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(2) Chronology
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(4) Supporting Documents

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Commanding Officer	CAPT Breckenridge
Executive Officer	LCDR Blakely
Leading Yeoman	YN1 Rosa
Chief of the Boat	MMCS Greenough
Training Coordinators	MMCM Shoop
	ETCS Wilt
Maintenance, Material and Management (3M) Coordinator	MMC Morris
Navigator/Operations Officer	LCDR Youtt
Operations Department Enlisted Advisor	ETCS Wilt
Assistant Navigator	ETC Taranto
Navigation Division LPO	ET1 Lorino
Communications Officer	LTJG McCaffrey
Communications Division LPO	ETC Weaver
Combat Systems Officer	LT Foster
Combat Systems Dept LCPO	MMC Labrot
Fire Control Division LPO	FTCS Lawrence
Torpedo Division LPO	MMC Labrot
First Lieutenant	STS1 Craddock
Deck Division LPO	STS3 Mudge
Sonar Division LPO	STSC Eddings
Engineer Officer	LCDR Maher
Engineering Department Master Chief	MMCM Shoop
Main Propulsion Assistant	LTJG Hill
Machinery Division LPO	MMC Tolliver
Electrical Officer	LTJG Murphy
Electrical Division LPO	EMC Ladd
Reactor Controls Assistant	LTJG Nemec
Reactor Controls Division LPO	ETC May
Damage Control Assistant	LTJG Ostroot
Auxiliary Division LPO	MMC Allen
Chemistry/Radiological Controls Asst	LTJG Oswald
Leading Engineering Laboratory Tech	MM1 Ali
Supply Officer	LTJG Carroll
Supply Department LCPO	MSC Hunt
Stores Division Officer	LTJG Carroll
Stores Division LPO	SK1 Gomez
Food Services Division Officer	LTJG Carroll
Food Services Division LPO	MSC Hunt
Medical Department Representative	HMC Guest

Command Short Title:	USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691)
Command UIC:	20782
Command Address:	USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) FPO AE 09578-2371
Homeport:	Naval Submarine Base New London CT
Immediate Superior in Command:	Commander, Submarine Development Squadron 12 Naval Submarine Base, New London Groton, CT 06349-5200
Type Commander:	Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet 7958 Blandy Rd Norfolk VA 23551-2492

CHRONOLOGY

January 9, 2003	Underway, Groton, CT, Pier 8S AUTEC TACDEVEX **21 Days in Port**
January 22, 2003	Arrive Port Canaveral, FL, Trident Wharf Visit **13 Days at Sea**
January 27, 2003	Underway Tiger Cruise **5 Days in Port**
January 30, 2003	Arrive Groton, CT, Pier 31N SUBBASE NLON **3 Days at Sea**
February 11, 2003	Underway VIP Cruise NBOAs **12 Days in Port**
February 12, 2003	Arrive Groton, CT, Pier 8S SUBBASE NLON **1 Days at Sea**
February 19, 2003	Underway Pre-Deployment training, NBOAs **7 Days in Port**
March 14, 2003	Arrive Groton, CT, Pier 17S SUBBASE NLON **23 Days at Sea**
April 4, 2003	Underway TRE workup NBOAs **21 Days in Port**
April 10, 2003	Arrive Groton, CT, Pier 17S SUBBASE NLON **6 Days at Sea**
May 20, 2003	Underway TACDEVEX, TRE workup **40 Days in Port**
May 28, 2003	Arrive, Port Canaveral, FL Trident Wharf BSP
May 28, 2003	Underway TRE AUTEC
June 9, 2003	Arrive Groton, CT, Pier 10S SUBBASE NLON **20 Days at Sea**
June 16, 2003	Underway POM Certification **7 Days in Port**

June 23, 2003	Arrive Groton, CT, Pier 15S SUBBASE NLON **7 Days at Sea**
June 24, 2003	Underway NBOAs **1 Days in Port**
June 26, 2003	Arrive Groton, CT, Pier 33S SUBBASE NLON **2 Days at Sea**
July 16, 2003	Underway Transit to MED **20 Days in Port**
July 28, 2003	Arrive La Maddalena, IT USS EMORY S. LAND **12 Days at Sea**
August 1, 2003	Underway INCHOP inspection, transit to Souda Bay, Crete **4 Days in Port**
August 4, 2003	Arrive Souda Bay, Crete Pier K-14 Visit **3 Days at Sea**
August 6, 2003	Underway Transit to Mina Salman, Bahrain **2 Days in Port**
August 19, 2003	Arrive Mina Salman, Bahrain Berth 10 Visit **13 Days at Sea**
August 27, 2003	Underway Conducting Operations in the Arabian Gulf **8 Days in Port**
September 9, 2003	Arrive Mina Salman, Bahrain Berth 10 Visit **13 Days at Sea**
September 10, 2003	Underway Operations in the Arabian Gulf **1 Day in Port**
September 29, 2003	Arrive Mina Salman, Bahrain Berth 10 Visit **19 Days at Sea**
October 4, 2003	Underway Operations in the Arabian Gulf **5 Days in Port**
October 31, 2003	Arrive Mina Salman, Bahrain Berth 10 Visit **27 Days at Sea**

November 3, 2003	Underway TACDEVEX, Arabian Gulf **3 Days in Port**
November 10, 2003	Arrive Mina Salman, Bahrain Berth 10 Visit **7 Days at Sea**
November 17, 2003	Underway Operations in the Arabian Gulf **7 Days in Port**
November 29, 2003	Arrive Mina Salman, Bahrain Berth 7 Visit **12 Days at Sea**
November 30, 2003	Underway Operations in the Arabian Gulf, Transit to Souda Bay, Crete **1 Day in Port**
December 16, 2003	Arrive, Souda Bay, Crete pier K-14 BSP
December 16, 2003	Underway ERR, Transit to La Maddalena, Italy
December 19, 2003	Arrive La Maddalena, Italy USS EMORY S. LAND, Upkeep **19 Days at Sea**
December 26, 2003	Underway Transit to Rota, Spain **7 Days in Port**
December 29, 2003	Arrive Rota, Spain Visit **3 Days at Sea**

NARRATIVE

USS MEMPHIS had one of the most productive years in her long history during 2003. One word sums up her performance, "OPERATIONAL". Throughout 2003, MEMPHIS was at sea 203 days, conducted a MED/CENTCOM deployment, and completed four national security missions. This was particularly impressive considering the recent completion of a nine-month overhaul in December 2002 allowing only six months to prepare to deploy.

MEMPHIS burst out of the blocks in 2003 by immediately commencing a POM work-up period and conducting a platform noise monitor, torpedo proficiency, and torpedo TACDEVEX on the AUTEC range. MEMPHIS continued the POM work-up by focusing on shallow water, high contact density training both inport and at sea. The POM period was highlighted by a diesel TACDEVEX with a Peruvian SSK, a TRE off the Bahamas, a POM certification off Cape Cod, and a VIP underway with Brian Williams of NBC. NBC aired a two part series on the MEMPHIS in March of 2003.

On July 16th, MEMPHIS commenced a six-month highly successful deployment to the Arabian Gulf (CENTCOM) via the Mediterranean and Suez Canal. MEMPHIS conducted port visits in La Maddalena, Italy, Rota, Spain, Souda Bay, Crete, and Mina Salman, Bahrain. Throughout the deployment, MEMPHIS supported various MPA exercises in both the Arabian Gulf and the Mediterranean, executed a mine TACDEVEX (Arabian Gulf), located a downed EA-6 Prowler in the northern Arabian Gulf, and completed four national security missions. MEMPHIS was the first submarine to transit the Suez Canal unescorted with a Marine force protection detachment aboard. MEMPHIS steamed 29,000 miles throughout the deployment, completed a successful Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination, and returned to Groton, CT January 16, 2004.

The performance of the officers and crew during 2003 was superb. An inexperienced and out of practice group in January became a seasoned and highly proficient team by mid-year. Additionally, the material condition of the ship throughout the year remained outstanding. This was a tribute to the work performed by PNSY and EB in 2002 and ship's force throughout 2003. The efforts of all involved with MEMPHIS' 2003 material condition and crew training were vital to her sustained front line position during the Global War on Terrorism.