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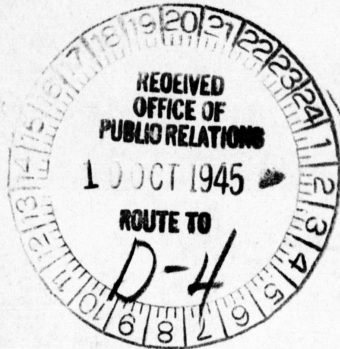
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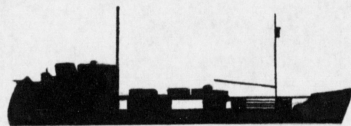
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HISTORY
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U.S.S. OGEECHEE (AOG-35)



6 September 1944
to
6 September 1945

INTRODUCTION

The U.S.S. OGEECHEE (AOG-35) is a two hundred and twenty-two foot, two thousand two hundred gross ton coastwise tanker built for the Maritime Commission and taken over by the Navy for war time service as an inter-island shuttle. Equipped with a split-cargo tank system the vessel can carry either oil or gas or both simultaneously. Total capacity is comparatively small amounting to approximately ten to eleven thousand barrels depending on the specific gravity of the liquids transported.

The vessel is powered by a low speed 8 cylinder, 4 cycle Diesel engine delivering 814 shaft horsepower to a single screw. Speed and maneuverability are therefor limited. Cruising (maximum) speed ranges from 9 to 10 knots depending upon weather conditions.

The cargo pumping system consists of two main cargo pumps which will deliver 730 gallons per minute against an 80 pound head; and two small boat pumps with a rated delivery of 100 gallons per minute. The vessel is equipped to fuel vessels astern through a 2½" hose.

Armament consists of two single mount Army type 40MM anti-aircraft guns, one three inch fifty caliber anti-aircraft gun, and three 20MM machine guns.

The vessel is Navy commissioned and manned entirely by Coast Guard personnel. Total complement is sixty men including six officers though, since commissioning, the officer complement on board has consistently been seven (including two Engineering Officers).

COMMISSIONING AND SHAKEDOWN PERIOD

The U.S.S. OGEECHEE was built at the East Coast Shipyard, Inc., Bayonne, New Jersey and accepted by the Navy on 1 September 1944. Conversion and outfitting was accomplished at Marine Basin, Inc., Brooklyn, and the vessel was put in commission on 6 September 1944. Conversion and outfitting completed, the vessel proceeded to Norfolk, Virginia reporting to COTCLANT on 3 October 1944 for shakedown in Chesapeake Bay and post shakedown availability at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

Upon completion of the yard availability the ship was inspected for material condition and operational efficiency and ordered into active service.

REPORTING FOR DUTY

Returning to New York on 27 October, the OGEECHEE was ordered to proceed in convoy to Aruba, N.W.I. Arriving in Aruba on 6 November, a full cargo of diesel oil was taken aboard and the ship departed for Panama under orders to report for duty to Commandant, Seventeenth Naval District by dispatch for assignment to duty.

The canal was traversed on 13 November and course set for Seattle via San Diego, arriving on 6 December. The cargo of diesel was discharged at Seattle and the vessel underwent an extended availability at the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredge shipyard effecting minor alterations and repairs to adapt the vessel for operations in the turbulent weather of the Aleutian Chain.

The first cargo of gasoline was taken aboard at Seattle and, under orders to proceed and report to the Commandant, Seventeenth Naval District, the OGEECHEE departed Seattle on 17 January 1945 via the inside Alaskan passage, Kodiak Island, and Dutch Harbor, and arrived in Adak, Alaska on 8 February and reported for duty.

SUBSEQUENT DUTY

Assignment to duty was immediate and orders were received to deliver the cargo of gasoline to Attu Island, departing Adak the following day.

Organizationally the vessel was assigned to the Commandant, Seventeenth Naval District and Commander Alaskan Sea Frontier and placed in Task Group 91.1 (Service Force).

Primary function of the OGEECHEE has been the shuttling of aviation gasoline and to a lesser extent, motor gasoline, from the major tank farm facilities at Sand Bay, Great Sitkin Island, Alaska to the Army and Navy bases west of Dutch Harbor. Included were the bases at Otter Point, Umnak Island, Atka Island, Adak Island, Constantine Harbor, Amchitka, Shemya Island in the Semichi Group, and Attu Island.

As the war ended a short period of service was completed supplying the carriers of the North Pacific with Aviation gasoline prior to their departure for the occupation of the Japanese mainland.

Currently the OGEECHEE is continuing in the shuttling of gasoline to the Island bases of the Aleutians.

25 September 1945

Complement of the
 U.S.S. OGEECHEE
 At Commissioning
 6 September 1944

Lieut. William E. Peterson, USCGR	Commanding Officer
Lt.(jg) Stuart H. Kirkland, USCGR	Executive Officer
Lt.(jg) Daniel G. Cassidy, USCGR	Engineering Officer
Ensign Thomas E. Jahr, USCGR	First Lieutenant
Ensign James F. McLaughlin, USCGR	Communication Officer
Ensign Aubrey H. Tidwell, USCG	Gunnery Officer
C.Mach. Howell O. Wall, USCG	Ass't. Engineering Officer

BARBA, Robert E.	(619-483)	Cox.(R)
BECKHAM, Tommie A.	(695-100)	S.2c(R)
BRISSETT, David B.	(550-685)	GM2c(R)
COFER, Charles W.	(200-956)	Cox.
COHEN, Edward	(235-128)	PhM1c
COHEN, Paul	(661-809)	S.2c(R)
COOK, Paul W.	(635-347)	S.1c(R)
DAMATO, Anthony T.	(662-954)	F.1c(R)
DAVIS, Nelson J.	(232-740)	Cox.
DAVIS, Robert S.	(550-215)	S.2c(R)
DISHONG, Edward D.	(640-146)	S.1c(SM)(R)
EATON, Howard C.	(502-761)	SK1c(R)
ELTING, Donald N.	(545-542)	CBM(R)
FORGERON, Edward J.	(616-259)	MoMM2c(R)
FOSTER, James S.	(563-951)	S.2c(RdM)(R)
FRASCINA, Bill C.	(650-864)	S.1c(R)
GALEY, James C.	(559-738)	S.2c(R)
GERARD, Delmar E.	(228-469)	QMLc
GERRETS, Leonard J.	(558-942)	S.1c(R)
HANCOCK, Oscar C.	(625-815)	S.2c(R)
HOLMES, Paul L.	(625-825)	S.2c(R)
HUNT, George H.	(695-589)	StM3c(R)
HUNTER, Deverle	(586-345)	S.1c(R)
JOHNSON, Roy E.	(587-494)	SC2c(R)
KASPRAK, Edmund J.	(606-940)	S.1c(R)
KELLY, John R.	(586-989)	QM3c(R)
KLOPICH, Marshall E.	(203-947)	GMLc
LEE, James C.	(695-562)	StM3c(R)
LOCK, Charles M.	(7017-150)	S.1c(R)
MEYER, Charles W.	(563-215)	S.1c(R)
MORRISON, Bruce E.	(623-902)	S.2c(R)
MOSS, Melvin L.	(635-726)	S.2c(R)
MOWREY, Wayne K.	(694-112)	S.1c(R)
MURPHY, Michael J.	(522-638)	GM3c(R)
NISSEL, Arnold A.	(502-180)	CMoMM(R)

ORR, Elbridge W.	(538-219)	RM1c(R)
OWENS, Robert M.	(572-701)	S.2c(R)
PETTIS, Albert O.	(230-164)	BM1c
RAY, Cecil S.	(530-577)	MoMM2c(R)
ROWELL, Simon P.	(627-155)	S.1c(R)
SATKO, Theophil V.	(253-019)	MoMM1c
SCHREMP, Albert E.	(569-063)	SC3c(R)
SCHWARTZ, Aaron	(580-627)	RM3c(R)
SING, Raymond	(208-652)	EM3c
SMITH, Billy C.	(508-959)	S.2c(R)
SPARTICHINO, Alfred	(223-196)	BM2c
STEWART, George M.	(239-619)	Y.1c
STONICK, Robert J.	(681-695)	S.1c(R)
THOMPSON, James M.	(616-366)	SM2c(R)
WADHAMS, Darwin A.	(244-333)	RM2c
WALTON, Eugene	(223-933)	EM1c
WELCH, Emory J.	(557-560)	F.1c(R)
WELLS, Elmer F.	(587-518)	MoMM2c(R)
WRIGHT, Joseph A.	(556-720)	CM2c(R)