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(b) CINCPACFLTINST 5750.2C

Encl: (1) USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CG-5) 1979 Command History

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the Command History for USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CG-5) for the period 1 January 1979 through 15 December 1979 is submitted herewith as enclosure (1). USS OKLAHOMA CITY was decommissioned 15 December 1979.

J. A. SHRECKENGAUST

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* Predated due to decommissioning 15 DEC 79.

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

JANUARY 1979

01-07 Upkeep Yokosuka
08-11 Underway
12-19 Upkeep Subic Bay, RP
20 (am) Underway (guest cruise)
20-23 Protocol visit to Manila, RP
24-25 Underway, NGFS
26-30 Upkeep Subic Bay, RP

FEBRUARY 1979

01-06 Upkeep Subic Bay, RP
07-18 Underway, MULTIPLEX 2-79
19-20 Protocol visit to Kagoshima, JA
21 Underway
22-25 Protocol Visit to Sasebo, JA
26-27 Underway
28 Upkeep Yokosuka

MARCH 1979

01-31 Upkeep Yokosuka

APRIL 1979

01-02 Upkeep Yokosuka
03-05 Underway
06-07 Protocol Visit to Pusan, KS
08-10 Protocol Visit to Chinhai, KS
11-12 Underway
13-20 Upkeep Yokosuka
21-25 Underway
26-30 Protocol Visit to Hong Kong, BCC

MAY 1979

01-02 Underway, MISSILEX/NGFS
03-06 Upkeep Subic Bay, RP
07 Underway, type training Subic OPAREA/NGFS
08-11 Underway
12-15 Upkeep Yokosuka
16 (am) Underway
16-18 Protocol Visit to Shimoda, JA (Black Ship Festival)
19 (am) Underway (dependents' cruise)
19-31 Upkeep Yokosuka

JUNE 1979

01-10 Upkeep Yokosuka
11-12 Underway, sister ship ops with JDS AKIZUKI
13-15 Protocol Visit to Kure, JA
16 (am) Underway, sister ship ops with JDS AKIZUKI
16-19 Protocol Visit to Beppu, JA

JUNE 1979 (CONT'D)

19-21 Underway, sister ship ops with JDS AKIZUKI
22-24 Protocol Visit to Otaru, JA
25-26 Underway, sister ship ops with JDS AKIZUKI
27-30 Upkeep Yokosuka

JULY 1979

01-04 Upkeep Yokosuka
05-07 Underway
08-10 Protocol Visit to Inchon, KS
11-12 Underway
13-22 Upkeep Yokosuka
23-30 Underway
31 Protocol Visit to Singapore

AUGUST 1979

01-05 Protocol Visit to Singapore
06-08 Underway
09-14 Protocol Visit to Pattaya Beach, TH
15-20 Underway/BUZZARDEX 3-79
21-24 Underway, MAFLEX off Okinawa
25-26 Underway
27-31 Upkeep Yokosuka

SEPTEMBER 1979

01-30 Upkeep Yokosuka

OCTOBER 1979

01-08 Upkeep Yokosuka
05 Flagship shift to USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19)
09-18 Underway, BUZZARDEX 4-79
18-22 Protocol Visit to Pearl Harbor, HI
23-29 Underway, BUZZARDEX 1-80 (guest cruise)
30 Ammunition offload, San Francisco
31 Protocol Visit to San Francisco

NOVEMBER 1979

01-04 Protocol Visit to San Francisco
03 Change of Command
05-06 Underway, BUZZARDEX 2-80 (guest cruise)
07-30 Standdown in San Diego in preparation for decommissioning

DECEMBER 1979

01-14 Standdown San Diego
15 Decommissioned, Pier 5, Berth 55, NAVSTA San Diego, CA

COMMAND ORGANIZATION AND RELATIONSHIP

Captain Rodney B. McDANIEL, U. S. Navy, was the Commanding Officer throughout 1979 until relieved by the Executive Officer, Commander James A. SHRECKENGAUST, U. S. Navy on 3 November 1979 in San Francisco, California. Commander SHRECKENGAUST, who had been the Executive Officer throughout 1979, was relieved on 3 November 1979 by Commander William R. PARCHEN, U. S. Navy.

USS OKLAHOMA CITY was under the administrative control of Commander Naval Surface Group, Western Pacific until out-chop from the Western Pacific on 12 October 1979. However, as a ship of the Seventh Fleet, Commander Surface Combatant Force, SEVENTH Fleet served as the immediate unit commander and scheduled the ship for its various annual assist visits and inspections due to remoteness of the Immediate Superior in Command. OKLAHOMA CITY was, until 5 October 1979, Command Ship for, and was under the operational control of, Commander SEVENTH Fleet. As Command Ship, OKLAHOMA CITY was designated as SEVENTH Fleet Command Ship Group (TG 70.1), with the Commanding Officer as Task Group Commander. When involved with Naval Gunfire Support operations, the ship was assigned to Task Force SEVENTY-FIVE, Commander Surface Combatant Force, SEVENTH Fleet.

On 12 October 1979, USS OKLAHOMA CITY chopped to THIRD Fleet for administrative and operational purposes. The ship was under the administrative control of Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE (assigned ISIC) from 12 October 1979 until decommissioning on 15 December 1979. OKLAHOMA CITY's Operational, Administrative and Material/Logistics Chain of Command are depicted below:

(Prior to 12 October 1979)

ADMINISTRATIVE/LOGISTICS CHAIN

CNO
ADM T. B. HAYWARD
Washington D. C.
|
CINCPACFLT
ADM D. C. DAVIS
Makalapa, HI
|
COMNAVSURFPAC
VADM LEE BAGGETT
San Diego, CA
|
COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC
RADM M. P. FRUDDEN
Subic Bay, RP
|
CO, USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CG-5)
CAPT RODNEY B. McDANIEL

OPERATIONAL CHAIN

CJCS
(CNO is a member of JCS)
(Or for strictly Navy matters)
/ / \
CINCPAC CNO
ADM R.L.J LONG ADM T. B. HAYWARD
Honolulu HI Washington D. C.
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CINCPACFLT
ADM D. C. DAVIS
Makalapa, HI
|
COMSEVENTHFLT
VADM S. R. FOLEY
|
*CTF 75
RADM A. M. SINCLAIR
|
CO, USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CG-5)
CAPT RODNEY B. McDANIEL
*And/or other operational commanders as were assigned

(As of 12 October 1979)

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COMCRUDESGRU THREE
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|
COMTHIRDFLT
VADM E.C. WALLER
Pearl Harbor, HI
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CDR J. A. SCHREKENGAUST (3 Nov)

OKLAHOMA CITY is homeported in Yokosuka, Japan as a unit of the Overseas Family Residency Program.

Internally, OKLAHOMA CITY is organized into ten departments as follows:

- Administrative
- Operations
- Communications
- Weapons
- Engineering
- Supply
- Medical
- Dental
- Navigation
- Marine Detachment

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Following a period of holiday leave and upkeep, USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CG-5) remained at Berth 8, Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, Japan, at the start of calendar year 1979. On 8 January 1979, the ship got underway for Subic Bay, RP.

OKLAHOMA CITY arrived in Subic Bay on 12 January and remained inport for upkeep until the 20th, when she got underway for Manila, arriving on the same day. A guest cruise was conducted during this time.

While inport Manila, Commander SEVENTH Fleet and Commanding Officer, USS OKLAHOMA CITY paid a call on RADM Ernesto R. OGBINAR, Flag Officer in Command, Philippine Navy. A reception was hosted by Ambassador and Mrs. Richard W. MURPHY in honor of VADM FOLEY on 21 January. Commodore Dimeon M. ALEJANDRO, Commandant, Philippine Coast Guard called on the Commanding Officer on 20 January. Throughout the port visit, the crew took part in various sporting events.

On 22 January, up to 40 members of the Philippine Nav-Office and Midshipen Corps visited the Flagship. General visiting was conducted from 1300-1600 on 21 January.

On 24 January, OKLAHOMA CITY got underway and conducted NGFS training in the Subic OPAREAS. After completion of NFGS she arrived in Subic Bay on 26 January for upkeep. The ship remained inport Subic Bay until 7 February 1979.

On 7 February, the ship got underway for MULTIPLEX 2-79 which lasted until 17 February. On 18 February, OKLAHOMA CITY detached from the MULTIPLEX and sailed for Kagoshima, Japan.

Upon arriving in Kagoshima on the 19th, OKLAHOMA CITY fired a 21-gun national salute at noon in honor George Washington's birthday. The Commanding Officer paid calls on Mr. HIAOKI, Director, Maritime Safety Office and CAPT TOKI, JMSDF, Chief, Kagoshima Prefectural Liaison Office. Commander SEVENTH Fleet and the Commanding Officer presented flowers at Admiral TOGO's grave during this visit.

Commander SEVENTH Fleet hosted the following local dignitaries to luncheon onboard: Mr. KAMADA, Governor of Kagoshima Prefecture; Mr. YAMANOGUCHI, Mayor of Kagoshima; Mr. IWASAKI, President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. ARIMURA, Chief of Kagoshima Central Police Station; Mr. AOKI, Director, Kagoshima Maritime Safety Office; Mr. HATANAKA, Chairman of the Board, Minaminihon Broadcasting Company, and Mr. & Mrs. PABST, American Consul, Fukuoka, Japan.

A Home Visitation program for 54 personnel was conducted as were special tours for 30 Junior Chamber of Commerce and Coast Guard personnel. Also conducted were tours for 25 college students and 50 Admiral Togo Sea Scouts.

OKLAHOMA CITY got underway on 21 February for Sasebo, Japan, arriving on the 22nd. During the inport period, Commander SEVENTH Fleet hosted the following dignitaries: VADM Masara MAEDA, JMSDF, Commandant, Regional District Headquarters, JMSDF, Sasebo; Mr. Ichizo TSUJI, Mayor of Sasebo; Mr. Shigeyasa SAKATA, President, Shinwa Bank, the Japan-American Society and Chamber of Commerce and Industry; CAPT Donald F. X. McPADDEN, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Ordnance Facility, Sasebo; Mr. Akira FUKAGAWA, President, Fukagawa Porcelain Manufacturing Co., Ltd; CAPT Kenzo SATO, JMSDF, Chief of Staff, Regional District Headquarters, JMSDF, Sasebo.

The Commanding Officer called on Mr. Keiji IBA, Chief, Defense Facilities Administrative Office; Mr. Masahira MOTOYAMA, Chief, Sasebo Maritime Safety Office; Mr. Noboru SHIRAKABE, Chief, Sasebo Police Station, and RADM Takayuki NISHINO, JMSDF, Commander Escort Flotilla TWO.

Special Group tours were conducted for 30 JMSDF personnel and general visiting was held on 25 February.

The crew participated in golf and volunteers took part in a Civic Action Project at the Daikoku Boshiryo (fatherless childrens' home).

26 and 27 February, the ship was underway for Yokosuka, Japan, where she entered a month-long period of upkeep on 28 February 1979.

OKLAHOMA CITY got underway on 3 April 1979 for Pusan, Korea, arriving on 6 April. Commander SEVENTH Fleet and the Commanding Officer paid calls on MGEN PARK, Chankung, ROKA, Commanding General, Army Logistics Command, ROKA; Mr. KIM, Seong-ju, Governor of Kyung Nam Province; Mr. CHOI, Seok-weon, Mayor of Pusan, and Commodore JEON, Woo-sung, ROKN, Commander, Second Naval Sector. Other local dignitaries hosted by Commander SEVENTH Fleet at various functions were Mr. KIM, Sang-jin, Director, Pusan Port Authority; Mr. YI, Kwang-su, Chief, National Maritime Police; Mr. WANG, Sang-eun, President, Korean-American Friendship Association, and MGEN CHUNG, Sang-man, ROKA, Commanding General, Republic of Korea Army Second Garrison.

The Commanding Officer called on COL Robert E. LEES, USA, Commander, U. S. Army Garrison, Pusan and hosted the following at a luncheon onboard: Mr. YI, Byeong-ju, Director, National Maritime Police; Superintendent NO, Il-hyeon, Vice Director, Pusan City Police; Mr. KONG, Suk-chun, Assistant Director, Pusan Port Authority; CAPT CHOI, Yu-heui, Head, Republic of Korea

Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, Pusan, and CAPT HAN, Seong-un, Chief of Staff, Second Naval Sector Command.

A special group tour for 30 college students was conducted on 7 April.

On 8 April, OKLAHOMA CITY transited to Chinhae, Korea where, on the 10th, Commander SEVENTH Fleet and the Commanding Officer attended the ROKN Naval Academy graduation ceremony. The crew of OKLAHOMA CITY manned the rail as a backdrop during the ceremony.

On 11 April, OKLAHOMA CITY got underway for Yokosuka, arriving on 13 April. After a period of upkeep, the ship once again got underway on the 21st, this time for Hong Kong, BCC. OKLAHOMA CITY arrived in Hong Kong on 26 April. Upon arrival, the Commanding Officer paid a call on CAPT R. W. MOLAND, RN, Captain-in-Charge, Hong Kong. On the 27th, the Commanding Officer hosted the following dignitaries at an on-board luncheon: Group Captain Thomas BENNETT, RAF, Commander, Royal Air Force, Hong Kong; Mr. John TURNER, Deputy Commander, Royal Hong Kong Marine Police; Mr. Timothy FRAWLEY, Port Operations Officer, Marine Department, Hong Kong; and CAPT S. D. KULLY, USN, Defense Liaison Officer, Hong Kong.

Special group tours for 20 Royal Hong Kong Marine Police as well as general visiting on 29 April were conducted. A number of darts matches between the ship's team and local teams were also held.

On 1 May 1979, OKLAHOMA CITY got underway for a MISSILEX which was conducted on 2 May.

The ship arrived in Subic Bay, RP on 3 May. After a short upkeep period, OKLAHOMA CITY got underway on 7 May and conducted NGFS exercises in the Subic OPAREAS.

On 12 May, the ship arrived in Yokosuka, where she remained until the 16th, when she got underway for Shimoda, Japan to take part in the Black Ship Festival, arriving on the same day. Ambassador Mike MANSFIELD and the Country Team embarked in the ship for the transit.

Upon arrival in Shimoda, Mr. Yoshio AOKI, Mayor of Shimoda; Mr. Zenjiro BABA, Chairman, City Assembly; Mr. Kaneharu HAGIWARA, President, Shimoda Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Heigo KIRUMA, President, Shimoda Sightseeing Association; CAPT Takasahura SEINO, Chief, Shimoda Maritime Safety Agency, and Mr. Hisashi TSUCHIYA, Chief of Police, Shimoda, paid a courtesy call on Ambassador MANSFIELD onboard the ship. On the 17th, Commander SEVENTH Fleet hosted the above individuals plus Mr. Shigera HIRAI, member of the Black Ship Festival Executive Committee, at an onboard luncheon.

Commander SEVENTH Fleet attended a Perry Memorial Service at Gyokusenji (Perry) Temple on the evening of 16 May. On 17 May, he took part in the re-enactment of the Ratification of the Japan-American Treaty of Trade and Amity.

There were a number of special group tours conducted by the ship during the port visit to Shimoda. The ship's drill team marched through Shimoda on the 17th as part of a local parade, and members of the crew played softball and volleyball against local teams.

On 19 May 1979, OKLAHOMA CITY got underway for Yokosuka, arriving on the same day. A dependents' cruise was conducted during this transit.

The ship was inport Yokosuka for upkeep until 11 June, when it got underway for Kure, Japan. Sister ship operations with JDS AKIZUKI were conducted, including personnel exchanges between the two ships.

Arriving in Kure on 13 June, Commander SEVENTH Fleet and the Commanding Officer called on VADM Masamichi KOMATSUZAKI, Commandant, Kure District and Mr. Tomatsu SASAKI, Mayor of Kure. The Commanding Officer then called on Mr. Kenji MIYAGAWA, President, Kure Municipal Assembly; Mr. Jiro OKUHARA, President, Kure Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Masao SATO, Chief, Kure Police Department, and Mr. Shizuo YONEZAWA, Chief, Maritime Safety Agency, Kure Department. On the 14th, Commander SEVENTH Fleet and the Commanding Officer called on VADM Eiji NAKAGAWA, Superintendent, Officer Candidate School; VADM Shoetsu OMURA, Superintendent, First Service School, and RADM Toru MIYAMORI, Superintendent, Youth Service School. In addition to the above dignitaries, others hosted at onboard functions included Mr. Thomas AINSWORTH, Consul General, Osaka; Mr. William H. MAURER, Consul, Osaka, Mr. Toranosuke TAKESHITA, Deputy Governor, Hiroshima Prefecture; Mr. Hideo SAWADA, Deputy Mayor of Hiroshima and VADM Tsugio YATA, Commander in Chief, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Fleet.

Special group tours for up to 180 personnel were conducted inport Kure. The crew engaged local teams in softball and volleyball.

On 16 June, the ship got underway for Beppu, Japan, arriving the same day. JDS AKIZUKI remained in company.

Commander SEVENTH Fleet hosted a luncheon for the following dignitaries: Mr. Morihiko HIRAMATSU, Governor of Oita Prefecture; Mr. PABST, Consul General, American Consul, Fukuoka; Mr. Kyoichi KAI, Speaker of Oita Prefectural Assembly; Mr. Masumi SATO, Mayor of Beppu City, VADM AKIYAMA, Commander Fleet Escort Force, and Mr. Minoru TOYODA, Speaker of the City Assembly, Beppu.

The Commanding Officer paid calls on Mr. Nagayeshi WAKIYA, Deputy Mayor of Beppu; Mr. Tsunesuke SONODA, Chief of Police, Beppu, and COL Yoichiro SOGO, Commander, 41st Infantry Regiment, 4th Division, Western Army, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force.

Special group tours were conducted for 30 high school students and Junior Chamber of Commerce personnel plus 90 splinter group personnel.

The crew played softball and basketball against local teams and engaged in individual tennis matches against Beppu residents. A Home Visit program was conducted as well as a Civic Action Project at a local orphanage. Highlighting the port visit was a sister ship party at the Motogahama Koen (park) with JDS AKIZUKI crewmembers.

On 19 June 1979, OKLAHOMA CITY got underway for Otaru, Japan, still in company with JDS AKIZUKI. Personnel exchanges gave both crews an opportunity to see how one another lived and worked.

The ship arrived in Otaru, Japan on 22 June 1979. Mr. Donald B. WESTMORE, American Counsel, Sapporo and Mr. Kazuo SHIMURA, Mayor of Otaru, called on Commander SEVENTH Fleet onboard the Flagship. In addition to the aforementioned, Commander SEVENTH Fleet hosted Mr. Nachiro DOGAKINAI, Governor of Hokkaido; Mr. Kazunari KAWAI, President, Otaru Chamber of Commerce and Industry; LTGEN Yasushi KONDO, Commanding General, Northern Army, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force; VADM AKIYAMA, Commander Fleet Escort Force and VADM Misao MATSUI, Commandant, Ominato Regional District, JMSDF, to functions held onboard.

During the port visit, OKLAHOMA CITY crewmembers engaged local teams in tennis, softball, soccer, golf and basketball. Another popular pasttime for the crew was English conversation meetings with local womens' colleges. Some 80 crewmembers donated blood to the local blood bank and others participated in a local Civic Action Project.

Special group tours were conducted for some 30-50 Northern Army Field Grade officers, 30 Otaru Junior Chamber of Commerce and Industry members, 100 Otaru and 60 Sapporo Sea Scouts, plus some 60 other personnel of various groups. The ship was open for general visiting on 24 June, hosting over 10,000 visitors.

From 25 to 29 June the ship was underway en route to Yokosuka. Final operations and exercises with JDS AKIZUKI were conducted during this transit. The operations and crew exchanges proved to be highly successful and were greatly enjoyed by the crew of both Ships.

The ship arrived in Yokosuka on 30 June 1979. Following a short inport period, OKLAHOMA CITY was once more underway, this time en route to Inchon, Korea. The ship left Yokosuka on 5 July and arrived in Inchon on the 8th.

Upon anchoring in Inchon, RADM CHOI, Cheong-ha and Mr. WON, Pyun-eui, Mayor of Inchon, boarded for an arrival ceremony. The Commanding Officer later called on these individuals. Commander SEVENTH Fleet hosted the following dignitaries at various onboard functions: Mr. RO, Jae-hyun, Minister of National Defense; GEN KIM, Chong-hwan, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; GEN CHUNG, Seung-hwa, Chief of Staff, Republic of Korea Army; ADM KIM, Chong-kwon, Chief of Naval Operations, ROKN and RADM Stephen J. HOSTETTLER, USN, Commander Naval Forces, Korea.

On 8 July, a Korean-American Friendship Association entertainment show was provided on the fantail for the crew's enjoyment. In addition, the crew participated in bowling and softball matches against local teams.

Special group tours were conducted for some 30 ROKN petty officers and up to 90 other ROKN personnel.

OKLAHOMA CITY left Inchon on 12 July and got underway for Yokosuka, arriving on the 14th. After a one-week upkeep period, the ship got underway on 23 July for Singapore.

OKLAHOMA CITY arrived in Singapore on 31 July. Commander SEVENTH Fleet hosted a luncheon for the following dignitaries: Mr. HOWE, Yeon Chong, Minister of Defense; Mr. Morton SMITH, Charge', U. S. Embassy; Mr. Bernard CHEN, Minister of State for Defense; Mr. S. R. NATHEN, Permanent Secretary, Foreign Affairs; MGEN Winston CHOO, Chief of General Staff, Brigadier John MACE, Commander, New Zealand Forces, and CAPT Peter EASTON, ALUSNA.

On 1 August, the Commanding Officer paid a call on COL KHOO, Eng an, Commander, Republic of Singapore Navy.

Some 60 Malaysian Midshipmen and 60 personnel of the Republic of Singapore Navy Naval Technical Training School were given special group tours of the ship. General visiting was conducted on 4 and 5 August after the ship moved to the World Trade Center Pier, both days proving extremely busy and successful. The SEVENTH Fleet band performed on the pier on both days during general visiting.

A Civic Action Project was conducted which consisted of planting fruit trees at a home for the aged. (This was the first such project done in Singapore by a US vessel in the past recent years.)

Although OKLAHOMA CITY was originally moored at Sembawang, she shifted piers on 3 August to the World Trade Center pier where she remained until 6 August when she got underway for Pattaya Beach, Thailand. This was the first time a U. S. man of war was berthed at the World Trade Center.

After anchoring off Pattaya Beach on 9 August, the Commanding Officer called on Lord Mayor Satap KEYANON of Pattaya; ADM Kawee SINGHA, Commander in Chief, Royal Thai Navy, and VADM Prasoet TAENKAM, Commander, Sattahip Naval Base.

Special group tours for 30 Thai modelers and 30 RTN personnel were conducted during the port visit. Golf and tennis matches between the crew and local teams added to the enjoyment of the visit. A Civic Action Project was conducted on 13 August 1979.

On 15 August, OKLAHOMA CITY ended another extremely successful and enjoyable port visit to Pattaya Beach and got underway for Poro Point Missile Range. BUZZARDEX 3-79 was conducted at Poro Point on 20 August. A total of four missiles were fired by the ship during a TALOS as Target exercise for other missile systems.

From 21 to 24 August, the ship took part in MAFLEX 2-79, detaching on 25 August and returning for the final time to its homeport of Yokosuka, Japan.

OKLAHOMA CITY arrived in Yokosuka on 27 August and entered an intensive upkeep/Flagship shift period. The major effort during this period was to effect the transfer of the SEVENTH Fleet Commander and Staff to USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19). This called for the transfer of the many flag office spaces and a large, sophisticated communications suite. The highlight of this period was the Commander SEVENTH Fleet Flagship Shift Ceremony. On 5 October 1979, Commander SEVENTH Fleet's flag was hauled down for the final time onboard OKLAHOMA CITY, which had been the Flagship for the past 11 years, and his flag was hoisted aboard USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19) for the first time.

OKLAHOMA CITY got underway from Yokosuka for the final time on 7 October 1979, bound for CONUS and decommissioning.

On 9 October, she was in the Okinawa OPAREAS, where she conducted BUZZARDEX 4-79. Upon completion of the BUZZARDEX, the ship set course for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On 12 October 1979, OKLAHOMA CITY chopped to THIRD Fleet.

Following a short, but enjoyable, stay in Pearl Harbor, Tiger Cruise guests were embarked and the ship got underway on 22 October for the Pacific Missile Test Range Facility. BUZZARDEX 1-80 was conducted on the 23rd, which resulted in firing TALOS missiles as targets for two surface ships and several aircraft of the Pacific Fleet. In addition, precision

Alignment Calibration (PAC) was shot with the 5 and 6" guns.

The ship was forced to return to Hawaiian waters on 24 October while en route to San Francisco due to the necessity to Medivac a crewmember with appendicitis, delaying the ship's arrival in San Francisco by one day.

Upon arrival in San Francisco 30 October, the ship off-loaded most of its gun ammunition at anchorage and onloaded extra TALOS missiles. On 31 October, the ship shifted from anchorage to Pier 45, the Embarcadero, San Francisco. Some 300 personnel representing Sea Cadets, Boy Scouts, Navy League and others rode the ship during this shift. Numerous special tours for diverse groups were conducted throughout the inport. The ship was open for general visiting on 3 and 4 November, drawing extremely large crowds of visitors in spite of adverse weather.

On 3 November 1979, Captain Rodney B. McDANIEL, USN, was relieved by Commander James A. SHRECKENGAUST, USN, as Commanding Officer, USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CG-5). Commander SHRECKENGAUST was to be OKLAHOMA CITY's final Commanding Officer.

On 5 November, Mrs. Patience LATTING, Mayor of Oklahoma City, OK, and her husband arrived onboard. After embarking dependents' cruise guests and Navy League members, OKLAHOMA CITY got underway for Pacific Missile Range, Point Mugu, CA. There, BUZZARDEX 2-80 was conducted. This included firing TALOS as Target exercises for both aircraft and the AEGIS system onboard USS NORTON SOUND (AVM-1). On 6 November, the final TALOS missile to be fired by the U. S. Navy flew from the deck of OKLAHOMA CITY. Likewise, that same day, the last 6" salvo was fired.

On 7 November 1979, OKLAHOMA CITY arrived at San Diego, California following an 11 year absence, where she went into standdown in preparation for decommissioning.

On 15 December 1979, during a ceremony held at Pier 5, Berth 55, Naval Station, San Diego, at approximately 1020, the Commission Pennant was hauled down for the final time onboard USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CG-5) and the ship was officially decommissioned. Rear Admiral John E. KIRKPATRICK, U. S. Naval Reserve (Ret)--one of the first Executive Officers to serve onboard OKLAHOMA CITY--was the guest speaker. Officer strength at time of decommissioning was 22; enlisted strength was 145.

During the calendar year 1979, the following awards were received by/nominated for OKLAHOMA CITY's crewmembers:

Meritorious Service Medal.....	2
Navy Commendation Medal.....	4
Navy Achievement Medal.....	35
Good Conduct Medal.....	40
Letters of Commendation.....	16
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Surface Warfare Officer Designation.....7
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Promotions during calendar year 1979 include the following:

Commander.....2
Lieutenant.....3
Lieutenant (JG).....6
Chief Warrant Officer W3.....3
Chief Warrant Officer W2.....1
MCPO.....1
SCPO.....8
CPO.....12
PO1.....34
PO2.....82
PO3.....112

4 September 1979

From: Engineering Administrative Assistant
To: Ship's Secretary

Subj: Ship's Engineering Department History for August 1979

1. The following are the relevant statistics for the month of August:

a. During this month the ship distilled 1,366,410 gallons of fresh and feedwater, utilizing #1 evaporator for 575 hours, #2 evaporator for 533 hours, #3 evaporator for 463 hours, and #4 evaporator for 397 hours.

b. 0 gallons of JP-5 were received, while 6,341 gallons were expended.

c. 1,034,365 gallons of DFM were received, while 830,168 gallons were expended.

d. The ship steamed 363 hours underway and 273 hours inport. The ship was cold iron for 107 hours.

e. The ship utilized #1 boiler for 306.7 hours, #2 boiler for 149 hours, #3 boiler for 370 hours, and #4 boiler for 216.7 hours.

Very respectfully

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4 October 1979

From: Engineering Administrative Assistant
To: Ship's Secretary

Subj: Ship's Engineering Department History for September 1979

1. The following are the relevant statistics for the month of September:

a. During this month the ship distilled 3,400 gallons of fresh and feedwater, utilizing #1 evaporator for 5 hours, #2 evaporator for 3 hours, #3 evaporator for 0 hours, and #4 evaporator for 0 hours.

b. 9,970 gallons of JP-5 were received, while 686 gallons were expended.

c. 0 gallons of DFM were received, while 17,994 gallons were expended.

d. The ship steamed 0 hours underway and 17 hours inport. The ship was cold iron for 703 hours.

e. The ship utilized #1 boiler for 7 hours, #2 boiler for 8.9 hours, #3 boiler for 7 hours, and #4 boiler for 5.2 hours.

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6 November 1979

From: Engineering Administrative Assistant
To: Ship's Secretary

Subj: Ship's Engineering Department History for the month of October

1. The following are the relevant statistics for the month of October:

a. During this month the ship distilled 1,163,798 gallons of fresh and feedwater, utilizing #1 evaporator for 640 hours, #2 evaporator for 517 hours, #3 evaporator for 468 hours, and #4 evaporator for 410 hours.

b. 0 gallons of JP-5 were received, while 3,191 gallons were expended.

c. 778,645 gallons of DFM were received, while 1,173,304 gallons were expended.

d. The ship steamed 450 hours underway and 234 hours inport. The ship was cold iron for 77 hours.

e. The ship utilized #1 boiler for 7 hours, #2 boiler for 391.9 hours, #3 boiler for 207.7 hours, and #4 boiler for 295.8 hours.

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6 December 1979

From: Engineering Administrative Assistant
To: Ship's Secretary

Subj: Ship's Engineering Department History for the month of November

1. The following are the relevant statistics for the month of November:

a. During this month the ship distilled 260,949 gallons of fresh and feedwater, utilizing #1 evaporator for 160 hours, #2 evaporator for 129 hours, #3 evaporator for 117 hours, and #4 evaporator for 102 hours.

b. 0 gallons of JP-5 were received, while 797 gallons were expended.

c. 0 gallons of DFM were received, while 293,326 gallons were expended.

d. The ship steamed 48 hours underway and 110 hours inport. The ship was cold iron for 682 hours.

e. The ship utilized #1 boiler for 47 hours, #2 boiler for 116 hours, #3 boiler for 0 hours, and #4 boiler for 55.5 hours.

Very respectfully

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