



USS OGDEN (LPD-5)  
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(5) "Welcome Aboard" Pamphlet, 1979

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted.

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NARRATIVE HISTORY OF THE  
USS OGDEN (LPD-5)  
FOR THE YEAR 1979

COMMANDED BY:

A. S. NEWMAN, Captain, USN....1 January - 29 June  
H. F. LYNCH, Captain, USN....29 June - 26 November

HOMEPORT:

San Diego, California.....1 January - 28 January  
Long Beach, California....29 January - 10 December  
San Diego, California.....11 December - 31 December

ASSIGNED TO:

Amphibious Squadron THREE....1 January - 13 October  
Amphibious Squadron SEVEN....14 October - 31 December

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:

OGDEN commenced 1979 moored at Naval Station, San Diego, about to enter a major shipyard overhaul. On 28 January OGDEN got underway for Long Beach Naval Shipyard Long Beach, California. Because the main engineering plant had been disabled in preparation for the overhaul, the OGDEN was towed to Long Beach by USS MOCTOBI (ATF-105). Only essential personnel made the transit on board, and lighting for the ship was provided by the ship's two emergency diesel generators. On 1 February OGDEN rapidly lost the appearance of a warship as staging was rigged, holes were cut in bulkheads, and equipment was removed. On the morning of 28 February OGDEN was moved into drydock, where the underwater hull would be sandblasted to bare metal and repainted. Major sea valves were also to be removed and reworked, and ballast tanks to be opened, cleaned and painted. A temporary firemain was rigged onboard.

On 22 May 1979, with the hull painting completed and all other openings to the sea secured, OGDEN left the drydock. The overhaul continued and preparations began for a change-of-command. On June 29, 1979 Captain LYNCH relieved Captain NEWMAN in a ceremony on the flight deck. Rear Admiral David G. RAMSEY, Commander Amphibious Group Eastern Pacific was the principal speaker.

The overhaul continued on through the summer months, with the ship showing great improvement in appearance. The overhaul was not without it's headaches, but the officers and crew faced each one and worked out solutions to the problems as they arose.

As November approached the pace of work picked up. Both the shipyard and ship's force put forth extra effort to prepare the ship for return to the fleet. Operational tests of equipment and final paintouts signaled the end of the actual overhaul period. On 15 November 1979 OGDEN got underway for the first sea trail. Second and third sea trials were conducted on 20-21 November and 30 November - 1 December and the ship was "debugged". The official overhaul ended on 7 December. Only a few jobs remained outstanding, primarily due to delays in the delivery of required parts.

On 10 December 1979 OGDEN sailed out of Long Beach Harbor bound for San Diego to rejoin the fleet homeported there.

On 11 December 1979 OGDEN moored at Naval Station, San Diego where she remained for the remainder of 1979.

USS OGDEN STATISTICAL  
DATA FOR THE YEAR 1979

SUPPLY

OPTAR EXPENDED	\$640,300.00
MESS CONSUMPTION	\$294,909.38
SHIP STORE SALES	\$ 98,965.00
VENDING MACHINE SALES	\$ 40,789.55

ENGINEERING

ENGINE MILES STEAMED	1057.4 Miles
GALLONS OF DFM BURNED	161,515

DECK

TIMES ANCHORED	5
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