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(b) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronology
(3) Narrative
(4) Commanding Officer's Biography
(5) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet

1. In response to reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted in accordance with reference (b).


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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Mission: OGDEN is an AUSTIN-class amphibious transport dock (LPD) which employs a "balanced load" concept. Capable of carrying troops, cargo, tanks, and helicopters, OGDEN can simultaneously launch amphibious assaults by sea and air. OGDEN combines the functions of four different classes of ships: the dock landing ship (LSD), the tank landing ship (LST), the attack transport (LPA), and the attack cargo ship (LKA).

Immediate Senior Command: Commander, Amphibious Group THREE

Homeport: San Diego, California

Short Title: USS OGDEN (LPD 5)

UIC: 07176

Commanding Officer:	CDR T. Guillory, USN	01JAN00 - 31DEC00
Executive Officer:	LCDR J. D. Deehr, USN	01JAN00 - 27SEP00
	LCDR J. S. Soriano, USN	27SEP00 - 31DEC00
Chief Engineer:	LT [REDACTED], USN	01JAN00 - 06OCT00
	LCDR [REDACTED], USN	06OCT00 - 31DEC00
Operations Officer:	LT [REDACTED], USNR	01JAN00 - 30JUN00
	LT [REDACTED], USN	30JUN00 - 31DEC00
First Lieutenant:	LT [REDACTED], USN	01JAN00 - 01SEP00
	CWO2 [REDACTED], USN	01SEP00 - 31DEC00
Aviation Officer:	LCDR [REDACTED]	01JAN00 - 16OCT01
	LCDR [REDACTED]	16OCT01 - 31DEC00
Supply Officer:	LT [REDACTED], USN	01JAN00 - 23MAR00
	LT [REDACTED], USNR	23MAR00 - 31DEC00
Navigator:	LT [REDACTED], USN	01JAN00 - 31DEC00

Enclosure (1)

CHRONOLOGY

1 January	-	19 January	Holiday Leave and Upkeep
31 January	-	4 February	Ammo Off-load
15 February	-	16 February	LIMPET EX
23 February	-	23 April	Planned Maintenance Availability
15 May	-	26 May	Amphibious Orientation Training
30 May	-	23 June	PACTRAMID PH1
26 June	-	30 June	Command Amphibious Readiness Training II
10 July	-	14 July	BAT
17 July	-	27 July	Tailored Ship's Training Assessment "A"
14 August	-	18 August	Tailored Ship's Training Assessment "A"
21 August	-	22 August	Tailored Ship's Training Assessment "B"
24 August	-	25 August	Engineering Certification
29 August	-	31 August	Tailored Ship's Training Assessment "B"
6 September	-	8 September	Tailored Ship's Training Assessment "B"
12 September	-	15 September	Tailored Ship's Training Assessment "B"
21 September	-	22 September	Final Evaluation Phase
10 October	-	13 October	Amphibious Specialty Training

30 October	-	10 November	HVAC Assist
1 December			Dependent's Day Cruise
10 December	-	11 December	San Diego Bay Parade of Lights
15 December	-	31 December	Holiday Leave and Upkeep

NARRATIVE

New Year's Day 2000 found USS OGDEN in a post-deployment/holiday standdown at Naval Station San Diego. Despite widespread anxiety about the supposed "Y2K bug," the arrival of 2000 was uneventful.

After spending time with their families, the crew returned with new vigor, ready to take on the coming years events. First priority for OGDEN was to off-load the 1999 Arabian Gulf deployment ammunition, at Seal Beach, California.

OGDEN then entered into a Planned Maintenance Availability (PMA) in order to fix broken equipment and repair OGDEN to get her ready for the next deployment.

Training began quickly during Amphibious Orientation Training conducted along with USS PELELIU and USS RUSHMORE. OGDEN welcomed a dozen hard-charging Midshipmen during their three week PACTRAMID. They learned a lot from OGDEN sailors as they completed their shipboard PQS.

OGDEN's next challenge was CART II and the Departments rose to the challenge during this self-assessment scouring check-lists and fixing discrepancies.

During Tailored Ship's Training Availability Phase "A" (TSTA A), And Tailored Ship's Training Availability "B" (TSTA B) OGDEN again rose to the occasion.

The engineers were busy during ECERT, but the Engineering Certification went off without a hitch as OGDEN passed with flying colors and went on to complete the Final Evaluation Phase (FEP).

Again OGDEN trained with its Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) including USS PELELIU and USS RUSHMORE and underwent rigorous evolutions during Amphibious Specialty Training (AST).

In a manner demonstrating OGDEN Pride and Navy Professionalism, OGDEN departed for a one day cruise off the coast of San Diego to demonstrate her mission to family, friends, and guests.

On 8 December, OGDEN shifted from pier side at Naval Station San Diego to the Broadway Pier in downtown San Diego. OGDEN was handpicked to represent the Pacific Fleet at the annual San Diego Parade of Lights. OGDEN was to be used as the judging platform, from where the San Diego Mayor, city officials, and numerous high ranking military Officers were to view the holiday

light festival. During this time, OGDEN Sailors acted as ambassadors to the community by giving tours over 1,000 daily visitors.

On 21 December, OGDEN returned home to San Diego and ended the year as it began, with a holiday leave and upkeep period.