From: Commanding Officer, USS OGDEN (LPD-5)  
To: Director of Naval History (OP-O98H)  
Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1989  
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D  
Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronology  
(3) Narrative  
(4) Supporting Documents  

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted. 

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION


HOMEPORT: Long Beach, California

ASSIGNED TO: 9th AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON, 3rd AMPHIBIOUS GROUP, 3rd FLEET, 1 Jan - 31 Dec

MISSION: The primary mission of USS OGDEN (LPD-5) is to transport and land Marine units along with their essential equipment and supplies by means of landing craft, boats, amphibious vehicles and helicopters.

Encl (1)
COMMAND HISTORY CHRONOLOGY

JANUARY

1-24 Upkeep Long Beach
1-19 Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 9, Long Beach Naval Station
20 Dead stick move to Pier Echo, Berth 125, Long Beach Naval Station
20-24 Moored port side to Pier Echo
25-31 Underway KERNEL BLITZ 89-1
27 Commander FIFTH Marine Expeditionary Brigade visit
31 Commander Amphibious Group THREE visit

FEBRUARY

1-6 Underway KERNEL BLITZ 89-1
1 Launched a Remotely Piloted Vehicle (RPV), first time ever done from a US Naval Amphibious vessel
   Underway replenishment with USNS KAWISHIWI
   SNOOPY team called away for Soviet AGI?
7-20 Upkeep Long Beach
   Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 13 Long Beach Naval Station
21-22 Underway enroute to anchorage K-6 Long Beach for ammunition offload
22-23 Underway SOCAL
23-27 Upkeep Long Beach
   Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station
28 Underway SOCAL

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MARCH

1-7  Upkeep Long Beach
     Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station

8-31  Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) Long Beach

21  Executive Officer, LCDR Mathews, checked out on leave; LCDR Finn, Operations Officer, assumed duties as Executive Officer

29  Executive Officer checked off of leave

31  Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE visit

APRIL

1-30  SRA Long Beach
     Moored port side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station

2  Advanced clocks 1 hour to +7 Tango Pacific Day Light Savings time

11  Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE visit

21  Class Alfa/Charlie fire on pier; Rescue and Assistance Detail called away

MAY

1-31  SRA Long Beach

1  Moored port side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station

28  Fire onboard USS GARY (FFG-51); Rescue and Assistance Detail called away

JUNE

1-21  SRA Long Beach

1  Moored port side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station
   Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE visit

14  Commander Amphibious Group THREE visit
20 Fast Cruise

22 Underway SOCAL

23-25 Upkeep Long Beach
   Moored port side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station

26 Underway enroute to Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach
   Moored starboard side to ammo pier at Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach
   Commenced ammo onload

27 Completed ammo onload

28 Underway enroute to Long Beach Naval Station
   Moored starboard to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station

29-30 Upkeep Long Beach

29 Commander Amphibious Group THREE visit

30 Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE visit

JULY

1-2 Upkeep Long Beach
   Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station

3-31 NORPAC OPS, Prince William Sound, Alaska

3-9 Enroute Prince William Sound, Alaska to assist in oil spill clean up operations

6 Retard clocks one hour to 1800 to conform with + 8 Uniform time zone

9 Commander Amphibious Group THREE, Alaska MAGTAF and Commanding Officer USS CLEVELAND visit

9-23 Anchored in Upper Passage, Prince William Sound

10 Commander Amphibious Group THREE and Alaska MAGTAF visit

24 Underway enroute to Lower Passage, Prince William Sound
24-31 Anchored in Lower Passage, Prince William Sound
26 Rear Admiral Bunch, US Coast Guard visit

AUGUST

1-15 NORPAC OPS, Prince William Sound, Alaska
1-2 Anchored in Lower Passage, Prince William Sound
2 Commander Alaska MAGTAF visit
3 Underway enroute to Snug Harbor, Prince William Sound
3-5 Anchored in Snug Harbor, Prince William Sound
6 Underway enroute to Smith Island, Prince William Sound
6-15 Anchored at Smith Island, Prince William Sound
9 The Honorable Billy Tauzin, U. S. Representative (Louisiana); the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative (Alaska); and Federal On-Scene Commander visit
16 Secured NORPAC OPS; USS OGDEN relieved by USS Duluth (LPD-6)
16-21 Underway enroute to San Francisco CA
18 Advanced clocks one hour to 0800 to conform with +7 Tango time zone
19 Fired 3"/50 gun mounts 31 and 32
21-23 Port Visit San Francisco, CA
21 Moored starboard side to pier 45, San Francisco, CA
24-25 Underway enroute to Long Beach
25-31 Upkeep Long Beach
25 Moored starboard side to Pier Echo, Berth 127, Long Beach Naval shipyard
30 Dead stick move to Pier 9, Berth 14, Long Beach Naval Station

SEPTEMBER

1-24 Upkeep Long Beach
1 Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 14, Long Beach Naval Station
15 Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE visit
21 PCO CAPT Braden J. Phillips reported on board for duties assigned
OCTOBER

1-10 Upkeep Long Beach

1 Moored port side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station

7 CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY
CAPT B.J. Phillips relieved CAPT R.T. Myers; the following guests were in attendance:

Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable H. Lawrence Garrett, III
Commander First Marine Expeditionary Force
Commander Amphibious Group THREE
Commander Anti-Submarine Warfare Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet
Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE
Commander Assault Craft Unit ONE

CAPT R. T. Myers, USN, departed

10-20 Underway Interim Refresher Training

12 Gunnery Exercises

13 "Accolades Parade of Ships", San Diego Harbor

18 UNREP with USNS KAWISHIWI (TAO-146)

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20 Underway enroute Long Beach

21-31 Upkeep Long Beach

NOVEMBER

1-12 Upkeep Long Beach
1 Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 14, Long Beach Naval Station

13-16 Underway SOCAL

17-19 Upkeep Long Beach

17 Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station

18 Eagle Scout Ceremony for Boy Scout Troop 231 held onboard

20 Underway SOCAL

21-30 Upkeep Long Beach

21 Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station

DECEMBER

1-31 Upkeep Long Beach

1 Moored starboard side to Pier 9, Berth 13, Long Beach Naval Station

14 Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE visit

18-31 Holiday Upkeep Long Beach
OGDEN COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE

JANUARY
The month of January was the first month in CONUS following WESTPAC 88. The ship participated in amphibious exercise Kernel Blitz 89-1. During the exercise, OGDEN demonstrated all of its various capabilities. While integrating with other amphibious units in a remarkable show of teamwork & spirit. The ship was visited by Commander Amphibious Group THREE and Commander FIFTH Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

FEBRUARY
The month of February saw OGDEN launch a Remotely Piloted Vehicle (RPV) - the first time ever accomplished onboard a U.S. Navy Ship and complete the Kernel Blitz exercise. The ship also encountered a Soviet AGI while underway. Additionally, OGDEN completed pre-SRA offload of ammunition.

MARCH
The month of March was operationally non-significant. OGDEN had limited at sea time. The ship began a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) inport Long Beach and was visited by Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE.

APRIL
The month of April was a continuance of the Selected Restricted Availability. OGDEN exercised its Rescue and Assistance detail while containing and putting out a Class Alfa/Charlie fire on Pier Nine, Long Beach Naval Station.

MAY
The month of May was a continuance of the Selected Restricted Availability. Once again, OGDEN exercised its Rescue and Assistance detail by aiding the USS GARY (FFG-51) in controlling a class Alfa fire.

JUNE
The month of June was a continuance of the Selected Restricted Availability. OGDEN began work-ups for the upcoming NORPAC (Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Clean Up operations). The work-ups included an ammo onload and fast cruise. The ship was visited by Commander Amphibious Group THREE and Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE.

JULY
The month of July ended the Selected Restricted Availability. The ship put to sea enroute Prince William Sound, Alaska. Embarked was the Marine Helicopter Detachment (HMM 268) and an Assault Boat Squadron. Upon arrival in Alaska, OGDEN reported for duties assigned and relieved USS CLEVELAND (LPD-7). OGDEN

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anchored in Upper Passage of Prince William Sound. An advance force from USS CLEVELAND visited OGDEN in order to facilitate continuity of the Navy's role in the oil spill clean up operations. The ship was visited by Commander Amphibious Group THREE and Alaska MAGTAF.

AUGUST
The month of August was a continuance of the oil spill clean up operations. The ship shifted anchorages from Lower Passage to Snug Harbor to Smith Harbor in order to allow safer, easier accessibility to polluted coastlines. During the operations, OGDEN was visited by the Honorable Billy Tauzin, U.S. Representative from Louisiana; the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative from Alaska; and the Federal On-Scene Commander. While onboard, the aforementioned gentlemen presented OGDEN's crewmembers with the Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon.

Upon completion of assigned duties, OGDEN was relieved by USS DULUTH (LPD-6). OGDEN then set sail for a port visit in San Francisco. OGDEN returned to Long Beach following her port visit.

Special operations - OGDEN's mission was to assist in restoring the natural beauty to Alaska's scenic coastlines. The ship performed admirably by conducting hundreds of helicopter landings, logging more than 168 flying missions, carrying 1117 passengers and 111,500 pounds of cargo. OGDEN's crewmembers and an Assault Boat Squadron provided boat and maintenance personnel around the clock in support of the beach cleaning efforts. Additionally, OGDEN berthed and fed over 500 workers daily, serving over 85,000 meals and provided both medical and dental support for EXXON clean-up crews.

SEPTEMBER
The month of September welcomed aboard the PCO - Captain Braden J. Phillips. The ship got underway to afford the PCO an opportunity to view OGDEN's many capabilities. While underway, OGDEN conducted man overboard drills, anchorages, small boat launch and recovery, and ran the measured mile. OGDEN was visited by Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE.

OCTOBER
The month of October was characterized by a high OPTEMPO and Change of Command ceremony. Captain B.J. Phillips relieved Captain R.T. Myers during onboard Change of Command ceremonies attended by the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable H. Lawrence Garrett, III; Commander First Marine Expeditionary Force; Commander Anti-Submarine Warfare Wings, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Commander Amphibious Group THREE; and Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE.

The ship completed a highly successful Interim Refresher Training period and rounded out the month by returning to Long Beach.

NOVEMBER
The month of November was operationally non-significant. The ship had limited underway time. OGDEN hosted an Eagle Scout ceremony for Boy Scout Troop 231. The ship made preparations for an upcoming OPPE.
DECEMBER
The month of December was operationally non-significant. The ship was moored throughout the month and commenced a holiday upkeep period. Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE visited OGDEN.

COMMAND HISTORY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

ENGINEERING

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DECK

TOTAL NUMBER OF GUNFIRE EXERCISES DURING 1989: 3"/50 cal Four

AMMUNITION EXPENDED:

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OPERATIONS

NAVY MARINES

| RADIO MESSAGES SENT | 4,500 | 700 |
| RADIO MESSAGES RECEIVED | 53,348 | 2,000 |

IN 1989 OGDEN DID NOT DEPLOY TO WESTPAC BUT DID SUPPORT THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL CLEAN UP EFFORT IN PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, ALASKA FOR 38 DAYS.

AIR DEPARTMENT

| LANDINGS | 917 |
| REFUELINGS | 121 |
| FUEL EXPENDED | 19,432 |
| PASSENGERS | 1,967 |

AIR ACHIEVEMENTS

LAUNCHED FIRST REMOTELY PILOTED VEHICLE (RPV) FROM AN AMPHIB - 1 FEB 89
29,000 ACCIDENT FREE LANDING - 13 JULY 89

OPERATED WITH ARMY, MARINE, COAST GUARD AND CIVILIAN PILOTS DURING THE ALASKAN OIL SPILL OPERATIONS (9 JUL - 16 AUG 89): 430 LANDINGS, 84 WITH CIVILIAN HELICOPTERS.

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MEDICAL

OUTPATIENT VISITS  535 BY NAVY  20 BY MARINES
PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS  109
LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS  1,647
X-RAYS  18
IMMUNIZATIONS  640
EYE GLASSES  79

DENTAL

OUTPATIENT VISITS  2,842
RESTORATIONS  952
EXTRactions  41
CLEANING AND FLUORIDE  2,206

CHAPLAIN

WORSHIP SERVICES (PROTESTANT)  56
SERVICES FOR OTHER FAITHS  34
COUNSELING (HRS)  485
NAVY RELIEF CASES (SHIP'S OFFICE)  18
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HRS)  98
PASTORAL CALLS  28
(INCLUDES HOSPITAL AND BRIG)
SACRAMENT/PASTORAL ACTS  15
WORK AREA VISITATION (HRS)  780

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES:
  DAYS OF REMEMBERANCE (HOLOCAUST)
  MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY
  FAMILY RECOGNITION
  POW/MIA

VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
  MAN HRS LOGGED AT ADDAMS ELEMENTARY  748
SUPPLY

OPTAR DOLLARS SPENT:

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Total requisitions

SHIP'S STORE SALES

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<td>01 JAN - 31 MAY 88</td>
<td>$47,250.95</td>
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<td>01 JUN - 30 SEP 88</td>
<td>$112,766.75</td>
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<td>01 OCT - 31 DEC 89</td>
<td>$27,318.75</td>
<td>$14,327.85</td>
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<td>Total sales</td>
<td>$187,336.45</td>
<td>$74,086.15</td>
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AMUSEMENT GAMES:
COLLECTION: $13,703.50
PROFITS: $8,770.24

TOTAL PROFITS

SHIP'S STORE: $84,786.65
VENDING MACHINES: $28,470.01

TOTAL TRANSFERRED TO WELFARE AND RECREATION FUND: $41,060.12

NOTE: CURRENT ACCOUNTING PERIOD RUNS THROUGH 31 JAN 90, THEREFORE FIGURES ARE SLIGHTLY UNDERESTIMATED.

SELECTED ITEMS FROM SHIP'S STORE SALES

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<td>DUNGAREE PANTS</td>
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<td>CANDY PARTS</td>
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<td>CANS OF SODA</td>
<td>25,578</td>
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<td>WATCHES</td>
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FOOD SERVICE

MEALS SERVED: 105,225 (RATIONS FED)
STORES CONSUMED: $395,787.00
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