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1. In accordance with reference (a), the 1983 command history for USS MEMPHIS (SSN691) is forwarded.


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USS MEMPHIS (SSN691) started 1983 inport Norfolk, Virginia conducting a normal upkeep. On 12 January, MEMPHIS TRANSITED to the Autec Range to shoot exercise weapons. This was followed by a port visit in Port Everglades Florida from 16 to 19 January. MEMPHIS returned to Norfolk on 27 January. The next three weeks were spent in upkeep with the USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) at Norfolk, Virginia. During this period Sam Stutz, an aid to Congressman Regula of Ohio (the senior representative on the House Armed Services Committee) toured the MEMPHIS. MEMPHIS then started her second Selected Restricted Availability at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia on 23 February. The shipyard availability ended on 9 May. MEMPHIS was in port Norfolk until 24 May and during this time participated in the commissioning ceremony for the USS NORFOLK. During the week of 24 May MEMPHIS provided services to USS BIDDLE, during the week of 31 May provided services to USS SARATOGA. During June the USS MEMPHIS took part in the Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet change of command ceremony. From 18 - 24 July MEMPHIS returned to the Autec Range to fire proficiency torpedo shots. The remainder of July was spent preparing for change of command ceremony of MEMPHIS. On 30 July CDR William L. Norris relieved CDR James W. Davis, Jr of command of the USS MEMPHIS. MEMPHIS was underway on 22 August for Prospective Commanding Officer Operations at the Autec Range. Upon return to port on 4 September, MEMPHIS underwent a four week upkeep. The ship completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) on 26 September. On 1 October MEMPHIS was awarded the Damage Control "DC" for damage control excellence in Submarine Squadron EIGHT for fiscal year 1983. MEMPHIS spent the month of October in upkeep with USS EMORY S. LAND (AS39) in Norfolk, Virginia. 31 October through 4 November were spent at sea and at the Degaussing Facility, Norfolk, Virginia undergoing deperming. From 9 November to 14 November MEMPHIS conducted a Tactical Readiness Examination, receiving an above average. Following the examination MEMPHIS made a port call at Port Everglades, Florida from 15 November to 17 November and returned to Norfolk on 5 December after providing services to the USS AMERICA Battle Group in the Puerto Rican Operating Areas and Fleet ASW Training Units, Guantanamo Cuba Operating Areas. The week of 12 December was spent at sea conducting a Preoverseas Movement Certification. The remainder of the year was spent inport Norfolk conducting final preparations for deployment.