washington on 28 January, OGDEN quickly offloaded and proceeded that same afternoon to an anchorage at Tacoma for three days liberty. The ship got underway on 31 January and arrived in San Francisco on 2 February, where the remaining equipment was offloaded. The work was completed by 1520 on the same day, and OGDEN departed for San Diego. By 4 February the ship was moored at the Naval Station. There the ship spent the remainder of February and early March engaged in routine upkeep.

On 8 March OGDEN got underway to participate in the USS TARAWA operational evaluation. After spending three days at anchor off the Silver Strand, and conducting a day's firing at San Clemente Island, OGDEN joined the USS TARAWA, USS DENVER, USS FREDERICK, USS BERKELEY, USS HEPBURN and the USS GRIDLEY at Camp Pendleton on 13 March. The OPEVAL kept OGDEN in the vicinity of the Delmar Boat Basin at Camp Pendleton for the next two weeks. Finally returning to San Diego on 26 March, OGDEN spent the next two months undergoing a much needed DATC availability and making preparations for the upcoming AMPHIBREFTRA and interim REFTRA.

On 10 June the ship moved to Broadway Pier for another "visit ship". OGDEN got underway on the 13th for independent steaming exercises in the local area. Returning to San Diego on 17 June, OGDEN spent the remainder of the month and part of July moored at the Naval Station.

ENCLOSURE (1)

On 11 July OGDEN got underway once again for local operations. While at sea on 13 July, the ship conducted a burial-at-sea for the cremated remains of six Navy veterans. On 16 July OGDEN returned to the Naval Station and remained at pier 10 until early August.

OGDEN was dispatched to Broadway Pier on 7 August for yet another "visit ship". Upon its completion on 9 August, the ship returned to pier 10. On 16 August the OGDEN got underway for Oakland Army Terminal. This time the ship had the task of transporting equipment from Oakland to San Diego. OGDEN arrived in Oakland the evening of 17 August and spent most of 18 August unloading equipment, including two Army LARC's. The unload completed, OGDEN shifted berths to the Embarcadero and the crew was granted several days of liberty in San Francisco.

OGDEN departed the "Golden-Gate City" on 23 August and reached North Island, San Diego on the 24th. All the equipment was offloaded by 25 August and OGDEN proceeded "cold iron" to pier 10, assisted by two tugs. The ship stayed moored at the Naval Station until early September. Much emphasis was placed on preparations for AMPHIBREFTRA, now just around the corner.

OGDEN began its two weeks of AMPHIBREFTRA on 6 September. Most of the period was spent at anchor off the Silver Strand, but it was necessary to spend one day at Camp Pendleton operating with USMC LVT's. The ship successfully completed AMPHIBREFTRA on 16 September and returned to the Naval Station. On 21 September OGDEN moved to berth "Oscar Papa" at North Island to unload Airborne Mine Countermeasures (AMCM) equipment. The ship got underway the next day to assist in evaluating the "Blue/Green Mix Concept" of AMCM operations. For the following two weeks, the ship spent most of its daylight hours at flight quarters while AMCM helicopters conducted their exercises. On 6 October, the final day of the exercise, OGDEN achieved its 11,000th accident-free helo landing. The ship returned to San Diego and spent the remainder of October and early November moored to pier 8. A major effort was now made to correct engineering deficiencies prior to the Operational Propulsion Plant Evaluation (OPPE).

The ship got underway again on 7 November to conduct Engineering Casualty Control (ECC) drills. After returning to port for the weekend of 11-13 November, the OGDEN got underway once more on the 14th for more ECC drills. The ship returned to pier 10 on 18 November and OPPE began on the 21st. The OPPE lasted three days and OGDEN, now declared "safe to steam", returned to pier 10 for a brief respite prior to interim REFTRA.

Interim REFTRA lasted from 28 November to 9 December. The entire period was spent at sea with the exception of the weekend of 3-4 December. OGDEN's last underway period of 1977 occurred from 13-15 December when she briefly participated in READIEX 1-78. On 15 December OGDEN returned to the Naval Station, this time to pier 4, and commenced a stand-down for the holidays.

# USS OGDEN STATISTICAL DATA FOR THE YEAR 1977

## COMMUNICATIONS

Messages Received.....16,084  
 Messages Sent.....2,654

## ENGINEERING

Engine Miles Steamed.....11,658  
 Gallons DFM Burned.....1,662,314  
 Fuel Cost.....\$639,990.89  
 Feed Water Produced.....2,327,646 Gal.  
 Fresh Water Produced.....1,032,826 Gal.  
 Fresh Water Received.....932,117 Gal.

## AIR

Helicopter Landings.....1,134  
 JP-5 Issued:  
     To Aircraft.....31,982 Gal.  
     To Boats and Vehicles.....5,667 Gal.  
     Own use.....3,848 Gal.

## MEDICAL

Sick Call Visits.....2,264  
 Medevacs.....11  
 Lab Tests Performed.....1,246  
 Prescriptions Filled.....1,894  
 Immunizations Given.....761  
 X-Rays Taken.....372  
 Physicals Performed.....311

## SUPPLY

Ship's Store Sales.....\$156,555.06  
 Ship's Store Profits.....\$ 20,922.17  
 OPTAR Expended:  
     Equippage.....\$ 15,710.34  
     Repair Parts.....\$220,234.27  
     Consumables.....\$237,985.49  
     TOTAL.....\$473,871.63

## GENERAL MESS CONSUMPTION

Beef.....25,999 Lbs.  
 Milk.....19,120 Gal.  
 Bread.....37,606 Lbs.  
 Coffee.....4,588 Lbs.  
 Value of Stores Consumed.....\$297,578.00  
 Meals Served.....101,075

ENCLOSURE (2)

CHAPLAIN

Religious Services Aboard	<u>Number of Services</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Protestant.....	40	425
Roman Catholic.....	10	95
Bible Study Classes.....	12	150
Religious Films Shown.....	20	160
Pastoral Calls Made.....		17
Counselling Sessions.....		475

GUNNERY

Total Rounds Expended.....	113
Days Guns Fired.....	3