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From: Commanding Officer, USS TARAWA (LHA-1)  
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05D2)  
Subj: Command History (OPNAV Report 5750-1) (U)  
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

- Annexes: (1) (U) TARAWA Officer billet Summary December 1979  
(2) (U) Listing of distinguished visitors to TARAWA during 1979  
(3) (U) TARAWA's BUPERS report 1080-1 showing the birth of GRACE TARAWA TRAN on 10 May 1979 onboard USS TARAWA  
(4) (U) Compendium of USMC units and equipment embarked  
(5) (C) End of Deployment Report (USS TARAWA 061830Z SEP 79) (U)  
(6) (C) LHA Tactical Employment/Evaluation (COMPHIBRON SEVEN 120350Z SEP 79) (U)

1. (C) The calendar year 1979 Command History for the USS TARAWA (LHA-1) is submitted in accordance with guidance contained in reference (a).

a. (C) Basic History

(1) (U) Command Organization

(a) (U) Commanding Officer

1 Jan 79-9 Feb 79: George A. Church, Captain,  
US Navy, [REDACTED],  
Lineal # 001190  
DOR 1 May 1971

9 Feb 79-31 Dec 79: Robert E. KLEE, Captain,  
US Navy, [REDACTED],  
Lineal # 001339-30  
DOR 1 February 1974

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(b) (U) Mission and Function of Command:

The Amphibious Task Force, which executes tasks in support of the Navy's force projection mission, can be composed of LHA, LPH, LPD, LSD, LKA, or LST class ships. The USS TARAWA, the lead ship of the LHA class of General Purpose Amphibious Assault Ships, combines the functional capabilities of the LPH, LPD/LSD, and LKA to deliver a balanced payload, by air and/or surface operations, in an amphibious assault. Explicitly, the Chief of Naval Operations defined the LHA's mission: "To embark, deploy, and land elements of a Marine Landing Force in an assault by helicopters, landing craft, amphibian vehicles, and by any combination of these methods".

(c) (U) Composition of Command:

The command is composed of the USS TARAWA (LHA-1) and organic assets which include one UH-1H HUEY helicopter BUNO 160830, and two LCM-6 and four LCPL assault boats. Ship's complement includes 53 Commissioned Officers, five Warrant Officers and 762 enlisted.

(d) (U) The USS TARAWA was home ported in San Diego, CA, during the calendar year.

(2) (C) Summary of Operations for Calendar Year 1979

1 Jan - 31 Dec	Assigned to the United States Pacific Fleet and the Commander United States Naval Surface Forces Pacific.
1 Jan - 25 Mar	Assigned to the United States Third Fleet.
1 Jan - 28 Feb	Assigned to Commander Amphibious Group Eastern Pacific for immediate Operational and Administrative control.
1 Jan - 23 Feb	Flagship for COMPHIBGRUEASTPAC
1 - 15 Jan	TARAWA OPCON CTU 53.6.7
1 - 8 Jan	Inport Naval Station, San Diego, CA
8 - 26 Jan	Underway for Refresher training in SOCAL Oparea.
15 Jan - 1 Mar	TARAWA OPCON CTG 54.1
26 Jan - 23 Feb	Inport Naval Station, San Diego, CA for Pre-overseas Movement (POM) upkeep.
22 Feb	Embarked Marine Attack Squadron 231 Det Bravo (6 AV-8A HARRIERS)

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23 Feb - 1 Nov Flagship for COMPHIBRON SEVEN

23 - 24 Feb Underway with Amphibious Squadron SEVEN for training in SOCAL Oparea

24 Feb - 1 Mar Inport Naval Station, San Diego, CA

28 Feb - 31 Dec Assigned to Commander Amphibious Squadron SEVEN for immediate Operational and Administrative control.

1 Mar Underway with Amphibious Squadron SEVEN for the first overseas deployment of an LHA, the first deployment of an LHA to the Western Pacific and the first deployment of USS TARAWA.

1 - 25 Mar TARAWA OPCON CTU 36.9.1

1 - 9 Mar Enroute Pearl Harbor, HI

9 - 12 Mar Inport Pearl Harbor, HI. Embarked USMC units Battalion Landing Team (BLT) 2/3, Landing Support Unit (LSU) HOTEL and Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 262.

12 - 15 Mar Underway for Exercise MIDPAC PHIBLEX 1-79 in company with TU 35.9.1 conducted in the Hawaii/Kahoolawe Opareas.

13 Mar Flagship for COMTHIRDFLT, VADM McKEE

15 - 17 Mar Inport Pearl Harbor, HI

17 - 26 Mar Enroute Enewetok in company with PHIBRON SEVEN

22 Mar First Short Takeoff (STO) launch of an AV-8A from TARAWA.

25 Mar - 5 Apr Assigned to the United States SEVENTH Fleet

25 - 26 Mar TARAWA OPCON CTU 76.1.1

26 Mar Anchored in Enewetok Atoll. Embarked Commander 31st Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU).

26 Mar - 4 Apr Enroute White Beach, Okinawa, JA

26 Mar Crossed International Date Line

26 Mar - 1 Apr TARAWA OPCON CTG 76.4

1 Apr - 31 Aug TARAWA OPCON CTG 76.3

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4 - 5 Apr Flyoff of Marine Attack Squadron Det Bravo.  
Inport White Beach, Okinawa, JA

5 - 8 Apr Enroute Subic Bay, RP

8 - 10 Apr Anchored Subic Bay, RP, for Exercise  
LANDEX 2-79 conducted off Zambales, RP

10 - 11 Apr Underway for Manila, RP

11 - 15 Apr Anchored Manila Bay, RP

15 - 18 Apr Underway for evasion of Typhoon CECIL.  
Steamed in company with 26 other USN ships  
approximately 150-200 NM Southwest of  
Subic Bay, RP, in the South China Sea.

18 - 20 Apr Inport Subic Bay, RP

20 - 25 Apr Enroute Singapore, ROS, via Palawan Passage.

21 Apr 10,000th landing on TARAWE made by a CH-46.  
from HMM-262

23 Apr Airlifted Malaysian Air Force C-7 CARIBOU  
from crash site in Malaysian Borneo to  
TARAWE, transported the C-7 approximately  
100NM, and airlifted the C-7 from TARAWE to  
Kuching (Malaysian) Air Force Base. First  
landing on TARAWE by a foreign military  
service aircraft, a S-61 side number 749J  
from the Malaysian Air Force.

25 - 30 Apr Anchored Western Working Anchorage Singapore, ROS

30 Apr - 4 May Enroute Phattaya Bay, Thailand.

1 May TARAWE crossed the equator at 0800 local at  
00 00N 106 47E. This was the first crossing  
of the equator for USS TARAWE.

4 - 9 May Anchored Phattaya Bay, Thailand

8 May Embarked 442 Vietnamese refugees from USS PEARY

9 May Underway for replenishment of USS PEARY and  
USS ROARK. Anchored Phattaya Bay, Thailand,  
upon completion of underway replenishment.

10 May GRACE TARAWE TRAN, US Citizen, born onboard  
USS TARAWE (LHA-1).

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12 May Debarked 443 refugees at Phattaya Bay, Thailand

12 - 15 May Underway for Subic Bay, RP

15 - 25 May Inport Subic Bay, RP

25 - 31 May Underway for Exercise MAULEX 2-79 conducted off Botolan, RP.

31 May - 18 Jun Inport Subic Bay, RP

5 Jun ADM HAYWARD, Chief of Naval Operations, visited USS TARAWA.

18 - 20 Jun Enroute Hong Kong

20 - 25 Jun Moored Victoria Harbor, Hong Kong

25 - 27 Jun Enroute White Beach, Okinawa, JA

27 - 29 Jun Inport White Beach, Okinawa, JA

29 Jun - 1 Jul Underway for LOADEX/LANDEX exercise at Buckner Bay, Okinawa, JA

1 - 5 Jul Inport White Beach, Okinawa, JA

5 - 7 Jul Enroute Pusan, KS

7 - 11 Jul Anchored Pusan Harbor, KS

11 - 13 Jul Enroute Okinawa, JA, Oparea.

13 - 18 Jul Conducted concurrent helicopter/AV-8A HARRIER operations feasibility test in Okinawa, Oparea.

18 - 21 Jul Enroute Subic Bay, RP

21 Jul - 13 Aug Inport Subic Bay, RP

13 - 17 Aug Underway for Exercise MAFLEX FORTRESS GALE rehearsal at Zambales, RP. Anchored Subic Bay, RP.

18 - 22 Aug Underway for Exercise MAFLEX FORTRESS GALE Opposed transit in the South China Sea and Phillipine Sea.

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23 - 30 Aug Participated in Exercise MAFLEX FORTRESS GALE in Okinawa, JA, Oparea.

30 - 31 Aug Inport White Beach, Okinawa, JA

31 Aug Commander 31st Marine Amphibious Unit debarked.

31 Aug - 5 Sep TARAWA OPCON CTU 76.9.4

1 - 11 Sep Enroute Pearl Harbor, HI, in company with units of PHIBRON SEVEN.

5 Sep - 31 Dec Assigned to the United States THIRD Fleet.

5 - 20 Sep TARAWA OPCON CTU 36.9.2

8 Sep Crossed International Dateline.

11 - 14 Sep Inport Pearl Harbor, HI. Debarked USMC Units Battalion Landing Team (BLT) 2/3, Landing Support Unit (LSU) HOTEL and Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 262.

13 Sep Embarked Navy guests, including "Tigers", Eagle Boy Scouts and Navy Leaguers for the transit to San Diego, CA.

14 - 21 Sep Enroute San Diego, CA.

20 Sep - 1 Oct TARAWA OPCON CTG 36.9

21 Sep Moored U.S. Naval Station, San Diego, CA. TARAWA completed 5,481 aircraft landings during the deployment.

21 Sep - 21 Oct Inport San Diego, CA. Leave and upkeep period.

1 Oct - 1 Nov TARAWA OPCON CTG 36.4  
TARAWA Flagship for COMPHIBGRUEASTPAC

22 - 24 Oct Underway with Amphibious Squadron SEVEN for training in SOCAL Oparea.

24 - 26 Oct Underway for independent steaming in SOCAL Oparea.

26 Oct - 13 Nov Inport NAS North Island, Coronado, CA

1 - 21 Nov TARAWA OPCON CTG 178.1  
Flagship for COMCRUDESGRU THREE

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13 - 21 Nov Underway for Exercise READIEX 1-80 conducted in SOCAL Oparea.

21 Nov - 31 Dec Inport San Diego, CA  
TARAWA OPCON CTG 36.4  
Flagship for COMPHIBGRUEASTPAC and  
COMPHIBRON SEVEN

b. (C) Narrative History and Special Topics

(1) (U) 1979 was a banner year for TARAWA, marking her transition from a newly commissioned first-of-a-class ship to fully operational ship-of-the-line. The transition was a direct result of the deployment which provided the means for both the ship and her crew to fully exhibit and exercise TARAWA's impressive capabilities. These capabilities were demonstrated throughout the Western Pacific through Amphibious exercises and humanitarian operations, and involved all elements of the TARAWA team; including the embarked USN and USMC Staffs (COMPHIBRON SEVEN and COM31stMAU), the embarked units (HMM-262, BLT 2/3, LSU HOTEL) and ship's company.

(2) (U) Prior to the deployment, TARAWA participated in pre-deployment Refresher Training (REFTRA) in January, which was conducted off the Southern California coast. The REFTRA lasted two weeks, and was highlighted by damage control drills, Engineering Casualty Control Evaluation Training (ECCET) drills, flight operations, and battle problems in preparation for deployment. TARAWA completed REFTRA successfully, obtaining the following departmental grades: Air - 94; Navigation - 93; Engineering - 89; Bridge - 88; Operations - 88; Communications - 85; Damage Control Organization - 80; Deck - 77; and Medical - 77.

(3) (C) In addition to the REFTRA, the two months prior to the deployment were busy in preparation for the overseas movement. TARAWA participated in a "Seat of the Government" communications test on 25 January, which utilized Secure Voice Communication (SEVOCOM) via satellite to conduct a conference call between TARAWA (at sea), CINCPACFLT Headquarters in Hawaii and the OPNAV Telecommunications Center in Washington, D. C. In February, the Air Department received its second consecutive efficiency award - the yellow Air "E". The ship's Man-on-the-Move (MOM) Bendix radio system was replaced by the AN/SRC-42 MOM system which proved to be less costly and more reliable. TARAWA conducted joint underway operations with units of Amphibious Squadron SEVEN for the first time on 23-24 February and was transferred to COMPHIBRON SEVEN for operational and administrative control on the day of deployment, 1 Mar 1979.

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(4) (C) The 1 March-21 September deployment of TARAWA to the Western Pacific was highlighted by numerous significant operations and exercises which characterized the ship's unique capabilities; and included the Oplift and flight operations of six AV-8A HARRIERS during the transit to the Western Pacific, five Amphibious exercises, a helicopter/AV-8A HARRIER joint operations evaluation, humanitarian support for 443 Vietnamese refugees, the recovery and oplift of a C-7 CARIBOU for the Malysian Air Force, and numerous port visits to foreign countries.

(a) (C) Six AV-8A HARRIER aircraft from VMA-231 Det BRAVO were flown onboard TARAWA while moored pierside at 32nd Street Naval Station, San Diego, CA, for an opportune lift to Okinawa, Japan. During TARAWA's Pearl Harbor inport period the bow safety nets were lowered 2 feet 3 inches by the Pearl Harbor Shipyard. This enabled certification of TARAWA for Short-takeoff (STO) operations of the HARRIERS. The HARRIERS were used during the MIDPAC PHIBLEX to provide simulated close air support (CAS) and for reconnaissance prior to and during the amphibious assault phase of the exercise. During the transit west from Pearl Harbor to Okinawa, the HARRIERS were flown routinely, but were retained within visual range of the ship. EMCON HARRIER flight operations were also practiced from TARAWA during the transit. On 22 March VMA-231 Det BRAVO HARRIER 03 made the first Short Takeoff (STO) launch from TARAWA.

(b) (C) The MIDPAC PHIBLEX 1-79 took place in the Hawaii/Kahoolawe Oporea between 12-15 March and provided the first opportunity to operationally test TARAWA's newly assembled USN-USMC Amphibious Assault Team. The PHIBLEX was the first one in which TARAWA participated with other units of PHIBRON SEVEN and included a simultaneous surface and heliborne amphibious turnaway landing, Naval Gunfire Support (NGFS), Sea Control of the Amphibious Objective Area (AOA), the first HARRIER photo reconnaissance mission from an LHA, and other elements of amphibious operations and command and control. Successful completion of the MIDPAC PHIBLEX was viewed as a significant step in ensuring the operational readiness of the deploying USN/USMC team.

(c) (C) The second amphibious exercise of the deployment, LANDEX 2-79, took place between 8-10 April in Subic Bay off of Zambales, RP. LANDEX 2-79 tested the capability of TARAWA to land and support ashore elements of BLT 2/3 under the command of the Commander 31st Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU). During the exercise TARAWA provided near continuous well deck and flight operations in support

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of USMC troops ashore and simulated Medical Casualties (MEDIVAC) which were returned to TARAWA for treatment.

(d) (C) MAULEX 2-79 was conducted off Botolon, RP, between 25-31 May in company with other units of Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) ALFA and elements of the 31st MAU. The exercise included a rehearsal landing at Zambales, RP; surface gunnery; a D-Day underway launch of assault craft together with a two launch single wave of 17 helicopters for a simultaneous L/H hour; on-call serials in support of USMC units ashore; MEDIVAC services; anti-PT boat exercises; and constructive NGFS.

(e) (C) The LOADEX/LANDEX exercise conducted at White Beach, Buckner Bay, Okinawa, JA, between 29 June-1 July enabled TARAWA to fully exercise her assault systems and cargo handling capabilities in preparation for the upcoming MAFLEX. The exercise involved the unopposed landing by helicopters and assault craft of men and supplies, and the backloading of the assault elements and supplies. Twenty three troop carrying helicopters shuttled approximately 2,100 personnel from TARAWA's flight deck during the exercise.

(f) (C) TARAWA participated in MAFLEX FORTRESS GALE which took place between 13-30 August. The MAFLEX occurred in three segments: a rehearsal amphibious landing at Zambales, RP; an opposed transit from Subic Bay, RP, to Okinawa, JA, which was interrupted by two typhoons; and a Marine Amphibious Force-size landing on Okinawa which encompassed 13 amphibious ships, 4,000 marines and numerous support units. The exercise involved all aspects of Naval and Amphibious Warfare, and Command and Control.

(g) (C) A combined AV-8A HARRIER/Helicopter operational evaluation was conducted by TARAWA between 13-18 July in the Okinawa, JA, Oparea. This evaluation was designed to test the capability of the ship to operate mixed types of aircraft. Various numbers of fixed wing aircraft and helicopters were flown together in mixed mission sorties in one phase and three separate L-Hour launches were conducted in a second phase. All together 40 HARRIER sorties comprising a total of 47 landing and 32.4 flight hours, and 101 helicopter sorties comprising a total of 282 landings and 145.8 flight hours were flown. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) generated during this evaluation was provided to higher authority to initiate development of a new LHA/LPH NATOPS Manual.

(h) (U) On 8 May, TARAWA embarked 442 Vietnamese refugees from USS PEARY while anchored in Phattaya Bay, TH. The refugees were provided with food, shelter

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and medical care during their four day stay onboard. During that period, one refugee gave birth to a baby girl, GRACE TARAWA TRAN. The mother was assisted in the delivery by HM2 REED from BLT 2/3. The refugees were debarked using ACU-1's LCM-8's on 12 May into United Nations custody at Phattaya Bay, TH.

(i) (U) On 23 April, TARAWA and helicopters from the embarked HMM-262 helicopter squadron provided for the airlifting and movement of a C-7 CARIBOU aircraft from its crash site in Malaysian Borneo to Kuching, Malaysian Air Force Base, a distance of approximately 100 NM. The C-7 was airlifted by a CH-53 from its crash site to TARAWA, transported by TARAWA to the waters off of Kuching, Malaysia, and then airlifted to the Malaysian Air Force Base at Kuching. During this evolution the first landing on TARAWA by a foreign military service aircraft occurred, and was made by a S-61 helicopter, side number 749J, from the Malaysian Air Force.

(5) (U) In the fall of 1979, TARAWA participated in READIEX 1-80 during which she came under the operational control of COMCRUDESGRU THREE. This exercise, conducted in the SOCAL Oparea between 13-21 November, tested TARAWA with a new mission - that of Mobile Sea Range (MSR) coordination platform. For this exercise TARAWA functioned as a platform for both COMORANGE and COMBLUE, provided support for COMFEWSG in Electronic Warfare, and was an open-ocean recovery platform for BQM-34 target drones. The concept of using TARAWA for the MSR coordination platform proved to be highly successful. In addition, TARAWA's ability to operate with the DD-963 class destroyers and CG-16/26 class cruisers during the exercise earned the highest praise of RADM Carter, CCDG-3, who termed TARAWA a "through-deck cruiser".

(6) (U) The Admiral Flatley Memorial Award for the most outstanding achievements in aviation safety and operational readiness for LHA/LPH class ships was awarded to TARAWA for 1979. The award cited TARAWA's outstanding year in aviation and was awarded for the following accomplishments: 3,551 flight hours and over 5,000 accident free landings and takeoffs during the six and a half month deployment; a total of 6,450 takeoffs and landings and over 4,000 flight hours during 1979; the combined AV-8A HARRIER and helicopter operational evaluation; 463 accident free hours flown by the ship's organic helicopter; excellence in aviation maintenance; and aggressive and continuing participation in aviation safety programs.

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(7) (U) Annexes (1) through (6) are attached as documentation for special interest items and for amplification on selected areas of TARAWA's performance during 1979.

c. (U) Statistical highlights for 1979

(1) (U) Awards and commendations received by TARAWA crewmembers in 1979 included:

(a) (U) DT2 Eric L. HARP, USN, [REDACTED], was selected as TARAWA's Sailor of the Year and was subsequently selected as the COMPHIBGRUEASTPAC Sailor of the Year.

(b) (U) One Joint Service Commendation Medal was awarded to a TARAWA crewmember by the Commander, United States Taiwan Defense Command.

(c) (U) Five Navy Commendation Medals were awarded to TARAWA crewmembers; of which two were awarded by the Commander, Seventh Fleet and three awarded by the Commander, Naval Surface Forces Pacific.

(d) (U) Nineteen Navy Achievement Medals were awarded to TARAWA crewmembers; of which four were awarded by the Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Fleet, three awarded by the Commander, Seventh Fleet, three by the Commander, Naval Surface Forces Pacific and nine by the Commanding Officer.

(e) (U) One Letter of Commendation was awarded to a TARAWA crewmember by the Commander, Seventh Fleet.

(f) (U) Thirty-four Letters of Commendation were awarded to TARAWA crewmembers by the Commander, Amphibious Forces Seventh Fleet.

(g) (U) Sixty-seven Letters of Commendation were awarded to TARAWA crewmembers by the Commander, Amphibious Squadron SEVEN.

(h) (U) Over fifty Letters of Commendation were awarded to TARAWA crewmembers by the Commanding Officer.

(i) (U) Seven TARAWA crewmembers were advanced meritoriously by the Commanding Officer under the Command Advancement Program.

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(2) (U) TARAWA's reenlistment summary for 1979  
was:

	<u>ELIG</u>	<u>NOT ELIG</u>	<u>REEN</u>	<u>REEN %</u>
First Term	165	14	29	18%
Second Term	15	6	5	33%
Career	24	2	15	63%
Combined	204	22	49	24%

(3) (U) During 1979, a total of 369 instances of Commanding Officer's Non-Judicial Punishment (NJP), 23 Summary Courts Martial and nine Special Courts Martial were processed by TARAWA.

(4) (U) During 1979, TARAWA's two boilers were steamed as follows:

	<u>Underway Steaming</u>	<u>Auxiliary Steaming</u>
Boiler #1	1937.2 hours	1782.5 hours
Boiler #2	2021.7 hours	1987.8 hours

Of the 7729.2 hours boiler steaming time, all but 22 hours were in the automatic mode.

(5) (U) Fuel consumption during 1979 was 9,533,460 gallons of DFM.

(6) (U) The Supply Department Sales and Service Division turned over \$43,632.00 to the TARAWA Welfare and Recreation Fund in 1979.

(7) (U) During the deployment the Communications Center processed over 80,000 messages and provided 2.5 million message copies for internal distribution to the ship and embarked staffs and units.

(8) (U) The Medical Department treated 350 inpatients and 5,605 outpatients in 1979. In supporting this workload the Pharmacy filled 13,982 prescriptions, the Laboratory performed 11,417 tests, and the X-ray technicians took 2,354 X-rays.

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(9) (U) The TARAWA helicopter, Eagle One, flew 462.8 hours in 1979.

(10) (U) TARAWA logged over 400 landing craft launches and recoveries during the year, including 20 KT underway launches of LVTP-7's.

(11) (U) Thirty-two underway replenishment operations were conducted in 1979, including TARAWA's first underway refueling of "small-boy's".

  
R. E. KLEE

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OFFICER BILLET SUMMARY

BILLET TITLE

INCUMBENT

Commanding Officer  
Executive Officer

CAPT R. E. KLEE, USN  
CDR J. F. GAMBOA, USN

Chaplain  
Combat Cargo Officer  
Personnel/Admin Officer  
Legal Officer  
3-M Coordinator

CDR N. GOODWIN, CHC, USN  
CAPT G. B. CHANEY, II, USMC  
LTJG G. E. HART, USN  
LTJG L. A. MULLER, USN  
LTJG C. S. GREEN, USNR

Navigator

LCDR W. E. PARRY, USNR

Operations Officer  
Air Operations Officer  
Assistant Air Operations Officer  
CIC Officer  
Combat Systems Officer/Assistant CIC  
Intelligence Officer  
Meteorological Officer  
Electronic Warfare Officer  
Electronics Material Officer  
ADP Systems Officer

CDR B. A. BRADBERRY, USN  
MAJ J. E. MURPHY, USMC  
LCDR R. E. HOFSTETTER, USN  
LCDR S. E. WRIGHT, Jr., USN  
LTJG D. B. HALSTEAD, USN  
LCDR T. M. LAVEN, USN  
LT O. F. MCNAB, USN  
ENS L. K. LOFTON, USNR  
LTJG J. F. SWEENEY, USN  
LTJG R. A. NASHIF, USN

Air Officer  
Assistant Air Officer  
Aircraft Handling Officer  
Flight Deck Officer  
Hangar Deck Officer  
Aviation Fuels Officer

CDR W. R. JENKINSON, USN  
LCDR M. J. ARNOLD  
LT D. J. SMANIA, USN  
LT G. K. INGLISH, USN  
(D)LT R. RIVERA, USN  
LT R. H. JAEH, USN

First Lieutenant

(D)LCDR C. F. BACHOFER, Jr., USN

Assistant First Lieutenant  
Fire Control Officer  
Gunnery Officer  
Assistant Gunnery Officer  
First Division Officer  
Second Division Officer  
Ship's Boatswain

(R)LT J. J. DAY, USN  
LT W. A. BURRIS, USN  
LT J. R. LYDIARD, USN  
LTJG M. G. KUNZ, USN  
ENS E. J. ROBICHAUD, USNR  
ENS K. C. GLYNN, USNR  
ENS W. E. PIPKIN, USN  
CWO2 G. E. CONDON, USN

BILLET TITLEINCUMBENT

Chief Engineer  
Assistant Chief Engineer

CDR C. W. BURCK, USN  
(D) LCDR W. J. NEVILLE, Jr., USN  
(R) LCDR D. T. SMITH, USN

MPA Officer  
Damage Control Assistant  
Assault Systems Officer  
MP Division Officer  
Repair Division Officer  
Auxiliary Machinery Officer  
Electrical Officer

LCDR R. W. HILL, USN  
LT R. L. CLARK, USN  
LTJG E. C. LAPATING, USN  
LTJG P. D. RING, USN  
ENS T. F. MCGUIRE, USN  
CWO4 H. W. TURNER, USN  
CWO2 W. W. CHAPMAN, USN

Supply Officer  
Assistant Supply Officer  
Stock Control Officer  
Food Services Officer  
Ship's Store Officer  
Disbursing Officer  
Material Officer  
Aviation Stores Officer

CDR G. V. PHILLIPS, SC, USN  
LCDR R. S. ZAWADZKI, SC, USN  
LT C. T. PRATT, SC, USN  
ENS E. F. PANADO, SC, USN  
ENS S. A. CASTILLO, SC, USN  
ENS B. W. BARR, SC, USNR  
LTJG R. A. QUINTO, SC, USN  
ENS M. J. WALCOTT, SC, USNR

Communications Officer  
Radio Officer  
Signal Officer  
CMS Custodian

LCDR K. R. KORHONEN, USN  
CWO2 P. H. SMITH, USN  
ENS S. J. FELT, USNR  
LTJG T. P. JUREK, USN

Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Officer  
Maintenance/Material Officer

LCDR T. J. PRUTER, USN  
CWO2 G. H. KINSHOFER, USN

Medical Officer

LT J. M. STANSBURY, MC, USN

Dental Officer

LCDR B. W. SCHINDLES, DC, USN

Nucleus Landing Force Staff

MAJ G. M. WASTILA, Jr., USMC

DISTINGUISHED  
VISITORS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VISITOR</u>
9 MAR 79	MAJOR GEN. WHITE RADM BROWN BRIG GEN. CHAMBERS COMTHIRDFLT COMNAVSURFGRUMIDPAC
13 MAR 79	BRIG GEN. HAGEMAN, COMMANDING GENERAL 1ST MARINE BRIGADE BRIG GEN. RICE, DEPUTY COMMANDER FLEET MARINE FORCE PACIFIC VADM. KINNAIRD L. MCKEE, COMMANDER THIRD FLEET
4 APR 79	COMPHIBGRU ONE COMMANDING GENERAL FIRST MAW COMMANDING GENERAL THIRD MAW VADM SAKONJO
26 APR 79	BRIGADIER JOHN MOACE, COMMANDER NEW ZEALAND FORCES SEA GROUP CAPTAIN HODGE, DEPUTY COMMANDER NEW ZEALAND FORCES SEA LTCOL STEWART, OPERATIONS STAFF OFFICER LT COL MCMAHON, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES
27 APR 79	MINISTRY OF DEFENSE SINGAPORE NAVY NEW ZEALAND FORCES SEA
8 MAY 79	14 THAI NAVY OFFICERS (ALSO EMBARKED 443 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES)
23 MAY 79	VICE ADMIRAL FOLEY, COMSEVENTHFLEET
24 MAY 79	CAPTAIN E. B. GALLOS, DEPUTY COMMANDER AMPHIB TASK FORCE R.P.
28 MAY 79	RADM JONES, COMPHIBGRU ONE BRIG GEN. MCMONOGLE
5 JUN 79	ADM THOMAS HAYWARD, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS RADM JONES, COMPHIBGRU ONE CTF SEVEN SIX
9 JUN 79	MAJGEN KILLEEN, COMMANDING GEN THIRD MARINE AMPHIB FORCES
15 JUN 79	RADM MCCLINTON, COMNAVUSFORPHIL
4 JUL 79	CTF/76 & CTF 79

9 JUL 79

MAJ GEN. BARBEY, SWISS  
LT COL P. L. TILLEY, AUSTRALIA  
LTCOL A. H. KLASSEN, CANADA  
LT COL V. A. MAYA, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILLIPINES  
MAJ SERI CHARUSRENI, I. K.  
LCDR A. W. MOORED, U.S.  
MAJ HAMMOND, U.S.  
MAJ TORNORJELM, SWISS  
COL MOBERG, SWISS  
MAJ BRUGGMAN, GERMAN  
LT EGGENBURGER, SWISS  
THE MAYOR OF PUSAN ROK  
COMROKFLEET  
COMSECONDSECTOR  
COMFLOT TWO  
O-in-C COMUSNAVFOR KOREA DET CHINAHE  
CDR USAG, PUSAN  
MAJ GEN CHOI, KI DUK, COMMANDER NAVAL TRAINING CENTER  
BRIG GEN LEE, HWA CHOOL, DEPUTY ROK FLT  
COMMODORE YUN, DONG HWI, COMMANDER NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

10 JUL 79

LT GEN PARK, CHAN KYUENG, COMMANDING GENERAL ROK LOGISTIC  
BRIG GEN. LIM, YOUNG HUN, COMMANDING GENERAL ROK TRANSPORT  
MGEN CLIFFORD, DEPUTY ASST SECDEF FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS INPUT FOR USS TARAWA (LHA-1) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1979

4 MAR 79 - 14 MAR 79:  
 Detachments of HMA 169 & VMA 231

	OFF	ENL	
Marine Personnel:	22	175	USMC
	27	70	USN ASSIGNED

Aircraft: Type/No.  
 AV8A-06  
 TA4J-01  
 UH3A-01  
 CH53-02  
 UH1N-03  
19 Total

Vehicles: Type/No.  
 M54 STON TRUCK 01  
 M15 TRUCK 01  
 M15 JEEP 01  
 M416 TRUCK 01  
 M60 TANK 05  
09 TOTAL

Evaluation: Load San Diego - 4 MAR 79  
 OffLoad Pearl H. - 11 MAR 79

15 MAR 79 - 4 APR 79:

	OFF	ENL	
Marine Personnel:	122	1226	USMC
	21	109	USN ASSIGNED

Aircraft: Type/No.  
 AH1J/06  
 CH46/12  
 CH33/04  
 UH1N/02  
 AV8A/06  
30 Total

Vehicles: 132 USMC vehicles of various types  
 from Tanks to Generators.

Evaluation: Load at Pearl Harbor 15-16 MAR  
 Enroute Okinawa

5 APR - 26 MAY 79:

	OFF	ENL	
Marine Personnel:	112	1157	USMC
	05	66	USN ASSIGNED

Aircraft: Type/No.  
 AH1J/06  
 CH46/12  
 CH53/04  
 UH1N/02  
24 Total

Vehicles: 144 USMC vehicles of various types  
 from Tanks to Generators.

Evaluation: Load at Okinawa 6 APR 79  
 Enroute Subic Bay, PI. ETA: 11APR79

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS INPUT FOR USS TARAWA (LHA-1) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1979

27 MAY 79 - 21 JUN 79: Marine Personnel: 

OFF	ENL	
112	1188	USMC
4	64	USN ASSIGNED

Aircraft: Type/No.  
 AHLJ/06  
 CH46/12  
 CH53/04  
UH1N/02  
 24 Total

Vehicles: 108 USMC vehicles of various types from Tanks to Generators

Evaluation: PE: SUBIC BAY, RP  
 ETD: SUBIC BAY RP 1JUN79

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22 JUN 79 - 16 AUG 79: Marine Personnel: 

OFF	ENL	
137	1771	USMC
7	49	USN ASSIGNED

Aircraft: Type/No.  
 AHLJ/06  
 CH46/12  
 CH53/04  
UH1N/02  
 24 Total

Vehicles: 136 USMC vehicles of various types from Tanks to Generators

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17AUG79 - 2 SEP 79: Marine Personnel: 

OFF	ENL	
132	1588	USMC
5	44	USN ASSIGNED

Aircraft: Type/No.  
 AHLJ/06  
 CH46/12  
 CH53/04  
UH1N/02  
 24 Total

Vehicles: 178 USMC vehicles of various types from Tanks to Generators

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3 SEP 79 - 12 SEP 79: Marine Personnel: 

OFF	ENL	
94	1251	USMC
5	42	USN ASSIGNED

Aircraft: Type/No.  
 AHLJ/06  
 CH46/12  
 CH53/04  
UH1N/02  
 24 Total

Vehicles: 163 USMC vehicles of various types from Tanks to Generators

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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS INPUT FOR USS TARAWA (LHA-1) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1979

<u>NAME OF UNIT</u>	<u>PERIOD ONBOARD</u>	<u># OFFICER</u>	<u># ENLISTED</u>
HMA-169 DET A	1 MAR 79 - 16 AUG 79	12	56
VMA-231 DET B	1 MAR 79 - 4 APR 79	08	73
DET 1ST TKBN	1 MAR 79 - 16 AUG 79	01	23
DET 1ST FSSG	1 MAR 79 - 16 AUG 79	00	04
NLFS	1 JAN 79 - 31 DEC 79	01	09
37TH MAU	4 APR 79 - 4 APR 79	14	47
BLT 2/3	9 MAR 79 - 10 SEP 79	38	632
HMM 262	9 MAR 79 - 10 SEP 79	53	282
LSU HOTEL	9 MAR 79 - 10 SEP 79	7	169
31TH MAU	9 APR 79 - 16 AUG 79	15	53
B BTRY 1/12	21 JUN 79 - 16 AUG 79	8	108
LSU 31	21 JUN 79 - 16 AUG 79	11	217
HES CO 1/5	21 JUN 79 - 16 AUG 79	14	109
BCO 1/5	21 JUN 79 - 16 AUG 79	4	155
1ST TK BN	21 JUN 79 - 16 AUG 79	1	23
E CO 2/4	21 JUN 79 - 16 AUG 79	6	159
G CO 2/4	21 JUN 79 - 16 AUG 79	5	133