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From: Commanding Officer, USS OGDEN (LPD 5)
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Encl: (1) Commanding Officer Biography
(2) Command Composition and Organization
(3) Chronology
(4) Narrative
(5) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(6) WestPac 1994-1995 Cruise Book

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted.


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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

COMMANDED BY:

CAPT D.A. Rauch, U.S. Navy, 1 January - 31 December

HOMEPORT: San Diego, California, 1 Jan - 31 December

ASSIGNED: 5th AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON, TASK FORCE ONE FIVE SIX, 1JAN-10MARCH
5th AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON, 1st GROUP, SEVENTH FLEET, 11MARCH-8APRIL
5th AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON, 3rd GROUP, THIRD FLEET, 9APRIL-25APRIL
3rd AMPHIBIOUS GROUP, THIRD FLEET, 26APRIL-11JUNE
3rd AMPHIBIOUS GROUP, SURFACE FORCE PACIFIC, 12JUNE-23JULY
3rd AMPHIBIOUS GROUP, THIRD FLEET, 24JULY-30SEPTEMBER
3rd AMPHIBIOUS GROUP, SURFACE FORCE PACIFIC, 1OCTOBER-31DECEMBER

MISSION: The primary mission of the 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.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: LCDR S. Strieghtiff, U.S. Navy, 1January-24 April
LCDR M. A. Garza, U.S. Navy, 25April-31December

CHIEF ENGINEER: LCDR [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, 1January-25January
LT [REDACTED], U.S. Navy, 26January-31 December

OPERATIONS OFFICER: LT [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, 1January-31December

FIRST LIEUTENANT: LT [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, 1January-31December

AVIATION OFFICER: LT [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, 1January-30May
LT [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, 1June-31December

SUPPLY OFFICER: LT [REDACTED] 1January-31December

CHRONOLOGY FOR 1995

JANUARY

1	Complete Tender Availability with USS CAPE COD
1-6	Up Keep Jebel Ali
7	En-route Bahrain
8	In-port Bahrain
10-18	Exercise Nautical Mantis
19	In-port Bahrain
20-23	Exercise Iron Magic
25	In-port Dubi
27-31	En-route Kenya

FEBRUARY

1-2	En-route Kenya
3-28	Indian Ocean United Shield

MARCH

1-3	Indian Ocean United Shield
4-16	En-route Perth
17-24	In-port Perth/Mogas Off-load
25-31	En-route Pearl Harbor

APRIL

1-15	En-route Pearl Harbor
16-17	In-port Pearl Harbor
18-23	En-route Camp Pendleton
24	Off-load Marines
25	Return Home Port San Diego
26-30	Post Deployment Stand Down

MAY

1-25 Post Deployment Stand Down
26-31 Up keep San Diego

JUNE

1-4 Upkeep San Diego
5-9 Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness Course
/Type Training
10-30 Upkeep San Diego/Intermediate Maintenance Availability

July

1-7 Intermediate Maintenance Availability
8-20 Upkeep San Diego/Midshipmen Training
/Secat Equipment Validations Visit
21-23 Type Training Southern California Operation Area
24 MOGAS Off-load
25-30 Upkeep San Diego
31 En-route Vancouver

August

1-4 En-route Vancouver
5-10 In-port Vancouver
11-14 En-route San Diego
15-17 Upkeep San Diego
18 Commander Amphibious Group Five Change of Command
19-31 Intermediate Maintenance Availability

September

1-5 Intermediate Maintenance Availability
6-13 Feet Exercise
/Type Training Southern California Operation Area
14-25 Upkeep San Diego
26-28 Oil Spill Response Exercise LaPlaya Pier San Diego
29-30 In-port San Diego

October

1 In-port San Diego
2-6 Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness Course
7-13 In-port San Diego
14-16 Upkeep San Diego
17-20 Ammo Off-load Seal Beach
21-23 Upkeep San Diego
24 Fuel Off-load
25-29 In-port San Diego
30-31 Phased Maintenance Availability
Southwest Marine San Diego

November

1-30 Phased Maintenance Availability
Southwest Marine San Diego

December

1-10	Phased Maintenance Availability Southwest Marine San Diego
11-15	Aeronautical Shipboard Installation Representatives Assist Visit
16-31	Phased Maintenance Availability/Holiday Upkeep

NARRATIVE

January 1 found USS OGDEN in the port of Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates as part of the WESTPAC/CENTCOM 94-95 deployment. With her crew of over 950 Naval and Marine personnel she was in the second month of a cruise that would cover over 40,000 nautical miles and include 4 bilateral amphibious exercises in the Arabian Gulf with Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Somalia.

During the early portion of January OGDEN completed an Availability Period with USS CAPE COD. Over 300 jobs were completed in just over 2 weeks. In addition to experiencing the sights and sounds of the Arab culture, the crew was also involved in 2 community relations projects with the city of AL Ain, UAE. The remainder of January was spent conducting joint exercises with Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and the United Arab Emirates. Following a brief stop in Dubai for fuel and stores, OGDEN departed the Arabian Gulf on January 27 and headed south to Somalia to participate in Operation United Shield. For the next month OGDEN remained off the coast of Eastern Africa conducting exercises with a Multi-national Task Force comprised of ships from over 6 different nations. OGDEN served as the force training platform for Less Than Lethal Weapons and assisted in supporting the United Nations Forces withdrawal from Mogadishu. The performance and dedication of OGDEN's entire crew during the operation was praised by many high ranking military officials. Lieutenant General Zinni, Commander, Coalition Task Force United Shield, and Vice Admiral Redd, Commander, United States Naval Forces Central Command visited the OGDEN during the operation.

Early March saw the end of the Somalia operation and the beginning of the voyage home. OGDEN visited Perth, Australia for 8 days and arrived in Pearl Harbor on Easter Weekend. 80 Tigers joined OGDEN crew for the final 7 day transit to San Diego. On April 24 OGDEN arrived off the coast of Camp Pendleton to off-load Marines. On April 25 OGDEN arrived home from her 6 month deployment.

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The Month of May consisted of a post deployment upkeep period with a leave period for the crew. In June OGDEN supported the Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness Course, worked on preservation of the ship with a Intermediate Maintenance Availability as well as Type Training in the local operation area. July saw the OGDEN continue with maintenance and upkeep. Additionally, on August 8th OGDEN embarked Midshipmen for their annual summer cruise. OGDEN departed San Diego on August 31 for a 6 day port visit to Vancouver British Columbia. Immediately upon her arrival from Canada, the OGDEN hosted the Commander Amphibious Squadron Five Change of Command Ceremony in which Captain G. Stubbs was relieved by Captain William Marshall .

September continued OGDEN's Intermediate Maintenance Availability period in addition to a Fleet exercise and Type Training in the local operation area. From September 26-28 OGDEN participated in an Oil Spill Exercise with the Coast Guard and the city of San Diego. From 2 to 6 October OGDEN was again tasked to support the Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness Course. On the 17th of October OGDEN departed San Diego for Seal Beach California to off-load ammunition. Also in preparation for the up-coming yard period OGDEN was completely defueled on the 24th of October in San Diego. On October 30 OGDEN entered a Phased Maintenance Availability Period at Southwest Marine in San Diego and continued in that employment through the end of December.