

Cruise Chronology

The fourth of October 1975 saw the end of preparations and the commencement of **SCHENECTADY'S** West Pac Deployment. The morning of the fourth, **SCHENECTADY** got underway from Pier 10 San Diego Naval Station enroute to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Sailing in company with **SCHENECTADY** were the U.S.S. **JUNEAU**, U.S.S. **STERETT**, U.S.S. **ST. LOIUS**, U.S.S. **BRISTOL COUNTY**, U.S.S. **ALAMO**, and the U.S.S. **CAYUGA**.

After a brief five day stop in Pearl Harbor for offloading Marines and a predeployment conference on the tenth of October it was on to Kwajalein. After arriving at Kwajalein on the twenty first of October, four house trailers were loaded as part of an opportune life.

Once the trailers were loaded the **SCHENECTADY** got underway for Subic Bay,

Republic of the Phillipines. While underway **SCHENECTADY** conducted back to back unreprs with the U.S.S. **MARS** for stores and with the U.S.S. **PASSUMPSIC** for fuel. **SCHENECTADY** arrived at Subic Bay the thrity first of October. While in Subic the ship loaded ten Marines and seven vehicles for an oportune lift to Okinawa.

The second of October **SCHENECTADY** was underway again, this time for White Beach, Okinawa. The destination was reached on the fifth of November at which time LVT Operations commenced. Also while in Okinawa the ship was inspected by Admiral Whitmire from CTF-6. His comments following the inspection were very favorable.

On the ninth of November **SCHENECTADY** was headed for Yokosuka, Japan and her first scheduled upkeep period. After the brief stay in Yokosuka **SCHENECTADY** moved on to Numazu,



Japan to backload Marine Battalion 2/9.

The twenty second of November found **SCHENECTADY** again in Okinawa at Kin Red Beach, offloading Marine Battalion 2/9 and backloading Marine Battalion 1/9. The twenty sixth of November **SCHENECTADY** proceeded to Orawan Bay to backload LVTs and conduct LVT Operations at Kin Blue Beach. After offloading LVTs on the same day and backloading ten Battalion 1/9 LVTs **SCHENECTADY** proceeded into White Beach, Okinawa to spend the Thanksgiving Holidays.

The twenty eighth of November concluded the holidays and **SCHENECTADY** was again underway for Subic Bay where nine days of upkeep were spent. Following the upkeep period **SCHENECTADY** returned to Numazu, Japan to offload Marine Battalion 1/9. While enroute to Numazu **SCHENECTADY** made a short stop in Orawan Bay to offload the battalion's LVTs. **SCHENECTADY** arrived at Numazu on the sixteenth of December and offloaded the Marine battalion.

After offloading the Marines **SCHENECTADY** was underway for Beppu, Japan and her first Port Visit of the cruise. The ship remained anchored until the twenty second of December at which time it was underway for Sasebo, Japan. **SCHENECTADY** remained in Sasebo through the thirteenth of January during which time upkeep was taking place. Rear Admiral Collins, Commander Logistics Support Group Seventh Fleet also paid a visit to the **SCHENECTADY** during this period.

On the twelfth of January an opportune lift of office furniture and equipment was made for COMSERVGRU 3.

At the end of her upkeep period **SCHENECTADY** was visited by Vice Admiral Carmondy, Inspector General.

SCHENECTADY departed for Iwakuni, Japan on the fifteenth of January to make an opportune lift. Once **SCHENECTADY** was beached at Iwakuni the twenty five vehicles of the opportune life were loaded. From there it was on to White Beach, Okinawa to offload the vehicles.

SCHENECTADY was underway the eighteenth of January for Keelung, Taiwan where her second port visit was to take place. The ship remained anchored at Keelung through the twenty fourth. On the twenty fourth the ship was underway for Subic Bay to offload the office furniture she had previously picked up and completed that opportune lift.

SCHENECTADY arrived in Subic Bay the twenty sixth of January and also received its new prospective executive officer, LCDR Pauling, that same day.

The twenty eighth of January **SCHENECTADY** was enroute to Numazu, Japan to backload Battalion 1/9. During that transit the ship went to general quarters and conducted Damage Control Drills and test fired the gun mounts.

SCHENECTADY beached the second of February at Numazu and backloaded Battalion 1/9. Later the same day **SCHENECTADY** was underway and headed for Guam. The ship arrived in Guam the seventh of February and moored at the fuel pier and refueled after which berths were switched.

A short transit was made to the Island of Tinian on the ninth. The following day the ship was underway to conduct LVT operations and conduct a UDT beach survey. This was part of a rehearsal for Quick Jab IV. On the eleventh Quick Jab IV as well as a Raidex were conducted.

From the eleventh to the fifteenth the **SCHENECTADY** was moored at Tinian. During this time the ship's company conducted the Quick Jab IV Civic action project.

On the fifteenth of February **SCHENECTADY** made a transit back to Guam to begin another upkeep period. This upkeep lasted until the twenty fifth of February.



The twenty fifth found the ship underway again, this time for Kaohsiung, Taiwan for a port visit. The duration of the visit was from the second to the eighth of March.

The eighth of March **SCHENECTADY** was underway for Subic Bay. On the tenth of March while enroute to Subic Bay **SCHENECTADY** underwent under way replenishment with the U.S.S. **SAN JOSE**.

SCHENECTADY began another upkeep period on its arrival in Subic Bay on the tenth.

On the fifteenth of March **SCHENECTADY** was underway for Maulex 3-76/Sugod III Z-1AA Gun Shoot. From the fifteenth until the twentyfirst of March **SCHENECTADY** participated in a resmaulex with the U.S.S. **ALAMO**, U.S.S. **JUNEAU**, U.S.S. **CAYUGA**, and three Phillipine Naval Vessels. On the seventeenth of March the Z-40-G Gun shoot took place.

On the twenty first and twenty second of March **SCHENECTADY** was in port at Riviera Pier in Subic Bay for upkeep.

The twenty fifth of March **SCHENECTADY** was underway to Hong Kong for a port visit. **SCHENECTADY** arrived in Hong Kong the twenty fifth and remained there until the thirtieth.

On the thirtieth of March **SCHENECTADY** was underway to Orawan, Okinawa. LVTS were offloaded there on the second of April. On the same day a Marine Corps Engineering Platoon was unloaded at Kin Red Ramp.

The following day, **SCHENECTADY** was underway for Numazu, Japan. On the sixth of April **SCHENECTADY** arrived at Numazu and offloaded BLT 1/9.

Later on the same day the **SCHENECTADY** was in transit to Iwakuni, Japan. **SCHENECTADY** was moored at Iwakuni the seventh through the ninth of April during which time another opportune life was unloaded.

Once the opportune lift was loaded the ship was underway again for a return trip to Okinawa. The ninth through the eleventh of April were spent underway. On the eleventh **SCHENECTADY** moored at Kin Red and offloaded its opportune lift.

After the offloading of the opportune lift was complete the ship was headed for Sasebo, Japan for upkeep and to unload another opportune lift.

On the twenty fifth of April the **SCHENECTADY** was enroute to Inchon, Korea. The ship arrived there the twenty seventh and remained there until the second of May. This was for a port visit as well as to load Marines.

The fourth through the seventh of May were spent at Kin Red. During this time Marines were offloaded and Marine Retrograde loaded.

On the seventh of May **SCHENECTADY** began its transit home by heading to Pearl Harbor. The ship arrived in Pearl Harbor on the nineteenth and remained there until the twenty fifth of May.

The trip from Pearl Harbor to San Diego took five days. **SCHENECTADY** arrived in San Diego on the thirtieth of May and moored at Pier 10.

