



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8) ✓  
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From: Commanding Officer, USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8)  
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)  
Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV 5750-1); SUBMISSION OF  
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

1. In accordance with reference (a), the history of USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8) for the period of 01 January 1985 through 31 December 1985 is submitted.

2. Basic History

a. Command Organization

(1) USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8) served as a unit of Amphibious Squadron FIVE from 01 January 1985 through 31 July 1985, and Amphibious Group ONE 01 August 1985 through 31 December 1985. The ship was commanded by Captain Robert B. McManis, USN, [REDACTED] from 01 January 1985 through 12 August 1985, and Captain John F. Neese, USN, from 13 August 1985 through 31 December 1985.

(2) Designation of units assigned. Elements of following units were embarked on DUBUQUE (LPD 8):

- (a) Commander, Amphibious Squadron FIVE
  - 09 April - 17 April
  - 29 April - 25 May
- (b) 3rd Marine Division
  - 09 October - 12 October
  - 14 October - 17 October
  - 22 October - 29 October
- (c) 9th Marine Amphibious Battalion; RLT 4th;  
MAG 90; Headquarters Battalion, 12th Marines;  
BSSG-9;
  - 30 October - 02 November
  - 10 November - 13 November
- (d) BMU-1
  - 13 August - 07 October
  - 30 October - 19 December
- (e) LCU-1665
  - 13 August - 07 October
  - 30 October - 22 November

## HISTORICAL NARRATION

On 1 January 1985, DUBUQUE, as a unit of Amphibious Squadron FIVE, was moored to Pier 10, Naval Station, San Diego, CA. DUBUQUE got underway the morning of 08 January to conduct operations in the SOCAL OPAREA. On the afternoon of 12 January, DUBUQUE moored starboard side to Pier 10, where she remained until 31 January. DUBUQUE got underway 01 February for ECC training and a Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE) before returning to Pier 10, 04 February. DUBUQUE got underway again 11 February for more training before pulling into Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, Ca., to onload LFORM on 19 February. On 20 February, DUBUQUE got underway for a return transit to San Diego. Before pulling into Pier 10, 22 February, DUBUQUE conducted ASIR and ARE inspections. Mobile Training Team observers came aboard 25 February to conduct MIT Phase II and III; the same afternoon DUBUQUE got underway until 01 March when she completed MIT and moored to Pier 10.

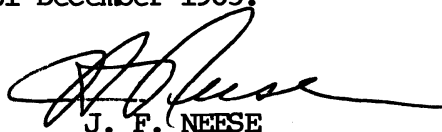
DUBUQUE conducted a Host Ship 07 March and Commander, Naval Beach Group ONE came aboard to conduct a Pre-Training Readiness Inspection (PTRI) 11 March. DUBUQUE commenced OPRE the morning of 12 March and got underway late on 13 March until the completion 14 March when she returned to Pier 10. A Mine Readiness Certification Inspection (MRCI) was conducted 19 March in which DUBUQUE got underway during the morning and returned the same afternoon. Interim Refresher Training Week I commenced 24 March and the at-sea evaluation lasted through 29 March when DUBUQUE returned to Pier 10. After a weekend inport, DUBUQUE returned to sea 01 April through 05 April for REFTRA Week II. Commander, Amphibious Squadron FIVE and his staff embarked DUBUQUE 09 April through 17 April. DUBUQUE got underway 18 April for Amphibious Refresher Training which continued through 26 April when DUBUQUE returned to Pier 10 and commenced an "R" availability 29 April through 24 May.

DUBUQUE lit fires 27 May and got underway the morning of 31 May for local operations off San Clemente Island before heading north for a port visit at the Portland Rose Festival, Portland Oregon. DUBUQUE moored port side to Pier One, Astoria, Oreg., to pick up guests for the trip to Portland where DUBUQUE moored later that day to Berth 313, Swan Island, Portland, Oreg. After a six day port visit, where DUBUQUE conducted various visit ship tours, attended receptions and competed in sporting activities as part of the festival, DUBUQUE got underway for a brief same day stop in Astoria, 11 June, and then to return to pier 6, Naval Station, San Diego, Cal., 14 June. DUBUQUE made a deadstick move to the northside of pier 6, 21 June to facilitate the onload of USMC vehicles and personnel for Kernel Usher 85-4, for which DUBUQUE got underway 22 June to participate. DUBUQUE commenced pre-deployment IMA availabilities 29 June, and FVMF and SIMA "S" availabilities 01 July.

August was the last month for DUBUQUE in CONUS, and with it came the last minute arrangements. DUBUQUE conducted a zone inspection 06 August, and a fast cruise 07 August. Capt. John F. Neese reported for duty 08 August. Dependents were welcomed aboard for a dependents cruise 09 August, and Midshipmen 11 August for a 26 day summer cruise. The crew saw the command change hands from Capt. Robert B. McManis to Capt. Neese on 13 August. DUBUQUE left San Diego waters for the last time on the morning of 15 August for a brief stop at Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, Calif., for loading ammunition and then off to her ultimate destination, Sasebo, Japan, as part of the Overseas Family Residency Program.

DUBUQUE moored to Berth 6, India Basin, 04 September. After a one month leave and upkeep period, DUBUQUE got underway 07 October, two days late due to Typhoon Brenda, to conduct onloads and offloads of nearly one million tons of Marine equipment and stores in conjunction with exercises BEARHUNT, FOREST LIGHT 86-1, and for TF-STAR exercises over the next six weeks. DUBUQUE left Sasebo 07 October enroute to Naha, Okinawa where she moored the morning of 08 October to commence onload for BEARHUNT. Also on 08 October, CTF 76 paid a visit to DUBUQUE, and the ship got underway later the same afternoon for an at-sea pickup of LVTs 09 October off Orawan Beach, Okinawa. 11 October, DUBUQUE moored to Pier 8, Pusan, Republic of Korea, for an overnight stay and onload and underway the following morning, 12 October. DUBUQUE moored in Naha the afternoon of 13 October to continue onload for BEARHUNT and was underway again 14 October to Orawan for another at-sea pickup of AAVs. The ship then continued on to Pusan, ROK, to offload BEARHUNT on 16 October.

DUBUQUE got underway 17 October for a group sail to Yokohama, Japan, in company with USS ST. LOUIS (LKA 116). Enroute, DUBUQUE recovered LCU-1665 outside of Sasebo Harbor before mooring Yokohama 20 October for onload of Exercise Forest Light 86-1. 22 October commenced TF-Star Exercises, and saw DUBUQUE get underway for Sendai, Japan where she moored 23 October to offload Forest Light 86-1. DUBUQUE got underway for White Beach, Buckner Bay, Okinawa, where she arrived 28 October for onload and a visit by Commander, Amphibious Forces Seventh Fleet on 29 October. Underway on 30 October, DUBUQUE arrived in Subic Bay, RP, the morning of 01 November and anchored in the vicinity of Green Beach to offload before pulling pierside at Cubi Point, U.S. Naval Air Station, Subic Bay, RP, later that evening. After a six day inport period of providing support for a Fire Control Support Exercise conducted by RLTF 4, 9th MAB, BSSG 9, and HMH 361, DUBUQUE commenced backloading 08 November, and got underway 10 November for Buckner Bay, Okinawa. Enroute, DUBUQUE conducted anti-mine exercises before mooring at White Beach 13 November. DUBUQUE got underway the following morning, 14 November, enroute to Sasebo, where she moored port side to Berth 7, 16 November. DUBUQUE began an SRA 18 November and remained at Berth 7, India Basin, Sasebo, Japan, through 31 December 1985.

  
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