

USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8)
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OPNAV REPORT 5750-1

From: Commanding Officer, USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09B9), Washington Navy Yard,
Washington, D. C. 20390

Subj: Command History; submission of (U)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12B
(b) CINCPACFLTINST 5750.12A

Encl: (1) Chronology of USS DUBUQUE's Movements During Period 1 Jan 1971
to 31 Dec 1971
(2) Copies of Citations and Congratulatory Messages

1. (U) In compliance with references (a) and (b), the history of USS
DUBUQUE (LPD-8) for the period 1 January 1971 to 31 December 1971 is here-
by submitted.

2. (c) Basic History

a. Command Organization

(1) During this period, USS DUBUQUE served as a unit of Amphibious
Squadron ONE. The following officers commanded the ship:

1 January 1971 - 3 November 1971: Captain Donald A. SMITH,
USN, [REDACTED]

3 November 1971 - 31 December 1971: Captain Paul A. PECK,
USN, [REDACTED]

(2) Designation of Units Assigned. The following units were
embarked in USS DUBUQUE at various times during the period of the Western
Pacific deployment (30 March - 1 November):

TACRON 12, Flag Detachment
TACRON 13, Detachment BRAVO
HC-5, Detachment 101
ACU-1, Detachment BRAVO
BMU-1, Detachment BRAVO
BJU-1, Team 12, Detachment BRAVO
Units of BLT 1/4

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**CHRONOLOGY OF USS DUBUQUE'S MOVEMENTS
DURING PERIOD 1 JAN 1971 TO 31 DEC 1971**

01 JAN

Moored as before, port side to Pier 8, Berth 86, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

04 JAN

1012 Underway for Seal Beach.

1703 Moored starboard side to U. S. Naval Weapons Station Pier, Seal Beach.

06 JAN

1054 Underway for San Diego.

1703 Moored port side to outboard side USS MOBILE (LKA-115), Pier 8, Berth 86, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

07 JAN

1320 Underway.

1402 Moored port side to Pier 8, Berth 86, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

25 JAN

1039 Underway for local operations.

26 JAN

1649 Moored starboard side to Pier 8, Berth 86, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

04 FEB

0800 Underway for San Francisco.

05 FEB

1441 Moored starboard side to Pier 1, Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, California.

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08 FEB

0930 Underway for San Diego.

09 FEB

1555 Moored starboard side to Pier 8, Berth 85, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

23 FEB

0802 Underway for local operations (Operation ADMIXTURE).

02 MAR

0717 Anchored off Silver Strand, San Diego, California.

03 MAR

0854 Underway for San Diego.

1050 Moored starboard side to Pier 8, Berth 86, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

23 MAR

0800 Underway for predeployment tests.

1908 Moored starboard side to Pier 8, Berth 86, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

30 MAR

1000 Underway for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

05 APR

1020 Moored starboard side to Pier K, U. S. Naval Station, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

07 APR

0758 Underway for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

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19 APR

- 0653 Moored port side to Alava Pier, U. S. Naval Station Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.
- 1346 Underway for G-4 Anchorage, Subic Bay, R. P.
- 1500 Anchored in G-4 Anchorage, Subic Bay, R. P.
- 1904 Underway for Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

21 APR

- 0924 Moored starboard side to Deepwater Pier, Naval Support Facility, Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

22 APR

- 0736 Underway for Anchorage.
- 0808 Anchored in Anchorage 29, Danang Harbor, Republic of Vietnam.
- 1358 Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

25 APR

- 0939 Moored starboard side to Navy Pier, White Beach, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.
- 1822 Underway for Iwakuni, Japan.

27 APR

- 0811 Anchored in Anchorage B, Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan.

30 APR

- 0750 Underway for Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

04 MAY

- 0739 Moored starboard side to Deepwater Pier, Naval Support Facility, Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

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05 MAY

1550 Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

08 MAY

1525 Moored starboard side to Navy Pier, White Beach, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

09 MAY

0638 Underway for Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

13 MAY

0713 Moored starboard side to Deepwater Pier, Naval Support Facility, Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

1312 Underway for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

15 MAY

0748 Anchored in Anchorage ECHO 19, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

1056 Underway for Leyte Pier, Naval Air Station Cubi Point, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

1150 Moored starboard side to Leyte Pier, Naval Air Station Cubi Point, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

19 MAY

1123 Underway for Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

21 MAY

0814 Moored starboard side to Deepwater Pier, Naval Support Facility, Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

22 MAY

1113 Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

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25 MAY

- 0620 Anchored off White Beach, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.
- 0645 Underway.
- 0714 Moored starboard side to Navy Pier, White Beach, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.
- 1829 Underway for Iwakuni, Japan.

27 MAY

- 0659 Anchored in Anchorage ALPHA, Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan.
- 1938 Underway for Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

31 MAY

- 1913 Moored starboard side to Deepwater Pier, Naval Support Facility, Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

01 JUN

- 0133 Underway for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

02 JUN

- 1515 Moored starboard side to Leyte Pier, Naval Air Station Cubi Point, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

04 JUN

- 0800 Underway.
- 0832 Moored starboard side to Alava Pier, U. S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

13 JUN

- 1500 Underway for Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

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15 JUN

0723 Anchored in Danang Harbor, Republic of Vietnam.

0807 Underway.

0833 Moored Deepwater Pier, Naval Support Facility, Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

16 JUN

1044 Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

19 JUN

1049 Moored starboard side to Navy Pier, White Beach, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

22 JUN

0900 Underway for Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

25 JUN

0642 Anchored in Anchorage 17, Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

1137 Underway for Cam Rahn Bay, Republic of Vietnam.

26 JUN

0745 Anchored in Anchorage 44, Cam Rahn Bay, Republic of Vietnam.

1835 Underway for Vung Tau, Republic of Vietnam.

27 JUN

0750 Anchored in Anchorage F-14, Vung Tau, Republic of Vietnam.

1100 Underway for An Thoi, Republic of Vietnam.

28 JUN

1058 Anchored approximately 2 1/4 miles Southeast of An Thoi, Republic of Vietnam.

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1850 Underway for Republic of Singapore.

01 JUL

0945 Moored starboard side to Berth 7, Her Majesty's Naval Base, Stores Basin, Republic of Singapore.

06 JUL

0904 Underway for Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

09 JUL

0728 Anchored in Anchorage 15, Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

0924 Underway for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

11 JUL

1206 Moored starboard side to Rivera Pier, U. S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

16 JUL

0807 Underway.

0912 Anchored in Anchorage G-4, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

1548 Underway.

1700 Moored starboard side to Rivera Pier, U. S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

17 JUL

0826 Underway for Keelung, Taiwan.

20 JUL

0845 Moored starboard side to Navy Pier, White Beach, Buckner Bay, Okinawa. (Diverted from Taiwan due to typhoon.)

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22 JUL

1105 Underway for Sasebo, Japan.

23 JUL

1639 Moored port side to U. S. Navy Pier, Naval Fleet Activities, Sasebo, Japan.

25 JUL

1832 Underway for Iwakuni, Japan.

27 JUL

1814 Anchored in Anchorage ALPHA, Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan.

28 JUL

1528 Underway for Yokosuka, Japan.

30 JUL

0816 Moored in Dry Dock #5, Naval Fleet Activity, Yokosuka, Japan.

13 AUG

0922 Underway.

0959 Moored starboard side to Berth 10, Floating Pier, Naval Fleet Activity, Yokosuka, Japan.

15 AUG

0904 Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

17 AUG

0835 Moored starboard side to Navy Pier, White Beach, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

18 AUG

0714 Underway

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0932 Anchored in the vicinity of Blue Beach, Okinawa.
1450 Underway.
1702 Moored starboard side to Navy Pier, White Beach, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

19 AUG
1604 Underway for Hong Kong, British Crown Colony.

23 AUG
0920 Moored to Buoy #1, Hong Kong Harbor, British Crown Colony.

28 AUG
0755 Underway for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

31 AUG
0714 Anchored in Anchorage C-5, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.
1547 Underway.
1654 Moored starboard side to USS FREDERICK, U. S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

01 SEP
1129 Underway.
1159 Moored starboard side to Alava Pier, U. S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

04 SEP
0816 Underway
0845 Anchored in Anchorage C-5, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.
1407 Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

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07 SEP

- 0657 Anchored in the vicinity of Blue Beach, Okinawa.
- 1309 Underway.
- 1517 Moored starboard side to Navy Pier, White Beach, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

08 SEP

- 0558 Underway for Republic of Singapore.

13 SEP

- 2345 Anchored in Man of War Anchorage, Republic of Singapore.

20 SEP

- 0928 Underway for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

23 SEP

- 1318 Moored starboard side to Alaya Pier, U. S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

30 SEP

- 0803 Underway.
- 0822 Anchored in Anchorage F-1, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.
- 1032 Underway for Guam.

04 OCT

- 0745 Anchored in Outer Apra Harbor, Guam.
- 1248 Underway.
- 1326 Moored starboard side to Berth 4, U. S. Naval Station, Agana, Guam.

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05 OCT

1623 Underway for Yokosuka, Japan.

09 OCT

0915 Moored starboard side to Berth 3, Pontoon #5, Naval Fleet Activity, Yokosuka, Japan.

20 OCT

0750 Underway for San Diego,

01 NOV

0707 Moored starboard side to Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego, California.

0832 Underway for U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

0917 Moored starboard side to Pier 8, Berth 85, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California.

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b. Summary of Operations

On 25 and 26 January, DUBUQUE spent two days in the local area offshore from San Diego, operating with other ships of Amphibious Squadron ONE. This time served to refresh the crew in the skills of operating in close company with other ships.

On 4 February, DUBUQUE was underway for San Francisco, with the squadron, for a weekend of rest and relaxation, and for squadron operations while underway. The date of return to San Diego was 9 February.

The period 23 February to 3 March was spent participating in the FIRST Fleet Exercise "Admixture". The operation involved 42 U. S. Navy ships, 5 Canadian Navy ships, 19 air squadrons, and 3 air detachments. During the exercise, the ship's guns were fired, Marines were landed at Camp Pendleton, and simulated air attacks were repelled.

On 30 March, DUBUQUE deployed to the Western Pacific with COMPHIBRON ONE embarked, arriving in Subic Bay on 19 April. COMPHIBRON ONE debarked and COMPHIBFORSEVENTHFLT embarked upon arrival. Subsequently, the ship participated in the Keystone withdrawal operation and played a major role in the President's troop and equipment reduction program in the Republic of Vietnam. From 19 April to 28 June, seven lifts were made from the Republic of Vietnam. Specific dates are listed in the enclosed Comprehensive Ship's Movements. During the Keystone operation, DUBUQUE redeployed 160,176 cubic feet of cargo, 625 vehicles, 45 helicopters, and 279 Navy and Marine Corps personnel. In addition, six boats (one PTF, two LCM-8's, one LCU, one LCM-5 and one YFU) were also redeployed.

As a sidenote, one of the aircraft carried on 16 June as DUBUQUE departed Da Nang was the last operational Marine Corps helicopter to leave the Republic of Vietnam.

COMPHIBGRU ONE was relieved as COMPHIBFORSEVENTHFLT/CTF 76 by COMPHIBOPSUPPAC on 4 June, and remained embarked until 14 August.

DUBUQUE crossed the Equator on 30 June with appropriate ceremonies conducted. An R & R visit to the Republic of Singapore was made from 1-6 July.

The period 30 July - 15 August was spent in Yokosuka, Japan, for upkeep and repair. The ship was drydocked during this period for repair of the port propeller which had been damaged during departure from Singapore.

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Amphibious Ready Group BRAVO, which included DUBUQUE, DURHAM and FREDERICK, was reactivated on 16 August. The Commanding Officer of DUBUQUE was assigned as Commander of Task Group 76.5.

The Battalion Landing Team, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, was embarked in Amphibious Ready Group BRAVO from 19 August - 7 September as follows; DUBUQUE - 44 officers and 703 enlisted, DURHAM - 7 officers and 226 enlisted, and FREDERICK - 13 officers and 350 enlisted, for a total of 64 officers and 1,279 enlisted men.

An R & R trip was made to Hong Kong from 23-28 August, followed by practice landings conducted over a beach in the Philippines. These operations involved the loading and coordination of supporting aircraft and gunfire support ships.

DUBUQUE returned to Singapore for a second time during the cruise and provided boat services for USS ENTERPRISE during the period 14-20 September.

All Amphibious Ready Group BRAVO turnover items and equipment embarked aboard DUBUQUE was transferred to PHIBRON FIVE ships on 18 October.

During this deployed period, in addition to participating in the Keystone withdrawal operation, DUBUQUE also made opportune lifts to Japan, Guam and the United States. The opportune lift to the United States included delivery of seven aircraft (one A4F, one US2B, and five CH46D's) from Yokosuka, Japan, to San Diego.

DUBUQUE steamed approximately 43,000 nautical miles during the seven month cruise from 30 March to 1 November.

The period 1 November - 31 December was scheduled for leave and upkeep.

c. Special Topics

(1) DUBUQUE was assigned DATC availability from 8 November 1971 to 10 January 1972 for conversion to Navy Distillate fuel.

(2) Distinguished Visitors and Nature of Visits

12 January - Secretary of the Navy, John H. CHAFEE
Familiarization visit.

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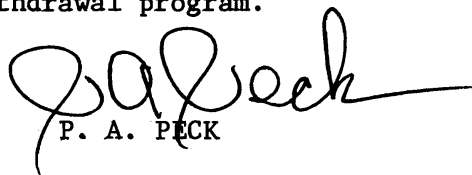
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23 February - Commander FIRST Fleet, VADM Raymond E. PEET, USN
Conducted briefing on Operation ADMIXTURE and
held question and answer period for ship's
officer and enlisted personnel.

1 March - Commander British Naval Staff, Washington, D. C.,
RADM C. C. H. DUNLOP, RN
Familiarization visit during Operation ADMIXTURE.

22 April - Commander Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet,
VADM Nels C. JOHNSON, USN
On site observation of DUBUQUE's initial effort in
Keystone Operation.

Commanding General, Third Marine Amphibious Brigade,
MGEN Alan J. ARMSTRONG, USMC
Coordination and discussion concerning DUBUQUE's
role in withdrawal program.


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