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## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Mission: OGDEN is an AUSTIN-class amphibious transport doc (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)

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Commanding Officer:	CDR T. Guillory, USN	01JAN01 - 24MAY01
	CDR W. R. Edwards, USN	24MAY01 - 31DEC01
Executive Officer:	LCDR J. S. Soriano, USN	01JAN01 - 01DEC01
	LCDR L. D. Davis, USNR	01DEC01 - 31DEC01
Chief Engineer:	LCDR [REDACTED], USN	01JAN01 - 31DEC01
Operations Officer:	LT [REDACTED], USN	01JAN01 - 01NOV09
	LT [REDACTED], USN	01NOV09 - 01DEC31
First Lieutenant:	LTJG [REDACTED], USN	01JAN01 - 31DEC01
Aviation Officer:	LCDR [REDACTED], USN	01JAN01 - 01DEC31
Supply Officer:	LT [REDACTED], USNR	01JAN01 - 01AUG31
	LT [REDACTED], USN	01AUG31 - 01DEC31
Navigator:	LT [REDACTED], USN	01JAN01 - 01MAY09
	LT [REDACTED], USNR	01MAY09 - 01DEC31

### CHRONOLOGY

1 January	-		Holiday Leave and Upkeep
5 March	-	13 April	Operation NORTHERN EDGE
9 March	-	13 March	PVST Seattle, Washington
13 March	-	16 March	PVST Victoria, Canada
18 March	-	30 March	PVST Ketchikan, Alaska
2 April	-	4 April	PVST Victoria Canada
5 April	-	9 April	PVST Seattle, Washington
16 April	-	9 June	Command, Control, Computers, Communications and Intelligence Install
24 May			Change of Command
13 June	-	14 June	Sea Trials
18 June	-	22 June	KERNEL BLITZ (KBX)
16 July	-	19 July	San Clemente Project
19 July	-	27 July	Amphibious Orientation Training
30 July	-	10 August	Combat Systems, Command, Control, Communications and Computer Readiness Assessment
27 August	-	30 August	Inter-mediate Amphibious Readiness Training
11 September			World Trade Center Bombing
28 October	-	9 November	FLEETEX/Ammo Onload Seal Beach, California

17 November	-	26 November	Holiday Leave and POM Period
1 December			Western Pacific Deployment in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM
31 December			PVST Changi, Singapore

## **NARRATIVE**

New Year's Day 2001 found USS OGDEN in holiday stand-down at Naval Station San Diego.

On 5 March, OGDEN departed homeport in support of Exercise NORTHERN EDGE 2001, Alaska's premier joint training exercise, designed to provide a cold weather training opportunity and evaluate the readiness of U.S. Forces and our Allies operating in a joint/combined coastal warfare environment. Held in Ketchikan, Alaska, the naval portion of the 12-day exercise was a combined harbor defense and port security scenario, involving over 2,000 Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and soldiers from active duty, Reserve, and National Guard units as well as units from the Royal Canadian Navy. OGDEN played an integral role in NORTHERN EDGE, providing sealift support for exercise materiel, messing and berthing for exercise participants, and as the high-value unit at the heart of the force protection scenario.

The Change of Command ceremony is a time honored tradition from the rich heritage of the United States Navy. Custom has established this ceremony be formal and impressive...On 24 May, the "helm" of Commanding Officer, USS OGDEN (LPD 5) was passed as Commander William R. Edwards formally relieved Commander Theodore Guillory in one such impressive ceremony. OGDEN's Change of Command was a gala event that upheld Navy customs and traditions and was attended by various officials and dignitaries from throughout the fleet.

After the USS MOUNT VERNON had an engineering casualty, "old reliable" USS OGDEN was called upon to participate in KERNEL BLITZ (KBX) with USS TARAWA and USS DULUTH. All three ships executed flawlessly during various amphibious operations off Camp Pendleton.

Underway again, OGDEN participated in the San Clemente Project this time with its own Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) including USS BONHOMME RICHARD and USS PEARL HARBOR. The three ships operated off San Clemente Island executing various amphibious exercises.

The BONHOMME RICHARD ARG continued preparations for its upcoming deployment. USS BONHOMME RICHARD, USS PEARL HARBOR and USS OGDEN completed all pre-requisite amphibious and shipboard evolutions during Amphibious Orientation Training (AOT) and Inter-mediate Amphibious Readiness Training (IART).

On 11 September, the country was forever changed due to a horrific act of terrorism on American soil. OGDEN was then called to arms when they were directed to perform in port force protection like it had never seen before while pier side at Naval Station San Diego. OGDEN was then increased readiness, expediting all training evolutions and superbly executing an accelerated Inter-Deployment Training Cycle, enabling OGDEN to deploy one and a half months early.

On 1 December, OGDEN answered the nations call by departing homeport for an extended Western Pacific deployment in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. OGDEN deployed with the BONHOMME RICHARD Amphibious Ready Group (consisting of the USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6), USS PEARL HARBOR (LSD 52), USS OGDEN (LPD 5), Assault Craft Unit ONE, Beach Master Unit ONE, and the 13<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit), under the operational command of Commander Amphibious Squadron THREE, Captain Robert J. Connelly.

OGDEN ended 2001 while forward deployed, arriving in Singapore on 31 December and enjoying a festive New Years celebration in the exotic port of Changi. Sailors and Marines enjoyed a relaxing end to a year filled with much excitement, tragedy, and pride in a nation that was to be forever changed.